



A TASTE OF GREECE

TOUR & CRUISE WITH CELEBRITY INFINITY

19TH OCT -
3RD NOV 2026

LED BY
**BISHOP MICHAEL
& FELICITY
STEAD**

16
DAYS

FULL PACKAGE PRICE:
per person (twin share)

**Optional single room/cabin
supplement:**

**UPGRADE TO A VERANDA
STATEROOM:**
per person (twin share)

Extra single supplement:

AUD\$ **9,290***

AUD\$ **2,795**

AUD\$ **985***

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ESCORTED**

*Conditions apply. Subject to change. Price is based on group size of 30 participants.

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Felicity and I would be delighted to have you join us on our tour of Greece and Turkey 'In the Footsteps of Paul (with a Taste of Greece)'. As we visit key sites of Paul's missionary journeys in Greece and Turkey, we hope that as you stand in the places

where Paul has stood, your understanding of the Bible will be deepened, your faith in the sovereignty of God strengthened and the passages in Acts and the Epistles will truly be brought to life.



NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Bishop Michael Stead, Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE](#)
2. To secure your place on this trip, a deposit of \$1000 per person is required by 30th January 2026 (unless sold out prior)
3. The final balance payment will be required by 22nd June 2026



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DAY 1 MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER | DEPART AUSTRALIA

Depart Sydney this evening on your evening flight with Emirates to Dubai. On arrival, transfer to your connecting flight to Athens.

DAY 2 TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER | ARRIVAL IN ATHENS – WELCOME DINNER

Arrival at Athens International Airport at 15:00. You will be met and assisted by our local representative and escorted to your private coach. Once ready, transfer to your hotel, located in the heart of Athens and check-in. This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel's rooftop restaurant, offering panoramic views of the city and the Acropolis. Overnight in Athens – Acropolian Spirit Boutique Hotel (D – Dinner)

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER | ACROPOLIS, AREOPAGUS & FREE AFTERNOON

Today we begin our exploration of historic Athens, one of the world's oldest cities and birthplace of democracy. Visit the iconic Acropolis and come across some of the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age including the Parthenon, Erechtheion, and Propylaea. Continue to the Areopagus (Mars Hill), where the Apostle Paul addressed the Athenians. We also visit the New Acropolis Museum, which houses the remarkable archaeological discoveries from the Acropolis of Athens. The afternoon is free for personal discovery or relaxation. In the evening, enjoy dinner in the atmospheric Plaka or Monastiraki district. Overnight in Athens – Acropolian Spirit Boutique Hotel (B – Breakfast, D – Dinner)

DAY 4 THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER | ANCIENT AGORA & CULINARY WALK

After breakfast, meet your guide for a walking tour through some of ancient Athens' most important sites, where you will come across Hadrian's Library and the Roman Agora before reaching the Ancient Agora, once the heart of political, social, and commercial life in Athens and a site where Paul preached. Following the tour, enjoy a culinary experience through the vibrant food markets and eateries of central Athens: Loukoumades (Greek doughnuts) with coffee or soft drink at Krinos; Walk through the Varvakios Central Market and Strounga tou Moria a traditional shop known for its artisanal cheese and yogurt production; Delicatessen tasting at Karamanlidika; Souvlaki lunch at Hoocut. Evening dinner in a vibrant neighborhood in Athens. Overnight in Athens – Acropolian Spirit Boutique Hotel (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)

DAY 5 FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER | DAY TRIP TO ANCIENT CORINTH & CRUISE EMBARKATION

This morning depart Athens by coach towards the Peloponnese. You will drive through the coastal road to the Corinth Canal, which separates Peloponnese from the Greek mainland and connects the two Seas, the Ionian and the Aegean. Then, continue to Ancient Corinth, one of the most important trading cities of ancient Greece dating back to the 6th century B.C. Visiting the archaeological site we will come across the Temple of Apollo, the agora, the 'Bema' where St Paul was put on trial, the sacred spring and the Peirene Fountain. The apostle Paul resided in Corinth for 18 months in A.D. 51–52 and Paul's First and Second Epistles to the Corinthians were written to the church he founded there. On the return to Athens, pass by Kechries, the ancient port where Paul set sail for Ephesus. Arrive at Piraeus Port in time for cruise embarkation at 5pm this afternoon. Dinner together on board the ship (B – Breakfast, D – Dinner on ship)

