

# 2024 SPRING MEDITERRANEAN AND HOLY LAND CRUISE TOUR



Escorted by Bruce Newbold • May 2 - 17, 2024



Spring in the Mediterranean is a sight to behold and what better way to see the beauty, history, AND Israel than from the comfort of a wonderful cruise ship, sailing with Royal Caribbean Cruise line. Come with us on the beautiful Odyssey of the Seas and visit the historic sites of Rome including a visit to the LDS Temple, walk in the footsteps of Christ in Israel, and learn about the journies of Paul in the Greek Isles. It has something wonderful to offer to everyone! As you take this time to learn and ponder on the Savior, his life, and his ultimate gift to us in these sacred places, your spirit will be filled with love and gratitude.

Date	Daily Schedule	Date	Daily Schedule
05/02 - Thu	USA Home City to Rome, Italy	05/10 - Fri	Day at Sea
05/03 - Fri	Rome, Italy	05/11 - Sat	Limassol, Cyprus
05/04 - Sat	LDS Temple and the Vatican	05/12 - Sun	Rhodes, Greece
05/05 - Sun	Rome, Italy to Civitavecchia Cruise Port	05/13 - Mon	Santorini, Greece
05/06 - Mon	Day at Sea	05/14 - Tue	Athens, Greece
05/07 - Tue	Chania, Crete, Greece	05/15 - Wed	Cruising
05/08 - Wed	Mykonos, Greece	05/16 - Thu	Naples, Italy
05/09 - Thu	Ephesus, Turkey	05/17 - Fri	Civitavecchia - Rome, Italy - Home

Price from **\$3,485**  
per person/double occupancy  
(17 Days/16 Nights)

*\*Please note that while the physical activity on this tour (walking distances) is not strenuous, the days are full of touring from breakfast to dinner time with "down-time" only in the evening.*

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:

- 3 Night PRE TOUR TO ROME INCLUDED!!!
- Morris Murdock LDS tour Director for the whole cruise will provide specialty lectures to prepare you for your ports.
- Licensed, insured, and bonded travel agency with 60 years of experience!! IT MATTERS!

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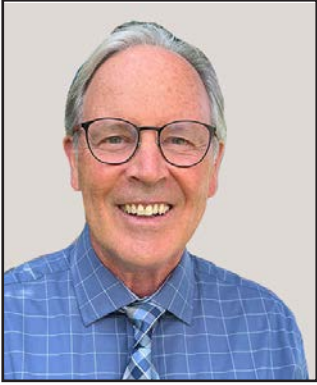
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itinerary!



### Your Tour Host:



**Bruce Newbold** has worked as an actor, writer, and media producer throughout his career. While working in Hollywood, he has guest- or co-starred in television programs such as Hill Street Blues, L.A. Law, Touched by an Angel, Highway to Heaven, Tour of Duty, Major Dad, Everwood, and Father Dowling Mysteries. He has appeared in such faith-based films as Testaments; Finding Faith in Christ; Joseph Smith: Prophet of the Restoration; Only a Stonecutter; 17 Miracles; He Knows My Name; Christmas Oranges; The Saratov Approach, and the new Book of Mormon series produced by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has authored four books: In Our Fathers' Footsteps (based on the 1997 Mormon Trail reenactment expedition) along with three fantasy novels in The Baseball Box Prophecy series. Bruce Newbold is married to the former Lisa Lindsay. They have five children and seventeen grandchildren.

### Included:

- 12-night cruise onboard the Royal Caribbean Odyssey of the Seas
- All meals and entertainment onboard
- Cruise Port Charges
- Multiple LDS-based lectures on board the ship
- Round Trip Transfers from airport to hotel/hotel to ship/ship back to the airport
- 2 Nights Pre-tour in Rome with hotel and sightseeing \* See Itinerary for full details
- Visit the LDS Temple site in Rome or optional free time for those who prefer
- Tour Audio hearing sets
- Tour book and travel document package

### Not Included:

- Government fees and land taxes of \$129.93
- Optional LDS Guided private shore excursions as listed below
- International Flights - Available 11 months prior to the cruise
- Trip cancellation and trip interruption insurance - Several options available - Ask for details
- Gratuities for tours off the ship
- Optional Cruise Prepaid Gratuities \$174.00

### Optional Pricing:

- **Inside Cabins** - \$3,482.00 per person (based on double occupancy)
- **Balcony Cabins** - 4D-\$3,550 per person (based on double occupancy)
- **Balcony Cabins**- 2D- \$3,853 per person (based on double occupancy)
- Note: Single/triple/quad cabins are based on availability and are subject to change. Rates will be quoted based on availability.

