

APRIL 3RD-15TH, 2025

STEP INTO THE STORY

PRESENTS

In The Footsteps of Paul Through Athens, Greece and Beyond

This year's new and amazing itinerary includes three
nights on the iconic Aegean Sea!

With Pastor Richard C. Statham, Sr.
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In partnership with UNIGLOBE Travel Partners
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13-DAY PILGRIMAGE IN THE STEPS OF PAUL

\$6,300.00 Per person: all-inclusive double occupancy #
Single Supplement: \$1,120.00
Optional Excursions: TBD

Airfare: Round trip airfare/taxes/surcharges, and fees included on Delta Air Lines. Scheduled flights reserved but times are subject to change before departure. (Government taxes are subject to change)

If airfare upgrade is desired, OR airfare is needed from a different point of origin, contact Pat Richmond at patriciawillis1@gmail.com.

DELTA 222 DEPARTS ATLANTA HARTSFIELD JACKSON INTERNATIONAL ON 4/3/25 AT 5:05PM
ARRIVES IN ATHENS, GREECE 4/4/25 AT 10:50AM

DELTA 223 DEPARTS ATHENS GREECE ON 4/15/25 AT 1:00PM
ARRIVES IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA ON 4/15/25 AT 6:35PM

Transportation: Transportation will be provided by Salem Baptist Church; 1724 Highway 155N, McDonough, Georgia to and from the airport on dates of travel. Arrive at Salem Baptist Church by **NOON** for a departure to the airport promptly at **1:00pm on April 3rd**. The return date is Wednesday, April 15th, arriving at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport Atlanta where customs will be handled. The Salem motor coach will be waiting to return travelers to the church.

Meals: All accommodations are based on HB. (HB is half board and includes morning breakfast and evening dinner.) There is an extra charge for beverages not included in the menu of the day, unless otherwise indicated. Three meals a day provided on Celestyal Cruise.

Sightseeing: An Immanuel Tours representative will meet and assist the group upon arrival. We will tour in a luxury, air conditioned motor coach with a Government Licensed, English speaking Guide with a Whisper System.

Entrance Fees: Full entrance fees to all sites included in per person price.

Porterage: One suitcase per person at airports and hotels. (50lb. max.) Carryon bag to fit in overhead bin plus side item (handbag, backpack, etc.)

Trip Tips: Tips for porters, bellmen, waiters, guide, driver, etc. included in the all-inclusive price of the arranged tour.

+ = Credit Card Fee 4%

= All-inclusive price includes



STEPS OF PAUL 2025 ITINERARY

ITINERARY

***SUBJECT TO CHANGE | **IF TIME ALLOWS | ***OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS AT ADDITIONAL COST**

Day 1 // April 3rd, 2025 // Depart Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport for Athens, Greece.

Day 2 // April 4th, 2025 // Arrive at Athens Airport for Athens, Greece (Overnight)

After arriving at the Athens Greece Airport, we will visit the Greek Bible College in Athens to learn about their mission in Greece. Then, we will transfer to our hotel for check-in. Free time in the city, dinner and overnight stay. (Dinner)

Day 3 // April 5th, 2025 // DELPHI - KALAMBAKA (Overnight)

Drive to Mt. Parnassus: visit the Holy Monastery of Jerusalem with architecture inspired by the New Jerusalem (John 21:13). Short nature walks in the Cedars Forest to a hermit's cave, panoramic view of Valley of Boeotia. Drive to Arachova, the famous shepherd's village, and enjoy the panoramic view of the Ionian Sea. Proceed to Delphi: visit the archeological museum: the Gallio inscription, on which the dating of the life of Paul is based (Acts 18:12), the Sphinx of Thebes, Temple of Athena, Goddess of Wisdom (the philosophical background of Paul, the Hellenized Jew). Depart for Kalambaka. Arrive at hotel, dinner and overnight stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 // April 6th, 2025 // KALAMBAKA - THESSALONIKI (Overnight)

