

AEGEAN CRUISE & STAY

In the Wake of St. Paul

with specially invited guests
Pam Rhodes from BBCTV's *Songs of Praise*
Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley-Jones

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To mark the culmination of the McCabe 40th anniversary year, join us on a voyage to discover the Aegean in the wake of St. Paul the Apostle. As we journey through the emerald waters of the sun-soaked Cyclades and the stunning coastline of Turkey, this adventure invites you to explore iconic landmarks, savour authentic cuisine and discover the trials and tribulations of St. Paul's epic journey to the Eastern Mediterranean region.

This special journey includes exclusive McCabe events in the company of BBCTV Presenter and Songs of Praise host, Pam Rhodes, front man of the legendary Manfred Mann, Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley-Jones, actress and Christian speaker, all hosted by Christians in Entertainment Director Chris Gidney. Spend three nights ashore in Athens and seven nights on board Celestyal Journey.

Among the countries he visited to spread Christianity, St. Paul spent the most time in Greece and Turkey, preaching the good news about Jesus. His journey in Greece is a route that can touch believers and history lovers alike. We visit places where he preached, starting in Athens where,

from the Acropolis, we walk down to the site of St. Paul's sermon on Mars Hill (Aeropagus) where Paul had a mixed reception in making known the 'Unknown God'. We then visit Agora, the centre of public life in Athens at the time of Paul. We also visit Epidaurus, the Sanctuary of Asclepius and the ancient town of Corinth where St. Paul stayed for a while before he wrote the two letters to the Corinthians included in the New Testament.

Cruise ports of call include Thessaloniki: to visit Veria (Berroia) where Paul and Silas' visited, Kusadasi: for Ephesus where Paul preached and the Virgin Mary is believed to have spent the last days of her life, Heraklion (Crete): for Fair Havens and the church of St Titus, Santorini; with the Monastery of the Prophet Elias, Mykonos; for the holy sanctuaries of Delos & Apollo and finally calling at Milos with its marble amphitheatre and view of the bay and the site where the Venus de Milo was discovered in 1820. Time in these ports is ample to enjoy the included excursions plus free time to wander, visit local beaches and in Santorini and Mykonos sample the local nightlife.

CRUISE & STAY INFORMATION

The cost is based on sharing a double or twin-bedded room in Athens and selected stateroom during the cruise and includes all excursions and most expenses.

Flights are available from **Heathrow, Gatwick, Birmingham and Manchester** direct to Athens. Flights to Heathrow from other UK regional airports can be arranged for a supplement.

For flight information see page 10.

As well as flights and hotels, meals, drinks, guides, entrance fees, all gratuities and more are included.

For full details of departure date, prices and what's included see pages 8 & 9.

Not included...

Travel insurance: this is essential. We require all travellers to have adequate cancellation and medical coverage for their journey. We recommend the policy with Holiday Extras who offer a comprehensive policy as well as yearly policies that also cover short UK overnight stays. See the back cover for details.

Completing your booking form: please ensure that we have your full name (as in your passport) correct address, email address and contact telephone numbers as soon as your booking is confirmed. We will need your passport details at time of booking to allocate your stateroom.

Special requests: should be advised when booking and at the latest 12 weeks before departure.

Final travel documents: will be posted to you two weeks before departure.



Travelling alone?

A limited number of double rooms in Athens and staterooms for single use during the cruise are available at a special package price (see page 9).

To confirm your place on this holiday, please contact our team by phone or email to arrange payment of your £500 deposit. Your final balance will then be due 12 weeks before you travel. To view our booking conditions, please visit our website: www.mccabe-travel.co.uk

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YOUR CRUISE SHIP - MV Celestyal Journey

The newest edition to the Celestyal Cruises' fleet, Celestyal Journey will have undergone a \$20 million refit and decked out in style ready for her first sailing in September 2023. Fully refurbished with spacious Staterooms, public areas, excellent dining with included drinks and a range of included wellness facilities and entertainment to enjoy.

RESTAURANTS

With seven new restaurants and the exclusive Chef's Table, Celestyal Cruises are giving McCabe pilgrims more of what they love: great, authentic food. With options such as Thalassa Restaurant and Leda Casual Dining, every guest is catered to in style. Indulge in the specialty menus for an unforgettable culinary experience.

BARs

Whatever your choice of drink, the eight new bars offer a diverse selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Grab a beer and catch one of our dazzling daily shows in the ΘEATRO, soak up the electric atmosphere of the Ble Bar and Lounge, or head down to the Martini Bar and enjoy one of the exclusive Signature Cocktails.

