

Day 1: Saturday, May 6, 2023

Rome, Italy

Today you arrive into Italy and transfer to your awaiting ship, the Odyssey of the Seas.



Day 2: Sunday, May 7, 2023

Cruising

Enjoy your day at sea exploring the ship and all the fun areas to enjoy.

Today we will enjoy onboard group activity, and faith-based devotional for those who'd like to join us. A highlight this afternoon will be our first concert with Gentri, The Gentleman Trio! (B, L, D)



Day 3: Monday, May 8, 2023

Cruising

Today, enjoy the ship and time with our group. Some of the activities offered are scrapbooking- Turn your memories into something beautiful with a vacation scrapbook. Learn how to build themed pages with textured borders, cut-outs and embellishments. Or, for the more game-minded, check out the billiards room- A game of pool may seem challenging on a cruise ship, but not if you have a gyroscopic pool table. Bring your A-game and experience the first self-leveling pool tables at sea.

Today we will enjoy a lecture with our own religious teachers, Dann Hone and Larry Gelwix who will prepare us for our upcoming days in Israel. If you are joining our 3 day Holy Land Shore Excursion Package, they will prepare you for all you will see and due. For those who choose to explore Israel on their own, Dann and Larry will be happy help you prepare your journey as well. (B, L, D)

Day 4: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Limassol, Cyprus

Limassol is a picturesque Mediterranean town on the coast of idyllic Cyprus. It's a favorite destination for Europeans, and many cruise itineraries let you see this Mediterranean treasure for yourself. The region holds a ton of historical significance as it was the alleged birthplace of Aphrodite, and a significant part of the Crusades. Limassol's landscape is a mixture of striking cliffs and beautiful beaches mixed with developed resort towns full of fantastic entertainment, shopping and dining options. (B, L, D)



Day 5: Wednesday, May 10, 2023

Jerusalem, Israel

After you arrive at the port at Ashdod, it's a one-hour drive to Jerusalem, the city sacred to Jews, Muslims and Christians alike. Enter the Old City through one of the eight gates, built in the early 16th century by the Turkish Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent — see the ferocious-looking animal carvings of the Lion's Gate or the flower rosettes carved above Herod's Gate. Cruise to Jerusalem and take in the smell of Arabian coffee, incense and spices at one of the markets of the Old City as you venture to the historic Wailing Wall. Enter the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and see its ornate shrines and austere icons. Then, head to the nearby Dome of the Rock, with its distinctive gold dome and traditional Islamic geometric designs. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Thursday, May 11, 2023*Jerusalem, Israel*

Some things to do in Jerusalem: Head to the Temple Mount, an large public space sacred to all three monotheist religions. Visit the iconic gold-plated Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, built in 705 AD. The plaza is surrounded by walls, including the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest prayer site. Tourists and pilgrims alike write prayers on pieces of paper and crumple them into the crevices of the wall.

Join the pilgrims to visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, one of Christianity's most sacred sites. It is believed by many Christians that the church that stands today was built on the spot where Jesus' resurrection occurred. It was built in 335, destroyed in 1009 and gradually rebuilt. When you enter the sanctuary, take in the smell of frankincense and the contemplative candlelight. (B, L, D)

**Day 7: Friday, May 12, 2023***Haifa, Israel*

Set on the slopes of Mount Carmel, Haifa is Israel's Mediterranean oasis. Stroll around the smart German Colony, with its restored streets settled in the 1860's lined with restaurants, cafes and art galleries. Continue toward the tropical Bah'ai Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and take a meditative walk around the 19 different terraced gardens. Cruise to Haifa, Israel and visit the Shrine of the Bab, with its striking golden dome composed of 12,000 tiles. For even better views, climb up to the Viewing Balcony to look down on the shrine and out toward the Mediterranean Sea. Perhaps it's time to relax on the beach now? Pop down to Bat Galim for windsurfing or a stroll along the boardwalk. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Saturday, May 13, 2023*Cruising (B, L, D)***Day 9: Sunday, May 14, 2023***Ephesus, Turkey*

