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# BY SEA & LAND: PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

MALTA • SICILY • ITALY

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“Greetings! Mary and I are excited to invite you to join our handcrafted adult “study” trip entitled Following Paul from Shipwreck on Malta to Martyrdom in Rome. We begin our tour on Malta where we will explore the bays where the shipwreck of Paul may have occurred as well as the Island of Malta. Mark Gatt, who discovered an anchor that may have been jettisoned from the ship that Paul was on, will guide us on land and on the water! Then, just as Paul left Malta, we will ferry to Sicily where we will spend a day and a half exploring the antiquities. From there, we will travel north to Pompeii where we will visit the well-preserved remains of the Roman town that was destroyed by the eruption of the volcano Vesuvius in AD 79. It has a lot to teach us about life in New Testament times! After exploring Puteoli, where Paul landed (*Acts 28:13*), we will head to Rome—following in the footsteps of Paul along the *via Appia*.

We will spend four and a half days exploring the wonderful archaeological and traditional sites of Rome—the place Paul was imprisoned twice, and eventually martyred (*as was Peter*). See the details below. I will be giving mini-lectures along the way both on the bus and at the sites. We will relate what we are seeing to the New Testament and the Early Christian Church. Thus, this is not a mere tour, but a hands-on experience as we study the New Testament and its Greco Roman background together! We invite you to join us on this unique, exciting, adventure! Contact us soon if you are interested ([2footstepstours@gmail.com](mailto:2footstepstours@gmail.com)).”

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Grand Harbor, Valletta, Malta

### Tour Itinerary:

**Apr 27 Wed Depart USA - Fly Malta (MLA)**

**Apr 28 Thu ARRIVE MALTA**

Arrival to Malta and transfer to the hotel, after check in please be ready at the lobby of our hotel at 13:00 to begin a half day (5 hours) guided tour. Go up to Upper Barakka Garden (photo stop) by lift. Visit St John's Cathedral St Paul's Shipwreck Church. Transfer back to hotel. Dinner & Overnight will be in Malta (D). 21:00 After dinner, we will have a lecture by Mark Gatt on the Shipwreck of Paul.

**Apr 29 Fri MALTA**

We will start at 07:30 Full day tour with English-speaking guide (up to 10 hours) by coach around the Island of Malta - the place where Paul was shipwrecked and where he spent three months before departing, as a prisoner, to Rome (*Acts 28:1, 11*). Transfer to **Bugibba Jetty**, meet Mark Gatt there, take a private luzzu\* (weather permitting). Visit **Salina Bay**, cruise around **St. Paul's island**. Walk up to the statue, take a few pictures, brief explanation why this place erroneously became the traditional shipwreck site. Ending a cruise tour at Bugibba. At 11:30 Visit the archeological excavations at **San Pawl Miqli** (please note that visitors with high heels and flip flops will not be admitted). After a free lunch time, we will be transferred to Rabat. We will visit **St. Paul's Grotto**, **St. Paul's Church**, and the **Domus Romana** (last admission at 16:30). At the end of the tour drive to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Malta (BD).



Pompeii

**Apr 30 Sat MALTA - FERRY TO POZZALLO - SYRACUSE - FERRY TO VILLA SAN GIOVANNI - REGGIO CALABRIA**

04:00 AM we will have a very early check-out and pick up (and boxed breakfast) in order to catch 05:00 ferry (VR-800). Transfer to ferry terminal including English-speaking representative, departure by ferry VR-800 to Pozzallo (Sicily). Upon our arrival, we will be met by our driver in Pozzallo and drive to **Syracuse** (66km, 1 h) and meet our guide, visit the **Archeological park Neapolis**, drive to Messina (162km, 2hrs). Take a ferry to Villa San Giovanni, meet our driver and move to Reggio Calabria, visit the **Museum of Magna Grecia** followed by the **Cathedral of Maria SS Asunta**. End of the tour we will drive back. Dinner and overnight in Reggio Calabria (B,D).

