

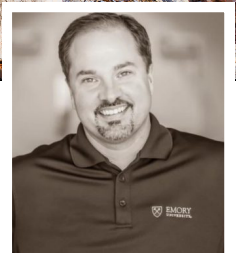


# STEPS OF PAUL CRUISE TOUR

13/16 DAY LUXURY CRUISE & LAND TOUR | OCT 1-13/16, 2024



You are invited to join Case Thorp from [The Collaborative, Inc](#) on a 2-week luxury trip to Greece and Turkey in the steps of St. Paul and the Apostles. This trip combines a cruise on the luxury Windstar ship, excursions on stunning, sun-drenched islands and Biblical land tours. You'll deepen your understanding of the early church, see the book of Acts in a new way, and enjoy fellowship along the way.



It's a powerful feeling to walk where Paul walked, to open our Bibles, make connections, and relive history. Your Bible reading will never be the same! On this trip, you'll be part of community formation and building a sense of belonging. You'll also grow spiritually through hands-on experiences. and Case will relate your learning and excursions to missional living today. The trip will enable you to reflect on the culture of Paul's day and the opportunities we have to make an impact in the name of Christ.



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# ITINERARY

**Key: IF = In flight, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner**

## **Day 1: Tuesday, October 1, 2024: Depart**

We will depart from the USA on our overnight flights to Thessaloniki. **(IF)**

## **Day 2: Wednesday, October 2, 2024: Thessaloniki**

On arrival at Thessaloniki Airport, we will meet with our representative and transfer to our hotel in Thessaloniki for dinner. **(D)**

## **Day 3: Thursday, October 3, 2024: Philippi, Kavala, Thessaloniki**

We will begin our tour in Philippi where the Apostle Paul established a strong church. The letter he wrote to the church is recorded in Acts 16:9-33. We will see the river where Lydia is said to have been baptized, the ruins of a prison where Paul and Silas were kept, the Agora, 5th and 6th century Basilica, and the Theater. We will have a group lunch



in the bay of the ancient port of Kavala, which was known as Neopolis and mentioned in Acts 16:11. Kavala has a wonderful aqueduct and acropolis. We will dine in our hotel in Thessaloniki this evening. **(B/L/D)**

## **Day 4: Berea, Meteora, Kalambaka**

Paul and his companions went to Berea to escape the angry Jews of Thessaloniki, finding that the Bereans, “received the word with great eagerness...” The Bema memorial commemorating Paul’s preaching features gorgeous Byzantine-style mosaic scenes of Paul spreading the gospel. We will pass by Katerini and see Mount Olympus, the home of the twelve Olympian gods and goddesses. We will take a spectacular drive up to visit Meteora. The breathtakingly beautiful



monasteries perched precariously high above the ground were first built in the 14th century by monks seeking isolation and salvation. Meteora is the biggest and most important group of monasteries in Greece after those in Mount Athos. We can locate the first traces of their history from 11th c. when the first hermits settled there. The rock monasteries have been characterized by UNESCO as a unique phenomenon of cultural heritage and they form one of the most important stations of cultural map of Greece. Our evening meal is in our hotel in Kalambaka. **(B/D)**

#### **Day 5: Saturday, October 5, 2024: Delphi, Athens**

Delphi was the capital of the Ancient World. On the slopes of Mt. Parnassos, in a landscape of unparalleled natural beauty, is the archaeological site of Delphi. considered by early Greeks to be the center of the world. Walking the Sacra Via to the Athenian Treasury, we will see the amphitheater, stadium and the Temple of Apollo where the oracle performed his or her prophetic rituals. With pagan ruins surrounding our walk, capture a glimpse of the challenge the apostle Paul incurred in preaching the Gospel of Christ in Macedonia. In the Delphi Museum, we will view many ancient treasures, the chief of which is the 5th century bronzed Charioteer, complete with eyelashes. We will arrive in Athens in the evening and will dine in the Plaka area. **(B/D)**



