



FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL TOUR

13/16 DAY LAND & CRUISE TOUR | SEP 28-OCT 10/13, 2025



You are invited to join Rev. Dr. Eric Sorenson, Lead Pastor of Community Covenant Church in Santa Barbara, CA on a 2-week luxury trip to Greece and Turkey in the steps of St. Paul and the first apostles. This journey combines a cruise on the luxury ship, *Celestial Discovery*, excursions on stunning, sun-drenched islands, and tours of several biblical sites. This adventure will deepen your understanding of the early church and make the book of Acts come alive, all while enjoying Christian fellowship and the beauty of the Mediterranean world.

It's a powerful feeling to walk where Paul walked, to open our Bibles to the pages that reference those sites, to make new discoveries, and relive history. Your Bible reading will never be the same, which promises new dimension and insight to your spiritual journey. Furthermore, the trip will enable you to reflect on the culture of Paul's day and the implications of his radical mission for our own call to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ.



Pastor Sorenson has been an avid reader and lover of the Bible since he first learned to read. This led to an undergraduate degree in biblical studies, which he complemented with a master's degree from Fuller Seminary and a post-graduate degree in church history and New Testament from Princeton Seminary. During his nearly four decades in ministry, he has served as a pastor, professor, and seminary dean. He and his wife, Karyn, have four married children and four grandchildren.



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ITINERARY

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

Day 1: Sunday, September 28, 2025: Depart / Pre-tour night

We will depart from the USA on our flights to Greece. Group and individual air is available through Reformation Tours. **(IF)**

Day 2: Monday, September 29, 2025: Arrival in Thessaloniki

On arrival in Thessaloniki, we will transfer to our beachside hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax.

Day 3: Tuesday, September 30, 2025: 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 ruins of a prison where Paul and Silas were kept, the Agora, 5th and 6th century Basilica, and the Theater. Nearby is the memorial chapel and baptism site, where Lydia was baptized. We will have free time in the harbor of the ancient port of Kavala (Neopolis) where Paul first set foot in Europe to share the gospel.



After a photo stop to see the Lion of Amphipolis, we will return to Thessaloniki and dine in our hotel. **(B/D)**

Day 4: Wednesday, October 1, 2025: Thessaloniki, Vereia, Kalambaka

On our morning tour of Thessaloniki, we will drive to the upper part of the Old City Walls where we will have excellent views of the city port. We will also tour St. Demetrius' Church to see the early Byzantine mosaics and the crypt. We will view the White Tower, the statue of Alexander the Great, the triumphal Arch of Galerius, and the Rotunda. After some free time for lunch, we will travel to Berea (now called Vereia) where Paul and his companions went 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 on the way to our hotel in Kalambaka. **(B/D)**



Day 5: Thursday, October 2, 2025: Meteora, Delphi

The breathtakingly beautiful monasteries of Meteora are perched precariously high above the ground. They were first built in the 14th century by monks seeking isolation and salvation, although the first hermits settled there in the 11th century. Meteora is the biggest and most important group of monasteries in Greece after those in Mount Athos. We will visit two of these monasteries this morning. In the afternoon we will continue our journey to Delphi and we will dine in our hotel.

(B/D)

Day 6: Friday, October 3, 2024: Delphi, Athens

The archeological site of Delphi is located on the slopes of Mt. Parnassos, and is 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 our hotel.

