

WONDERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY



With Father Xavier De Pinto, Celebrating 30 Years of Ordination, July 22 to 29, 2024

Without a doubt, a journey to visit these two countries is a dream. See the most impressive sites in **Athens**, embark on the **Celestial Olympia** cruiseship for a spectacular 3-night sailing visiting the most enchanting Greek island destinations dotted around the Aegean Sea - where culture, history, pristine beaches, and fishing villages suspended in time all await. Included in our itinerary is an opportunity to visit **Ephesus (Turkey)**, perhaps the best-preserved Greco-Roman city in Europe and believed to be the home of the Blessed Virgin Mary during her last few years on earth and the island of **Patmos (Greece)**, site of the apocalyptic revelations of Saint John the Divine. Space is limited.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 MONDAY JULY 22

TORONTO-ATHENS

We fly to Athens on a direct flight aboard Air Canada. Group seating for our flight will be assigned by the airline. **Meals on board**

DAY 2 TUESDAY JULY 23

ATHENS

Welcome to Greece! Upon arrival, Meet and Greet by our local guide and transfer to our centrally located hotel to get settled in our rooms. Enjoy some free time to rest or explore on your own. **Dinner**



DAY 3 WEDNESDAY JULY 24

ATHENS

This morning, get introduced to the city of Athens, one of the oldest cities in the world and home to the iconic landmark of the Acropolis. During our tour we will see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Stadium where the first Olympic Games of modern times were held and explore the ruins of the Parthenon and Agora (the ancient Market Place and former center of Athenian public life). Enjoy free time for lunch and wander through the narrow streets of Plaka, the oldest and picturesque neighborhood in Athens. Return to the hotel. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 4 THURSDAY JULY 25

INTO THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

We depart on a full day excursion following in the footsteps of St. Paul, who spent time living in Corinth and wrote two letters to the Corinthians. See the marketplace where St. Paul addressed the Corinthians from the podium, visit a church with a mosaic depicting his conversion, and stop at Kechries where Paul had his hair shorn. Back in Athens, enjoy free time to relax before dinner. **Breakfast, Dinner**

DAY 5 FRIDAY JULY 26

BOARDING CELESTIAL CRUISE-MYKONOS

*Depart Athens 13:00 * Arrive Mykonos 18:00 * Depart Mykonos 23:00*



This morning, board the ship Celestial Olympia and begin our idyllic Aegean cruise. Our first port of call is the beautiful and lively island of Mykonos, with its fine sand beaches and turquoise waters. Here we'll disembark and enjoy time at leisure to wander through narrow streets full of shops, restaurants, and bars until night. You may choose to forgo

your dinner on board and sample Greek cuisine at one of the waterfront restaurants in Mykonos Town. **Optional Shore Excursions. See next page for details.** **All meals on board.**

DAY 6 SATURDAY JULY 27

KUSADASI (TURKEY)-PATMOS

*Kusadasi: arrive 07:00 & depart 13:00 * Patmos: arrive 16:30 & Depart 21:30*

Today we call in Kusadasi and Patmos. Kusadasi is near Ephesus, the best-preserved Greco-Roman city in Asia Minor, which during the 1st & 2nd -centuries had a population of 250,000 and monopolized the wealth of the Middle East. Also, next to Kusadasi is the House of the Virgin Mary - supposedly the last resting place of the mother of Jesus. The serene island of Patmos is known as the site of the apocalyptic revelations of Saint John the Divine, written here during his exile from the Roman Empire. Our optional tour includes the visit to the cave where he is said to have lived is now the site of the monastery of the Apocalypse founded in

the 11th century by the abbot Christodoulos. It houses priceless icons and manuscripts in its treasury. **Optional Shore Excursions. See next page for details.** **All meals on board**

DAY 7 SUNDAY JULY 28

HERAKLION (CRETE)-SANTORINI

*Heraklion: arrive 07:00 & depart 12:00 * Santorini: arrive 16:30 & depart 21:30*
Heraklion is a bustling city full of life with a traditional central market and wonderful beaches. You may want to sign up for one of the magnificent excursions available here. In the afternoon our cruise continues to the idyllic island of Santorini. This island will take your breath away. Don't miss the opportunity to visit Oia Village and admire the picture-perfect scenery with traditional whitewashed houses and blue-domed churches set against a beguiling brilliant blue backdrop. **Optional Shore Excursions. See next page for details.** **All meals on board**