#### **Day 6: Sunday, October 6, 2024: Athens, Cruise**

This morning we will enjoy a city tour of Athens, including a visit to the Acropolis & its Museum, as well as a panoramic tour of the highlights of the city. We will visit Mars' Hill (Areopagus) (Acts 17:22) where Apostle Paul delivered his soul-stirring sermon. Pastor Case will share insights about Paul's preaching there. We will board our Windstar cruise in the afternoon ready for the 5 PM departure on the Treasures of the Greek Isles cruise. The ship has many wonderful amenities including a spa, watersports platform, whirlpool, live music in the Lounge, as well as fabulous food and attentive staff. All meals, Wi-Fi, unlimited alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are included and we'll enjoy an array of fresh, seasonal ingredients sourced from each port along the way. **(B/D)**



### **Day 7: Monday, October 7, 2024: Mykonos**

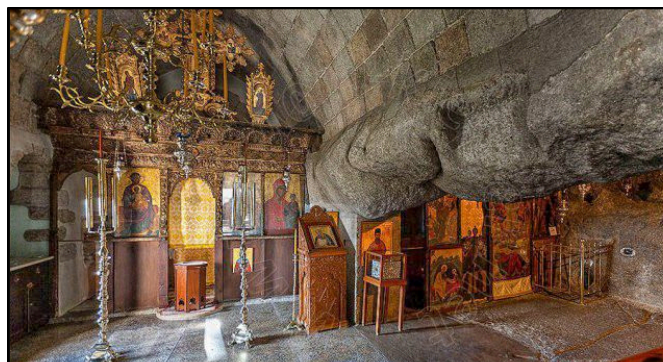
Our first island on the cruise is the spectacular island of Mykonos. There are various excursions to choose from, including the "Five Senses of Mykonos". This sightseeing option includes a walking tour of Little Venice to see Mykonos Castle. After visiting the pastry shop to buy an amigdalota, we will go to Agios Giannis Beach from which we can see the island of Delos. In Ano Mera we will enjoy lunch and wine-tasting. Our final stop will be in the Taverna of Apostolis, where we'll have a glass of ouzo and homemade meze, accompanied by a live Greek music show. For those of you who enjoy cooking, there's an option to travel to Messaria and learn how to make a traditional Mykonian meal with fresh local ingredients. We'll also learn about local traditions, faith and family life.

**(B/L/D)**

### **Day 8: Tuesday, October 8, 2024: Ephesus, Kuşadası**

Our boat will dock in Kuşadası in Turkey, where we will disembark for a shore excursion to Ephesus, which is one of the best-preserved archaeological sites in the world. The Apostle Paul was based in Ephesus for several years. We will tour the spectacular ruins in the city which was founded in the 10th century B.C. and Case will be able to do an en-site Bible study about the church in Ephesus and Paul's ministry. The tour will also include the Ephesus Archaeological Museum in nearby Selçuk. The Evening in Ephesus event is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. We'll walk the Marble Road to Harbor Street for our 5-course, white-glove-service dinner under the stars accompanied by a trio from the Aegean Chamber Orchestra. **(B/L/D)**

### **Day 9: Wednesday, October 9, 2024: Patmos**



We will disembark in Patmos where the Apostle John was exiled, and where he wrote the book of Revelation. We will visit the Monastery of St. John, which dates back to 1088 and see the artefacts in the museum. Our next stop is the Grotto of St. John, a 17th century monastery built around the cave where John is said to have written the book of Revelation. **(B/L/D)**



### **Day 10: Thursday, October 10, 2024: Santorini**

Santorini, an island in the Cyclades, has one of the most spectacular landscapes in all Greece. The traditional villages are built on tall cliffs and offer breath-taking views over a former volcanic crater. On our island orientation tour, we will travel up to Prophet Elias Mountain for unparalleled panoramic views. The village of Oia has



picturesque, blue domed churches, old 2-story mansions and narrow cobblestone streets. After free time to explore at our leisure, we will end our day in the village of Fira and take the cable car back down to the ship. There are a range of possible excursions, including a trip to the wineries of Santorini. **(B/L/D)**

