

"WALKING TOWARDS GOD IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL"

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SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 08, 2023



ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS - ROME

***"GOD IS OUR ONLY HOPE AND OUR FAITH WILL
SUSTAIN US!"***



RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS AT THE RIVER JORDAN



ON BOARD THE SHIP FOR FAITH AND FUN



AFTER MASS AT MOUNT OLIVES JUST EAST OF THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM



"TRAVEL ABOARD THE BEAUTIFUL EDGE CLASS

"CELEBRITY APEX"

Cruise Itinerary

Date	Port Location	Arrive	Depart
26 SEP	ATHENS (PIRAEUS), GREECE		5:00 PM
27 SEP	AT SEA		
28 SEP	JERUSALEM (ASHDOD), ISRAEL	8:00 AM	
29 SEP	JERUSALEM (ASHDOD), ISRAEL		10:00 PM
30 SEP	HAIFA, ISRAEL	6:00 AM	5:00 PM
01 OCT	AT SEA		
02 OCT	ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT	2:00 AM	
03 OCT	ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT		10:00 PM
04 OCT	AT SEA		
05 OCT	EPHESUS (KUSADASI), TURKEY	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
06 OCT	ATHENS (PIRAEUS), GREECE	4:30 AM	

**WE HAVE 16 E2 BALCONY CABINS IN OUR GROUP ALLOTMENT
OTHER CATEGORIES AVAILABLE AT PREVAILING RATES**

**CRUISE FARE IS \$2,514 + \$325 PORT CHARGES +
\$132.72 GOV TAXES AND FEES =
\$2971.72 PP DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**BONUS PACKAGE ON BOARD THE CELEBRITY APEX, INCLUDES WIFI,
BEVERAGES (BEER, WINE, SPIRITS UP TO \$9 PER GLASS), ON BOARD
GRATUITIES**

DEPOSIT OF \$450 PER PERSON IS DUE UPON REGISTRATION

DEPOSIT OF \$300 PP FOR THE TOURS ARE DUE SEPT. 15, 2022

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE JUNE 20, 2023 - MONTHLY PAYMENTS
AVAILABLE**

**COST FOR AIR AND HOTEL IN ATHENS WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN
AVAILABLE.**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE WILL BE PROVIDED INDIVIDUALLY UPON
REGISTRATION**

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**SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 - NIGHT FLIGHT TO ATHENS, GREECE FOR
EMBARKATION ON CELEBRITY APEX SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 - SEA DAY - MASS AND GET TOGETHERS TBA
(REVISED 6/28/22)**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 – ASHDOD (Jerusalem) (L)

Arrive Ashdod at 8:00am.

Disembark and board your private Israeli bus and tour guide and drive to Jerusalem.

Then, to the top of **Mt. of Olives** (Acts 1:9-12) for an awe inspiring, panoramic view of the Old City.

Walk the “Palm Sunday Walk” to the church called **Dominus Flevit** (“the Lord weeps”) (Luke 19:41-44). During construction in 1955, archaeologists uncovered artefacts dating back to the Canaanite period as well as tombs from both the Second Temple and Byzantine eras. Also unearthed were the remains of a lovely Byzantine shrine with an elaborate mosaic floor that was incorporated into the church.

Continue walking down to the **Garden of Gethsemane** (Matthew 26:36). Some of the oldest olive trees in the world are here. We will visit the **Church of All Nations** (which contains the stone Jesus supposedly prayed on the night of His betrayal, and have time for singing, reflection and prayer in a quiet area of the Garden of Gethsemane.

We drive 6 miles south of Jerusalem to **Bethlehem** (Micha 5:2 and Luke 2:1-4).

At 1:00pm enjoy an *Arabic lunch* in Bethlehem.

Visit the **Church of the Nativity**, the oldest church in the Holy Land still in use. Construction of this church began in 327AD over the traditional birthplace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Return to your hotel for *dinner* and overnight.

4:00pm, MASS: BETHLEHEM, CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE

Return to Ashdod for overnight on board the cruise.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 – ASHDOD (Jerusalem) (L)

After breakfast, board your bus at 8:00am and drive to Jerusalem.

Enter the Old City through **St. Stephen’s Gate (Lions’ Gate)** and the **Christian Quarter**. Here is the **Pool of Bethesda** (John 5), where Jesus healed the blind man and **St. Anne’s Church**, an outstanding example of Crusader architecture, with exceptional acoustics.