DAY 6 DAY 6: SATURDAY, 24 OCTOBER | CRETE

This morning, arrive into the Port of Souda to Chania for a tour of the Archaeological Museum of Chania: an overview of the history of Greece, the Minoan culture and its interaction with the Biblical timeline. The Apostle Paul appointed Titus to minister on Crete and appoint elders to continue the ministry here. During Paul's captivity & voyage to Rome, his ship was forced into the harbour of Fair Havens on Crete. Following our tour of the Museum we will have time to independently explore the old city of Chania: walk around the 13th Century Venetian Port, taste the local produce or sit by the harbour and enjoy a drink or meal at one of the many cafes and restaurants. Return to the ship by bus in time for departure at 6pm. (B – Breakfast, D – Dinner on ship)

DAY 7 SUNDAY, 25 OCTOBER | DAY AT SEA

As this is Sunday, we will hold a short church service at 9.30am for those who wish to join us. Bishop Michael Stead will hold a seminar at 2pm to dive deeper into the history of Greece and Paul's ministry as we head towards Ephesus. The rest of the day is free to enjoy time on the ship and its many amenities. (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner on ship)

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DAY 8 MONDAY, 26 OCTOBER | RHODES

UNESCO heritage listed Rhodes has one of the best preserved Medieval streets and buildings in the world. Rhodes' Christian heritage is due largely to the Knights of St John (Hospitaller) who fortified the city from 1309 until the Ottoman conquest in 1522. Today is a day at leisure to enjoy this remarkable city: walk the medieval Street of the Knights of Rhodes, visit the Grand Master's Palace, stand at the site of the Colossus of Rhodes at the port and wander through the various gates on the 4km of medieval walls. For those wanting a longer hike, you can walk up to the Acropolis of Rhodes & Ancient Stadium of Rhodes (dating to 2nd C BC). Don't forget to try some local delicacies: including rolled icecream, mantinades (wafer thin pastry covered in honey, rosewater and almonds) or savoury pies before our ship departs at 6pm. (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch onboard, D – Dinner on ship)

DAY 9 TUESDAY, 27 OCTOBER | EPHESUS

Sail into Kusadasi this morning. Paul spent over 3 years in nearby Ephesus, teaching and establishing the church here. His ministry was significant in establishing the gospel in Asia Minor. Travelling by bus from the Port of Kusadasi to the Ephesus Archeological site (one of the most intact and extensive sites we will visit on our tour), we will have a guided tour of the site including: the Odeon (site of the drama in Acts 19), Grand Theatre, the imposing Library of Celsus and walk the Arcadian Way. We will then visit the Ephesus Archeological Museum which showcases artifacts, oil lamps, statues, and mosaics from houses excavated at Ephesus; and crosses, coins and other Christian relics demonstrating the ongoing Christian influence there. We will visit then the Basilica of St John: the site where John the Apostle was said to have been buried. Built by Justinian I in the 6th C, it was modeled after the now-demolished Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople. Return to Kusadasi for free time before returning to the ship for departure at 8pm. (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner on ship)

DAY 10 WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER | SANTORINI

Sail into Santorini this morning. Known for its iconic blue-domed churches and white-washed buildings, Santorini has winding narrow streets and amazing views of the Aegean from its position at the top of the caldera formed during the Minoan eruption in 1600AD. Today is a free day to explore Santorini at your leisure. Take a shore excursion with Celebrity to Oia and Fira or wander at your leisure, looking for that iconic viewpoint of the blue domed 'Three Bells' Church. Return to the ship for dinner, or have a drink or meal at a bar overlooking the caldera, and enjoy the remarkable views of the Aegean Sea before the ship departs at 10pm. (B – Breakfast, D – Dinner on ship)

DAY 11 THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER | MYKONOS

Part of the Cyclades, the island was named after the mythological hero Mykonos, son of Anios, King of Delos, a descendent of the god Apollo. The island of Delos (mythological birthplace of Apollo) is a popular shore excursion to view the temple ruins. Otherwise this is a day to explore Mykonos at leisure. View the iconic windmills, get lost wandering the winding streets and shops of Chora (old town), enjoy the views of the harbour at Little Venice (named for its waterfront buildings) and enjoy historic sites like the 15th C Panagia Paraportiani Church. Return to the ship in time for departure at 6pm. (B – Breakfast, D – Dinner on ship)