DAY 8 MONDAY JULY 29

ATHENS-TORONTO

Arrival: 07:00

We arrive back in Athens and end our cruise. We disembark and drive to the airport for our return flight home aboard Air Canada. Arrive. **END OF OUR TOUR.** **Breakfast, Meals on board**

PER PERSON IN DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

\$ 4,390.00 CAD

Staying in an individual room pay \$ 900 CAD supplement. Price includes Fuel Surcharge, Port Charges & Airport Taxes (\$ 788.96 CAD + US\$ 149) and are subject to change without notice until time of ticketing. ***See next page for complete list of inclusions.

WANT TO ADD A VISIT TO ISTANBUL?

Including flights, 2 nights in Istanbul + 1 night in Athens, First Class hotel accommodation throughout, Breakfast & Dinner daily, visits to Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, shopping at the Grand Bazaar. Transfers and all taxes. in Double room **pay \$ 1,495 CAD** p/person, in individual room **pay \$ 1,980 CAD.** Prices are subject to availability at the time of booking & ticketing.



To register and for more information please contact:



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THE TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Roundtrip economy airfare from Toronto
- ✓ 3 overnights in Athens at 4* hotel, Standard rooms
- ✓ Breakfast and Dinner daily in Athens
- ✓ Private coach transportation during sightseeing and transfers
- ✓ Entrance fees and tours as per the itinerary with ENGLISH-Speaking guide
- ✓ Hotel taxes and Service Charges
- ✓ On board Celestyal Cruise:
 - 3-night cruise aboard Celestyal Olympia, Inside Cabin, category IA. *Exterior cabin with large seaview window available at additional cost*
 - All Dining
 - Complimentary drinks (wine, beer, juice, soft drinks, tea, coffee) during lunch and dinner service
 - Entertainment and activities
 - Optional shore excursions at additional cost.
 - Port Fees & Charges
 - Gratuities to cruise staff
 - *In case of eventual increase on any cruise port charges, security and other services for 2024 or any fuel supplement, respective amounts will be charged accordingly.*
- ✓ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (at time of printing \$788.96 CAD, subject to change at any time without notice until time of ticketing)

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- ✓ Meals and Drinks not mentioned above
- ✓ Passports & Visas: Canadian Citizens require only a passport valid for minimum 6 months after the return date. If adding Istanbul, a Visa to enter Turkey is required, pre-paid online (\$60 USD) at www.evisa.gov.tr/en/ or locally upon entry (\$70 USD). Subject to change at any time without notice.
- ✓ Shore excursions
- ✓ Gratuities to guides, drivers and other local staff: Itin. One: **EUR 120.00** and Itin. Two: **EUR 160.00** (cash only) per participant collected ahead for your convenience.
- ✓ Costs of personal nature, optional excursions, excess baggage charges
- ✓ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage

BOOKING

A non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking. If you opt to purchase Non-Medical or All-Inclusive insurance, it must be purchased at time of first deposit. See payment schedule below. *Bookings after April 1, 2024 are subject to availability.*

PLEASE NOTE ALL PAYMENTS ARE 100% NON- REFUNDABLE.

CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES

If you must cancel, Gateways International must be informed in writing immediately. **All payments are 100% Non-Refundable.** A \$75 CAD fee will be applied for any changes you wish to make to the group's itinerary. Changes after full payment is received will be treated as cancellations.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

Participants on this tour take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that tours organized by Gateways International require physical fitness. There is daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, and at times sidewalks and uneven terrain. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

OPTIONAL HEALTH AND CANCELLATION INSURANCE

CAD \$Premium per person	All-Inclusive	Non-Medical	Staying in exterior cabin XC add	With Istanbul add	Staying in single room add
up to 59 years	292.00	266.00	14.00	96.00	63.00
60-64 years	340.00	301.00	16.00	129.00	74.00
65-69 years	417.00	332.00	19.00	145.00	86.00
70-74 years	531.00	383.00	21.00	199.00	98.00
75-79 years	808.00	549.00	32.00	299.00	151.00

