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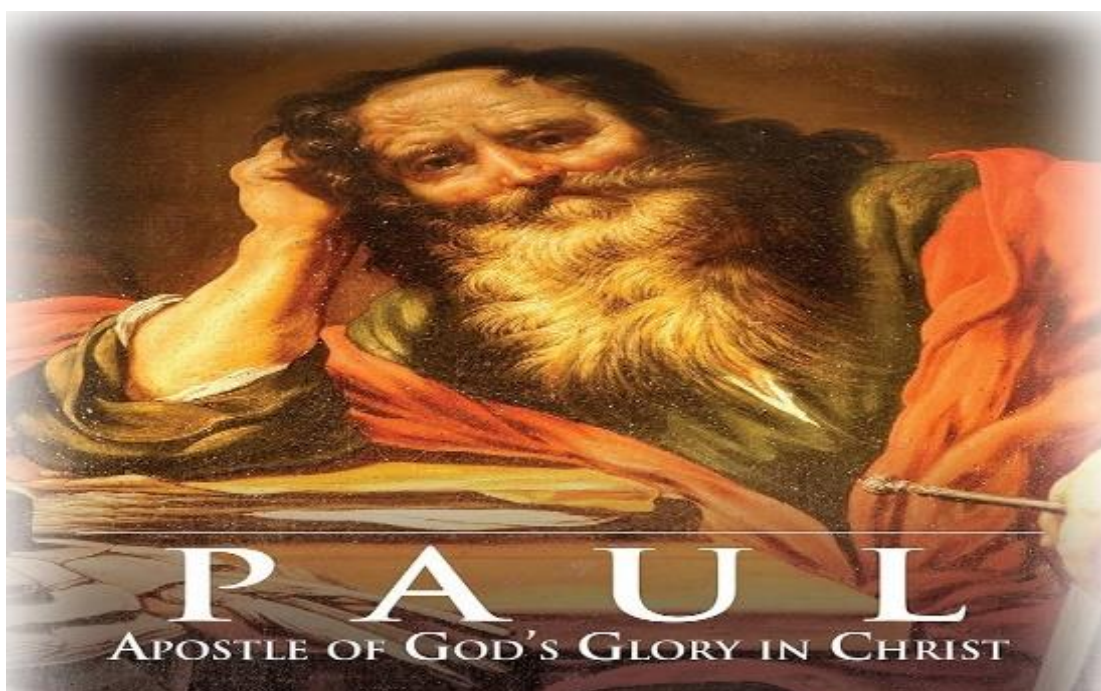
CHRISTIAN PILGRIMS

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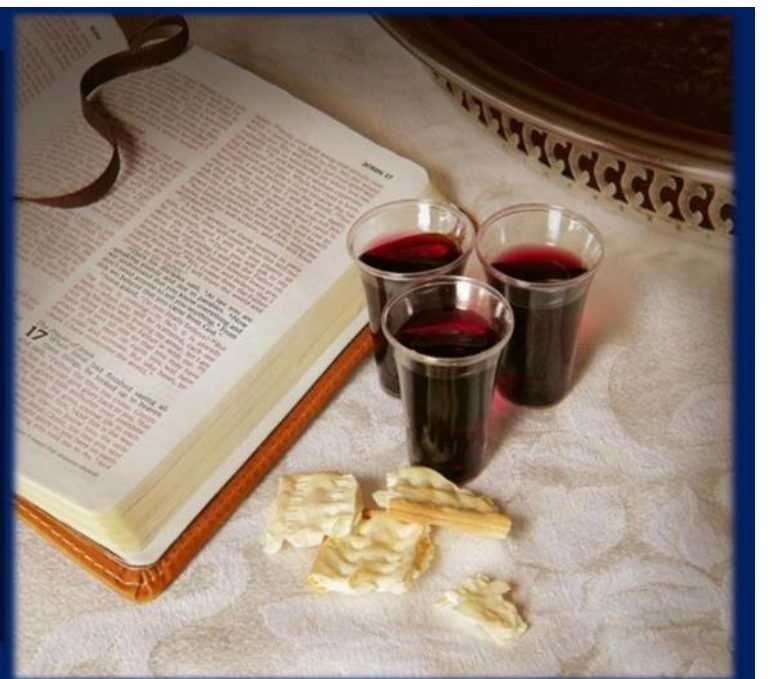


The Footsteps of Apostle Paul

8 Nights/9 Days



1 Corinthians 11:23-26
NKJV[23] For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; [24] and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." [25] In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." [26] For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.



