

CRUISING THE AEGEAN WITH PAUL & JOHN

JUNE 9-18, 2020

A SPECIAL VOYAGE

LECTURES BY WELL-KNOWN SCHOLARS

Join TUTKU's luxury cruise around the Aegean Sea aboard the Sea Cloud. Our small ship will follow in the wake of the early apostles as we trace the travels of Paul and John, stopping at biblical sites connected with their ministries. While on board, learn more about these early Christian sites with lectures given by well-known Biblical scholars. Never before has this level of learning and luxury been combined. Space is limited, so sign up today!



LECTURERS:



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**ATHENS, CORINTH, NEAPOLIS, PHILIPPI,
TROAS, ASSOS, MYTILENE, EPHEBUS, PATMOS**

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Acropolis Athens, Greece

TOUR PROGRAM

June 9 Tuesday Arrive Athens

Arrive Athens Airport. Meet and transfer to the hotel. Welcome Dinner and overnight.

June 10 Wednesday Athens

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel. We will then embark on a journey to ancient Corinth. In route we will visit the Corinthian Canal which is a 4 mile (6.5 km) man-made cut across the narrow Isthmus of Corinth. Completed in 1893 AD the canal allows passage between the Gulf of Corinth and the Saronic Gulf saving ship from having to navigate around the Peloponnese Peninsula. Arriving at Corinth, it was here that Silas and Timothy rejoined Paul and here the Apostle lived and preached for a year and a half. While in ministry at Corinth, Paul wrote First and Second Thessalonians to the newly established church in Thessalonica. Later, the church at Corinth would receive two letters from Paul (First and Second Corinthians). Paul met Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth who came to Corinth from Rome due to persecution during the reign of Claudius (Acts 18:1-17). Aquila was a tent maker like Paul and he stayed with them and developed a lifelong friendship. As was Paul's custom he preached in the synagogue and some Jews and Gentiles became believers in Jesus the Messiah. We will see all of the Greek and Roman sites associated with Paul's ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon, the Bema and Gallio's Seat. Visit the Archaeological Museum, and then we return to Athens to Board the SEA CLOUD YACHT at 16:00. We embark on our yachting adventure at 18:00. We will enjoy the first evening of lectures and dinner onboard our ship.

June 11 Thursday Neapolis (Kavala)

This morning we enjoy a leisurely morning at Sea. Enjoy a slow breakfast whilst cruising on the Aegean Sea. We will spend the morning and early afternoon onboard our luxurious yacht, relaxing under the sun or exploring all the yacht has to offer. In the early evening we will arrive to Kavala, ancient Neapolis (Acts 16:12), a coastal city, a colony of Thasos, on the site of the modern city of Kavala. It was founded in the middle of the 7th c. B.C. in this very strategic position through which pass the ancient coast road which joins Asia and Europe. We will enjoy a gorgeous sunset dinner and lectures onboard the SEA CLOUD.

June 12 Friday Neapolis (Kavala) – Philippi - Amphipolis

After a beautiful breakfast onboard, we will disembark the yacht for a day of sightseeing. Our journey today will follow in Paul's footsteps as he made his way on the Via Egnatia Roman road from Neapolis (Acts 16:11), to Philippi (Acts 16:12), to Amphipolis (Acts 17:1). The day begins with a brief stop at the port of Neapolis (modern Kavala). There is no mention of Paul preaching in Neapolis. His first recorded preaching in Macedonia took place in Philippi. Here, the apostle Paul came and worked (Acts 16:19-40), establishing a strong church. To this congregation, later he sent his Philippian letter. Of all the churches Paul founded, probably none was so near and dear to him as the church at Philippi – a city built by Philip II of Macedonia – the father of Alexander the Great. We will visit the ruins of the Agora (market place; Acts 16:19), and a Prison where tradition says Paul and Silas had been kept. A short drive brings us to the local river (just outside Philippi) where it is thought Lydia was baptized (Acts 16:14 -15). Next is Amphipolis. Here again there is no record of Paul preaching in this city as he passed through on his way to Thessalonica. Excavations of Roman Amphipolis have revealed traces of all the impressive architecture one would expect from a thriving Roman city. A bridge, gymnasium, public and private monuments, sanctuaries, and cemeteries all attest to the city's prosperity. We will return to our yacht to enjoy an evening of lectures and dinner onboard.



Mars' Hill



Corinth, Greece



Athens, Greece



Celsus Library, Ephesus

June 13 Saturday Troas - Assos

After a night of cruising, we will find ourselves enjoying our breakfast onboard, off the coast of Turkey. After our breakfast we will journey to visit the land of Alexander Troas and Assos. Towards the end of Paul's Third Missionary Journey on his way to Jerusalem Paul stopped for about a week at (Alexandria) Troas (Acts 20:5-12). We will visit the ancient harbor, the excavation area and antique quarries. From there Paul walked by foot from Troas to Assos while his seven companions traveled by sea to Assos (Acts 20:13-14). We will drive on to enjoy time in the charming harbor town of Assos, before returning to the yacht for dinner and an evening of lectures.

June 14 Sunday Mytilene

This morning we have arrived at Mytilene Harbor on the island of Lesbos, one of the oldest cities of the world. After our breakfast onboard we will visit Mytilene, the excellent archaeological Museum, the Castle, the Old harbor and Paul's church. We will spend our time enjoying this wonderful island and then return to the yacht for lectures and dinner.

