

## Educational Travel Experience Designed Especially for Give Thanks and Remember LLC



**In the Footsteps of St. Paul With Father Michael Gallagher,  
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**June 24 - July 3, 2021**

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### ITINERARY OVERVIEW

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- DAY 1 DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON DULLES
- DAY 2 ARRIVE ATHENS (3 NIGHTS)
- DAY 3 CHRISTIAN AND BYZANTINE ATHENS
- DAY 4 DAY TRIP TO CORINTH AND MYCENAE
- DAY 5 ATHENS - DEPARTURE ON CRUISE (4 NIGHTS) - MYKONOS
- DAY 6 EPHESUS
- DAY 7 RHODES
- DAY 8 HERAKLION AND SANTORINI
- DAY 9 PIRAEUS - ATHENS (1 NIGHT)
- DAY 10 DEPARTURE FROM ATHENS

## ITINERARY

Investigate the World: Greece is a vibrant country nestled among the Aegean, Ionian, and Mediterranean Seas. With ancient wonders and architectural treasures that span four millennia, Greece offers a wealth of historical sites to rival the natural beauty of its 227 inhabited islands. As the mythology of the Ancient Greeks left an indelible mark on culture, art, and literature, the Classical Period gave rise to fundamental political, social, and scientific breakthroughs that became the foundation of modern life.

 Educational Tour/Visit	 Cultural Experience	 Festival/Performance/Workshop	Tour Services
 Recreational Activity	 LEAP Enrichment	 Match/Training Session	



### DAY 1 Thursday, 24 June 2021

-  Relax and enjoy our scheduled flight from Washington Dulles to Athens, Greece

### DAY 2 Friday, 25 June 2021

-  Our 24-hour Tour Director will meet us at the airport and remain with us until our final airport departure.
-  We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the next four days.
-  Our private coach will be waiting to transfer us to our hotel in Athens.
-  For the next three evenings we will enjoy the convenience of our centrally-located Athens hotel, where daily breakfast will be included.
-  Athens is one of the oldest and greatest cities of Western Civilization, with a recorded history that extends back 3,400 years. During the Classical period Athens was a centre for the arts, learning, and philosophy. It was the home of Plato's Academy and Aristotle's Lyceum. Modern Athens is still a vibrant city with a rich culture that takes great pride in its long and complex history.
-  This evening we will dine in the lively Plaka Area, the historic heart of Athens. Plaka is the old part of the city with the narrow streets, the neo-classical buildings and the numerous little shops and restaurants.
-  We will celebrate Holy Mass.

### DAY 3 Saturday, 26 June 2021

-  The Byzantine and Christian Museum, which is based in Athens, is one of Greece's national museums. Its areas of competency are centred on - but not limited to - religious artifacts of the Early Christian, Byzantine, Medieval, post-Byzantine and later periods which it exhibits, but also acquires, receives, preserves, conserves, records, documents, researches, studies, publishes and raises awareness of. The museum has over 25,000 artifacts in its possession. The artifacts date from between the 3rd and 20th century AD, and their provenance encompasses the entire Greek world, as well as regions in which Hellenism flourished. The size and range of the collections and value of the exhibits makes the Museum a veritable treasury of Byzantine and post-Byzantine art and culture.

**DAY 3 Saturday, 26 June 2021**


- 🏛️ Visit the Acropolis which has dominated Athens for over 2,000 years, and habitation traces indicate that it was occupied as early as the Neolithic age. View the Temple of Athena Nike, and its successor, The Parthenon. The Parthenon is the crowning achievement of the Doric order and was used to store raw gold from other states and tributes to Athena.
- 🏛️ The Acropolis Museum contains a superb collection of sculptures from the area. The monuments of the Acropolis have withstood the ravages of past centuries, both of ancient times and those of the Middle Ages. Until the 17th century, foreign travelers visiting the monuments depicted the classical buildings as being intact.
- 🏛️ Visit the Parthenon, the temple to Athena which crowns the Acropolis and overlooks the entire city.
- 🚶 Take a Walking Tour through the Monastiraki, an old area of Athens that takes its name from a sunken monastery. This section of the city is highlighted by the Fethiye Mosque, the Tsistaraki Mosque, the Roman Agora, the remains of Hadrian's Library, and the unique Tower of the Winds.
- 🏛️ View the Temple of Athena Nike, and its successor, The Parthenon. The Parthenon is the crowning achievement of the Doric order and was used to store raw gold from other states and tributes to Athena.
- 🏛️ Mars Hill is an important place relevant to St Paul, his life and preaching. This is next to the Acropolis, which has dominated Athens for over 2,000 years. The Parthenon crowns the Acropolis and is a temple that celebrates perfect order and harmony in its columns and the friezes that decorate it. Below the Acropolis stands the Agora, the commercial and public centre of ancient Athens.
- 🏛️ Discover the Ancient Agora, the political heart of Athens from 600 BC. With shops, a theater, and schools, the agora served as the center of social and commercial life. Highlights of the complex include the Hephaisteion, a particularly well-preserved temple, and the Stoa of Attalos, a reconstructed, colonnaded building that houses a small museum with finds from the agora.

