GREECE & ITALY
FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL
April 18-28, 2018
Tour Hosts: Hector Torres and Donna Partow

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Explore the origins of the church in Greece and Italy. Travel by deluxe motorcoach to the ancient cities of Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, and Rome. At these sites we will discuss the birth, growth, trials and development of the earliest Christian congregations as they struggled not only to understand their new faith in Christ, but also as they dealt with false teachers and hostile forces opposed to the church.

– Hector Torres & Donna Partow

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Tour Itinerary:

Apr 18 Wed Depart USA – Fly Athens
Departures from Miami (MIA) - New York (JFK) - Los Angeles (LAX) - Bogota, Columbia (BOG)

Apr 19 Thu Arrive Athens Airport
Arrive Athens Airport. Our representative will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with a “Hector Torres & Donna Partow” sign. Meet and transfer to your hotel. Overnight Athens. (D)

Apr 20 Fri Athens
Full day Athens Tour. In the morning, we will visit the new Acropolis Museum and see its modern architecture. We will enjoy excellent findings from Acropolis. Then, we will walk at the famous touristic area called Plaka area, see shops, cafes, restaurants and also we will visit a local church in Plaka area. In the afternoon, we will visit the St George Church at Lycabettus Hill, and enjoy the panoramic view of Athens. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Apr 21 Sat Corinth Canal, Corinth, Museum, Cenchrea - Athens
On the way to Corinth, we will stop at the famous Corinth Canal to take photos. In Corinth, see the ancient city where Paul met Aquila and Priscilla, the tent makers, and where the apostle spent eighteen months sharing the Gospel (Acts 18: 1-18). Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place and Temples. Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood before Gallio facing charges brought by the Jews. Visit the ancient port of Cenchrea where Paul departed to return Syria (Acts 18:12-18). Return to Athens for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

Apr 22 Sun Athens Airport – Early morning Flight to Kavala - Philippi - Thessaloniki
Transfer to Athens Airport. Fly to Kavala, for a short visit. Continue to Philippi, where Paul met and converted Lydia, a woman from Thyatira who sold purple garments (Acts 16:13-15). Lydia was the first Christian to be baptized on European soil. See the theater, agora, latrines and several early Byzantine basilicas of the city. Also visit a cistern, which was thought to have served as a prison for the apostle Paul. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Thessaloniki. (B,D)

Apr 23 Mon Thessaloniki
We continue our journey to Thessaloniki, the city where Paul shared the gospel message and experienced much opposition (Acts 17: 1-9). Here Paul established a church to which he addressed his Thessalonian epistles. Visit St. George’s Basilica, which tradition claims is built over the synagogue where Paul preached. View the Old City Ramparts, and the Galerius Arch that rises over the Via Egnatia. Visit the Archaeological Museum and the ancient Agora. See two of the most beautiful basilicas in the city, St. Sophia and St. Demetrios, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. (B,D)

Apr 24 Tue Thessaloniki Airport - Fly to Athens
Your Athens guide will meet you after the customs and baggage claim with a “Hector Torres & Donna Partow” sign. Meet and transfer to the city center. Follow your guide to the world renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheum. View Mars Hill where the apostle Paul stood spoke to the Athenian people and shared the Gospel (Acts 17:15-34). See the Agora, the ancient market place and center of the Athenian public life, where the apostle Paul preached “Jesus and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18) to the skeptical Athenians. Also see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Overnight in Athens. (B,D)
Apr 25 Wed  One Day Cruise to Greek Islands of Hydra, Poros & Aegina - with lunch
07:30 am pick up and transfer to the port and embark on the cruise-boat. At 8:15 am sail for the island of Hydra, the beloved muse of painters, craftsmen and photographers. Its unique architecture, crystal clear waters, splendid craft and jewel shops, folk art and the island’s traditional means of transport – the donkey, make it one of the last examples of “living Mediterranean history”. In Hydra you have time at leisure for strolling, shopping or swimming. In the early afternoon sail for the island of Aegina. Upon arrival in Aegina you can either join the excursion to the majestic 5th century BC Temple of Aphaia (optional tour). Sailing to Poros, the smallest of the three islands. Poros town quietly nestled in the embrace of deep green pine forests and mildly scented lemon groves. Strolling about the town, you will come across the town-hall, the archaeological museum, the municipal library, the cultural hall. A climb to the town’s magnificent bell tower offers an unforgettable view. Buffet lunch on board. Finally, re-embark for the sail back to Athens port at 19:00 and transfer back to your hotel for diner and overnight. (B,L,D)

LAND & AIR:

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INCLUDING

- International Roundtrip Air Fare from New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Bogota to Athens and return from Rome
- Athens-Kavala domestic flight on April 22
- Thessaloniki-Athens domestic flight on April 24
- Athens-Rome flight by Aegean Airlines on April 26
- 3 Nights at 4 star Parthenon Hotel in Athens www.airotel.gr/hotel/parthenon or similar
- 2 Nights at 4 star Capsis Hotel in Thessaloniki www.capishotels.gr/en/thessaloniki or similar
- 2 Nights at 4 star Parthenon Hotel in Athens www.airotel.gr/hotel/parthenon or similar
- 2 Nights at 4 star Cicerone Hotel in Rome www.hotelciceronerome.com or similar
- Daily open buffet breakfasts at the hotels
- 7 Dinners at the hotels in Greece
- 2 Dinners in Rome at local restaurants
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All entrance fees to the sites and museums
- All transportation by private AC Bus with driver
- All airport-hotel-airport transfers
- All guiding by English Speaking licensed tour guides
- Service charges and local taxes
- TUTKU maps, t-shirts, luggage tags, bags

EXCLUDING

- Lunches and drinks
- US citizens do not need a visa to travel to Greece and Italy. Shengen Visa may be necessary for non-US citizens.
- Tips to tour guides and drivers
- All personal expenses, travel & health insurance, any other item not listed above.
PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

DEPOSIT PAYMENT DATE: $100 pp on September 25, 2017
FULL PAYMENT DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2018

Cancellation Penalty:
- 120-90 days prior to departure: No Penalty
- 89-60 days prior to departure: 10%
- 59-45 days prior to departure: 25%
- 44-30 days prior to departure: 50%
- 29-15 days prior to departure: 75%
- 14 days & After: No refund

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