



A PILGRIMAGE TO **MALTA** AND **TÜRKIYE**

Follow in the Footsteps of
SAINT PAUL
and the Churches of Revelation



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With **FATHER**
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OPTIONAL
3 DAY
EXTENSION TO *Greece*





let's begin **your journey**

- 01 FLIGHT TO MALTA:** Begin your pilgrimage with an overnight flight to Malta, preparing your heart for a journey through the footsteps of St. Paul, the early Church, and the lands of Revelation. Dinner and overnight on board.
- 02 WELCOME TO MALTA:** Arrive in Valletta, meet your tour guide, and transfer to your hotel, where you'll have time to settle in. Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of St. Dominic (subject to confirmation). Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and overnight in Malta.
- 03 RABAT • MDINA • BLUE GROTTO • MARSAXLOKK:** Celebrate Mass at St. Paul's Grotto in Rabat (subject to confirmation), traditionally associated with his stay on Malta after his shipwreck (Acts 28:1–10). Continue to historic Mdina, the Blue Grotto, and Marsaxlokk fishing village. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.
- 04 MELLIEHA • GOZO:** Celebrate Mass at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Mellieha (subject to confirmation), then travel to Gozo and visit the Ta' Pinu National Shrine and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of Ta' Pinu, a beloved Marian place of prayer. Continue to the Ġgantija Temples and Dwejra Bay before returning to Malta for dinner and overnight.
- 05 MALTA • ISTANBUL:** After breakfast, celebrate Mass at St. Paul of the Shipwreck Church (subject to confirmation), and continue to St. John's Co-Cathedral, the Upper Barrakka Gardens, followed by a Grand Harbour cruise around the Three Cities. Later, fly to Istanbul, meet your tour escort, and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. Schedule may vary depending on flight times.
- 06 ISTANBUL:** Explore Istanbul's religious and imperial heritage, including Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, Hippodrome of Constantinople, Basilica Cistern, and Spice Bazaar. Celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit (subject to confirmation), then return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.
- 07 NICAEEA • BURSA:** After breakfast, we journey to Nicaea, where the First Council of Nicaea helped shape the Nicene Creed in 325. Visit the historic Hagia Sophia of Nicaea and celebrate Mass at Santa Maria Draperis Church (subject to confirmation). Afterward, continue to Bursa for dinner and overnight.
- 08 PERGAMUM • THYATIRA • IZMIR:** After breakfast, check out and visit Pergamum, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev. 2:12–17), with its ancient ruins and dramatic theater. Continue to Thyatira, another church addressed in Revelation. Continue to Izmir and celebrate Mass at St. Helena's Church (subject to confirmation), before checking into our hotel for dinner and overnight.
- 09 SARDIS • PHILADELPHIA • PAMUKKALE:** After breakfast, we will travel through the biblical lands of Sardis and Philadelphia, both among the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev. 3). We will celebrate Mass, then continue to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight.
- 10 PAMUKKALE • LAODICEA • COLOSSAE:** Visit the white terraces of Pamukkale and take a Pamukkale hot air balloon ride (time permitting). Afterward, continue to Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches (Rev.

Hagia Sophia, Istanbul



package options

OPTION 1 STANDARD TRAVEL PACKAGE **\$4,499**
PER PERSON

✈ Round-trip airfare 🧑🧑 First-class hotels/double occupancy

OPTION 2 PREMIER TRAVEL PACKAGE **\$5,999**
PER PERSON

✈ Round-trip airfare 🧑 First-class hotels/single room upgrade

OPTION 3 LAND-ONLY PACKAGE **\$3,699**
PER PERSON

✈ Does **not** include airfare 🧑🧑 First-class hotels/double occupancy

OPTION 4 LAND-ONLY PLUS **\$5,199**
PER PERSON

✈ Does **not** include airfare 🧑 First-class hotels/single room upgrade

OPTIONAL
3 DAY
EXTENSION TO
Greece



\$2,999
PER PERSON
SEPT. 18-21, 2027

Includes an incredible 2-day Greek Island cruise to Patmos, Crete, and Santorini!

3:14–22). Visit Colossae, associated with St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians, and celebrate Mass. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

11 EPHESUS • KUSADASI: After breakfast, check out and explore Ephesus, one of the great cities of the early Church, including the Library of Celsus, Great Theatre, and Temple of Hadrian. Visit the House of the Virgin Mary and celebrate Mass before continuing to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

12 RETURN HOME: After breakfast, check out and transfer to Izmir Airport for your return flight home, carrying the spiritual graces and memories of your pilgrimage through Malta and Türkiye.