Countries to Visit: Turkey & Greece
Cities to Visit: Athens, Thessalonians, Philippians, Corinthians, and Ephesians
Join other Bible believers in fulfilling the dream of walking in the footsteps of Paul and the early church. As we strive to offer **“Service beyond expectations”**, Each of our Biblical tours is led by an experienced local guide who are experts on the history, culture, scenery and spiritual relevance of this ancient country.
“Service beyond expectations”



Travel Smart & Achieve More

CIDALI International Travel & Leisure Offers you an **All-inclusive Mediterranean Cruise & Tours to Key Religious sites in Turkey & Greece.**
“For we walk by faith, not by sight” wrote the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians. On this religious Tour of Greece and Turkey, you’ll Stroll, Skip, and Sail by Faith as you Retrace the many missionary journeys of **Apostle Paul after he saw the light in Damascus.** Both pilgrimage and picturesque journey, this land and cruise tour to mainland Greece, the Greek Isles, and Turkey leads you to many significant sites of the New Testament as well as some of the most magnificent sights of the Mediterranean. Scripture will take on new meaning as you visit the ancient communities where Paul established churches – and to whom he penned his epistles, including the Thessalonians, Philippians, Corinthians, and Ephesians.

Itinerary Details

Day 1: Departure from Nairobi to Athens

Today we start our Journey to the lands of Ancient treasures and Christian history. Upon Arrival at the Eleftherios Venizelos Intl Airport, Athens you will be met by our CIDALI International team who will assist you with your luggage and drive you to your Hotel. Upon check into your hotel room, you can relax and unwind. Enjoy the excellent services and hotel amenities



Cruise itinerary			
DAYS	PORTS OF CALL	ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE
1. Saturday	Athens, Greece	-	17:00
2. Sunday	Thessaloniki, Greece	12:30	18:00
3. Monday	Kusadasi (Ephessos), Turkey	13:00	20:00
4. Tuesday	Crete (Herakleion), Greece	10:00	19:00
5. Wednesday	Santorini, Greece	07:00	00:30
6. Thursday	Mykonos, Greece*	08:00	02:00
7. Friday	Milos, Greece*	09:00	19:00
8. Saturday	Athens, Greece*	07:00	-

*Please note: Disembarkation by tender boats (Weather permitting)

Day 2: Checkout From Hotel to Embark on the Cruise

Today after breakfast you will checkout from Hotel and our representative will Transfer you to Piraeus Port of Athens to Embark on your Cruise at 1700hrs. You will have Lunch reroute to the Port.
Cruise full Accommodation & Meals Full Board.



Day 3: Thessaloniki -Veria (Berroia)

We Disembark for a tour of Thessaloniki the second city of Greece, Vibrant, colourful and imbued with history. Our first stop by the Citadel and the impressive Vlatadon Monastery which has magnificent views to the city.

It was here that **St Paul preached on his Second Missionary in 49 AD.** From here we travel through the countryside to **Veria (Berroia in the Bible)** as did St Paul, where he preached to the city’s ‘noble Jews’.

At the traditional Tribune we will be able to see the recently completed mosaic of St Paul that commemorates this sermon. Veria may have been inhabited as early as 1000 BC and St Paul is its patron saint. The city was named for one of the daughters of the mythological King Veris. Established in the foothills of Mt. Vermion, fortified Veria flourished behind its massive walls. It was one of the first cities to surrender to the Romans in 168 BC and became the area’s second most important city after Thessaloniki.

During the Byzantine era many small, delicate, frescoed churches were built in the city, which came to be known as “Small Jerusalem.” We visit one of these immaculate churches, **the Church of Christ, built in the early 14th century** and is home to masterworks by the most famous painter of the era, Kalliergis.