Our walk will conclude at Syntagma square, from where we will board our coach again for a panoramic tour to the most important monuments and landmarks of the city including the Panathinaikon stadium, the Zappeion, the temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Syntagma square, the Parliament, the tomb of the unknown soldier, Schliemann's house, the Academy, the University, the National Library, and the old Parliament.

We will enjoy our evening meal together in a local restaurant or at the hotel.

We will celebrate Holy Mass.

**DAY 4 Sunday, 27 June 2021**


- 🇬🇷 Corinth is one of the most ancient cities in Greece and was one of the largest and most prosperous. It eventually became an important Roman colony and drew significant historical figures, such as St. Paul, who worked and lived here after leaving Athens.
- 🏛️ View the Corinth Canal which connects the Gulf of Corinth with the Saronic Gulf in the Aegean Sea. The canal is very narrow and is unserviceable to most modern ships but it was a huge accomplishment when it was finished in the nineteenth century as it was an idea that had dated back over two thousand years.
- 🏛️ Visit Mycenae and the fortified Palace Complex uncovered by archaeologist Heinrich Schielmann in 1874. Highlights will include the 13th century BC Lion Gate; Grave Circle A, with its six royal family shaft graves; the Royal Palace and the Secret Stairway, a flight of 99 steps that lead down to a cistern deep beneath the citadel.
- 🏛️ Explore the remains of the huge rock fortress located just outside Corinth known as the Acrocorinth. This famous fortress could withstand lengthy sieges due to the presence of the upper Peirene spring on the southeast side of the ramparts. Enjoy one of the most sweeping views in all of Greece, stretching over 35 miles in all directions from the Geraneia range in the northeast to the peaks of the Ziria in the southwest. Visit the ruins of the ancient city where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla, the agora (market) where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the Temple of Apollo and the fountain of Peirene.
- 🚶 We will enjoy our evening meal together in a local restaurant or at the hotel.
- ⛪ We will celebrate Holy Mass.




**DAY 5      Monday, 28 June 2021**

- ➡ After our breakfast, we check out from our hotel and transfer to the port of Piraeus to embark on Celestyal Olympia for a magnificent 4-night cruise to the Aegean and Turkey.
- ➡ First stop is enchanting Mykonos. Take advantage of the complementary shuttle service to Chora (Mykonos town), stroll in its whitewashed streets and mingle with people from all over the world while watching beautiful scenery, marvelous sunset and picturesque Cycladic colors.
- ➡ We will celebrate Holy Mass.


**DAY 6      Tuesday, 29 June 2021**

- ➡ This morning, we will arrive at the port of Kusadasi, the gateway to one of the most important biblical sites, also found in the book of Revelation, Ephesus. This is where St. Paul lived for three years, working with the congregation and planning his missionary journeys.
- ➡ We will be visiting the site of Ephesus, including Diana's temple with the baths of Scholastica, the Odeon, the arch of Hercules, the library of Celsus, the temple of Hadrian, the Agora and the Greco-Roman theater. We will then continue to the house of Virgin Mary where she lived with John.
- ➡ Return to the ship around mid-day, and continue our journey to arrive at the small and picturesque island of Patmos in the afternoon.
- ➡ This is the place of exile of St. John the Theologian. We will first visit the monastery of St. John, belonging to UNESCO's list of world heritage monuments, and continue to the Grotto of the Revelation, a cave where St. John lived during his exile and received a series of oracular messages through a small hole from the rock and wrote the book of the Revelation. Late in the afternoon, we will embark our cruise ship again and set sail to Rhodes.
- ➡ We will celebrate Holy Mass.