- ✓ All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan provides coverage for cancellation and interruption up to sum insured, trip delay, \$ 10 million emergency medical, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airflight accident and travel accident. When the travel advisory is not into effect, Emergency Medical coverage for COVID-19 will be available only for fully vaccinated individuals or those not medically eligible.
 - ✓ See the [Policy Brochure](#) for the full description and eligibility.
 - ✓ Non-Medical Plan provides coverage for cancellation and interruption up to sum insured, trip delay, baggage & personal effects, baggage delay, personal money loss, passport loss, airflight accident and travel accident. There is no coverage for Emergency Medical.
 - ✓ Premium per person is subject to change without prior notice
- All participants must hold Trip Cancellation/Interruption + Emergency Medical Insurance to travel with us. Proof of coverage if purchased elsewhere must be provided at the time of booking.**
- All participants must comply with the travel regulations and guidelines of Public Health and the Ministry of Health of each country we visit. Proof of vaccination and further testing MAY be required at time of travelling.

FR. XAVIER DE PINTO, WONDERS OF GREECE & TURKEY – JULY 22-29, 2024

DEPOSIT REGISTRATION FORM - COPY OF PASSPORT REQUIRED

Name (as per passport): First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Dietary restrictions: _____ Do you have any Medical problems? _____

Passport #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ ☐ Enclosed is a photocopy of my passport (page showing name and photo)

☐ I have a roommate ☐ I need a roommate (subject to availability) ☐ I want to travel Single, **Pay \$900 CAD Supplement**

Emergency Contact in Canada #1: Phone _____ Email _____ Relationship _____

Emergency Contact in Canada #2: Phone _____ Email _____ Relationship _____

☐ I WANT TO UPGRADE TO CABIN XC WITH LARGE SEAVIEW WINDOW. IN DOUBLE CABIN PAY \$ 320 CAD P/ PERSON, IN INDIVIDUAL CABIN PAY \$ 480 CAD

☐ ADD OUR GROUP SHORE EXCURSIONS PACKAGE, **Discount of 10% and US\$ 80 per person applies:**

Kusadasi House of Mary & Ancient Ephesus + Patmos St. John's Monastery & Grotto of the Apocalypse + Santorini Spectacular Oia Village..US\$ 283 value..you pay US\$175

***See Description of tours and other shore excursions available at [Celestyal Cruises - Iconic Aegean 3 Night Excursions - USD](#)

☐ ADD POST-TOUR TO ISTANBUL & ATHENS (RETURN AUGUST 1)...pay \$ 1,495 CAD p/person in double room, **pay \$ 1,980 CAD** in individual room.

Prices are subject to availability at the time of booking & ticketing.

Enclosed is my deposit for ☐ Package ONE - 8 days itinerary **Deposit: \$ 500 CAD**
☐ Package TWO - 11 days itinerary with Istanbul **Deposit: \$ 1000 CAD**

By eTransfer to accounting@gateways-international.com or by cheque payable to Gateways International, for credit card complete below.

☐ I authorize Gateways International to charge the deposit indicated above now and/or balance (plus or minus changes in Airport taxes and supplements if applicable) on my credit card listed below by **April 1, 2024.**

Credit Card Type: VISA _____ MASTERCARD _____ AMERICAN EXPRESS _____ Card Number _____

CVV _____ Exp. Date _____ Name as it appears on credit card _____

Signature _____ Date _____

INSURANCE: Please add the following Travel Insurance to my package (*Payment will be collected separately*)

☐ All-Inclusive Worldwide Plan ☐ Non-Medical Plan ☐ I decline insurance. **Proof of my own Emergency Medical & Cancellation/ Interruption policy attached.**

My signature below indicates that I have read and agreed to the Terms and Conditions outlined by Gateways International in this brochure. I also understand that Gateways International strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation and interruption insurance, which is not included in the trip price, and that Gateways International's cancellation policy cannot be waived for any reason. If I do not purchase trip cancellation and interruption insurance, I will not hold Gateways International liable in any matter that would have been covered or not by this added insurance.

Signature of Participant: _____ **Date:** _____

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