Under the Ottomans, Veria was an important commercial and cultural centre. Many mosques, mansions and the old market were constructed in this period. **We have time to wander, explore and shop in this marvelous ancient city.**



Tour Details-Code: THS – 05 Duration: Half day

- ✓ **Moderate walking:** Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs.
- ✓ Includes visits to religious sites, knees and shoulders must be covered
- ✓ **Cultural experience:** This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion
- ✓ Its recommended that you take a bottle of water for your journey

Day 4: Kusadasi-Turkey

House Of Virgin Mary and Ancient Ephesus

Ephesus is one of the largest, most fascinating and most inspiring open-air archaeological museums in the world. Our visit to Ephesus brings us to the site of the **fourth of our Seven Wonders.** Ephesus was an Ancient Greek city on the coast of Ionia. It’s now in Turkey. It was famed for the nearby Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders, completed around 550BC.

The temple, with more than 100 marble pillars each standing 56 feet tall took 120 years to build and it earned the city the name ‘Servant of the Goddess.’ A single solitary pillar remains standing on the site, found during an excavation in the 1870s.

As with so many places in the Eastern Mediterranean, Ephesus changed hands many times over the centuries. But it remains one of the largest Roman archaeological sites in the region. You will be in awe of this incredible historic complex and the ruins you explore still give some idea of the original splendour of Ephesus.

Among the sights to be admired still are the iconic and instantly recognisable Library of Celsus, the Gate of Augustus, Magnesian Gate, the Agora, Odeon, the Houses of the Patricians, the Great Theatre, Hadrian’s Temple and the **House of the Virgin Mary.**

One legend suggests Mary may have spent her last years here following Jesus’ instruction to St John the Evangelist to look after his mother. Many consider it to have been her final home and it has become a place of pilgrimage.

In 1957 the Vatican formalised this recognition. Three Popes have visited. Another reason why Ephesus is important in Christianity is that the apostle Paul lived, preached and wrote extensively here including his Letter to the Corinthians.

Our tour includes time to shop for souvenirs, jewellery, leather and other goods. **This is unforgettable tour.**



Tour Details-Code: KUS – 01-Duration: Half day

- ✓ **Moderate walking:** Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs.
- ✓ Includes visits to religious sites, knees and shoulders must be covered
- ✓ **Cultural experience:** This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion
- ✓ Shopping with an experienced guide

 Day 5:Crete Greece
Venetian Heraklion,and the Unique Archaeological Museum

Crete is Greece’s largest island and the **birthplace of Zeus** according to mythology. Our tour enables us to find out more of the important period of Venetian rule and explore the jewels in the crown of the capital Heraklion’s wonderful structures including the ‘Koules’ fortress, Venetian Loggia, Basilica of St Mark, medieval monastery of St Catherine and the Cathedral of Agios Minas.

The Venetian Loggia is an especially eye-catching and beautiful structure that still functions as the Town Hall of Heraklion. It was built in 1620 and was a place for Venetian nobleman to gather. The fortifications of Heraklion surround the old city. They were first constructed in the Middle Ages but they were completely rebuilt by the Republic of Venice and resisted the Ottoman Turkish forces for 22 years in the 1600s. They are among the best preserved city walls in the Mediterranean.

The ancient city of Knossos, near the capital Heraklion, was the place that ‘gave birth’ to the **very first civilisation of Europe**, the Minoans. So we can probably say it’s Europe oldest city. We can really feel the sense of history and understand some of the myths and legends of Ancient Greece here in Heraklion. We also learn about some of Crete’s leading figures, including Nobel Prize winning poet Odysseas Elytis, the painter El Greco and the writer Nikos Kazantzakis.We end at the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion to find out more of the background to the history and culture of Crete.



Tour Details Code: HER – 07 Duration: Half day

- ✓ **Moderate walking:** Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties
- ✓ **Panoramic, nature, landscapes**
- ✓ **Cultural experience:** This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion
- ✓ **Please be advised it is recommended that you take a bottle of water for your journey**

Day 6: Santorini Greece

Modern day Santorini has been shaped quite literally by one event in ancient history. In **1650 BC the huge volcano Thira erupted**, sinking the centre of the island then known as Strongyle and leaving behind an incredible caldera.