Drive to Meteora - one of Europe's most beautiful landscapes with its six monasteries. Take a nature walk in Agios Athanasios. Panoramic view of the 'stone mushroom' of Agia Triada. Drive along the Aegean coast to Thessaloniki. Visit the Jewish quarter: the Synagogue, the Ancient Jewish Bath House and the Modiano market (Acts 17, 1 Thessalonians 1). Arrival at our hotel, dinner and overnight stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5 // April 7th, 2025 // THESSALONIKI - PHILIPPI - KAVALA - THESSALONIKI (Overnight)

Drive east to Philippi: visit Paul's Jail (Acts 16), the Christian Basilica, the Greco-Roman round theatre. Visit the Lydia Baptismal site at Zigakti river (Acts 16:15). Next, we proceed to Kavala for a panoramic view of Port of Neapolis which is the first place where Paul put his feet in Europe (Acts 16:7-11). A short walk along Via Egnatia, where Paul walked on his way to Thessaloniki. Then, we return and have a City Tour of Thessaloniki, starting from Saint Dimitrius, where we will pilgrimage the relics of the Saint, admire the mosaics of the Church and also see the spot where the Saint was martyred. Next, we will visit the White Tower and the Upper Town, where we will have a panoramic view of Thessaloniki. Return to our hotel, dinner and overnight stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

HOTELS



City - Athens

Hotel - Royal Olympic Hotel

4 Nights

<https://www.royalolympic.com>



City - Kalambaka

Divani Meteora

1 Night

<https://divanimeteorahotel.com>



City - Thessaloniki

Grand Hotel

2 Nights

<https://www.grandhotelpalace.gr/en>



City - Larissa

Grecotel Imperial Larissa

1 Night

<https://www.larissaimperial.com>



Cruise Portion

Celestyal Cruises

3 Nights

<https://celestyal.com/us/our-cruises/3-nights-us/iconic-aegean-3-nights-summer/>



Cruise Map

Day 6 // April 8th, 2025 // THESSALONIKI - VERIA - VERGINA - MT. OLYMPUS - LARISSA Overnight

Visit Veria: walk along the Barbouta River into the old Jewish quarter. Visit the ancient synagogue and see the Step where Paul spoke to the Verians (Acts 17). Visit Vergina - the golden treasures of the ancient kings of Macedonia. Drive across the Macedonian Rivers' delta to Mt Olympus. Visit the panoramic village of Litochoro and proceed to Greece's largest nature reserve- Mt Olympus: nature walk near Stavros, enjoy panoramic views of Mytikas, traditional place of the Palace of the Gods, visit Agios Dionysius - ancient monastery named after the first Athenian converted by Paul (Acts 17:34). Depart for Larissa, dinner and overnight stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 // April 9th, 2025 // LARISSA - MT. METAMORPHOSIS - ATHENS Overnight

Larissa: Visit the Ancient Roman Theatre, the Byzantine Acropolis. Drive up to Mt. Metamorphosis and enjoy the panoramic view of the Gulf of Kamena Vourla. A short walk will bring us to the Monastery commemorating Jesus' Transfiguration. Visit the monastic garden and the church with the famous description of Jesus' Transfiguration. Depart for Athens, dinner and overnight stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8 // April 10th, 2025 // ATHENS - ANCIENT CORINTH - ATHENS Overnight

After breakfast, we will depart for Ancient Corinth, which was an important city - state in Ancient Greece and dates back from the Neolithic Period (5,000- 3,000 BC). We will visit one of the largest museums in Greece in terms of the wealth and quality of the findings (Acts 18:1-17 & Acts 19:22). We will see the bema of Gallio and the Erastus Inscription. Also, we will visit Cencreae (Acts 18:18), before travelling back to Athens. Also, we will have a short stop at the Isthmus of Corinth. It is a narrow strip of land 6 kilometers in length joining Central Greece with Peloponnese. We will have free time to take photos. Arrival at our hotel, dinner and overnight stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9 // April 11th, 2025 // ATHENS - LAVRION PORT - CRUISE EMBARKATION - MYKONOS - Overnight on board

