

October 4 – 20, 2025



The  
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Bible Society

# THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TOUR

## *JOURNEY TO GREECE, TURKEY & ITALY*

### LED BY GIDEON & IRENE LEVYTAM



Gideon Levytam is the President of The Holy Scriptures & Israel Bible Society of Canada. Gideon & his wife Irene will host you on this amazing journey of the footsteps of the Apostle Paul through Greece & Turkey. Gideon is a Jewish believer in Jesus, Yeshua the Messiah. He was born & raised in Jerusalem, Israel. Gideon & Irene have worked extensively in teaching of the Bible among the Jewish people. Together they have a vast experience in leading groups to Israel, Greece, Turkey & elsewhere. Gideon teaches the Holy Scriptures from a Hebrew-Messianic perspective which will make this tour a unique opportunity to join this journey of a lifetime!



*"...Now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you."*

*Romans 1:10B*

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## DAY 1 – SATURDAY OCTOBER 4

### DEPARTURE FROM TORONTO

Board your flight from Toronto to Rome.



## DAY 2 – SUNDAY OCTOBER 5

### ARRIVE ROME, ITALY

Arrival in Italy at Rome Fiumicino airport. Transfer to your Rome hotel & join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

## DAY 3 – MONDAY OCTOBER 6

### CRUISE EMBARKATION – CIVITAVECCHIA PORT

After breakfast, depart from your Rome hotel & travel to the port of Civitavecchia. Embark on a wonderful 12-night cruise on the Carnival Miracle. We will explore 7 different ports in Greece & Turkey. Breakfast, lunch & dinner served daily while on board. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4 – TUESDAY OCTOBER 7

### DAY AT SEA

Today we relax as we sail on the Mediterranean Sea. A scheduled Bible Study with brother Gideon will take place in our designated meeting room. You will be informed of the time & location during the cruise (B,L,D)

## DAY 5 – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8

### DAY AT SEA

Our second day at sea, we enjoy the ship amenities & look forward to exploring the various ports. A scheduled Bible Study with brother Gideon will take place in our designated meeting room. You will be informed of the time & location during the cruise (B,L,D)

## DAY 6 – THURSDAY OCTOBER 9

### KUSADASI – EPHEBUS (7 am – 4 pm)

Today we visit the Turkish port of **Kusadasi** for an included excursion to the ruins of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Paul the Apostle spent three years during his ministry & where its inhabitants were the recipients of Paul's famous epistle. We will also visit the House where supposedly **Miriam**, the mother of **Jesus** was buried. A visit to the ruins includes the Agora, the great theatre & stadium where chariot races took place & gladiatorial combats were held. The Apostle Paul was warned not to enter into that great theatre (**Acts 19:29-31**). (B,L,D)



## DAY 7 – FRIDAY OCTOBER 10

### PHILIPPI – KAVALA (8 am – 5 pm)

Today we will explore **Philippi**, where Paul preached his first message & was imprisoned. **Kavala**, is the ancient port of Neapolis, where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke & Timothy first set foot in Europe (**Acts 16:11**). We will visit the location by the river to where **Lydia** was baptized according to the book of Acts (**Acts 16:12-15**). This is where Paul baptized the first individuals that came to faith in Jesus the Messiah. (B,L,D)



## DAY 8 – SATURDAY OCTOBER 11

### ISTANBUL, TURKEY (9 am – 10 pm)

Today we arrive in Istanbul, Turkey. This major city straddles Europe & Asia across the Bosphorus Strait. Its Old City reflects the cultural influences of the many empires that once ruled here. In the Sultanahmet district, the open-air, Roman-era Hippodrome was for centuries the site of chariot races & Egyptian obelisks also remain. The iconic Byzantine Hagia Sophia features a soaring 6th-century dome & rare Christian mosaics. Cruise passengers get a striking view of the minaret-pierced skyline as the ship pulls into port. Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this port on your own or enjoy one of the many optional excursions. (B,L,D)

## DAY 9 – SUNDAY OCTOBER 12

### DAY AT SEA

Our third day at sea, we enjoy the ship amenities & look forward to exploring the various ports. A scheduled Bible Study with brother Gideon will take place in our designated meeting room. You will be informed of the time & location during the cruise (B,L,D)