**DAY 7      Wednesday, 30 June 2021**

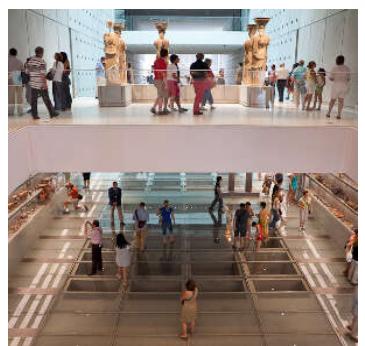
- ➡ In the morning, you will be arriving at the island of Rhodes. During your included shore excursion, you will first head to Lindos with its beautiful Acropolis on top of the hill, overlooking the little port of St. Paul, where he first arrived in Rhodes. Your tour will continue to visit the medieval town of Rhodes with the Palace of the Grand Master and the street of the Knights, before returning back to the cruise ship.
- ➡ We will celebrate Holy Mass.


**DAY 8      Thursday, 01 July 2021**

- ➡ Early in the morning we will be arriving at the island of Crete and the port of Heraklion, another of Paul's stop during his journey towards Rome. You can explore the town of Heraklion on your own or join an optional excursion to the Minoan Palace of Knossos.
- ➡ Return on board and set sail to the most beautiful and romantic island of the Aegean, Santorini. Arrival early in the afternoon. Take the funicular up to Fira town or join an optional excursion to see the villages of Santorini and the famous Oia. The stunning views to the Caldera and the volcano of this unique island, is probably the best way to conclude the visits of this beautiful journey.
- ➡ We will celebrate Holy Mass.

**DAY 9      Friday, 02 July 2021**

- ➡ Early in the morning we will be arriving back at Piraeus. Breakfast on board and disembarkation.
- ➡ We will have use of a private coach and driver, while touring for the day.
- ➡ Explore the National Archaeological Museum, the largest museum in Greece and one of the most important museums in the world. Its original purpose was to protect items from 19th century excavations in and around Athens. However, the collection quickly grew to include important treasures from all over Greece.

**DAY 9 Friday, 02 July 2021**

This evening we will enjoy a Greek Dinner and Floor Show, which will feature traditional Greek dance and music.



We will celebrate Holy Mass.

**DAY 10 Saturday, 03 July 2021**

Our rewarding and enjoyable tour comes to an end as our Tour Director accompanies us to the airport on our final day.



## TOTAL PER PERSON TOUR COST BASED ON NUMBER OF FULL-PAYING PARTICIPANTS

Give Thanks and Remember LLC (Subject to final airfare confirmation)	Full Paying Participants	Price In USD
This proposal is valid until Friday, 03 April 2020 and this tour cannot be operated in its present format with fewer than 10 participants.	40 <b>30</b>	4,499 <b>4,699</b>
<b>EZ Pay Option</b>		
Enroll by 05/13/2020 and make 13 payments of \$338.38 every 30 days by automatic deduction from your bank account. The final payment of the series will be deducted no later than 45 days before travel.		
**Based on the bolded pricing ratio from above.		
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Please contact your Program Leader for further information.		
<b>Program Leader:</b> Heidi Watson		<b>Contact Details:</b> gvthnks@aol.com
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### What is Included:

- Round trip airfare with a major carrier on scheduled flights and guaranteed dates
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in three and four star hotels in twin or triple rooms with private facilities guaranteed throughout
- 4-night 'Iconic Aegean' cruise on board Celestyal Olympia
- All meals included on board
- A filling breakfast everyday to get the day started well throughout your touring program
- A three course dinner daily reflecting local cuisine on every evening
- A full-time Tour Director to accompany your group 24 hours a day from arrival to departure
- The expertise and perspective of local guides during your tour
- All excursions, cultural activities and (several pre-booked) admissions as per your itinerary, including cruise excursions
- Once overseas, transportation by private coach for all airport transfers and touring
- Basic health insurance while on tour (including medical treatment on tour up to \$7,500) and \$50,000 of coverage for emergency evacuation and repatriation
- Cancel For Any Reason Insurance: This comprehensive policy includes health, property and cancellation coverage
- Tips and gratuities for the guide and driver

### This Does Not Include:

- Lunches (except during the cruise) or personal beverages with meals
- Visas (if required)
- Any fees that might be imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage



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