

*Tom Golden Travel presents...*

# Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

featuring a 3-night Greek Islands & Turkey cruise

April 14 – 24, 2021



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11 Days • 20 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 8 Dinners

Inside Cabin Double Rate **\$3,158**

Inside Cabin Single Rate **\$3,658**

Outside Cabin Double Rate **\$3,358**

Outside Cabin Single Rate **\$4,058**

**Included in Price:** Port Charges, Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$349 per person

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS:** Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Once deposited, you have 7 days to send us written consumer consent or withdraw consent and receive a full refund. (See registration form for consent.)



**Cruise-Land:** These combine the best of land and sea. These tours feature all the qualities of our traditional escorted tours, including a Tour Manager; and include high quality cruise ships that feature various amenities.



## Collette Experiences

- Stop at two monasteries in Meteora and learn about the resident monks.
- See Mars Hill where Paul delivered his "Men of Athens" speech.
- Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums of Byzantine art.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora.
- Join a local expert exploring the monuments of ancient Athens.
- See the Bema where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in Acts.

## Culinary Inclusions

- Feast on local Greek cuisine and fine wine in a traditional taverna.

**Highlights:** Athens, Taverna Dinner Show, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora, Delphi, Corinth, The Acropolis

### Day 1: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

**Overnight Flight Paul the Apostle**, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countryside of Greece and Turkey.

### Day 2: Thursday, April 15, 2021

**Athens, Greece - Tour Begins** Your tour begins in Athens, Greece's lively capital. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic district – the Plaka – a lively historic neighborhood nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Feast on local cuisine and enjoy fine wine in a

traditional taverna while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (D)

### Day 3: Friday, April 16, 2021 Athens -

**Piraeus\* (Embarkation) - Mykonos** Embark on a wonderful 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands, is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos



Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D)

**Day 4: Saturday, April 17, 2021**

**Kusadasi, Turkey - Patmos, Greece**

Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an included excursion to the ruins of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Paul the Apostle spent three years during his ministry and where its inhabitants were the recipients of Paul's famous epistle. Visit the House of Mary, where she is said to have spent her last days. A visit to the ruins includes the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races took place and gladiatorial combats were held. It is said that Paul himself fought here against wild beasts. Continue your cruise to Patmos, the "Jerusalem of the Aegean." Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist, inspired by God, wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)

**Day 5: Sunday, April 18, 2021**

**Heraklion (Crete)\*\* - Santorini** Enjoy

an excursion to the incredible open-air museum of the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums, shopping, or visit a nearby winery to sample traditional Greek wine. Later, arrive on the fabled island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this lovely port or purchase a ship excursion from the cruise line. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Monday, April 19, 2021**

**Piraeus\* - Disembark Cruise Ship -**

**Thessaloniki** After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Make a picture stop at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defense by Leonidas and his courageous Spartans against the Persian army. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity; it is where Paul visited and preached during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Visit the Museum of Byzantine Culture, one of the finest museums in the world devoted to Byzantine art and



civilization with an impressive collection of many Byzantine and early Christian frescoes, icons and artifacts. (B, D)

**Day 7: Tuesday, April 20, 2021  
Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki** Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient, Roman and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

**Day 8: Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
Thessaloniki - Meteora - Kalambaka** Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley – the “breadbasket” of Greece – to spectacular Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage site. These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with six historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century,

hermits, monks and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries\*\*\* which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

**Day 9: Thursday, April 22, 2021  
Kalambaka - Delphi** Travel through scenic mountain terrain to Delphi, one of the most moving sites of the ancient world. Once considered the “navel of the world,” Delphi is nestled on the slopes of Mount Parnassus in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty. Pilgrims once came from all over the ancient world to consult its mysterious oracle. A guided tour takes you along the Sacred Way to see the Doric Temple and the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Treasuries, and the intriguing Archaeological Museum with its staggering collection of ancient artifacts including the 5th-century bronzed Charioteer. (B, D)

**Day 10: Friday, April 23, 2021 Delphi - Corinth - Athens** Travel to Corinth where Paul wrote two epistles, lived and preached for two years. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour

featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. In Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous “Men of Athens” speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a marvelous trip. (B, D)

**Day 11: Saturday, April 24, 2021**

**Athens - Tour Ends** You've explored the ancient land where Paul the Apostle made missionary journeys. You've seen the places to which he sent his famous epistles – Thessalonians, Philippians and Corinthians – and seen many of the places described in the Acts of the

Apostles. Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)