(B/D)





Day 7: Saturday, October 4, 2025: Athens

This morning we will enjoy a city tour of Athens, including a visit to the Acropolis and Mars' Hill (Areopagus) (Acts 17:22) where Apostle Paul delivered his soul-stirring sermon. The World Heritage sites on the Acropolis have survived more than 25 centuries. We will then explore the Roman Forum. The afternoon is at leisure, with an option to visit the renowned Archeological Museum. **(B)**

Day 8: Sunday, October 5, 2025: Corinth, Cenchrea, Athens

This morning we will take a day trip to Corinth and Cenchrea. We will view the historic Corinth Canal, then visit the Corinth Archeological site where the Apostle Paul lived and worked, establishing a thriving church. Our tour will include the Temple of Apollo, the Agora, the Roman Odeon, the Bema and Gallio's Seat. After we visit the local archeological museum, we still stop by the ancient harbor of Cenchrea, the port Paul left to sail to Ephesus. Tonight we'll dine in a restaurant with folklore music and dancing. **(B/D)**

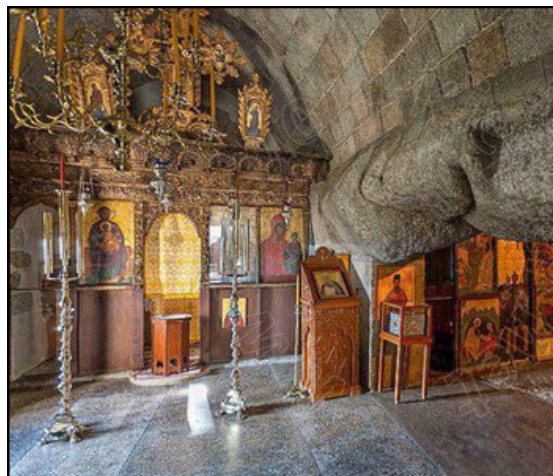


Day 9: Monday, October 6, 2025: Cruise, Mykonos

We will say goodbye to mainland Greece this morning as we board our Celestyal Cruise Ship and sail to Mykonos, the classic Greek isle dotted with hundreds of whitewashed churches and thatch-roofed windmills, in a harbor bobbing with fishing boats and luxurious private yachts. We can explore the island independently, or chose from one of the excursions. Prices vary. **(B/L/D)**

Day 10: Tuesday, October 7, 2025: Ephesus, Patmos

Our boat will dock in Kuşadası in Turkey, where we will disembark for a included 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 hear about the church in Ephesus and Paul's ministry.



We will disembark in Patmos where the Apostle John was exiled, and where he wrote the book of Revelation. Our included excursion includes the village of Chora, where we will visit the Monastery of St. John. This 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 11: Wednesday, October 8, 2025: Rhodes

Rhodes was the gateway to the Aegean, due to all the harbors on the island. It still has many remnants of its occupation by the Knights of St. John during the Crusades. The Colossus of Rhodes, destroyed in an earthquake, was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Paul visited the island whilst returning to Jerusalem on his third missionary journey. Optional excursions include visits to the Acropolis of Lindos, the Palace of the Knights, pottery making, kayaking, a marine biology experience and a beach day. Prices vary. **(B/L/D)**

Day 12: Thursday, October 9, 2025: Crete, Santorini

We will arrive in the port of Heraklion, Crete, early in the morning. There area range of excursions, including a visit to Knossos, the legendry home of the Minotaur. Prices vary.

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. We can ride up the cable car to Fira town, spend a day on the beach, or take an island tour. Prices vary. **(B/L/D)**



Day 13: Friday, October 10, 2025: Return

On arrival back in Greece, we will transfer to the Athens airport for our flights home. **(B)**

POST TOUR TO TURKEY

Friday, October 10, 2025: Istanbul

After disembarking from the cruise, we will fly to Istanbul and check-in to our hotel on the Golden Horn. **(B/D)**

Saturday, October 11, 2025: Istanbul, Kayseri

We will begin our tour of Istanbul at Hagia Sophia, which for centuries was the largest church in Christendom. The current basilica was commissioned by Emperor Justinian I. 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 Hippodrome, where chariot races and the Byzantine riots took place. In the afternoon we will explore the Grand Bazaar, with its myriad shops. In the evening we will fly to Cappadocia and stay in a Cave hotel. **(B/D)**

