

# 2016 PTPM “Journeys of Apostle Paul” Pilgrimage

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■5月 May, 13~28, 2016 ■16 Days, 15 Nights

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“Paul... Passed through Macedonia and Achaia... said ‘I must also see Rome’”  
(Acts 19:21)

### Day #1 (FRIDAY) 5/13, 2016

Fly from Home Country to Athens (Greece)

### Day #2 (SATURDAY) 5/14, 2016

Athens (ancient and modern), Acropolis, Mars Hill, 9:00am –Tour of Ancient Athens (Acts 17:15-34).

First visit the spectacular Acropolis with the Parthenon temple, then Mars Hill where the apostle Paul preached to the philosophers of his day. Take a stroll through the ancient Greek Agora (Acts 17:17), where Paul reasoned in the marketplace. Drive to the city center, Olympic Stadium, Presidential Palace

### Day #3 (SUNDAY) 5/15, 2016

Ancient Corinth, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Cenchreae

7:00am--Drive by the historic Bay of Salamis and Saronic Gulf to CORINTH. Crossing the breathtaking Corinth Canal, we arrive at Corinth.

Paul lived here for 18 months establishing the church, while engaging in tentmaking with Aquila & Priscilla (Acts 18:1-18). Visit the Bema or Judgment Seat, where Paul appeared before Gallio, brother of the Stoic philosopher Seneca and tutor of Nero.

After Lamb lunch, we visit Mycenae, once a mighty kingdom of Ancient Greece, and its ruler, King Agamemnon who launched “The Trojan War.”

Then we drive to Epidaurus, the center of the cult of Asclepius (god of healing) during Paul's day.

Sing in the marble 15,000-seat Epidaurus theatre, with its perfect acoustics. The apostle most probably visited this place during his long stay in Corinth.

### Day #4 (MONDAY) 5/16, 2016

Embark on Cruise Ship, Aegean Sea, Mykonos

We transfer to the port of Piraeus (Athens) for our 5-day/4-night Cruise to the Greek islands & Turkey.

At 6:00 p.m. arrive at Mykonos called "the Pearl of the Aegean Sea". Stroll through the maze of narrow streets, tiny chapels & whitewashed houses.

### Day #5 (TUESDAY) 5/17, 2016

Patmos Island, Ephesus-Kusadasi (Turkey)

Breakfast on board ship. At 2:30 p.m. we arrive at Kusadasi (Ephesus). Optional shore tour of ancient Ephesus. The Apostle Paul lived here for three years (Acts 18:18-21 & Acts 19). Here truly history comes to life. Visit the great theatre where the apostle Paul preached.

The ruined ancient Temple of Diana was another of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Arrive at Patmos. It is in Patmos Island that the apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation—the last book of the Bible-- during his exile from the Roman Empire.

### Day #6 (WEDNESDAY) 5/18, 2016

Rhodes Island, Lindos, St. Paul's Bay





Arrive at Rhodes (Acts 21:1). From the ancient Greek temples, to the Knights of the order of St John, to today's modern metropolis, Rhodes has much to offer.

Below Lindos lies the bay of St Paul, where the apostle is said to have landed during his voyage.

Walk inside the medieval walled city of Rhodes, including a short visit to the Grand Masters castle.

At Lindos, visit the ancient temple of Athena.

### **Day #7 (THURSDAY) 5/19, 2016**

**Crete Island, Palace of Knossos, Santorini**

At 6:30 a.m. we arrive at Heraklion (Acts 27:7-13). Members may take the (optional) tour of the Minoan Palace of Knossos, legendary home of the Minotaur—half bull and half man.

Sail at 11:30 am for Santorini, perhaps the most breathtaking of all Greek islands. Take the (optional) cable car up to the white-washed town of Fiera high on the rim of the ancient volcano.