The UNESCO World Heritage ruins of Ephesus impress even those familiar with the world's other ancient cities. Though excavations have been underway for 150 years, only 20 percent of the city has been uncovered. Check out the Celsus Library — built in 117 A.D., the site is made up of towering columns highlighted by the statue of the goddess of wisdom. Cruises to Ephesus will give you a taste of Turkish life by strolling the seafront promenade and the bustling city center. Walk Marble Street, paved with actual marble slabs, which takes you from downtown to the Temple of Artemis — you can still see one lone remaining column from this wonder of the ancient world. (B, L,

Day 10: Monday, May 15, 2023 Athens, Greece

The day begins with a drive through Mea Shearim (an ultraorthodox community) on our way to Yad Vashem, the sobering Holocaust memorial. We pass the Knesset Building, where the Israeli parliament meets, on our way to the Israel National Museum, which includes the Shrine of the Book (the museum of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and the wonderfully re-created Model City of Jerusalem, which portrays the city as it looked near the time of Jesus. The rest of the day is free to shop or visit other sites. We return to the hotel to complete our packing and to have our last dinner at the hotel. (B, L, D)



Day 11: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Cruising (B, L, D)

Day 12: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Naples, Italy

With a skyline defined by towering Mount Vesuvius, Naples is a bustling Italian city brimming with beauty. Experience its rich neoclassical architecture at sites like Gesu Nuovo Church, with its lavish interior adorned with detailed frescoes, statues and gold inlay. Go even deeper into history at the San Gennaro catacombs, where Naples' first bishops were buried in the second century A.D. Walk along the Miglio Sacro ("Holy Mile") and people-watch your way through the cafes and shops of the Sanita district with a *zuccherato* (sweetened espresso) in hand. Jump onboard a Naples cruise and take the short bus ride to the base of Mount Vesuvius — it's an easy 20- to 30-minute hike will take you to the summit — and tour the ruins of Pompeii afterward. (B, L, D)



Day 13: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Rome, Italy

Today we return to Rome with a full heart of the many spiritual and historical sites we've experienced forever now part of us, with memories to last a lifetime. (B)

Hosts



Your special cruise host: Cruise for a good cause! We invite you to set sail with the dynamic tenors of **GENTRI** in the Spring of 2023 for a once-in-a-lifetime Eastern Mediterranean & Holy Land Cruise. This cruise will not only be a dream vacation but will help those diagnosed with cancer through the [theSwing4cancer](#) organization.

This popular 2-week cruise starts in Rome with an optional 2-night pre-cruise package and will visit the Island of Cyprus and spend 3 days in Israel visiting Jerusalem & the Galilee. The cruise then heads north to see Ephesus & Athens highlighting biblical sites of the Apostle Paul ending with a final stop in Naples, Italy.

While onboard not only will you be entertained by Gentri, The Gentlemen Trio but you will have several included onboard lectures from religious teachers to help you make the most of the places you'll visit on this spiritual journey through the lands of the Bible.

COME EARLY! Optional Rome Pre Cruise 2-night Package - \$599.00 Each



This "pre-cruise" tour is perfect for those who have and haven't spent any time in Rome previously. Besides arriving in Rome in plenty of time to rest from international travel, acclimate to the new time zone and be sure NOT to miss the ship, our package includes features such as:

-**Transfers** from to Hotel and the cruise port

-**2 nights hotel** with breakfast in central Rome city

- **Half day walking tour** of all the best piazza and fountains in the city. Plus other

touring that will included tours of the world-famous Colosseum and Roman Forum, The Vatican to see The Sistine Chapel and time to visit St Peter's Basilica.

