

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

with Rev. Dan Overbo

March 18 - 29, 2025



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Day 1, March 18: Departure

Depart from Minneapolis, MN (MSP) for an overnight flight to Thessaloniki, Greece.

Day 2, March 19: Beginning the Footsteps of Paul - Thessaloniki

On arrival, we will be met at the airport for a transfer to our hotel. Dinner & overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 3, March 20: Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi

Begin the day in the port of Kavala where Paul landed with Timothy and Silas, and where Luke the evangelist sailed to from Troas. See a Byzantine castle, the Roman Aqueduct, and the ruins of an acropolis. Follow the Via Egnatia, a remnant of Rome's highway system, viewing Roman and Greek tombs and ruts of ancient chariot wheels. Next, stop in Philippi, where Paul preached his first evangelical sermon, baptized the very first Christian convert on European soil, and was thrown in prison with Silas. Return to Thessaloniki to explore the ancient city, view the basilica of St. Demetrius, the White Tower, and Arch of Galerius. Dinner & overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 4, March 21: Thessaloniki City Tour - Veria - Meteora - Kalambaka

Veria is known for its numerous Byzantine and post-Byzantine churches, resulting in the name of a 'Small Jerusalem', as well as unique collections of Byzantine icons. Particularly famous is the Church of the Resurrection. We'll spend some time marveling at Meteora, the 24 perpendicular rocks where 600 years ago Byzantine monks chose to worship God and build their cave-like Monastic community. We visit to two of these timeless monasteries to see the exquisite specimens of Byzantine art on display. Overnight in Kalambaka.

Day 5, March 22: Delphi - Athens

We begin exploring the ancient site of Delphi. The sanctuary, where the oracle of Apollo spoke, was the site of the omphalos, the 'navel of the world'. Delphi in the 6th century B.C. was the religious center and symbol of unity of the ancient Greek world. We then travel directly to the center of Athens to start our half-day panoramic city tour of Athens. Then we're off to see the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held in 1896, then the Temple of Olympian Zeus, and Hadrian's Arch. Dinner & overnight in Athens.

Day 6, March 23: Athens - Acropolis - Mars Hill

Rising some 377 feet above the land below and not far from the Acropolis and Agora (marketplace), Mars Hill served as the meeting place for the Areopagus Court, the highest court in Greece. It is the location of one of Paul's most important messages during his second missionary journey. Then visit the ancient Roman agora. On the Acropolis, visit the Architectural Masterpieces of the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion, and finally the Parthenon. Return to the hotel. Free Afternoon. Overnight in Athens.

Day 7, March 24: Athens - Start the 4-night cruise - Mykonos

Begin the day with a drive to the Port of Lavrio and step aboard The Olympia, to start a 4-day Greek Islands cruise. Spend the afternoon exploring the Island of Mykonos, world-renowned for its lovely windmills, small cobblestone streets, and countryside. Return to the ship for dinner & overnight.

Day 8, March 25: Ephesus (Turkey) - Patmos (Greece)

Step off the ship at Kusadasi and into nearby Ephesus, Turkey. This Greek and Roman city has been remarkably preserved. Step along the broad marble where Paul walked. Gaze at the Temple of Artemis (Diana), the Temple of Hadrian, and The Celsus Library. Marvel at the massive theater where Paul was opposed as he spoke boldly about Christ. In the afternoon, enjoy cruising aboard The Olympia to the island of Patmos, built on a mass of volcanic rock, where the apostle John wrote the book of Revelation. Visit the Monastery of St. John and the cave where he was imprisoned. Return to the ship for dinner & overnight.

Day 9, March 26: Rhodes

After disembarkation, you'll have the opportunity to visit the medieval Rhodes and the acropolis of Lindos, with the ancient temple of Athena built in 300 BC. You will have the opportunity to see the houses of the captains and the Church of Our Mrs. Lindos, the acropolis with the Doric temple of Athena. Then, in the city of Rhodes, go through the Porta d'Amboise to walk along the street of the knights, where you will see the residences of the knights separated according to the order, whose shields are still on display. Depart to Crete. Full board on board.

Day 10, March 27: Crete - Santorini

Arrive in Crete, the largest of the Greek Islands and the cradle of the Ancient Minoan Civilization. This island is where the Apostle Paul spent time as he was being transported to Rome as a prisoner and where Titus remained to help the churches. Take a walking tour through town and stop at the Church of St. Titus. Board The Olympia for an afternoon cruise to the famous island of Santorini. Perched atop high cliffs, savor the island's breathtaking views from Oia. Dinner & overnight on the ship.

