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Highlights

- **Spiritual Immersion in the Scriptures:** Experience the Word of God coming alive as you walk through Philippi, Berea, Ancient Corinth, and Mars Hill, feeling the apostolic zeal of St. Paul.
- **Ephesus & The House of the Virgin Mary:** The absolute moment of devotion during the cruise. Pray at Mt. Koressos, where the Blessed Virgin lived her final years in perfect union with the Divine Will.
- **Patmos & The Cave of the Apocalypse:** Stand in awe at the sacred cave where St. John the Evangelist experienced Divine Revelation, receiving the visions of Christ's eschatological triumph.
- **Holy Mass Arrangements:** Securing appropriate venues (churches or approved outdoor spaces) for daily prayer and the celebration of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.
- **Authentic Gastronomy & Comfort:** Enjoy lunches at traditional taverns to experience Greek hospitality, and dine peacefully at Mazi's strictly selected 4* hotels.



General Information

Departures

Seasonal

Your package includes:

- City Tax
- Entrances
- Extra meals
- Drinks

Inclusions:

- **Land Accommodation:** 7 nights accommodation strictly in carefully selected 4-star hotels (Thessaloniki, Kalambaka, Athens).
- **Cruise Accommodation:** 3 nights on board the cruise ship in standard cabins (upgrades available).
- **Meals (Full-board equivalent on land):** Rich buffet breakfast and dinner daily at the 4* hotel restaurants. Midday lunches at carefully selected traditional restaurants/taverns during the excursions. Full-board dining and standard beverage packages during the cruise.
- **Ground Transportation:** All transfers and excursions operated by Mazi's own fleet of luxury coaches.
- **Specialized Guide:** Services of a fully licensed, theologically trained guide during the land tour.
- **Shore Excursions:** Included standard shore excursions designated by the cruise line (e.g., Ancient Ephesus).
- **Holy Mass Arrangements:** Care and communications to secure appropriate venues for the celebration of Holy Mass.

Exclusions:

- International flights to and from the country of origin.
- Entrance fees to archaeological sites and museums.
- Optional upgraded shore excursions during the cruise.
- Beverages during land meals and personal expenses.
- Gratuities (tips) for guides, drivers, and staff.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Thessaloniki - The City of Faith, Hope, and Love

Arrival at Thessaloniki Airport (SKG) and a warm welcome by your theologically trained Mazi guide. We arrive in the city that received the seed of the Gospel and to which Paul addressed two epistles, praising the unwavering faith of the early Christians amidst persecution. Transfer to your 4* hotel for check-in. Time for prayer, dinner at the hotel restaurant, and overnight.

Day 2: Kavala (Neapolis) & Philippi - The Waters of Baptism

We depart for ancient Neapolis, the port where Paul disembarked, obeying the Divine call ("Come over to Macedonia and help us"). We continue to Philippi, the first European city to hear the Gospel. We stand before the ancient prison where Paul and Silas proved that prayer and hymns can break human chains. A profoundly moving moment follows at the Zygaktis River: where Lydia was baptized, we will renew our baptismal vows, reflecting on the grace of the Holy Spirit. Lunch at a traditional local restaurant. Return to Thessaloniki, dinner at the hotel, and overnight.

Day 3: Thessaloniki & Veria (Berea) - The Search for Truth

In the morning, we tour the early Christian monuments of Thessaloniki. We then travel to Veria (Berea). We stand with reverence at the Bema of St. Paul, remembering the Bereans who, according to the Acts of the Apostles, studied the Scriptures with an open heart to discover the Truth. It is a calling to examine our own spiritual zeal. Lunch at a local, traditional tavern. We depart through the majestic Greek countryside for Kalambaka. Dinner at our 4* hotel and overnight.

Day 4: Meteora - Ascetic Ascent to God

Meteora is a miracle of nature and human devotion. We visit the monasteries standing suspended between earth and sky, symbols of the ascetic struggle, silence, and ceaseless prayer. This spiritual experience invites us to lift our gaze from worldly matters toward God. After an authentic lunch at a traditional tavern in Kalambaka, we depart for Athens. Dinner at our 4* hotel in Athens and overnight.

Day 5: Delphi & Athens - The Light of the Gospel against Paganism

Morning departure for Delphi, the center of the ancient pagan world. This tour provides the historical context to understand the spiritual darkness that prevailed before the coming of Christ, and the salvific power of the Gospel brought by Paul. Lunch at a traditional restaurant at the foothills of Mount Parnassus. Return to Athens. In the evening, dinner at the 4* hotel and rest.

Day 6: Athens & Mars Hill - The "Unknown God" Revealed

We ascend the Acropolis, the pinnacle of ancient human philosophy. Right below, we stand on Mars Hill (the Areopagus), the rocky outcrop where human reason met Divine Revelation. Your Spiritual Director will read from Acts (17:22-31) the masterful sermon of Paul, who dared to preach the Crucified and Risen Christ in a world full of idols. Lunch at a traditional restaurant in the historic Plaka district. Free time for reflection and strolling. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 7: Ancient Corinth - The Theology of the Cross and Love (1 Cor. 13)

We drive to Ancient Corinth, the city where Paul lived for 18 months facing trials, yet founding a vibrant Church. Walking through the ancient ruins, we stand at the Bema of Gallio, the tribunal where Paul was judged for his faith. The site echoes the greatest hymn ever written about Christian Love ("Love is patient, love is kind..."). Lunch at a traditional local tavern. Return to Athens for the final dinner of our land tour at our 4* hotel.

Day 8: Embarkation for the Cruise - Sailing the Apostolic Waters (Mykonos)

In the morning, the Mazi coach transfers you to the port for embarkation. We begin our maritime pilgrimage across the waters traversed by the early missionaries to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In the evening, the ship docks at Mykonos. Free time to walk and admire the beauty of creation in the whitewashed island alleys. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 9: Ephesus & Patmos - The Silence of Mary & The Vision of the Apocalypse

A day of spiritual climax. In Kusadasi, we travel to Ephesus. We proceed with deep reverence to the House of the Virgin Mary (Meryem Ana Evi) on Mt. Koressos. It is a place of absolute serenity, where the Mother of God lived in prayer, surrendering Herself to the Will of Her Son. In the afternoon, we sail to Patmos. We cross the threshold of the Sacred Cave of the Apocalypse, where the exiled Apostle John, in the Spirit, heard the voice of God and wrote the prophetic Book of hope and Christ's ultimate victory. Dinner on board.

Day 10: Heraklion (Crete) & Santorini - The Grandeur of Creation

Arrival in Heraklion, Crete, the island where Paul appointed his disciple, Titus, to organize the local Church. In the afternoon, we arrive in Santorini. As we gaze upon the caldera and the volcanic rocks, we praise the unfathomable grandeur of the Creator, reflected in this breathtaking landscape. Final dinner on board and time for a spiritual review of our journey.

Day 11: Disembarkation in Athens & Departure - Bearing the Light to the World

Morning disembarkation at the port of Athens. Mazi's luxury coach transfers you directly to the International Airport. You return to your homelands not merely as travelers, but as modern witnesses of Faith, equipped with the grace of the holy sites and ready to share the Light of the Gospel in your own communities.

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