**May 1 Sun REGGIO CALABRIA - PAESTUM - POMPEII**

07:30 Breakfast at hotel and checkout. We will drive (5hrs) to Paestum. After free time for Lunch we will be visiting **The Paestum Archeological Park and Museum**. 17:00 Drive (1,30hrs) to Pompeii for dinner and overnight. (B,D).



Capua

**May 2 Mon POMPEII - HERCULANEUM**

07:30 After breakfast at our hotel, we will meet our guide at the hotel and start the guided visit (3hrs) of **Pompeii Archeological site**. At afternoon we will visit **Herculaneum**. At 19:30 Dinner and overnight in Pompeii. (B,D)

**May 3 Tue NAPLES - POZZUOLI**

07:30 After breakfast at our hotel, we will meet our driver at the hotel and move by bus (30 min) to Naples. Meet our guide at the entrance to the **Naples Archeological Museum** and start the visit (2hrs). At 11:00 Drive (30 min) to Pozzuoli and have a free time for lunch. 13:00 After lunch, begin to follow Paul from the **ancient port of Puteoli**, visiting the **Rione Terra**, **Temple of Serapis**, the **temple of Augustus** converted into a Christian cathedral, and the **amphitheater**. We will end the afternoon by tracing Paul's path out of the city towards Capua, passing ancient tombs and walking on part of the ancient road that still survives. 17:00 Drive back to Pompeii. 19:30 Dinner and overnight in Pompeii. (B,D)

**May 4 Wed CAPUA - MINTURNAE - FORMIA - TERRACINA**

07:30 Breakfast at our hotel and check-out. Meet our driver at the hotel and move (45min) to the **ancient Capua** (Santa Maria Capua Vetere) where Paul and his party joined the **Via Appia**. Visit the site and museum. 11:30 We will drive (1hrs) to Minturnae. 12:30 Free time for lunch. We will meet the local guide and visit the archeological site and the **Theatre of Minturnae**. We will



continue along Paul's route through the ancient towns of Formiae where we'll visit the **Tomb of Cicero**, then to Terracina where we'll visit the **ancient Roman Forum** (Emilius) and the **Temple of Jupiter Anxur**. We will dinner and overnight at the ancient **Forum of Appius** (Borgo Falti) where the Christians from Rome came to meet Paul. (B,D)

**MAY 5 Thu APPIA ANTICA - ROME**

08:00 Breakfast at our hotel and check out. Today we will follow the Via Appia north from the **Forum of Appius and Three Taverns**. We will then continue through Ariccia to the outskirts of Rome where we will walk another stretch of the Appian Way as it approaches Rome. After lunch we will visit **the Circus of Maxentius, the Catacombs of S. Domitilla and the church of Quo Vadis**. Our bus will then take us past the sites where Paul would have been handed over to the Roman authorities before checking into our hotel. 09:00 Depart from hotel Appio Mansio. Drive (1,15 hrs) through Ariccia and Frattocchie. 10:15 Coffee break / bathroom at the McDonald's [see the Roman road underneath]. Drive (15 min) to the beginning of the pedestrian area of the Appia Antica (41.834456, 12.540536). Walk (approx. 1 hrs) till the Appia Antica Caffè and have Lunch. At 13:00 Walk (10 min) to the to the Circus of Maxentius. At 13:45 Walk (20 min) to the Catacombs of St. Domitilla [visit Mausoleodelle Fosse Ardeatine along the way) Visit Catacombs. Then we will drive to the Quo Vadis church. Bus drives us past the church of S. Stefano Rotondo (no stop) and around the Castra Praetoria to our hotel. 19:30 Dinner and overnight in Rome (B,D)