### **Day #8 (FRIDAY) 5/20, 2016**

**Central Greece, Thermopylae, Delphi, Kalambaka**

7:30 a.m. disembark from ship. Drive north to Delphi, the site of ancient Greek oracles (Temple of Apollo). Visit the theatre and stadium. Lunch On route, stop at Thermopylae, where King Leonidas and his 300 Spartans stopped the powerful Persian army in Greek history. See the statue of Leonidas.

### **Day #9 (SATURDAY) 5/21, 2016**

**Meteora, Kalambaka, Berea, Thessaloniki**

Morning visit at nearby Meteora, and visit two of its thousand-year-old Byzantine monasteries.

Proceed to Berea, and see the monument depicting the Bereans' being "more noble" because they searched the Scriptures after listening to Paul (Acts 17:10). Lunch in Berea.

Then on to Thessaloniki (Acts 17:1-9) where Paul preached for 3 weeks, and to which he sent two epistles to the Thessalonians. Here we see the ancient Roman Egnatian Road, the Galerius Arch, and the Citadel.

### **Day #10 (SUNDAY) 5/22, 2016**

**Amphipolis, Philippi, Kavala (Neapolis)**

On our way to Philippi, we visit Amphipolis (Acts 17:1), and see the Lion statue by the road side.

Drive to the city of Philippi, where Paul established the first church in Europe (Acts 16:12)

Have a rededication ceremony at the river where Lydia and (possibly) the jailer were baptized. See the ancient Forum and jail where Paul and Silas were kept. (Acts 16:11).

### **Day #11 (MONDAY) 5/23, 2016**

**Greek/Turkey border crossing, Black Sea, ISTANBUL (Turkey), Topkapi Palace**

Drive along the shores of the Sea of Marmara to Istanbul. Located at the crossroads between Europe & Asia, ISTANBUL (Constantinople) was the capital of the ancient Eastern Roman Empire—with some of the world's most magnificent treasures. Visit Topkapi Palace, residence of the Ottoman sultans, with its treasures of the Ottoman Empire.

### **Day #12 (TUESDAY) 5/24, 2016**

**Istanbul tour (Hippodrome, Aghia Sophia, Blue Mosque)**

Visit the Hippodrome, Blue Mosque, and Aghia Sophia. Also the Spice Bazaar and the Grand Bazaar. 2-hour cruise on the Bosphorus.

### **Day #13 (WEDNESDAY) 5/25, 2016**

**ROME: Vatican, St. Peter's Basilica, Sistine, etc.**

Arrive at Rome, the "Eternal City." Tour of St. Peter's Basilica—the largest church in the world, the Vatican Museum and Gallery, and its "crown jewel"—the Sistine Chapel.

### **Day #14 (THURSDAY) 5/26, 2016**

**ROME: Colosseum, Basilicas, Catacombs, St. Paul's Basilica, Trevi Fountain**

Visit the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine, the Arch of Titus, the Mamertine Prison. Continue the guided tour of St. John Lateran with the statues of the Twelve Apostles; and the Church of St. Peter-in-Chains with the famed statue of Moses by Michelangelo.

Afternoon visits to the magnificent St. Paul's Basilica, one of the wonders of the world. Enter the Catacombs where millions of early Christians were buried under the city. Travel on the Old Appian Way (see the Church of Domine Quo Vadis).

### **Day #15 (FRIDAY) 5/27, 2016**

**Pompeii, Naples, Capri, Anacapri, Sorrento**

Drive south to Naples. Take the hydrofoil speedboat to Capri Island and Anacapri. Sail by hydrofoil to Sorrento, a place of legendary beauty, immortalized in song and literature. Here Roman emperors came for vacation.

Nearby is the place where Paul the prisoner came ashore from his stormy trip over the Mediterranean. Drive to Pompeii, the city buried under Mt. Vesuvius' eruption (79 B.C.). Return to Rome—retracing Paul's steps into the ancient city.

### **Day #16 (SATURDAY) 5/28, 2016**

**Departure ROME.** Return home with memories and inspiration to last a lifetime.