SPA & GYM

To relax, or to exercise? The lavish new

spa offers guests the opportunity to spend the day doing what they love most. Soothe your body and mind with our range of treatments. Or try out the upgraded gym. With bigger and better facilities, exercise lovers have everything they need to start their day right.

STATEROOMS

The Celestyal Journey is designed to give more room in public areas and spacious Staterooms. Step aboard and make yourself comfortable in one of the 630 staterooms. With 149 Balcony Suites, 120 Junior Suites and 28 Suites plus options for ocean views, there is something for everyone.

Fresh towels and toiletries are delivered twice a day and your personal steward is on hand to deliver room service 24/7. All Staterooms have adjustable air-conditioning, a hairdryer, a safe and TV. Suites also have a refrigerated minibar and an additional seating area.

For full descriptions of stateroom amenities and prices see page 9



Your cruise on-board package includes

- Ship portorage
- Stateroom as selected
- Port charges and taxes
- All excursions
- All on board and shore excursion guide and driver gratuities
- Full board (Breakfast-lunch-dinner)
- Afternoon and late night snacks
- Select drinks with meals
- Entertainment and daily activities on board

Exclusive for McCabe cruise passengers

- Life -stories - in conversation with Pam Rhodes
- Life stories - in conversation with Paul and Fiona Hendley-Jones
- Hymns of Praise with Pam Rhodes
- Worship in Ephesus
- Worship and readings with Pam and Paul in Epidaurus
- Exclusive meet and greet drinks reception with canapes





PAM RHODES

Pam Rhodes is well known as the familiar face of BBC Television's prime time Songs of Praise for more than twenty years. She has her own daily interview series on Lifestyle Television and Radio 2, Pam has also established herself as a mainstream author in recent years, with five novels and nine factual books under her belt and is looking forward to presenting her very own Songs of Praise on board ship.

PAUL JONES & FIONA HENDLEY-JONES

Paul's distinguished career includes being the award-winning lead singer of Manfred Mann (whose hits include "Do Wah Diddy" and "Pretty Flamingo"), and The Blues Band. Millions listen to him on Radio 2, Jazz FM and elsewhere, and on TV he has hosted talk shows and performed everything from Shakespeare to soaps. His extensive stage credits range from the Royal National Theatre and the Royal Shakespeare Company to the West End and Broadway.

Fiona sought God from an early age, thinking that she was a Christian, but was surrounded by deception (including spiritualists and mediums); she too hoped that success in show business would bring her happiness. Their testimony tells how each of them found true happiness and real faith.

CHRIS GIDNEY

Chris Gidney is your host for the themed cruise and has spent a lifetime as entertainer, producer and author, working with numerous artistes from the legendary Frank Sinatra to Sir Cliff Richard. Chris comes from a show business family and joined London's West-End in 1980 to enjoy twelve consecutive London productions before moving to BBC Television, working on such classic programmes as 'Blue Peter' and 'That's Life' with Esther Rantzen. Says Chris. "I know that we shall have a lot of fun hearing all about their careers, faith and what inspires them personally."

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Greece - Athens - city tour (half day)
- Greece - Athens - the Acropolis and Parthenon with site of St. Paul's sermon on Mars Hill (half day with Athens city tour above)
- Greece - Thessaloniki - Veria (Berroia) (half day)
- Turkey - Kusadasi - Ancient Ephesus & House of the Virgin Mary (half day)
- Greece - Crete - Heraklion - Fair Havens and Basilica of Titus (half day)
- Greece - Santorini - Essence of Santorini and Monastery of Profit Elias (full day)
- Greece - Mykonos - Delos, sacred island & Apollo Sanctuary (half day)
- Greece - Milos - Step back in time (religious) (half day)
- Greece - Athens - Kingdom of Korinthos and Epidaurus (full day)

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

None! – all excursions and extras as listed above and below are included

INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Hotel Porterage
- Personal audio guiding system
- All entrance fees and excursions
- All hotel, guide, driver and restaurant gratuities
- Services of a knowledgeable Local Guide on excursions
- McCabe representative in your Athens hotel and on board your cruise
- Optional worship with our travelling and on board clergy

INCLUDED MEALS & DRINKS

Meals: during your three nights stay in Athens, two nights before and one night after your cruise, breakfast and dinner are included. On board your seven night cruise breakfast, lunch and dinner are included as well as mid-afternoon and late night snacks. Dining is open seating with no allocated tables. Our McCabe Leaders will suggest a time to meet for drinks before dinner and then dine together afterwards so that no one dines alone unless they so choose.

