

IN THE STEPS OF PAUL AND JOHN

14 Days in Greece, Turkey & Rome

Hosted by Nazarene Theological Seminary

Travel Dates: March 16 – 29, 2011

\$4,295 FROM CHICAGO**

(All shore excursions included in the price)

**** Price is subject to change when the airlines set their 2011 rates.
Final cost should be known by July 2010.**

RECEIVE A \$100 EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT FOR YOUR INITIAL DEPOSIT
OF \$500 IF RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE
BY JANUARY 23, 2010.

GREECE



Creative Travel Partners, Inc.
Specialists in Group Travel since 1977

1301 South Wolf Road, Suite 101
Prospect Heights, IL 60070
847.537.3651 • Fax 847.537.4572
www.creativetravelpartners.com

IN THE STEPS OF PAUL AND JOHN

Day 1, March 16, 2011 (Wed): Depart USA

Tour members depart on your overseas flight to Athens. After take-off dinner will be served.

Day 2, March 17, 2011 (Thu): Arrival Athens

Arrive in Athens and transfer to hotel.

Day 3, March 18, 2011 (Fri): Athens - Embarkation

Tour Athens. The architectural splendors of the ancient city of Athens are as magical as ever. Follow your guide on a journey to the ancient Acropolis where you will see the Propylaea, the Parthenon and the Erechtheum. View Mars Hill where Paul preached the gospel to the intellectual Athenian community of his day (Acts 17: 15–34). View the ruins of the Agora, ancient market place and center of Athenian public life, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. You will view the Olympic Stadium, where the modern Olympics began and where the games returned in 2004. Drive to Piraeus Port and embark your cruise ship, enjoying the fellowship of other Christians and excellent teaching.

Day 4, March 19, 2011 (Sat): Thessaloniki - Veria

Visit Vergina where the Royal Tombs of King Philip (Alexander's father) were discovered, one of the greatest discoveries of Greece antiquity in the 20th century. Vergina was the original capital of the ancient Macedonian Empire. The well-preserved tombs include impressive amounts of silver and gold artifacts, which are now housed in the impressive and modern Museum. Continue to Veria—ancient Berea—to the memorial commemorating Paul's preaching to the local Jews in 50 A.D. Still visible today in Veria is part of the Roman road—the Via Egnatia. It remains a silent witness to Rome's greatness. Travel to Thessaloniki, second largest city in Greece and capital of Macedonia. Paul preached in Thessaloniki during the winters of 49–50 A.D. and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians. During the City Tour you will see the ramparts of the city, the triumphal Arch of Galerius starting the Via Egnatia, once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire and the Roman Agora where Paul preached. The monastery of Vlatodon was built on the location where Jason's house is believed to have stood and where Paul stayed during his visit to Thessaloniki. You will also drive to the upper town, which offers a marvelous view of the city.

Day 5, March 20, 2011 (Sun): Kavala - Philippi

This morning you will visit Neapolis (Kavala), one of Greece's most picturesque mainland ports. Paul landed here with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. You will see the Roman Aqueduct and Acropolis. In Philippi, Paul was moved to preach his first evangelical sermon in Europe to women who had gathered at the river. Among them was Lydia, a cloth merchant, who became the first Christian to be baptized on European soil. Visit the place where this event is remembered and see a crypt dating from the Roman period, which is thought to have served as a prison for St. Paul. You'll also see the famous Acropolis, the Market Place, Basilica and the Theater. The New Testament book of Philippians contains Paul's correspondence with the people of this church. Reboard the ship for dinner and overnight.

Day 6, March 21, 2011 (Mon): Istanbul

In the morning we arrive in Istanbul, one of the world's greatest historic cities. Formerly Byzantium, the center of the Eastern Roman Empire, this city is built on seven green hills and situated astride two continents. East meets west in every way.

Visit the Sultanahmet Mosque, where large groups of pilgrims start their pilgrimage to Mecca. It is decorated with 21,000 blue Iznik tiles from where it gets its name, the "Blue Mosque." Walk to the famous Hagia Sophia, the Byzantine Church of Divine Wisdom, where you can admire the superb mosaics and the marble decorations. The tour continues with a visit to the magnificent Topkapi Palace, the official residence of the Ottoman Sultans. See the famous treasury and the "Spoonmaker's Diamond," the 7th biggest diamond in the world. Visit the kitchen buildings, displaying the third richest collection in the world of Chinese and Japanese porcelain.

