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The Parthenon

May 26 | Athens

We begin our pilgrimage at the Acropolis, exploring the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, and the Erechtheion, which reflect not only classical religious devotion but also ideals of harmony, logic, and proportion that would later influence Christian understandings of justice and the common good. Descending to the Areopagus, we stand at the very place where St. Paul addressed the Athenian philosophers. The Areopagus in ancient Greece was a court which dealt with serious crimes and religious matters. We continue to the Ancient Agora, once the heart of public life in the city. Here we walk past, among other things, the Stoa of Attalos and the Temple of Hephaestus. Overnight in Athens.

May 27 | Corinth

Today we travel to Corinth, a major city in the Roman Empire and a key site in the missionary life of St. Paul. We visit the Bema, where Paul stood before the proconsul Gallio, and walk along the Lechaion Road to see the ruins of temples, fountains, and marketplaces. A highlight of the visit is the pavement inscription of Erastus, identifying a city official who is also mentioned in Paul's letters. This inscription gives us a rare glimpse into the lives of early Christian converts who were also active participants in public administration. We see the Temple of Apollo and other visible layers of Roman urban life. We move on to Nafplio, a seaport town with a long and layered history, where we spend the evening. Overnight in Nafplio.

May 28 | Nafplio & Epidaurus

This morning we explore Nafplio, including the Palamidi Fortress, a symbol of civil authority and order from a time when the Catholic Republic of Venice extended its power eastward in the Mediterranean. We visit Epidaurus, home to an ancient healing sanctuary dedicated to Asclepius. We walk through the remains of the temples, treatment areas, and the sacred spring, learning how healing was understood in a culture that blended religion, ritual, and early medical practice. The site includes the Epidaurus Theater, famous for its acoustics and used in performances thought to promote wellness. We will return to Athens. Overnight in Athens.

May 24, 2027 | Depart the U.S.

The day has arrived, and we depart the United States on our overnight flight to Greece.

May 25 | Arrival in Athens

Upon arrival in Athens, we transfer to our hotel and take time to rest and adjust after the journey. We gather as a group for our first evening together and a welcome dinner. Overnight in Athens.

May 29 | Kos

The morning we fly from Athens to Kos, the birthplace of Hippocrates. After arriving on the island, we transfer to our hotel and have the afternoon free to explore the town's harbor, visit the Castle of the Knights, or enjoy time along the Aegean waterfront. Overnight in Kos.

May 30 | Kos

We visit the Asklepieion of Kos, a large healing complex terraced into a wooded hillside. Here we walk among the altar platforms, treatment rooms, and porticoes, where the Hippocratic School took shape. It was in places like this that physicians began to formalize ethical standards—commitments to confidentiality, non-maleficence, and professional integrity. We also visit the Plane Tree of Hippocrates, a site where he is said to have taught. In the afternoon, we return to town and have time to rest or explore the local market streets and seaside paths. Overnight in Kos.

May 31 | Kos to Kusadasi

This morning we take a short ferry across the Aegean to Bodrum, on the Turkish coast. After clearing passport control, we travel inland by private coach to Kusadasi, a coastal city not far from Ephesus, which was one of the great cities of Roman Asia. Upon arrival, we check in and enjoy a restful evening as we enter the final leg of our journey. Overnight in Kusadasi.

June 1 | Ephesus

We spend the day in Ephesus, a city that once served as a crossroads of trade, religion, and governance. Our visit includes the Library of Celsus, the Odeon, the Terrace Houses, and the Great Theater, all of which give us insight into the daily and civic life of this important Roman center. We continue to the Church of the Virgin Mary, the likely site of the Council of Ephesus, where the title Theotokos was affirmed and Christ's full humanity and divinity were defended. We conclude at the House of the Virgin Mary, a quiet pilgrimage site in the forested hills above the ruins. It is believed that the Virgin Mary was taken here by St. John and lived here towards the end of her life. Your flight home from Izmir (ADB) may depart either tonight or tomorrow. If tomorrow and an overnight is required. Overnight in Kusadasi.

June 2 | Return home

Your flight home from Izmir (ADB) may depart either the previous night or today. If today and time allows, breakfast is included today. Later today we will arrive back at home, with a deeper understanding of the foundations of our professional vocations, and of our Catholic faith.



Ephesus

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