After breakfast, we will then have free leisure time. Then, we will depart for the Port of Lavrion. Early morning, embarkation and then a range of activities are available. Relax and soak up the glorious Mediterranean sun. Then, the ship will arrive in Mykonos. The evening is ours to enjoy this beautiful iconic Cycladic Island. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Friday 4.11.25	Lavrion (Athens)		11am
Friday 4.11.25	Mykonos (Greece)	4pm	11pm
Saturday 4.12.25	Kusadasi (Turkey)	7am	12:30am
Saturday 4.12.25	Patmos (Greece)	4pm	9pm
Sunday 4.13.25	Santorini (Greece)	7am	8pm
Monday 4.14.25	Lavrion (Athens)	6pm	





Day 10 // April 12th, 2025 // KUSADASI (Turkey) - PATMOS (Greece) - (Overnight on board)

Early morning the ship arrives at the Port of Kusadasi. Our Ancient Ephesus Bus Tour is a journey through the golden ages which shaped a pivotal center of commerce and spirituality. Built 3,000 years ago, Ephesus shaped the history of Greek, Turkish and Christian civilizations from its privileged location, chosen (according to legend) by the oracle of Delphi. A site of pilgrimage, due to its proximity to the Temple of Artemis (one of the 7 Wonders of the World) and the presence of major Christian figures (the apostles Paul and John and the Virgin Mary) within the city walls, Ephesus is currently one of the largest Roman archaeological sites in the Mediterranean. The splendor of its golden age is visible throughout its streets and exceptionally well-preserved ruins. As we explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site, we will have the opportunity to breathe in the centuries of cultural effervescence, visible in the Ephesus Agora, Odeon, the Houses of the Patricians, the beautiful Temple of Hadrian and the astonishing Library of Celsus. We will also have the opportunity to bargain and shop local merchandise such as carpets, leather goods, souvenirs etc. Return to the ship at noon and we will sail for Patmos, where we will explore the Monastery of St. John and the Grotto of Revelation. Late evening return to the ship and sail for Santorini. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 11 // April 13th, 2025 // HERAKLION (Crete) - SANTORINI - (Overnight on board)

In the morning, we arrive at Heraklion, Crete and disembark. Excursion #1 (Price Not Included): For those taking this excursion, we take a short ride through the town of Heraklion and then arrive at the Knossos excavations. Here, Sir Arthur Evans's archaeological discoveries revealed a civilization dating back to 4000 B.C., when a great empire flourished on the island of Crete. Paul left Titus in Crete and gave instructions on appointing church leaders in the towns (Titus 1:5ff). In the afternoon, we cruise to the isle of Santorini and disembark. Excursion #2 (Price Not included): Santorini is often referred to as the most breathtaking of all the Greek islands. The exquisite, whitewashed villages, including the town of Fira, or Thira, cling to volcanic cliffs, accessible by cable-car, or mule. (Breakfast Lunch, Dinner)



Day 12 // April 14th, 2025 // ATHENS - ATHENS (Overnight)

Upon disembarkation, we will depart for a full day Guided Tour starting from Panathenaic Stadium known as Kallimarmaro. In Antiquity, it was used for the celebration of Panathenea in honour of Goddess Athena. You will have free time to take photos. Boarding the coach and departure to see the Zappeion Hall, the Greek Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier-the symbolic monument in the memory of the Soldiers who died for their country. Then, along Panepistimiou Street, one of the most central streets of Athens, we will see the triad of neoclassical buildings: The Library, the Academy and the University. Next visit is the Acropolis with magnificent monuments such as the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion, the Propylaea, the Ancient Agora, the theatre of Dionysus and the Odeon of Herodes Atticus. We will have the chance to walk around the Parthenon Monument, which was built in the 5th century BC by the architects Ictinus and Kallikrates. Free time at the city center and the traditional settlement of Plaka. Return to our hotel, dinner and overnight stay. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 13 // April 15th, 2025 // ATHENS - ATHENS AIRPORT Departure

After breakfast, we will depart for the Athens Greece Airport. Return back to USA with the best memories. (Breakfast)



Tour Conditions:

PRICE: Price is as advertised. Deposit and balance may be paid by cash, check, or credit card (4% fee for credit card).

DEVIATIONS/STOPOVERS: An individual change in the return date that is a deviation from the basic group itinerary will NOT be allowed.

