

Journeys of Faith with Ceci
Footsteps of St. Paul Pilgrimage to

GREECE AND TURKEY

including a 4-Day Aegean Cruise
with Fr. Bob Knippenberg

*including Thessaloniki, Meteora Monasteries, Athens,
Santorini, and Corinth*

12 Days APRIL 14-25, 2026



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Land and Group Air - \$4995.00

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**additional cost*

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Prices are per person

**Land Only - Option to purchase air on your own and meet the group at the airport on April 15, 2026*

Group Air Price based on a minimum of 10 passengers

Prices are valid only if the deposit is received no later than December 10, 2025

Final payment is due January 4, 2026

April 14, Tuesday, Day 1: DEPART FOR GREECE

We depart Houston International Airport on a flight bound for Thessaloniki. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the flight. Enjoy your flight as you look forward to your incredible pilgrimage journey. Quotes for add-on flights and optional Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are available upon request and will be provided starting 120 days before departure. Group air restrictions (for ten passengers traveling together) do not permit specific seating requests on flights. We recommend purchasing your own airline tickets and land-only packages with us if seat confirmation is an essential part of your trip. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact your trip Account Manager, who will be happy to assist you.

April 15, Wednesday, Day 2: ARRIVE THESSALONIKI

Upon landing at Thessaloniki Airport, we proceed through passport control and customs. Proceed to the arrival hall, where we will be greeted by our English-speaking tour guide and assisted to the motorcoach. Thessaloniki, the second-largest city in Greece, is named in honor of a half-sister of Alexander. The city, part of Macedonian Greece, is also known as Salonika. Paul's first epistle to the Thessalonians, written in the middle of the first century, is his first known letter. His two letters urged the Thessalonian Christians to "live blamelessly" and to refrain from living idly while they wait for the second coming of Christ. Mass will be celebrated. We settle into our comfortable hotel for a good night's rest. Overnight in Thessaloniki. (Dinner at the hotel)

April 16, Thursday, Day 3: KAVALA- PHILIPPI – THESSALONIKI

After breakfast, we visit the modern port city of Kavala, which was once the ancient city of Neapolis. Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy landed in this port when they sailed into Europe. Philippi, our next stop, is where Saint Paul established the first church in Europe. "And from there (He went) to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman Colony. We remained in this city some days..." (Acts 16:12-18). We visit the site where Saint Paul baptized a woman named Lydia, the first convert to Christianity in Europe. Mass will be celebrated. We visit the Roman Forum where Saint Paul cast a spirit out of a fortune-telling woman. While here, we will have the opportunity to view the prison (now in ruins) where Paul and Silas were jailed by the owners of the fortune-tellers. Return to Thessaloniki for a delicious meal and restful overnight. (B,D)

April 17, Friday, Day 4: THESSALONIKI – BEMA AT VERIA – VERGINA

We delve into Thessaloniki in depth as we explore the ancient city's Byzantine tradition, as expressed in the architecture of its churches and monasteries. We visit the Church of St. Sophia, featuring its eighth-century mosaics; the Church of St. Demetrius, patron saint of the city; the fifth-century Rotunda, which showcases its well-preserved mosaics; and the Arch of Galerius. We travel to Veria, a charming town with a Byzantine and Jewish presence, to visit small Byzantine churches and the Bema of St. Paul, where Mass will be celebrated. Our next stop is Vergina, the first capital of Macedonia. This is where Phillip II, Alexander the Great's father, was assassinated in 336 B.C. We visit the remarkable underground museum, which has four tombs containing the tomb of Alexander the Great's family. Our dinner and overnight are in Kalambaka. (B,D)

