



**TEKTON MINISTRIES**  
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE IN THE  
**FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL**  
TO GREECE AND TURKEY

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September 23<sup>rd</sup> - October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

# PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

## • Day 1 – Sep. 23: Depart Memphis

Today we begin our journey east to follow in the footsteps of the first great missionary disciple, St. Paul.

## • Day 2 – Sep. 24: Arrive Athens

After our morning arrival into Athens, our journey begins as St. Paul's journey often began; by diving into the secular world. While the remainder of our pilgrimage will be devoted to sacred sites of Christianity, we would be remised to not visit the Acropolis, the Parthenon, and the Ecrectheum. In Acts of the Apostles, chapter 17, St. Paul began his mission in Athens, gaining a handful of followers for Christ and thus planting the seeds of the faith in Greece. We will take time for prayer at Holy Apostles Church (which dates back to the 10th century) and the Mitropoli (Cathedral), the seat of the Archbishop and hub of the Greek Orthodox Church. (D)

## • Day 3 – Sep. 25: Athens / Kalambaka

Our journey continues north today as we leave Athens. Our first stop is at the Byzantine monasteries at Meteora that seem to precariously perch on the very edge of the cliffs. We will ascend to these sacred retreats via cable car, but you can only imagine how hundreds of years ago monks were ascending on foot! Our final place for prayer today will be the Kalambaka Cathedral, Church of the Dormition, for vespers with the community. (B/D)

## • Day 4 – Sep. 26: Kalambaka / Thessaloniki

St. Paul leads us further into his journey to Thessaloniki, home of another early New Testament community he evangelized. Mass will be offered at the "Dais of the Apostle Paul," in Veria and we will also spend time at the Byzantine basilica of the Resurrection



of Christ. Once in Thessaloniki, we will have time for prayer at the Byzantine churches of St. George, St. Demetrius, and Agia Sophia. The evening will be free to explore the city. (B/D)

## • Day 5 – Sep. 27: Thessaloniki / Kavala

We begin our journey today toward Philippi, where St. Paul preached and baptized some of the first Christians in Europe, and descend into a crypt that served as a prison for St. Paul when he was held captive here. Mass will be offered alongside the river where St. Paul preached 2000 years ago and baptized Lydia, his first European convert. Our day ends in Kavala, the ancient port of Neapolis, where St. Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy & Silas. St. Luke the Evangelist also came here from Troas. We will have time for prayer at the Orthodox Cathedral of St. Paul and St. Nicholas Church. (B/D)

## • Day 6 – Sep. 28: Kavala / Canakkale

Today we leave Greece behind and cross the border into Turkey, taking a ferry across Straits of the Dardanelles to Canakkale. Overnight in Canakkale. (B/D)

## • Day 7 – Sep. 29: Canakkale / Izmir

Depart Canakkale and drive to visit Pergamum, the most favored of the Seven Churches of Revelation where Christianity was introduced very early. Here we will see the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of Athena, the fabled Acropolis and the Royal Gate. We will also visit Asclepion, one the foremost healing centers of the ancient world. Continue on to Thyatira, another of the Seven Churches. Then visit the Church of St. Polycarp, which is the oldest church in ancient Smyrna and is dedicated to one of the first Christian martyrs. Proceed to Izmir for overnight. (B/D)

## • Day 8 – Sep. 30: Izmir / Pamukale

Following breakfast, drive to Sardis, the Lydian capital city where money was first minted, to visit the Roman Gymnasium and the remains of the Artemis Temple, which symbolized one of the Seven Churches. We will then stop at Philadelphia which was referred to as the "New Jerusalem." Proceed to the spa city of Pamukale, where we will see the cascading water from the

cliffs forming crystallized, dazzling white “frozen waterfalls”. Visit the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis and see the magnificently preserved Necropolis, the Main Street, and Gates. Overnight in Pamukale. (B/D)

● **Day 9 – Oct. 1: Pamukale / Kusadasi**

Depart Pamukale and drive to Laodicea, one of the Seven Churches where Christians were chastised by John for being lukewarm. Then proceed to Ephesus to visit the site of the Temple of Artemis, which is one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Paul spent two years in Ephesus, and it was to this community that he wrote his Epistle to the Ephesians. Paul implored the Ephesians to cease their worship of Artemis and to turn to Christianity. We will see the great theater where Paul addressed the crowds and visit the site of the scene of the riot from which Paul escaped. Visit the Church of the Virgin Mary, the House of Mary, and the Tomb of St. Luke. While driving to the colorful port of Kusadasi, we will visit the Basilica of St. John, which was erected over his grave in the 6th century A.D. by the Emperor Justinian. (B/D)

● **Day 10 – Oct. 2: Kusadasi / Patmos**

Transfer to the pier at Kusadasi and take a ferry to the island of Patmos where St. John received the mystical Revelation which forms the last book of the New Testament. Once we reach the island, we will take an excursion to the Grotto of Revelation and the 11th century Monastery of St. John which houses the original script of the Gospel. We will then board an overnight ferry for Piraeus. (B/D)

● **Day 11 – Oct. 3: Piraeus / Corinth / Athens**

This morning we will disembark from our overnight ferry in Piraeus and then drive to ancient Corinth, the city that inspired many of St. Paul’s most familiar letters. Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place, the Bema, and the Temples. Standing in the midst of the ruins of the church of Corinth and seeing the pillars, steps, and public worship place where Paul preached will enhance our understanding and love of I & II Corinthians. We’ll celebrate Mass in Corinth before proceeding to Athens for check-in at our local hotel. Celebrate a farewell dinner on our last night. (B/D)

● **Day 12 – Oct. 4: Athens / Memphis**

Today we end our pilgrimage as we fly home to Memphis. (B)

# PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$3,695.00

*per person/double occupancy*  
*For a single occupancy please add \$592.00*  
*For land only, please subtract: \$1,108.00*

**These rates include:**

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Memphis on United Airlines
- 10 nights accommodations
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Dinner at a local restaurant in Patmos on Day 10
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Athens on Day 11
- Comprehensive sightseeing with a professional licensed guide
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Charter boat from Kusadasi to Patmos on Day 10
- Port taxes in Kusadasi, Patmos and Piraeus
- Arrival and departure transfers; group flights only
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Whisper headsets

**These rates do not include:**

- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$466.33 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)\*
- Turkish entry visa (visit [www.evisa.gov.tr](http://www.evisa.gov.tr)), approx. \$20
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel/restaurant staff\*
- Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

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St. Demetrius



Patmos



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**Reservations and Payment:** Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 27 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$75.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$175.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

**Travel Documents:** A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens also require a visa for Turkey. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Air Transportation:** Air travel is in economy class on United Airlines. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

**Not Included:** Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$466.33 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

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