HOTELS: Prices are based on two people sharing a twin-bedded room with private bath. Single rooms are subject to availability for an additional cost. If a passenger cannot supply a roommate the passenger will pay the supplemental charge. (You may be billed after the final payment date for single room accommodation as necessary.)

MEALS: Two meals daily upon arrival in Greece on HB. (HB, "half board" is breakfast and dinner at hotels) Lunch meals may be arranged by the tour host in advance with an extra charge. All meals are included on the Celestyal Cruise.

SIGHTSEEING: Local transportation is by deluxe, air-conditioned motor coach. The services of an English-speaking guide and entrance fees to places visited on sightseeing described in this itinerary are included in the tour price.

NOTES:

1) HEALTH DISCLAIMER FOR TRAVEL: Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health, able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites in Greece and other trip locations are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing wheelchairs, oxygen, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. If you have questions, please contact Pat Richmond with Uniglobe Travel Partners for details.

2) ITINERARY: The actual daily itinerary is subject to adjustment at the discretion of the tour operator or its representative in Greece.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport costs; food and beverages (including coffee and tea) not usually included with regular breakfast and dinner meals; optional tours and excursions not mentioned in this itinerary; accident and baggage insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; personal tips to guides, drivers and others rendering special services. In the event it becomes necessary to overnight material due to late receipt of registration or final payments, traveler will be billed for these charges.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION

INSURANCE: Acting only as agents for suppliers, Uniglobe Travel Partners, is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident and/or illness. For your own protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. Travel insurance is available and highly recommended. The premium cost is age based and customized to the traveler's needs. You should carry proof of insurance in the event you need medical attention while in Greece. If you are interested in purchasing travel protection insurance, please contact Pat Richmond at Uniglobe Travel Partners. Travel insurance must be purchased within 14 days from making initial trip deposit in order to cover pre-existing conditions requiring medication. This trip is "fast paced" with considerable walking involved. Please discuss physical constraints with Pastor Rick Statham or Pat Richmond if concerned.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

PASSPORT: A valid physical passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. No visas are required for Greece for US citizens. Passports cannot expire within 6 months of your departure date from Greece. IF YOU DO NOT CURRENTLY HAVE A PASSPORT, you should apply as quickly as possible. The process can take six to eight weeks. Additional passport information is available at www.travel.state.gov

PAYMENTS: Payments can be made by cash or check form payable to Salem Baptist Church. If you prefer to use a credit card for payment to Salem Baptist Church, a 4% surcharge will apply. **A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is required at the time of registration. The second non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 per person is due on January 6, 2025.** Additional payments will be accepted between deadline deposits if preferred. **Final payment/balance is due February 10, 2025.**

AIRFARE PAYMENT: If you prefer to use a credit card for the air portion of your trip or using Delta Skymiles for air travel, please contact Pat Richmond at Uniglobe. There will not be a service charge to use a credit card on airline tickets.

NOTE: All reservations not fully paid by the February 10, 2025 final deadline are subject to cancellation and deposits become nonrefundable.

Trip cancellation insurance is available and highly recommended. Insurance cost is age based and customized to the traveler's needs.

TOUR OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITY: Uniglobe Travel Partners agrees to assist in arranging the tour described in this brochure. This represents the entire agreement between the passenger and his agent, the Tour Host, the Tour Operator and its agents. Except as stated herein, no person is authorized to cancel, modify, or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, the Tour Operator assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of Tour Operator, or by any person for any reason whatsoever, including but not limited to default or omission of and by any third-party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof, or in arranging for the same, or the acts or omissions of the Tour Host. Due to circumstances beyond the Tour Operator's control, the sequence of touring sites may occasionally need to be altered. **The Tour Operator WILL NOT BE responsible for:** (a) flight schedule changes, mechanical breakdowns, government actions, weather, acts of God, acts of war or aggression, whether declared or undeclared, hijackings, or other circumstances beyond its control, including any connecting flights that may be missed as a result thereof; (b) the failure to follow instructions, including but not limited to check-in and check-out times and baggage handling, and; (c) charges incurred relating to single room/stateroom requirements either by the passengers themselves or their assigned roommates. Payment of the deposit or any partial or full payment for a reservation constitutes consent to all provisions listed in this brochure.

