

FOOTSTEPS OF FAITH: FROM EPHEBUS TO ROME

*Travel Arrangements**

- Monday
April 21** **INDIANAPOLIS Departure.** *GROUP A* - Meet (5:15 a.m.) at the Delta Air Lines ticket counter at Indianapolis International Airport for departure (7:05 a.m.) on Delta Air Lines flight DL #5416 (operated by ComAir) to Cincinnati; non-stop regional jet service (check luggage through to Athens). Upon arrival (7:51 a.m.) at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport, Terminal 3, proceed to connecting departure (10:45 a.m.) on Delta Air Lines flight DL #5247 (operated by ComAir) for New York; non-stop regional jet service. Upon arrival (12:52 p.m.) at JFK International Airport, Terminal 3, proceed to connecting departure (3:50 p.m.) on Delta Air Lines flight DL #132 for Athens; non-stop Boeing 767 service with dinner served en route.
- GROUP B* – Meet (11:30) at the United Airlines ticket counter at Indianapolis International Airport for departure (1:39 p.m.) on United Airlines flight UA #6010 (operated by United Express) for Chicago; non-stop regional jet service (check luggage through to Athens). Upon arrival (1:52 p.m.) at O’Hare International Airport, Terminal 2, proceed to Terminal 5 for connecting departure (5:30 p.m.) on Air France flight AF #51 for Paris; non-stop Airbus 340 service with meals served en route.
- Tuesday
April 22** **ATHENS Arrival.** *GROUP A* - Upon arrival (08.50) at Athens Eleftherios Venizelos Airport, meet your Greek Tour Manager, Ms. Eleni Premeti, and transfer by private motorcoach to the HOTEL ELECTRA, with guided panoramic tour of the city en route. Afternoon free for rest and independent exploration.
- GROUP B* – Upon arrival (08.50) at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, Terminal E, proceed to Terminal D for connecting departure (12.35) on Air France flight AF #1732 for Athens; non-stop Airbus 320 service with lunch served en route. Upon arrival (16.50) at Athens Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport, meet your Greek Tour Manager, Ms. Eleni Premeti, and transfer by private motorcoach to the HOTEL ELECTRA, with guided panoramic tour of the city en route.
- Group dinner (21.00) at *Dionysus Restaurant*, overlooking the Acropolis. **(D)**
- Wednesday
April 23** **ATHENS.** Morning departure for full-day tour to Mycenae and Corinth. In the second millennium BC, Mycenae was one of the major centers of Greek civilization. Visit the reconstructed Lion Gate and the Royal Tombs where riches of kings were found, including the Schliemann claimed “Golden Mask of Agamemnon.” In the afternoon, continue to Old Corinth, the ancient city made famous by St. Paul’s letters to the Corinthians. Visit the Doric-style temple of Apollo, the fountain of Pirene and the Bema of St. Paul where he was arraigned before Gallo and the Agora. Time permitting, enjoy an optional hike to the top of Acrocorinth for views of the Aegean and the Gulf of Corinth. **(B)**
- Thursday
April 24** **ATHENS.** Morning (09.00) guided walking tour of the famous Acropolis, including the Parthenon and the Areopagus, also known as Mars Hill, where Paul is thought to have spoken to the Athenians about the Unknown God. Continue down the base of the Acropolis through the ancient market place known as the Agora. Enjoy an evening tour and group dinner at the Benaki Museum. The museum houses Greek works of art from the pre-historical to modern times, with an extensive collection of Asian Art. **(B,D)**
- Friday
April 25** **ATHENS.** Enjoy the morning and early afternoon free for independent exploration and relaxation. Mid-afternoon departure by private motorcoach for Sounion to visit the Temple of Poseidon, one of the best preserved Greek temples in the world. Enjoy a seafood dinner at the *Akti Restaurant*, overlooking the Aegean. **(B,D)**
- Saturday
April 26** **ATHENS.** Enjoy the morning and early afternoon free for independent exploration and relaxation. Depart mid-afternoon for visits to Byzantine sites and the National Archaeological Museum. The museum contains exhibits from all over Greece dating from Prehistoric times to the Byzantine period. Enjoy a traditional late evening group dinner at *Psarras Restaurant* located in the historic Plaka area. After dinner, walk to the Greek Orthodox Cathedral for the special (11.30) Easter service. **(B,D)**
- Sunday
April 27
(Greek** **ATHENS/SAMOS.** Morning (10.00) transfer by private motorcoach to Athens Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport for departure (12.25) on Olympic Airways flight OA #754 for Samos; non-stop regional jet service. Upon arrival (13.25) at Samos Airport, transfer by private

