

JOIN US  
FOR A

*Trip of a Lifetime*

JOIN FR. JESS TY'S  
**12 DAY PILGRIMAGE:**  
THE STEPS OF ST. PAUL AND  
OBERAMMERGAU'S PASSION PLAY



Dear Friends,

Come travel by air, land, and sea to pray and experience the ancient places where St. Paul preached, taught and guided the new Church with his letters to the Corinthians, Ephesians, Thessalonians and Philippians. Take in the beauty of the Greek Isles and the Black Forest of Germany. We will have Mass each day and times of prayer as we journey.



We look forward to experiencing these New Testament communities with you. You need to commit to this pilgrimage by October 31, 2018 in order to ensure that we will get the limited tickets to the once every 10 years Passion Play. As St. Paul wrote to the community of Philippi: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (4:13).

In Christ through Mary,

*-Fr. Jess Ty & Fr. Bing Colasito*

Complete the enrollment form and mail it to us today.  
We look forward to this Journey with you!

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Deposit - \$500**

*(DUE BY OCTOBER 31, 2018)*

**2nd Payment Due:**

**September 29, 2019**

**Full Payment Due:**

**January 28, 2020**

Each tour member must hold a passport that is valid until at least February 28, 2021.

Application forms are available at your local Passport Office. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. *Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.*

Rates based on double occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge (\$638) and currency exchange rate (s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.

**RATES:**

For less than 20-39 passengers, add \$150.00 (\$6,198.00)

For 30-39 passengers, rate as advertised

For 40+ passengers, deduct \$100.00 (\$5,948.00)



DEPARTURE DATE  
**AUGUST 19, 2020**  
from Phoenix, AZ (PHX)

**\$6,048.00**

**All Inclusive!**

*(Except lunches when not on cruise)*

**Deposits required by:**  
**October 31, 2018**



THE CATHOLIC PILGRIM  
OFFICE, INC.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS:

FR. JESS TY - OUR LADY OF JOY &

FR. BING COLASITO - ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE



**12 DAYS**  
**STEPS OF ST. PAUL**

WITH AEGEAN CRUISE &  
OBERAMMERGAU'S PASSION PLAY

*Providing Superior Catholic Pilgrimages*



**DAY 1 - WED AUG 19: NORTH AMERICA / ATHENS**

Tour members will gather at the ticket counter at the airport two hours prior to their departure to Europe.

**DAY 2 - THU AUG 20: ATHENS**

Upon arrival in Athens, you are met by your guide and bus driver. Transfer to your hotel with the rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 3 - FRI AUG 21: PIRAEUS**

Transfer to port and embark the cruise vessel for your 3 day cruise. Our first port of call is the island of Mykonos; cubic white houses and those world famous windmills. Free time to explore this lovely island especially the Catholic Cathedral at "Little Venice" for a Mass.

**DAY 4 - SAT AUG 22: PIRAEUS**

*"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples.."* (Act 19:01)

Continue to Kusadasi, a lively Turkish port and gateway to ancient Ephessos. Our tour takes us to visit Ancient Ephessos, the Greek colony founded by the Athenians. We also visit the house of the Virgin Mary where she spent her last days available and celebrate a private Mass. Here history truly comes to life; walking towards the ancient harbor down a marble road rutted by the wheels of countless chariots. You pass architectural masterpieces like the Magnesian Gate and the Library of Celsus before arriving to the Great Amphitheater where Paul spoke to the Ephesians. We continue our cruise for the island of Patmos; considered a holy island for the Christian religion it was here in Patmos where St. John the Divine, while in exile, wrote the Apocalyptic Revelations which constitute the last part of the New Testament. Our tour takes us up to the monastery of St. John which still keeps its character of a medieval fortress. Inside the walls you will be able to admire the Byzantine wealth of the Christian Orthodox religion while from its ramparts you will have the most stunning panoramic view of the luminous sea.

**DAY 5 - SUN AUG 23: CRUISE / HERAKLION / SANTORINI**

Early morning arrival to Heraklion, Crete, legendary birthplace of Zeus and where the Minoan civilization began. After Mass we make a short drive through the town of Heraklion and will arrive at the Knossos excavations. Visit the Palace, decorated with frescoes and shields houses the Hall of the Royal Guard, the Hall of the Double Axes, the King's Chamber with the alabaster throne, the Queen's Apartment, beautiful courtyards and shrines. You will then re-board your motor coach for the return journey to the Venetian lion-guarded port of Heraklion to rejoin your ship. Next we visit Santorini - one of the most beautiful of the Greek Islands. During our drive you will have the unique opportunity to admire the panoramic view of the Aegean Sea and the neighbouring islands. Visit Oia Village, an excellent example of Cycladic architecture. Explore the village walking along the cobble-stone streets and the white washed houses with blue shutters where one gets the impression that they are a beautiful travel poster. Continue to the town of Fira, an attractive town perched on the Caldera rim. It will be possible to remain in Fira and reach the port by cable car. (Optional cost) Or, your coach will bring you



# THE TOUR Itinerary



## JOURNEY FEATURES

- **Roundtrip Air Transportation**  
from Phoenix, AZ (PHX)
- **4-Star Hotels** and inside Cabins
- **Land Transportation**  
via deluxe, private motor coach
- **Taxes Fuel Surcharge**  
(\$482), Cruise Gratuities and Port Tax (\$198) & Tip (\$110) Included
- **Professional English-Speaking Guide**
- **Entrance fees**  
to all sites on itinerary
- **Breakfast & Dinner Daily** and customary meals aboard cruise ship with unlimited drinks included
- **Three Shore Excursions**  
to Ephessos, Patmos and Santorini are included
- **Passion Play** tickets are included
- **Daily Mass** included

back to the port of Athinios, where you will embark your tender boat.

