

tour 41011



Fr. Barry Saylor

invites you to join him

October 11-21, 2024

on an 11-day pilgrimage to

Greece & Turkey

includes a 4-day
Aegean Cruise



Early registration price per person
\$3,999 + \$599* from Chicago
if deposit is paid by 7-3-24

Base price \$4,099 + \$599* per person after 7-3-24

**Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges
subject to increase/decrease at ticketing*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 9/27/2023 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 31 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels (XA cabins on cruise) or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$139 per night and based on availability. Single rooms on cruise portion are subject to availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Nine full hot breakfasts, lunches (on the ship only), and nine dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. **Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.**

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: ❶ U.S. and foreign airport fees, PFC charges, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$599); ❷ Cruise taxes and tips (est. \$199); ❸ Visa for Turkey, custom fees, and security charges; ❹ land tips to guides, drivers and meal servers (est. - \$90); and ❺ optional travel protection. A travel protection flyer will be provided with more information. ❻ Also not included: airline baggage fees, luggage handlers, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature.

NOTE: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the **balance to be paid in full no later than 7/3/2024.** Payment of remaining balance received after 7/3/2024 will incur a \$50 penalty and/or a delay in your final travel documents. Reservations made within 100 days of departure may be subject to a late charge.

[PENALTY PHASE ONE] In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 4/9/2024 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

[PENALTY PHASE TWO] From 4/9/2024 to 7/3/2024 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

[PENALTY PHASE THREE] If cancellation is received after 7/3/2024 refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater.

There will be no refund for cancellations within 65 days of departure.

Credit card processing fees are non-refundable and always the responsibility of the passenger. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 185 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

NOTE: Any change request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline deviations and/or added domestic flights, automatically advances into the next penalty level or the current level, whichever is greater. Once the change request/alteration is made, those arrangements are final and can NOT be changed back to the group arrangement.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip Chicago/Athens and Istanbul/Chicago on economy class jet via Turkish or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary. If air/tour cancellation is effected by passenger after 7/6/2024, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger, in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel Protection is NOT included in the tour price. We suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect you and your trip investment. Plans can provide benefits such as Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. You will be mailed a travel protection flyer along with an enrollment and waiver form. Full terms and details of a travel insurance plan, including limitations and exclusions can be found in the travel insurance plan policy or description for coverage. Please note that Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. Check with your own insurance provider to determine whether or not you are covered outside of the U.S.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including surface transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or non-performance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. Turkish and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS: In response to world health initiatives, many countries and airlines are implementing travel requirements that can include, but are not limited to: masks, testing, vaccines, specific documentations, etc. These requirements are the responsibility of each passenger. Passengers must have a valid, working email.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES: All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 100 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

ERRORS: The Pentecost Tours staff does its best to provide you with accurate billing, brochures, etc. However, in the event of computer error, verbal or written human errors, we reserve the right to invoice, re-invoice, or forward corrected materials.

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MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED DAILY

Day 1: Friday, October 11, 2024, USA / ATHENS

Pilgrims gather this evening at an international airport for our overnight flight to Athens. Meals and beverages are served on board.

Day 2: Saturday 10/12, ATHENS



ATHENS

Upon our arrival in Athens, we enjoy a **panoramic tour**, beginning with Hadrian's Arch and a view of the Royal Palace, the Stadium, the Temple of Zeus, and the Theatre of Dionysius. Time permitting, we visit Mars Hill, the site where St

Paul expounded the subject of monotheism before the pagan Greeks (this address is recorded in Acts 17:22-31) and the Acropolis and museum. The Greek word "acropolis" is used in a broad sense to designate the fortified height of a city. Located on the Acropolis of Athens is the famous Parthenon (the main temple of Athena). We will proceed to our hotel to check in for dinner and an overnight. [D]

Day 3: Sunday 10/13, ATHENS / CORINTH / ATHENS

Today we travel from Athens to the **Peloponnesian Peninsula**. The Peninsula is connected to the main body of Greece by the **Isthmus of Corinth**. We cross the Isthmus to the town of the same name, where Paul lived and worked for two years after leaving Athens. The account of the foundation of the Christian Church here by Paul, the Apostle and Patron Saint of Corinth, can be read in Acts 22. We view the excavations, the Bema Seat, and the museum. We return to Athens for a **night tour of the city and a sound and light show** before continuing to a typical **Greek Taverna for dinner**. Overnight in Athens. [B,D]



MYKONOS

Day 4 (CRUISE): Monday 10/14, ATHENS / PIRAEUS PORT / SAIL / MYKONOS / SAIL

This morning, we **board our ship** at the Piraeus pier for an Aegean cruise. Once we set sail, our first stop is the picturesque 29 square-mile **island of Mykonos**, known for its narrow winding paths, windmills, and over 350 tiny chapels that beautifully paint the island's characteristically blue and white canvas. Wander the streets of Mykonos, browse the many shops near the harbor, or relax and enjoy the breathtaking view and enjoy **dinner on your own (not included) or return to the ship for dinner (included)**.