- Easter)** motorcoach to DORYSSA BAY HOTEL for check-in. The island of Samos, one of the most easterly Aegean islands, is the birthplace of many philosophers and mathematicians of antiquity such as Epicuro, Aristarches and Pythagoras. Enjoy a traditional Greek Easter lunch. Early evening (17.00) services at Megali Panagia, Holy Virgin Mary Monastery. Dinner at the hotel. **(B,L,D)**
- Monday
April 28** **SAMOS (PATMOS).** Morning departure by private motorcoach to the pier for departure by hydrofoil to Patmos, one of Greece's most sacred islands. Enjoy lunch at *Aloni Restaurant*. Visit St. John's Monastery and the Grotto of Revelations, where it is thought St. John while exiled by the Romans, wrote the so-named book from the Bible. Return to Samos for dinner at *Remataki Restaurant* on the Pythagorean Harbor. **(B,L,D)**
- Tuesday
April 29** **SAMOS/KUSADASI.** Morning departure (07.30) by private motorcoach to the pier for morning boat transfer (08.30) to Kusadasi. Arrive (10.00) and obtain Turkish visas. Meet your Turkish Tour Manager, Mr. Namik Ilksoy, and depart by private motorcoach for a guided tour of the magnificent ruins of ancient Ephesus. Explore the Terrace Houses, the Library of Celsus and the Great Theater where St. Paul preached the words, "There are no gods made with hands", which incited a riot. Visit the House of Virgin Mary, chapel believed to be built over the house where Mary had lived the final years of her life. Enjoy lunch at a family-owned village house in the small village of Sirince. Return to Kusadasi for check-in at HOTEL KISMET. Enjoy an open buffet dinner at the hotel. **(B,L,D)**
- Wednesday
April 30** **KUSADASI (PERGAMON).** Morning departure by private motorcoach for full-day excursion to the ancient city of Pergamon where one of the seven churches mentioned in Revelations was located. Explore this ancient rival of Ephesus in commerce and Alexandria in the fields of learning and arts. Walk through the remnants of the Acropolis, famous for its library, one of the world's steepest theatres, the temples of Athena, Dionysus and Trajan, the ancient medical center of Asklepion and the Red Basilica. Return to Kusadasi waterfront for dinner and music with Turkish families. **(B,D)**
- Thursday
May 1** **KUSADASI/ISTANBUL.** Enjoy the morning at leisure. Afternoon (12.00) departure to Izmir Adnan Menderes Airport for departure (14.20) on AtlasJet flight KK #27 for Istanbul; non-stop regional jet service. Arrive (15.15) Istanbul Atatürk Airport and transfer by private motorcoach to THE PRESIDENT HOTEL for check-in. In 326 AD, Constantine took over Byzantium and officially renamed it Constantinople, making it the seat of the Holy Roman Empire. It was officially renamed to its modern Turkish name, Istanbul, in 1930 as part of Atatürk's Turkish national reforms. Walk through the streets of the Old City to the famous Cagaloglu Hamami and enjoy a Turkish Bath. Group dinner at the hotel. **(B,D)**
- Friday
May 2** **ISTANBUL.** Morning departure by private motorcoach for full-day tour of Istanbul, including the Blue Mosque, with its 21,000 mosaic tiles that decorate the interiors. Continue to Hagia Sophia, one of the greatest and earliest Christian edifices. Also visit the Topkapi Palace. Offering a rich display of artifacts from the Ottoman period, and its many chambers where sultans resided for centuries, this great palace is located on a peninsula with great views of Istanbul. Then enjoy the Grand Bazaar, with an opportunity to barter for kilims, carpets, leather, jewelry at its 3000 shops lined on both sides of the labyrinth-like galleries. Enjoy small group dinners in homes with Turkish families. **(B,D)**

