



# JOURNEY THROUGH GREECE

INCLUDING AEGEAN CRUISE FEATURING EPHEBUS

25<sup>TH</sup> SEP -  
8<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2026

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14

DAYS

FULL PACKAGE PRICE: AUD\$9,590\*

per person (twin share)

Optional single room/  
cabin supplement

AUD\$2,675

FULLY  
ESCORTED

\*Subject to change. Condition apply. Price is based on minimum group size of 15 participants. Single cabins on the cruise cannot exceed 10% of the total number of rooms/cabins.

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*Come along on an unforgettable journey in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, as we travel through some of the most significant historical and Biblical sites in Greece, from ancient empires, to the early church, and through to modern times. Whatever your particular interest, there will be lots to see and do, plenty of 'bucket list' items to tick, and enough time to rest in-between especially on our 3 night Aegean Cruise that take s in Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini & more.*



## NEXT STEPS

1. Register your interest and obtain a booking form from Gerald, Olive Tree Travel or by [CLICKING HERE](#)
2. To secure your place on the trip, a deposit of AUD\$750 per person is required due by 27th February 2026.
3. The final payment balance is due in mid July 2026



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## DAY 1 FRIDAY 25TH SEP

## DEPART AUSTRALIA

Depart Melbourne this evening on your Emirates flight to Dubai. Transfer to your onward flight to Athens.

## DAY 2 SATURDAY, 26TH SEP

## ATHENS - THESSALONIKI

Upon arrival in Athens, transfer to your domestic connection to Thessaloniki. Upon arrival, meet your local Tour Guide, load the bus and depart for the hotel. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Thessaloniki. (D)

## DAY 3 SUNDAY, 27TH SEP

## PHILIPPI, KAVALA

After breakfast, we will drive to Philippi, named after Philip II, father of Alexander the Great. It was here that St Paul won his first European convert, a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira (Acts 16:12-40). Visit the Baptistery of Lydia.

Visit the marketplace (where St Paul and St Silas were brought before the rulers) and the cistern which tradition identifies as the place where St Paul was imprisoned. We will also see the famous Acropolis, Basilica and the theatre. It was here that he established the first Christian Church in Europe. Visit the Octagonal church, an early Christian monument thought to be built on the site where St. Paul had established a house of prayer. Finally, we drive to the port in Kavala (Neapolis in New Testament times), where Paul landed with Timothy, Silas, and Luke. Return to your hotel in Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## DAY 4 MONDAY 28TH SEP

## VERGINA, BEROEA, KALAMBAKA

Depart to **Vergina**, the first capital of the Macedonian Kingdom. Vergina or ancient Aegae, was the first capital of the kingdom of Macedon. Although the capital was later transferred to Pella, Aegae remained the city where sacred rituals and ceremonies would take place. Here stands the very impressive site of the Royal Tomb of King Philip II, the father of Alexander the Great. Displayed within this tomb are the finds such as the gold ossuary with the 16 pointed Macedonian star, gold leaf wreaths, frescos and ornaments. Proceed to ancient **Beroea**, one of Apostle Paul's stops. Here we see the Bema of St Paul where the Apostle stood and preached the Gospel to the Veroeans in 49 AD. Continue to Kalambaka for dinner & overnight at the hotel. (B, D)

## DAY 5 TUESDAY, 29TH SEP

## METERORA, DELPHI

This morning after breakfast, we will visit Meteora. Amongst striking scenery, perched on sheer-sided gray rock pinnacles and appearing to be suspended in mid-air, stand the ageless 14th century **Monasteries of Meteora**. The monasteries contain beautiful Byzantine art and offer an insight into the mystic world of the monks still residing there. Depart to Delphi. Arrive at the hotel for check in, dinner and overnight. (B, D)

## DAY 6 WEDNESDAY, 30TH SEP

## DELPHI, ATHENS

In antiquity **Delphi** was known as the centre (or the navel) of the earth for it was believed that when Zeus released two eagles from opposite sides of the world they would meet in Delphi. It reached its height in power in the 4th century as the sanctuary to the god Apollo. Pilgrims would gather here to seek advice from the great oracle, Pythia, on various matters including waging wars. Explore the sanctuary by walking up the Sacred Way to see the Treasuries, the Theater and the Temple of Apollo. The museum of Delphi houses a unique collection of artifacts from the excavation, including the bronze "Charioteer" one of the best preserved ancient works of metallurgy. Drive via Levadia to Athens. Arrive at the hotel for check in, dinner and overnight in Athens. (B, D)

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### **DAY 7 THURSDAY, 01ST OCT**

