



FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE

May 9-20, 2017

GEORGE'S
INTERNATIONAL TOURS

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Tuesday, May 9: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Athens. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

Day 2 - Wednesday, May 10: Arrive Athens

Upon arrival in Athens we will be met at the airport by our local guide and drive to our hotel. After getting settled in at the hotel, we will celebrate Mass followed by dinner. (D)

Day 3 - Thursday, May 11: Athens

This morning drive to Ancient Corinth. St. Paul visited this famous city on both his Second and Third Missionary Journeys. We will stop at the Isthmus of Corinth, a central shipping canal that connects the Aegean and Adriatic Seas, and celebrate an outdoor Mass at the Harbor of Cenchreae, Paul's port of departure for his voyage to Syria with Priscilla and Aquila. Our tour will begin with the museum and continue with an inspection of the archeological remains. Highlights will include the Temple of Apollo, the Temple of Octavia, the theater, the North Market, the Forum, the shops, the Bema, and numerous other locations of interest. This afternoon visit the ancient Acropolis with its magnificent Parthenon (447-432 BC). The Acropolis served as the worship center for the entire pantheon of Greek gods. Like Corinth, Paul visited Athens on both his Second and Third Missionary Journeys. We will stop at the Areopagus, also known as Mars Hill, the site of the Shrine of the Unknown God, where we will listen to St. Paul's daring speech (Acts 17:22-31). Other elements of our tour will include the Agora with its most impressive buildings, the Stoa of Attalus and the Temple of Hephaistos; the Roman Forum; and the Temple of Zeus Olympios. We will enjoy a guided tour of the National Archeological Museum followed by a panoramic sightseeing tour from the motorcoach of the National Garden, the National Library, the University of Athens, the House of Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Presidential Palace, and the Panathenaic Stadium. (B/D)



Day 4 - Friday, May 12: Athens / Piraeus / Mykonos *

This morning we will transfer to the pier at Piraeus to embark on a cruise to the beautiful Greek Isles. The first stop on our cruise will be the island of Mykonos which offers beautiful beaches and picturesque windmills. Stroll on our own through its quaint winding streets and whitewashed alleys and enjoy the local flavor of its many cafes and taverns on your own. (B/L/D)

Day 5 - Saturday, May 13: Kusadasi (Ephesus) * / Patmos *

This morning we will dock in the Turkish port of Kusadasi from where we will take an Optional Excursion to Ephesus to visit the

site of the Temple of Artemis. Paul spent two years in Ephesus, and it was to this community that he wrote his Epistle to the Ephesians. Paul implored the Ephesians to cease their worship of Artemis and to turn to Christianity. We will see the great theater where Paul addressed the crowds and visited 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. After setting sail from Kusadasi a few hours later, we will arrive on the island of Patmos where St. John received the mystical Revelation, which forms the last book of the New Testament. We will take an Optional Excursion to visit the island 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 6, Sunday, May 14: Heraklion, Crete * / Santorini *

This morning we arrive at 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 isle of Santorini, one of the most beautiful islands of 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 7 - Monday, May 15: Piraeus / Athens / Thessaloniki

After disembarkation at Piraeus, we will proceed to the airport in Athens to catch our flight to Thessaloniki. Upon arrival in Thessaloniki, we will be met at the airport and then transfer to our hotel for check-in. (B/D)

Day 8 - Tuesday, May 16: Thessaloniki

Today we will travel to Philippi, the place where St. Paul began his missionary work in Europe. The highlight of the day will be an outdoor celebration of the Mass alongside the river where Paul preached and baptized Lydia, his first European convert. We will visit the nearby Greek Orthodox church. We will also conduct a prayer service at the place where St. Paul was held in

prison. While in Philippi, we will visit the ruins of a basilica, the Forum, the Agora or marketplace, aqueduct, Acropolis, and theater. Next, we will travel along the Via Egnatia to biblical Neapolis, later renamed Christopoulos because it was the first European city to accept Christianity. Today it is known as Kavala and it is a beautiful modern seaport town and the place where St. Paul landed in Greece after his voyage from Troas. We will visit the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Paul and St. Nicholas Church and then return to Thessaloniki for overnight. (B/D)

Day 9 - Wednesday, May 17: Thessaloniki

Paul visited Thessalonica on his second missionary journey in 49 A.D., founded a Christian church there, was heavily persecuted, and wrote two letters to them. On our stay we will visit the Old City Ramparts and St. George Church, as well as two beautiful basilicas, St. Demetrius, which is dedicated to a member of the Roman army who converted to Christianity and later was martyred, and St. Sophia. The city has a famous Archaeological Museum, and some other points of interest: the White Tower, the Arch of Galerius, the Palace of Galerius, a Roman Forum, the statue of Alexander the Great, and the Royal Tombs of Vergina. (B/D)

Day 10, Thursday, May 18: Thessaloniki / Kalambaka

Today we will depart Thessaloniki and make a scenic drive to Berea, also known as Veria. St. Paul fled there after he was threatened in Thessalonica. We will celebrate Mass at the "Dais of the Apostle Paul," and then visit the Bema, the monument to the Apostle Paul, the small Byzantine basilica of the Resurrection of Christ, and one of the town's most notable monuments, Hagios Vlasios, which is dedicated to St. Blaise. We will proceed to Pella, and then to the quaint, unspoiled town of Kalambaka where we will spend the night. (B/D)