## DAY 10 – MONDAY OCTOBER 13

### MYKONOS (8 am - 5 pm)

Today we visit this whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands called **Mykonos**. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings & beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings & traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B,L,D)

## DAY 11 – TUESDAY OCTOBER 14

### ATHENS (6 am - 5 pm)

Today we disembark Athens early & after a short stop at the **Corinth Canal**, continue to **Ancient Corinth** for an extended visit of this important place. The Apostle Paul served for 18 months, working as a tentmaker, sharing the Gospel of the Messiah with many Jews & Gentiles. It was here that he wrote 2 letters to the Corinthians. After this impressing visit, we drive on to **Kenchreai**. According to (**Acts 18:18**), the Apostle Paul stopped there during his second missionary journey. Here he had his hair cut to fulfill a vow. Paul mentions that place & a woman named Phoebe who was a part of the local assembly in his epistle to the Romans (**Romans 16:1**). We will visit the **Ancient Agora** (the heart of Ancient Athens, the focus of political, commercial & social activity, the religious & cultural centre & the seat of justice). Paul used to visit & preach God's Word in this area. You will have time to have lunch (at your own expense). In the afternoon we will see the Ancient Cemetery of Athens, called **Kerameikos**, dating from the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC. Here the Apostle Paul entered the city through the Dipylon Gate, the main gate in the city wall of Classical Athens. Then we visit the most famous monument in Athens, the **Acropolis** & the **Areopagus (Mars Hill)**. (**Acts 17:19-31**). "For as I pass by & beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, to the unknown God. Whom therefore you ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you" (**Acts 17:23**). (B,D)

## DAY 12 – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 15

### OLYMPIA - KATAKOLON (8 am - 5 pm)

Located on Greece's Peloponnese peninsula in the Ionian Sea, Katakolon features shops, art galleries & restaurants. Optional excursions will be available. Soak up the sun on Kourouta Beach or take a tour of the surrounding countryside before heading 35 miles east to the town & Archeological Site of Olympia. Here, the first Olympic Games were staged in 776 B.C. Stroll around the complex to look at the remains of the original stadium, gymnasium & one of the Seven Wonders of the World: Phidias' approximately 40-foot-tall Statue of Zeus. Close to the ruins, the Museum of the History of the Olympic Games of Antiquity boasts more than 400 exhibits with artifacts that date to the prehistoric period. The Olympics remind of the need for the believers to follow the Lord Jesus the Messiah & run the race faithfully as the Apostle Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth. "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it". (**1 Corinthians 9:24**) (B,L,D)

## DAY 13 – THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

### DAY AT SEA

Our fourth day at sea, we enjoy the ship amenities & look forward to returning to Italy. A scheduled Bible Study with brother Gideon will take place in our designated meeting room. You will be informed of the time & location during the cruise (B,L,D)

## DAY 14 – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 17

### NAPLES (7 am - 7 pm)

Naples is a cultural center filled with classical Greek & Roman style architecture. Choose from various optional excursions. Take a tour through the city along cobblestone streets. Naples will connect you to Pompeii, a village preserved in ash from the A.D. 79 eruption of Mount Vesuvius—the still-active volcano that serves as a backdrop to the Amalfi Coast, one of the most breathtaking shorelines in the world. Paul sailed to Rome for his trial, he entered the harbor at Puteoli (situated on the Bay of Naples), where he spent a week with fellow believers. (**Acts 28:13-14**) (B,L,D)