Day 11, March 28: Athens - Corinth

Disembark and depart for a full-day tour to Ancient Corinth. To begin, we will stop at the famous channel where the Peloponnese and central Greece meet, as well as the Aegean and Ionian seas. We will visit Ancient Corinth with its amazing artifacts, some of which date back to 6000 B.C. The remains of the city, which include the agora (market) and the temple of Apollo (6th century BC) show how rich and important Corinth was in antiquity. On our way back to Athens, we will make a brief stop at the site of the ancient port of Cehries, where Saint Paul disembarked from Thessaloniki. Return to Athens. Overnight in Athens.

Day 12, March 29: Athens - Departure

Following breakfast at our hotel, private transfer to Athens Airport (ATH). We fly home and arrive the same day.

NOTE: The schedule is subject to change due to various factors and at your Tour Leaders' and Guide's discretion.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of **\$500.00** per person with registration to secure space. The final payment due on or before **November 15, 2024**. The preferred payment method is via personal check or money order. If registering online via EliasTours.com, deposit may be paid via check or credit card. An electronic invoice will be sent to all travelers with options to pay via check or credit card. All credit card transactions are subject to a 4% platform fee.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel Insurance is not included in the purchase price. For your convenience, we offer travel insurance through Travelex Insurance Services. For questions, quotes, or to purchase travel insurance, Call (800) 228-9792 and use the code 26-0057 for Elias Tours.

CANCELLATION POLICY: (All Cancellation Fees are waived) Deposits and other payments are refundable in full up to ninety days before departure. There will be no refund for cancellations within 120 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Elias Tours in writing. Travel insurance is highly recommended. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

FARE INCLUSIVE: Roundtrip air transportation from **Minneapolis, MN (MSP)** as indicated on the registration form. **Ten (10)** nights accommodations, based on two people sharing a double or twin-bedded room in four-and-a-half star hotels, including 4-day cruise on the Mediterranean. All meals as outlined in the brochure consisting of full local breakfasts (B) and dinners at the hotel (D), and lunches (L) on board the cruise. Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary by private motor coaches, utilizing the services of a Government licensed, local, English speaking tour guide. Entrance fees for attractions if applicable. All transfers between airports and hotels by private motor coach. Service charges and taxes normally levied by hotels and restaurants. All U.S. & Greece departure taxes are included in the price of the tour. Tips to guides, motor coach drivers, hotel porters, and restaurant staff (i.e., maitre d', table waiter, etc.) are not included. The brochure price is per person in US dollars.

TOUR ITINERARY SUBJECT TO CHANGE: Elias Tours constantly strives to adhere to the specifics shown in the itinerary; however, circumstances may necessitate changes. Such circumstances may require changes without advance notice during the tour. Elias Tours reserves the right to change the Itinerary if unforeseen circumstances beyond our control force a change. Elias Tours is not responsible for any changes caused by unforeseen circumstances.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport costs, visa fees (if any), and health documentation costs (when required); lunches; optional sightseeing tours and excursions; accident and baggage insurance; transporting and handling excess luggage; tips to persons rendering special personal services; items of a purely personal nature such as laundry, telephone, and cable expenses, room service orders, etc.; transportation between the home city and the international departure city.

AIR ROUTINGS: The brochure price includes IATA jet economy class transportation from the international departure city applicable on all IATA and ARC carriers, based on the 6/45 day Apex fare to the Middle East. Elias Tours. Reserves the right to choose the air carrier, routing, and departure time for each passenger. Airfares used are based on contracted group fares and are highly restrictive. Payments for and restrictions on airline tickets are governed by the applicable fare. Cancellation fees levied by the airlines are applicable if you cancel or change your air ticket for any reason after purchase of air ticket. Ticketing must be completed 45 days prior to departure. Group fares do not permit deviations; passengers who wish to deviate may arrange their own airfare. An airfare credit of **\$1250.00** will be given to those passengers who arrange their own airfare. Passengers planning to arrange their own air transportation must notify Elias Tours in writing **no later than 120 days prior to departure**. Seat numbers will be assigned by the airline at check-in; specific seat requests cannot be guaranteed. Passengers are responsible for providing frequent flyer information upon check in.

HOTELS: Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of **\$890.00**

BAGGAGE: You may check no more than **one (1)** piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed **62 inches** (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed **fifty (50) pounds** in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to **\$100.00**. Each passenger may also bring **one (1)** piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry-on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Elias Tours for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

DISABILITIES: Due to the difficult terrain at sites we visit, persons requiring oxygen or oxygen therapy will not be permitted on the tour. For reasons of passenger safety and well-being, persons with impaired mobility, vision, or mental capacity will not be permitted on the tour. Elias Tours reserves the right to refuse passage to someone who is in such physical or mental condition as to be unfit for travel or who may require care and attention beyond that which the tour guide and tour host can provide. The tour requires a substantial amount of walking and some sites are not accessible by wheelchair.

