

13-DAY PILGRIMAGE

# Greece & Turkey

*with 3-day cruise*



## TRIP INCLUDES

(\$4,499 PER PERSON)



- Round-Trip Air
- First-Class Hotels
- Land Transportation
- Professional Tour Guides
- Medical Protection Plan AND MORE!

## FOR INFORMATION

TOUR COORDINATOR



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**OCTOBER 16 - 28, 2024**

DEPARTURE FROM HOUSTON, TX

# Daily Itinerary

## included

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels (price based on double occupancy)
- Land transportation as per itinerary
- Breakfast & dinner
- Sightseeing/admissions fees as per itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional local guides
- Medical Protection Plan

## not included

- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended) We offer a comprehensive policy for an additional cost through [Trawick International](#).
- Passport & visa costs
- Tips for tour guide and driver
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- Lunch or any meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Items not specifically mentioned above

## register

- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$300 is due at registration.
- Your registration form must include a copy of your passport and the names on both must match exactly.
- Passports must be current six months after your departure date.
- Your final payment is due 07/08/24 (100 days before departure)



## Highlights

**Athens • Piraeus**  
**• Mykonos • Mt. Koressos • Ephesus**  
**• Patmos • Crete • Santorini • Delphi • Corinth**



### DAY 1: DEPART USA TO GREECE

Today: Your pilgrimage begins today by boarding your overnight flight to Greece. Meals and drinks will be served on board.

### DAY 2: ARRIVE IN ATHENS

Today: After arriving in Athens, we are greeted by our tour guide, who will take us on a panoramic tour of Athens. Afterward, we will be transported to our hotel, where you are free to explore the city or just relax. Dinner and overnight will be at your hotel in Athens.

### DAY 3: ATHENS / PIRAEUS / CRUISE TO MYKONOS

Today: After breakfast, we embark on a cruise through the Greek Isles. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of Island beaches, warm sun, and blue sea. We will touch land at Mykonos this afternoon and have time to experience this charming town filled with restaurants, shops, and old-world appeal. Later this evening, don't forget to set aside time to see the magnificent sunset. We will return to the ship for dinner and overnight accommodations as we sail to Ephesus.

### DAY 4: KUSADASI, TURKEY & PATMOS, GREECE

Today: Our first site of today's tour is Mt. Koressos. Tucked away in a small valley are a small house and humble chapel where the Virgin Mary spent her last days. Next, moving on to Ephesus, we will pass through the Magnesian Gate and enter into the most incredible excavation we will see on this trip. We will see the Great Theatre, where St. Paul preached and held a crowd of up to 24,000 people. Moving back, we pass along the Arcadian Way; we walk in the footsteps of Mark Anthony and Cleopatra. Enjoy some time exploring the beautiful town of Kusadasi before we board the ship for lunch and head to Patmos. We will arrive at Skala Harbor with its quaint white houses, shopping, restaurants, and colorful scenery. It was here, in a cave, where St. John lived and wrote the book of Revelation. Next, we will visit the nearby monastery in Patmos filled with precious icons and manuscripts (a guided tour is optional). We will return to the ship for dinner and overnight accommodations as we sail to Crete.

### DAY 5: CRETE & SANTORINI

Today: Today, we will visit the ruins of Knossos, which is a short drive from Heklion's center. We will also see the Knossos Palace,



Venetian fortresses, museums, and other fine examples of Greek aesthetic architecture. The outdoor market, bursting with life, must be seen and appreciated as all essential and not-so-essential goods are bought and sold. Back on our ship, we set sail to Santorini, where the stunning landscape is highlighted by a volcanic crater barely submerged in the sea. On Santorini, many shops and cafes are scattered among picturesque white houses (a guided tour is optional). Afterward, we will return to the ship for dinner and overnight accommodations.

#### **DAY 6: ARRIVE IN ATHENS / DELPHI / KALAMBAKA**

Today: We will arrive in Piraeus this morning and take a scenic drive on the national highway through Thebes, Levadia, and the picturesque village of Arachova to Delphi. Here we will visit the museum and see the famous Bronze Charioteer and other Greek statues. This afternoon, we'll visit the Temple of Apollo, the Theatre, the Athenian Treasury, and the Castalian Spring. Finally, we will drive via Larissa, Lamia, and Trikala to Kalambaka, where we will settle into our hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

#### **DAY 7: KALAMBAKA / THESSALONIKI**

Today: We begin our tour by visiting Meteora to see the "Hanging Monasteries" perched on top of unusual rock formations. Next, we drive through Kozani to Veria, then on to the tomb of Philip of Macedonia in Vergina. Afterward, we continue via Edessa to Thessaloniki, where you will see the Rotonda, Triumphal Arch of Galerius, and the seafront promenade with the white tower. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Thessaloniki.

