

# GREECE

PATH OF THE APOSTLES

Experience Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica and Philippi plus a three-day cruise to ancient Ephesus

**APRIL 19-30, 2027**

Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul and St. John during this pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey. *Arkansas Catholic* is hosting a 12-day pilgrimage with Father Mauricio Carrasco, director of spiritual formation for the House of Formation, as our spiritual director.

***Details and registration form inside.***

For more information, visit [arkansas-catholic.org/pilgrimage](http://arkansas-catholic.org/pilgrimage) or contact Kathy Primm at Sue Smith Vacations, (501) 771-0987 or [kathy@suesmithvacations.com](mailto:kathy@suesmithvacations.com).



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## EXPERIENCE ATHENS, CORINTH, THESSALONICA AND PHILIPPI plus a three-day cruise to ancient Ephesus

**April 19-30, 2027**

**\$5,698 per person, double occupancy (airfare not included in price).**

Includes daily Mass, lodging, breakfasts, dinners and two lunches, entrance fees to scheduled sites

- Beverages, tips and insurance not included
- Single room supplement available upon request.
- A \$800 deposit is required at the time of registration.
- Airfare will be added approximately 300 days before departure.
- Final payment is due by January 29, 2027.

Book by October 30, 2025 for a \$100 early bird discount

### SO MUCH TO SEE, LEARN, EXPERIENCE!

- Corinth, Thessalonica and the Acropolis where St. Paul preached
- Philippi where St. Paul baptized Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe
- House of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- The cave in Patmos where St. John the Evangelist lived
- Greek islands of Santorini and Mykonos

### YOUR DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

#### Monday, April 19, 2027, USA/Athens

We depart on an international overnight flight to Athens, Greece. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

#### Tuesday, April 20, Athens

Upon arrival in Athens, we are greeted by our tour guide and board our deluxe motorcoach for transfer to our hotel. We enjoy some leisure time before dinner. Dinner and overnight in Athens. (D)

#### Wednesday, April 21, Athens/Corinth

Morning sightseeing tour includes a visit to the world-renowned Acropolis with the ruins of the Parthenon, Erechtheion and Propylaea, the Mars Hill where St. Paul preached (Acts 17:16, 22). Additionally, we visit the Agora, the ancient marketplace and former center of Athenian public life, the House of Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Presidential Palace. We then depart for Corinth with a brief stop at the Corinth Canal, which separates the Peloponnese from the Greek mainland and connects the Ionian Sea with the Aegean Sea. Corinth was St. Paul's home for 18 months. We visit the Archaeological Museum, the Bema, the Marketplace and the temples of Aphrodite, Apollo and Poseidon. From the Bema at Corinth, Paul spoke to the Corinthians about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Return to Athens in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

#### Thursday, April 22, Athens/Delphi/Athens

After breakfast, we travel through the mountainous Greek countryside to Delphi, home to the legendary Oracle of Apollo and the Pythian Games. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lay the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Olympian god of light, knowledge and harmony. We visit the Temple of Apollo, the Archeological Site of Delphi, and the Archeological Museum, which houses masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture, including the bronze Charioteer and the renowned athlete Aghias of Pharsala. After the tour, we return to Athens. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

#### Friday, April 23, Athens/Lavrio/Mykonos

Transfer to the port of Lavrio for embarkation on our cruise ship. Enjoy the many onboard activities or just relax while sailing to the Island of Mykonos with its whitewashed buildings, sidewalk cafes, 360 churches and chic boutiques. Mykonos is the home to the 16th-century windmills, the most iconic landmarks on the island. Overnight on board.

#### Saturday, April 24, Kusadasi / Patmos

This morning we arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey, to visit the site of one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World," Ephesus. This city is where St. Paul worked on spreading the word of God, the Egyptian Queen Cleopatra and Roman Emperor Marcus Antonius visited, and the Virgin Mary and St. John spent their final days. We visit the Ephesus Archeological Site and the House of the Virgin Mary. We continue to the island of Patmos where John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelation. We join the excursion to the "Cave of the Apocalypse" and the Monastery of St. John the Divine. Overnight on board.

#### Sunday, April 25, Crete / Santorini

We arrive in Heraklion, a city on the island of Crete, in the morning. You can spend your time at leisure exploring the beautiful waterfront, visiting the Cretan countryside or enjoying the excursion to visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos (at additional cost). Our next stop is the charming island of Santorini. Here, you can take an optional excursion to visit the villages of Fira and Oia (at additional cost) or just relax and explore the island at your own pace. Overnight on board.