### **Day 11: Friday, October 11, 2024: Monemvasia**

Monemvasia is a small, secluded pedestrian-only port city built into a cliffside. We will walk through the narrow streets within the castle walls and see ruins of houses and Byzantine churches. The Church of Christ Elkomenos is a cathedral that dates back to the 13th century, was updated during the Venetian occupation, and still has four surviving Byzantine icons. There's also the option to add on a visit to an olive oil factory housed in a fully restored historical mansion. After the tour, we'll have a chance to sample the oil and freshly baked traditional bread in a winery, accompanied by local wines. **(B/L/D)**

### **Day 12: Saturday, October 12, 2024: Nafplio**

Nafplio is a delightful mainland town where we can wander cobblestone streets and explore Venetian fortresses. The Castle of Palamidi is one of the best-preserved castles in Greece and is an excellent example of Venetian architecture. We will visit the ancient city of Epidaurus, which was the site of Apollo worship and was the center of the Epidaurian cult until it moved to Rome in 293 BC. The theatre has 12,000 seats and amazing acoustics. It was a famous healing center and the symbol of the god Aesculapius was a serpent winding its way around a staff, which is still used as a medical symbol today. We will also visit Mycenae and the famous Lion's Gate. **(B/L/D)**

### **Day 13: Sunday, October 13, 2024: Fly**

On arrival in Athens, we will disembark and transfer to the airport for our return home, or continue our trip on the Istanbul extension. **(B/IF)**



Wind Spirit is a sleek, 4-masted sailing yacht accommodating 148 guests. With four decks and a gross tonnage of 5,736, Wind Spirit feels like your own private yacht. Wind Spirit features wide open, teak decks—quite unusual for small ships. Guests will find hidden nooks for private moments giving them a feeling of being on their own private veranda. Amenities include: World Spa by Windstar, Watersports Platform, Lounge, Library, Pool, and Hot Tub.

During the cruise, you can enjoy cooking demonstrations, live music, local performances on board, market tours with the chef, navigation lessons, signature onboard barbeque, and nightly port talks.

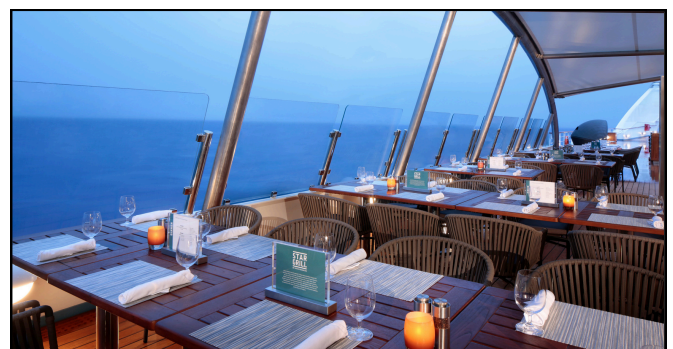
## CABINS

The cabin choice needs to be specified at the time of booking and is subject to availability. Categories B and BX are on Deck 1 (lower deck) and Categories A and AX are on Deck 2. All staterooms have ocean views, queen beds, flat-screen TV with DVD player, and 24-hour room service. You will have daily fresh fruit and flowers, as well as L'Occitane bath products. Staterooms are 18 square meters.



## DINING

Wind Spirit offers two primary dining venues. Amphora restaurant offers gourmet, course-by-course cuisine in the evenings and Veranda restaurant offers casual buffet and full-service dining for breakfast and lunch. All dining is open seating. And, for dining under the stars, make a reservation for Candles which features steaks and skewers.





# ISTANBUL POST-TOUR

**Key: IF = In flight, B = Breakfast**

## **Day 1: Sunday, October 13, 2024: Depart**

We will disembark from the Windstar and transfer to the airport for our direct flight to Istanbul. Our guide will be waiting for us and we will have a private transfer to the hotel.



After checking in, we will visit the historic Pera Palace Hotel, where we can visit Room 101, a museum about Mustafa Ataturk. The Pera Palace was built in 1895 to host passengers on the Orient Express, and is full of Belle Époque charm. It was also a favorite of British royalty, American politicians, as well as novelist like Agatha Christie. The Agatha Restaurant is named in her honor (dinner not included). **(B)**

## **Day 2: Monday, October 14, 2024: Istanbul**

After breakfast, our guide and driver will pick us up from our hotel for a full day's tour of Istanbul, the only city in the world situated on two continents. We will begin our day with a visit the Topkapi Palace, a 15th century symbol of Ottoman splendor. Once home to Sultans, it showcases the empire's wealth. The architecture and gardens are stunning.