Tour Contact: Pat Richmond in partnership with UNIGLOBE Travel Partners and Immanuel Tours of Israel at patriciawillis1@gmail.com or for general questions feel free to contact Pastor Rick Statham at rcstatham@aol.com with "Steps of Paul" in subject line.

Traveler Registration

A registration form must be completed for each traveler. This form is also available online at

[https://onrealm.org/SalemBaptistChu72295/PublicRegistrations/Event?](https://onrealm.org/SalemBaptistChu72295/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MTThhNjIjYzMtMGE4YS00YzEwLTg5MjEtYjIOMTAxMjkyMmE1)

[linkString=MTThhNjIjYzMtMGE4YS00YzEwLTg5MjEtYjIOMTAxMjkyMmE1](https://onrealm.org/SalemBaptistChu72295/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MTThhNjIjYzMtMGE4YS00YzEwLTg5MjEtYjIOMTAxMjkyMmE1) or at salembaptistchurch.net/stepsofpaul and can be submitted electronically.

Note: For payment help contact Tina Reagin at Salem at 770-288-4085.

YOUR INFORMATION: Clearly print your full name (First/Middle/Last) as it appears on your passport.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Cell: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Gender: () Male () Female

Date of Birth: (Month/Day/Year) ____/____/____

Please send a copy of your passport to Tina Reagin at tregain@salemchurch.net

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Date of Issuance: _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____

Citizenship: _____

A copy of passport is required before airline tickets are issued!

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: (_____) _____

Optional Excursions:

Excursion 1 () Yes, () No, () Interested, but would like more information

Excursion 2 () Yes, () No, () Interested, but would like more information

ROOMING WITH:

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR SEAT REQUEST: () Aisle () Window () Next to Traveling Companion

Seating preferences cannot be guaranteed, however, we will do all possible to accommodate your request with the respective airline(s).

SPECIAL MEAL REQUEST: _____

SPECIAL REQUESTS/CONCERNS: _____

SKYMILES ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

KNOWN TRAVELER NUMBER: _____ GLOBAL ENTRY NUMBER: _____

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection. () No, I decline travel protection.

For those who check yes, Pat Richmond will contact you shortly.

Excursion Options for Day 11 Morning Heraklion and afternoon Santorini

HERAKLION (Crete)

MINOAN PALACE OF KNOSSOS - 1ST EUROPEAN CIVILISATION (Duration: Half day - Tour code: HER – 02 – Price Euro 89 per person) USA approximately \$95 (Plus tip day of)

The ancient city of Knossos, near Crete's capital Heraklion, was the place that 'gave birth' to the very first civilization of Europe, the Minoans. So we can say with some certainty it is Europe's oldest city. Our excursion will open up the world of the Minoans as we visit one of the continent's most important archaeological treasures. The first excavations were undertaken in the 1870s by Minos Kalokairinos, a Cretan himself. A few decades later in the early 1900s, more work by Sir Arthur Evans from Britain brought to the world's attention the full impressive scale of the Palace of Knossos, according to legend the residence of wise King Minos. We will be able to explore the large Central Court, the wonderful Throne Room, the imposing Grand Staircase and see the fresco of the 'Prince of the Lilies.' As you stroll through the palace apartments and view the archaeological finds, we think you will be just a little in awe of the rich cultural heritage of the Minoan civilization. You will undoubtedly hear the Cretan legend of the Minotaur, half man, half bull who lived in the Labyrinth and was slain by Theseus. But that's another story. Exploring from room to room we will relive time in the Hall of the Royal Guard and the King's Chamber, hearing about the extraordinary rule of King Minos.

