

Pilgrimage to GREECE

***Come and explore what it means to live as an
Apostle with **Fr. Silas Henderson, SDS,**
and **Deacon Tom Hunt, ICDS,** as we walk together
in the footsteps of St. John and St. Paul***

***Including Meteora Monasteries, Athens, and
a 4-Day Aegean Cruise to Mykonos, Patmos,
and Santorini***

12 Days October 13-24, 2026



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Land Only - \$3995.00

Land and Group Air - \$4895.00

Solo Room - \$1495.00*

**additional charge*

Round trip air from O'Hare

Register online now - selectinternationaltours.com

Trip Code: 26LD10GRTH

Prices are per person

**Land Only - Option to purchase air on your own and meet the group at the airport on October 14, 2026*

Group Air Price based on a minimum of 10 passengers

Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than June 13, 2026

Final payment is due July 3, 2026



October 13, Tuesday, Day 1: DEPART U.S.A.

Depart from Chicago International Airport on an overnight flight to Thessaloniki. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the plane. Quotes for add-on flights from different airports, as well as optional Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades, are available upon request and will be provided starting 120 days before departure. Group air restrictions (for ten passengers traveling together) do not permit specific seating requests on flights. We recommend purchasing your own airline tickets and land-only packages with us if seat confirmation is an important part of your trip. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact your trip Account Manager, who will be happy to assist you.

October 14, Wednesday, Day 2: ARRIVE THESSALONIKI

Upon landing at Thessaloniki Airport, we pass through passport control and customs. Proceed to the arrival hall, where we will be greeted by our English-speaking tour guide and assisted to the motorcoach. Thessaloniki, the second-largest city in Greece, is named after a half-sister of Alexander. The city, located in northern Greece, is also known as Thessaloniki. Paul's first epistle to the Thessalonians, written in the middle of the first century, is his first known letter. His two letters urged the Thessalonian Christians to "live blamelessly" and to refrain from living idly while they wait for the second coming of Christ. We settle into our comfortable hotel for a good night's rest. Overnight in Thessaloniki. (Dinner at the hotel)

October 15, Thursday, Day 3: KAVALA- PHILIPPI – THESSALONIKI

After breakfast, we visit the modern port city of Kavala, once the ancient city of Neapolis. Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy landed in this port when they sailed into Europe. Our next stop is Philippi, where Saint Paul established the first church in Europe. "And from there (He went) to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman Colony. We remained in this city some days..." (Acts 16:12-18). We visit the site where Saint Paul baptized a woman named Lydia, the first convert to Christianity in Europe. Mass will be celebrated. We see the Roman Forum, where Saint Paul casts a spirit out of a fortune-telling woman. While here, we will have the opportunity to view the prison (now in ruins) where the owners of the fortune-tellers jailed Paul and Silas. Return to Thessaloniki for a delicious meal and a restful overnight stay. (B, D)

October 16, Friday, Day 4: THESSALONIKI – BEMA AT VERIA – KALAMBAKA

We visit Thessaloniki in-depth, and its Byzantine tradition is expressed in architecture, churches, and monasteries. We explore the Church of St. Sophia, featuring its eighth-century mosaics; the Church of St. Demetrius, patron saint of the city; the fifth-century Rotunda, which showcases its well-preserved mosaics; and the Arch of Galerius. We travel to Veria, a charming town with a Byzantine and Jewish presence, to visit small Byzantine churches and the Bema of St. Paul, where Mass will be celebrated. Dinner and overnight stay in Kalambaka. (B, D)

October 17, Saturday, Day 5: KALAMBAKA – METEORA – ATHENS

After breakfast, we celebrate Mass at Immaculate Conception Church and then travel to Meteora. After lunch on our own, we visit the Meteora Monasteries. In the eleventh century, monks settled within the caves. As the Ottoman occupation intensified, the monks were forced to relocate their settlements higher up the rocks, making them unreachable by any opposing enemy. The monks brought baskets of building materials and supplies for living, using ropes and ladders to transform these settlements into monasteries. The Meteora Monasteries are renowned for preserving Greek Christianity and Hellenic culture, including academics and the arts. We can view stunning Byzantine art and the breathtaking scenery surrounding the monastery during our visit. Women are expected to wear skirts and a headscarf and have their shoulders covered when entering Orthodox monasteries and churches. We also visit an icon workshop in the area, where we have the opportunity to see how icons are created. We continue to Athens, where we settle into our hotel to enjoy dinner and a good night of rest. Overnight in Athens. (B, D)

