



# A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO GREECE

In the Footsteps of St. Paul & the Early Christians

*Including a Greek Isle Cruise*

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# AN INVITATION TO JOIN US

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*Fr. Felix Just, SJ*

Dear Friends -

We invite you to join us on a pilgrimage to Greece, the cradle of Western Civilization and an important center of the early Christian movement. Our journey will take us to some of the most historic cities on the Greek mainland associated with the ministry of the Apostle Paul and his associates (such as Philippi, Thessalonica, Corinth, and Athens). We'll also enjoy a 4-day/3-night cruise on the Aegean Sea to some of the most beautiful Greek Isles and sites of the ministry of Paul and John, including Ephesus, on the West coast of Turkey, and the islands of Patmos and Crete.



*Gail Gresser*

The focus of our pilgrimage is the Spirit-filled life and work of St. Paul and his community of missionary co-workers – Timothy, Titus, Silas, Lydia, Priscilla and Aquila, Phoebe, and many others. We will learn the historical context of the spread of the Gospel of Jesus as we explore the remains of Greek temples, visit sacred and public sites, and recall the lives and teachings of ancient Greek philosophers. We'll also delight in discovering the natural beauty, the rich Christian spirituality, and the warm friendliness of modern Greece.

As a pilgrim community, we'll have the opportunity to learn together more about scripture, history, and architecture, so that we can reflect more deeply on the power of the Gospel as it was first heard in this land. We'll also have time for prayer (including daily Mass) and for some fun and leisure. We hope the itinerary below gives you a helpful overview of what awaits you on this journey.

Space is very limited, so we recommend that you send in your registration very soon.

We hope you can join us for this unforgettable experience!

Your fellow-pilgrims and spiritual guides,

Fr. Felix Just, SJ and Gail Gresser

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## OUR DAILY ITINERARY

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### **Day 1, Thursday, April 3: Depart the USA**

We depart Los Angeles en route to Thessaloniki with complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

### **Day 2, Friday, April 4: Arrive Thessaloniki**

We arrive at the Thessaloniki airport in the evening. We meet our Catholic Travel representative and transfer to our hotel. Dinner is included at our hotel (D).

### **Day 3, Saturday, April 5: Thessaloniki: Excursion to Philippi and Kavala**

After breakfast, we set out to Philippi, an ancient city built on the Via Egnatia, the Roman road between Rome and Byzantium (today's Istanbul). In Philippi, Paul preached on European soil for the first time, helping develop a vibrant church there. The New Testament records Paul's visits to the city during his

second missionary journey (AD 49 or 50) and on two other occasions in the mid 50's. He later sent at least one letter to the community. Of all the churches Paul founded, probably none was so dear to him as the one in Philippi (Acts 16:9-33).

We celebrate **Mass** together near the river where St. Lydia is thought to have been baptized by Paul. The first person known to have been baptized in Europe, Lydia brought about the conversion of all her household and provided lodging and support for Paul and his co-missionaries (Acts 16:13-15).

We also visit the ruins of a prison where Paul and Silas were held (Acts 16:23-40), the Agora (with its Theater), and a 5th century Basilica. We continue on to the nearby port of Kavala (Neapolis in Acts 16:11) for a late lunch on the seaside. We return to our hotel in Thessaloniki for dinner on our own this evening. (B, L)

#### **Day 4, Sunday, April 6: Thessaloniki: Visit of the city**

After breakfast, we join with the local Catholic community at Holy Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to celebrate **Sunday Mass**. We then explore the ancient city of Thessaloniki (Thessalonica), founded around 315 BC by King Cassander of Macedon and named after his wife Thessaloniki, a half-sister of Alexander the Great. At the time of Paul's arrival, Thessaloniki had a population of about 200,000 people and served as an important economic and political hub of the Roman Empire.

Around AD 50 Paul, Silas, and Timothy spoke at the city's chief synagogue and sowed the seeds for Thessaloniki's first Christian church, made up of Jews and Gentiles. The Christian missionaries were eventually expelled from Thessaloniki, but Paul wrote two letters to the new Thessalonian church, probably around AD 51.