And it is on that small, circular, remnant that Santorini now sits, about 200 miles from the Greek mainland. The municipality includes the inhabited islands of Santorini and Therasia and the uninhabited ones of Nea Kameni, Palea Kameni, Aspronisi and Christiana. The soaring landscapes that give Santorini its unique look were formed by the eruption and you will almost certainly gaze in awe as you journey on a tender boat to the port of Athina to head for Santorini’s most important archaeological site, the village of Akrotiri.

On the way we make a brief stop at the ruins of the island’s famous windmill and take in the wonderful view.The settlement of Akrotiri was destroyed in the eruption and buried in volcanic ash which preserved many of its buildings, structures and fine frescoes. The site has been excavated since the 1960s.

You will find a place held in time and it is an incredible experience. It has been suggested Akrotiri could have been the inspiration for Plato’s story of Atlantis, but there are numerous other places vying for that honour.

After Akrotiri we head for the capital Fira, the island’s largest town, to visit the Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral, also known as the Church of Ypapantis. It is famed for its elegance and beautiful frescos painted by Santorini artist Christoforus Assimis.

We have time to linger in Fira for shopping, a stroll or a relaxing coffee before making our way back to the tender boats by way of the teleferik, the Santorini Cable Car. It’s an impressive descent of more than 200 metres to the blue waters of the caldera at the harbour side.



Tour Code: SAN – 08-Duration: Half day

- ✓ **Moderate walking:** Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties
- ✓ **Panoramic, nature, landscapes**
- ✓ **Cultural experience:** This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion
- ✓ **Please be advised it is recommended that you take a bottle of water for your journey**

 Day 7: Mykonos Greece Delos: Sacred Island and Apollo Sanctuary

From Mykonos we sail to the ancient harbour of Delos to explore one of the most important mythological and historical sites in all of Greece, ‘the sacred of all islands.’

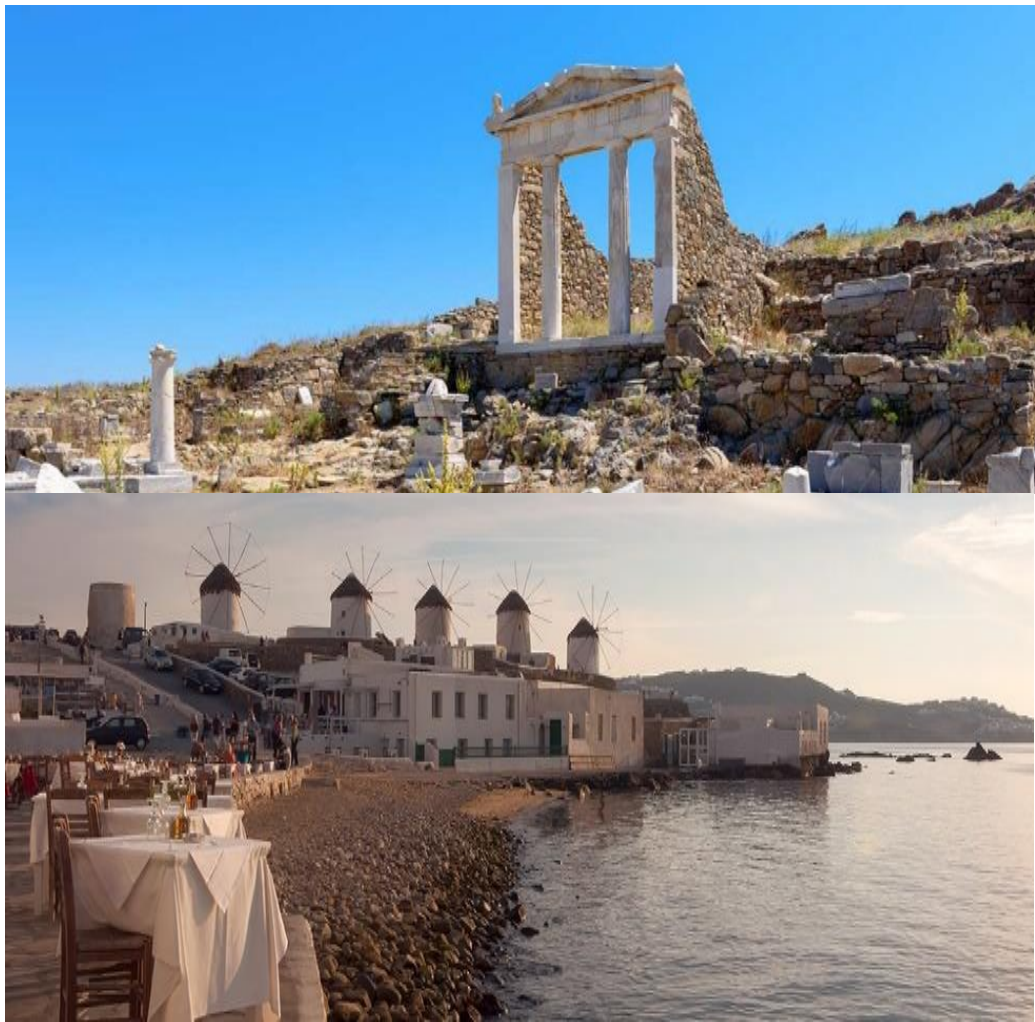
Excavation work is still ongoing in this incredible location and archaeologists consider the island to be one of the finest sites in the Mediterranean. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once again we really will travel back in time and experience a rich historical wonder. Delos was a holy sanctuary and one of the most important and prosperous commercial ports in the eastern Mediterranean during the 1st millennium BC. Olympian mythology made it the birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister Artemis and it attracted pilgrims from all over Greece.