Sunday, October 12, 2025: Cappadocia

Cappadocia is a region known as the home of the Basil, Bishop of Kaisareia, his brother Gregory of Nyssa, and Gregory of Nazianzus. We will visit the Göreme Open Air Museum, where we will see churches cut into the rock, frescoes and a monastery. We will explore one of the underground cities, where Byzantine Christians lived to escape Roman persecution. These cities were built in the soft volcanic rock of the region. We will also see how pottery is made. In the evening we will fly back to Istanbul. **(B/D)**

Monday, October 13, 2025: Return

We will transfer to the Istanbul Airport to return to the USA. **(B/IF)**





Celestyal Discovery has up to 1,266 guests in 633 cabins. It features four restaurants, seven bars, a swimming pool and a spa and wellness center. The Celestyal Discovery offers a range of luxurious accommodation, dedicated staff, and delicious food.

During the cruise, you can enjoy excursions on the Greek Islands (Ephesus and Patmos are already included in your package), duty-free shopping, free Wi-Fi, an onboard gym, a theatre with live entertainment, a kids area, and many comfortable places to relax on deck or inside the ship.

CABINS

There are a range of cabins onboard including inside cabins, outside cabins with either a porthole or large window (currently sold out), and balcony suites. Some cabins can accommodate three or four guests in bunk beds.



DINING

The Celestyal Discovery has four restaurants on board. From the elegant fine dining establishments to the casual and vibrant eateries, there is something to suit every palate and preference. Whether you crave international cuisine, authentic regional dishes, or delectable seafood, the Discovery's restaurants will take you on a culinary adventure .

There are also a diverse array of bars, including the lively poolside bar, the elegant piano bar, and other cozy spaces to chat with friends and relax.



PRICING

The following chart shows the pricing for the land and cruise options in 2 separate cruise categories. The cabin choice needs to be specified at the time of booking and is subject to availability. The single supplement is separated into land and cruise, so you can choose to have a single room for the land tour and share a cabin.

	Land cost	Cruise Cost	TOTAL	Single supplement
Inside cabin	\$2,799	\$1,400	\$4,199	\$400 cruise + \$350 land
Balcony cabin	\$2,799	\$1,900	\$4,699	\$1,200 cruise + \$350 land





HOTELS

Thessaloniki, Greece

September 29-October 1, 2025

Golden Star Hotel (4*)

P. Kountouriotou 73

Perea 570 19

Meteora, Greece

October 1-2, 2025

Grand Meteroa (4*)

Kastraki 422 00

Delphi, Greece

October 2-3, 2025

Kastalia Boutique Hotel (4*)

Vasileos Pavlou &, Friderikis 13

Delphi 330 54

Athens, Greece

October 3-6, 2025

Alexandros Hotel (4*)

Timoleonos Vassou 8

Athina 115 21

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Land transportation via private, deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Airport transfers as a group
- Double occupancy accommodations in 4-star hotels
- Double or single occupancy cabins in chosen category
- Free Wi-Fi and unlimited beer, wine, and cocktails on board
- 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
- All tips, including tour director, drivers, 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 available soon)
- Airport transfers separate from the group
- Single supplement (Land single supplement is \$350 per person)
- Meals, other than as indicated above
- Additional cruise excursions
- Items of a personal nature, such as passport fees
- Travel insurance

TERMS & CONDITIONS

SIGN UP: Please click the registration link on the website

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: \$500 per person + insurance

SECOND PAYMENT: \$1,000 due by May 1, 2025.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due by July 15, 2025.

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 4/3/25	\$100 per person
From 4/3/25 - 5/29/25	\$350 plus any non-refundable deposits
From 5/30/25 - 7/28/25	\$1,500 plus any non-refundable deposits
After 7/29/25	No refund

CRUISE CANCELLATIONS:

Until 6/1/25	\$50 per person
From 6/2/25 - 8/1/25	\$300 per person
From 8/2/25 - 8/31/25	35% of cruise cost
After 9/1/25	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)	4.55% of Trip Cost
Enhanced (F561E)	7.60% of Trip Cost

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