We visit the Greek Orthodox Church of Saint Demetrius, named for a 4<sup>th</sup> century Thessalonian Christian martyr, as well the Church of Hagia Sophia, dating from the 8<sup>th</sup> century. It is one of the oldest standing churches in Thessaloniki and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We take time for lunch on our own and to enjoy watching the life of the city at Aristotelous Square, viewing the Rotunda of Galerius, used as a church for over 1200 years, and the Arch of Galerius built in AD 298-299. This evening, dinner is included at our hotel. (B, D)

#### **Day 5, Monday, April 7: Thessaloniki / Veria / Vergina / Kalambaka**

After breakfast and checkout this morning, we celebrate **Mass** at a local Catholic church. Then we travel to Veria (Berea), a major place of worship for 1<sup>st</sup> century Romans. It was also home to a Jewish community where Paul and Silas went after leaving Thessalonica (Acts 17:10-15), before facing resistance once again.

After lunch on our own, we travel to Vergina and the Museum of the Royal Tombs, containing the burial cluster of Philip II of Macedon – another UNESCO World Heritage Site. After our visit, we continue to Kalambaka, where we check in to our hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

#### **Day 6, Tuesday, April 8: Kalambaka: Visit of the Meteora Monasteries**

Today we visit the breathtaking Greek Orthodox monasteries of Meteora. Derived from the Greek word *meteorizome*, meaning “to hang in the air,” the structures seem to do just that. The complex of monasteries, built in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries, still houses monks and is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, home of superb icons, old manuscripts, and unique spiritual mosaics and frescoes. After our visit to two of the monasteries, we have time for lunch on our own and to explore the village. We bring the experiences of the day with us as we gather before dinner for **Mass** at our hotel. (B, D)

#### **Day 7, Wednesday, April 9: Kalambaka / Delphi / Athens**

This morning, after breakfast and checkout, we depart for Athens, stopping first at Delphi, one of the most significant religious sanctuaries of the ancient Greek world, considered home to the god Apollo and the most famous oracle of antiquity. The oracle, always a woman over 50 who abandoned normal life, lived in seclusion in Delphi to be able to serve the many who came to seek spiritual guidance. After our visit, we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, before continuing on to our hotel in Athens for check-in and dinner. **Mass** will be celebrated tonight in our hotel. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 8, Thursday, April 10: Athens: Visit of the Agora & Parthenon Athens: City Tour**

After breakfast, we celebrate **Mass** at the Cathedral of St. Dionysius, named for the patron saint of Athens – a judge who was converted by Paul (Acts 17:34) and later became bishop. We enjoy a tour of the ancient city of Athens, visiting the Acropolis, the Parthenon, Hadrian's Arch, and the Temple of Zeus.

We walk to Plaka for lunch on our own and some time for shopping. In the afternoon we visit the Agora, where Paul preached to the Athenians. According to the Acts of the Apostles (17:16-34), while he was waiting for his companions Silas and Timothy to arrive, Paul was distressed to see Athens full of idols. His sermon at the Areopagus, the high court in Athens, is the most dramatic and most fully reported oration of his missionary career. We return to our hotel for dinner and the rest of the evening. (B, D)

#### **Day 9, Friday, April 11: Port of Lavrio / Mykonos**

After breakfast and checkout, we transfer to the port of Lavrio, where we board our awaiting ship. Lunch is served on board. Our cruise this afternoon will take us to the island of Mykonos. We celebrate our **Mass** today on the ship, remembering the journeys of Paul. Upon arrival in Mykonos, we are free to explore this picturesque island. Our dinner is aboard our ship. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 10: Saturday, April 12: Cruise: Kusadasi / Ephesus / Patmos**

This morning we dock at Kusadasi, Turkey, where we board our motor coach for an included shore excursion to Ephesus. In ancient times, Ephesus was the capital of the Province of Asia [Minor], a very large city with a major harbor. Silt from the local rivers has placed today's shoreline more than four miles west of where it was in Roman times.

