

Journey of the Apostles Tour Including Rome with Dann Hone



Prices start at **\$4,637**
per person based on
double occupancy

We invite you to join expert tour host and educator, Dann Hone as he takes you on a journey following the footsteps of the Apostles Paul, Peter, and John the Revelator. You'll travel to Turkey, Greece, and Rome to view the many areas mentioned in the New Testament, such as ancient Ephesus, Patmos, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Athens, Corinth, and Rome. This tour is a feast for the heart and eyes that combine dramatic ruins with breathtaking views of these countries.

Date	Daily Schedule
Sept 9	USA • Transatlantic Flight • Athens, Greece
Sept 10	Arrive in Athens, Greece
Sept 11	Athens • Lavria Port • Patmos
Sept 12	Kusadasi • Patmos
Sept 13	Heraklion • Santorini
Sept 14	Rhodes, Greece
Sept 15	Delpi • Thermopylae • Kalambaka
Sept 16	Meteora • Thessaloniki
Sept 17	Kavala • Philippi • Thessaloniki
Sept 18	Thessaloniki • Rome • Abbazia Delle Tre Fontane • Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls • Church of Domine Que Vadis
Sept 19	Colosseum • Roman Forum • Mamertine Prison • Church of San Paolo alla Regola
Sept 20	Rome • Vatican Museums • Sistine Chapel • St Peters Church • Trevi Fountain • Pantheon • Piazza Navano
Sept 21	LDS Rome Temple • Open Day for Personal Travel
Sept 22	Rome • Flights Home

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Local, Licensed, and English-Speaking Guides and Historians • Experienced LDS Tour Director • Hotel accommodations in 4-Star deluxe hotels • 4 Night Cruise with Celestyal Cruises – Standard Cabin • Sightseeing tours as outlined in the itinerary • Flights within the tour (Greece to Rome) • Meals as outlined
- Entrance Fees to all noted locations and museums • Deluxe/Air conditioned motor coach transportation • Audio system headsets throughout the tour • Document Package

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Highlights of the Tour:

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour
- LDS Tour Director for the while trip
- Local Guides for in depth location detail and history
- Advance timed entry tickets to attractions included – less time waiting in lines

Not included:

- Airfare from your home city to Athens and home from Rome - Group air TBA
- Additional transfers when not arriving or departing with the group
- Any Private sightseeing not included on the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance
- Meals not included in the tour outline

Payment Information:

- Deposit is \$500.00 pp
- Cash Discount \$125.00 per person when you pay with a check or bank information
- Final Payment is due June 9, 2023

Optional Pricing:

- Double - \$4,637
- Triple – TBA
- Single - TBA

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Itinerary:

Day 1 and 2: Saturday and Sunday, September 9-10, 2023

USA • Transatlantic Flight • Athens, Greece

Depart the USA and arrive in Athens. Upon arrival, we'll motorcoach transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Athens.

Meals: Dinner

Day 3: Monday, September 11, 2023

Athens • Lavria Port • Patmos

We will transfer to the Lavrio port and embark on a 4-day cruise.

We will sail the Aegean waters of the Mediterranean Sea that Paul, Timothy, Luke, Barnabas, John, Peter, and other early leaders of 1st Century Christianity sailed as they made their many missionary journeys. In the afternoon, we sail to the rocky Greek Island of Mykonos, known for producing manganese, barley, wine, and figs.

Our walking tour will start from the port to the island's traditional center. We will see the blue domed Agios Nikolaus church, and the famous windmills, see little Venice, medieval two-story houses and wander in the island's narrow streets. Its narrow lanes provide innumerable ways of losing oneself. Of the many little churches erected from the proceeds of fishing and piracy, the Church of Panagia Paraportiani, near the quay, is picturesque. You may also catch a view of the three celebrated windmills with their small triangular sails.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 4: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Kusadasi • Patmos

We arrive in the morning to the Turkish port of Kusadasi and transfer to the archaeological site of Ephesus where we will explore the ruins of this great city of the ancient world, which was the capital of the Roman province of Asia and a powerful commercial center. The excavated ruins of the city are among the most extensive and well-preserved in the world. This famous city was home to one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, the great temple of Artemis. Paul spent more than three years in Ephesus and John also spent time here. This is also considered one of the possible burial sites of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. We will walk through the marble streets of this city and see the ruined library, baths, latrines, marketplace, temples, and the huge theater mentioned in chapter 19 of Acts/ the community of Christians of Ephesus was one of the seven churches of Asia addressed by John; from here Paul wrote many of his letters that are contained in the New Testament to the saints throughout the cities of his journeys. In the afternoon we arrive to the Isle of Patmos, called the Jerusalem of the Aegean, we will start driving around the island and will stop at the Monastery of St. John. After visiting here, we will drive to the Cave of Apocalypse which is the home to the birth of the Book of Revelation. Here the Apostle John was a prisoner upon the isle. As we complete our visit here, we will drive back to the island's main port to browse along the shopping area on the island before going back to our ship.