### Payment Terms:

- \$500 deposit due at the time of booking
- Final Payment due January 29, 2024
- Cash Discount offer - \$75 off per person for payments made by check after deposit

\*\* This tour is based on a minimum of 30 passengers and a max of 60 passengers.

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### **Day 1 - Thursday, May 2, 2024**

*USA Home City to Rome, Italy*

Today you will depart from your home city and travel to Rome!

**Meals: In-flight**

### **Day 2 - Friday, Oct 3, 2024**

*Rome, Italy*

Upon arrival, we will be met at the airport and begin our adventure and exploration of the Eternal City. We hit the ground running with a tour of the city including a visit to the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. We will see its ancient ruins like the Temple of Julius Caesar. At the end of the tour, we will be transferred to our hotel for check-in. Tonight we will enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel to take time to visit and get to know each other. **Meals: Dinner, In-flight**



### **Day 3 - Saturday, May 4, 2024**

*LDS Temple and the Vatican*

This morning we travel outside the "old city" of Rome and visit the LDS Rome Temple. This afternoon after a lunch break we will tour the Vatican, the world's smallest, yet wealthiest independent state. Your guide will start with an overview of the history of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. Then we explore St. Peter's Square, with Bernini's 284 columns, before entering St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in Christendom. See the many treasures including the golden mosaics of the apse, Bernini's bronze baldachin, and the famed 'Pieta' by Michelangelo. Dinner is on your own tonight to explore the many wonderful options available to you! **Meals: Breakfast**

### **Day 4 - Sunday, May 5, 2024**

*Rome, Italy to Civitavecchia Cruise Port*

This morning we'll enjoy breakfast at the hotel and board your coach to a local LDS Church to attend sacrament meeting before heading to the coast to board our home for the next 12 nights on the Odyssey of The Seas. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



### **Day 5 - Monday, May 6, 2024**

*Day at Sea*

Today we meet with our director, Historian Bruce Newbold, for a group seminar on the Apostles. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### **Day 6 - Tuesday, May 7, 2024**

*Chania, Crete, Greece*

Chania is rich in remnants of the past. Start your adventure in Crete's second-largest city at Venetian Harbor, the entry to the old port. Soak in the vibe while wandering the narrow streets lined with shops and waterfront restaurants serving local fare like zucchini fritters and sardines stuffed with herbs and sun-dried tomatoes. Then head to Souda Bay, a strategic commercial and military harbor since ancient times, where you'll find the Aptera Fortress and the oldest Ottoman building in Crete. Cruise to Crete and stop into Archeological Museum of Chania, with artifacts from neolithic to Roman times. Or splash around in the translucent waters of Fallasarna, a beach surrounded by olive groves.

### Optional Excursion in Chania- \$99.00 Each

Your tour begins at the Port of Souda where you join the coach en route to the British Commonwealth War Cemetery, which lies three miles to the east of Chania on a small plateau, just above sea level on the eastern rim of Souda Bay. Your tour continues to Ag. Triada Monastery (Holy Trinity) of Jagarolon. It contains a rich offering of the history and education of Crete. Continue your tour to Chania town, where neoclassical mansions and massive Venetian fortifications testify to the city's turbulent and diverse past. There you will have the chance to explore the town before you return back to the port. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



### Day 7 - Wednesday, May 8, 2024

#### *Mykonos, Greece*

Nestled in the heart of Greece's Cyclades archipelago, Mykonos pulses with irrepressible energy. With its powder white houses, and sparkling blue waters, The Island of the Winds is as colorful as the people who call the island home. You can walk narrow marble pathways laced with purple bougainvillea blooms or go cycling on two wheels past off-the-path Ano Mera village. Explore Greece's maritime history at Armenistis Lighthouse, and check out the Folklore Museum's Mykonian ship models. Join in the raucous beach party on Super Paradise's shimmering sands, or watch the sun burn out beyond an Aegean horizon from an open-air seaside taverna.

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### Day 8 - Thursday, May 9, 2024

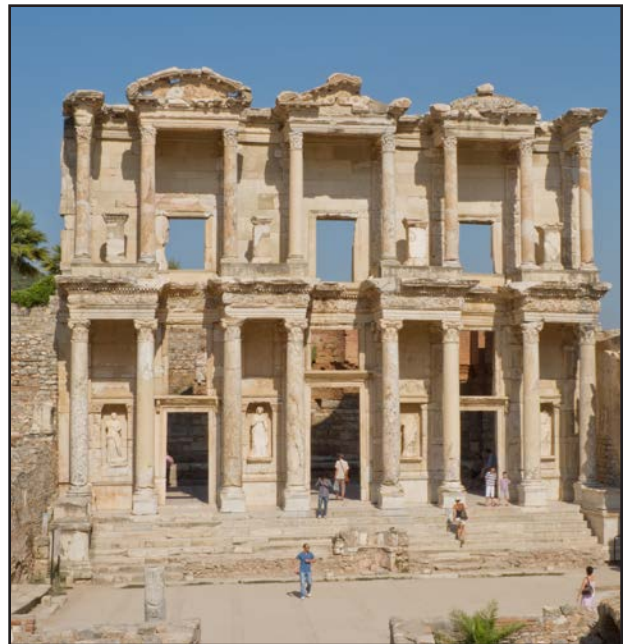
#### *Ephesus, Turkey*

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.

### Optional Excursion in Ephesus- \$89.00 Each

We will start our tour with a drive to Mary's House. We will visit this quiet and peaceful place and will continue to visit Ephesus, home of Paul for more than 2 years. After visiting Ephesus, we will continue to our lunch with free time for shopping and later will drive to Basilica of John. Basilica of John built on a hill where John's home was before he was exiled to Patmos. As our tour ends, we will return back to the Port of Kusadasi.

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



### Day 9 - Friday, May 10, 2024

#### *Day at Sea*

Enjoy all that the cruise ship has to offer today as we cruise towards our next destination!

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### Day 10 - Saturday, May 11, 2024

#### *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. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**



### Day 11 - Sunday, May 12, 2024

#### *Rhodes, Greece*

The Colossus might not be standing anymore, but the Greek island of Rhodes still delivers beauty and allure on a giant scale. The island instantly greets you with serene white-sand beaches and wide-open blue skies. See the site in the harbor where the now-destroyed wonder of the ancient world once stood. Then, head to the Old Town, surrounded by medieval walls and seven ancient gates. Don't miss the Palace of the Grandmaster, with its mosaic floors dating from Hellenic, Roman and early Christian times. Shop for a colorful menagerie of seashells by the shoreline — and don't forget to spend some time relaxing beside the translucent blue waves with your Greece cruise.

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### Day 12 - Monday, May 13, 2024

#### *Santorini, Greece*

Santorini is one of the world's most popular islands, known best for its dramatic scenery, whitewashed villages, and fiery volcanic activity. Here adventure bubbles above the Aegean Sea in the most bold and breathtaking ways. A cable car takes you to the capital of Fira, a bustling cliff-top town awash with old cathedrals, enthralling museum collections, and cozy tavernas. Venture to the coast for a swim in the deep blue waters that lap red and black pebbled beaches. And peel back layers of lava and history among excavated Akrotiri. Whether it's by bicycle, ATV, or on your own two feet, exploring this Cyclades isle never fails to impress.



### **Optional Excursion in Santorini- \$109.00 Each**

Driving through the picturesque scenery and small villages from the southern to the northern end of the island, you'll travel across rich, volcanic countryside. The beautiful village of Oia is perched atop a craggy cliff at the northern most point of the island, offering panoramic views of steep plummeting cliffs and nearby small islands surrounded by deep blue sea. After your visit to Oia, you'll continue to the world famous Acrotiri's archaeological site. The tour concludes at the hilltop village of Fira, where you'll have the option of returning directly to the ship or remaining in town to shop or explore independently. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### Day 13 - Tuesday, May 14, 2024

#### *Athens, Greece*

Athens offers a looking glass back in time into Greece's powerful ancient civilization. Art lovers, epicureans, and history buffs will be delighted by the ancient ruins, museums, and tavernas of this picturesque town. Just 10 minutes from the port, you'll find the Archaeological Museum of Piraeus, filled with sculptures from the Bronze Age to the Romans. Walk to the Zea Harbour to discover how the Hellenic Maritime Museum will bring to life the grandeur of ancient Greece's naval capacities. Jump onboard an Athens cruise and relax at the small harbor of Mikrolimano, enjoying a meal of grilled octopus and chilled white wine at a small restaurant overlooking the sea.



#### **Optional Excursion Athens - \$99.00 Each**

In Athens, it is all about Paul and Acts 17. Our private guide will give us a wonderful tour of the city including 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 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. **Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### Day 14 - Wednesday, May 15, 2024

#### *Cruising*

Today we meet as a group to discuss our past excursions and study their significance. **Meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### Day 15 - Thursday, May 16, 2024

#### *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 zucchetto (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 that will take you to the summit — and tour the ruins of Pompeii afterward.



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

Today our private group will be met at the port by our host to start our tour 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 port. **Meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Day 16 - Friday, May 17, 2024**

*Civitavecchia - Rome, Italy – Flights Home*

This morning we will be picked up and returned to the airport for our flight home with memories to last a lifetime!!

**Meals : Breakfast, In-flight**



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