Visit the **Monastery of the sisters of Zion** and see the **Floor of the Lithostrotos**, the **Ecce Homo Arch** - Behold the Man - (John 19:5) and the **Church of the Flagellation** (Matthew 27:26).

Walk the **Way of the Cross, the Via Dolorosa**, to the **Church of the Holy Sepulcher**. In 325, Constantine's mother Helen first requisitioned the area for a church. This 4th- century church was largely destroyed by the Turks in 1009 and partially restored in 1048. The impressive stone decorations adorning the facade date from crusader times. In its current form, the church preserves the crusader structure and is shared by six Christian denominations: Greek, Armenian, Coptic, Ethiopian and Syrian Orthodox, and Roman Catholic. The church enshrines a tomb that some traditions hold to be the place of Jesus' burial and resurrection.

Drive to **Kibbutz Ramat Rachel** for lunch.

Start the morning with a visit to **Caiaphas Palace**, also known as the Church of Peter Gallicantu (John 18:12) and see the cistern where Jesus was held before he was taken to Pilate and the Roman Period steps, he walked from the Kidron Valley.

Then, drive to **Mt. Zion** and visit the **Last Supper Room**.

End our powerful visit in Jerusalem at the **Benedictine Abbey of Dormition**.

4:00pm, MASS: ABBEY OF DORMITION

Return to Ashdod for overnight on board the cruise.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 – HAIFA (Galilee) (L)

Arrive Haifa at 6:00am.

At 7:00am (please, no later) disembark and board your private Israeli bus and tour guide and drive to the Galilee.

At 8:30am take a memorable **private** boat-ride on the **Sea of Galilee** on our way to see the 2,000-year-old **Genosar Boat** ("the Jesus boat") discovered in 1986.

We will visit the New Testament fishing village of **Magdala** (Matthew 27:56, 61; 28:1).

At 12:00pm, enjoy a **St. Peter's Fish lunch** at the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Continue to **Tabgha** (the traditional site of the multiplication of bread and fish, John 6:1-14) and then to **Capernaum** with an ancient synagogue where Christ taught.

We will end our short day in Galilee with a visit the **Mount of Beatitudes**, the traditional site where Jesus Christ delivered **the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)**.

3:00pm, MASS: MOUNT OF BEATITUDES

Return to Haifa for embarkation at 4:15pm.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 02 – ALEXANDRIA (Cairo) (L)

Arrive Alexandria at 2:00am.

At 7:30am disembark and board your private Egyptian bus and tour guide and drive to Cairo.

Drive through Alexandria Road (approx. 2:30 hours) to the **Giza Plateau**, site of the **Great Pyramid of Khufu and the pyramids of Menkaure and Khafre**. Built in the Fourth Dynasty (approximately 2690 BC), this pyramid complex is the only survivor of the Seven Wonders of

the Ancient World. We'll have the opportunity to enter the **interior** of one of these legendary structures.

Ride a **camel** across the sands of Giza, and gaze out over the whole plateau, the Great Sphinx backdropped by the pyramids, a setting that has captured the imaginations of adventurers for centuries.

Then continue through Khafre's **Valley Temple** to the **Great Sphinx**.

Enjoy lunch en route.

Visit Old Cairo and see the Hanging Church and Abu Serga Church.

Return to Alexandria for overnight on board.

MASS - ST. MARY IN CAIRO

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 03 – ALEXANDRIA (Alexandria)

At 9:30am disembark and board your private Egyptian bus and tour guide and visit Alexandria. **Alexandria** is second largest city in Egypt was built by Alexander the Great on the site of an old fishing village which had a small harbor that was sheltered by the island of Pharos. Visit the **Catacomb (Kom El Shoafa)** a remarkable example of the Alexandrian blend of Graeco-Roman and Egyptian styles carved into 100ft of solid rock.

Continue for a visit the **Alexandria Library**. In antiquity, the library at Alexandria was the largest and most important library in the world. In April 2002, the library was reopened with the ambition of reclaiming its former glory and prestige.

View from the outside the Fort and **Citadel of Qait Bey**. Built in the 15th century by sultan Ashraf Qait Bey, legend tells the fort was built with stones from the Pharos Lighthouse, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. It now houses a navel museum.

Return to the cruise for lunch.

Continue to **Montazah Gardens**, where you will have the opportunity to see, from outside only, the Montazah palace. Originally built in 1892, the palace dates from 1926 and was the summer home of the Egyptian Royal family.

We'll end the day at the **St. Joseph's Catholic Church**.

