

JM CRUISE – ATLAS WORLD TRAVELLER
JULY 5 – 15, 2024

Day 1 ~ FRI, 05JUL24

Departure from USA

USA / EN ROUTE

Day 2 ~ SAT, 06JUL24

Arrivals to ATH

Registration

ARRIVAL / ATHENS

Overnight: Hotel Grande Bretagne

Day 3 ~ SUN, 07JUL24

Athens tour:

Walking tour of The Acropolis, Mars Hill and the ancient Greek agora

- Free time in the area for lunch and shopping or return to hotel
- Special Welcome Dinner “with a view”

ATHENS

Overnight: Hotel Grande Bretagne

Day 4 ~ MON, 08JUL24

Check out and early morning departure to Corinth.

ATHENS / CORINTH / EMBARKATION

Begin the day departing Athens, driving to the Corinth Canal, a narrow neck of land that connects the Peloponnese peninsula with mainland Greece. The manmade Isthmus of Corinth is a great mechanical achievement. Learn about the ambitious proposition of the ruler of Corinth, Periander, conceived the initial idea 2600 years ago, however, its construction began in 1882. Next, arrive to the Ancient City of Corinth. Ancient Corinth was flourishing by the 1st century CE and became an important administrative and trade center. Visit the Church of Apostle Paul, the patron saint of the Corinthians who spent two years in Corinth, and in his honor, they built him an impressive church. Also witness the ‘Bema’, a large elevated rostrum where according to tradition it was where Paul’s trial was held. Although Apostle Paul was not one of the original twelve disciples, he rapidly spread the word of Christianity all over Ancient Greece and wrote the famous Epistles addressed to the Corinthians that are part of the New Testament.

Following the tour, drive to the Piraeus port for embarkation.

Overnight: Atlas World Traveller

Day 5 ~ TUE, 09JUL24

THESSALONIKI

“Paul came to Thessaloniki with Silas and following his usual custom, he went to the Synagogue where he used the Jewish scriptures as the source of his preaching” (Acts 17:2-4)

Explore the great city of **Thessaloniki**, where Paul wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. Built by King Cassandros and named after the sister of Alexander the Great, the city flourished under the Byzantine Empire and its most important buildings date from those days. Today, it is considered the second capital of Greece, the Queen of the north. Stroll along the waterfront to the massive **White Tower** and nearby **Triumphal Arch of Galerius**, built in 303 AD. See the **St. Demetrios Church** with its valuable mosaics and frescoes. Drive to the **upper town**, which offers a marvelous view of the city. The site where the **monastery of Vlatadon** was built is believed to be the location where Jason’s house once stood, and where Paul was accommodated during his visit to Thessaloniki.

“Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace and the following day Neapolis.” (Acts 16:11)

“And from thence to Philippi which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony; and we were in that city abiding certain days.” (Acts 16:12)

Overnight: Atlas World Traveller

Day 6 ~ WED, 10JUL24

KAVALA

Early morning drive through the beautiful city of **Kavala (ancient Neapolis)**, one of Greece’s most picturesque ports where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. From here, continue to **Philippi**, where St. Paul preached and baptized the first European Christians, and where St. Paul himself and Silas were beaten and jailed until set free by angels. Visit the **Bapistry of Lydia**, the marketplace, where Paul won his first European convert. Time to explore the Acropolis, Marketplace and Basilica of Paul *or* enjoy time to relax onboard the ship.

Overnight: Atlas World Traveller

Day 7 ~ THU, 11JUL24

DAY AT SEA

Special experiences to be enjoyed throughout a relaxing day at sea aboard our private ship.

Overnight: Atlas World Traveller

Day 8 ~ FRI, 12JUL24

EPHESUS

Early morning departure

- Grand Theater of Ephesus - Ephesus Theater was the place where Apostle Paul preached to the Jewish and Pagan community of Ephesus.
- Synagogue of Ephesus - The first location where Apostle Paul preached in Ephesus was the synagogue.
- Temple of Artemis - was one of the Seven Wonders of the World. The great temple was built by Croesus, king of Lydia, about 550 BCE and was rebuilt after being burned in 356 BCE.

Return to the ship or time for shopping. After a special dinner onboard the ship, depart for an unforgettable evening experience in ancient Ephesus.

Overnight: Atlas World Traveller

Day 9 ~ SAT, 13JUL24

PATMOS

Visit the monastery and the Cave where the **Book of Revelation** was written during the afternoon hours and guided tour of the monastery.

Enjoy a special lunch on the island highlighting the beautiful Greek culture prior to returning to the ship.

Overnight: Atlas World Traveller

Day 10 ~ SUN, 14JUL24

DELOS / MYKONOS

Visit a key piece of **Europe's cultural heritage**, the island of **Delos**, right next to Mykonos. Visit the heart of the ancient cosmos and explore Delos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and open-air museum where history and mythology come alive. According to Greek mythology, Delos suddenly emerged from the sea, allowing Leto to give birth to the gods Apollo and Artemis. From that moment on, Delos became the most sacred of all islands, and it is easy to understand why the Greeks believed that Delos was the birthplace of Apollo, the Greek god of light.

Enjoy our last day together with a fun "day at the beach", set in an exclusive location on Mykonos.

Overnight: Atlas World Traveller

Day 11 ~ MON, 15JUL24

ATHENS / DISEMBARKATION / EN ROUTE

Arrive to port at 8:00A

Disembarkation

Transfers to ATH