April 18, Saturday, Day 5: KALAMBAKA – METEORA MONASTERIES – ATHENS

After breakfast, we celebrate Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. An amazing adventure awaits us as we explore the Orthodox monasteries of Meteora. In the eleventh century, monks settled within the caves, located high up on the cliffs of these mountain ranges. As the Ottoman occupation intensified, the monks were forced to relocate their settlements to higher altitudes, making them unreachable by any opposing enemy. The monks brought baskets of building materials and supplies for living, using ropes and ladders, transforming these settlements into monasteries. The Meteora Monasteries are renowned for preserving Greek Christianity and Hellenic culture, including academics and the arts. During our visit, we have the opportunity to view stunning Byzantine art and take in the breathtaking scenery surrounding the monastery. Women are expected to wear skirts and a headscarf covering their hair and shoulders when entering Orthodox monasteries and churches. We also visit an icon workshop in the area, where we see how icons are created. In the afternoon, we drive to Athens, settle into our hotel, have dinner, and have a restful night of sleep. Dinner is at the hotel in Athens. (B,D)

April 19, Sunday, Day 6: ATHENS

Following breakfast, we have a morning Mass at the Catholic Church in Athens, with the local Catholics. Our walking tour of ancient Athens includes the amazing Acropolis with its antiquities-filled Museum and Mars Hill, where St. Paul preached. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Plaka, the historic heart of this bustling city, or visit the Archaeological Museum. Tonight, enjoy dinner in a restaurant of your choice. Dinner is at leisure. Overnight in Athens. (B)

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare from Houston to Thessaloniki x Athens to Houston
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- First-class hotels for 6 nights
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Buffet breakfast daily
- 4 Hotel dinners (standard 3-course menu; beverages may be purchased at an additional cost)
- Wine tasting and lunch in the Corinth area
- Farewell dinner in Athens at a local restaurant
- Meals on the ship as specified in the itinerary (drinks are not included)
- Shore Excursion to Ancient Ephesus & House of the Virgin Mary
- Shore excursion to Patmos- St. John's Monastery & Grotto of the Apocalypse
- Round-trip cable car in Santorini
- Walking tour of Rhodes

- All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per the itinerary
- Professional English-speaking Christian tour guide throughout
- Entrance fees are included for sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance fee is included)
- Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in/out)
- Confirmation of daily Mass
- Whisper sets
- Tips of \$220.00 are not included in the price, but for your convenience will be added to the invoice as a line item and collected in advance

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Travel and Medical Insurance
- Church donations

- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the list of inclusions
- Beverages at meals, unless otherwise noted
- Any taxes or visit fees imposed by individual islands

BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:

- Any airline baggage charges
- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or portage charges

April 20, Monday, Day 7: ATHENS – START 4-DAY AEGEAN CRUISE: MYKONOS

Following breakfast, we will celebrate Mass before proceeding to the Port to embark on a 4-day cruise aboard the Celestyal cruise ship. Our first stop will be the island of Mykonos, the most cosmopolitan of the Greek islands, which attracts visitors from around the world. After docking, we transfer to Hora, the island's capital, where we have leisure time to explore the city's narrow, cobbled streets. Pass by chic boutiques, elegant nightclubs, and whitewashed houses to arrive in Alefkandra. This section of Mykonos is known as the "Venice of Mykonos" as the homes with wooden balconies are built on the sea. Historically, these homes were of wealthy merchants and captains. Walk over to the small but beautiful Catholic Church on the island. Return to the cruise ship for dinner and overnight. (B.D)

April 21, Tuesday, Day 8: CRUISE: KUSADASI – EPHEBUS (MARY'S HOUSE) – PATMOS

After breakfast on board, we arrive at the lively Turkish port of Kusadasi. Transfer to the small village of Mt. Koressos, where we enter the small stone chapel on the site where the Virgin Mary spent her last days following Christ's crucifixion. Following Mass, we continue to ancient Ephesus and begin our walking tour, which takes us through the most magnificent excavations in the world. The last stop on the walking tour is the Great Theater, with a capacity of 25,000 people, where Saint Paul preached. On the return of our walking tour, follow the exact route that Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession via the Arcadian Way. This main street runs from the Great Theatre to the central city's harbor. We will see the Basilica of Saint John on our return to Kusadasi. In the sixth century, Emperor Justinian erected this structure over the grave of St. John, the Evangelist. Upon arrival in Kusadasi, enjoy free time to explore on our own before returning to the ship. (Please note the cruise ship-mandated carpet store shopping stop is not compulsory, and you may choose to opt out graciously.) The next stop is the holy island of Patmos, where we visit the Saint John the Theologian monastery. This marvelous structure was built nine hundred years ago and continues to be supported by the walls of a strong fortification. In addition to the stunning main church that contains outstanding frescoes, we will view the beautiful courtyard, dining room, and bakery. Our tour continues to the small museum, where we will view priceless ecclesiastical treasures such as books, manuscripts, mosaics, icons, textiles, vestments, and jewelry. Board the bus, which will take us to the Monastery and Grotto of the Apocalypse. In this grotto, experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view the site where the Book of Revelation was written. Return to the ship for dinner and overnight. (B.L.D)