VENETIAN HERAKLION AND THE UNIQUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM (Duration: Half day Tour code: HER – 07 – Price Euro 95 per person) USA approximately \$100 (Plus tip day of)

Crete is Greece's largest island and the birthplace of Zeus according to mythology. Our tour enables us to find out more of the important period of Venetian rule and explore the jewels in the crown of the capital Heraklion's wonderful structures including the 'Koules' fortress, Venetian Loggia, Basilica of St Mark, medieval monastery of St Catherine and the Cathedral of Agios Minas. The Venetian Loggia is an especially eye-catching and beautiful structure that still functions as the Town Hall of Heraklion. It was built in 1620 and was a place for Venetian nobleman to gather. The fortifications of Heraklion surround the old city. They were first constructed in the Middle Ages but they were completely rebuilt by the Republic of Venice and resisted the Ottoman Turkish forces for 22 years in the 1600s. They are among the best preserved city walls in the Mediterranean. The ancient city of Knossos, near the capital Heraklion, was the place that 'gave birth' to the very first civilization of Europe, the Minoans. So we can probably say it's Europe oldest city. We can really feel the sense of history and understand some of the myths and legends of Ancient Greece here in Heraklion. We also learn about some of Crete's leading figures, including Nobel Prize winning poet Odysseas Elytis, the painter El Greco and the writer Nikos Kazantzakis. We end at the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion to find out more of the background to the history and culture of Crete.

EXPERIENCE THE CRETAN COUNTRYSIDE AND LIFESTYLE (Duration: Half day - Tour code: HER – 04 – Price Euro 92 per person) USA approximately \$97 (Plus tip day of)

Leaving the Venetian walls of Heraklion behind us, we drive deep into the beautiful 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. Here you take a deep breath, enjoy the fresh mountain air and take in the majestic view at 550 meters above sea level. Stironas is made up of traditional stone buildings arranged amphitheatrically looking towards the mountains. You will see how the Cretans lived centuries ago. We also 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. You will have imbibed the true flavour of countryside life for a few hours. We head back to historic Heraklion which was founded in 824 and 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.

TRANSFER TO AMMOUDARA BEACH (Duration: Half day - Tour code: HER – 10 – Sold on board) USA approximately \$11 (Plus tip day of)

Located 5km west of Heraklion, Ammoudara Beach is a popular spot that caters for all types of travelers, from solo adventurers to couples and families. Sunbathe, swim or take a trip on a jet ski - you can do it all here. With its long stretch of golden sand, Ammoudara Beach has different areas to suit every visitor. There are a few great local eateries, sun loungers and water centers, and with calm shallow waters, it's an ideal spot to take the kids. To find solitude and really take in the views, simply wander towards Heraklion and you'll find a quieter stretch. Cost of the facilities at the beach is not included in the price of the excursion.

SANTORINI

SPECTACULAR OIA VILLAGE PERCHED ON THE CALDERA RIM (Duration: Half day - Tour code: SAN – 01 – Price Euro 83 per person) USA approximately \$88 (Plus tip day of)

If you are a first time visitor to Santorini she will take your breath away. And even if you are a regular visitor, with her soaring landscapes and whitewashed houses she will still do that every time. She is regularly described as one of the most beautiful places on the planet. There are plenty of magic moments on our excursion. One of the greatest spectacles is Oia village perched on the rim of the Caldera, the remains of a volcanic eruption. Santorini is a ring of rock around the sea. Think of it as the rim of an old volcano. First we head to Megalochori, one of the most authentic and unspoiled villages on the island, retaining its distinctive architecture, character and charm. Our trip continues eastwards through a number of traditional communities like Firostefani and Imerovigli until we arrive at Oia. On our journey we will have had the lace-like caldera to our west, the little islands of Thirasia, Palea and Nea Kameni and an incredible, unsurpassable panoramic view. There is plenty of time in Oia to explore, stroll the marble-paved alleys, visit the adorable shops and capture the moments on camera. Admire the traditional buildings carved into the rocks and the unusual captain's manors, the settlement of Ammoudi at the foot of the caldera.

