



Church of Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia), Istanbul

In the Footsteps of
St. Paul & St. John to

GREECE & TURKEY

12 Days/10 Nights

September 7-18, 2008

April 19-30, 2009



Parthenon, Athens Acropolis

Call: (Your Number)

Cost Includes:

- Round trip air from specified city;
- 10 Nights deluxe, 5 star accommodations in twin bedded rooms with private bath (Greece -4; Cruise Ship-2; Turkey-4);
- Meals on land portion: Breakfast daily; 1 lunch; 7 dinners;
- All Meals on cruise portion;
- Deluxe, private motor coaches per itinerary below;
- Shore excursions during cruise in Patmos;
- Services of English speaking escorts & local guides;
- Entrance fees to sites visited; hotel taxes & services;
- Porterage of one bag per person;
- Turkish visa fee for U.S. passport holders.

Single Room Supplement:

NOT INCLUDED: Items not specified above, e.g. 1 dinner & most lunches, passport & visa fees if applicable, optional cancellation insurance; items of a personal nature, shore excursions not included above; gratuities ; air & cruise taxes & fuel surcharges



Add optional Cancellation Insurance to above rate at time of deposit to cover cancel fees in event of medical emergency.

Cost per person in twin:

Led by:
Your Name Here

You are invited to join
(your name here) on this pilgrimage of
Greece & Turkey visiting:

- ◆ **Athens, Corinth and the medieval, cave monasteries of Meteora in Greece;**
- ◆ **St John the Evangelist Monastery on the Greek Isle of Patmos;**
- ◆ **The spectacular ruins of Ephesus, Virgin Mary House, Izmir (ancient Smyrna), and Istanbul (Constantinople) in Turkey;**
- ◆ **Daily Mass will be celebrated.**

Featuring 2 Day Cruise from Piraeus Greece to Kusadasi, Turkey

aboard first class ship in outside stateroom with 2 lower beds
visiting the Greek Isles of Mykonos, Rhodes & Patmos!

BOOKING FORM

Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey: Enclosed is deposit of \$____ (\$350 per person + optional insurance) for ___# of persons due immediately to secure your place (first come-first served) and no later than (date deadline here).

Checks payable to: **GTA TOURS**

Mail to:
(Your address here)

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) _____
Enter your legal name as it appears on passport—no nicknames, please!

Address: _____

___Twin Room ___Single Room @ \$990 Supplement ___Triple Room

Sharing room with _____

Valid U.S. Passport Required

Home Telephone _____

Business Telephone _____ E Mail: _____

GREECE & TURKEY DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1/SUN - DEPART U. S.

DAY 2//MON—ARRIVE ATHENS. Meet English speaking guide and transfer to hotel located in the Plaka, Athens charming medieval section. (D) **NJV ATHENS PLAZA HOTEL** www.classicalhotels.gr

DAY 3/TUE—ATHENS (CORINTH). In the morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Athens: tour the Acropolis, a true archeological and artistic wonder: see the enchanting Parthenon and visit the Areopagus, where St. Paul spoke to the men of Athens. Travel southward on the Peloponnesian Peninsula to the nearby Corinth Canal. Enjoy an included lunch, then have a tour of the ruins of ancient Corinth, where Paul lived and worked for a few years, establishing one of the first Christian churches. Return to Athens for a brief walking tour of the Plaka. Dinner is on your own. (B,L)

DAY 4/WED—ATHENS/DELPHI/KALAMBAKA. In the morning arrive at the ruins of mysterious Delphi, a religious center of the ancient world. See the Apollo Pythios Sanctuary and Museum. Continue to Kalambaka, a Greek town located at the famous Meteora mountain monasteries. (B,D) **HOTEL DIVANI KALAMBAKA** www.divanis.gr

DAY 5/THU-KALAMBAKA/ATHENS. In the morning, visit Meteora, to see the world famous, Byzantine monasteries, dating from medieval times and still in use today. The site contains priceless historic and religious art treasures and are perched atop rock formations of varied and beautiful shapes. In the afternoon, travel back to Athens. (B,D) **NJV ATHENS PLAZA HOTEL**