June 15 Monday Ephesus

While cruising overnight, we have arrived at the Turkish port city of Kusadasi. After our breakfast on board, we will enjoy a full day guided tour in Ephesus, the first of the Seven Churches. You will see the amazing ruins of this great city: the theater, the library, the Temple of Hadrian and the newly excavated Roman Terrace Houses. There is the same theatre where some 24,000 citizens of Ephesus gathered shouting "Great is Artemis!" in a riot started in response to Paul's ministry there. The apostle visited this city only briefly during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:18-21) but returned during his third missionary journey for a much longer period of two years and three months (Acts 19:1-20:1). Timothy later served as pastor in this city during which time Paul wrote him two letters (1 & 2 Timothy). Some years later Ephesus served as the home base for the apostle John's ministry from where he wrote a number of letters (1, 2, 3 John) and to which he sent the Book of Revelation. In addition to the ancient city, we will also visit the "slope houses" (the wealthiest homes in Ephesus that have been marvelously reconstructed). Also visit the Basilica of John and the Archaeology Museum. We will return back to the yacht for lectures and dinner.

June 16 Tuesday Patmos

After breakfast onboard we disembark in Patmos, an Aegean island in the north of Greece's Dodecanese island group, is a significant Christian pilgrimage site. Its Cave of the Apocalypse is where John of Patmos (St. John the Theologian) is said to have written the Book of Revelations. A fortress like, 11th-century monastery dedicated to the saint overlooks the whitewashed houses of the hilltop capital, Hora (also known as Chora). We will have a guided tour in Patmos. Visit the Cave of Revelation and the Basilica of John. We will return to the yacht for lectures and dinner.

June 17 Wednesday Athens

After cruising the Aegean Sea all night, this morning we find ourselves arrived back in Athens. After an early breakfast we bid farewell to the wonderful SEA CLOUD Yacht. We will disembark the cruise ship and spend the day enjoying a wonderful tour of Athens city. Our day begins at the world renowned Acropolis where we will visit the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheum. A propylaea is any monumental gateway in Greek architecture. The most dominant and most famous building on the Acropolis is the Parthenon (Temple to Athena) which is dedicated to the city's patron deity – Athena. Leaving the Acropolis we arrive at Mars Hill (site of the Aeropagus) where the apostle Paul stood before the city council members and declared, "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD" (Acts 17:22-23). From here we can view the Agora, the market place of Athens. Here too Paul addressed the people of Athens and reasoned with Athenians for Jesus being the Son of God (Acts 17:17). Paul probably spent the entire winter in Athens before he left for Corinth. Next is the New Acropolis Museum which showcases the statuary art, relief panels, vases and votive offering associated with the Acropolis. We end the day with a visit to the top of Filopappou Hill for a sunset view of the Acropolis. This hill is named after the burial monument of Filopappou, a respected Athenian who died in 116 AD. Portions of his monument remain giving us a glimpse of its original grandeur. We will enjoy a farewell dinner and overnight in our deluxe hotel in Athens.

June 18 Thursday

This morning we will say our goodbyes as we transfer to the Athens airport for departure. End of our services.



Mytilene, Greece



Basilica of St. John, Turkey



Alexander Troas, Turkey



Assos, Turkey



Philippi, Greece

LAND & CRUISE RATES:

Per Person in Double Occupancy

■ Cat A No.1 Luxury owner's cabin 38m ²	\$15,900
■ Cat A No.2 Luxury owner's cabin 34m ²	\$15,900
■ Cat B No.3 De luxe original cabin 24m ²	\$13,900
■ Cat B No.4 De luxe original cabin 22m ²	\$13,900
■ Cat B No.5 De luxe original cabin 20m ²	\$13,900
■ Cat B No.6 De luxe original cabin 18m ²	\$13,900
■ Cat B No.7 De luxe original cabin 24m ²	\$13,900
■ Cat B No.8 De luxe original cabin 25m ²	\$13,900
■ Cat C No.9 De luxe outside cabin 20m ²	\$13,500
■ Cat C No.10 De luxe outside cabin 18m ²	\$12,900
■ Cat 1 No.30-31 Double-bed cabin 13m ²	\$11,900
■ Cat 2 No.32-37 Twin-bed cabin 13m ²	\$11,900
■ Cat 3 No.18-25 Twin-bed cabin 12m ²	\$11,500
■ Cat 4 No.28-29 Twin-bed cabin 10m ²	\$9,900
■ Cat 5 No.14-17 Upper-/lower-bed cabin 9m ²	\$8,900

Single Supplement for this voyage is 100%.



PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

September 1, 2018	\$2,000	(refundable up to March 1, 2019)
March 1, 2019	\$3,000	(refundable up to July 1, 2019)
July 1, 2019	\$3,000	(refundable up to October 1, 2019)
October 1, 2019	Full Balance	(non-refundable)



INCLUDED:

- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- 1 Night at Superior First Class hotel in Athens
- 7 Nights at the Deluxe SeaDream Yacht
- 1 Night at Superior First Class hotel in Athens
- Escorted arrival transfer
- Guided Corinth visit
- All shore excursions during cruise
- Special Lectures
- Welcome Dinner
- All Breakfasts
- All Lunches
- All Dinners

NOT INCLUDED:

- Flights
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, emails & internet access



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