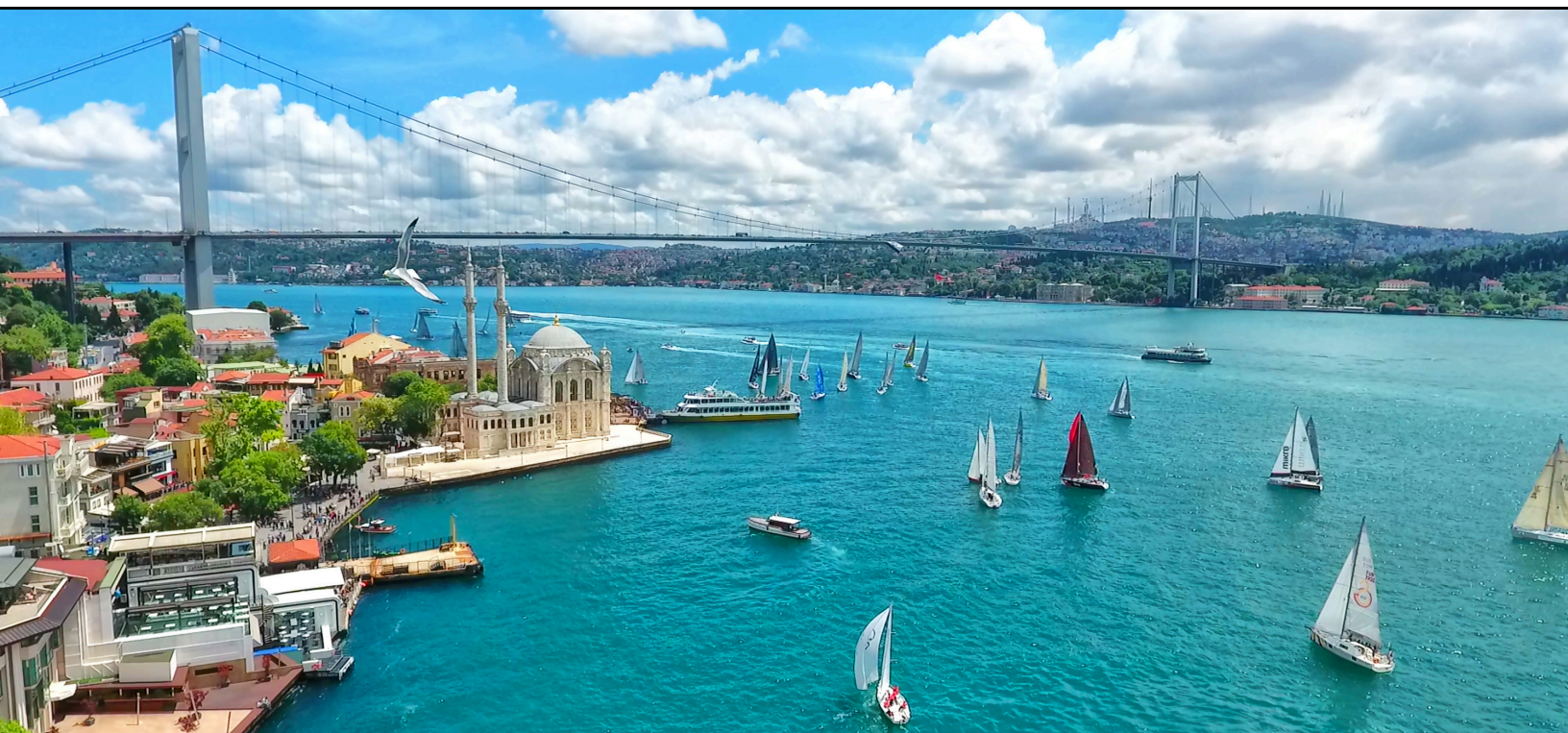
Hagia Sophia was originally built as a Greek Orthodox basilica, commissioned by Byzantine Emperor Constantius. The first two basilicas burnt and the current basilica was commissioned by Emperor Justinian I in 532. At the opening ceremony in 537, he is reported to have said, "My Lord, thank you for giving me the chance to create such a worshipping place." After spending many years as a museum, it's currently a mosque.



