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# The Apostle Paul & His 2nd & 3rd Journeys with Dr. Bur Shilling

## March 10 - 22, 2024



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## ITINERARY

#### March 10 - Depart the USA

Depart USA on your overnight trans-Atlantic flight to Istanbul.

#### March 11 - Arrive in Istanbul

Upon arrival in Istanbul you will be met by your guide, Hakan Basar, after which you will transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight at the Millennium Golden Horn Hotel.

#### March 12 - Istanbul

This morning start your adventure by visiting some of the most interesting historic and biblical sights in the world. The bejeweled capital of Istanbul sits between two continents and has been a center of civilizations and world religions. We'll walk through St. Sophia (Hagia Sophia), which was the largest church in Christendom for 1000 years. Built by Justinian (532-537 A.D.), the church has 107 columns, fossil embedded white marble floors, and beautiful glass mosaics. Today, it is the Museum of Byzantine Art. We will also visit the famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets, Hippodrome Square, and the Spice Bazaar. In the afternoon fly to Denizli for dinner and overnight at the Pamukkale Doga Thermal Hotel.

#### March 13 - Churches of Asia Minor

Travel south to learn about the Christians of Laodicea. Laodicea was one of the Seven Churches (Rev. 3: 14-22) and was chastised for being lukewarm, "You are neither cold nor hot" (Rev. 3: 15), and for being too comfortable incorporating pagan and Christian beliefs. In the famous scripture from Revelation (3: 20-21), Jesus says to the Laodicean church: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock . . . ". Today, there are many acres of ruins to see, including the stadium and columned streets. In nearby Hierapolis, see the vast graveyards, theater, and hot springs, which make the area famous. Drive to the Aegean coast for dinner and overnight. Overnight in Korumar Hotel Kusadasi.

#### March 14 - Paul's Ministry in Ephesus

Visit Ephesus where Paul lived for nearly 3 years on his 3rd journey. He wrote three of his Corinthian letters from Ephesus and portions of his letter to the Philippians and Galatians. Here we will explore this important city in Paul's ministry. We will also visit the Ephesus Museum. Tradition also tells us that John, the Beloved Disciple, moved with his Johannine Community to Ephesus. Ephesus is the place of the writing of the Gospel of John. We will visit the Basilica of St. John before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight. Overnight in Kusadasi.

#### March 15 - Churches of Asia Minor (Acts 19:10, Rev. 1:11; 2:12-17)

In Pergamum, the first Christians were executed by Rome. This was the most favored of the Seven Churches and Christianity came here very early. You will see the Temple of Zeus, and the Temple of Athena, the fabled Acropolis, and the Royal Gate. Here, parchment was developed, replacing papyrus, and it is also one of the foremost healing centers of the ancient world. We will travel a short distance to Troas, where Paul had a vision in which he was called to Macedonia (Greece). Continue to Canakkale, the narrowest point of the Dardanelles for the evening. Overnight at the Hotel Kolin Canakale.

#### March 16 - Paul's Ministry in Macedonia

Travel to the Greek border for your transfer to Greece were we will meet our guide, Christiana Vaveki. We will see the beautiful port of Kavalla, (Biblical Neapolis, Acts 16:11) where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. We will see the Aqueduct and tour the city before continuing on to the impressive ruins of Philippi (Acts 16: 12-40). Here Paul preached his first sermon and baptized the first Christians in Europe. In Philippi, Paul and Silas "went outside the gate to the riverside, where they supposed there was a place of prayer." One of the women who heard them speak, "a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God," who was converted and baptized "with her household." The woman's name was Lydia. The conversion of Lydia represented the establishment of the first Christian church in Europe. Overnight in Kavalla (Neapolis).