**DAY 6 - MON AUG 24: PIRAEUS / ATHENS**

After we disembark the ship, we will visit Athens, one of the most glorious cities in the world and the cradle of western civilization as we know it today.

*"Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription 'to an unknown God'. What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you..."*

For twenty five centuries, the panorama of this city is dominated by the rock of the Acropolis; we see the ruins of the Parthenon, the Erectheum and the Propylae. Thereafter, we will view Mars Hill where St. Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians about the one and only God. From here we have an excellent view of the ancient agora; former center of the Athenian public life. We continue for a drive through the city to see the House of Parliament on Syntagma Square, the evzones in their picturesque uniforms guarding the Presidential Palace and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We also see the Library, the University, the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympics of the modern era were held, the temple of the Olympian Zeus and Adrian's Arch.

*"Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man shall attack you to harm you; for I have many people in this city."* (Acts 18:9)

After Mass, we board our coach for Corinth, taking the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea. Short stop for pictures and continue to the site of ancient Corinth, Paul's beloved city and site of his most extensive ministry. Dominated by the Acro-Corinth rising 1700 feet above the ruins, the marketplace is laid out exactly as it stood in the days of the great Apostle. We see the bema (the judgment seat) where St. Paul stood before Galilo and preached (Acts 18). The museum contains a superb collection of artifacts portraying life in ancient Corinth. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 7 - TUE AUG 25: METEORES**

This morning we continue to the Meteora Monasteries, perched upon the summits of gigantic rocks, which have been etched into variety of strange shapes. Grey gigantic stalagmites rising towards the sky, they seem to be nature's gift to the pious who opted for monasticism and for a life totally dedicated to the worship of God. The monastic history of the Meteora goes back to the 11th century A.D. when the first hermits sought peace and solitude in the rifts and caves of these rocks, but the first monasteries were not built until the 14th century A.D. attaining their peak in the 16th. Of the 13 large and 20 small monasteries and hermit's cells, only four are not occupied: Megalo Meteora, Monie Varlaam, Monia Aghias Triadas and Moni Aghiou Stefanou. Apart from portable icons, miniatures, ecclesiastical robes, utensils and crosses, all of them excellent examples of Byzantine art, the Meteora Monasteries also contain rare editions and manuscripts. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka. Celebrate Mass.

**DAY 8 - WED AUG 26: METEORES / THESSALONIKI / PHILIPPI / THESSALONIKI**

*"Paul came to Thessaloniki with Silas and following his usual custom, he went to the Synagogue where he used the Jewish scriptures as the source for his preaching."* (Act 17:2-4)

Today we become acquainted with this great city, the "Queen

of the North", where St. Paul wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Built by King Cassandros and named after the sister of Alexander the Great, the city flourished under the Byzantine Empire and its most important buildings date from those days. Today it is considered the second capital of Greece. Our city tour takes us along the water front to the massive White Tower and nearby Triumphal Arch of Gallerius, built in 303 AD. We shall also see St. Demetrios Church with its valuable mosaics and frescoes will drive up to the upper town which offers a marvelous view of the city. The site where the monastery of Vlatodon was built is believed to be the location where Jason's house once stood and where St. Paul was accommodated during his visit to Thessaloniki.

*"Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace and the following day to Neapolis" (Act 16:11)*  
*"And from thence to Philippi which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony; and we were in that city abiding certain days."* (Act 16:12)

We visit the beautiful city of Kavala (ancient Neapolis), and from there on to Philippi which was a Roman garrison town and the chief city in the province of Macedonia. It was here that St. Paul won his first European convert, a woman named Lydia, the market place (where Paul and Silas were brought before the rulers), the cistern which tradition identifies as the place where St. Paul were imprisoned. Celebrate Mass today at Lydia's Spring. We return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 09 - THU AUG 27: THESSALONIKI / MUNICH**

Early this morning we transfer to the airport for our flight to Munich Germany. Upon arrival we are met and begin our city sightseeing tour including the gothic Rathdus (town hall) with its famous glockenspiel, the awesome twin-spired Frauenkirche, Marienplatz, imperial residence Alte Pinakothec and other principle places of interest. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in the Munich area.

**DAY 10 - FRI AUG 28: DACHAU / ETTAL MONASTERY / LINDERHOFF**

After breakfast this morning we visit Dachau. Dachau Concentration Camp is a Memorial Site, honoring all who suffered and died there. It is a haunting memorial to all those imprisoned in similar conditions under the ruthless control of the Third Reich. Continue to Ettal Monastery. Here you can get a glimpse of the lives of the Benedictine monks living at the monastery. Building of the monastery began in 1330 and due to the dedication and hard work of the resident monks, and at times knights, the structure is in pristine condition. Then we drive to Linderhoff. and Linderhoffs Castle - built by mad King Ludwig - a dazzling castle set high in the Bavarian Alps. Continue to Ettal Monastery. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**DAY 11 - SAT AUG 29: PASSION PLAY**

The entire day is devoted to attending a performance of the world famous Passion Play. In 1633 after months of suffering and death from the plague, the village people swore an oath that they would perform the "Play of the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ" every ten years. At Pentecost 1634, they fulfilled their pledge for the first time on a stage they put up in the cemetery above the graves of the plague victims. In the year 2000, the Community of Oberammergau again performed the Passion Play for the 40th time in continuity. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**DAY 12 - SUN AUG 30: MUNICH / NORTH AMERICA** After breakfast we will transfer to the airport for our return the United States of America. The end of a most enjoyable journey!