

Day by Day with Scripture

In the Footsteps of St. Timothy and St. Paul

Day 1 Oct. 19: Depart U.S.A.

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins as we depart on our transatlantic flight to Istanbul. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

Day 2 Oct. 20: Istanbul

Upon arrival in Istanbul we will be met by our guide who will give us a brief orientation of the city before driving to our hotel. (D)

Day 3 Oct. 21: Istanbul

Our morning begins with a visit to the *Hagia Sophia*, considered one of the Seven Wonders of the World. This basilica dedicated to Divine Wisdom has a history dating back to the Fourth Century and we almost touch the birth of the Christian Church. Next visit the architecturally superb Sultan Ahmed's famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets and sparkling interior. Then in the afternoon visit Topkapi Palace, the residence of the Ottoman Sultans, where we will view the Treasury and the world's biggest emerald. Proceed to the Grand Bazaar, the oldest and largest covered market in the world where over 4,000 shops sell everything from herbs to gold. (B/D)

Day 4 Oct. 22: Istanbul / Canakkale

This morning we will visit some famous World War I sites along the Marmara Sea. We cross the Dardanelles and time permitting will visit ancient Troas or Troy. St. Timothy spent sometime here with Paul. Proceed to Canakkale for overnight. (B/D)

Day 5 Oct. 23: Canakkale / Kusadasi

The most favored of the Seven Churches was Pergamum. Christianity reached the city very early and the church was praised for its forbearance during hard times. In Pergamum, Rome executed the first Christians. Towering 1,000 feet above the town and commanding a spectacular Panorama is the fabled Acropolis. As we pass through the Royal Gates, we will enter one of the great centers of classic Greek culture. We will see the foundations of the Temple of Zeus and The Temple of Athena and the ruins of the Library, which once held 200 thousand parchment volumes. We will see the remains of the Temple of Trojan, the Grand Theatre, the Gymnasium and the Health Center (Aesclepiion). We will also catch a glimpse of a 3-storey fountain built by Titus. Overnight in Kusadasi. (B/D)

Psalms 84, 120-134



Many Scriptures on Wisdom

I Kings 3/II Chronicles 1 – Solomon

Proverbs 9, Wisdom 6-9



Acts 16 Appearance of Timothy at Lystra
Troas – Vision of Macedonia

Acts 20 Story of Eutychus



Revelation 1-3: The Letters to the 7 Churches
Pergamum – *Rev. 2:12-17*



Day 6 Oct. 24: Kusadasi

Drive to nearby Ephesus to visit the site of the Temple of Artemis. Paul spent two years in Ephesus and it was to this community that he might have written his Epistle to the Ephesians. Paul implored the Ephesians to cease their worship of Artemis and to turn to Christianity. Saint Timothy accompanied Paul in the second and third journey and was with him during his first imprisonment. Paul left him as Bishop of Ephesus. We will see the great theater where Paul addressed the crowds and visit the site of the scene of the riot from which Paul escaped. Visit the Temple of Diana, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Visit the Church of the Virgin Mary and the Tomb of St. Luke. On August 18, 1961, Pope John XXII proclaimed the House of Mary at Ephesus to be sacred. (B/D)

Day 7 Oct. 25: Kusadasi / Patmos *

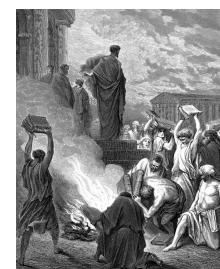
Transfer to the pier at Kusadasi to embark on a three-day cruise of the beautiful Greek Isles. After setting sail from Kusadasi a few hours later we will arrive to the island of Patmos where St. John received the mystical Revelation which forms the last book of the New Testament. You may wish to visit the island on your own or take an optional excursion to the Grotto of Revelation and the 11th century Monastery of St. John which houses the original script of the Gospel. (B/L/D)

Day 8 Oct. 26: Rhodes *

This morning we will arrive to the island of Rhodes which is characterized as the “Jewel” of the Dodecanese islands. It enjoys an exceptionally mild climate and receives by far the lion’s share of visitors. It combines all that is needed in a holiday island; beaches, nightlife, culture, scenery, greenery and comfort. The medieval Old Town of the City of Rhodes have been declared a World Heritage Site. Here you will may wish to visit the island on your own or take one of several optional excursions. (B/L/D)



Ephesus – *Rev. 2:1-7*



Letter to the Ephesians
I-II Timothy

Acts 18-19



House of Mary - *John 19:25-27*



Patmos – *Rev. 1:9ff*



Rhodes – *Acts 21:1*





Crete – *Acts 27:13ff*
Letter to Titus

Day 9 Oct. 27: Heraklion, Crete * / Santorini *

This morning we arrive to the port of Heraklion on the island of Crete, the southernmost of the Greek Isles and the legendary birthplace of the Greek god Zeus. Heraklion, the capital of Crete and its principal commercial port, is just three miles away from the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. Discovered in 1899 by Sir Arthur Evans and partially reconstructed, the elaborate Palace is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. The Archaeological Museum in Heraklion displays many of the treasures found during the excavations. You may wish to visit the island on your own or take an optional excursion. After visiting Crete we will set sail and arrive on the island of Santorini, one of the most beautiful islands on the Mediterranean. You'll have your choice of several optional excursions, but, Santorini is easily done on your own. Take time to explore this gorgeous island and stroll through its quaint winding streets and whitewashed alleys and enjoy the local flavor of its many cafes and tavernas. (B/L/D)



Day 10 Oct. 28: Piraeus / Athens

This morning we will dock in Piraeus and disembark from our cruise. Drive to nearby Athens and visit the world-renowned Acropolis and the ruins of the Parthenon and Erechtheum. We will view Mars Hill where Paul was brought before the council so that they may hear more of the doctrine he preached. Then drive around the city of Athens to see the House of Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the Presidential Palace. Then head over to the National Archeological Museum for a guided tour of one of the world's greatest museums. In the afternoon drive along the scenic coastal road and follow fairly the same route that the St. Paul took to the ancient city of Corinth where he preached and lived for nearly two years. St. Timothy also came with Paul to Corinth to preach. Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place, the Bema and the Temples. We'll celebrate Mass in Corinth before returning back to our hotel. (B/D)

Athens – *Acts 17:15ff*



Corinth – *Acts 18*
I-II Corinthians



Day 11 Oct. 29: Athens

This morning will be free for personal activities. In the afternoon enjoy a scenic drive along the coastal road which affords splendid views of the Saronic Gulf, passing through some of Athens' most beautiful suburbs to Cape Sounion where you will visit the 5th Century B.C. Temple of Poseidon with one of the most breathtaking panoramic views in the world (on a clear day you can see at least seven islands). This evening there will be special farewell dinner in one of the restaurants on the Plaka. (B/D)

The Sea – *Psalms 104, 107*
Job 26, 40



Day 12 Oct. 30: Athens / U.S.A.

Transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home. (B)

