



PAUL'S JOURNEYS 2025

Group Itinerary

Tuesday, August 26 - Thursday, September 11

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Athens & Thessaloniki (8/27 - 31):

Emergency Contacts:

- Assistant: Mr. Elias, mobile & WhatsApp +30 697 819 3282
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Fresh Hotel (8/27-28 and 8/31)

- Athinas 59, Athens 105 52
- Tel: +30 21 0524 8511
- *Breakfast included*

Capsis Hotel (8/29 - 30)

- Monastiriou 16, Thessaloniki 546 29
- Tel: +30 231 059 6800
- *Breakfast and dinner included; beverages additional*

Royal Caribbean (9/1 - 9/8):

Ship: Voyager of the Seas

- In the event of an emergency, your friends and family can contact the ship.
- In the US: 888.724.7447
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Rome (9/8 - 9/11):

Emergency Contacts:

- Assistant: Sra. Stefania Bove, phone 338 6213856
- Guide: Daniella Venditti, phone 347 6246373
- Mrs. Simona Pauselli and driver Bonanni Express

Hotel Quirinale (9/8 - 9/10)

- Via Nazionale 7
- 00187 Roma, Italy
- Tel: +39 06 4707
- *Breakfast included, Dinner included on 9/8 only*

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Day	Schedule / Sites	Devo Reading +
	Preparation	<u>Philippians 1:3-6</u>
Tue 8/26	Departure - Air Canada Group Flights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAX > Montreal (AC 774): 8:05 a.m. – 4:34 p.m. (5 hrs 29 min) Montreal > Athens (AC 922): 8:50 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. (9 hr, next day) 	Romans 15:23
Wed 8/27	Arrive in Athens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:50 p.m. Group to meet Mr. Elias outside baggage area. Hotel check in 3 p.m.; early arrivals can store luggage if rooms aren't ready yet. ~ 3E. Afternoon at leisure; dinner on your own. Overnight @ Athens <u>Fresh Hotel</u> 	<u>Acts 17:16-34</u>
Thu 8/28	Athens & Ancient Corinth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 a.m. Breakfast 7:50 a.m. Meet Mrs. Maria in the lobby. We will tour the city of Athens - one of the most glorious cities in the world and the cradle of western civilization. Ancient yet modern, classic yet creative, traditional yet constantly changing... Athens is a city of memorable contrasts. The past and the present of Athens unfolds before your eyes while we drive around the city's highlight spots and monuments like the Temple of Zeus, the Old Stadium, Syntagma square, the Parliament and the Tomb to the Unknown soldier, the Academy, the Library, and the National Gardens. On the natural fortress of the Acropolis, reinforced by the hand of man, stand the Propylaea, the temple of the Winged Victory, Erechtheion with the Porch of the Caryatids and, towering over all, and the majestic Parthenon. A winding path leads to the treasure of antiquity. Visible are the relics of the civilization of which we are the proud inheritors. Head toward ancient Corinth (Acts 18.1-18). It was in ancient Corinth where Paul came and worked, established a thriving church and writing two of the epistles, which are now part of the New Testament. We will see all the sites that are associated with his ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon, the Bema and Gallio's seat, the pillars, stairs, and the place of public worship, where Paul preached. All these visits will certainly enhance the understanding of Corinthians I and II. Before ending the tour and return to Athens, we will visit the ancient Greek port of Cenchrea (Acts 18:18) where Paul was during his second missionary journey and the ruin of the early Christian 5th Century Basilica. 5:00 p.m. - Back to Athens, Dinner on your own, overnight @ Athens <u>Fresh Hotel</u> 	<u>Acts 18:1-18</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written from Corinth: 1-2 Thessalonians, Romans, Titus Written to the Corinthians: 1 Corinthians (Ephesus), 2 Corinthians (Macedonia)
Fri 8/29	Athens & Thessaloniki <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 a.m. Breakfast 7:50 a.m. Meet Mrs. Maria in the lobby. After breakfast, journey to Thessaloniki, where Paul preached the gospel in the second and third missionary journeys. We will visit the Cathedral of St. Demetrius, the Protector Saint of the city, the Agora, the Church of Saint Sofia, the White Tower, and the Byzantine fortress of the city, the triumphal Arch of Galerius starting at the Via Egnatia, once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire. 7 p.m. Dinner and overnight @ Thessaloniki <u>Capsis Hotel</u> 	<u>Acts 17:1-9</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written to Thessalonica: 1-2 Thessalonians (Corinth)