**MAY 6 Fri THE VATICAN AND EARLY CHRISTIAN ROME**

07:30 Breakfast at our hotel. Meet our guide and driver and transfer to the Vatican City where we will begin with a tour of the famous **Vatican Museum**. We will concentrate our attention on the **Pio Christian Museum** of early Christian art and artifacts, but will also see some of the most famous rooms, statues, and of course the **Sistine Chapel**. We will exit the museum into **St. Peter's Basilica**, thought to be St. Peter's final resting place. 12:30 Lunch at leisure in Vatican area. From there we will cross the Tiber to visit the **ancient hippodrome** now preserved as the Piazza Navona, **the Pantheon**, as well as the more modern iconic **Trevi Fountain** and the Spanish Steps before ending at the **Ara Pacis and the Mausoleum of Augustus**. Transfer back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B,D)

**MAY 7 Sat IMPERIAL ROME**

09:00 After breakfast the local guide will take us on a full-day (5 hours) walking tour of the center of ancient Rome. In the morning we will visit the **Roman forum** and **Palatine hill**, as well as the **Mamertine prison**. At 12:00 Lunch by our own and then we will walk by the imperial forum to visit the **Colosseum** and **Arch of Constantine**. At the end of the guided tour we will be transferred to our hotel. 19:30 Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B,D)

**May 8 Sun OSTIA**

07:30 Breakfast at our hotel. Meet our guide at the hotel and move by public transportation to Ostia. 09:30 Visit the **archeological site of the Ancient Ostia**. 12:30 End of the guided tour and go back Rome by public transportation. The rest of the day is free. 19:30 Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B,D)

**MAY 9 Mon ROME OF THE MARTYRS**

07:30 Breakfast at our hotel. 09:00 On our last day in Rome our bus will take us on a full day guided tour of **early Christian sites**. First, we will trace the final days of St. Paul, visiting **the Basilica of St. Paul** Outside the Walls where he was purportedly executed and buried and the church of **Tre Fontane**. 13:00 After lunch, we will also visit **the Basilica and early baptistry of St. John Lateran**, the early church and **tomb of Santa Costanza** (h 15:00), and the **Milvian Bridge** where Constantine's famous victory took place. 19:30 Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B,D)

**May 10 Tue ROME AIRPORT - FLY BACK**

Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Transfer by private bus to the Fiumicino airport. Depart home. End of the tour.

## TOUR MAP

## LAND & AIR

<b>\$5,990</b>	<b>Per Person in Double Room</b>
<b>\$1,090</b>	<b>Single Room Supplement</b>

## INCLUDING

- Roundtrip to international flights between any of the eight listed US cities (*New York JFK, Boston, Washington DC, Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago*)
- 2 nights stay in [Malta Hotel Cavalieri](#) or similar;
- 1 night stay in [Reggio Calabria Hotel Continental](#) or similar;
- 3 nights stay in Pompeii, [Hotel Forum](#) or similar;
- 1 night stay in Terracina area, [Hotel Appio Mansio](#) or similar;
- 5 nights stay in Rome, [Best Western Hotel Universo](#) or similar;
- Daily open buffet breakfasts
- 12 dinners;
- Transportation by private bus according program;
- Ferry tickets Malta / Pozzallo and Messina / Villa San Giovanni;
- English-speaking assistant for transfer from the hotel to the port in Malta; all over Sicily; for transfers between cities: Reggio Calabria / Pompeii / Pozzuoli / Rome.
- English-speaking guide minimum 2 hours - maximum 10 hours per day according program.
- Entrance fees to the sites and museums according program;
- Meeting room for 1 hour in Malta;
- Whisper Headsets in Italy for 10 days;
- City taxes in Malta and in Italy.

## EXCLUDING

- Lunches and drinks
- Tips to drivers and guides
- Travel and medical insurance
- Porterage
- Other services not included above



## COVID-19 entry requirements to MALTA & ITALY:

You may check Covid-19 rules the following link before entering Malta and Italy.

- MALTA: <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/health-promotion/covid-19/Pages/travel.aspx>
- ITALY: [https://infocovid.viaggiasesicuri.it/index\\_en.html](https://infocovid.viaggiasesicuri.it/index_en.html)

## PAYMENT PROCEDURE:

**1- Payment Date : March 15, 2022**

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- 29-15 days prior to departure : 75%
- 14 days & After : No refund

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