#### **DAY 8: THESSALONIKI / PHILIPPI / THESSALONIKI**

Today: This morning we will drive to Amphipolis, where you will see the famous Lion Statue. Next, we continue to Philippi, where Marc Anthony defeated Brutus, and St. Paul first preached the Gospel in Europe. We will see the archaeological site (Forum-Romanum), the ruins of two Basilicas, the theatre, the Prison of St. Paul, and St. Lydia's Baptistry. Finally, we will visit Kavala before returning to Thessaloniki for the night. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel.

#### **DAY 9: THESSALONIKI / ATHENS**

Today: Today, we return to Athens via the Valley of Tempi and Thermopylae. You will have today free to explore on your own before returning for dinner and overnight accommodations at your hotel.

#### **DAY 10: ATHENS / ISTANBUL**

Today: This morning, we will board our flight to Istanbul. Depending on your arrival time, we will have a city tour before transporting you to the hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.



#### **DAY 11: ISTANBUL: CITY TOUR**

Today: Today, we will enjoy a tour of Istanbul that will include:

- The Hagia Sophia - The former Greek Orthodox Christian patriarchal cathedral built in 360 AD. It is considered the epitome of Byzantine architecture and is said to have "changed the history of architecture."
- The Byzantine Hippodrome
- The Blue Mosque (famous for its mosaics)
- The Underground Cisterns
- The Chora Church (which houses a magnificent display of oriental iconography and mosaics.)

Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Istanbul.

#### **DAY 12: ISTANBUL**

Today: Today, we will take a boat trip through the Bosphorus Strait. We will visit the palace and museum of Topkapi, which served as the royal palace of the Sultans. Next, we will celebrate Mass at the Church of San Antonio. Afterward, we will visit a place where the famous Turkish carpets are made, and then finally the Grand Bazaar. We will have free time to shop as well as explore on our own. Tonight's dinner will be at a restaurant with a typical Turkish belly dancing show.

#### **DAY 13: ISTANBUL / UNITED STATES**

Today: We will go to the airport this morning and board our return flight home.





# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## Your Package Includes

**Air Transportation:** Economy class and round-trip airfares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

**Land Transportation:** All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

**Hotels:** Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

**Single Room:** There is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Meal Plan:** The meal plan offers two (2) meals per day: Breakfast & Dinner.

**Baggage:** Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

**Airport Fees:** Airport Taxes, Porterage, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees

**Medical Protection Plan During the Trip**

## Your Package Does Not Include

**Cancellation Protection Plan:** We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

**Passport Expenses:** Passports or any additional documents that may be required Passports must be valid after 6 months of return date.

**Personal Items:** Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

**Non-itinerary fees:** Any sightseeing, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

**Lunch:** Your meal plan offers two (2) meals per day: Breakfast & dinner. You are responsible for lunch or any other meals specified in your itinerary.

**Tips for your tour guide & driver:** The recommended amounts of tips per person are \$7.00 – \$9.00 per day for guide(s), \$5.00 – \$7.00 per day for driver(s), \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for hotels, and \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for restaurants.

## General Travel Information

**Group Air:** Group Air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different air rate, ticketing method, or on a different airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

**Departure Cities:** If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

**Land-Only Option:** If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the 'Land Only' option. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

## Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies

The airline selects seat assignments for group air, not the tour operator. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

**Seat Upgrades:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily)

**Seat Location Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Other Special Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily)

## Booking Conditions

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

**Payment Deadline:** Full payment is due 07/08/24 (100 Days before departure). Late registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit online. There is an additional 3% late fee for each credit card transaction. We also accept checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions.

## Late Payment Policy

Customers will receive Late Fees if they are not paid in full:

100 days - 61 days prior to departure.....\$150

60 days - 30 days prior to departure.....\$300

30 days - day before departure.....Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

## Cancellation/Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage, however, should you need to cancel your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

Days Prior to Departure	Charge
100 + Days	Lose Deposit
99-50 Days	50% of trip cost
49 Days	100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

## Protect Your Trip



Follow the link or scan the QR code to view our Travel Protection Plan details.

<https://nativity.trawickinternational.com>

## Responsibility

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

The IATA carriers, steamship firms and other transportation companies, whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers and Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.