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Sat 8/30	Thessaloniki, Phillipi & Kavala (Neopolis) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 a.m. Breakfast • 8:50 a.m. Meet Mrs. Maria in the lobby. Travel to Philippi, the town where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. (Acts 16:11-12) "And from there (He went) to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman Colony. We remained in this city some days..." (Acts 16:11-12). Paul arrived here with Silas and Luke on the winter of AD 49-50. There the first Christian baptism was performed, of a woman named Lydia. Although they were prosecuted and arrested, they received God's help to escape from prison (Acts 16:25-26) where there was the conversion of the jailer (Acts 16:31). We will visit the Roman Theatre, probable site of the prison where Paul and Silas were arrested. We will continue towards the city of Kavala, the ancient city of Neapolis (Acts 16:11) where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. It was later renamed Christoupolis, meaning city of Christ, because it was the first European city to accept Christianity. We will visit the Roman Aqueduct and the ruins of the Acropolis. • 7:00 p.m. Dinner and overnight @ Thessaloniki <u>Capsis Hotel</u> 	<u>Acts 16:11-40</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written to Philippi: Philippians (Rome)
Sun 8/31	Thessaloniki & Athens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 a.m. Breakfast • 8:50 a.m. Meet Mrs. Maria in the lobby. Head back to Athens, stop for lunch • Late-afternoon: Hotel check-in; evening at leisure • Dinner on your own; overnight @ Athens <u>Fresh Hotel</u> 	<u>Acts 17:16-34</u>
Mon 9/1	Transfer to Piraeus Port: <u>Royal Caribbean "Voyager of the Seas"</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 a.m. Breakfast • 9:50 a.m. Meet escort in lobby; transfer to port for cruise embarkation • 5:30 p.m. Early dinner on ship 	<u>Philippians 4:4-9</u>
Tue 9/2	Port: Mykonos, Greece - 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender to port, very walkable, touring on your own 	<u>Philippians 4:10-19</u>
Wed 9/3	Port: Kusadasi, Turkey - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. (tender not usually required here) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:20 a.m. Private group excursion to Ephesus, meet at 8:30 in front of the exit gate at Kusadasi (or the earliest we can with ship schedule.) • We will drive to the ancient city of Ephesus, the most influential capital city of Asia Minor on the Aegean Sea. "Ephesus receives praise for its perseverance, but criticism for forsaking its "first love" (Rev. 2:1-7). You will explore the well-preserved ancient structures including the fountain of Trajan, Baths of Scolastika, Temple of Hadrian, Library of Celsus, and the Great Theatre capable of holding 25000 spectators where Paul preached and where the riot of the silversmiths occurred. • We will visit the Terrace Houses, where the wealthy people of Ephesus lived, which have well-preserved mosaics and frescoes. • We will drive up to the Sirince Village on top of the mountain where the Old Greek Orthodox and Turkish villages are, including souvenir shops. After lunch and free time, you will visit the Ephesus Archeology museum, with many artifacts of sculptures, coins etc from the ancient city. • 4:30 p.m. Tour completes; transfer to ship • Lunch included 	<u>Acts 19:1-41</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written to Ephesus: Ephesians (Rome), 2 Timothy (Rome) • Written from Ephesus: 1 Corinthians
Thu 9/4	Port: Santorini, Greece - 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender to port, cable car to village, touring on your own 	<u>1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:1-13</u>