INSURANCE: Acting only as agents for suppliers, Elias Tours is not responsible for damage, loss, or theft of luggage and/or personal belongings, or for personal injury, accident, illness and/or death as a result of any occurrences or conditions beyond its control, including, but not limited to, defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, strikes, terrorist attacks, hostage situations, kidnappings, hijackings, protests, riots, public demonstrations, or theft. For your protection, it is important that you have adequate insurance to cover these possibilities. Additional information and application forms for all types of coverage will be supplied to you prior to departure.

PASSPORT: Each traveler must be in possession of a valid passport. **Six (6) months** of passport validity beyond the return home date is required.

PRICE CHANGES: Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in **May 2024**, and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Elias Tours reserves the right to pass along additional fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

LATE ADDITIONS: Travelers may book a tour up to 72 hours prior to departure. However, any bookings made within 90 days of departure will be subject to any increased costs (including airfare and hotel) plus a \$300.00 admin fee.

RESPONSIBILITY: The Tour Leader, Elias Tours, referred to as the operator, acts only as an agent for the owners or contractors providing means of transportation or other services and all such means of transportation or other services offered or provided. The issuance and acceptance of such tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the further conditions that the tour leader, Elias Tours, and/or operator shall not be or become liable or responsible in any way, in connection with such means of transportation or other services, or for any loss, injury or damage in respect of any person or property howsoever, caused or arising. If the Tour Leader, Elias Tours, and/or the operator make it desirable or necessary to change or cancel for non-payment, the travel plan or program, such change or cancellation may be made. Additional expenses, if any, caused hereby shall be borne by the passenger, and in the case of a decrease in cost, the Tour Leader, Elias Tours, and/or operator will refund to the passenger an amount equal and limited to the decrease. Although the owners or contractors providing means of transportation or other services will take all possible care of passenger's baggage and belongings entrusted to their care, the Tour Leader, Elias Tours, and/or operator does not in any way accept responsibility in the event of loss or injury thereto. Passports must be valid and not expire at least six months or more from the return home date. By virtue of my signature on the registration form below I acknowledge and assume all risks associated with this trip and I agree that Elias Tours assumes no liability of any kind and I hereby expressly waive any and all possible claims against Elias Tours or **Rev. Dan Overbo or Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.**

NOTES: All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Pax rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive.

STEPS OF PAUL TOUR – REV. DAN OVERBO – LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER

Trip Date: **March 18 - 29, 2025** | Package Price: **\$4,790.00**

Single Room Supplement: **\$890.00** | Land Only: **\$3,540.00** (Airfare Credit: \$1250.00)

Package price includes the following:

- Airfare from Minneapolis, MN (MSP)
- 10 nights in 4-star hotels (Double Occupancy); incl. 4-day Cruise
- Breakfast and Dinner daily; lunch on the boat
- Entrance fee to all sites, Patmos and Ephesus Excursion
- All ground transportation (private tour bus)

Package price does NOT include the following:

- Gratuities for Guide and Driver
- Personal Expenses
- Lunch (except on the boat)
- Travel Insurance (contact Travelex at (800) 228-9792 and use the code 26-0057 for Elias Tours)

My signature on this page signifies that I agree to the terms and conditions stated above.

Signature:

Date:

RESERVATION APPLICATION

STEPS OF PAUL TOUR – LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER WITH REV. DAN OVERBO MARCH 18 - 29, 2025

Group Reference Code: LCOR 2025

PERSONAL INFORMATION (please complete one application per traveler)

Name (as printed on passport) Last name: _____ First name: _____ Middle name: _____	
Preferred name (for nametag; include "Pr." "Dr." etc.): _____	
Passport number: _____	Sex (as printed on passport): M F X
Passport date of issue: _____	Passport date of expiration: _____
Country of citizenship: _____	Date of birth (mm-dd-yyyy): _____
Mailing address Street address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
Best contact phone number (home work mobile): _____	Email address: _____
Any dietary requirements? No Yes (list below)	Please seat/room me next to (if none, enter n/a): _____

ROOMING INFORMATION

Double occupancy	Single occupancy (+\$890.00)
If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at time of booking: _____	If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? No Yes

TOUR ADDITIONS

Land only (-\$1250.00)		
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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (someone **NOT** traveling with you)

Name: _____	Relation: _____	Phone: _____
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SPECIAL REQUESTS OR COMMENTS

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When submitting your registration, please ensure that the following are included for each traveler:
registration form signed terms & conditions page passport scan deposit payment (\$300.00)

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