

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

BEST OF GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

In the Steps of St. Paul

11 DAYS: OCTOBER 3 - 13, 2023

Visiting

ATHENS * CORINTH * MYKONOS * EPHESUS * PATMOS

CRETE * SANTORINI * DELPHI * KALAMBAKA * THESSALONIKI

INCLUDING A 3-DAY CRUISE TO THE GREEK ISLES & TURKEY

Hosted by

FR. CARL ARCOSA

\$4149 FROM SAN FRANCISCO \$3749 FROM NEW YORK

(Air/land tour price is \$3629 from San Francisco and \$3229 from New York
plus \$520 government taxes/airline surcharges from each gateway)



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Dear St Michael Parishioners,

I invite you to come with me on a pilgrimage of a lifetime to walk in the footsteps of St Paul, bringing life to the Epistles that spread Christianity.

We will explore some of the most fascinating historical sites in western civilization. We will marvel

at the grandeur of Athens, the ancient Olympic Stadium, the Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, and the Acropolis. We will stand on Mars Hill where St. Paul made his famous speech. We will walk the very grounds where philosophers discussed the nature of human existence, democracy began and Christianity developed. We will also visit some of the interior cities of Greece to wonder at the important archeological sites. We will explore rich history as we stop in Delphi, Kalambaka, Meteora, and Thessaloniki.

To top it all off, we will enjoy a three-night cruise on the beautiful Aegean Sea. Visit ports of call like Mykonos, the St. Tropez of the Aegean; Kusadasi, which is the gateway to the magnificent city of Ephesus; Patmos, where St. John was inspired to write the Book of Revelation; Heraklion, Crete, the southernmost Greek Isle and Santorini, with its spectacular volcanic cliffs.

Think about it. Pray about it. Save the dates! If you would like to be on the emailing list for more information about this pilgrimage, please let Tina Gregory (our tour coordinator) know: TinaGregory@StMichaelLivermore.com

Blessings,

Fr Carl



Mykonos

TOUR FEATURES:

- ◆ Round trip airfare from San Francisco or New York
- ◆ \$520 government taxes & airline surcharges
- ◆ \$168 port charges/cruise gratuities
- ◆ Accommodations on the land portion at first class/select hotels based on two persons sharing in twin bedded rooms with private bath
- ◆ Accommodations on board the cruise in inside cabins with two lower beds & private facilities
- ◆ Breakfast and dinner daily on land portion; all meals on board the cruise including a standard drinks package
- ◆ Services of professional English-speaking guides
- ◆ Comprehensive sightseeing
- ◆ All admission fees and hotel service charges
- ◆ Transfers to/from airports by private motor coach including meeting/assistance.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

USA/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Depart today from San Francisco or New York on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight.

ARRIVE ATHENS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Arrive Athens where you will be met and escorted to your waiting motor coach for transfer to your hotel. Balance of day at leisure. **(D)**

ATHENS/CORINTH/ATHENS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5



After breakfast, drive along the Sacred Way of Elusinian Mysteries, passing the Island of Salamis. Cross the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas. See the Isthmus where boats were once dragged over land from one sea to the other. Arrive Corinth, the most important city in the days of St. Paul. The vigorous and mostly Gentile Church he founded here in 50 AD caused him much grief and prompted him to write at least two letters to them. Visit the ruins of the ancient city where St. Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. See the remains of first century shops, the agora where St. Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the Fountain of Peirene, Temple of Apollo and the Bema.

This afternoon, embark on a tour of the city where you will see the Royal Palace, the Stadium and Temple of Zeus, the Theatre of Dionysius and the Agora (marketplace) where Paul spoke and Socrates' prison. Visit Mars Hill and the Acropolis with the famous Parthenon. **(B,D)**



Santorini

ATHENS/CRUISE/MYKONOS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Drive to Lavrion and board your fine cruise ship for a three-day Aegean Sea cruise. Sail to Mykonos, the St. Tropez of the Aegean. Walk around the glistening town. The houses, streets, even the sails of the windmills are all awash with white. Relax at a sidewalk cafe or taverna. Sail on to Kusadasi. (B,L,D)

KUSADASI (EPHESUS)/PATMOS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Arrive at the Turkish resort of Kusadasi, where you will have an **included excursion** to the magnificent city of Ephesus. You will walk the marble streets and see the fabled Temple of Artemis, another Wonder of the Ancient World, the Stadium and the Library of Celsus. Also visit the House of the Virgin Mary, where she spent the last years of her life. Afterwards, cruise to the island of Patmos, where you will have the opportunity to take an optional excursion to the Monastery of St. John where John received inspiration for the Book of Revelation. Sail on to Heraklion, Crete. (B,L,D)