#### Monday, April 26, Lavrio/Kalambaka

This morning we disembark in Lavrio port and travel to Kalambaka to visit the famous monasteries. Perched atop soaring cliffs, gigantic rocks have been etched by time into a variety of shapes rooted deeply in the ground yet completely isolated from the world around them. The monasteries with their wooden galleries and corniced rooftops hang precariously over the breathtaking abysses with the Pindus range at their back. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

## Tuesday, April 27, Kalambaka/Veria/Thessalonica (Thessaloniki)

We drive to Veria (ancient Berea), where the Christian congregations were devoted to Paul's works. We stop for a visit at the monument dedicated to the apostle. We continue to Thessalonica, the city built in 316 B.C. by Kassandros, the Macedonian king, and named after his wife, Thessaloniki, the sister of Alexander the Great. It was here that Paul wrote his letter to the Thessalonians. Later, the city flourished under the Byzantine Empire. Dinner and overnight in Thessalonica.

## Wednesday, April 28, Thessalonica

Today we visit the beautiful town of Kavala, called Neapolis in the days of Paul (Acts 16:11). From here we continue to the site of ancient Philippi, where Paul wrote the letter to the Philippians, started to preach the word of God to the nations and baptized the first Christian on European soil. We see the Baptistry of

Lydia, the ancient theatre and visit the place where Paul was flogged and imprisoned. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

## Thursday, April 29, Thessalonica

Today's sightseeing tour includes the Roman Market, the Arch of Galerius, the City Walls, the Chain Tower and Citadel, the White Tower, the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, the House of Jason, the Monastery of Vlatadon, Aristotle's Square and the statue of Alexander the Great. We also visit the Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki with the Gold Macedon. Afternoon at leisure to pursue our own interests. A farewell dinner and overnight in Thessalonica.

## Friday, April 30, Thessalonica / USA

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to the airport for our flight back home. We arrive home the same day, taking with us many memories and blessings to last us a lifetime.

**To reserve your place, please complete this form and mail with deposit and a copy of the photo page of your passport to the Sue Smith Vacations address at the bottom of the form.**

Please reserve my space. Enclosed is my payment for Path of the Apostles in Greece (April 19-30, 2027) - BN62207

*Prices per person, based on double occupancy.*

PASSENGER #1 NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ *Clearly print name as it appears on passport: (Last, First, Middle)*

Rooming With: \_\_\_\_\_ Interested in more information on a single room? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER #1 Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSENGER #2 NAME (if same household as Passenger 1): \_\_\_\_\_ *Clearly print name as it appears on passport: (Last, First, Middle)*

PASSENGER #2 Passport No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$1,575 per person reservation deposit with applicable optional insurance.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$800 per person reservation deposit (if insurance is declined). Initial deposit is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am paying my deposit with a check made payable to Sue Smith Vacations. Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am paying my deposit with a credit/debit card.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to set up automatic payments using credit card on file.

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \* Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(We accept: Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover.) (\*3 or 4 digit number on back of Card) 3% processing fee will be added to your payment*

Name that appears on credit card: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/health issues we should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the important note below. My signature attests that I understand the physical requirements of a pilgrimage and accept the terms and conditions (page 4) of the trip.

Signature of passenger #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of passenger #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## IMPORTANT NOTE TO READ AND UNDERSTAND (SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON REGISTRATION FORM)

Pilgrimages, by their nature, are about a journey. You can expect to walk 3-7 miles daily to participate in all Masses and sightseeing. On rare occasions, walking distance could be 10-12 miles. In historic towns, many streets are uneven, made of cobblestone or not paved.

You can also expect that you will have to go up and down stairs to get on and off the bus and ascend and descend hills to get into churches, hotels and religious sites.

In addition, it is very unlikely we will stay at hotels with porters to help you with suitcases. You will be responsible for carrying your bags from the bus to your hotel room and back.

While we want everyone interested to join us, we want to be clear about what you could expect. If you have physical limitations, please prayerfully consider whether joining us would be the best pilgrimage experience for you or your companion(s).

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Tour Prices:** All prices in this brochure are based on land rates and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and on group rates of 40 passengers per bus. Tours may depart with less than the required number of passengers, at the discretion of Group IST, LLC (doing business and referred to herein as “Regina Tours”), but an additional charge may apply. Passengers will be advised about such surcharges 60 days before departure. All prices are subject to change without notice prior to departure due to major currency fluctuations and/or unforeseen economic circumstances.

**Reservations, Deposits and Final Payments:** Please complete the Participant Agreement, with full names as they appear on passports, and mail it to us with the required per-person deposit. Deposit of \$800 is required to hold your spot on the tour. Payments of \$600 are due by December 31, 2025, February 27, 2026, April 30, 2026, June 30, 2026, August 31, 2026, October 30, 2026 and December 31, 2026. The final balance is due by January 29, 2027. If final payment is received after January 29, 2027, a late fee will be assessed in the amount of \$50 per late payment. All payments made by check should be made payable to Sue Smith Vacations (referred to herein as SSV). Credit card payments will be subject to a 3% processing fee.