April 22, Wednesday, Day 9: CRUISE: RHODES – THE ISLAND OF KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN

The Island of Rhodes is a mix of Roman and Byzantine architectural styles. Rhodes was one of the most important seafaring and trading centers in the Eastern Mediterranean during ancient times. Conquered in 1309 by the Knights of Saint John of Jerusalem, it is now under the protection of UNESCO. Our visit includes a walking tour of the town, followed

by time at leisure in Rhodes to explore the city on our own. We can return to the ship for our included lunch or enjoy lunch on our own in town before we celebrate Mass at Santa Maria Catholic Church (a 5-minute walk from the port) Return to the ship for dinner and overnight. (B.L.D)

April 23, Thursday, Day 10: CRUISE: CRETE (HERAKLION) – SANTORINI

Shore excursions for guided visits of Crete may be purchased on the ship. We recommend visiting Heraklion independently or booking a guided tour of the island, which includes a visit to the ancient ruins of the Palace of Knossos. These ruins were discovered in 1899, and the palace is partially reconstructed. This ancient palace is believed to have been the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos and the seat of ancient Minoan culture. Additionally, it is the site where Saint Paul met the owner and captain of the ship, who warned him of continuing his journey to spread Christianity in Rome. If you choose not to purchase the optional excursion, you can enjoy your time in Crete by exploring the city, which is within walking distance of the port where the ship docks. Return to the ship to sail to the idyllic island of Santorini, widely regarded as the most breathtaking of all the Greek Islands. We disembark via tenders upon arrival in Santorini and take the cable car to visit Thira, with its iconic white-washed houses, narrow streets, open-air cafes, and glittering boutiques that cling to steep cliffs. We celebrate Mass at St. John Catholic Church before returning to the ship for our last dinner and overnight on our cruise. (B.L.D)

April 24, Friday, Day 11: ATHENS – CORINTH- WINE TASTING

After disembarkation, we visit ancient Corinth. Under the shadow of the towering Acropolis, Saint Paul lived in Corinth for two years. While here, Saint Paul felt great grief over how the Gentile Church in Corinth had become. As a result, he was prompted to write four letters, all with the overarching theme of love. In Corinth, we will have the opportunity to view the remains of the first-century shops, the site of Saint Paul's trial by Gallio, the Fountain of Peirene, and the Temple of Apollo. We celebrate Mass at the Steps of St. Paul in Ancient Corinth. Following our visit to Corinth, we return to Athens to visit the rock that has dominated the city's panorama for twenty-five centuries, the Acropolis. Here, we see the ruins of the Parthenon, the Erechtheum, and the Propylaea. Ascend Mars Hill, where Saint Paul spoke to the Athenians about the one and only God (Acts 17:22). See the ancient Agora, the former public center of Athenian life. We enjoy lunch and a stop for wine tasting in Corinth, where we learn about the Greek wine and olive oil production. Tonight, we have a festive dinner in a wonderful Greek restaurant. Our Greek dinner is served with local wine. Overnight in Athens. (B.L. Special Dinner)

April 25, Saturday, Day 12: RETURN TO THE USA

Today marks the end of our pilgrimage. We will say our heartfelt farewells to a journey that will last in our memory forever. We will be transferred to the Athens airport for our return flight home. (B)

Select Protect

Travel Protection Plan

Plan Highlights

- Comprehensive coverage for trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency medical and post-departure travel coverage up to \$100,000
- Up to \$150,000 in Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation of Remains coverage available
- 100% of Trip Cancellation coverage up to \$25,000
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- Optional Cancel For Any Reason coverage available
- Pre-Existing medical condition waiver available

10-Day Free Look Period

If you are not satisfied within 10 days of purchasing this plan, Trawick International will refund your premium cost if you have not departed on your trip or filed a claim.