St. Paul lived in Ephesus around 53-56 AD. While here, he wrote letters to Galatia, Philippi, Corinth, and other early Christian churches. On our shore excursion, we visit the great theatre where St. Paul addressed the crowds (Acts 19:29) and the site of the riot from which

Paul escaped. We also visit the ruins of an early 4th century Christian church with a baptistry and bishop's residence. Named the Church of the Virgin Mary, it was the site of the AD 431 Third Ecumenical Council, which named Mary "Theotokos", that is, "God-bearer" or "Mother of God."

Early Christian tradition identified John the Apostle with Ephesus. We visit the Basilica of St. John, built by Justinian in the 6th century, which houses the tomb of St. John. Christian tradition has also associated Ephesus with Mary, mother of Jesus, being cared for by John, "the disciple whom he loved" (John 19:26). We visit the peaceful House of Virgin Mary, believed to be her last residence, sacred to both Christians and Muslims. Here we celebrate **Mass**.

We return to our ship for lunch and continue our journey to Patmos, often called the Jerusalem of the Aegean. On our included shore excursion we visit the island's Monastery of St. John, dating from the 11th century, and the grotto where tradition says John wrote the Book of Revelation. Back on board our ship, dinner is served. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 11: Sunday, April 13: Cruise: Crete and Santorini**

Early this morning we arrive in Crete, where Paul stopped and visited before his death. Titus, a Gentile (Galatians 2:3) who was led to faith in Christ by Paul, was placed by Paul in charge of the church he founded here (Titus 1:12). We can explore the island on our own or purchase a shore excursion on board. Our **Palm Sunday Mass** will be celebrated on the ship. After lunch on board, we continue on to the port of

Santorini, where we have some time on our own to explore this scenic island. Dinner is served on board. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 12: Monday, April 14: Disembark: Port of Lavrio / Corinth / Athens**

We arrive in port early this morning to find our motor coach waiting for us. From here, we travel to Corinth, where Paul spent at least 18 months preaching to the Jews and Gentiles and working with the missionary couple Priscilla and Aquila (Acts 18:1-28). The site of the lower city is overlooked by an Acropolis ("upper city"), which houses the remains of the Temple of Aphrodite, goddess of love. Paul's trial by Gallio took place in the Agora (the city's central market). The Christian community in Corinth was dear to Paul, but also caused him much grief and prompted him to write at least four letters. We celebrate an outdoor

**Mass** in the Agora, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. On our way back to Athens, we stop briefly at nearby Cenchrrea, site of a vibrant early church, where Paul's trusted co-minister Phoebe was a leader. We continue to Athens and check in to our hotel, where we enjoy our farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 13: Tuesday, April 15: Return to the USA**

Very early we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the USA.

**Note:** *While no changes are anticipated, there might be occasions when it becomes necessary to make certain alterations to this itinerary.*



# Pricing & Registration Information: Tour Number 25-020-0403

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Registrations are processed in the order received and many groups fill up quickly, so please register soon. A waiting list will begin after the trip is full. Deadline for initial registration is **August 31, 2024**. To attempt to register after this date, inquire first to learn if any space is still available.

**Online registration is not available at this time.**

To make your reservation, complete the Registration Form included in this PDF document and submit your \$1,000 per person deposit, **mailed** to the address shown on the bottom of the Registration Form. CTC will send your invoice via postal mail within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure, by **December 4, 2024**.

**TRAVEL PACKAGES:** We offer two types of tour packages and two forms of payment:

## Packages

- 1) Full Package (including airfare)
- 2) Land Only Package (travelers make their own airline arrangements).

## Payment

- 1) Discount Price (payment by check or money order)
- 2) Standard Price (payment by credit or debit card).

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. "A very limited number of single rooms and cabins may be available upon request, but *cannot be ensured*."