## DAY 15 – THURSDAY OCTOBER 18

### DEBARKATION IN ROME (PORT OF CIVITEVECCHIA) COLOSSEUM, PALATINE HILL, MAMERTINE PRISON & TREVI FOUNTAIN

Today we disembark from our cruise & commence our day at **Palatino**. The **Palatine Hill** is the centermost of the Seven Hills of Rome & is one of the most ancient parts of the city. It stands 40 meters above the Roman Forum, looking down upon it on one side & upon the Circus Maximus on the other. Your tour continues with a guided visit of the **Colosseum**. Paul went to Rome as a prisoner in chains (**Acts 21:26-40**). He was arrested in Jerusalem & imprisoned at Caesarea for two years. Paul appealed to Caesar & suffered a shipwreck on his way to Rome as a prisoner (**Acts 22 - 27**). After two years, Paul was released from his imprisonment, after which he traveled & wrote two more epistles before his final Roman imprisonment in **Mamertine Prison**, which you will visit today. You continue with a walking tour through **Roman Forum** & towards the **Arch of Titus**; the Arch's inside relief portrays Roman soldiers carrying off treasures from Jerusalem Temple, destroyed by Titus in 70 AD. Jesus the Messiah predicted this destruction before His death (**Mark 13 & Luke 21:20-24**). We continue our panoramic tour to **Pantheon, Piazza Navona & Trevi Fountain**. Visit the **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel & St Peter's Basilica**. Almost all Christians were martyred in the Circus of Gaius/Nero—the site where **St. Peter's Square** now stands. Here Peter was crucified, according to tradition, upside down, as Jesus the Messiah predicted (**John 21:15-19**). **Simon Peter** is most likely buried deep beneath the Basilica in the original burial cave. Then we see a most inspiring place, **Tre Fontane (Abbey of Three Fountains)**. Tradition tells us that Saul/Paul was martyred outside the walls of Rome at a place most people have never heard of. Next, you will visit the **Church Building of St Paul Outside the Walls**; many believe Paul is buried here. Our group will continue to the **Catacombs**. Most famous for the early believers buried here, the catacombs offer an essential contribution to early believers art. Early frescoes & sculptures still exist in the catacombs. Most touching are the smaller burial spots carved out for children who had died. (B,D)



## DAY 16 – FRIDAY OCTOBER 19

### TUSCANY, FLORENCE & VENICE

After breakfast, we depart our Rome hotel & drive through the beautiful Tuscany region towards Florence & Venice. In Florence we will be able to see the famous David statue. This Italian Renaissance marble sculpture located in the Accademia Gallery, was created from 1501 to 1504 by Michelangelo. We continue on to the historic canal city of Venice. This evening after we check into our hotel, we will have free time to experience a gondola ride on the famous canals or explore the area. Enjoy dinner on your own at the many fine restaurants. (B)

## DAY 17 – SATURDAY OCTOBER 20

### VENICE - TOUR ENDS

After breakfast, we return on our flight home inspired by the incredible landscapes & the words & deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)

*"The Grace of our Lord Jesus, Yeshua the Messiah, & the love of God, & the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen."  
2 Corinthians 13:14*

**EXPERIENCE  
THE FOOTSTEPS  
OF PAUL  
17 DAYS**

**ROME – NAPLES – OLYMPIA – FLORENCE – VENICE – ISTANBUL  
MARS HILL - ACROPOLIS – CORINTH - MYKONOS - KATAKOLON  
PHILIPPI - KUSADASI (Ephesus) and more!**



# \$4399 CAD \*

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 2 Nights accommodation in Rome & 1 night in Venice
- 12 Nights on the Carnival Miracle Cruise
- All ground transfers in Rome (1 piece of luggage per person)
- Licensed English speaking Tour Guide
- Bible teaching from your tour host Gideon Levytam
- All meals except where indicated
- Guided tour in Rome & the ports of Ephesus, Philippi & Athens
- All entrance fees
- All taxes

\***Inside Cabin.** \$4,399 CAD per person based on double occupancy (port fees & taxes included)

Add \$2,199 CAD for Single Supplement. Triple occupancy rate is \$4,299 CAD per person.

**Oceanview cabin add \$200 CAD** per person based on double, single & triple occupancy rates.

**Balcony cabin add \$500 CAD** per person based on double, single & triple occupancy rates.

- **Deposit: \$600 CAD per person** (refundable until July 1, 2025 - a \$100 CAD pp cancellation fee applies)

- **Final Payment: Full payment is due July 1, 2025.**

- Passports are required for international travel.

- Itinerary subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.

### Not included in Tour Price:

- Round-trip flight to Rome, Italy

- Gratuities: Carnival Miracle Cruise Staff = \$192 USD; Tips to Tour Guides, Driver & Waiters = \$40 USD.

- Some meals not included as indicated above.

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