# St. Didacus presents...

# Discover Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle

with Optional 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension **July 21 – 31, 2026** 



Upgrade to Elite Airfare! See inside for details.

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11 Days • 19 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 7 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Athens, *Taverna* Dinner Show, Corinth, The Acropolis, Mars Hill, 3-Night Cruise, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi, Meteora

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2, 3 Titania Hotel Athens, Athens Days 4 – 6 Celestyal Discovery, Piraeus

Day 7 Famissi Eden Hotel, Kalambaka

Days 8, 9 Capsis Hotel Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki

Day 10 Titania Hotel Athens, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Tuesday, July 21, 2026 Overnight Flight Paul the Apostle, the prolific writer of the New Testament letters, was one of the first Christian missionaries. Trace his journey through the ancient cities and pastoral countrysides of Greece and Turkiye.

**Day 2: Wednesday, July 22, 2026 Athens, Greece** Arrive in Athens. As there are no included features, today is yours to explore Greece's vibrant capital city.

Day 3: Thursday, July 23, 2026 Athens - Corinth - Athens This morning, travel to Corinth where Paul lived and preached for two years and also wrote 2 epistles. Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Back in Athens, see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) – where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech – and visit the incomparable Acropolis. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the Plaka, Athens' historic district nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Celebrate the beginning of a marvelous trip while feasting on local cuisine and fine wine in a traditional *taverna* while Greek entertainment creates a wonderful ambiance around you. (B, D)

Day 4: Friday, July 24, 2026 Athens - Piraeus\* (Embarkation) - Mykonos Embark on a 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkiye. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served daily while on board. The island of Mykonos is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings, and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, following the mazes of narrow streets full of bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D)

Day 5: Saturday, July 25, 2026 Kusadasi, Turkiye - Patmos, Greece Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi for an excursion to the ruins of Ephesus (UNESCO), where Paul the Apostle lived for 3 years during his ministry. You'll also visit the Agora, the great theater, and the stadium where chariot races and gladiatorial combats took place. Legend claims that Paul fought here against wild beasts. Visit the House of Mary, where the Virgin Mother spent her last days. Continue your cruise to Patmos. Visit the Monastery of John and the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Sunday, July 26, 2026 Heraklion (Crete)\*\* - Santorini This morning, enjoy free time in the historic center of Heraklion, Crete's largest city. Choose from a variety of museums, shopping, or sit back at a local cafe for some people watching. Later, arrive on the island of Santorini, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Today's included ship excursion begins with a visit to Megalochori, an authentic village preserving the character of Santorini. Continue your drive through small island communities before arriving in Oia for an incredible caldera view and time to stroll the alleyways of small shops and cafes before returning to the ship. (B, L, D)

Day 7: Monday, July 27, 2026 Piraeus\* (Disembarkation) - Kalambaka After an early morning disembarkation, travel north. Pause at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defense by Leonidas against the Persian army. This afternoon, visit an icon-painting workshop and discover the ancient traditions behind the sacred images used in Orthodox Byzantine devotional tradition. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)







# **Book Now & Save \$50 Per Person:**

Double \$6,549; Single \$8,149; Triple \$6,449 Triple \$6,399

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For bookings made after Jan 22, 2026 call for rates.

**Included in Price:** Cruise Taxes and Fees, Port Charges, Round Trip Air from San Diego Intl Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$699 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from SAN

### Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,590; Business Class \$4,290

- \* Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.
- † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS**: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

#### Day 8: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 Kalambaka - Meteora -

**Thessaloniki** Marvel at the hanging monasteries of Meteora (UNESCO). These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with 6 historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks, and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. Visit two amazing Meteora monasteries\*\*\* which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early center for Christianity. Paul visited and preached here during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote 2 epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. (B, D)

Day 9: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki Travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke, and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. Join a local expert for a guided tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient Roman and Byzantine

eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. (B)

Day 10: Thursday, July 30, 2026 Thessaloniki - Athens Proceed through the fertile Thessalian Valley and the plains of Central Greece to Athens, arriving in the late afternoon. This evening, celebrate the end of your spiritual journey during a farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 11: Friday, July 31, 2026 Athens - Tour Ends** Return home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes and the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. *(B)* 

#### **Important Tour Information:**

Book Now rates valid until Jan 22, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an onthe-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of

## **EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH**

Optional 4 Days 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,999.00 USD double, \$2,399.00 USD single, land & air inclusive

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transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Accessing one of the two monasteries in Meteora requires climbing approximately 200 steps.

Travelers must be able to climb on and off tender boats to access shore at select ports during the cruise.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 50-60 steep uneven steps and walk over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings.

Expect longer days with early mornings starting from 6:00 - 7:30 a.m. and some late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. There are several days that may be 12+ hours long, especially while visiting 2 ports of call on the cruise ship, but there will be approximately 4 hours at sea during which you will be able to rest and recharge.

\*\*\*In order to enter the monasteries in Meteora, all travelers must have their shoulders covered. Women must wear skirts or dresses that cover the knees or must bring a scarf to tie around your waist if wearing pants. Men must wear long trousers. You may be denied entry to the monasteries if this dress code is not followed.

Museum visits and shopping may be affected by the observance of religious or local holidays.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Order of ports may be changed by the cruise line.

\*\*For sailings during the month of March, Crete may not be available as a port of call. Instead, more time is spent in Patmos and/or Santorini.