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Fri 9/5	At Sea / Formal night	<u>2 Corinthians 12:1-10</u>
Sat 9/6	Port: Messina / Sicily, Italy - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No tender, very walkable, popular day trips to Taormina and Mt Etna 	<u>2 Corinthians 12:11-21</u>
Sun 9/7	Port: Salerno, Italy - 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 a.m. (SEE EMAIL NEED TO ASK RC GROUP FOR EARLY DISEMBARK) Disembark at Salerno, meeting with our English-speaking guide Assia (081 18658558) for full day private group tour of Pompeii & Herculaneum. Embark on an unforgettable journey through time as we walk through the streets of Pompeii, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. We will also visit the well-preserved mosaics, frescoes, and buildings of Herculaneum. Lunch included @ Farmhouse 4:30 p.m. tour completes (no later than); transfer to ship 	<u>Acts 19:21, 21:19-36, 23:12-35, 24, 25:10-12, 26:32</u>
Mon 9/8	Port: Civitavecchia / Transfer to Rome - 5:00 a.m. dock (half day tour) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast on ship 8:00 a.m. Disembark at Civitavecchia Port and 9am meet Asst. Sra. Stefania Bove. Transfer by bus to Hotel Quirinale. We will store luggage, and have a quick lunch outside. 2:00 p.m. Meet our Guide Mrs. Daniela Venditti and Simona Paulselli in the hotel lobby for 1/2 day tour of Ancient Rome. We will visit the Colosseum (2:45pm entrance), the Roman Forum, Rome's stunning baroque masterpiece, Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps. 8:00 p.m. Dinner and overnight @ Rome <u>Hotel Quirinale</u> (group dinner @ hotel included tonight only; set menu (Veg lasagna, pork loin, coffee mouse) with coffee/tea/water included) 	<u>Acts 27-28</u>
Tue 9/9	The Vatican (half day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 a.m. Probably won't have time for breakfast due to early departure? Hotel breakfast buffet is 7:00 a.m. 7:15 a.m. Meet Guide Mrs. Daniela Venditti and Mrs. Simona Paulselli for half-day Vatican City tour (Group 1 entrance at 8 a.m.; Group 2 entrance at 9:00 a.m.) Take a journey through Vatican City's highlights on this guided tour. Explore the Vatican Museums, and see the spectacular Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Basilica. This excursion into the Vatican's legendary art and architecture starts at the Vatican Museums, which house the most important ancient art collection in the world. Your guide will lead you to the best galleries to see frescoes, statues, tapestries, and historical maps. There, you will also find the Borgia Apartment, La Pinacoteca Vaticana, and the beautiful Vatican Library. Continue to the Sistine Chapel to admire masterpieces by Michelangelo, Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pinturicchio, and Perugino - gazing up at Michelangelo's ceiling is an experience you'll remember for the rest of your lives. ~12:00 p.m. End of tour and transfer to hotel; afternoon at leisure. There are many places near the hotel that you can visit on your own including Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps, Pantheon, Baths of Diocletian, National Roman Museum, and Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore. Also nearby are the Via Veneto (famous upscale street with cafes and shops, Piazza della Republic (featuring the Fountain of the Naiads, and the Galleria Alnerto Sordi (beautiful shopping arcade) _____ p.m. TBD Special Group Dinner out (included... considering the Jewish Ghetto. We will make a reservation.) Overnight @ Rome <u>Hotel Quirinale</u> 	<u>Romans 8</u>

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Wed 9/10	Paul's Rome (full day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 a.m. Breakfast • 9:20 a.m. Meet Guide Mrs. Daniella Venditti for full-day tour on St. Paul's life and witness in Rome. • 10:00 a.m. Our tour on the footsteps of St. Paul in Rome aims to show you the most important sites where the Apostle Paul spent time when he was brought to Rome in front of the Emperor Nero on request of St. Paul himself. During the 3-hour tour you will stop in the Mamertine Prison, an ancient Roman prison from the 5 century B.C. used by the Romans to imprison those condemned to death before the final execution. The prison is a very famous place all round the world because the Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul were both prisoned here and they baptized many prisoners, gave them the strength and faith. St. Paul was executed under the Emperor Nero in the 67 A.D. because of the Christian's persecution. • Go to the Abbey of the 3 Fountains along the Laurentina Road, where St. Paul was martyred. • From the Abbey of the 3 Fontane, you will go to the Vatican Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, where there the tomb of the Saint is located. The Basilica is one of the 7 Basilicas with the privilege of extra-territoriality and it is spectacular. Once inside you will see St. Paul's tomb. • _____ p.m. Back to hotel; dinner on your own • Overnight @ Rome <u>Hotel Quirinale</u> 	Romans 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written from Rome: Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, Philippians, 2 Timothy • Written to Rome: Romans (Corinth) • Written to the Corinthians: 1 Corinthians (Ephesus), 2 Corinthians (Macedonia)
Thu 9/11	Transfer to FCO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:00 a.m. Breakfast and check out (depending on departure time) • 7:30 a.m. Meet Asst Stefania Bove in the lobby for transfer to FCO • Rome > Montreal (AC 893): 11:30am - 2:30pm (9 hr) • Montreal > LAX (AC 777): 4:45pm - 7:40pm (5 hr, 55 min) 	Romans 14

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