October 18, Sunday, Day 6: ATHENS

Following breakfast, we celebrate Mass at St. Denis Catholic Church in Athens and embark on a walking tour of the ancient city, including the Acropolis and the museum, as well as Mars Hill, where St. Paul preached. In the afternoon, enjoy exploring the city at your own pace. Visit a bustling food market, do some shopping in the Plaka section, which is full of small shops, or visit one of the city's many museums. Dinner is at leisure. Overnight in Athens. (B)

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare from O'Hare to Thessaloniki x Athens to O'Hare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels for 6 nights
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 4 Hotel dinners (standard 3-course menu; beverages may be purchased at an additional cost)
- Farewell dinner in Athens at a local restaurant, accompanied by wine
- Lunch in Corinth
- Visit to a winery with wine tasting
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the ship (drinks are not included)
- 4 night Greek Island Cruise with Celestial Cruises- Outside Cabins
- Shore Excursion to Ancient Ephesus & House of the Virgin Mary
- Shore excursion to Patmos - St. John's Monastery & Grotto of the Apocalypse

- Round-trip cable car in Santorini
- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking Christian tour guide throughout
- Entrance fees are included for sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance fee is included)
- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in / out)
- Confirmation of daily private Mass
- Whisper sets
- **For your convenience, a tip fund of \$220.00 will be added to the invoice and collected ahead of the trip**
- Stella Pelegrina Pilgrim Formation Program

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Travel and Medical Insurance

- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the list of inclusions
- Beverages at meals, unless otherwise noted
- Church donations
- ETIAS Travel Authorization
- Turkish Visa
- Any taxes or visit fees imposed by individual islands
- Environmental Sustainability Fees on board the Cruise

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Any airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges

October 19, Monday, Day 7: ATHENS – START 4-DAY AEGEAN CRUISE: MYKONOS

Following breakfast, we will celebrate Mass before we proceed to the Port of Piraeus to board our 4-day cruise aboard the Celestyal. Our first stop will be the Island of Mykonos, the most cosmopolitan Greek island, attracting visitors from around the world. After docking, we transfer to Hora, the island's capital, where we have leisure time to explore the city's narrow, cobbled streets. Pass by chic boutiques, elegant nightclubs, and whitewashed houses to arrive in Alefkandra. This section of Mykonos is known as the "Venice of Mykonos," as the homes with wooden balconies are built on the sea. Historically, these homes were of wealthy merchants and captains. Return to the cruise ship for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

October 20, Tuesday, Day 8: CRUISE: KUSADASI – EPHEBUS (MARY'S HOUSE) – PATMOS

After breakfast on board, we arrive at the lively Turkish port of Kusadasi. Transfer to the small village of Mt. Koressos, where we will visit the small stone chapel on the site where the Virgin Mary spent her last days following Christ's crucifixion. Following Mass, we continue to ancient Ephesus and begin our walking tour, which takes us through the most magnificent excavations in the world. The last stop on the walking tour is the Great Theater, with a capacity of 25,000 people, where Saint Paul preached. On the return of our walking tour, follow the exact route that Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession via the Arcadian Way. This main street runs from the Great Theatre to the central city's harbor. Upon arrival in Kusadasi, enjoy free time to explore on your own before returning to the ship. The next stop is Patmos, where we visit the Monastery of Saint John the Theologian. This marvelous structure was built nine hundred years ago and continues to be supported by the walls of a strong fortification. In addition to the stunning main church with outstanding frescoes, we will view the beautiful courtyard, dining room, and bakery. Our tour continues to the small museum, where we will view priceless ecclesiastical treasures, including books, manuscripts, mosaics, icons, textiles, vestments, and jewelry. Board the bus, which will take us to the Monastery and Grotto of the Apocalypse. In this grotto, experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the site where the Book of Revelation was written. Return to the ship for dinner and spend the night. (B, L, D)

October 21, Wednesday, Day 9: CRUISE: RHODES – THE ISLAND OF KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN

The Island of Rhodes is a mix of Roman and Byzantine architectural styles. Rhodes was one of the most important seafaring and trading centers in the Eastern Mediterranean during ancient times. Conquered in 1309 by the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem, it is now under the pro-

tection of UNESCO. The day is at leisure in Rhodes to explore the city on your own or you may wish to purchase one of the many shore excursions on board the ship. You can return to the ship for the included lunch or enjoy lunch on our own in town. Mass will be celebrated at Santa Maria Catholic Church (a 5-minute walk from the port). (B, L, D)