HERAKLION (CRETE)/SANTORINI

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Morning arrival in Heraklion, Crete, the southernmost of the Greek Isles where you will have an **included excursion** to visit the Palace of Knossos, discovered in 1900 by Arthur Evans. This was the kingdom of King Minos, the site of the legendary Minotaur, later slain by Theseus, and you can see the underground corridors of the Labyrinth. Then sail to Santorini, one of the most fascinating islands in the Aegean, with its rugged, volcanic cliffs topped by brilliant white houses in the town of Thera. The view from the town is spectacular, looking down into the beautiful bay to the still active volcanic island only a few miles away. Return to your cruise ship for the journey back to Athens. (B,L,D)

ARRIVE ATHENS/DELPHI/KALAMBAKA

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Morning arrival in Lavrion. Drive on the national highway through Thebes, Levadia and the picturesque village of Arachova to Delphi. Visit the Museum to see the famous Bronze Charioteer along with other statues. In the afternoon visit the Temple of Apollo, the Theatre, the Athenian Treasury, and the Castalian Spring. Drive via Larissa, Lamia and Trikala to Kalambaka. Overnight in the Kalambaka area. (B,D)

KALAMBAKA/THESSALONIKI

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Visit Meteora to see the "Hanging Monasteries" perched on top of unusual rock formations. Drive through Kozani to Veria, then on to visit the tomb of Philip of Macedonia in Vergina. Continue via Edessa to Thessaloniki where you will see the Rotonda, Triumphal Arch of Galerius, and the seafront promenade with the White Tower. Overnight in Thessaloniki. (B,D)

THESSALONIKI

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

Drive to Amphipolis where you will see the famous Lion Statue. Continue to Philippi, where Marc Anthony defeated Brutus and St. Paul first preached the Gospel in Europe. See the archaeological site (Forum-Romanum), the ruins of two Basilicas, the theatre, the Prison of St. Paul and St. Lydia's Baptistry. Visit Kavala before returning to Thessaloniki for the night. (B,D)

THESSALONIKI/ATHENS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

Drive to Athens via the Valley of Tempis and Thermopylae. (B,D)

ATHENS/USA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

Your adventure is over as you board your flight back to San Francisco or New York. (B)

(B) ~ Breakfast (L) ~ Lunch (D) ~ Dinner



Library of Celsus ~ Ephesus

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit.

- A \$600 deposit is due with your reservation
- Final payment is due at NAWAS 110 days prior to departure date

TOUR-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

For terms and conditions please visit:
www.nawas.com/terms-and-conditions

Taxes/Airline Surcharges: In effect on October 6, 2022.

Hotel Service Charges/Taxes: In effect on October 6, 2022
(excluding hotel tourist taxes).

Airfare: In effect on October 6, 2022

Land Costs: Based on estimated 2023 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on October 6, 2022 and a minimum of 32 or more participants per coach.

Customer Reviews:

"It's been my extreme pleasure to benefit from your invaluable assistance with my tours — 97 so far — for the past 28 years. I wouldn't dream of letting anyone else handle the many details involved in making these difficult, exotic itineraries a success, as evidenced by my many repeat clients and their referrals. Your superb attention to detail, your honesty, and your friendship are greatly appreciated. You can count on Nawas being my 'one and only' for many years to come." --Ms. M.B., California

"As always, the arrangements for our pilgrimage by Nawas were excellent. To a person, those on the tour were filled with praise for the trip. Everything was A+." --Monsignor R.S., Utah

"You people make this easy. Everything was out-standing. Those who have been on other trips have come to expect quality and they get it!" --Father P.T., Ohio

Family Owned for 73 Years: Nawas International Travel was founded in 1949 by Mr. Yousef Nawas. He created our faith-based tour company with a vision of offering specially designed programs of spiritual enrichment and superior quality. Mr. Nawas made travel affordable so that the faithful of all walks of life could partake. Though Mr. Nawas has since passed on, Nawas International Travel remains under the guidance of his family and continues to serve thousands of travelers every year. With our global network, affordable prices and expert tour directors combined with years of group travel expertise, we guarantee the highest quality tour and services.



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◆ RESERVATION FORM ◆**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

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ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:

- ☐ double room sharing with _____
☐ single room (\$995 extra per person)
☐ outside cabin on cruise (\$300 per person sharing)

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ as
 Deposit (\$600 per person) for _____ person(s)

Gateway Desired: ☐ San Francisco ☐ New York

**Please include a clear photocopy of your Passport with this Reservation Form
 Clearly print your full name (last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport:**

Passenger #1

Name:Title _____
 Last _____
 First _____
 Middle _____
 Gender: Please check ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Passport #: _____

Date Issued: _____ **Date Expires:** _____
 (day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth:
 MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth: _____ **Country of Citizenship:** _____

Passenger #2

Name:Title _____
 Last _____
 First _____
 Middle _____
 Gender: Please check ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Passport #: _____

Date Issued: _____ **Date Expires:** _____
 (day/month/year) (day/month/year)

Date of Birth:
 MONTH DAY YEAR

Place of Birth: _____ **Country of Citizenship:** _____

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 Signature Passenger # 1

 Date

 Signature Passenger # 2

 Date