Trip Cancellation Covered Reasons

This is a list of some covered reasons for Trip Cancellation. Please refer to the plan document for a full list.

- Sickness, Accidental Injury, or Death of You, a Family Member, Traveling Companion, or Business Partner
- Sickness, Injury, or Death of Non-Traveling Family Member
- Hijacked, Quarantined, required to serve on a jury, or subpoenaed
- Employment Terminated or Laid-Off
- Approved Military Leave Revoked or Military Re-Assignment
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Assistance Services

Traveler Lounge Pass

Allowing you the convenience of airport lounge access if your flight is delayed by more than two (2) hours.

This service is available to Trawick International policy holders if: You have registered your flight at go.TravelerLoungePass.com at least twenty-four (24) hours before your scheduled flight departure time; and Your flight has been delayed by more than two (2) hours. If your flight was delayed by more than two (2) hours but there's no lounge available at the airport where you are, you may still use the lounge access code any time in the next six (6) months.

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Benefits	Maximum Benefit Amount
Trip Coverage	
Trip Cancellation	100% of Trip Cost up to \$25,000
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Trip Delay (6 hours)	\$1,500 (\$150/day)
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Personal Items Coverage	
Baggage Coverage	\$1,500
Per item	\$250
Limited Valuables	\$500
Baggage Delay Coverage (24 hours)	\$400
Medical & Evacuation Coverage	
Emergency Accident & Sickness Medical Expense	\$100,000
Emergency Dental Expenses	\$750
Emergency Evacuation	\$150,000
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Hospital Companion Transportation	\$10,000
Hospital Companion Expenses	\$200/day, 10 days maximum
Non-Medical Evacuation	\$100,000
Pre-Existing Condition Waiver	If purchased on or before Final Payment
Pre-Existing Condition lookback period	60 days
Non-insurance 24-hour standard emergency travel assistance	Included
Optional Upgrade	
	75% of Insured Trip Cost
Trip Cancellation for Any Reason (CFAR) Optional	Must be purchased within 15 days of deposit
	Must Cancel 2 days or more prior to departure date
	Not available to residents of NY

Not all Benefits are available in all states, please see the Plan Document for all details.

Plan Rates

Trip Cost Bands	Base rate	Base & CFAR rate*
\$1-\$500	\$66	\$112
\$501-\$1,000	\$70	\$118
\$1,001-\$1,500	\$96	\$162
\$1,501-\$2,000	\$128	\$217
\$2,001-\$2,500	\$156	\$264
\$2,501-\$3,000	\$185	\$313
\$3,001-\$3,500	\$212	\$360
\$3,501-\$4,000	\$241	\$410
\$4,001-\$4,500	\$269	\$456
\$4,501-\$5,000	\$307	\$521
\$5,001-\$5,500	\$328	\$558
\$5,501-\$6,000	\$361	\$613
\$6,001-\$6,500	\$420	\$714
\$6,501-\$7,000	\$447	\$760
\$7,001-\$7,500	\$483	\$821
\$7,501-\$8,000	\$513	\$872
\$8,001-\$8,500	\$552	\$939
\$8,501-\$9,000	\$627	\$1,066
\$9,001-\$9,500	\$713	\$1,211
\$9,501-\$10,000	\$748	\$1,272
\$10,001-\$11,000	\$801	\$1,362
\$11,001-\$12,000	\$872	\$1,482
\$12,001-\$13,000	\$939	\$1,596
\$13,001-\$14,000	\$1,010	\$1,716
\$14,001-\$15,000	\$1,081	\$1,837
\$15,001-\$16,000	\$1,151	\$1,957
\$16,001-\$17,000	\$1,222	\$2,077
\$17,001-\$18,000	\$1,293	\$2,198
\$18,001-\$19,000	\$1,364	\$2,318
\$19,001-\$20,000	\$1,435	\$2,438
\$20,001-\$21,000	\$1,505	\$2,559
\$21,001-\$22,000	\$1,576	\$2,679
\$22,001-\$23,000	\$1,651	\$2,806
\$23,001-\$24,000	\$1,722	\$2,927
\$24,001-\$25,000	\$1,792	\$3,047

