Sailing Acts
The Seaports and Sailing Routes of Paul
Travel with Paul through Acts on this journey on sea and land in Turkey and Greece
with Linford and Janet Stutzman
October 7-23, 2020
organized by TUTKU Educational Travel
Tour Itinerary:

OCT 7 Wed  Arrive Istanbul
Arrive individually at Arcadia Blue Hotel in time for dinner at 7:00 pm in hotel. After dinner we will meet for a brief orientation to travel plans, organizing the group for the journey and tomorrow’s schedule. (D)

Guided tours to the architectural triumph of Byzantine Christendom, the Hagia Sophia (1,000 years older than St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome!) We will visit the Blue Mosque, the only mosque in the world with six minarets, and Topkapi Palace of the sultans, now filled with exorbitant riches of the Ottoman Empire. Opportunity to explore and visit Grand Bazaar. Dinner and overnight in Arcadia Blue Hotel. (B,D)

After early breakfast, transfer to airport for 8:30 am flight to Antalya. Upon arrival we will go directly to visit the ruins of the ancient port city of Perge. After lunch we will check in to the La Paloma Hotel in the old city of Antalya. Opportunity to visit the archeological museum containing an impressive display of treasures found in Perge or explore/shop in the old city. Dinner on your own in nearby restaurants. (B)

OCT 10 Sat  Theme: Paul at Sea, Scripture: Acts 27
After breakfast, check out of hotel, transfer (2 hour scenic bus ride) to Finike - home port of SailingActs. In the marina, we board the gulet that will be our home for the next number of days. The remaining time and program will be determined by the gulet schedule. Because of weather and other contingencies such as the location of good anchorages, it is not possible to give a fixed itinerary, but we will be stopping at a variety of Acts sites. This is the time of relaxation, eating good food, learning about the incomparable Mediterranean Sea and the people who learned how to sail it in order to achieve their goals, including Paul. (B,D)

OCT 11 Sun  Theme: Shipping Grain - Fuel of the Roman Empire: Acts 27
Continue up the coast stopping in anchorages to visit archaeological sites Myra and Patara - key ancient harbor cities in the eastern Mediterranean. (B,L,D)

OCT 12 Mon  Theme: The Roman Empire and the Sea, Scripture: Acts 27 selections
Westward along the mountainous Turkish coast passing the Seven Sisters (small capes) and around into Gocek Bay. Explore the Gocek Bay’s coves and anchorages. Favorite sailing area for international sailors! (B,L,D)

OCT 13 Tues  Explore Gocek Bay’s coves and anchorages. Relax and enjoy! (B,L,D)

OCT 14 Wed  Theme: The Sea in Scripture - Genesis to Revelation
Continue westward along the beautiful Turkish coast. (B,L,D)

OCT 15 Thu  Theme: The Mediterranean Sea, Scripture: Ezekiel 27
Today we stop and visit Cnidus, (Acts 27:7) a key military and commercial harbor complex of Rome and fascinating, beautiful ruins. (B,L,D)

OCT 16 Fri  Bodrum
Cruise past island of Kos. Arrive at Bodrum, ancient Halicarnassus famous for one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the Mausoleum built by Mausolus (375-53 BC) Disembark gulet. Check into the Karia Princess Hotel near the harbor. Dinner on our own – there are a huge selection of wonderful bay front seafood restaurants near the hotel. (B)

OCT 17 Sat  Theme: Paul’s farewell in Miletus, Scripture: Acts 20:13-38
Today we travel northward stopping at Didyma with its incredible temple built during the reign of Alexander the Great, then on to Miletus where we will engage in some archeological exploration of our own in this remote harbor city on the once navigable Meander River. We continue on with a stop in Priene then to Kuşadası, and check into Liman Hotel. A popular little hotel known for its hospitable owner “Mr. Happy.” Great location right on the port and close to the bazaar. (B)
OCT 18 Sun  Theme: Paul in Ephesus, Scripture: Acts 19:23-41
We will spend the full day to visit the spectacular area of Ephesus! We will walk the marble streets and visit the stadium that seats 25,000, see the life-styles of the rich and famous, and the incomparable Celsus Library. We will also visit the Basilica of St. John, the forlorn remains of the Temple to Artemis, and the exquisite museum in nearby Selcuk before returning to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

OCT 19 Mon  Ferry to Samos - Theme: Paul the Traveler, Scripture: Acts 18:19 – 19:21
After a roof-top breakfast at our hotel we will travel on a short ferry ride in the morning to Greek island of Samos. After disembarking we will explore the seaport of Phythagorio. Lunch and time to linger over ice “kaffee” and experience the slow paced life (and shopping) of a Greek island. Return to the town of Vathi. Check in to Hotel Samos. Explore the back streets of the little town. Dinner on your own in waterfront restaurants. (B,L)