**Late Reservations:** If a booking is made within 60 days of departure, full payment is due at the time of booking. There will be a \$50 late processing fee applicable plus cost of any express or overnight mail services.

**Travel Documents:** A valid passport (valid for six months after April 30, 2027) is required to travel. Visa is required for U.S. passport holders traveling to some destinations; please contact our office for details. All non-U.S. citizens must contact the appropriate consular office for entry visa requirements pertaining to their trip. In addition non-U.S. citizens are responsible for complying with requirements for re-entry into the U.S. SSV/Regina Tours assumes no responsibility for procurement of passport or visas. Obtaining and carrying these documents is the sole responsibility of passengers. SSV/Regina Tours will not be responsible for any delays, damages and/or losses, including missed portions of your trip due to improper travel documentation.

**Final Documents:** All documents and tickets are only issued upon receipt of final payment and are sent within three weeks of departure. Documents are not guaranteed if final payment and booking form are not received on time.

**Air from Home City:** Air from LIT is not included in the package. All other gateway options are considered on a case-by-case basis. Sue Smith Vacations is providing air travel for the people traveling on Arkansas Catholic’s pilgrimage to Greece in April 19-30, 2027.

**Rooms:** Prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a hotel room or stateroom. Single room supplement available upon request. Triple rooms are available in many hotels for family or friends traveling together. There are no discounts for triple rooms.

**Medical Conditions:** While we endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers, we cannot guarantee special facilities or assistance for disabled passengers and it is your responsibility to arrange for such assistance as required. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance. SSV/Regina Tours is not responsible for any medical conditions that may occur prior, during, or after the tour.

**Responsibility:** The tour member understands that he or she has no claim against Sue Smith Vacations, Regina Tours, Arkansas Catholic and the Diocese of Little Rock and its affiliates, for any delay or damage to or loss of property or baggage or injury to or death of persons due to any neglect or willful act of a direct air carrier, hotel, bus company, steamship or cruise company, railroad, transportation company or service company of any kind, or any other person or persons rendering any of the services being offered in connections with these tours. Further, SSV and Regina Tours advises that it has no ownership interest whatsoever in any hotel, restaurant, bus company or transportation or service company of any kind outside the USA, nor does it have any employee outside of the USA. You may see the name Kathy Primm or Regina Tours affixed to motor vehicles, on signs around the hotel or elsewhere. This use of our name is purely for reasons of identification and does not denote ownership, supervision or control by Kathy Primm or Regina Tours in any way. Regina Tours, a brand of Group IST, LLC, and its overseas representatives reserve the right without notice to change, amend or cancel any part or all of the tour and to make such changes as may be necessary. Regina Tours acts only as an agent in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services from suppliers, and in no event shall Regina Tours be liable in the event of any failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel services to be provided on the tour. The acceptance of the initial service to be

provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of these conditions. If there is a difference between the conditions of Regina Tours and those published by suppliers, the conditions of suppliers shall apply. Regina Tours reserves the right to substitute hotel of similar quality and reserves the right to vary the sequence of sightseeing and/or to re-route the order of cities. In calculating the cost of the trip, Regina Tours has relied on your consent to these terms and in the absence of this release, the cost of the trip would be higher. A contract is made when your reservation and payment are accepted by SSV. We reserve the right to decline to accept a person or remove a person from a tour, if such person presents a significant risk to the health or safety of himself or the group and the person cannot otherwise be reasonably accommodated.

**Cancellation Policy and Refunds:** We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage. However, should you need to cancel, your cancellation must be received in writing, via e-mail, fax or by letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. SSV and Regina Tours will apply the following cancellation fees per person:

**Days Prior to Departure**

160 to 61	.....	\$800
60 to 46	.....	75% of tour cost
45 to 31	.....	100% of tour cost
30 to 1 or no show	.....	No refund

Once the tours commence, there will be no refunds on missed or unused portions of the tour programs. Purchase of travel insurance, at the time of deposit, is strongly recommended.

**Not Included in the Published Price:** Cost of items not listed on each program such as upgrade to outside cabin (\$250 a person based on double occupancy), meals, beverages and items of personal nature, excess luggage allowance, laundry, room service, travel insurance, passport and visas costs, expenses for additional sightseeing not specified in the itinerary, any incurred medical costs and replacement of items forgotten or stolen while on the tour, and gratuities (\$550 for land and cruise tips will be added to your final invoice).

**Important:** For security reasons Sue Smith Vacations requests a copy of your passport picture page to ensure correct name on reservations.

Purchase of travel insurance, at the time of deposit, is strongly recommended. Travel Insurance, per person, is available starting at \$775.

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