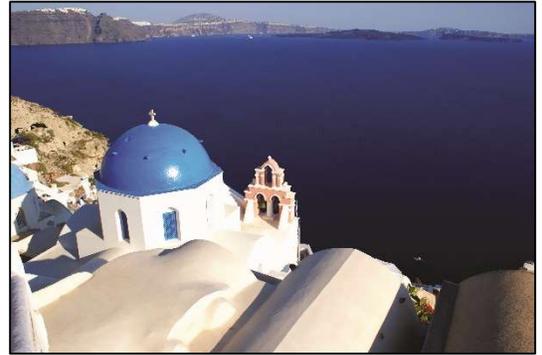
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 5: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Heraklion • Santorini

We will walk together from the Cretan port to see major highlights of Heraklion seeing the Venetian and Ottoman monuments of the past, Byzantine red brick buildings, and modern condominiums. Heraklion is the capital of the Greek island of Crete. It's known for the Palace of Knossos, just outside the city. The huge archaeological site dates back thousands of years to the Minoan civilization and includes frescoes and baths. Guarding the city's Venetian port is the 16th – century Koules fortress. After our visit, we will return to the port and board our cruise ship. We will then sail into the flooded volcanic crater of Santorini and disembark on one of the



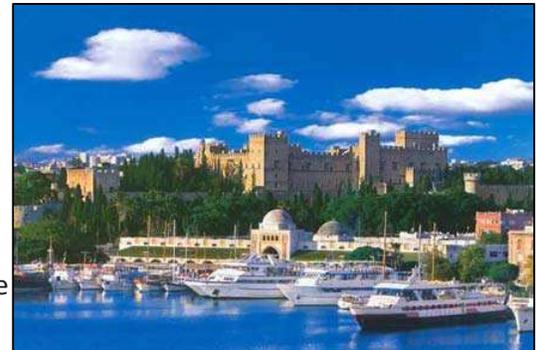
Mediterranean's most spectacular islands. We will initially purchase our cable car tickets to go up to Oya. We will be walking in the famous village of Oya, most famous for its whitewashed houses and blue-domed church. After our free time in the village, we will take the cable car to go back to the port. Please note that the cable car ticket is not included and will be paid for on the spot.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 6: Thursday, September 14, 2023

Rhodes, Greece • Athens • Acropolis • Mars Hill

Ending our journey on the cruise vessel, we will meet our bus and travel to ancient Corinth, the Athens Acropolis, and Mars Hill. Our first stop will be in the ancient city of Corinth to discuss the work of Paul where he spent more than two years of his missionary journeys. We will walk through the market and see one of the earliest Greek temples as well as the museum. Following the Corinthian Canal on our return to Athens, we will retrace Paul's footprints on to Mars Hill, where Paul gave his sermon to the Athenians. We will continue to The Acropolis, where Athena was given her temple robes. We will see the Erechtheum, commemorating the site where legend claims Athena had a contest with Poseidon. If time permits, we will also visit the National Archaeology Museum to see artifacts related to many of the sites that we have visited. Our dinner and overnight will be in our Athens hotel.



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7: Friday, September 15, 2023

Delphi • Thermopylae • Kalambaka

We will enjoy the beautiful Greek countryside as we drive to Delphi, probably the most beautiful ancient Greek city and the most famous site in classical Greece. Delphi is the home of the Sanctuary of Apollo, where people came to consult the oracle who answered in great ambiguity. At Delphi, we will see and hear Greek history as we visit the site and walk through the Delphi Museum. We continue to Kalambaka. On our way, we will stop at Thermopylae, famous for its heroic defense by Leonidas against the Persian army. This afternoon, if time permits, we will visit an icon-painting workshop and discover the ancient traditions behind the sacred images used in Orthodox Byzantine devotional tradition. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8: Saturday, September 16, 2023