Day 7, March 22, 2011 (Tue): Dikili - Pergamon, Sardis

Disembark at the port of Dikili and travel to Pergamum. Christianity reached Pergamum very early. The church was addressed by John the Revelator (Rev. 2:12–17); as one of the Seven Churches. The inhabitants of the city were condemned for their doctrines (Rev 2:14–15) and those who overcame were promised a "white stone" and a "new name" (Rev 2:17). The first Christian to die at the hands of a Roman state, Antipas, was put to death in Pergamum. As you enter the Royal Gates, you'll view the Temples of Athena and Trajan. You'll explore the Grand Theater, the Gymnasium and Health Center. You'll also view Pergamum's famous Library, second only to Alexandria's. Pergamum introduced the "paged book" and—when Egypt cut off its supply of papyrus—re-introduced the use of skins for

writing. It is from these "Pergamum pages" that we get the word "parchment."

Day 8, March 23, 2011 (Wed): Kusadasi - Ephesus - Miletus

Journey to Ephesus, the marble city where Paul spent three years of his ministry. It was to this community that Paul may have written his Epistle to the Ephesians. The ruins of Ephesus have been restored much like the city was in Paul's time. You will visit the ancient Agora and imagine where Demetrius, the silversmith, sold his silver shrines of the Greek goddess Artemis. You will enter the Great Theater where Paul witnessed faithfully for Christ. Visit the archaeological site of Miletus (Acts 20:13–38). Paul and his companions traveled to Miletus via Mytilene, Chios and Samos. Once in Miletus, Paul delivered his touching farewell address to the elders of Ephesus and predicted his death.

Day 9, March 24, 2011 (Thu): Patmos

Patmos is known as the "Holy Island" for the Christian faith. This is the place where the apocalyptic Revelation of John was written during his exile from the Roman Empire. Depart from the port of Scala and enjoy a short drive to the village of Chora, where the monastery of St. John is built within the walls of a strong fortification. As you walk uphill towards the entrance of the monastery marvel at this magnificent structure, which was built 900 years ago. View the courtyard, the monks' dining room and the old bakery before you visit the main church noted for its outstanding frescoes and interior decoration. Continue to the nearby Grotto of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of the Apocalypse above it. Walk down the steps to the Grotto of the Apocalypse. Here you will see the niches in the wall that mark the pillow and ledge used as a desk by the author of the Book of the Revelation and the crack in the rock made by the voice of God honoring the Holy Trinity.

Day 10, March 25, 2011 (Fri): Disembarkation - Corinth

Disembark the cruise ship. Travel to Corinth (Acts 18: 1–18), a city that inspired St. Paul's most familiar letter. You will visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place, and Temples. Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood. Read Paul's letter to the Corinthians and visualize his address to the Gentiles as he began the task of building Corinth's church. Imagine where Aquila and Priscilla lived and where they had their tent making business. We drive to the Patras Port to embark the ferry to Bari, Italy. We enjoy dinner and overnight on the ferry.

Day 11, March 26, 2011 (Sat): Pompeii Rome

We meet our guide as we disembark from the ferry, and drive to Pompeii, where we will visit the spectacular ruins that were covered by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. The city remained buried and undiscovered for almost 1500 years until excavation began in 1748. These excavations continue today, providing insight into life during the Roman Empire. Drive to Rome for overnight.

Day 12, March 27, 2011 (Sun): Imperial Rome

This morning you will discover Imperial Rome. Paul wrote to the Christians of Rome and he eventually went there where his ministry continued, although he was technically a prisoner. You will experience the glory of Imperial Rome when you visit the Coliseum, famous as a place of spectacle and death. Gladiators died here as thousands looked on. See the Circus Maximus, built during the reign of Nero. This huge stadium was able to seat 250,000 spectators for chariot races and other spectacles. See the Roman forum, an ancient meeting place, and market place, religious and political center. View the Arch of the Titus that commemorates Titus' conquest of Judea. You will visit the Mamertina Prison, where it is believed that both Peter and Paul were imprisoned.