*Note: CFAR is 1.7 x the base rates.



Journeys of Faith with Ceci Footsteps of St. Paul to Greece and Turkey with Fr. Bob Knippenberg

April 14-25, 2026 Trip Code: 26MI04GRCT

DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

- Please use the QR code on the front of this brochure to enroll.
- A deposit of \$1,000.00 per person should accompany your registration by December 10, 2025.
- Final payment is due by January 4, 2026.*
- Your passport must be valid through October 25, 2026.

All prices are based on payment via check. A convenience fee of 4% will be charged for credit card payments. We also take payment via Zelle.

Please mail your payment to: Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822, Attn: Mirela Krstic, 800-842-4842, mirela@select-intl.com.

PILGRIMAGE PRICES: Trip price is based on a minimum of 20 passengers. Prices may be adjusted for fewer travelers, changes in currency conversion rates, or amendments in local government taxes and/or fuel surcharges. Prices for this trip are in US dollars. For European travel, an exchange rate of US \$1.18 per Euro is assumed. *A late payment fee of \$100.00 per person will be charged for all payments received after the final payment due date.

SOLO TRAVEL: A limited number of single rooms are available. Prices are based on two people per room. We do not guarantee roommates, but will do our best to connect you with someone willing to share.

LAND-ONLY OPTION: Land-only services start and end at the hotels and do not include any airfare. You are welcome to transfer from the airport with the group if you arrive at the same time; otherwise, transfers are not included.

TOUR CANCELLATION POLICY: Individual deposits are refundable except for a \$750.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 121 days or more before departure. For cancellations made 120 to 100 days before departure, a \$1,000.00 cancellation fee will be assessed. Within 100 days before departure, all payments are non-refundable, regardless of the reason for cancellation. All airline tickets are non-refundable once issued. All cancellations must be in writing. Unused portions of the trip are not refundable. If a roommate cancels, the cost of a solo supplement will be added to your invoice. You may be eligible for a refund through your travel protection provider.

TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation/travel accident insurance for every passenger to protect their investment (all payments are non-refundable 100 days before departure). PLEASE NOTE that in most cases travel protection must be purchased within 14 days. Additionally, some options are not available to residents of NY. Please see <https://selectinternationaltours.com/travel-protection-plans/> or call Trawick International at 1-888-681-6272 for complete details, restrictions, and deadlines.

AIRLINE, SEATING AND CHANGES: To best accommodate our pilgrims, we utilize Group Air Reservations. This affords more predictable space and pricing. However, the airline (not Select International Tours) assigns seats when the group tickets are issued. If you require very specific seats, we suggest you take advantage of the "Land Only" option and book your own airfare. Airline ticket name changes due to missing, incorrect, or incomplete information provided during registration will result in fees of at least \$350 per traveler. Switching reservations from Air and Land to Land Only within 100 days of departure will incur a minimum fee of \$150.00 per person. Quotes for Business class and Premium Coach seats are available upon written request, as are add-ons from your hometown airport.

SPECIAL NEEDS AND REQUESTS: All special needs and requests due to medical or dietary restrictions must be received in writing at least 60 days before departure. People needing a wheelchair should bring their own and travel with a companion who can provide care for them.

WALKING: Our trips require daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, steps, and uneven terrain. We recommend preparing by walking before the trip. A qualified and physically able travel companion must accompany anyone needing assistance. We are not responsible for any medical condition that occurs before, during, or after the trip.

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This trip is open to passengers 10 years or older with appropriate adult supervision.

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