## March 17 - Paul's Ministry in Macedonia Continued Trip (Acts 17: 1-9)

This morning, drive to Thessaloniki. In Thessaloniki we will visit the Archeological Museum, St. George Church, the Galerious Arch, Jason's house, and the Basilica of St. Sophia and St. Demetrius. In the afternoon we see Pella, the birthplace of Alexander the Great, and the famous steps of Paul in Biblical Berea (Acts 17 11-14) in the New Testament. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

#### March 18 - Meteora

Visit the rock forest of Meteora in western Thessaly and ponder the rough terrain in which the apostle Paul walked during his missionary journey. See famous Byzantine monasteries perched precariously on summits of soaring, sheer-sided grey rock pinnacles of varied and spectacular shapes. Their history goes back to the 14th century when the monks sought refuge in cliff-side caves, then fled higher to build the original wooden shelters, later transformed into monasteries. Visit one of these monasteries. Overnight in the Meteora area.

#### March 19 - Delphi

Travel to scenic Delphi, the religious center of the ancient Greek world, considered by early Greeks to be the center of the world and marked by the conical stone, called the omphalos, or navel. Walk the Sacra Via to the Athenian treasury, the theatre and the Temple of Apollo where the oracle performed his or her prophetic rituals. With innumerable pagan ruins surrounding your walk, capture a glimpse of the challenge the apostle Paul incurred in preaching the Gospel of Christ in Macedonia. Visit the Museum where you will view many ancient treasures, the chief of which is the 5th-century bronzed Charioteer, complete with even eyelashes. Overnight in Athens.

#### March 20 - Athens

Today, we will sightsee in Athens. We will visit the Agora, where St. Paul preached and where Socrates taught and was forced to drink the deadly hemlock. We will climb the Acropolis, and visit the Areopagus (Mars Hill) where St. Paul was brought before the council and delivered his great sermon about the "unknown god" in Acts 17. We will see the ancient town, the Acropolis, and the Parthenon. We will visit the theater of Dionysus, the Temple of the Wingless Victory, and other sights which reflect the golden age of Greece. Late afternoon is on your own to shop and walk about. Overnight in Athens.

#### March 21 - Corinth

Today we travel to ancient Corinth. We will spend a full day among the antiquities of this important Pauline city. Paul spent 18 months here on his first visit and wrote his first letter to the Thessalonians and on a later visit wrote his letter to the Romans. We will visit the site of the Synagogue, the Agora, and the Bema. We will then climb the Acrocorinth to visit the ancient site of the temple of Aphrodite (Greek goddess of love). Nearby you will discover the Diolkos, an ancient roadway that served as an overland route for goods and even ships. The Diolkos eliminated the long and dangerous route around the peninsula and, in the process, made Corinth a very wealthy city. Overnight in Athens.

#### March 22 - Return to the USA or Start Your Rome Extension

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### The Apostle Paul in Rome

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#### March 22 – Depart Athens & Arrive in Rome

You will be met at the airport in Rome by our Rome guide. Walk through the Catacombs of St. Sabastino and visit St. Paul Outside the Walls before going to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

#### March 23 – Christian Rome

Christianity came late in her long history, conquering and changing Rome in a way few other invaders have. Today, you will experience the glory of Christian Rome when you visit the Vatican, home to one of the greatest museums in the world. And, of course, you'll enter St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, where you'll view Michelangelo's frescoes which have been restored to their full, colorful glory. Time permitting, you will explore the Vatican excavations.

#### March 24 – Ancient Rome

History is woven through the streets and neighborhoods of Rome as in no other city. Today you'll explore the many wonders of ancient Rome when you visit the magnificent Colosseum, Mamertine Prison, and the Pantheon. From the most sacred hill of ancient Rome, Campidoglio, you'll view the Forum. You'll also view the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the famous Baths of Caracalla and the Arch of Constantine. You'll see the Victor Emanuel Monument and the Monti Region, Rome's most ancient neighborhood which spreads over three of her seven hills. In the afternoon, you'll discover why Rome is also known as the "City of Love." You'll explore the romance of Rome as you climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi.

#### March 25 - Fly to the USA



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