Day 13, March 28, 2011 (Mon) - Christian Rome

You will discover the Vatican Museum, home to many of the world's masterpieces. Enter the Sistine chapel and view Michelangelo's frescoes, which have been restored to their full, colorful glory. We tour Saint Peter's Basilica. Travel along the famous Appian Way. Walk through the Catacombs of San Sebastiano. Visit Tre Fontane, where Apostle Paul was beheaded. Walk through Via del Corso, Piazza de Spagna, and enjoy the Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona. Return to our hotel for dinner.

Day 14, March 29, 2011 (Tue) – Rome – Chicago

Early morning transfer to the airport and fly back home.

INCLUDED FEATURES

- Roundtrip transatlantic flights from Chicago
- All transfers and meeting services
- 7 nights cruise in inside cabin, including all meals as served aboard cruise ship
- 2 nights in Athens in a 4 star hotel including breakfast and dinner daily.
- Overnight ferry from Patras, Greece to Bari, Italy in inside cabin including breakfast and dinner on ferry
- Athens and Corinth tours
- Tips for included services
- Air/fuel surcharge taxes* (subject to change until air tickets are issued)
- Port taxes
- All shore excursions – a \$440 value

NOT INCLUDED

Single room supplement of \$1,000; outside cabin supplement \$250 in double occupancy cabin; \$350 in a single occupancy cabin. Additional cabin upgrades available upon request. Optional Travel Insurance starting at \$185.

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

AIR/FUEL SURCHARGE TAXES* ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL AIR TICKETS HAVE BEEN ISSUED



INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS

| Town/Port | Excursion | Price Per Person |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Thessaloniki | Thessaloniki tour, Veria | \$70 |
| Kavala | Philippi | \$75 |
| Dikili | Pergamon | \$75 |
| Istanbul | Istanbul Highlights | \$70 |
| Kusadasi | Ephesus, Miletus | \$80 |
| Patmos | Monastery & Cave of St. John | \$70 |

YOUR TOUR HOSTS

Dr. Ron Benefiel, President, Nazarene Theological Seminary
 Dr. Jerry Lambert, Director of Global Initiatives, Nazarene Theological Seminary
 Dr. Roger Hahn, Dean of Faculty, Professor of New Testament
 Dr. Andy Johnson, Professor of New Testament

NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
 1700 E. Meyer Blvd.
 Kansas City, MO 64131
 (816) 268-5402

Contact Person: Rev. Lori Neely lkneely@nts.edu

TOUR CONDITIONS

This tour is based on rates, tariffs and ground costs in effect March 2010 at the time of tour quotation and subject to future ARC and IATA fare increases, carrier fuel surcharges, and possible land increase costs in effect at the time the tour operates and subject to change without notice.

LAND TRANSPORTATION: As specified in the respective tour itineraries. Where motor coaches are specified, these are modern, large-windowed, air-conditioned/heated vehicles designed especially for sightseeing. The cost of the land arrangements as outlined in this brochure is based on no minimum number of tour participants as available locally.

HOTELS: As specified in brochure. The tour price is based on shared accommodation in twin-bedded room with private shower or bath. A limited number of single rooms are available at additional supplements stated in brochure. Single rooms when available are often smaller than doubles. Tour participants without a roommate will have to pay the single rate.

MEALS: As per tour brochure. In-flight meals as per the airline's normal meal service policies.

SIGHTSEEING: As specified in each itinerary, including the services of a local multilingual guide. (Right is reserved to vary the sequence of sightseeing programs, or to make substitutions if necessitated by circumstances beyond our control.)

TRANSFERS AND PORTERAGE: Included in each city abroad between airports, rail stations, piers, and hotels and vice versa. Porterage includes the handling of one normal piece of luggage per person. Additional pieces (including garment bags or similar) may be handled at additional charges and collected upon arrival abroad. Free allowance for checked baggage aboard airlines is 44 pounds (Seasoned travelers have found it convenient to use one piece of luggage only.) A special bag tag for quick identification is also provided. Carry-on bag must fit the dimensions of 9 in. by 14 in. by 22 in.