4:30 PM, MASS: ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Return to the cruise for overnight on board.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 05 – KUSADASI (Ephesus) (L)

Arrive Kusadasi at 7:00am.

At 7:30am disembark (please, no later) and board your private Turkish bus and tour guide and drive to Ephesus.

Ephesus, another city of the Seven Churches of the Revelation and an ancient large port with a population of over 250,000. Paul visited Ephesus and his *Letter to the Ephesians* is addressed to the church there. The Third Ecumenical Council was held in Ephesus in 431. Tour the ancient city with its legendary marble streets, magnificent theater, Hadrian's Temple and Library of Celsus.

Then visit the sixth-century ruins of the **Basilica of St. John**.

Continue to the village of **Sultankoy for lunch**. Relax in a charming, pine-shaded garden while your locally sourced, organic meal is prepared. Olive oil and wine are made on site and served during lunch with an oral presentation about their production. After lunch you will have the opportunity to see the weaving looms and some of the finished carpets that are the pride of the region.

End the day at the Last **House of the Virgin Mary**, who was brought to Ephesus by John, the beloved disciple of Jesus. This hilltop home of the Virgin Mary is visited by over a hundred thousand pilgrims each year. Pilgrims drink water from the sacred spring and pray for health at this ancient spot of worship. Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass at the House of the Virgin Mary on November 29, 2006, as Paul VI and John Paul II did before him.

2:30 PM, MASS: HOUSE OF VIRGIN MARY

Return to Kusadasi for your cruise for embarkation by 3:30pm.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 06 – ATHENS

Arrive Piraeus at 4:30am. DISEMBARKATION

OPTIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL ATHENS / CORINTH

At 7:30am board your Ya'lla Tours Greek bus and start your full day tour of Athens.

Start with a visit and photo stop at **Panathinaiko Stadium** where the first Olympic Games took place in 1896. It is the only stadium built out of white marble. Proceed, passing by Zappeion and **Temple of Olympian Zeus**.

You will then pass the Athens Trilogy which includes the University of Athens, the Academy of Athens, and the National Library.

Continue passing by National Garden, Hadrian's Arc, St. Paul's Church, Parliament, Tomb of the Unknown soldier, Schliemann's House (Numismatic Museum), Catholic Cathedral, Old Parliament, Constitution Square, Russian Orthodox Church, and finally the **Acropolis** (visit Propylae, Temple of Athena Nike, **Parthenon**, Erechtheion with its Porch of Maidens).

Transfer to your hotel for overnight. **(HOTEL WILL BE BOOKED WITH CELEBRITY)**

MASS - CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. PAUL @ 5 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 07 – ATHENS

(L)

Drive the historic coast road to **Corinth**. Along the way stop by the Corinth Canal which for the last 120 years has turned the Peloponnese Peninsula into an island.

Arrive at ancient **Corinth**, where Paul ministered for nearly two years and wrote the earliest New Testament writings, The Letters to Thessalonians. The columns of Apollo Temple dominate the Agora. See the tribunal before which Paul was dragged, but where Gallio refused to pass judgment on him (Acts 18:1-17).

Stop for lunch en route.

Continue to the beautiful Peloponnese and the ancient city of **Mycenae**, the center of Europe's first civilization.
Return to Athens along the new scenic road with magnificent views of the Saronic Gulf and the ancient port of **Kenchreai** from which Paul sailed to Ephesus (Acts 18:18).
Return to the hotel for overnight.

MASS IN CORINTH FIELD IN HONOR OF ST. PAUL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 - TRANSFER FROM HOTEL TO AIRPORT FOR FLIGHT HOME

PRICE INCLUDES:

- * **6.5 days tour in an air-conditioned private motor coach with licensed, English speaking guides as per the itinerary.**
- * **6 lunches as per the itinerary.**
- * **All private transfers to/from the airport and port in Athens.**
- * **All entrance fees as per itinerary.**
- * **Service and local taxes.**
- * **Tip to the guide, driver, transfer person and hotel.**

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- * Airfare.
- * Drinks of any kind while on tours
- * Personal expenses.

AT THIS TIME ISRAEL, EGYPT AND TURKEY REQUIRE ALL VISITORS TO HAVE TRAVEL INSURANCE. THIS CAN BE PURCHASED AT TIME OF FINAL PAYMENT UNLESS YOU NEED TO COVER PRE-EXISTING HEALTH CONDITIONS. THIS REQUIREMENT CAN CHANGE BEFORE OUR TRIP AND WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED.