**Saturday
May 3**

ISTANBUL. Day free for independent exploration. Optional morning (09.00) tour including Basilica Cistern, also known as the "Sunken Palace," and Dolmabahçe Palace followed by lunch in a neighborhood restaurant. Enjoy an early evening cruise on the Bosphorus, the world's narrowest strait that forms the boundary between the European and Asian parts of Turkey. It connects the Black Sea with the Sea of Marmara, which is connected by the Dardanelles to the Aegean Sea. Enjoy a farewell seafood dinner at *Mavi Balik Restaurant* overlooking the Bosphorus. **(B,D)**

**Sunday
May 4**

ISTANBUL/INDIANAPOLIS. GROUP B – Early morning (06.00) transfer by private motorcoach, with assistance, to Istanbul Atatürk Airport, International Terminal, for departure (09.00) on AF #2391 for Paris; non-stop Airbus 320 service with breakfast served en route (check baggage through to Indianapolis). Upon arrival (11.40) at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport, Terminal E, proceed to connecting departure (13.15) on Air France flight AF #50 for Chicago; non-stop Airbus 340 service with meals served en route. Upon arrival (3:20 p.m.) at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Terminal 5, claim baggage and clear customs, then re-check baggage and proceed to Terminal 1 for connecting departure (5:12 p.m.) on United Airlines flight UA #6232 (operated by United Express) for Indianapolis; non-stop regional jet service. Arrive (7:22 p.m.) at Indianapolis International Airport.

GROUP A - Morning (09.30) transfer by private motorcoach, with assistance, to Istanbul Atatürk Airport for departure (12.30) on Delta Air Lines flight DL #73 for New York; non-stop Boeing 767 service with dinner served en route (check baggage through to Indianapolis). Upon arrival (4:50 p.m.) at JFK International Airport, Terminal 3, claim baggage and clear customs, then re-check baggage and proceed to connecting departure (6:50 p.m.) on Delta Air Lines flight DL #6363 (operated by Chautauqua Airlines) for Indianapolis; non-stop regional jet service. Arrive (9:35 p.m.) at Indianapolis International Airport. **(B)**

Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.

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- Delta Air Lines has mileage agreements with Continental and Northwest Airlines. For more information please refer to www.delta.com.
- Due to restrictions on group bookings, Air France and KLM Flying Blue members will be awarded 50% mileage. No other frequent traveler mileage accrual is possible. For more information please refer to www.airfrance.us.
- United Airlines has a mileage agreement with US Airways. For more information please refer to www.united.com.
- Please present the appropriate mileage program identification upon check-in.
- Retain all boarding passes and air ticket receipts until the mileage credit appears on your statement.

NOTES

- **(B)** = breakfast, **(L)** = lunch, **(D)** = dinner. Meals not listed on the above itinerary are the responsibility of the participant.
- All services listed in the itinerary are included in the tour cost, including applicable entrance fees, services of English-speaking tour managers, Turkey visa (acquired upon arrival), Kusadasi port taxes, portorage of luggage and tour related gratuities.
- The 24-hour clock is used for travel outside of the United States. All times above 12.00 are in the afternoon or evening (simply subtract 12 hours from the time indicated, e.g., 12.00 is noon, 20.00 is 8:00 p.m.).
- Participants are advised to carry overnight bags as a safeguard against any flight or baggage claim delays.
- **Please visit www.delta.com (Traveling & Check-in/Baggage) and www.airfrance.com (Information & Services/Practical Information/Baggage) for more detailed and updated information regarding restrictions for carry-on items in your hand luggage. For additional U.S. security and screening procedures, please visit www.tsa.gov.**
- **Passports must be valid for at least six months after return date.**
- The Greece and Western Turkey time zone is seven hours ahead of Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

LIST OF ACCOMMODATIONS

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