TIPS AND LOCAL TAXES are included, except as noted below, or in the tour brochure.

INCLUDED IN PRICE OF BASIC STANDARD PROGRAM: Round trip airfare, transfers with group to and from overseas airports and piers; shared double room in first class hotels; two meals daily; English speaking guide; transportation and entrance fees to sites to be visited.

NOT INCLUDED: Passport fees; phone calls; valet/laundry service; and other items of a strictly personal nature; baggage or other insurance (which is highly recommended); and any beverage. (Please note that the custom abroad is to include coffee or tea with breakfast only; it is an extra charge when served with other meals, as are mineral waters, wines or liquor); expenses within the U.S.A. or Canada. Also any exception noted on the face of the booking registration form and/or in the tour brochure as indicated in not included box of this brochure.

PASSPORTS: All tour members must have a valid passport. Passports are issued for individuals, husband and wife, or for a family. To apply for passports you can contact either your local Passport Office, Clerk of the District or County Court. Of course, your Tour Hosts will be happy to help you obtain the necessary forms for passport application.

DOCUMENTATION: U.S. citizens require a valid passport for international travel, must be valid for 6 months beyond groups return date or September 16, 2011.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS may be secured upon payment of a deposit in the amount per person, as specified in the tour brochure. We recommend this be done far in advance of departure to allow adequate time to secure passports, visas and other documents.

DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon confirmation, and full payment is required 90 days prior to departure. Final payment received 89-69 days prior, add \$45 to tour price. 68-26 days add \$75 to tour price. Within the last 25 days, add a total of \$100 to the tour price. Final documents will not be released until receipt of full payment. Extraordinary mail charges required by late booking, changes, or late payments must be borne by the passenger or tour host. Naturally, Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois does not agree to provide any services until full payment is received.

LAND CANCELLATIONS: In the event of cancellation from day of registration to 90 days prior to departure there is a \$100 per person non-refundable administrative fee. Thereafter the following charges apply 89-45 days prior to departure the charge is \$250; 44-31 days the charge is 55% of total cost of the tour; 30 days prior to departure the charge is 100% of the total cost of the tour. No shows or cancellations after date of departure, no refund whatsoever. All refund claims must be received in writing.

ITINERARY CHANGES: Changes must be requested and approved in writing by Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights, Illinois. If you return individually and not with the group, there is a \$100 surcharge plus any additional airfare differential for the deviation. A handling fee of \$25 per person will be made for changes requested after receipt of deposit. This fee will be assessed each time a change is made.

AIRLINE CANCELLATION: In accordance with airline regulations, 100% of the airfare will be charged for cancellation once the airline ticket is issued. If cancellation is due to health or illness in the immediate family of the traveler, and can be supported by a Doctor's Certificate, this may be waived. Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended.

TRANSFERS: Transport between overseas airport, hotel and piers is included in the standard program. Those who request changes from standard program and who do not arrive with the group (land only passengers) are responsible for their own transfers even when coinciding with group transfers.

FLIGHT TIMES: Subject to change by airlines without advance notice. Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, is not to be held responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

Do not wait for passport to send deposit. Forward passport information at later date.

Reservation Form

14 Days in the Steps of the Apostle Paul

Please mail to: Creative Travel Partners, Inc., 1301 S. Wolf Rd., Prospect Heights, IL 60070 (847) 537-3651.

Make your deposit check payable to: Creative Travel Partners, Inc. Passenger Trust Account

Please enroll me in the **Steps of Paul and John: Fourteen Days in Greece, Turkey and Rome**

Write your name as it appears on your passport. Passport must be valid beyond six months of return.

OUTSIDE CABIN UPGRADE \$250 (Check Here) _____

Departure Date: March 16, 2011

Tour Departure City: Chicago

Name:

Email:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Tel. Home: ()

Tel. Business: ()

Passport No.:

Date of Passport Issue:

Place of Passport Issue:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Roommate:

Your Tour Host(s): Dr. Ron Benefiel, Dr. Jerry Lambert, Dr. Roger Hahn & Dr. Andy Johnson

The \$500 deposit is due immediately to reserve airline, hotel, and ground arrangements. I understand balance is due in full 90 days prior to departure. Air arrangements for this program are described in this Tour Brochure along with all ground arrangements, tours, related services. Please review the tour brochure for all the terms and conditions regarding your program. The tour brochure provides certain rights which you should review prior to making your deposit. I have carefully read the tour brochure and agree to its contents and conditions.