Our tour will also include the Blue Mosque and the Hippodrome, where chariot races and the Byzantine riots took place.

We will end the tour with a visit to the Ecumenical Patriarchy of Orthodoxy., including the 4:30 PM Orthodox service at St George's Church.

The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B)**



### **Day 3: Tuesday, October 15, 2024: Istanbul**

After breakfast, we will have a 3.5hr Bosphorus cruise, with a stop on the Asian side for lunch. This waterway separating Europe and Asia is lined with old wooden villas, palaces of marble, fortresses, and small fishing villages.

The afternoon is at leisure to enjoy shopping, relaxing at the hotel, or returning to the Golden Horn area. A trip to a Turkish bath can be arranged for this afternoon either at the Cağaoğlu Hammam, or at the hotel. **(B)**

### **Day 4: Wednesday, October 16, 2024: Return**

After an early breakfast, we will have a private transfer to the airport. **(B/IF)**



# PRICING

The following chart shows the pricing for the land and cruise options in 4 separate cruise categories. The cabin choice needs to be specified at the time of booking and is subject to availability. Categories B and BX are on Deck 1 (lower deck) and Categories A and AX are on Deck 2. The single supplement is separated into the cruise and hotel costs. Price based on a minimum of 20 participants.

Cruise cost includes free Wi-Fi, unlimited beer, wine, and cocktails, all tips and taxes, and group excursions to Patmos and Ephesus. You will also receive \$100 on-board credit

	Land cost	Cruise Cost	TOTAL	Single supplement
Category B	\$2,999	\$6,300	\$9,299	\$3,700 cruise + \$500 land
Category BX	\$2,999	\$6,500	\$9,599	\$3,900 cruise + \$500 land
Category A	\$2,999	\$7,000	\$9,999	\$4,200 cruise + \$500 land
Category AX	\$2,999	\$7,300	\$10,299	\$4,500 cruise + \$500 land



## HOTELS

### Thessaloniki, Greece

October 2-4, 2024

#### **Mediterranean Palace** (5\*)

3, Salaminos & Karatassou Str.,  
Thessaloniki, 54626

- Included: Superior Room
- Upgrade 1: Premium Room
- Upgrade 2: Junior Suite

### Athens, Greece

October 5-6, 2024

#### **Divani Acropolis** (5\*)

19-25 Parthenonos Str.  
Athens, 11742

- Included: Superior Room
- Upgrade 1: Executive Room with Acropolis View
- Upgrade 2: Premier Suite

### Meteora, Greece

October 4-5, 2024

#### **Divani Meteroa** (4\*)

National Road Trikalon – Ioanninon  
Kalampaka, 422 00

- Included: Superior Room with Meteora View
- Upgrade 1: Executive Room with Meteora
- Upgrade 2: Junior Suite

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Airport transfers as a group
- Double occupancy accommodations in 4 and 5-star hotels
- Double or single occupancy cabins in chosen category
- Porterage
- Free Wi-Fi and unlimited beer, wine, and cocktails on board, as well as \$100 onboard credit
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- Professional Tour Director throughout the land tour
- Local guides for city tours
- Cruise excursions to Ephesus and Patmos
- Guides will use Whisper Headsets throughout the tour
- Cruise tips and taxes
- Tips for tour director, guides, restaurants, hotels etc. in Greece
- Full color personalized tour diary
- Travel app

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Air transportation and related taxes and fees (group air not available until mid-November 2023)
- Airport transfers separate from the group
- Upgraded hotel rooms (\$100 or \$500 per person)
- Single supplement (Land single supplement is \$500 per person for standard room)
- Meals, other than as indicated above
- Additional cruise excursions
- Items of a personal nature, such as passport fees
- Travel insurance



# ISTANBUL

**\$2,299 (ECONOMY) OR \$2,599 (BUSINESS - NOW FULL)**

Cost is based on a minimum of 9 travelers, in double occupancy.



