

# 11-DAY PILGRIMAGE GREECE & TURKEY





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FOR INFORMATION
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- \* ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE
- \* ALL AIRPORT TAXES/FUEL SURCHARGES
- \* FIRST-CLASS HOTELS
- \* PRICE BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
- \* LAND TRANSPORTATION AS PER ITINERARY
- \* SIGHTSEEING/ADMISSION FEES AS PER ITINERARY
- \* DAILY BREAKFAST AND DINNER
- \* DAILY MASSES
- \* PROFESSIONAL TOUR GUIDES
- \* MEDICAL PROTECTION PLAN



- \* TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE (STRONGLY RECOMMENDED)
- \* NATIVITY PILGRIMAGE OFFERS A COMPREHENSIVE POLICY AT AN ADDITIONAL COST
- \* PASSPORT/VISA COSTS
- \* PERSONAL ITEMS/EXPENSES
- \* MEALS NOT SPECIFIED IN YOUR PROGRAM
- \* TIPS FOR YOUR TOUR GUIDE AND DRIVER
- \* ITEMS NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED ABOVE



- \* SUBMIT A NON-REFUNDABLE \$300 DEPOSIT ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND PASSPORT.
- \* NAMES ON THE REGISTRATION FORM AND PASSPORT MUST MATCH EXACTLY.
- \* U.S. PASSPORTS MUST BE VALID UP TO SIX MONTHS AFTER YOUR RETURN DATE.
- \* WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR VISA PROCUREMENT.
- \* FULL PAYMENT IS DUE 03/03/25 (100 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE).



#### **DAY 1: FLIGHT TO ATHENS, GREECE**

Today, you will board your international overnight flight to Athens. Rest assured, all necessary preparations for your journey have been taken. Just sit back, relax, and enjoy your flight. Your spiritual journey awaits in Greece!

#### **DAY 2: ARRIVE IN ATHENS**

After arriving in Athens, you will meet your Nativity Pilgrimage tour guide and begin a panoramic tour of Athens. You will be escorted to your hotel and have the rest of the day free to spend as you wish—dinner and overnight at your hotel in Athens.

# DAY 3: ATHENS / PIRAEUS / MYKONOS

After breakfast, we will board our cruise through the Greek Islands, enjoying the white sand beaches, warm sun, and blue sea. Our first island destination will be Mykonos, where we will have time to explore this charming town filled with beautiful restaurants, shops, and oldworld appeal. Don't forget to set aside time to see the magnificent sunset before sailing to Ephesus. Dinner & overnight onboard the ship.

# DAY 4: KUSADASI / EPHESUS / PATMOS

We begin our day at Mt. Koressos. We will continue to Ephesus as we pass through the Magnesian Gate into the most incredible excavation we will see on this trip. We will see the Great Theatre, where St. Paul preached and held crowds of nearly 25,000 people. Next, we travel along the Arcadian Way, walking in the footsteps of Mark Anthony and Cleopatra. You will have free time to explore the beautiful town of Kusadasi before boarding the ship for lunch and heading to Patmos. We will arrive at Skala Harbor with its quaint white houses, shopping, restaurants, and beautiful scenery. This is also where St. John lived in a cave and wrote the book of Revelation. We will also have a chance to visit the nearby monastery, filled with precious icons and manuscripts (a guided tour is optional). Dinner and overnight onboard the ship.

# **DAY 5: CRETE / SANTORINI**

Today, we will visit the ruins of Knossos, which is a short drive from Heraklion's center. We will see Knossos Palace, incredible Venetian fortresses, museums, and other fine examples of Greek aesthetic architecture. Next, we will have time to shop at the outdoor market before returning to the ship and sailing to Santorini. Arguably the most beautiful of the islands, it is highlighted by a volcanic crater barely submerged in the sea. Santorini is home to many shops and cafes scattered among scenic white houses and rich Greek culture (a guided tour is optional). Dinner & overnight onboard the ship.

# DAY 6: ATHENS / DELPHI / KALAMBAKA

This morning, we will arrive in Piraeus. We begin by driving along the national highway through Thebes, Levadia, and Arachova to Delphi. We will visit the Delphi Museum, which holds the famous Bronze Charioteer and other famous Greek statues. This afternoon, we will visit the Temple of Apollo, the Theatre, the Athenian Treasury, and the Castilian Spring. Finally, we will drive through Larissa, Lamia, and Trikala to Kalambaka. Dinner & overnight at your hotel.

# The best stories in life are those told on the pages of a passport.

# DAY 7: KALAMBAKA / THESSALONIKI

Our first stop today will be Meteora to see the "Hanging Monasteries" perched on top of incredible and unusual rock formations. Next, we will drive through Kozani to Veria and then visit the tomb of Philip of Macedonia in Vergina. We will continue via Edessa to Thessaloniki, where you will see the Rotonda, the Triumphal Arch of Galerius, and the White Tower along the seafront promenade—dinner & overnight at your hotel in Thessaloniki.

# **DAY 8: THESSALONIKI / PHILIPPI**

After breakfast, we will drive to Amphipholis, where you will see the famous Lion Statue. Next, we will continue to Philippi, where Marc Anthony defeated Brutus, and St. Paul first preached the Gospel in Europe. We will also visit the Roman Forum, the ruins of two Basilicas, the theatre, St. Paul's prison, and St. Lydia's Baptistry. Afterward, we will visit Kavala before returning to Thessaloniki for the night—dinner & overnight at your hotel.

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

This morning, we will return to Athens via the Valley of Tempi and Thermopylae. We will have dinner and overnight at your hotel in Athens.

# DAY 10: ATHENS / CORINTH

After breakfast, we will drive along the Sacred Way of Eleusinian Mysteries, passing the Island of Salamis. We will then cross the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas, into Corinth. Arguably the most significant city in the days of St. Paul, the mainly Gentile Church he founded here in 50 AD caused him much grief and prompted him to write at least four letters to the Corinthians. St. Paul worked here with Aquila and Priscilla and was tried by the Roman Senator Gallio in the agora. See the remains of first-century shops, the Fountain of Peirene, the Temple of Apollo, and the Bema. Afterward, we will return to Athens for a city tour that will include:

The Royal Palace

The Stadium and Temple of Zeus

The Theatre of Dionysius

Mars Hill

The Acropolis & Parthenon

Socrates' prison

Tonight's dinner will be at a local restaurant. Overnight in Athens.

#### **DAY 11: RETURN FLIGHT HOME**

We will transfer to the airport this morning to board our return flight home.



The Acropolis



**Ephesus** 



**Patmos** 



Santorini









#### **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 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 03/03/25 (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:

**Days Prior to Departure** 

Charge

100 + Days 99-50 Days 49 Days Lose Deposit

50% of trip cost

100% of trip cost

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

#### **Protect Your Trip**





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#### 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.