**CASH DISCOUNT PRICE** (payable by check or money order)

**Full Package:** \$5,099 from Los Angeles (LAX); plus cruise port taxes & fuel surcharges of \$175 and tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$5,469

**Land Only Package:** \$4,099; plus cruise port taxes & fuel surcharges of \$175 and tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$4,469

**STANDARD PRICE** (payable by credit or debit card)

**Full Package:** \$5,398 from Los Angeles (LAX); plus cruise port taxes & fuel surcharges of \$175 and tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$5,768

**Land Only Package:** \$4,398; plus cruise port taxes & fuel surcharges of \$175 and tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$4,768

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT:** \$1,195

**YOUR PRICE INCLUDES:** Airfare based on non-refundable, restricted economy class group fares only on regularly scheduled IATA carrier from Los Angeles (LAX) airport; first class hotels or best available accommodations (all with private facilities); category XB outside cabins on the cruise; sightseeing; two shore excursions, meals per itinerary (B, L, D); all gratuities; and is based on a minimum of 30 fully paying passengers. Please see the Registration Form and Terms & Conditions for more details.

**HOLY LAND 2024 VOUCHER:** If you were registered to travel to the Holy Land in 2024 and received your \$500 travel voucher, please enclose the voucher when mailing your completed registration form and initial deposit. Your voucher amount will appear on your invoice as a credit toward your final balance due; voucher cannot be applied toward your initial registration deposit.

**GRATUITIES:** Tips are included for restaurants, hotel porters, motor coach drivers, local guides and your tour manager.

## NOTICE ON ETIAS (European Travel Information and Authorization System)

The European Union plans to implement ETIAS Travel Authorization for U.S. Citizens wishing to enter a member country of the European Union (*Greece included*). At the time of creating this brochure, the start date for this ETIAS program was not available. Catholic Travel Centre will continue to monitor the situation and advise passengers accordingly. Passengers will be responsible for securing and paying for their own ETIAS Authorization online (about \$10 per person) once the program officially begins.

**HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of this brochure for guidance on documentation requirements.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Once CTC processes your initial registration deposit, you will receive an email with information on suggested travel insurance providers. CTC strongly suggests the purchase of travel insurance to help protect your investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits for pre-existing conditions, cancel for any reason or for other coverages, we encourage you to do your research and consider purchasing optional travel insurance soon after making your initial tour registration deposit with CTC.

**AIRLINE DEVIATIONS, SEATING, UPGRADES, AND FREQUENT FLYER BOOKINGS:** Deviations from the group flight itinerary, specific seat assignments, seat upgrades, and bookings using "frequent flyer" program points are not possible within the terms of our group airline contract. If these items are important to you, we advise you register for the "Land Only" package.

**WALKING:** Please note, this journey involves considerable walking on cobblestone streets and uneven pavement and requires being on your feet more than usual. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this pilgrimage to its fullest.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Any payments made by a Traveler or on behalf of the Traveler ("Traveler", "you") to Catholic Travel Centre (CTC) toward any CTC tour shall constitute acceptance of all Terms & Conditions provided herein.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** All payments shall be made on the dates indicated in the payment schedule, noted in the Registration Information section. Late payments are subject to a non-refundable \$150 fee, and may result in cancellation. A Traveler registering within 120 days prior to departure must provide full payment by cashier check, plus a non-refundable late registration \$150 fee. CTC reserves the right to cancel registrations not paid in full 105 days prior to tour departure and to charge fees per the Cancellation Policy. A non-refundable \$75 fee is charged on all returned payments. Travelers agree not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip before contacting CTC first to resolve their concerns. CTC retains the right to dispute any chargeback that is improper and recover any costs, including attorney's fees related to improper chargebacks. Additionally, in the event of an improper chargeback, CTC retains the right to cancel any travel reservation related to that improper chargeback NOTE: Credit card charges will not show as "travel expense" on your credit card statement, but will appear as "specialty services", "shopping" or another designation.

**CHANGES IN PACKAGE:** After initial invoicing, changes from the air inclusive package ("Full Package") to "Land Only" or vice versa are subject to a non-refundable \$75 per person per change fee. Changes must be requested in writing to CTC at least 130 days prior to departure date (subject to availability). Late requests to change the package may not be accommodated.

**CHANGES IN FORM OF PAYMENT:** To change from Cash Discount to Standard pricing, the difference between prices plus an additional \$75 fee applies. After a Traveler's credit card has been charged for any portion of the tour, s/he is ineligible for the Cash Discount Price.

**PARTIAL PACKAGES NOT AVAILABLE:** Tour Packages are offered as described in this brochure, at the stated price. Partial package purchase is not available.

**INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION POLICY:** CTC's cancellation policy is in effect upon first payment toward any CTC tour. A Traveler's cancellation must be provided in writing either by email, fax, or registered mail to CTC. The cancellation by the Traveler is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. The Traveler forfeits the following fees to CTC based on the date of cancellation notice: anytime up to 120 days prior to departure, \$500 fee; 119 to 90 days prior to departure, \$500 fee plus 25% of Land Cost (all costs except airfare and related taxes, fees, surcharges); 89 to 60 days prior to departure, \$500 fee plus 50% of Land Cost plus the full cost of all of the Traveler's airline travel (including airfare and related taxes, fees, surcharges); 59 days or fewer, all payments by Traveler made to CTC are forfeited, and there are no refunds. In event of individual cancellation, no name changes or substitutions are permitted. **No shows:** Passengers who do not show up for the group's departing flight (or land only passengers who do not show for first hotel night) will be considered as tour cancellations: their airline and/or hotel reservations will automatically be cancelled and cannot be reinstated.

**PRICES:** If the group does not reach the size advertised, the price or programming will be adjusted accordingly. Pricing is based on exchange rates and fares applicable at the time of quotation and is subject to change. Fuel surcharges are subject to increase up to 30 days prior to departure.

**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required of all U.S. citizen passengers. Travelers of other nationalities should inquire with the appropriate embassies, and such Travelers are responsible for securing their own visas if required in addition to their valid passport. Travelers' passports must be valid for six (6) months following the return date of the trip. CTC expressly denies any responsibility for any losses incurred due to insufficient validity of a Traveler's passport.

**HEALTH & MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The Traveler is responsible for identifying and securing any health/medical related documentation required by the airlines and/or countries visited on the itinerary, and CTC bears no responsibility for the passenger not providing the required documentation. If a country requires proof of COVID vaccination and/or a negative COVID test, it is the responsibility of the passenger to secure such documentation within the required timeframe as a condition for joining this tour.

The Traveler agrees not to hold CTC, our suppliers, or the group leaders responsible should they contract any illness during or after their travel. It is highly recommended Travelers be medically healthy and physically capable of significant walking. CTC tours involve international travel to foreign countries that have different standards of accessibility than U.S. law. Transportation services, which are provided by third parties, as well as visited sites and accommodations, which are not owned, leased, or controlled by CTC, may not be compliant with accessibility standards required by U.S. law. CTC cannot guarantee wheelchair,

motorized scooter, or walker accessibility during a trip and does not provide individual assistance to Travelers. If a Traveler requires special individual assistance, the Traveler, not CTC, is responsible for bringing and paying for a capable companion willing to assist the Traveler. CTC assumes no responsibility for Travelers' inability to fully participate in the tour, nor does CTC provide any refund for non-participation in any part of the tour.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** CTC strongly suggests the purchase of Travel Insurance to help protect Travelers' investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Travel Insurance is encouraged because CTC strictly adheres to our Cancellation Policy. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits for pre-existing conditions, cancel for any reason or for other coverages, we encourage you to do your research and consider purchasing optional travel insurance soon after making your initial tour registration deposit with CTC. CTC is not qualified to answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, and conditions of travel insurance plans. CTC cannot evaluate the adequacy of the prospective insured's existing insurance coverage. If you have any questions about your travel protection, call your insurer or insurance agent or broker. Declining to purchase an adequate travel protection plan could result in the loss of your travel cost and/or require more money to correct the situation. You also acknowledge that without this coverage, there may be no way to recoup any losses, costs, or expenses incurred. If you choose to travel without adequate coverage, CTC will not be liable for any of your losses howsoever arising, for which trip protection plan coverage would otherwise have been available.

**STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES' ADVISORIES:** The State Department ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)), the Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)), and other government departments and agencies may issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations visited on tour, and such advisories or warnings may even be in effect at the time of your registration for this tour. Should you choose to travel to a country that has been issued a travel warning or advisory, CTC will not be liable for damages or losses that result from travel to such destinations. CTC cannot change its Cancellation Policy or Terms & Conditions based on any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health, pandemic, or other incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties remain in full force and effect. It is your responsibility to be aware of any and all requirements for admittance to a country or state, including COVID-19 requirements. Certain countries have a requirement for foreign visitors to have valid medical insurance on entry. CTC cannot be held responsible for denied entry if the Traveler is unable to provide details to authorities of insurance or denial of entry for any reason.