CRUISE TO SANTORINI'S ISLANDS AND VOLCANOES (Duration: Half day - Tour code: SAN – 02 – Price Euro 83 per person) USA approximately \$88 (Plus tip day of)

This trip is a must for those who want to acquaint themselves just a little better with the islands fringing the caldera, the volcanic remnants. A small boat will take us first to Nea Kameni. Its geology resembles a lunar landscape. We walk up the verge of the crater, the heart of the volcano and its an experience that should fill you with awe. The beaches of Nea Kameni are embraced by thermal springs. Our next stop on this special excursion is Palea Kameni with its therapeutic warm waters. The sea temperature here is five degrees higher than elsewhere and the green-yellow water contains sulphur. After our trip to the volcano we have a change of pace as we visit the energetic Fira, the island's main town, for a stroll around, a quiet drink or simply the chance to soak up the atmosphere. We descend by funicular (ticket included in the excursion) to the Old Port for the transfer back to the ship. Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.

AKROTIRI VILLAGE EXCAVATIONS (Duration: Half day - Tour code: SAN – 08 – Price 89 per person) USA approximately \$95 (Plus tip day of)

Modern day Santorini has been shaped quite literally by one event in ancient history. In 1650 BC the huge volcano Thira erupted, sinking the center of the island then known as Strongyle and 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 Athinios to head for Santorini's most important archaeological site, the village of Akrotiri. On the way we make a brief stop at the ruins of the island's famous windmill and take in the wonderful view. The settlement of Akrotiri was destroyed in the eruption and buried in volcanic ash which preserved many of its buildings, structures and fine frescoes. The site has been excavated since the 1960s. You will find a place held in time and it is an incredible experience. It has been suggested Akrotiri could have been the inspiration for Plato's story of Atlantis, but there are numerous other places vying for that honour. After Akrotiri we head for the capital Fira, the island's largest town, to visit the Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral, also known as the Church of Ypapantis. It is famed for its elegance and beautiful frescos painted by Santorini artist Christoforus Assimis. We have time to linger in Fira for shopping, a stroll or a relaxing coffee before making our way back to the tender boats by way of the teleferik, the Santorini Cable Car. It's an impressive descent of more than 200 meters to the blue waters of the caldera at the harbour side. Tour may not be available at certain times of the year.

TRANSFER TO PERISSA BEACH (Duration: Half day - Tour code: SAN – 13 – Sold on board)

USA approximately \$14 (Plus tip day of)

Dipping your toes into the black lava sand at Perissa Beach is a unique way to experience Santorini's volcanic geology. And getting closer to nature on Perissa Beach is easy! Simply paddle in the deep blue and clear waters and gaze at the gigantic Mesa Vouno mountain that seems to climb from the sea. You can hire a sun lounger to bask in the sun or find a shady spot at one of the many cafes and bars that border the sandy stretch. If you're looking for your next thrill, hire watersports equipment and paddle out into the deep blue, or explore the shallows as you swim in the clean waters that have earned Blue Flag awards over the years. Cost of the facilities at the beach is not included in the price of the excursion.

MUSIC, MYTHS AND HISTORY (Duration: Half day - Tour code: SAN-16 – Price Euro 129 per person) USA approximately \$136 (Plus tip day of)

Pyrgos is our destination, the highest village on Santorini and one of the most beautiful parts of the island. An exquisite picture-book location which looks and feels as though it belongs in another era, a Greece of yesteryear. It's charming, enchanting and absorbing and here you can live in the moment with the realization there you are experiencing something very special. Here your soul can really rejoice. The pace of life is peaceful, calm and relaxed, a world away from what we might know as normal life. The main square with its tall pine trees and delightful coffee shops is the focal and the perfect place to take in the atmosphere. Capture the moment and the feelings and hold on to them on our guided walking tour exploring the traditional Cycladic architecture that gives Santorini Island its unique look. Wander through the remains of a Venetian fortress and see the historical 18th century monastery of Profitis Ilias, which is closed to the public but remains home to one solitary monk. Here are the most breathtaking views over the island. We travel to Megalochori, a remarkably preserved village of Cycladic and neoclassical architecture. Stroll through rustic streets and marvel at homes dug into the volcanic rock. Then we head to the Symposion Music and Mythology Cultural Centre for a musical presentation which creates an interactive journey using mythological narration and fifteen hand-crafted wind and string instruments. The tour explores the history and architecture of the former winery and we will enjoy a cup of honey wine. Back at Fira Town there is free time to shop and explore on your own. The cable car ticket is included.