The 5\* Swissotel Bosphorus Hotel has stunning views over the Bosphorus, as well as rare city vistas and private gardens. The Bosphorus View rooms combine Swiss Alpine design with the warmth of Turkish culture. They offer fabulous floor-to-ceiling windows with 90 degree views. Upgraded rooms are available. Please visit the website for options. The hotel includes a hammam and spa.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- One-way flight from Athens to Istanbul in Economy or Business (1.5 hr flight)
- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned vehicle
- 3.5 hr Bosphorus cruise on private yacht
- Airport transfers
- 5-star Swisshotel with Bosphorus View Rooms (double occupancy)
- 3 breakfasts in the hotel
- Admission to all activities indicated in the itinerary
- Professional Tour Director throughout the land tour
- Travel app

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Single supplement (\$800)
- Meals, other than as indicated above
- Additional excursions, such as the Turkish bath
- Items of a personal nature, such as passport fees
- Travel insurance

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

**SIGN UP:** Please click the registration link on the website: [ReformationTours.com/package/RCT24](https://ReformationTours.com/package/RCT24).

**PAYMENT METHOD:** Payments can be made directly on the registration platform, using a credit card (3.5% fee), or a bank debit. You can also send checks made payable to "Reformation Tours" at 12316 244th St., Chisago City, MN 55013-9688.

**FIRST DEPOSIT:** \$1,300 per person + insurance

**SECOND PAYMENT:** \$1,500 due by March 2, 2024.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Due by July 15, 2024.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We highly recommended insuring your tour and there are two options (see below). Enhanced insurance needs to be paid within two weeks of paying the deposit.

**LAND CANCELLATIONS:** All cancellations must be received in writing or by email by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the last business day of the applicable period. The postmark date will determine the refund amount due.

Until 9/14/23	\$100 per person
From 9/15/23 - 2/29/24	\$350 plus any non-refundable deposits
From 3/1/24 - 6/9/24	\$850 plus any non-refundable deposits
From 6/10/24 - 7/31/24	\$1,500 plus any non-refundable deposits
After 8/1/24	No refund

**CRUISE CANCELLATIONS:**

Until 6/1/24	\$50 per person
From 6/2/24 - 7/2/24	15% of cruise cost
From 7/3/24 - 8/1/24	25% of cruise cost
From 8/2/24 - 8/31/24	50% of cruise cost
After 9/1/24	No refund

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE BENEFITS	MAXIMUM BENEFIT AMOUNT	STANDARD PLAN F561S	ENHANCED PLAN F561E
Cancel For Any Reason Benefit*	75% of Non-Refundable Trip Cost		✓
Trip Cancellation** Single Supplement	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost included	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Trip Interruption** Single Supplement	up to 100% of the non-refundable insured Trip Cost included	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Additional Trip Interruption Travel Companion Hospitalization	Included under Trip Interruption benefit Maximum up to \$150 Per Day Limited to 5 Days	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Missed Connection	\$500	✓	✓
Trip Delay	up to \$150 Per Day, to a Maximum of \$750	✓	✓
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense Dental Expense Sublimit	\$25,000 \$750	✓ ✓	✓ ✓
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains Additional Medical Evacuation; Transportation Of Children/Child Bedside Visit Transportation to Join You	\$100,000 included included included	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Political or Security Evacuation & Natural Disaster Evacuation	\$25,000	✓	✓
Baggage and Personal Effects Passport, Visa or Other Travel Documents Replacement Credit Card Charges and Interest Per Article Limit Items Subject to Special Limitations	\$1,500 \$100 \$50 up to \$300 \$600 Maximum Combined	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Baggage Delay	\$300 Up to \$50 to expedite the Return	✓ ✓	✓ ✓

PLAN	RATE
Standard (F561S)	<b>4.55% of Trip Cost</b>
Enhanced (F561E)	<b>7.60% of Trip Cost</b>

**Generali Global Assistance** non-insurance service

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