

WONDERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY

With **Father Ignacio Pinedo**, Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Shomberg and St. Mary's in Nobleton, **August 7 — 17, 2024**

Without a doubt, a journey to visit Greece & Turkey is a dream. See the most impressive sites in **Athens** and embark on the **Celestyal Journey** cruiseship and discover the rich history, fascinating culture and sumptuous cuisine of the unforgettable Greek islands. With rugged landscapes to explore, our 7-night sailing invites you to indulge in traditional flavors, admire stunning landscapes and delve deeper into charming villages. We even give you a unique chance to take guided visits to the grand Palace of Knossos and the intriguing city of **Ephesus**, one of the best-preserved archaeological sites in the Eastern Mediterranean. Our extra special tour takes you on a romantic and effortless odyssey to sun-soaked shores, quaint fishing villages, and iconic historical sites. With overnight stops in the stunningly beautiful and buzzing islands of **Santorini** and **Mykonos**, you will have the opportunity to discover hidden secrets and indulge in an authentic experience of Mediterranean cuisine and the classic Greek lifestyle.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7

We fly to Athens on a direct flight aboard *Air Canada*. Group seating for our flight will be assigned by the airline.

TORONTO—ATHENS

Meals on board

DAY 2 THURSDAY AUGUST 8

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.

ATHENS

Dinner



DAY 3 FRIDAY AUGUST 9

This morning, get 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). Enjoy free time for lunch and explore *plaka* on your own, the oldest and picturesque neighborhood in Athens. Dinner is on your own.

ATHENS

Breakfast

DAY 4 SATURDAY AUGUST 10

Morning at leisure. In the afternoon, board the ship *Celestyal Journey* and begin our Idyllic Aegean cruise.

BOARDING CELESTYAL CRUISE

Breakfast, All meals on board

DAY 5 SUNDAY AUGUST 11

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.

THESSALONIKI

All meals on board

Optional Shore Excursions. See next page for details.

DAY 6 MONDAY AUGUST 12

A relaxed morning cruising the Aegean Sea. In the afternoon, we disembark in Kusadasi for an opportunity to visit Ephesus, the best-preserved Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor, which during the 1st & 2nd-centuries had a population of 250,000 and monopolized the wealth of the Middle East. Here, you may visit the House of the Virgin Mary — supposedly the last resting place of the mother of Jesus.

KUSADASI & EPHEBUS (TURKEY)

All meals on board

Optional Shore Excursions. See next page for details.

DAY 7 TUESDAY AUGUST 13

As we pull into Heraklion, you have the chance to snap the 16th-century walls of Koules Fortress. Here, you can enjoy the calm of the stunning waterfront, explore the Cretan countryside or discover the Palace of Knossos. This spellbinding tour invites you to listen to tales of intrigue and learn about Europe's first civilization in the Knossos Museum. Was the Minotaur half-man or myth? You will find out.

HERAKLION (CRETE)

All meals on board

Optional Shore Excursions. See next page for details.

DAY 8 WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14

The island of Santorini is the remnants of a devastating volcanic eruption in the 16th-century BC. Santorini will take your breath away. Don't miss here the opportunity to visit Oia Village and admire the picture-perfect scenery with traditional whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches set against a beguiling brilliant blue backdrop.

SANTORINI

All meals on board

Optional Shore Excursions. See next page for details.



DAY 9 THURSDAY AUGUST 15

* Arrival: 08:00 * Departure: 02:00⁺

Disembark and explore this beautiful island and the lively Mykonos town with its narrow streets full of shops, restaurants and bars that attract travelers to its fine sand beaches and turquoise waters. **All meals on board**

MYKONOS

Optional Shore Excursions. See next page for details.

DAY 10 FRIDAY AUGUST 16

* 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. We suggest you discover the most spectacular enclaves and their charming fishing villages. Tonight, we toast to new friendships and enjoy a Farewell Dinner.

MILOS

All meals on board

Optional Shore Excursions. See next page for details.

DAY 11 SATURDAY AUGUST 17

* Arrival: 07:00

We arrive back in Athens and end our cruise. We disembark and depart to the airport for our return flight aboard *Air Canada*. Arrival at Pearson Airport. **END OF OUR TOUR.**

ATHENS—TORONTO

Breakfast, Meals on board

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE ROOM

\$ 5,590 CAD

STAYING IN INDIVIDUAL ROOM PAY \$ 970 CAD SUPPLEMENT.
PRICE INCLUDES AIRPORT TAXES, PORT CHARGES AND FUEL CHARGES (\$ 788.96 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?

Including flights, 2 nights in Istanbul + 1 night in Athens, *First Class* hotel accommodation throughout, Breakfast & Dinner daily, visits to Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, shopping at the Grand Bazaar. Transfers and all taxes. **Pay \$ 1,495 CAD** p/person in Double room, **Pay \$ 1,980 CAD** in individual room. Prices are subject to availability at the time of booking & ticketing.



TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:



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THE TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Roundtrip economy airfare from Toronto
- ✓ 2 overnights at *Hotel President Athens*, 4*, Standard rooms
- ✓ Dining summary in Athens: 2 Breakfasts + 1 Dinner at hotel with wine, beer, soft drinks, mineral water.
- ✓ Private coach transportation during sightseeing and transfers
- ✓ Entrance fees and tours as per the itinerary with ENGLISH-speaking guide
- ✓ Hotel taxes and Service Charges
- ✓ On board Celestyal Cruise:
 - 7-night cruise aboard *Celestyal Journey*, Inside Cabin, category IA
 - ***Exterior cabin with large seaview window available at additional cost
 - All Dining
 - Complimentary drinks (wine, beer, juice, soft drinks, tea, coffee) during lunch and dinner service
 - Entertainment and activities
 - 1 hour Wi-Fi per day
 - 25% discount on specialty dining
 - Optional shore excursions at additional cost.
 - Port Fees & Charges
 - Gratuities to cruise staff
 - In case of eventual increase on any cruise port charges, security and other services for 2024 or any fuel supplement, respective amounts will be charged accordingly.
- ✓ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (at time of printing \$788.96 CAD, subject to change at any time without notice until time of ticketing)

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ✓ Meals and Drinks not mentioned above
- ✓ Passports: Canadian Citizens require only a passport valid for minimum 6 months after the return date
- ✓ Shore excursions
- ✓ Gratuities to guides, drivers and other local staff: **EUR 140.00** (cash only) per participant collected ahead for your convenience.
- ✓ Costs of personal nature, optional excursions, excess baggage charges
- ✓ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage
- ✓ For Post-Tour in Istanbul & Athens:
 - Visa to enter Turkey not included, pre-paid online (\$60 USD) at or locally upon entry (\$70 USD). *Subject to change at any time without notice.*
 - Gratuities to guides, drivers and other local staff: **EUR 40.00** (cash only) per participant collected ahead for your convenience.
 - Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage

BOOKING

A non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking. If you opt to purchase Non-Medical or All-Inclusive insurance, it must be purchased at time of first deposit. Bookings after April 1, 2024 are subject to availability and full payment is due at time of booking. All prices are per person.

PLEASE NOTE ALL PAYMENTS ARE 100% NON- REFUNDABLE.

PARTICIPATION & HEALTH

Participants on this tour take full responsibility for being fully able to partake 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 or meals; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing or meals.

CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES

If you must cancel, Gateways International must be informed in writing immediately. 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.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL HEALTH & CANCELLATION INSURANCE

CAD \$ Premium per person	All-Inclusive	Non-Medical	Staying in Exterior cabin cat. XC add	With Istanbul add	Staying in single room add
up to 59 years	370.00	330.00	41.00	68.00	131.00
60-64 years	447.00	377.00	48.00	80.00	155.00
65-69 years	538.00	420.00	55.00	92.00	178.00
70-74 years	702.00	479.00	63.00	105.00	203.00
75-79 years	1,064.00	675.00	97.00	161.00	312.00

- ✓ **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. When the travel advisory is not into effect, Emergency Medical coverage for COVID-19 will be available only for fully vaccinated individuals or those not medically eligible.
- ✓ 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.

If you are taking the post-tour to Istanbul & Athens and other optional tours call us for the applicable premium supplement.

Premium per person is subject to change without prior notice

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.

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

Please contact us if you 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: (____) _____ e-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Do you have any Dietary restrictions? _____ Do you have any known medical problems? _____

I am departing from Toronto Other: _____ (fare supplement and flight details to be informed accordingly)

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

I have a Roommate I need a Roommate (subject to availability) I would like an individual room, pay **\$ 970 CAD** Supplement

Emergency Contact in Canada #1: Phone _____ Email _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Contact in Canada #2: Phone _____ Email _____ Relationship _____

I WANT TO UPGRADE TO CABIN XC with Large Seaview window. In double cabin **pay \$ 600 CAD** p/ person, in single **pay \$ 900 CAD**.

ADD OUR GROUP SHORE EXCURSIONS PACKAGE, Discount of 10% and additional US\$ 160 per person applies:

Thessaloniki: Royal Tombs of Vergina + Kusadasi: House of Mary & Ancient Ephesus + Santorini: Spectacular Oia Village.....pay US\$ 99.20

***See Description of tours and other shore excursions available at [Celestyal Cruises - Idyllic Aegean Excursions - US0](#)

ADD POST-TOUR TO ISTANBUL & ATHENS (RETURN AUGUST 20) **pay \$ 1,495 CAD** p/person in double room, **pay \$ 1,980 CAD** in individual room.

Prices are subject to availability at the time of booking & ticketing.

Enclosed is my deposit for **Package ONE 11 days as per itinerary** **Deposit: \$ 500 CAD**
 Package TWO 14 days as per itinerary with Istanbul extension **Deposit: \$ 1000 CAD**

By eTransfer to accounting@gateways-international.com, by cheque payable to Gateways International or for Credit Card please complete below.

I authorize Gateways International to charge the deposit indicated above, and/or balance **by April 1, 2024**. (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** **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 it 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