GREECE EXTENSION

13 CRUISE TO PATMOS: Board your cruise and sail to Patmos, where St. John received the visions recorded in the Book of Revelation (Rev. 1:9). Visit the Monastery of St. John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse, then celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight on board.

14 CRETE | SANTORINI: Explore Crete, including Heraklion and the ancient Palace of Knossos, then continue to Santorini for scenic views and time to explore. Celebrate Mass, then return to the ship for dinner and overnight.

15 ATHENS | CORINTH: Arrive in Athens and travel to Corinth, where St. Paul preached and established a Christian community (Acts 18:1–11). Visit the Temple of Apollo, then continue to Athens to see the Acropolis, Parthenon, and Acropolis Museum. Celebrate Mass and conclude your pilgrimage with a farewell dinner and overnight in Athens.

16 RETURN HOME: After breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport for your return flight home, carrying the blessings of a journey through the lands of St. Paul, St. John, and the early Church.

places you'll encounter along your journey



House of the Virgin Mary, Mt. Koressos



Our Lady of Mellieha



The Great Theatre, Ephesus, Türkiye



Pergamum, Türkiye



The Blue Grotto, Malta



Laodicea, Türkiye

included in **your pilgrimage**

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes/fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels
- Private transportation
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Sightseeing/admission fees
- All tips/gratuities
- Daily Mass
- Professional tour guide
- Medical insurance



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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BOOK THIS JOURNEY



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YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

Air Transportation: Economy-class, round-trip airfare is based on rates available at the time of reservation. Rates and schedules are subject to change without notice. Once issued, airline tickets are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be applied toward future travel.

Private Transportation: All land transportation described in the itinerary will be provided by deluxe motor coach. Some motor coaches may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

Full-Board Cruise: If you choose the optional Greece 3-day extension, you will have full-board cruise accommodations for 2 nights in an outside cabin.

Hotel Accommodations: Accommodations will be provided at first-class hotels based on double occupancy (two people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator is responsible for providing a roommate.

Included Meals: Breakfast and dinner are provided daily unless otherwise stated in the itinerary.

Tips/Gratuities: Gratuities for tour guides, drivers, hotel staff, wait staff, and other service personnel are not included unless otherwise stated.

Baggage: Most airlines limit passengers to one (1) checked bag and one (1) carry-on. Travelers are responsible for confirming current baggage allowances, weight limits, dimensions, and applicable fees directly with the airline.

Airport Fees: Airport taxes, portage, fuel surcharges, and security fees are included.

Medical Coverage: Medical coverage is provided for the duration of the trip. Coverage details, limits, exclusions, and claims procedures are governed solely by the insurance policy documents provided by the insurer.

YOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Cancellation Insurance: We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance at the time of registration.

Passport/Visa Expenses: Passports, visas, and any additional travel documents required for the trip are not included. Passports must remain valid for at least six months beyond the scheduled return date. Travelers are solely responsible for obtaining and carrying all required passports, visas, vaccination documentation, and other entry requirements imposed by destination countries.

Personal Expenses: Laundry, beverages (including wine, liquor, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.), meals or food items not included in the meal plan, excess or additional baggage, and other personal expenses.

Non-Itinerary Fees: Any sightseeing, services, admission fees, or personal expenses not specifically listed as included in the itinerary.

Non-Included Meals: Travelers are responsible for meals not specified as included in the itinerary.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Group Air Policy: Group airfare differs from individually purchased airline tickets and is subject to the terms and conditions of the applicable airline. Registration and full payment must be received by the stated payment deadline. Registrations received after the deadline may be subject to different airfare, ticketing arrangements, airlines, or additional fees. Group flight arrangements are generally confirmed 60–90 days prior to departure.

Point of Departure: If your preferred departure city is not listed in the brochure, indicate your requested airport on the registration form. Nativity Pilgrimage will provide the best available airfare and flight schedule to connect you with the group. Additional fees may apply.

Land-Only Option: Travelers who wish to arrange their own airfare should select the land-only option on the registration form. Unless otherwise specified, the land-only price is \$800 less than the full tour price (\$350 less for Mexico). Travelers booking their own airfare may select their preferred airline, seats, and travel schedule; use airline miles or points; provide frequent-flyer information; and make special requests directly with the airline. No changes may be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the designated hotels unless the traveler is able to meet the group during a scheduled airport transfer. Land-only travelers are otherwise responsible for their own transportation to and from the hotel.

IMPORTANT POLICIES

Travel/Scheduling Changes: Flight schedules, aircraft type, routing, departure airports, and carriers are subject to change by the airline without notice.

Seat Assignments: Seat assignments for group airfare are determined by the airline, not Nativity Pilgrimage. Seat upgrades may be requested by registered travelers but are subject to availability and pricing. Quoted upgrade rates are subject to change until payment is received, and some upgrades may not be available until group tickets are issued.

