



GREECE-ISRAEL BIBLE LANDS & PEOPLES WORLDVIEW JOURNEY

for The Church at West Franklin

- June/July 2024: 2 Travel Days / 11 Visit Days
- 20 PARTICIPANTS
- **TOTAL PER PERSON: \$4,150 (estimate excluding airfare)**
 - In-Country Expenses for Greece: \$1800
 - In-Country Expenses for Israel: \$2200
 - SALT Next Gen Admin Fee: \$150 per person

TRAVEL DEPARTURE: USA TO EGYPT

Day 1 ATHENS GREECE

- 7/4/24
- Visit all the highlights in the city of Athens, including the Parliament, the Panathinaic building, and the University
 - Climb Acropolis hill and visit the world-famous Parthenon and Erechtheion Temples
 - Visit Mars Hill, this site of Paul's sermon in Acts 17 and tour the Acropolis museum

HOTEL IN ATHENS

Day 2 MYKONOS AEGEAN SEA

- 7/5/24
- Transfer to the port of Piraeus to embark on your 3-day cruise and sail to Mykonos at 13:00. Lunch onboard.
 - Arrive at 18:00 pm in Mykonos and enjoy your evening walking and exploring the pebbled streets of the cosmopolitan Chora and have a coffee in "Little Venice".
 - Sail for Kusadasi, Turkey at 23:00.

SHIPBOARD ACCOMODATIONS

Day 3 EPHESUS/KUSADASI/PATMOS/HERAKLION TURKEY/CRETE

- 7/6/24
- Dock at Kusadasi in Turkey and visit the ancient city of Ephesus. Free time for souvenir shopping in Kusadasi.
 - Lunch onboard as we sail to the island of Patmos
 - Arrival in Patmos where the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation. Enjoy a guided tour of St. John's Monastery and the Grotto of the Apocalypse.
 - Sail to Heraklion, Crete in the late evening.

SHIPBOARD ACCOMODATIONS

- Day 4** **HERAKLION/SANTORINI** **CRETE/GREECE**
 7/7/24
- Arrive in Heraklion Crete (Acts 27:7-13). Enjoy an optional excursion to visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos, the first European civilization and the legendary home of the Minotaur (half bull and half man).
 - Sail to Santorini. Join the optional guided excursion to visit the beautiful and picturesque village of Oia where you can see the famous blue domed churches or take the cable car up to the town of Fira, perched high on the rim of the ancient volcano.
 - Sail to the port of Piraeus.

SHIPBOARD ACCOMODATIONS

- Day 5** **CORINTH** **GREECE**
 7/8/24
- Early morning arrival at the port of Piraeus. Disembark after breakfast and depart for your morning tour out of Athens. Driving along the Saronic Gulf, we enjoy a quick photo stop at the historic Corinth Canal.
 - Continue to the archaeological site of Corinth (Acts 18:1-18) where Paul lived and worked, establishing a thriving church, subsequently sending two of his epistles, now part of the New Testament. Here, we see all of the sites associated with his ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon, the Bema and Gallio's Seat. The small local archaeological museum is an absolute must!
 - Return to Athens in the afternoon. Evening will be free to explore the historical and modern center of the city.

HOTEL IN ATHENS

- Day 6** **TEL AVIV TO GALILEE** **ISRAEL**
 7/9/24
- Flu from Athens to Tel Aviv
 - Drive up the Mediterranean coastline of Israel
 - Visit the ancient Herodian port of Caesarea
 - Drive up to Mt. Carmel
 - Visit Nazareth village
 - Visit Yardenit Baptism site on the Jordan River

HOTEL IN GALILEE

- Day 7** **GALILEE** **ISRAEL**
 7/10/24
- Sunrise hike up Mt. Arbel. Enjoy lookout over the Sea of Galilee
 - Bike ride around the Sea of Galilee.
 - Visit Capernaum
 - Visit the site of Chorazim (digging through time/meet a local archeologist on the site)
 - Visit Mount of Beatitudes
 - Sunset boat ride on the Sea of Galilee

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- Day 8** **GALILEE / GOLAN HEIGHTS** **ISRAEL**
 7/11/24
- Visit Tel Dan archaeological site
 - Enjoy white-water rafting/kayak tour on the Jordan river
 - Lunch with local Druze community

- Drive up to Golan Heights
- Shchenot Tova: visit The Good Neighbor unit
- Visit Mt. Bental

HOTEL IN GALILEE

Day 9 GALILEE TO DEAD SEA TO JERUSALEM

ISRAEL

- 7/12/24
- Visit the site of Beit Shan
 - Bio bee/Kibbutz Tour
 - Visit Ein Gedi
 - Visit the site of Qumran
 - Swim in the Dead Sea
 - Dinner with the Bedouins

HOTEL IN JERUSALEM

Day 10 ELAH VALLEY / BETHLEHEM

ISRAEL

- 7/13/24
- Visit Elah Valley, site of the story of David and Goliath
 - Visit Tel Azeka
 - Visit the city of Bethlehem
 - Visit Caliber 3 and learn some of the IDF combat skills

HOTEL IN JERUSALEM

Day 11 JERUSALEM

ISRAEL

- 7/14/24
- Visit Mount of Olives lookout
 - Visit the ancient City of David
 - Explore Hezekiah's Tunnel
 - Walk the Pilgrim Road to the Southern Steps of the Temple Mount
 - Explore Western Wall tunnels
 - Visit the Temple Institute
 - Visit the Garden Tomb

HOTEL IN JERUSALEM

Day 12 RETURN: TEL AVIV - USA

7/15/24

AIRFARE ESTIMATE: \$1450 per person

- Airfare-Outbound: JFK-Athens - \$1000 per person
- Airfare-Inbound: Tel Aviv-JFK - \$1200 per person
- Airfare: Athens-Tel Aviv - \$250 per person