Due to a limited number of tickets for the Acropolis, travelers who book within 60 days of departure may be waitlisted until tickets can be confirmed.

Optional shore excursions are available for purchase directly from the ship upon embarkation.

Celestyal Cruise Lines cabin categories are based on the following: Exterior Cosmos Cabin XA (deck 4 or 5), XB (deck 3, 4, 6, or 7), and XC (deck 4 or 5). Cabin availability is first-come, first-served.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Triple accommodations are limited and will be confirmed upon request and availability from the cruise line.

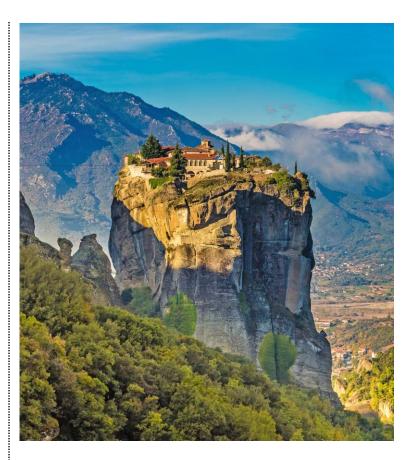
\*Port of embarkation/disembarkation can be either Piraeus or Lavrion. Please check your final travel documents for the correct listing.

Due to flight schedules, a pre or post night may be required at an additional cost to you.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.



Port taxes, service charges, and fees of approximately \$149 USD (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of booking per person, are payable at time of final payment. Single cabins, if confirmed, are higher.

Prior to full payment of the tour, the cruise line reserves the right to impose a supplemental fuel charge. Should this occur, you will be notified of the additional charges.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

#### **Travel Requirements:**

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias\_en

A deposit of \$898 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of January 15, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by March 23, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until January 22, 2026.

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For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1358080.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.



PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: St. Didacus

TRAVEL DATE: 7/21/2026 TERRITORY: W4

RES#: 1358080

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This form is intended for use by the Group Leaders only. Please note that Collette is unable to process this form

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Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

**IMPORTANT**: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information 

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## **Extend your vacation with**

## **Optional 4 Days 3-Night Journey to Rome Post Tour Extension**

Per Person Rates: \$1,999.00 USD double, \$2,399.00 USD single, land & air inclusive 4 Meals: 3 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

#### Day 11: Athens, Greece - Rome, Italy

This morning, travel from Athens\* on an inspirational journey to Rome and experience fascinating religious sites connected to the life of Paul the Apostle, recalling both his first and second visits to the city. After landing in the Italian capital, transfer to your hotel, where you'll meet the local host escorting you during your stay. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies. *Today dinner will be included*.

#### Day 12: Rome

This morning, cross the invisible border separating Rome from the enclosure of the Vatican State for a guided tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica.\*\* Take in world-renowned wonders such as the Sistine Chapel and Michelangelo's mural of *The Last Judgment*, concluding with a visit of St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest religious buildings in the world. Pause for a moment of reflection by the *Confessio*, the sunken area directly in front of the tomb of the Apostle, which is dedicated to the confession of faith by Peter that led to his martyrdom. Take time to reflect before an evening at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included*.

#### Day 13: Rome

Start your day with a visit to Mamertine Prison, where Paul was arrested, bound in chains, and executed. Next, explore one of Rome's sixty Catacombs, the underground tunnels where early Christians hid and buried their dead. Then, take time to meditate on the Apostle's tomb at the nearby Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Finally, pause for a moment of reflection in the Abbey of *Tre Fontane* (Three Fountains), built on the believed site of Paul's martyrdom. The evening is yours. Perhaps you will join an optional dinner in a popular restaurant, where you'll indulge in a hearty meal accompanied by wine and local entertainment. *Today breakfast will be included* 

#### Day 14: Rome - Extension Ends

Your extension comes to a close today. Say *arrivederci* to Rome as you head to the airport for your flight home. *Today breakfast will be included*.

#### **Important Tour Extension Information:**

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

**Fully-guided** extensions are a great way to explore a new destination. Enjoy sightseeing and local experiences led by a Tour Manager or local expert.

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 6 travelers is not met to operate.

The tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica requires the ability to walk up to 4 miles (6 kilometers) from the bus drop-off to the pickup point. The tour averages 5 hours in length, and visitors must be able to stay on their feet for the entire time as there is no seating available in the museum. You must expect large crowds at security checks and inside the museum and Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museums do not have air conditioning. The included activities are not suitable for travelers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer-frames. The included sightseeing requires accessing locations that restrict motor coaches. Rome is paved in cobblestones and the sidewalks are poorly maintained: please be mindful of your step and watch out for small potholes, loose stones, and gravel. For your well-being, we recommend bringing comfortable, well-broken-in walking shoes.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

\*\*On select departures, the tour of the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica may operate on a different day due to availability of reservations and closure on Sundays and holidays. Dates and times are subject to change based on availability of reservations.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Air inclusive rate is valid for travelers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.

\*Due to tour scheduling, flights should depart Athens after 11:00 a.m. and no later than 2:00 p.m. The flight between Athens and Rome is not included in the land price of your extension.



## Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: <u>TravelOperations@collette.com</u>

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations

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#### TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. \*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.

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Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

## Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

#### Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

I have read and understand the above:

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations. Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.