



11-DAY PILGRIMAGE



GREECE & TURKEY

MAY 7 - 17, 2025



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\$4,790

price per person with
departure from Atlanta

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Daily Itinerary

DAY 1: DEPART USA TO GREECE

Your pilgrimage begins today as you depart on your overnight flight to Greece.

DAY 2: ARRIVE ATHENS

Upon arrival, you will meet your tour guide, board your touring vehicle, and begin a panoramic tour of Athens. You will then transfer to your hotel to check-in. The rest of the afternoon is free to explore independently. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Athens.

DAY 3: ATHENS / PIRAEUS / CRUISE TO MYKONOS

After breakfast, you will embark on a cruise through the Greek Islands. Enjoy the captivating scenery of island beaches, warm sunlight, and clear blue sea. This afternoon, you will touch land at Mykonos and have time to explore this charming town filled with restaurants, shops, and old-world appeal. Remember to set aside time to see the magnificent sunset. You will return to the ship for dinner and overnight accommodations as we sail to Ephesus.

DAY 4: KUSADASI / EPHEBUS / PATMOS

This morning, you will visit Mt. Koressos. Tucked away in a small valley, the Virgin Mary spent her last days here. Next, you will continue to Ephesus, passing through the Magnesian Gate into the most incredible excavation on this trip. You will see the Great Theatre, where St. Paul preached. Afterward, you will pass along the Arcadian Way, walking in the footsteps of Mark Anthony and Cleopatra. Enjoy exploring the beautiful town of Kusadasi before boarding the ship for lunch and heading to Patmos. You will arrive at Skala Harbor, filled with quaint white houses, shopping, restaurants, and colorful scenery. Patmos is home to the cave where St. John lived and wrote the book of Revelation. You will also visit the nearby monastery, filled with precious icons and manuscripts (a guided tour is optional). Afterward, you will return to the ship for dinner and overnight accommodations as you sail to Crete.

DAY 5: CRETE & SANTORINI

Today, you will see Knossos Palace, its ruins, and other fine examples of Greek aesthetic architecture. Afterward, you will visit the outdoor market before returning to your ship and sailing to Santorini. Santorini's stunning landscape is highlighted by the volcanic crater barely submerged in the sea that resulted from the great Minoan Eruption of 1600 BC (a guided tour is optional). Afterward, you will return to the ship for dinner and overnight accommodations.

DAY 6: ATHENS / DELPHI / KALABAKA

This morning, you will arrive in Piraeus and drive along the national highway through Thebes, Levadia, and Arachova to Delphi. At the museum, you will see

the famous Bronze Charioteer and other statues. This afternoon, you will visit the Temple of Apollo, the Theatre, the Athenian Treasury, and the Castalian Spring. Next, you will drive to Kalabaka via Larissa, Lamia, and Trikala. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Kalabaka.

DAY 7: KALABAKA / THESSALONIKI

Today, you will visit the incredible "Hanging Monasteries" of Meteora. Afterward, you will continue through Kozani to Veria, then on to Vergina to visit the tomb of Philip of Macedonia. You will then continue via Edessa to Thessaloniki, where you will see the Rotonda, the Triumphal Arch of Galerius, and the White Tower on the seafront promenade. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Thessaloniki.

DAY 8: THESSALONIKI / PHILIPPI / THESSALONIKI

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

DAY 9: THESSALONIKI / ATHENS

Today, you will return to Athens via the Valley of Tempis and Thermopylae. Dinner and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Athens.

DAY 10: ATHENS / CORINTH / ATHENS

After breakfast, you will travel along the Sacred Way of Eleusinian Mysteries, passing the Island of Salamis. You will then cross the Corinth Canal into Corinth, the most important city in the days of St. Paul. The mostly Gentile Church he founded here in 50 AD caused him much grief and prompted him to write at least four letters to them. You will visit the ruins of the ancient city where St. Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. You will also see the remains of first-century shops, the agora where St. Paul was tried by Gallio, the Fountain of Peirene, the Temple of Apollo, and the Bema. Afterward, you will return to Athens and take a city tour. Your visit will include the Royal Palace, the Stadium and Temple of Zeus, the Theatre of Dionysius, Mars Hill, the Acropolis and Parthenon, and the prison of Socrates. Tonight's dinner will be at a local restaurant, and overnight accommodations will be at your hotel in Athens.

DAY 11: RETURN TO USA

You will transfer to the airport this morning to catch your return flight home. We hope you've enjoyed your journey with us, and we hope to see you again on a future pilgrimage!



HANGING MONASTERIES OF
METEORA

Included

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

Not Included

- Trip cancellation insurance (strongly recommended). Nativity Pilgrimage offers a comprehensive policy through Trawick International at an additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs
- Gratuities to the tour manager, guides, and driver
- Personal items (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

Registration

- A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 is due at registration.
- Names on the registration form and passport must match exactly, and passports must be current 6 months after the return date.
- The registration form must include a copy of your passport.
- We are not responsible for Visa procurement.
- Full payment is due 01/27/25 (100 days prior to departure).

MYKONOS



SANTORINI

EPHESUS



TERMS & CONDITIONS

Your Package Includes

Air Transportation: Economy class and round-trip fares 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, portorage, fuel surcharges and security fees.

Medical Protection Plan is provided 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 6 months after your 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 fees, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in your itinerary.

Lunch: You are responsible for lunch or any other meals not 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 guides, \$5.00 – \$7.00 per day for drivers, \$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 rate, ticketing method, or 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. We do not. 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 01/27/25 (100 days before departure). 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% 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.

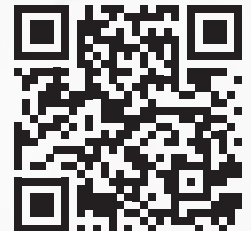
Cancellation/Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel your trip, 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:

<u>Days Prior to Departure</u>	<u>Charge</u>
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 be 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, 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.