Signature:

All funds deposited at Northern Trust Bank, 8501 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, Illinois 60631; Passenger Trust Account #2050544.

INSURANCE: Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, is not responsible or liable for loss, damage, theft of luggage or personal belongings, personal injury, accidents or illness. For your protection we suggest that you purchase adequate insurance to cover these eventualities and cost of your tour.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THE TRAVEL INSURANCE PLAN TO OUR PASSENGERS.

HEALTH REGULATIONS: Smallpox vaccinations are no longer required to enter countries visited in the brochure, or to re-enter the U.S.

PRICES quoted herein for land arrangements are expected to be in effect at the time of departure but are subject to change prior to departure. Fare levels are subject to change and government approval and as applicable on date of departure.

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY: Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois and its Associated Companies agree to provide the itinerary described in this brochure and this represents the entire agreement between the passenger and his agent, the travel agent, the tour host, and the tour operator. No changes or deviations are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. All prices, itineraries and schedules are subject to regulations and changes thereof by acts of Government, International Agreement and Airline tariff adjustments, rules and regulations. Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, reserves the right to change or withdraw the tour, in whole or in part at any time. In the event of rescheduling of the tour due to unforeseen circumstances, the cancellation and refund clause will apply. Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of Creative Travel Partners, Inc., incapable of group travel. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, the tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator, or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports or hotels, default or omission of any common or private carrier or the default, negligence, or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof, or in arranging for the same, or the acts or omissions of the travel agent or the tour host. The commercial carriers are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board commercial carriers. The passenger contracts, in use by all commercial carriers involved when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the commercial carriers and the passenger or purchaser of this tour and/or passage and tour operator assumes no liability or responsibility in connection therewith. Enrollment in and payment for the tour, constitutes your acceptance of the conditions, and statement of responsibility. The conditions become a binding contract when your enrollment and payment are received and accepted by Creative Travel Partners Inc., of Prospect Heights, Illinois. Venue for any disputes is Cook County, Illinois. The laws of the state of Illinois shall govern this contract. Baggage is at owner's risk at all times. Any transport or conveyance companies mentioned or provided shall have no responsibility or liability to any passenger, except as common carriers, and they shall have no liability during the time passengers are not on the particular transport or conveyance. Each ticket or coupon issued as to the tour(s) and the passage contract in use by the transport or conveyance companies mentioned or provided, when issued, constitutes the sole contract between them and the purchaser of these tours and/or the passenger.

PASSENGER'S RESPONSIBILITY: Creative Travel Partners, Inc. accepts no responsibility or expense on any personal purchases made while overseas. It is the full responsibility of the passenger.

SEQUENCE OF TOURS: During certain periods of conventions, congresses, and other unforeseen events and circumstances, the tour operator may have to make last minute changes (sometimes even after arrival) in the sequence of the tour. All services to which participants are entitled to will be rendered.

TOUR OPERATOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO TOUR HOST: Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, acts as agent for you in the making and securing of all arrangements for transportation, for sightseeing or for hotel accommodations for the tour program. Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, does not own, manage, control or operate any transportation vehicle, any hotel or restaurant or any other supplier of services. All coupons, receipts and tickets are issued subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers. By utilizing the service you agree that neither Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, nor any of its subsidiary companies, affiliates or representatives shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage to your clients in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrences beyond its control, including breakdown in equipment, strikes, theft, delay or cancellations of or changes in itinerary or schedules, etc. Also remember that travel documents as well as compliance with customs regulations are the responsibility of your clients.

Brochures are issued on the sole responsibility of the tour operator. They are not issued on behalf of and do not commit any airline whose services are used in the course. NOTE: Rates listed in the brochure (except airfare) are Creative Travel Partners, Inc. of Prospect Heights Illinois, rates and do not necessarily correspond to published rates of respective establishments and/or services.

Revised March 2010