If you've been to Rome our tour includes a **full free day** for those who want to go out and explore on your own, or join a **free walking tour** with one of your guest host, Larry Gelwix, The Getaway Guru

Our last day in Rome will include a visit to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints **Rome Temple** to see the Visitors Center on our way to the ship

Cruise Price Includes:

- 12-day cruise onboard the Royal Caribbean Odyssey of the Seas
- 3 on-board Genti concerts + private meet and greet during the cruise
- All meals and other public entertainment onboard
- Cruise Port Charges
- Multiple private faith-based lectures on board the ship
- Private group only Shore Excursion options* See details and pricing below
- Tour book & travel document package
- Tax-deductible donation to Swing4Cancer

Not Included:

- Government fees and land taxes of \$158.15
- Optional faith-based private shore excursions as listed below
- International Flights – Available 11 months prior to cruise
- Trip cancellation & trip interruption insurance – Several options available – Ask for details
- Optional Cruise Prepaid Gratuities
- Gratuities for optional tours

Cruise Pricing:

- Inside Cabins - \$2599.00 per person
- Outside Cabins - \$2999.00 per person *Subject to availability at booking
- Balcony Cabins - \$3089.00 per person

Note: Single/triple/quad cabins are based on availability and are subject to change. Rates will be quoted based on availability.

Cruise Tour Add On Options: (See details below)

- A. Optional 3 day, 2 Night Pre Cruise Rome Tour: \$599.00 per person based on 2 sharing a room
- B. Optional 3 Day, 2 Night Shore Excursion Package in Israel: \$599.00 per person based on 2 sharing a room
- C. Optional 2 Port Faith-Based Excursion package for Ephesus & Athens: \$199 per person – 2 full-day excursions
- D. Optional Excursion In Naples to Pompeii - \$149.00 per person including lunch

Payment Terms:

- \$500 deposit due at the time of booking
- Final Payment due January 31, 2023
- Cash discount - \$75 off per person for payments made by check

** This tour is based on a minimum of 200 passengers

FULL Terms and Conditions are provided on all Bookings

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Odyssey of The Seas Holy Land Cruise Group Shore Excursions



Optional Excursions in Israel – \$599.00 each, (based on a double for the overnight in Jerusalem & Galilee) 3 days total

Today we depart the ship and travel to Jerusalem! In the next day and half we will visit the sites of Christ's birth, many miracles and his ultimate suffering in Gethsemane followed by his death and resurrection at the Garden Tomb. There is so much to see we will stay in a hotel in the city tonight to maximize our time and enhance the visit. After dinner, for those interested we will make a special trip to the Olive wood stores for shopping for that special souvenir.

On day 2 we leave the Holy City and travel by way of the Dead Sea towards Galilee taking in as many sites as time allows. Our night tonight will be spent on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. We will have a special "fireside" musical-devotional by Gentry. On day 3, our last day we will visit the Mount of Beatitudes, the ruins of Capernaum, amongst other biblical sites before making our way this afternoon to the port city of Haifa. We will visit the Bahja Gardens before rejoining our cruise ship to continue our journey. (Breakfasts and dinners included in tour cost.)

Optional Excursion 2 pack for Ephesus and Athens- \$199.00 Each

In Ephesus, we will depart the port of Kusadasi and drive to "Mary's House" one of the believed sites of where Mother Mary, the virgin may have lived and died after her son's crucifixion. From here we travel to the ancient site of Ephesus where Paul preached and converted many. It is one of the best preserved ancient Roman sites with much to see and explore. After an optional lunch stop, we will visit the Basilica of John before driving back to our awaiting ship.

In Athens, it is all about Paul and Acts 17. Our private guide will give us a wonderful tour of the city including the Syntagma Square and the Olympic stadium but it will be when we head to the Acropolis to see the Parthenon and Mars Hill your heart will start to race. We'll hear of Paul's sermon about the unknown Gods and climb to the top of the Parthenon and walk around the monumental ruins of the UNESCO listed site. This afternoon after a lunch stop we'll visit the ancient site of Corinth.

Optional Excursion in Pompeii (Naples)- \$149.00 Each

Today our private group will be met at the port by our host to start our touring at the amazing town of Pompeii and discover this city hidden for hundreds of years under the ash of Mt Vesuvius. This city tells many stories of the ancient Romans and their lifestyle and will surely be a tour highlight for all. After an included lunch stop we will travel back to the coast and discover why the Amalfi Coast captures many with its pastel colored towns and thriving fishing port framed by the turquoise waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea.

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