



0419 Footsteps of St Paul with Fr. Justin Belitz, OFM

Apr 22 - May 03, 2019

Join Father Justin Belitz on an unforgettable pilgrimage: Footsteps of St. Paul in Greece, Turkey Rome and Assisi - including a cruise! To register; please click the green button above "register now" OR print the below PDF file, fill in the registration form and mail it back to Ami Travel. Thank you.

Monday, April 22

Depart ORD Airport on our way to Athens, Greece.

Tuesday, April 23

Arrive at Athens Airport. Upon arrival, our escort will meet and greet you. Transfer to the hotel. Free for the rest of day Dinner and overnight at the Athens hotel.

Wednesday, April 24

After Breakfast, start our day of sightseeing in Athens, one of the most magnificent ancient cities in the world, starts with a visit to the world-famous Athens Acropolis. On this sacred hill, you will see exquisite monuments, such as the Propylae Gates, the breathtaking Parthenon and the Erechtheion. We also visit the Areios Pagos Hill, the Ancient Agora, followed by visiting the new Acropolis Museum, the Parliament Building, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Presidential Palace. After our Athens sightseeing tour, participants have the afternoon free to explore this captivating city. Dinner and overnight stay in Athens.

Thursday, April 25

After Breakfast drive to the Peloponnese and begin our tour in Corinth, where we visit the ruins of the ancient city, which are perched on a hill above the modern town of Corinth. In the ancient city of Corinth where Saint Paul lived and preached for two years. Visit Apollo's Temple and Agora – the Market Place. Return to Athens. Dinner and overnight stay in Athens.

Friday, April 26

Checkout from Hotel after Breakfast and transfer to Piraeus Port, where we set off on a 3-day Cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Departure for Mykonos Island. Arrival in Mykonos in the afternoon. The island of Mykonos is a marvellous cosmopolitan holiday hotspot that combines an international jet-set atmosphere and stimulating nightlife. We recommend a nonchalant stroll in Mykonos Town to admire the whitewashed houses and flowered balconies, and to visit the beautiful church of Panagia Paraportiani. Other attractions in Mykonos Town include the island's trademark windmills and the charming area of Alefkandra, Mykonos' Little Venice. Sail to Kusadasi in Turkey.

Saturday, April 27

We reach Kusadasi, Turkey in the morning. Our shore excursion to the ancient city of Ephesus sets off from here. In the afternoon, we arrive in Patmos, the tranquil island where John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelations. During the Patmos leg of our Christian tour, you are invited to join the shore excursion to the Monastery of St. John the Theologian and to the Holy Grotto of the Revelation. (the shore excursion to Patmos is subject to change per cruise line decision). Sail to the Island of Crete.

Sunday, April 28

Next port on call is Santorini the island famous for it's volcano, the eruption of which created the famous caldera. Our optional excursion to Thira and Oia areas gives you the opportunity to see one of the most famous islands of Greece. Sail to Piraeus (Athens).

Monday, April 29

Early checkout of the Cruise and transfer to Athens Airport for your flight to Rome, Italy. Upon arrival, our escort will meet and greet you at the airport. We shall be transferred to our Assisi hotel. Enjoy Dinner and overnight at Assisi Hotel.

Tuesday, April 30

Following breakfast, we shall start our guided tour of Assisi starting from the streets and squares of Francesco's youth, to the moment of his true conversion (the crucifix that addressed him in San Damiano), to the Renunciation to all worldly possessions (by the church of Santa Maria Maggiore). Not to mention the great, magnificent Basilica of Saint Francis where his tomb is located, adorned with the famous frescoes attributed to Giotto and other fine artists of the Middle Ages. Also Saint Claire of Assisi is a major religious figure, who lived and died in Assisi. The Basilica of the Saint, situated within the city walls, contains her body and a few relics. We will also visit the Portiuncola, the place that St. Francis chose for his newly-founded Franciscan Order. Half of his life was spent there. On October 3rd, 1226 he passed away in a nearby chapel. Since the 16th century the area has been covered and protected by the imposing basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli.,back to Rome for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, May 01

Early departure to join the Papal Audience (pending on Pope's schedule). In the afternoon, enjoy the Ancient Rome, including the Coliseum (outside), Forum, Capitol Hill and Trevi Fountain. Have a private mass. Dinner and overnight at your hotel. (B, D).

Thursday, May 02

We start the day with a guided tour of the Vatican Museum; On to visit the Major Basilicas: St. Peter, St Mary Major, St John in Lateran, St Paul Outside the Walls. Rest of the day at leisure. Mass. Dinner at hotel and overnight stay (B, D).

Friday, May 03

After Breakfast free time until our transfer to the Airport for departure back to ORD Airport.