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AND MUST BE PURCHASED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF FIRST DEPOSIT TO COVER PRE-EXISTENCE CONDITIONS.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:
DEPOSITS TO SECURE GUIDES AND VEHICLES MUST BE DONE WELL IN ADVANCE AND CONFIRMED WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**

- * A tour deposit of \$300 per person is due SEPT. 10, 2022
The deposit is REFUNDABLE up to final payment date,

less a \$100 administration fee.

* Final payment is due on **June 20, 2023**.

* Passenger must have a valid **U.S. Passport** to enter Greece.

(Must have at least 6 months of validity past your scheduled return date).

CATHOLIC TOURS IN JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM, HAIFA, GALILEE, ASHDOD, HOME OF THE BLESSED MOTHER IN EPHESUS AND ALEXANDRIA / CAIRO EGYPT

\$1,795 PP

TOURS FOR OPTIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN GREECE

\$275 PP

HOTELS IN GREECE AND CELEBRITY FLIGHTS WILL BE AVAILABLE 330 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE - AIR ARRANGEMENTS ARE OPTIONAL

SUPPLIERS ALLOW SMALLER PAYMENTS TO BE MADE OVER TIME INTEREST FREE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PRICE:

* The price of the tours are per person based on group participation of 32 guests.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:

* A deposit of **\$300** per person is due Sept. 10, 2022

If you cancel before final payments are due, you will receive a refund on all money paid less a \$100 administration fee.

* Final payment is due **June 20, 2023**

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

* **For cancellation of 89 to 45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost will apply.**

* **For cancellation of 44 to 30 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the tour cost will apply.**

* **For cancellation of 29 days and less prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost will apply.**

* No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.

*** If Ya'lla Tours USA cancels the trip/tour for reasons beyond its control, a credit voucher will be offered for the land services good for use up to 18 months from the original travel date to any Ya'lla Tours USA destination.**

*** TRAVEL INSURANCE IS NONREFUNDABLE.**

LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** will do its best to maintain the content of the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Whereas **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc., Faithful Travels LLC** and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sight-seeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, We are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring, the general risks of travel, government regulations and acts of god in connection with suppliers of these tours. The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger.

Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'.

The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven. Venue for any dispute is Multnomah County Circuit Court, Oregon. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Oregon.

PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY:

Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically, passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section.

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:

Your passport must be valid for at least six months following your entry date to your travel destination.

For more specific visa requirement, please contact the relevant consulate for update information.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:

This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

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PLEASE PROVIDE ONE RESERVATION FORM PER PERSON - PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

PHONE
(HOME) _____ (CELL) _____

EMAIL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

PHONE _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

SHARING A CABIN
WITH _____

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXP _____ SEC
CODE _____

CARD HOLDERS
NAME _____

CARD HOLDERS
ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

SPECIAL NEEDS _____

E 2 BALCONY CABIN

GROUP CRUISE FARE \$2514 + \$325 PORT CHARGES + \$132.72 GOV TAXES = \$2,971.72

PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**OTHER CATEGORIES AT PREVAILING RATES - SHIP IS CAPACITY CONTROLLED AND
SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY**

**DEPOSIT OF \$450 PER PERSON DUE WITH RESERVATION - FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE
REQUIRED BY JUNE 20, 2023**

CRUISE DEPOSIT IS REFUNDABLE UP TO DATE OF FINAL PAYMENT JUNE 20, 2023

**CATHOLIC TOURS IN JERUSALEM, BETHLEHEM, HAIFA, GALILEE, ASHDOD, HOME OF THE
BLESSED MOTHER IN EPHESUS AND ALEXANDRIA / CAIRO EGYPT - \$1795**

DO YOU WISH TO STAY POST CRUISE FOR THE OPTIONAL PILGRIMAGE IN "THE FOOTSTEPS
OF ST. PAUL"? _____

TOURS IN GREECE OCT. 6 AND 7 - \$275

FARES FOR CELEBRITY OR GROUP CONTRACT AIR, TRANSFERS AND ATHEN HOTELS
WILL BE PUBLISHED 330 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FLIGHTS CAN BE HANDLED WITHIN THE GROUP OR INDIVIDUALLY

SUPPLIERS ALLOW SMALLER PAYMENTS TO BE MADE OVER TIME INTEREST FREE

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS BASED ON TRIP COST & AGE.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A TRAVEL INS PREMIUM QUOTE AT THE TIME OF RESERVATION
PREMIUM _____

Please return a color copy of your passport with this reservation form.

**KINDLY READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN TOUR ITINERARY FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

NOTES: