GROUP TRAVELING:  

TRAVEL DATES:  

**AVAILABLE FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER. CRUISE ALWAYS DEPARTS ON A FRIDAY.**

DAY 1 – (MONDAY) TRAVEL DAY

DAY 2 – (TUESDAY) THESSALONIKI  
- Arrive in Greece late afternoon/evening.
- After meeting your JE Tour Director at the airport, you will transfer by coach to your hotel.
- Enjoy some evening free time in the city and see some of the famous ancient sites at night.
- You will enjoy dinner and devotions to close the day.

DAY 3 – (WEDNESDAY) THESSALONIKI / PHILIPPI  
- Breakfast
- Your group will follow the route of the Via Egnatia and the area of Amphipolis to see the famous funerary Lion of Amphipolis and the site of Philippi, the location of the first Christian Church of Europe. There, you will visit the Baptistry of Lydia near the river where Paul made his first converts on European soil, and your visit will continue to the ruins of the Forum of Philippi, the Christian Basilicas, and the “Prison of Paul.”
- Later your group will travel to Kavala (formerly the ancient Neapolis), where Paul first set foot on his way to Philippi in 50 A.D.
- Free time for Lunch
- Return to Thessaloniki
- Tour the old town of Thessaloniki: Visit the White Tower, the Byzantine walls of the Acropolis, the Arch of Galerius, the Rotunda and most admired Christian churches, the Hagios Demetrios and Hagios Sophia.
- You will enjoy dinner and devotions to close the day.

DAY 4 – (THURSDAY) ATHENS  
- Breakfast
- Depart for Athens
• Stop in Veria, one of the largest towns in the region, where you will view the Bema of St. Paul, a monument to Paul.
• Stop along the way for lunch.
• Check into your hotel and enjoy a late Dinner.

**DAY 5 – (FRIDAY) MYKONOS / CRUISE DEPARTURE**

• Breakfast
• Today the group begins a 3-day cruise that follows Paul’s journey.
• Shuttle into the city from the port to Mykonos, famous for its gleaming white-washed buildings and windmills.
• You can explore the island city on your own or include the following excursion:
  
  *Your group will continue by ferry this morning to the island of Mykonos. You will venture inland from the port and stroll through the labyrinth of Mykonos’ colorful alleyways then walk to the Castro area to see the Paraportiani. Later, the group will visit Little Venice, where the waves of the Aegean lap at the sidewalk cafés. (Let you JE Travel Specialist know if you would like to include the excursion.)*
• Dinner on the ship

**DAY 6 – (SATURDAY) KUSADASI (EPHESUS), TURKEY / PATMOS, GREECE**

• Breakfast
• Explore Kusadasi, Turkey, where Paul lived during three years of his ministry and take an excursion to see the impressive remains of Ephesus include the Agora, the Library of Celsus, and the ruins of the Temple of Artemis, which was known as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
• Later in the day, your cruise will continue to the island of Patmos.
• Visit the Monastery of St. John, located on one of the island’s highest points. You will then walk down to the site that is believed to be where John experienced the Revelation from Jesus Christ, now known as the Grotto of the Apocalypse.
• Dinner on the ship.

**DAY 7 – (SUNDAY) CRETE / SANTORINI**

• Breakfast
• Today cruise to Heraklion, Crete the largest city on the island.
• This morning you will arrive at Heraklion, the capital of Crete, where you can visit the Knossos Palace, also known as the Labyrinth where King Minos lived with his legendary beast, the Minotaur. Later, you will visit the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion and view the incredible sculpture, pottery, jewelry, and other works of art that have been discovered at Minoan sites all over Crete.
• Depart for Santorini
• Explore the picturesque Santorini is a beautiful town famous for its white buildings and bright blue doors. You will have some time to explore the island and take many photos on this world renowned photo treasure. Or include one of the following excursions:
  - *Photo trip to the spectacular Oia Village perched on the caldera rim.*
  - *Visit the Mysterious Akrotiri Village Excavations.*
  - *Cruise to Santorini’s islands and Volcanoes.*
    (Let you JE Travel Specialist know if you would like to include the excursion.)
• Dinner on the ship.
DAY 8 – (MONDAY) RETURN TO ATHENS / CORINTH

- Return to Athens (Piraeus)
- Transfer to Ancient Corinth, the once glorious city near the Isthmus where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla and spent a year and a half preaching the Word of God.
- Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, and the famous Bema, which was the Judgment Seat in the city and is the place Paul stood when brought before Governor Gallio by the Corinthian Jews who opposed his teachings. (Read the story in Acts 18: 1-17.)
- Free time for lunch
- Return to Athens
- Visit the world-renowned Acropolis to see the monumental gateway called The Propylaea that served as the entrance to the Acropolis in Athens, as well as the Parthenon and the great temple called Erechtheum. You will also visit Mars Hill, where Paul delivered his speech on the “Unknown God,” and then you will view the Agora, which was the ancient center of economic and public life in Athens. Should time allow, also view the Temple of Zeus and the Panathenaic Olympic Stadium
- Check into your hotel and enjoy your last dinner together.

DAY 9 – (TUESDAY) TRAVEL DAY

- Transfer to the airport for your journey home.

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