DAY 12 FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER | PHILIPPI (KAVALA)

This morning our ship sails into the port of Kavala. Travelling by bus, we will tour the Archeological site at Philippi. We will walk in the footsteps of Paul along the Via Egnatia, view the theatre and the funerary heroon (temple), Roman public buildings such as the Forum and a monumental terrace with temples to its north. The remains of the basilicas are testament to the enduring impact of Christianity following Paul's ministry in 49-50AD. We will then travel a short distance to the Baptistery of Lydia, built to commemorate the conversion and baptism of Lydia (Acts 16:14-15) and containing stunning mosaics including a map of Paul's missionary journeys. Whilst there is not definitive evidence that this was the site of Lydia's baptism - it was likely nearby to this site. Return to Kavala for a short time to explore before the ship departs at 6pm. (B – Breakfast, D – Dinner on ship)

DAY 13 SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER | THESSALONIKI

Today, the cruise sails into Thessaloniki. We will cover Thessaloniki largely on foot today, so wear comfortable walking shoes! Thessaloniki is Greece's 2nd largest city and the 'food capital' of Greece. It became a free city of the Roman Republic under Mark Antony in 41 BC and grew to be an important trade hub located on the Via Egnatia; conquered by the Ottomans in 1430 & only passing to Greece in 1912. We will begin at the iconic White Tower which houses a museum for an overview of the history of the city, followed by a tour of the Archeological Museum of Thessaloniki which contains relics from Galerius' palace, and artifacts from the Archaic and classical periods. We will then walk past

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the Galerian palace ruins, the Arch of Galerius and visit his Rotunda, as we hear about the persecution of Christians by Galerius (ostensibly under Diocletian's orders), until his edict of toleration in 311 AD. We will then visit the Catacombs of St John and the Hagia Sofia as we further consider the enduring impact of the gospel on this city. Following a tour of the Roman Forum we will walk past the Aristotelian Square on our way to a special lunch at Mamalouka: a restaurant which reflects the melting pot that Thessaloniki has been across the ages, as it serves Greek food with a Middle Eastern influence. Following lunch we are free to explore Thessaloniki further: visit the central Kapani market, walk up to the Ottoman built Triangle Tower and view the remaining Walls of Thessaloniki, or sample a Trigona - a sweet pastry originating in Thessaloniki at Trigona Elenidi. Return to the ship for departure at 8pm. (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)

DAY 14 SUNDAY, 1 NOVEMBER | DAY AT SEA

Another Sunday at sea, we will again hold a short church service onboard at 9.30am. Bishop Michael Stead will hold a final seminar and tour wrap up at 2pm. The rest of the day is free to enjoy time on the ship and its amenities. We will dine together tonight as a tour group as we say farewell before our departure tomorrow. (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)

DAY 15 MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER | DISEMBARKATION & DEPARTURE

Upon return to Piraeus, disembark and make the most out of our final day with a visit to the National Archaeological Museum, home to some of Greece's most iconic treasures, including the Mask of Agamemnon, and the impressive bronze statues of Zeus and Augustus. On the way to the airport, enjoy a brief photo stop at the historic Panathenaic Stadium, originally built around 330 BC by the Athenian orator Lycurgus. The stadium is best known as the site of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. Time permitting, a lunch stop can be arranged before heading to the airport for our departure flight with Emirates at 6pm. (B – Breakfast)

DAY 16 TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER | ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive Sydney this evening with wonderful memories and new friendships.

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Return Economy Class airfare with Emirates from Sydney to/from Athens
- All current airport and departure taxes
- Return airport transfers
- 3 nights in Acropolian Spirit Boutique Hotel in Athens on half board basis
- All Athens & Corinth guided touring & entrance fees
- 10 nights onboard the Celebrity Infinity's "Best of Greece" Cruise in a Ocean Stateroom
- All port taxes & hotel taxes in Greece
- 4 fully escorted shore excursions: Chania, Ephesus with lunch, Kavala, Thessaloniki with lunch at Mamalouka
- Tips, gratuities & portorage (where available)

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Travel Insurance
- Incidentals
- Lunches in Athens
- Some lunches
- Drinks with meals (not on cruise)

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