There are numerous ruins to marvel at including Doric temples, an amphitheatre, houses with mosaics, Agora, the Oikos (House) of Naxians and the iconic statues at the Terrace of the Lions. Seven of the original full sized marble lions still stand.

There are the remains of the Sanctuary of Apollo and the Establishment of the Poseidoniasts of Beirut, built by ship owners and merchants from that city across the Mediterranean.

There is much more to see in this awe-inspiring open air museum. The excursion comes to an end back at Chora with free time for strolling through the alleys and the shops.

The excursion includes guide, boat and entrance fees.



Tour Details Code: MYK – 03-Duration: Half day

- ✓ **Moderate walking:** Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties
- ✓ **Panoramic, nature, landscapes**
- ✓ **Cultural experience:** This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion
- ✓ **Please be advised it is recommended that you take a bottle of water for your journey**

 Day 8: Milos Greece -Step Back in Time: Religious

We invite you to step back in time with us on the incredible volcanic island of Milos, one of the most beautiful places on earth.

A short drive from the harbour takes us to Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions. This startlingly beautiful, otherworldly spot is one of the island’s many geological wonders and perhaps one of the most photographed places in the Cyclades. We’ll walk down to the inlet so you can experience this one-of-a-kind beach and take photographs. You’ll feel as if you’ve landed on the moon. We then travel along the picturesque main road along the coast to the cobblestone streets and alleys of Plaka, a classic Cycladic village of white stone houses and bougainvillea flowers 250 meters above the Aegean.

We’ll stroll through the village to admire its traditional architecture and its stunning view of the sea, and we’ll sample some homemade sweets at a few of the village’s local pastry shops. Just 100 meters from Plaka lie early Christian catacombs, the largest in Greece, and the ruins of ancient Melos and its Roman amphitheater, which is cut into the rocky slope of the hill near the ancient agora.

Our path from the catacombs to the amphitheater takes us through a small olive grove beneath the retaining walls of ancient Melos, where you’ll find large Dorian walls and column fragments.

The marble amphitheater, to which you’ll have unrestricted access, still includes seven intact rows of seats and offers a lovely view of the bay. On our way back to the bus, we will visit the site where the Venus de Milo (now residing in the Louvre in Paris), was discovered in 1820.



Tour Details Code: MIL - 02R-Duration: Half day

- ✓ **Moderate walking:** Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties
- ✓ **Cultural experience:** This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion
- ✓ **Panoramic, nature, landscapes**

✚ Day 9: Athens Greece
Corinth Canal, Ancient Corinth, Bema of St. Paul

Checkout & Depart from Cruise for a Full Day Tour in Athens the world’s ancient capital. St Paul preached at **Mars Hill** near the Acropolis and the ancient Agora was one of his many meeting places. We travel further to Corinth where we will first stop for a photo opportunity at this amazing feat of engineering, the Corinth Canal. We’ll enjoy a great view. Built between 1881 and 1893, the fourmile- long waterway cuts through the Isthmus of Corinth and follows much the same line as a canal planned in Roman times. The waterway is 70 feet wide, 26 feet deep and 170 feet high.