Meteora • Thessaloniki

Marvel at the hanging monasteries of Meteora (UNESCO Heritage Site). These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with 6 historic monasteries perched upon the peaks. Beginning in the 19th century, hermits, monks, and ascetics sought solitude and spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. We hope to visit two amazing Meteora monasteries which are renowned for their intricate construction and exquisite Byzantine art. Your day ends in Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was early center of Christianity. Paul visited and preached here during the winters of A.D. 49-50 and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9: Sunday, September 17, 2023

Today we travel to the coastal tour of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke, and Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi, Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of Christianity. We will tour this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient Rome and Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner and the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Christian in Europe. Philippi has a very special spiritual feeling hallowed by the righteousness of the first Christian converts here. We return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 10: Monday, September 18, 2023

Thessaloniki • Rome • Abbazi Delle Tre Fontane • Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls • Church of Domine Quo Vadis

Travel from Thessaloniki on an inspirational journey to Rome and experience fascinating religious sites connected to the life of the Apostles, Paul, and Peter. In the morning we will transfer to Thessaloniki airport for our flight to Rome. Arriving in Rome, we transfer to the city center. Enroute, we will visit the Abbazia delle Tre Fontane (Three Fountains), built on the believed site of Paul's martyrdom. At the nearby Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, take time to meditate on the Apostle's tomb. Afternoon we plan to visit of the Church of Domine Quo Vadis (Catacombs), one of Rome's sixty Catacombs. It was in these underground tunnels that early Christians hid and buried their dead. Transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Rome.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 11: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Colosseum • Roman Forum • Mamertine Prison • Church of San Paolo alla Regola

We will begin the day with a guided tour of the Colosseum, which was inaugurated in 80 AD, this 50,000 seat amphitheater once staged violent games of fighting gladiators and wild animals, enjoyed by all classes of Roman society. Back outside, our exploration of Ancient Rome ruins with a visit to the nearby Roman Forum, once the social, political, and commercial hub of the Roman Empire. We will tour this unrivaled archaeological area and enjoy views of important historical sites

including the Curia, the Temple and House of Vestals, the funeral altar of Julius Caesar, the Arch of Titus, and much more. In the afternoon we visit the Mamertine Prison, where Paul was arrested, bound in chains, and executed. Then we will visit the Church of San Paolo alla regola, believed to be the place where Paul lived which was only later transformed into an oratory and then into a church. It was in this place that Paul the apostle wrote many of the letters contained in the New Testament. Transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Rome.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12: Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Rome • Vatican Museums • Sistine Chapel • St Peter's Church • Trevi Fountain • Pantheon • Piazza Navona

In the morning guided tour of Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel, and St. Peter's Church. At the Vatican, located near the river Tiber and the residence of the Roman Catholic Pope, you will find the Vatican Museums. Founded by Pope Julius II in the early 16th century, the Vatican Museums boast one of the world's greatest art collections. Apart from art, archeology works such as Egyptian mummies, and Etruscan bronzes, the Vatican Museums also contain some of the most artistically significant rooms like the ones frescoed by Raphael, and the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo. Our visit to St. Peter's Basilica, one of the largest religious buildings in the world, we will meander along towering marble columns and admire the Pieta, Michelangelo's renowned sculpture. Pause for a moment of reflection by the Confessio, the sunken area directly in front of the tomb of the Apostle Peter which was dedicated to Peter's Confession of faith that led to his martyrdom. In the afternoon we take a walking tour to see the Trevi Fountain which is one of Rome's greatest attractions, standing 26 meters tall, and 49 meters wide, it is an unmissable sight in the city. The Pantheon is not only the best preserved ancient Roman monument in the world, but it's also the most copied. It was constructed as a temple dedicated to the gods and became the burial ground for several important people including famous artists and kings, such as Raphael, the famed Renaissance painter, and the tombs of the first two kings of unified Italy: Vittorio Emanuele II and Umberto I. In Ancient Rome, the Piazza Navona was a stadium built during Emperor Domitian's rule (AD 81 to 96). We finish the day with a transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Rome.



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 13: Thursday, September 21, 2023

LDS Rome Temple • Open Day for Personal Travel

For those who choose, we will take the opportunity to visit the LDS Rome Italy Temple in the morning. The time in the afternoon and evening is yours to explore more of the Eternal City on your own. Dinner and overnight will be at our hotel in Rome.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 14: Friday, September 22, 2023

Rome • Flights Home

Today we say arrivederci to Rome as we head to the airport for our flight to the USA, with memories to last a lifetime!

Meals: Breakfast

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