We return to the ship to set sail for Kusadasi, Turkey. [B,D]

Day 5 (CRUISE): Tuesday 10/15, KUSADASI / SAIL / PATMOS / SAIL

Docked in Kusadasi, Turkey, we visit **Ancient Ephesus** through the Ages - Hellenistic and Roman.

EPHESUS EXCURSION ~ Ancient Ephesus through the Ages - Hellenistic and Roman.

Journey through some of the most important and formative periods of history captured in stories of the Hellenes, Romans and of Christianity. As we explore Ephesus, we see the open air archaeological wonder founded by the Greeks around 2000 BC. It was one of the most important cities of the region and was dedicated to the goddess Artemis. The Temple built in her honor was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. It had more than 100 marble pillars each standing 56 feet tall and it earned the city the name 'Servant of the Goddess.' A single pillar remains standing on the site, found during an excavation in the 1870s. We will be able to see the Agora, Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the marvel-paved Main Street of Curetes, the Baths of Scholastica, Trajan's Fountain, the Temple of Hadrian and the Houses of Koreuss, where the wealthy families of Ancient Ephesus lived. Only 13% of Ephesus has so far been uncovered. The finds from the excavations made so far are housed in the Archaeological Museum of Ephesus in the city of Selcuk. **Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties. A moderate amount of walking, including walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs, should be expected.**

We set sail for Patmos to capture the True Spirit of Chora.

PATMOS EXCURSION ~ Capturing the True Spirit of Chora

Patmos is one of the northernmost islands of the Dodecanese and a significant Christian pilgrimage site. You can almost feel its strong spiritual character and you may find your time here a truly moving, soulful experience. The Cave of the Apocalypse is where John of Patmos or St John the Theologian is said have received the visions he wrote of in the Book of Revelations. A fortress-like, 11th-century monastery dedicated to John overlooks the whitewashed houses of the hilltop capital, Hora (also known as Chora). In Chora, we head next to the Monastery of Zoodochos Pigi, is the unique 1625 mansion of Simandiri. The mansion has been converted into a folklore museum, beautifully preserved for eight generations now, the second oldest building in the town. Morfoula Simantiri is our host and guide, gracefully presenting her precious handmade embroideries. She is a member of the 8th generation. Step back in time and glimpse everyday life in Patmos during the past centuries through furniture, paintings, photographs, traditional tools and everyday objects. **Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties. A moderate amount of walking, including walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs, should be expected.**

We board the ship for the night and set sail for Rhodes. [B,L,D]

Day 6 (CRUISE): Wednesday 10/16, RHODES / SAIL

Nestled in port at Rhodes, today we **explore the Philerimos Church and the Palace of the Knights**.

RHODES EXCURSION ~ Philerimos Church/the Palace of Knights.

The Acropolis of Rhodes, just outside the city, dates from the Classical Greek period and sits proudly on the hill of St Stephanos. Wander through the ruins of the Hellenistic Temple of Apollo with its impressive columns. See the restored Ancient Stadium of Diagoras and theatre. The stadium once hosted games in tribute to the sun-god Helios. Then we head for Philerimos to the Monastery of Panagia. The Monastery, accessed by stone steps is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. It was built in the 15th Century by the Knights of St John. We also visit the Byzantine Church of St George Hostos with its rare frescoes depicting the Knights. Philerimos is also home to the 'Golgotha' a series of copper reliefs depicting the Passion of Christ. We return to the capital Rhodes to learn more about the Knights, where they lived and how they were the last bastion of Christianity in a region dominated by the Ottomans who eventually captured the island in 1522. In the Knights' Quarter we visit the magnificent Palace of the Grandmaster also known as the Kastello. **Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties. A moderate amount of walking, including walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs, should be expected.**

Dinner and overnight on board the ship. (B,L,D)

Day 7 (CRUISE): Thursday 10/17, HERAKLION-CRETE / SANTORINI / SAIL

Docked a half day in **Heraklion/Crete**, our first portion of the day will be spent Experiencing the Cretan Countryside and Lifestyle.