**ITINERARY:** The itinerary presented in this brochure represents what CTC is planning for this trip; however, the itinerary is subject to final confirmations and changes in local schedules. While no changes are anticipated, CTC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to change the itinerary, as it deems necessary or advisable. CTC is not responsible for costs or fees related to itinerary changes necessitated by changes in an airline's schedule or other arrangements not made through CTC.

**FINAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Travelers receive travel documents by email approximately two weeks prior to departure. Bulk items such as luggage and names tags will be shipped by CTC to group leaders for distribution.

**ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS:** Accommodations are based on double/twin rooms with private bathroom facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available and are subject to a single room supplement fee. If no roommate is available for you, or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single room supplement surcharge applies. Triple rooms are not always available and are discouraged because of cramped quarters; no price reduction for triple rooms. Meals are either menu of the day or buffet. Included meals are as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** All airline tickets are round-trip economy class and non-refundable unless specifically stated. Any cancellation, itinerary change, or failure to use confirmed space is subject to penalties and/or fees levied by the airline at the time of ticketing. Airfare, airline carrier, and airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Airline fees and fuel or security fee surcharges (if any) occurring after the date of brochure publication are the responsibility of the Traveler.

**AIRLINE DEVIATIONS, SEATING, UPGRADES & FREQUENT FLYER BOOKINGS:** The following are not possible within the terms of CTC's group airline contract: specific seat assignments, seat upgrades, services deviating from the group itinerary, booking using frequent flyer points and airline credit. If these items are important to you, CTC advises you to register for the "Land Only" package. Additionally, CTC does not record Traveler frequent flyer numbers, TSA numbers, or Global Entry numbers. Passengers must submit this information on their own at the airport at the time of check-in.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

**LAND ONLY PASSENGERS:** Travelers arranging their own airline ticket must meet the group at the first hotel of the itinerary.

**BAGGAGE & PORTERAGE:** Baggage is at Traveler's risk. Traveler should confirm the checked and carry-on baggage specifications with the air carrier specified in Final Travel Documents. Any checked baggage fees, if applicable, are not included in the tour price. Checked baggage is limited to one bag per person (subject to change by airline) and must adhere to airline specifications. Porterage for one piece of luggage is included at hotels; no porterage at airports.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:** Passports, visas, meals and beverages not mentioned, extras beyond standard menu, baggage fees, telephone calls, laundry, medical tests, and other items not explicitly stated as included.

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**PARTICIPATION:** CTC reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any Traveler on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such Traveler as being detrimental to the tour. No refunds shall be made for any unused portion of the tour in this instance, and any expenses related to early return home are the sole responsibility of the traveler. Traveler agrees to and shall indemnify and hold harmless CTC, and each of our officers, directors, employees and agents (collectively "CTC"), from any expenses, losses, liabilities, damages, judgments, settlements, and costs (collectively, "damages") involved with or incurred by CTC (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and the advancement of same) with respect to any claims, law suits, arbitrations, or other causes of action, which result, directly or indirectly, from: (i) traveler's breach or violation, or threatened breach or violation, of this Agreement and (ii) Any damage caused by traveler while participating in the trip.

