

# 11 DAYS BEST OF GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

October 27<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

*In thanksgiving to God for the*

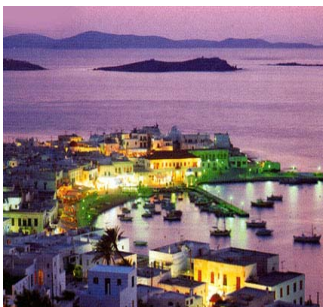
*Jubilee of the*

*2000<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Birth of St. Paul*

*Superior hotels, professional guide/escort, most meals, daily Mass*



*Cost: \$2,479.00 based on double occupancy,  
Reservation and down payment by May 30*



# ***Trip Itinerary***

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## **NEWARK**

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27**

Depart Newark today on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight. Enroute enjoy dinner followed by a full-length movie.

## **ARRIVE ATHENS**

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Arrive Athens where you will be met and escorted to your waiting motor coach for transfer to your hotel. Balance of day at leisure. (D)

## **ATHENS/CORINTH/ATHENS**

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29**

After breakfast, drive along the Sacred Way of Elusinian Mysteries, passing the Island of Salamis. Cross the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean and Ionian Seas. See the Isthmus where boats were once dragged over land from one sea to the other. Arrive Corinth, the most important city in the days of

St. Paul. The vigorous and mostly Gentile Church he founded here in 50 AD caused him much grief and prompted him to write at least four letters to them. Visit the ruins of the ancient city where St. Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla. See the remains of first century shops, the agora where St. Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the Fountain of Peirene, Temple of Apollo and the Bema.

This afternoon, embark on a tour of the city. Your visit will include the Royal Palace, the Stadium and Temple of Zeus, the Theatre of Dionysius, Mars Hall, the Acropolis with the famous Parthenon, the Agora (marketplace) where Paul spoke and Socrates' prison.

(B,D)

## **ATHENS/PIRAEUS/MYKONOS**

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30**

Drive to Piraeus and board your fine cruise ship for a three-day Aegean Sea cruise. Sail to Mykonos, the St. Tropez of the Aegean. Walk around the glistening town. The houses, streets, even the sails of the windmills are all awash with white. Relax at a sidewalk café or taverna. Sail on to Rhodes.

(B,L,D)

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## **RHODES**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

This morning arrive in Rhodes, legendary home of the sun god Apollo. The ancient Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, once dominated the harbor entrance. You may join an optional tour to visit the Old Town, the Grand Master's Palace from Crusader times and the Street of Knights. Afternoon is free to wander around the many colorful shops, Sail on to Patmos. (B,L,D)

## **PATMOS/EPHESUS**

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

Arrive at the island of Patmos, where you will have the option to visit the Monastery of St. John where John received inspiration for the Book of Revelation. Afterwards, cruise to the Turkish resort of Kusadasi, where an optional excursion to the magnificent city of Ephesus is available. You may walk the marble streets, or choose to see the fabled Temple of Artemis, another Wonder of the Ancient World, the Stadium and the Library of Celsus. Return to your cruise ship for the journey back to Athens. (B,L,D)

## **ARRIVE ATHENS/DELPHI,KALAMBAKA**

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

Morning arrival in Piraeus. Drive on the national highway through Thebes, Levadia and the picturesque village of Arachova to Delphi. Visit the Museum to see the famous Bronze Charioteer along with other statues. In the afternoon visit the Temple of Apollo, the Theatre, the Athenian Treasury, and the Castalian Spring. Drive via Larissa, Lamia and Trikala to Kalambaka. Overnight in the Kalambaka area. (B,L,D)

## **KALAMBAKA/THESSALONIKI**

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

Visit Meteora to see the "Hanging Monasteries" perched on top of unusual rock formations. Drive through Kozani to Veria, then on to visit the tomb of Philip of Macedonia in Vergina. Continue via Edessa to Thessaloniki where you will see the Rotonda, Truiumphal Arch of Galerius, and the seafront promenade with the White Tower. Overnight in Thessaloniki. (B,D)

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## **THESSALONIKI**

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

Drive to Amphipolis where you will see the famous Lion Statue. Continue to Philippi, where Marc Anthony defeated Brutus and St. Paul first preached the Gospel in Europe. See the archaeological site (Forum-Romanum), the ruins of two Basilicas, the theatre, the Prison of St. Paul and St. Lydia's Bapistry. Visit Kavala before returning to Thessaloniki for the night.

(B,D)

## **THESSALONIKI/ATHENS**

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

Drive to Athens via the Valley of Tempis and Thermopylae. (B,D)

## **ATHENS/NEWARK**

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Your adventure is over as you board your flight back to Newark. (B)

**\*Letters indicate Breakfast, (B) , Lunch (L), Dinner (D)**

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