### **ATHENS**

Today we will explore Athens and we will visit the Acropolis. Athens, the capital of Greece, is one of the oldest cities in the world spanning a history of 3,400 years. Home of the great minds, philosophers and teachers of ancient times such as Plato, Socrates and Aristotle, Athens is the birthplace of democracy and the cradle of Western Civilization. Walk through the architectural wonders of the Golden Age of Pericles; the Propylaia, the Parthenon and the Erechtheion. We walk to Areopagus or Mars Hill, the site where trials were heard before the Council of Elders and where St Paul delivered his speech to the Athenians. Tour of the New Acropolis museum, which houses the findings of the Acropolis of Athens. Take a panoramic city tour through some of the key highlights of Athens; House of Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Presidential Palace, Panathenaic Stadium, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch. Return to our hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### **DAY 8 FRIDAY, 02ND OCT**

### **AEGEAN CRUISE**

We'll board our Celestyal cruise ship in the late morning, sailing for Mykonos at 13:00 pm. You can explore and enjoy dinner on Mykonos from 18:00 to 23:00. Return to the ship for onward sailing overnight. (B, L, D)

### **DAY 9 SATURDAY, 03RD OCT**

### **KUSADASI (EPHESUS), PATMOS**

We arrive in Kusadasi at 7:00 in the morning and meet the local guide for an excursion to the well-preserved ancient ruins at Ephesus where the Apostle Paul founded a church. At 13:00, continue onward to Patmos, arriving at 16:30. We'll join an excursion to the cave of the Apostle John, the author of Revelation as well as the monastery. Depart Patmos at 21:30. Overnight on board. (BLD)

### **DAY 10 SUNDAY, 04TH OCT**

### **CRETE, SANTORINI**

We arrive in Crete at 7:00 am where you'll have an excursion to visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos, where we will be able to explore the large Central Court, the wonderful Throne Room, the imposing Grand Staircase and see the fresco of the 'Prince of the Lilies'. We will also hear the Cretan legend of the Minotaur. We depart Crete at 12:00 pm, arriving in Santorini at 16:30 where you will have free time on your own to explore the island. Depart Santorini at 21:30, sailing overnight to Athens. (BLD)

### **DAY 11 MONDAY, 05TH OCTOBER**

### **ATHENS, CORINTH**

This morning, we will arrive back at the port of Lavrion at 6:00 am. We will disembark and continue on a mesmerizing trip to the Ancient Corinth and the Bema of St Paul. We 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. We will continue to Ancient Corinth, one of the most important trading cities of ancient Greece dating back to the 6th century B.C. While visiting the archaeological site we will come across the Temple of Apollo, the Agora, the sacred spring and the Peirene Fountain. The apostle Paul resided in Corinth for 18 months in A.D. 51–52. Here he wrote the First and Second Epistles to the Corinthians. We will visit the site of the Bema of St. Paul, where he preached. Overnight and dinner in Athens. (B, D)

### **DAY 12 TUESDAY, 06TH OCT**

### **DEPART ATHENS**

Enjoy a free day at leisure for shopping or independent sightseeing. Transfer to the airport this evening for our return flight. (B)

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## DAY 13 WEDNESDAY. 07TH OCT

## IN FLIGHT

## DAY 14 THURSDAY, 8TH OCT

## ARRIVE MELBOURNE

Arrive back to Melbourne this morning.

\*Itinerary subject to change.

### PRICE INCLUSIONS:

- Return Economy Class Flights from Melbourne – Athens with Emirates Airlines via Dubai
- One way economy Class Flight from Athens to Thessaloniki
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation in Greece and 3 nights full board on Celeystal Cruise in XB Cabins (10 nights in total)
- Tips, gratuities and portorage (at the hotels)
- Hotels Environmental Tax, Porterage and Sustainable development fee during the cruise
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily, all meals at hotels unless otherwise advised.
- Lunches included on the cruise
- Transport by deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- All guiding and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Headsets
- Shore excursions during the cruise
  - Ancient Ephesus (KUS-02)
  - Religious Visit to St John's Monastery - Grotto of Apocalypse (PAT-01)
  - Minoan Palace of Knossos – 1st European Civilisation (HER-02)
- Entrance fees to archaeological sites and museums

### PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Drinks with meals
- Personal payments
- The services that are not mentioned in "Inclusions"
- Travel insurance
- Mykonos and Santorini Shore Excursion – the group will be encouraged to do independent exploring

### PROPOSED HOTELS (OR SIMILAR):

26-28 Sep	Thessaloniki	Imperial Plus (HB)-4★	<a href="#">Visit Website</a>
28-29 Sep	Kalambaka	Divani Meteora (HB)-4★	<a href="#">Visit Website</a>
29-30 Sep	Delphi	V Hotel (HB)-4★	<a href="#">Visit Website</a>
30 Sep-02 Oct	Athens	The Stanley (HB)-4★	<a href="#">Visit Website</a>
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The Cruise dates are from 2nd – 5th October.

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