Day 11 - Friday, May 19: Kalambaka / Athens

Depart Kalambaka and drive south to Meteora where we will experience one of the most unusual and spectacular highlights of the pilgrimage as we visit some world-famous Byzantine monasteries perched precariously on the summits of gray rock pinnacles of varied sizes and shapes. The panoramic view is breathtaking. Originally Greek Orthodox monks fled to caves in the vicinity for protection and solitude, and to gain greater security, went even higher. After visiting Meteora, we will drive through fertile olive groves to Delphi, the center of the ancient world. Take a walking tour of the Sanctuary of Apollo and the Temple of Apollo, which served as the home of the Oracle of

Delphi. The tour will also include the theater, the stadium where festivals and games were held in honor of the Sun God, and the museum that contains exquisite pieces of sculpture among which is the Bronze Charioteer. The day will conclude with a drive to Athens, the capital of Greece. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B/D)

Day 12 - Saturday, May 20: Athens / U.S.A.

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

** There will be a variety of optional shore excursions offered by the cruise ship while docked at Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos and Heraklion and these excursions are NOT included in the tour cost. In Santorini a private walking tour with your tour manager is included in the trip cost; however you may still opt to take one of the cruise ship's optional shore excursions if desired. Information on the shore excursions offered by the cruise ship will be included in your final tour documents or are available upon request.*

PILGRIMAGE COST

\$3,518.00

per person based upon double occupancy

For single occupancy please add \$773.00.

This price includes:

- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from New York JFK
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation in First Class/4 star hotels
- ✘ Greek Islands cruise in Outside Cabins
- ✘ All hotel and port taxes
- ✘ Meals as per itinerary (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- ✘ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✘ Baggage handling at hotels and on the cruise
- ✘ Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- ✘ Professional tour manager on the cruise portion of the trip
- ✘ Private walking tour of Santorini
- ✘ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✘ Daily Mass

Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.

For those who prefer to arrange their own international flights the Land-Only cost is \$2,653.00 per person. Please note that this Land-Only cost DOES INCLUDE the cost of the domestic flight from Athens to Thessaloniki on Day 7.

Please visit www.holylandpilgrimages.org for information on additional pilgrimages being organized by the Franciscan Monastery.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

Reservations and Payment: Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, \$250.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking. Additional cancellation charges may apply depending upon the cancellation terms of our suppliers.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if the Seller of Travel was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which the Seller of Travel failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to the Seller of Travel, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for a minimum of 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U.S. citizens. Visas are not required for U.S. citizens. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to determine your visa requirement status. George's International Tours is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Tour Cost: All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

Tour Documents and Tickets: Final tour documents are mailed, provided we have received full payment, within 3 weeks of departure.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. You will be responsible for paying to the airline any additional charges for additional checked baggage or overweight baggage (if excess weight is permitted). George's International Tours is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Delta Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing. Fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you have comprehensive travel insurance. Insurance may be purchased directly through George's International Tours and registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit or you may purchase online at www.georgesintl.com. George's International Tours acts only as an intermediary between you and the insurance provider and in no event shall George's International Tours be liable to any person or entity whatsoever for any direct, indirect, incidental, special, exemplary, compensatory, consequential, or punitive damages related to insurance coverage purchased.

Not Included: Gratuities (\$150.00 recommended per person), passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

Responsibility Clause: The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. George's International Tours reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries.

Limitation of liability: The airlines, hotels, and other suppliers (jointly: "travel suppliers") providing travel or other services sold by George's International Tours are independent contractors and not agents or employees of George's International Tours. George's International Tours and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their travel suppliers offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public. To the extent permitted by law, George's International Tours does not assume liability for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay due to an act or omission of a travel supplier, including, without limitation, an act of negligence or the default of a travel supplier. To the extent permitted by law, no responsibilities are accepted for any damage and/or delay due to force majeure, sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, bankruptcy, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or any causes beyond George's International Tours' control. Further, no responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omissions, delays, failure to make connections, non-performance or poor performance, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated profits, any additional expenses or lost business, attributable to you yourself, acts or omissions of any third parties, or acts of any governmental authority, even if George's International Tours has been advised that such damages were possible or probable.

Please refer to www.georgesintl.com for further disclosures concerning travel risks, travels with special needs or disabilities, and arbitration.

Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.

For further information on this pilgrimage please contact:

George's International Tours

9265 Dowdy Drive, Suite 232

San Diego, CA 92126

Phone: (800) 566-7499 • Fax: (858) 271-6692

Email: sales@georgesintl.com

Website: www.georgesintl.com

CST# 2035995-40

GEORGE'S

INTERNATIONAL TOURS

RESERVATION APPLICATION

Franciscan Pilgrimage to Greece (May 9-20, 2017)

Group Reference Number: 050917A-I

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Name (as printed on your passport): First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):	
Passport number:	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Passport date of issue:	Passport date of expiration:
Country of citizenship:	Date of birth:
Street address:	
City:	State: Zipcode:
Home phone:	Work phone:
Mobile phone:	Email address:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double occupancy <input type="checkbox"/> Single occupancy (\$773.00 additional) <input type="checkbox"/>
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking:
If choosing single occupancy, would be willing to share a room with another person? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is <u>NOT</u> traveling with you:

Please enclose a deposit of **\$300.00 per person** made payable to **George's International Tours** and mail to:

George's International Tours
9265 Dowdy Drive, Suite 232
San Diego, CA 92126