We head for **ancient Corinth where St Paul lived, preached and wrote around 50-52 AD** and we will visit a number of the sites associated with his stay.

He established a church and wrote two epistles to the Corinthians. During the 6th century BC, it was one of Greece’s richest cities. Located in the northeast corner of the Peloponnese and at the head of the Gulf of Corinth, the city controlled the narrow Isthmus and the two seas on each side. Excavations, begun in 1896 and still ongoing, revealed the Temple of Apollo and Roman ruins. Paul spent 18 months in the city before the Jews of the city charged him with breaking the law and brought him before the proconsul Gallio at the city’s place of judgment (Bema). He dismissed the charges.

In Corinth Paul met Aquila and Priscilla, Jews recently expelled by Emperor Claudius from Rome. They became faithful followers. The three of these were tentmakers (or leather workers) and may have had their place of business in the city’s commercial marketplace, the agora.

This would have given Paul numerous opportunity to speak with customers and passers-by about the resurrection of Christ. All three later sailed to Ephesus to continue their missionary work.

Enjoy an early Dinner & Transfer to the airport for flight back to Nairobi.

NB-This package can be customized to specific Group Needs, Subject to Availability



Package Includes;-

- ✓ **Return Flight Ticket (Economy Class) Business Class Optional**
- ✓ **Airport Transfers in Athens**
- ✓ **1 Night Hotel Accommodation in Athens**
- ✓ **The Cruise Fare & 7 Days Stateroom Accommodation**
- ✓ **Full board meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)**
- ✓ **Free coffee, tea, water, and juice during restaurant hours 6:30 am-10:00pm**
- ✓ **Unlimited free sodas with meals in main restaurants (Thalassa & Taverna)**
- ✓ **Entertainment and daily activities onboard**
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- ✓ **Port fees, taxes and gratuities for the crew**
- ✓ **CIDALI International Branded T-Shirt & Cap**

Shorex Religious Tours on Group Basis:

- **Athens-** Panoramic Athens and Corinth Canal crossing
- **Thessaloniki -**Veria (Berroia)
- **Kusadasi-** House Of Virgin Mary and Ancient Ephesus
- **Crete-**Venetian Heraklion and the Unique Archaeological Museum
- **Santorini-** Akrotiri Village Excavations
- **Mykonos-** Delos: Sacred Island and Apollo Sanctuary
- **Milos-** Step Back in Time: Religious



Tour Details Code: ATH – 110 Duration: Full day

- ✓ **Moderate walking:** Moderate amount of physical activity such as walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties
- ✓ **Includes visits to religious sites,** knees and shoulders must be covered
- ✓ **Cultural experience:** This tour will feature art, architecture, history and religion
- ✓ **Please be advised it is recommended that you take a bottle of water for your journey**
- ✓ **Meal included on this excursion**

✚KEY RECOMMENDED ITEMS

- **Walking Shoes,**
- **Your regular medication**
- **Your Normal comfortable clothing**

Package Excludes; -

- **Turkey eVisa** (facilitated by CIDALI Groups coordination)
- **Greece Schengen Visa** (facilitated by CIDALI Groups)
- **Travel Insurance** (facilitated by CIDALI Groups)
- **Any items not stipulated in the itinerary package**



CANCELLATION POLICY

(To avoid losing cash you can send someone on your behalf)

- 150 days before Travel day; no penalty for cancellation or changes
- 89-60 days before Travel day: loss of Deposit
- 59-30 days before Travel day: 50% of total Cruise Price/ Deposit
- 30 days before Travel Day 0% refund

Cancel your booking up to 90 days prior to departure for a full refund. Amendment fees of \$50 apply to all bookings.

NB; Terms and conditions apply

Acts 9:15-16: 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name"



2 Corinthians 4:14-5:1

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven. The Word of the Lord

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