**UNUSED SERVICES:** There is no right to a refund for any unused services, including airline tickets.

**LIABILITY DISCLAIMER:** CTC hereby expressly disclaims any and all liability for any personal injury, property damage, loss of baggage, accident, delay or irregularity, any claim for special or consequential damages, or any other loss that may be occasioned by the acts and/or omissions, whether negligent, wrongful, or intentional of any air carrier, hotel/motel, or other lodging operator, railroad operator, bus operator, public transportation, sea carrier, local sightseeing company, tour operator, tour leader, or spiritual director, any employees thereof, or for any other entity or individual not under the direct supervision and control of CTC when engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. CTC further disclaims any liability for any damages, losses, or expenses incurred, or inconvenience caused, due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults, over-booking of hotels or airlines, sickness, weather, strikes, quarantines, acts of terrorism, construction, war, pandemic, force majeure, or other such events that are beyond CTC's control. CTC likewise disclaims any liability for statements, actions, or inactions of any intermediary agents, such as group administrators, spiritual directors, tour leaders, travel agents, or any other intermediary involved with the selling, promotion, or operation of CTC's tours. Furthermore, to the fullest extent permitted by law, CTC disclaims any liability for any damages or injuries, or other losses whatsoever, sustained or incurred as a result of the negligence of CTC. Group administrators, spiritual leaders, and tour leaders likewise expressly disclaim any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above entities and/or individuals not directly under their supervision or control. Please be advised that the liability of carriers as well as providers of hotel and lodging accommodations is limited by law, and Travelers may thus wish to consider purchasing a Travel Protection plan and/or additional insurance to protect themselves against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In no event shall CTC's liability exceed the amounts paid by the Traveler for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in this brochure. In the event the tour leader and/or spiritual director named in a brochure or itinerary does not travel with the group and a substitute is not named therein, CTC reserves the right to make substitutions of its choosing for such person(s). CTC is not responsible for any misquotations contained in this brochure or other accompanying documentations, and the contents therein may be changed at any time without notice and at CTC's sole discretion.

**GROUP COORDINATOR/SPIRITUAL LEADER:** The group coordinator and/or spiritual leader is not an employee, agent, or contractor of CTC. Statements made by group coordinator and/or spiritual leader are not binding on CTC, and we will not be liable for their actions, words or promises.

**CANCELLATION BY GROUP COORDINATOR/SPIRITUAL LEADER:** As CTC does not plan trips for individuals, a cancellation by the Group Coordinator and/or Spiritual Leader effectively cancels the trip for all individuals booked on that trip. The cancellation by the Group Coordinator and/or Spiritual Leader is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. CTC will not be liable for any losses or expenses incurred due to the cancellation or alteration of the tour by your group coordinator and/or spiritual leader and you shall forfeit your \$500 per person non-refundable operational fee in the event of any such cancellation.

**CANCELLATION BY THE SUPPLIER:** CTC will inform you as soon as reasonably possible if a supplier needs to cancel. CTC will also liaise between you and the supplier in relation to any alternative arrangements offered by the supplier, but CTC will have no further liability to you.

**CANCELLATION BY CTC:** CTC reserves the right to cancel any tour if the minimum number of travelers is not met. In such event, CTC shall refund all amounts paid by Traveler.

**CANCELLATION BEYOND CTC'S CONTROL:** CTC disclaims any responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred due to cancellation or alteration of the tour resulting from, but not limited to: travel advisories or warnings issued by the State Department or any other relevant authority, acts of war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disasters, pandemic, or any other circumstance beyond CTC's control. In such case, CTC will assist Travelers in requesting refunds for all land and air services not received by the Traveler, less a non-refundable operational fee of \$500 per person, that covers all trip planning and refund processing. CTC shall not be responsible for any non-recoverable amounts disbursed to service providers on a Traveler's behalf. Suppliers may choose to provide a travel voucher or credit in lieu of refund. CTC is not responsible for a supplier's failure to pay a refund or for supplier bankruptcy or insolvency.

**POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION:** CTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam or other veteran in the provision of its tour and pilgrimage services.

**CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY REGISTERED SELLER:** Catholic Travel Centre is a registered Seller of Travel in the State of California: CST#: 2018667-40. "Registration as a Seller of Travel does not constitute approval by the State of California." Section 17550.24(f). CTC subscribes to the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. Non-residents of California are not eligible to make claims to this fund. A claim must be submitted to the TCRF within 12 months after the scheduled completion date of travel. For more information, visit [www.tcrfinfo.org](http://www.tcrfinfo.org). In accordance with California law, CTC has a trust account to protect Traveler's purchase money.