#### Itinerary at a glance

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Crowne Plaza Athens City Center, Athens
Days 3 – 5	Celestyal Cruises, Piraeus
Days 6, 7	Capsis Hotel Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki
Day 8	Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka
Day 9	Domotel Anemolia Resort & Conference, Arachova
Day 10	Holiday Inn Athens Attica, Athens

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

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## Experience It! Philippi

Toward the end of the year 52 C.E., Paul the Apostle arrived in the ancient city of Philippi to preach the new faith. Philippi was a bustling and prosperous Roman garrison town on an important trade route between Italy and Persia. Its population's religions reflected the diversity of such a busy settlement. Residents worshipped Greek, Roman, Phrygian and Egyptian gods and there was a small Jewish population as well. Here Paul met Lydia, a local woman and merchant of purple cloth, who became the first European Christian. Paul's time in Philippi is described in the Acts of the Apostles, and his ongoing relationship with the city's residents and growing Christian population is revealed in his Epistles to the Philippians. Philippi is considered to be the most important archaeological site of eastern Macedonia. Explore the impressive site with a local guide and see where Paul baptized Lydia and where he was held prisoner by Roman authorities.

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#### Please Note:

##### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit

[www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

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passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Your cruise ship provides a "blanket visa" when visiting Ephesus, Turkey. There is no need for you to buy a Turkish visa as long as you travel with the group to/from Ephesus.

*Effective for travel after January 2021, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>*

Port taxes, service charges and fees of approximately \$159 USD (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of booking, per person is not included in the land-only tour cost. Single cabins, if confirmed, are higher.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Optional shore excursions are available for purchase directly from the ship upon embarkation.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple accommodations are limited and will be confirmed upon request and availability from the cruise line.

Order of ports may be changed by the cruise line.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

\*Port of embarkation/disembarkation can be either Piraeus or Lavrion. Please check your final travel documents for the correct listing.

\*\*For sailings during the Greek Easter period (May 2, 2021) Crete may not be available as a port of call. Instead, more time is spent in Patmos and Santorini.

\*\*\*In order to enter the monasteries in Meteora, all guests must have their shoulders covered, women must wear skirts that cover the knees and men must wear long trousers.

Cruise ships have a limited quantity of cabins available in each cabin category. We will make every effort to

accommodate your cabin category preference at the time of booking. If the cabin category preferred is not available at the time of booking, the next closest category available will be offered and a surcharge may apply.

Celestyal Cruise Lines cabin categories are based on the following: Inside superior cabin IB (deck 3 or 4) and IC (deck 5 or 6); and outside cabin XB (deck 3 or 4) and XC (deck 5 or 6). Cabin availability is first come first serve.

Many activities in this itinerary include walking on uneven terrain, or require significant walking at times. Some of the unique experiences, such as visiting historical areas, mean accessing locations by foot because motor coaches are restricted. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate Collette vacation. Our travel counselors can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect trip for you.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.

Prior to full payment for the program, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges.

Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required at an additional cost to you.

On Mykonos Island, round trip transfers by bus to/from the ship to/from Mykonos Town are included in the land price of the program.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of October 08, 2020 are based upon availability. Final payment due by December 15, 2020. Deposits are refundable up until October 15, 2020.**

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## Air Upgrades

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## The Collette Passport Club

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## Our Worry-Free Travel Protection Plan

Sometimes life happens, and your carefully-made plans have to change on the fly. With Collette's worry-free Travel Protection Plan, you can cancel your trip for any reason right up until the day prior to departure and receive a full refund (less the cost of insurance). You're also covered on tour – if you have to return home early, need medical assistance, are delayed on tour for more than 12 hours, or lose your baggage, you're covered. This is just one of the ways we are with you at every step of the journey – even before it begins. Learn more at [gocollette.com/guided-travel#no\\_worries\\_waiver](http://gocollette.com/guided-travel#no_worries_waiver)

## The Collette Gateway

The Collette Gateway is designed to be your "one-stop shop" with all the important travel information you need, plus a lot of experience-enhancing extras you'll love. By registering for the Collette Gateway, you can discover more about your destination, explore exciting optional excursions, get a checklist of important things needed for a smooth journey, and access your Collette Passport Club features. Learn more at [gateway.gocollette.com](http://gateway.gocollette.com)

† Full credit is valid for your next tour when travel is completed within 12 months of the original trip. \$100 of the credit remains valid for travel within 13-24 months. Credit expires 24 months after the original trip.