Single Rooms: Tour pricing is based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available at an additional cost as specified on the registration form. Availability is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Seat Upgrades: Upon receiving an upgrade or seat-location request, Nativity Pilgrimage will contact the airline on the traveler's behalf. Requests cannot be guaranteed and remain subject to airline availability and pricing.

Special Requests: Nativity Pilgrimage will make reasonable efforts to communicate requests for wheelchair assistance, special meals, or other accommodations to the appropriate airline or service provider. Fulfillment of such requests cannot be guaranteed and may be subject to availability and additional fees.

TRAVELER CONDUCT POLICY

Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to remove any traveler whose behavior is disruptive, unsafe, unlawful, abusive, or interferes with the safety or enjoyment of other participants. No refund will be provided for any unused portion of the trip resulting from such removal.

HEALTH/FITNESS REQUIREMENTS

Travelers are responsible for determining whether they are physically and medically capable of participating in the trip. Travelers requiring special assistance or accommodations must notify Nativity Pilgrimage at the time of registration.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

Registration: A non-refundable \$300 deposit per person is required at the time of registration. If you are choosing to add the Greece extension, an extra \$500 will be added for the cruise, making your total deposit \$800. Reservations will not be processed without the required deposit.

Payment Deadline: Full payment is due Monday, May 10, 2027. Registrations received after the deadline are considered late and are subject to availability and an additional \$100 fee. If payment is not made in full at least 50 days prior to departure, all payments become non-refundable.

Payment Methods: Nativity Pilgrimage accepts major credit cards, checks, money orders, and Zelle payments. A 3% processing fee applies to each credit card transaction.

LATE PAYMENT POLICY

Customers whose accounts are not paid in full by the payment deadline will be subject to the following late fees:

100–61 days prior to departure: \$150

60–30 days prior to departure: \$300

30 days or less prior to departure: Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any increase in airfare resulting from late payment, subject to availability. Failure or refusal to pay any outstanding balance or applicable fees may be considered a cancellation.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Cancellation penalties are based on the date Nativity Pilgrimage receives written notice of cancellation:

100 days or more prior to departure: Loss of deposit

99–50 days prior to departure: 50% of total trip cost

49 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total trip cost

FORCE MAJEURE

Nativity Pilgrimage shall not be liable for delays, cancellations, itinerary changes, losses, damages, or additional expenses resulting from acts of God, natural disasters, pandemics, government actions, border closures, airline disruptions, labor disputes, terrorism, civil unrest, or other events beyond its reasonable control.

TRAVEL INSURANCE OPTIONS

Medical Coverage: Every traveler with Nativity Pilgrimage receives complimentary medical insurance for the duration of the trip. Coverage details, limits, exclusions, and claims procedures are governed solely by the insurance policy documents provided by the insurer.

Trip Cancellation Insurance: We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance, available at an additional cost, to help protect your travel investment should unforeseen circumstances require you to cancel. Coverage is available through Trawick International, or you may purchase coverage from an insurance provider of your choice.

Inquiries: You may review Trawick's travel insurance details at <https://nativity.trawickinternational.com> or contact the 24/7 customer service team at 888-301-9289 or info@trawickinternational.com.

Registration Deadline: If purchasing Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage through Trawick International, it must be purchased within 14 days of registration.

TRAVELER CONSENT

Travelers consent to receive trip-related communications electronically, including invoices, itineraries, updates, and travel documents. Travelers also grant Nativity Pilgrimage permission to use photographs and video taken during the tour for promotional purposes unless written notice is provided prior to departure.

RESPONSIBILITY

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and its agents assume no liability or responsibility in connection with the trip for personal injury, loss of or damage to property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages, or other irregular circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to, any default, act, or omission by third-party service providers or facilities providing services related to or included in any portion of the tour. Airlines, cruise lines, and other transportation companies whose services are included in the tour are not responsible for any act, omission, or event occurring while passengers are not aboard their respective means of transportation. The transportation contract issued by each carrier constitutes the sole contract between that carrier and the purchaser and/or passenger. Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. assumes no liability or responsibility in connection with such contracts.

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. is not responsible for losses or additional expenses resulting from delays or changes in air or other services, illness, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantines, or other causes beyond its control. Any such losses or expenses shall be the responsibility of the traveler, as tour rates cover only the arrangements and services specified for the stated travel period.

Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to substitute hotels listed in the itinerary with accommodations of similar quality and to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund conditions vary by trip. No refund will be issued for any portion of the tour that has already been used or completed unless prior arrangements were made before departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not met. Any dispute arising from this agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas and resolved exclusively in the courts located in Harris County, Texas.