**FLORIDA SELLER OF TRAVEL:** Fla. Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST43075.

**JURISDICTION/VENUE/CLASS ACTION WAIVER/LIMITATION OF DAMAGES/ NOTICE OF CLAIM:** These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. Any dispute arising from the contract shall be litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Los Angeles. You agree you will only bring claims against CTC in your individual capacity and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class action or representative proceeding. CTC shall not in any case be liable for other than compensatory damages, and your payment of a deposit on a trip means you agree to these conditions of sale and expressly waive any right to punitive damages. You understand and agree no claims will be considered and you will not bring suit against CTC unless you have first provided a typewritten notice of claim to CTC within 30 days after the trip or cancellation of the trip.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS CHANGES:** Changes in any of the Terms & Conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTC.

**FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY:** Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where the passenger is not at fault and has not canceled in violation of any terms and conditions previously clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger, all sums paid to CTC for services not provided will be promptly paid to the passenger, unless the passenger advises the CTC in writing, after cancellation. This provision does not apply where CTC has remitted the payment to another registered wholesale seller of travel or a carrier, without obtaining a refund, and where the wholesaler or provider defaults in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service. In this situation, CTC must provide the passenger with a written statement accompanied by bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a wholesale seller of travel, proof of current registration of that wholesaler.



# A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO GREECE

April 3 to 15, 2025 • Tour #: 25-020-0403 • Group Name: JUST GRESSER

**\*\*If any section below is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage\*\***

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please print in **BLOCK LETTERS** your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name **as they appear on your PASSPORT:**

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

How would you like your first name to appear on your nametag?

Email *(Forms submitted without email address cannot be processed)*

Date of Birth

Gender

Street Address

Apt

City

State

Zip

Home Tel

Mobile Tel

## 2. PASSPORT INFORMATION

Will you hold a U.S. Passport at the time of travel? (Yes / No)

If "no," what nationality?

**You must select one of the two choices below:**

- I have enclosed a copy of the photo page of my passport showing my name, passport number and expiration date.
- I understand I must submit a copy of the photo page of my passport 90 days or more prior to departure.

*Note: Catholic Travel Centre is not liable for passports expiring within 180 days of the return date of the pilgrimage.*

## 3. ROOMING INFORMATION

**You must select one of the three choices below:**

- I wish to room with: (enter name)
- Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.
- I am requesting a single room at a supplement of \$1,195. I acknowledge that there is a very limited number of single rooms, that one may not be available for me, and that the Pilgrimage leaders will communicate with me about my request."

## 4. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration Deposit: \$1,000 by August 31, 2024

Final Payment: by December 4, 2024

**You must select one of the four choices below:**

### DISCOUNT PRICE

\$1,000 deposit & balance paid by check or money order.

Make check payable to Catholic Travel Centre.

- FULL PACKAGE:** \$5,099 from Los Angeles (LAX); plus cruise port taxes & fuel surcharges of \$175 and tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$5,469.**
- LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$4,099 plus cruise port taxes & fuel surcharges of \$175 and tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$4,469.** I agree to meet the group at the hotel in Thessaloniki.

### STANDARD PRICE

\$1,000 deposit and payment by credit or debit card.

Please fill in your credit /debit card information below.

- FULL PACKAGE:** \$5,398 from Los Angeles (LAX); plus cruise port taxes & fuel surcharges of \$175 and tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$5,768.**
- LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$4,398 plus plus cruise port taxes & fuel surcharges of \$175 and tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$4,768.** I agree to meet the group at the hotel in Thessaloniki.

### CREDIT / DEBIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the Standard Price amount to my credit or debit card (\$1,000 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to my card per the invoice due date).

**I agree to the terms and conditions and cancellation terms attached here.**

VISA

MASTERCARD

Card Number

Exp. Date

Name as it appears on credit card

Signature

Date

Office Use Only:

**Please complete one registration form per person (couples, submit two separate forms).**

**If any section above is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage.**

Enclosed please find my \$1,000 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure, including information related to pricing and cancellations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this form with your deposit payable to Catholic Travel Centre to:**

**4444 W. Riverside Drive, Suite 301, Burbank, CA 91505**

*Further information and invoice will be sent within two weeks of receipt of your registration and deposit.*