DAY 6/FRI-PIRAEUS/CRUISE/MYKONOS
Morning transfer to pier to board deluxe cruise ship on **Louis Cruises** Aegean cruise of Greek Isles to Kusadasi, Turkey. Accommodations in deluxe outside cabins with two lower beds and private shower. Ship has sun deck, pool, full-service restaurant, lounge and casino. Once at sea, all meals and entertainment are included. In the afternoon, stop on the island of Mykonos, with its dazzling shops and sandy beaches. (B,L,D) www.louiscruises.com

DAY 7/SAT - RHODES. A full day on the magnificent island of Rhodes, the fortified Crusader stronghold. Stroll along the yacht harbor lined with elegant cafes and visit the great museums on your own. Perhaps

take an optional excursion to Lindos (Temple of Athena) for additional cost. (B,L,D)

DAY 8/SUN- PATMOS & KUSADASI (EPHESUS), TURKEY. Two exciting stops for students of St. Paul and St. John. In the morning, ship docks at Patmos, where tour is included to the 11th century Monastery of St. John the Divine, where it is believed the Book of Revelation was written. In the afternoon, disembark the cruise in Kusadasi, a harbor in Turkey. Take a sightseeing tour to the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, mentioned so often in Paul's epistles. It is a spectacularly preserved ruin of a once great and important city founded in the 10th century B.C. Continue to the house of the Virgin Mary, a site which traditionally is associated with Mary's Assumption. (B,L,D) **KORUMAR HOTEL** www.korumar.com.tr

DAY 9/MON-PERGAMON & SMYRNA. Today travel to Pergamon, an ancient pagan site, also a Christian stronghold in the 2nd century. The martyr Antipas was tortured to death here. Visit the Basilica of St. John (Red Church). Continue to Smyrna to visit St. Polycarp Church, one of the Seven Churches of the Revelation. (B,D)

DAY 10/TUE— IZMIR/ISTANBUL. Morning flight to Istanbul, the largest city in Turkey. Until 1553 it was Constantinople, the capital of the Byzantine Empire. On arrival, tour the Roman Hippodrome, 17th century Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia Church. Dating from the 5th century, it is a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture. Also visit Topkapi Palace, residence of the Ottoman Sultans and see the Covered Bazaar with more than 4,000 shops. (B,D) **GRAND OZTANIK HOTEL** www.grandoztanik.com

DAY 11/WED - ISTANBUL. In the morning, drive along the Golden Horn following the Theodosian City Walls to the Chora Museum to see the Church of St. Savior. Visit Suleyman the Magnificent Mosque. Afternoon cruise on the Bosphorus River, which is the border between Europe and Asia. Festive farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAY 12/THU—RETURN TO U.S. (B)

B-Breakfast; L-Lunch; D-Dinner

Sequence of Sightseeing Subject to Change.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier. Air transportation based on fares in effect Nov 06, subject to change.

TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS: All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect Nov 06. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels. Tour cost is calculated for payment only by personal check or cashier check. Mastercard or Visa payment is accepted for a service fee of 3 1/2 percent of the amount charged.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Twin bedded rooms with private facilities throughout.

DOCUMENTS: Valid U.S. passport.

CANCELLATIONS: Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 60 days prior to departure less a \$125 administration fee. After that period, additional cancellation fees must be assessed; 60-45 days prior; \$800; 45-10 days prior: up to total cost.

BAGGAGE: Limited to two checked bags (either bag must not exceed 62 inches) with total dimensions not to exceed 107 inches.

GROUP SIZE: Rates herein are based on a minimum of 26 passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agent and the tour operator, GTA TOURS d/b/a/ GTA TOURS, POB 1008, Madison, CT 06443, Tel: 203-245-8980, or their agents act(s) only as

agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for transportation, accommodations, tours and/or other arrangements and assumes no responsibility for liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which is used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passengers; neither this travel agency nor any of its representatives shall be, or become liable for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which ticket or coupons have been issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made. Additional expenses if any, shall be borne by the passengers; conversely, refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. Also, in the event that sufficient persons are not secured for a particular tour, we reserve the right to cancel said tour, and a refund of monies paid will release the company of any further obligation. All arrangements for accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operator and/or their agents. The passage contract in use by companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchase of these tours and/or passage by the airlines concerned and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance.