

★ WONDERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY ★

With Father Ignacio Pinedo, Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, Schomberg and St. Mary's Mission, Nobleton

August 16 to 27, 2023

Without a doubt, a journey to visit these two countries is a dream. See the most impressive sites of Ancient Greece in **Athens**, and follow the footsteps of St. Paul in **Corinth**. We embark on the **Celestyal Crystal** cruiseship for a spectacular 7-night sailing visiting the most enchanting Greek island destinations dotted around the Aegean Sea - where culture, history, pristine beaches, and fishing villages suspended in time all await. Included in our itinerary is **Thessaloniki** - legacy of the first Christians, and **Ephesus** (Turkey), perhaps the best-preserved Greco-Roman city in Europe and believed to be the home of the Blessed Virgin Mary during her last few years on earth. **Space is limited.**

ITINERARY

DAY 1: TORONTO-ATHENS **AUGUST 16**
Fly to Athens on a direct flight aboard *Air Canada*. **Meals on board.**

DAY 2: ATHENS **AUGUST 17**
Welcome to Greece! Upon arrival, Meet and Greet by our local guide and transfer to our centrally located hotel to get settled in our rooms. Enjoy some free time to rest or explore on your own. **Dinner**



DAY 3: ATHENS **AUGUST 18**
This morning, we will be introduced to the city of Athens, one of the oldest cities in the world and home to the iconic landmark of the Acropolis. During our tour we will see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held and explore the ruins of the Parthenon and Agora (the ancient Market Place and former center of Athenian public life). There will be free time for lunch and explore *Plaka* on your own, the oldest and picturesque neighborhood in Athens. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 4: BOARDING CELESTYAL CRUISE **AUGUST 19**
Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, board our ship *Celestyal Crystal* and begin our idyllic Aegean cruise. **Breakfast, All meals on board**



DAY 5: THESSALONIKI **AUGUST 20**
* Arrival: 10:00 * Departure: 19:00
Thessaloniki is the second largest city in Greece after Athens. It is relatively flat but has mountains of history: Roman and Byzantine ruins, legacy of the first Christians (the Apostle Paul brought the message of Christianity in AD 50), the Pontic Greeks and Armenians, remnants of the dominions Venetian and Ottoman. Disembark and enjoy time at leisure or join our *optional tour* to Veria (Beroea in the Bible, Acts of the Apostles Chapter 17) following the footsteps of St Paul. **Full board**

DAY 6: KUSADASI & EPHEBUS (TURKEY) **AUGUST 21**
* Arrival: 13:00 * Departure: 21:00
A relaxed morning cruising the Aegean Sea. We disembark and visit Ephesus on our included guided tour, the best-preserved Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor, which during the 1st and 2nd-centuries had a population of 250,000 and monopolized the wealth of the Middle East. Here, we will also visit the House of the Virgin Mary -- supposedly the last resting place of the mother of Jesus. **Full board**

DAY 7: RHODES **AUGUST 22**
* Arrival: 09:00 * Departure: 18:00
The Island of Rhodes is well-known for its beautiful beaches, fortified ruins and splendid sun that shines all year round. It is world famous for the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. We'll join a guided tour to the Acropolis of Lindos and the medieval old town declared a World Heritage Site. **Full Board**

DAY 8: HERAKLION (CRETE) & SANTORINI **AUGUST 23**
* Arrive Heraklion: 07:00 * Depart for Santorini: 12:00 * Arrive: 16:30
In Heraklion, you have free time to explore on your own. Alternatively, you may join our optional guided tour to learn about the history, culture & gastronomy of this island. After Santorini, Crete is the most dazzling of all the Greek islands. In this postcard setting, you will be able to enjoy the peaceful tranquility of the island, admire its whitewashed houses and churches with blue domes. **Full Board**



DAY 9: MYKONOS **AUGUST 24**
* Departure from Santorini: 02:00 * Arrival: 08:00 * Departure: 02:00+1
Day at leisure to enjoy on your own. You can explore this beautiful island and the lively city of Mykonos with its narrow streets full of shops, restaurants and bars that attract travelers to its fine sand beaches and turquoise waters. **Full Board**

DAY 10: MILOS **AUGUST 25**
* Arrival: 09:00 * Departure: 19:00
The beautiful island of Milos offers fascinating landscapes, including impressive rock formations that emerge from the crystal-clear waters. Enjoy free time to explore on your own or join the optional guided tour to discover the most spectacular enclaves and their charming fishing villages. **Full Board**

DAY 11: ATHENS - CORINTH **AUGUST 26**
* Arrival: 07:00
We arrive back in Athens and end our cruise. Our expert guide will escort us on a mesmerizing tour to Ancient Corinth and the Bema of St. Paul, "And then Paul left Athens and went to Corinth," (Acts 18:1). From the Bema he spoke to the Corinthians, and it was the home to St. Paul for 18 months. We also see the Corinth Canal and enjoy free time for lunch before heading to our hotel. Free time to rest or last-minute shopping. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 12: ATHENS - TORONTO **AUGUST 27**
Transfer to the airport for our return flight home. Arrival in Canada. **END OF OUR TOUR** **Breakfast, Meals on board**

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM

\$ 5,590 CAD

STAYING IN INDIVIDUAL ROOM PAY \$ 895 CAD SUPPLEMENT.
PRICE INCLUDES AIRPORT TAXES, PORT CHARGES AND FUEL CHARGES (\$ 758.31 CAD + US\$ 339) - ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TIME OF TICKETING
See the next page for complete list of inclusions.

WANT TO ADD A VISIT TO ISTANBUL?

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAILS



TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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THE TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Roundtrip economy airfare from Toronto
- ✓ 2+1 overnights in Athens at *Hotel Athens President 4**, Std rooms
- ✓ City tour in Athens with visit to the Parthenon
- ✓ Visit to the Ancient Corinth and Bema of St. Paul, and Corinth Canal
- ✓ 7-night cruise aboard *Celestyal Crystal*, **inside cabin, category IC, Deck 6, 7.**
*Exterior cabin with large seaview window available at additional cost
- ✓ Breakfast & Dinner daily in Athens
- ✓ Full Board on the cruise with unlimited alcoholic and non-alcoholic classic drinks package
- ✓ Entertainment on board
- ✓ Shore excursions in Kusadasi and Rhodes on shared basis, plus optional tours in Thessaloniki, Santorini, Milos and Heraklion.
- ✓ Private coach transportation in Athens during sightseeing and transfers
- ✓ Entrance fees and tours as per the itinerary with **ENGLISH**-speaking guide
- ✓ Port Fees/Charges, Hotel taxes and Service Charges
- ✓ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (at time of printing \$758.31 CAD, subject to change at any time without notice until time of ticketing)
- ✓ Gratuities to hotels, restaurants and cruise staff

In case of eventual increase on any cruise port charges, security and other services for 2023 or any fuel supplement, respective amounts will be charged accordingly.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ✓ Meals & Drinks not mentioned above
- ✓ Passports: Canadian citizens require a valid passport for more than 6 months after the return date. Visa to enter Turkey not included, pre-paid online (\$60 USD) or locally upon entry (\$70 USD). *Subject to change at any time without notice.*
- ✓ Gratuities to guides, drivers and other local staff: **EUR 150.00** (cash only) per participant collected ahead for your convenience. With Istanbul, add **EUR 30.00**
- ✓ Costs of personal nature, optional excursions, excess baggage charges
- ✓ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage

BOOKING

A deposit of **\$ 500 CAD OR \$ 1000 CAD** (with the pre-tour in Istanbul) per person is required at time of booking. If you opt to purchase Cancellation/Interruption or All-Inclusive insurance, it must be purchased at the time of first deposit. Bookings after **April 13, 2023** are subject to availability and full payment is due at the time of booking. **ALL PAYMENTS ARE 100% NON- REFUNDABLE.**

CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES

If you must cancel, Gateways International must be informed in writing immediately. **ALL PAYMENTS ARE 100% NON-REFUNDABLE.** A \$75 CAD fee will be applied for any changes you wish to make to the group's itinerary. Changes after full payment is received will be treated as cancellations.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

Participants on this tour take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that tours organized by Gateways International require physical fitness. There is daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, and at times sidewalks and uneven terrain. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL HEALTH & CANCELLATION INSURANCE

CAD \$ Premium per person	All-Inclusive	Non-Medical	With Istanbul add	Staying in a single room add
up to 59 years	361.00	321.00	63.00	46.00
60-64 years	437.00	366.00	75.00	54.00
65-69 years	525.00	407.00	86.00	62.00
70-74 years	688.00	465.00	98.00	70.00
75-79 years	1,042.00	657.00	151.00	108.00

✓ **All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan** provides coverage for cancellation and interruption up to sum insured, trip delay, \$ 10 million emergency medical, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airflight accident and travel accident. See the Policy Brochure for the full description and eligibility.