OCT 20 Tue  Fly Athens
Today we will take a short, early morning flight to Athens, leave our luggage (or check in) to the Katerina Hotel, then take a walking tour for an introduction to Athens atop the Areopagus. Dinner on your own. Overnight at Katerina Hotel. (B)

Today you will be given tickets and information to explore the main ancient sites on your own including the agora with the reconstructed stoa, time out for lunch and a visit to the museum. We will meet as a group in late afternoon. Together, we will visit the stadium constructed in ancient Greek style for the first modern Olympics in 1896. Dinner on your own. Overnight at Katerina Hotel. (B)

OCT 22 Thu  Athens - Theme: Paul in the City of Love and Violence, Scripture: Acts 18:1-18
After breakfast we will travel by bus to Corinth, stopping at the awesome Corinth Canal, then on to Old Corinth site of the biblical Corinth where we will have time to explore the excellent archeological remains with the bema, and temple to Apollo. An impressive little museum of discoveries in Corinth is included. Following lunch in Old Corinth we will visit the ancient harbor of Cenchrae, and then travel back to Athens with free time. Celebratory dinner together. Overnight at Katerina Hotel. (B,D)

OCT 23 Fri  Breakfast and depart as individually arranged.

PACKAGE TOUR RATE:
$3,690  Per Person in Double Room
$4,990  Single Room

INCLUDING
• Istanbul-Antalya domestic flight on Oct 9
• Kusadasi-Samos ferry ticket on Oct 19
• Samos-Athens morning domestic flight on Oct 20
• 2 Nights at Arcadia Blue Hotel in Istanbul or similar
• 1 Night at La Paloma Hotel in Kaleici, Antalya or similar
• 6 Nights at private Gulet Boat (wooden yacht)
• 1 Night at Karia Princess Hotel in Bodrum or similar
• 2 Nights at Liman Hotel in Kusadasi or similar
• 1 Night at Aeolis Hotel in Samos or similar
• 3 Nights at Katerina Hotel in Athens or similar
• Daily open buffet breakfasts at the hotels
• 8 Lunches (bottled water included)
• 9 Dinners (bottled water included)
• Sightseeing as per the itinerary
• Lectures of Linford and Janet Stutzman
• English Speaking local guides during all tours
• All airport-port-hotel transfers
• All transportation by private AC Buses
• All entrance fees to the sites and museums
• All service charges and local taxes
• All tips to hotel staff, guides and drivers
• Sailing Acts/Tutku T-shirt, Maps, Tutku bag

EXCLUDING
• International Flights to arrive Istanbul on Oct 7 & depart from Athens on Oct 23
• Meals which are not listed above, and drinks other then water
• Turkish Visa Fee - $20 for US citizens to be obtained online before arrival www.evisa.gov.tr
• Tips to the Gulet Boat staff $50 per person
• Travel, and Health Insurances, any kind of insurance
• All personal expenses, and any other item which is not listed above
Background: Since a sabbatical in 2004, my wife and I continue to explore the Mediterranean of the Acts story aboard our sailboat SailingActs. For the past number of years we have had the privilege of sharing with others our sea-based insights of the dynamic Christian movement through the seaports and sailing routes of the Mediterranean. We are pleased that Tutku Educational Travel, the leading experts in the region, is offering this unique travel option.

Description: This journey which begins in Istanbul and ends in Athens, includes world famous archeological sites such as Ephesus and Corinth, and features an entire week enjoying excellent Turkish cuisine, swimming, sailing and relaxing aboard a beautiful, well-appointed traditional wooden Turkish gulet. This route along the spectacular coast of southern Turkey intersects with and follows parts of Paul’s four sea voyages recorded in Acts. The voyage includes visits to several remote and relatively unknown archeological sites of biblical and historical significance, scenic ancient harbors, and quiet anchorages along the way.

Brief Itinerary: Istanbul, Antalya, Perge, Finike, Myra, Patara, Knidos, Bodrum, Didyma, Melitus, Ephesus, Samos (Greek island), Corinth, Athens and other places of historical and cultural interest not mentioned in Acts.

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**PAYMENT PROCEDURE:**

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**Cancellation Penalty:**
- 90–60 days prior to departure: No Penalty
- 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

**Travel Insurance:** Travel insurance may be purchased separately at an extra cost. Travel Insurance is a contract between the traveller and the Insurance Company (American Express, or other). To obtain your travel insurance, please call 1–800–TURKIYE and ask for Ms. Ayata.

**Itinerary and site visits are subject to change and/or substitution depending on availability of site access.**

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