October 22, Thursday, Day 10: CRUISE: CRETE (HERAKLION) – SANTORINI

Shore excursions for guided visits of Crete may be purchased on the ship. We recommend visiting Heraklion independently or booking a guided tour of the island, which includes a visit to the ancient ruins of the Palace of Knossos. These ruins were discovered in 1899, and the palace is partially reconstructed. This ancient palace is believed to have been the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. Additionally, it is the site where Saint Paul met the owner and captain of the ship, who warned him to continue his journey to spread Christianity in Rome. If you choose not to purchase the optional excursion, your time in Crete will be spent at leisure. Return to the ship to sail to the idyllic island of Santorini, the most breathtaking island of all the Greek Islands. We disembark via tender upon arrival in Santorini. We take the cable car to visit Thira with its iconic white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes, and glittering boutiques that cling to cliffs. We celebrate Mass in Santorini, before returning to the ship for our last dinner and overnight stay on our cruise. (B, L, D)

October 23, Friday, Day 11: ATHENS – CORINTH – WINE TASTING

After disembarkation, we visit ancient Corinth. Under the shadow of the towering Acropolis, Saint Paul lived in Corinth for two years. While here, Saint Paul felt great grief over how the Gentile Church in Corinth had become. As a result, he was prompted to write four letters, all with the overarching theme of love. In Corinth, we will have the opportunity to view the remains of the first-century shops, the site of Saint Paul's trial by Gallio, the Fountain of Peirene, and the Temple of Apollo. We celebrate Mass at the Steps of St. Paul in Ancient Corinth. We will enjoy lunch and visit a winery to taste some of the locally produced wine and learn about wine-making in Greece. Tonight, we have a festive dinner in the Plaka section of the city. (B, L, Special dinner)

October 24, Saturday, Day 12: RETURN TO THE USA

Today marks the end of our pilgrimage. We will say our heartfelt farewells to a journey that will last in our memory forever. We are transferred to the Athens airport for our return flight home. (B)



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DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

- Please use the QR code on the front of this brochure to enroll.
- A deposit of \$750.00 per person should accompany your registration by June 13, 2026.
- Final payment is due by July 3, 2026.*
- Your passport must be valid through April 24, 2027.

All prices are based on payment via check. A convenience fee of 4% will be charged for credit card payments. We also take payment via Zelle.

Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822, Attn: Lisa Del Valle, 800-842-4842, lisad@select-intl.com.

PILGRIMAGE PRICES: Trip price is based on a minimum of 25 passengers. Prices may be adjusted for fewer travelers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices for this trip are in US dollars. *A late payment fee of \$100.00 per person will be charged for all payments received after the final payment due date.

SOLO ROOM: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates, but will do our best to connect you with someone willing to share.

LAND-ONLY OPTION: Land-only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time; otherwise, transfers are not included.

TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY: Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$500.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 121 days or more before departure. A \$750.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if the reservation is canceled between 101 and 120 days prior to departure. Within 100 days of departure, all payments are non-refundable regardless of the reason for cancellation. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection provider.

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation/travel accident insurance for every passenger to protect their investment (all payments are non-refundable 100 days before departure). PLEASE NOTE that in most cases travel protection must be purchased within 14 days. Additionally, some options are not available to residents of NY. Please see <https://selectinternationaltours.com/travel-protection-plans/> or call Trawick International at 1-888-681-6272 for complete details, restrictions, and deadlines.

AIRLINE, SEATING AND CHANGES: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we utilize Group Air Reservations. This affords more predictable space and pricing. However, the airline (not Select International Tours) assigns seats when the group tickets are issued. If you require very specific seats, we suggest you take advantage of the "Land Only" option and book your own airfare. Airline ticket name changes due to missing, incorrect, or incomplete information provided during registration will result in fees of at least \$350 per traveler. Switching reservations from Air and Land to Land Only within 100 days of departure will incur a minimum fee of \$150.00 per person. Quotes for Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request, as are add-ons from your hometown airport.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUESTS: All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be received in writing at least 60 days before departure. People needing a wheelchair should bring their own and travel with a companion who can provide care for them.

WALKING: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing by walking before the trip. A qualified and physically able travel companion must accompany anyone needing assistance. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs before, during, or after the trip.

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This trip is open to passengers 10 years or older with appropriate adult supervision.

SHIPPING & HANDLING: \$15.00 per person—not included in the package price—will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

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