✓ **Non-Medical Plan** provides coverage for cancellation and interruption up to sum insured, trip delay, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airflight accident and travel accident. There is no coverage for Emergency Medical.

✓ For people living outside the province of Ontario, insurance will be processed by Old Republic Insurance Company of Canada.

✓ Premium per person is based on cabin IC category.

Travel insurance is designed to cover losses arising from sudden and unforeseeable circumstances. Please contact us to get a copy of the policy. It is important that you read and understand the policy before you purchase as the coverage is subject to certain limitations, conditions or exclusions.

COVID-19 is a known event and is excluded from cancellation coverage. However, if you contract COVID-19 prior to departure, you **may** be eligible to claim subject to your specific circumstances.

All participants must comply with the travel regulations and guidelines of Public Health and the Ministry of Health of each country we visit, airline and cruise line. Proof of vaccination and further testing may be required at time of travelling.

All participants must hold Trip Cancellation/Interruption + Emergency Medical Insurance to travel with us. Proof of coverage if purchased elsewhere must be provided at the time of booking.

Please contact us if you are adding optional tours, upgrade the cabin on the cruise, live outside the Province of Ontario and for other types of coverage.

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DEPOSIT REGISTRATION FORM – COPY OF PASSPORT REQUIRED

Name (as per passport): First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Do you have any Dietary restrictions? _____ Do you have any Known Medical problems? Y / N

Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Enclosed is a photocopy of my passport (page showing name and photo)

I am departing from Toronto Other _____ (We will contact you directly with any additional supplement)

I need a Roommate (**subject to availability**) I have a Roommate I would like an individual room, pay \$ 895 CAD Supplement

I want to upgrade to cabin XD with large seaview window (Deck 6, 7), pay \$ 475 CAD p/p in Double occ., pay \$ 620 CAD in Single occ.

Add optional SHORE EXCURSIONS and PRE-TOUR VISIT TO ISTANBUL, **please check to select:**

VERIA (BERROIA) IN THESSALONIKI ---Following the footsteps of St. Paul - pay \$ 140 CAD

SPECTACULAR OIA VILLAGE IN SANTORINI --- Enjoy spectacular sunset views of Oia Village perched on the caldera rim - pay \$ 140 CAD

STEP BACK IN TIME IN MILOS --- See moon-like landscape at Sarakiniko Beach and the largest Christian catacombs in Greece - pay \$ 140 CAD

WALKING TOUR AND GASTRONOMY IN HERAKLION --- Learn about the history, culture and gastronomy of this famous island - pay \$ 140 CAD

PRE-TOUR TO ISTANBUL (depart August 14, 2023): Including flights, 2 nights in Istanbul at *Hotel Hilton Garden Inn Golden Horn*, 4*, Breakfast + Dinner daily, visits to Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, shopping at the Grand Bazaar. Transfers and all taxes. In Double room, pay \$ 1,340 CAD p/p, in Single room pay \$ 1,510 CAD. *Note: Pricing is subject to change based on flight availability.*

Enclosed is my **deposit** for **Package A 12 days as per itinerary** **Deposit:** \$ 500 CAD

Interac/Cheque/Credit Card **Package B 12 days as per itinerary + 2 days Pre-Tour in Istanbul** **Deposit:** \$ 1,000 CAD

I authorize Gateways International to charge the deposit indicated above, and/or balance **by April 13, 2023.** (Plus or minus changes in Airport taxes, single supplement and optional tours if applicable) on my credit card listed below.

Credit Card Type: VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ AMEX _____ Card Number _____

CVV _____ Exp. Date _____ Name as it appears on credit card _____

Signature _____ Date _____

INSURANCE: Please add the following Travel Insurance to my package (Payment will be collected separately)

All-Inclusive Worldwide Policy Non-Medical Policy I decline insurance. Proof of my own Emergency Medical & Cancellation/ Interruption policy attached.

My signature below indicates that I have read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions outlined by Gateways International in this brochure. I also understand that is now mandatory that all participants on a Gateways International tour, must have Emergency Medical and Trip Cancellation/Interruption insurance, which is not included in the trip price, and that Gateways International's cancellation policy cannot be waived for any reason. In order to participate in the aforementioned group, I confirm I will have such insurance, and I will not hold Gateways International liable in any matter that is or is not covered by this added insurance.

Signature of participant: _____ **Date:** _____

Please complete and mail with payment to: GATEWAYS INTERNATIONAL, 30 WERTHEIM COURT # 20, RICHMOND HILL, ONT L4B 1B9