HERAKLION EXCURSION ~ Experiencing the Cretan Countryside and Lifestyle

Leaving the Venetian walls of Heraklion behind us, we drive deep into the countryside of Greece's largest island and the birthplace of Zeus according to mythology. We pass through Episkopi and Sgourokefali before arriving at the traditional village of Stironas. Take a deep breath, enjoy the fresh mountain air and take in the majestic view at 550 metres above sea level. Stironas is made up of traditional stone buildings arranged amphitheatrically looking towards the mountains. See how the Cretans lived centuries ago. Visit a botanical parterre, home to various aromatic and medicinal herbs from the mountains of Crete. There will be the opportunity for a little wine tasting - wine has been in Crete since the Minoans, so the locals have a bit of experience in the matter. We visit a raki distiller and sample the product straight from the barrels in his cellar. After finding out more about production and bottling there will be a Cretan meze to enjoy with pure local olive oil and traditional dancers performing for their guests. We head back to Heraklion to learn about some of its key historic figures and the jewels in the crown of its wonderful structures including the 'Koules' fortress, Venetian Loggia, Basilica of St Mark, medieval monastery of St Catherine and the Cathedral of Agios Minas. **Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties. A moderate amount of walking, including walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs, should be expected.**

We board the ship for lunch as we sail to **gorgeous Santorini**. Upon our arrival, we visit the **Akrotiri Village Excavations**.



SANTORINI

SANTORINI EXCURSION ~ Akrotiri Village Excavations

Modern day Santorini has been shaped quite literally by one event...the Thira volcano of 1650 BC. When Thira erupted it sank the centre of the island 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 and the archaeological site once the village of Akrotiri. Destroyed by the eruption, Akrotiri boasts of its buildings, structures and fine frescoes that were preserved by the blanketing of volcanic ash. Then, we head for the capital Fira, the island's largest town. We visit the Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral, also known as the Church of Ypapantis. It is famed for its frescoes painted by Santorini artist Christoforus Assimis. Shop, take a stroll, or relax with coffee before returning to the tender boats by way of the teleferik, the Santorini Cable Car. **Might not be recommended for guests with walking difficulties. A moderate amount of walking, including walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs, should be expected.**

Our day and our **cruise ends** aboard our ship as we return overnight to the Piraeus Port. [B,L,D]

Day 8: Friday 10/18, PIRAEUS PORT / AIRPORT / ISTANBUL

Docked and back on land, we **disembark and proceed to the airport for our flight to Istanbul, Turkey.** We proceed to our hotel to check in for dinner and over-night. **[B,D]**



Day 9: Saturday 10/19, ISTANBUL / NICAEA / ISTANBUL

After breakfast, we will **drive to Iznik**, formerly known as Nicaea, the important Roman and Byzantine town where the first Council of Nicaea was held during the reign of Constantine in 325 AD. **Drive back to Istanbul.** Next, we have **free time to explore independently.** This evening we enjoy a **dinner cruise on the Bosphorus** and over-night. **[B,D]**



Day 10: Sunday 10/20, ISTANBUL

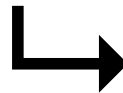
Istanbul was the capital of the Byzantine Empire under the names of Constantinople and Byzantium. First, we will stroll through **Hippodrome Square**, the former sporting and social center of Constantinople that hosted chariot races during the Roman period. Afterwards, we are off to witness the incredible majesty and splendor of the **Sultan Ahmet Mosque**. Popularly known as the Blue Mosque, this 17th century Ottoman sanctuary is adorned with six minarets and more than 20,000 hand-painted Iznik tiles. And then we will walk directly across from the mosque to visit the domed masterpiece of the **Hagia Sophia** before we head to the **Grand Bazaar**, the massive covered market that houses a labyrinth of streets lined with shops selling jewelry, leather products and many other handcrafted souvenirs. Today's journey concludes as we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. **[B,D]**

Day 11: Monday 10/21, ISTANBUL / USA

We bid farewell to Greece and Turkey and begin our journey back to the United States. We arrive home blessed by the gift of God's many graces and inspired by the grandeur of His majestic landscapes and a world we explore one pilgrimage at a time. **[B]**

To Register:

Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours



Or, call (800) 713-9800 or (812) 933-0730 to pay your deposit over the phone with a credit card.

For further information or to register, contact:
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Average high and low temperatures to expect: 54-73°F



REGISTRATION FORM

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Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$ _____ (\$500 per person) to reserve _____ seat(s).

Full Name _____

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Male Female US Citizen: Y N

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I must apply for or renew passport

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- Single room only
- I will need a roommate
- My roommate will be _____

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