Drinks: during your three night stay in Athens water, tea and coffee are included with all evening meals. Your seven night cruise package includes 'select drinks' with all meals, this consists of juices, soft drinks, draft beers and house wines by the glass. There will also be two exclusive pre-dinner drinks receptions for McCabe pilgrims with unlimited drinks and canapes for 60 minutes as well as an additional captains reception with an aperitif. All other drinks will be at your own expense.

YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS

You will be met at your chosen airport of **Heathrow, Gatwick, Birmingham or Manchester** by our airport representative and a McCabe Leader who will fly with you. On arrival in Athens you will be met by a local guide who will escort you to your Athens hotel, guide your Athens excursions as well as be at the hotel for any queries and then escort you to the port of Piraeus, where our team will assist with check-in for the cruise. Each coach will also be escorted by a McCabe Leader who will stay at your hotel, cruise with you and escort all cruise shore excursions to offer worship at some of the places visited. As well as the charming ships crew an additional McCabe member of staff will also be on board.

STATEROOM TYPES, DESCRIPTIONS & PRICES *stateroom images overleaf*

INTERIOR: IA £2,999.00 per person

£3,749.00 single occupancy per person

Interior Staterooms at deck 4 (~17 sqm) can accommodate up to 4 persons, with 2 lower beds and arrangements including 1 upper bed and 1 single or double sofa bed bunk, bathroom with shower, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box and TV. Single beds can be pushed together upon request. Size and lay out may vary within the same cabin category.

INTERIOR: IB £3,049.00 per person

£3,799.00 single occupancy per person

Interior Staterooms at deck 5 and 9 (~17 sqm) can accommodate up to 4 persons, with 2 lower beds and arrangements including 1 upper bed and 1 single sofa bed, bathroom with shower, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box and TV. Single beds can be pushed together upon request. Size and lay out may vary within the same cabin category.

INTERIOR: IC £3,099.00 per person

£3,849.00 single occupancy per person

Interior Staterooms at deck 5, 6, 9 and 10 (~17 sqm) can accommodate up to 4 persons, with 2 lower beds and arrangements including 1 upper bed and 1 single or double sofa bed bunk, bathroom with shower, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box and TV. Single beds can be pushed together upon request. Size and lay out may vary within the same cabin category.

EXTERIOR: XB £3,299.00 per person

£4,099.00 single occupancy per person

Exterior Staterooms at deck 4 and 6 (~19 sqm) can accommodate up to 4 persons, with 2 lower beds and arrangements including 1 upper bed and 1 single or double sofa bed bunk, bathroom with bathtub or shower, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box and TV. Single beds can be pushed together upon request. Size and lay out may vary within the same cabin category.

EXTERIOR: XC £3,349.00 per person

£4,199.00 single occupancy per person

Exterior Cabins at deck 4 and 5 (~19 sqm) can accommodate up to 4 persons with 2 lower beds and arrangements including 1 upper bed and 1 single or double sofa bed bunk, bathroom with bathtub, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box, TV and a window. Single beds can be pushed together upon request. Size and lay out may vary within the same cabin category.

SUITE: SJB £3,499.00 per person

£5,199.00 single occupancy per person

Suites at deck 9 (21 sqm) can accommodate up to 3 persons, with 2 lower beds and 1 single sofa bed, bathroom with jet tub, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box, TV, panoramic window, refrigerated mini bar and balcony.

SUITE: SJC £3,649.00 per person

£5,499.00 single occupancy per person

Suites at deck 10 (21 sqm) can accommodate up to 3 persons, with 2 lower beds and 1 single sofa bed, bathroom with jet tub, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box, TV, panoramic window, refrigerated mini bar and balcony.

SUITE: SG £3,749.00 per person

£5,899.00 single occupancy per person

Suites at deck 10 (35 sqm) can accommodate up to 4 persons, with 2 lower beds and 1 double sofa bed, bathroom with shower, telephone, hair dryer, safety deposit box, TV, panoramic window, refrigerated mini bar and balcony.



Flight information

Fly direct from Heathrow, Gatwick

Flights are available from **Heathrow, Gatwick, Birmingham** and **Manchester** direct to Athens. Flights all include a full 23 kilo (British Airways and easyJet) or 22 kilo (Jet2) luggage allowance and allocated seat. Regional flights to London Heathrow from other UK airports can be arranged at a supplement. An overnight stop at Heathrow may be required which we can assist you with. Flight upgrades with British Airways from Heathrow are also available at a supplement, for ease and comfort through the airport and on board. Please enquire at time of booking.

HEATHROW with British Airways

Outbound: Flight BA0638 departs Heathrow: 07:20 **arrives Athens: 13:15**
Return: Flight BA0639 departs Athens: 13:25 **arrives Heathrow: 15:20**

GATWICK with easyJet

Outbound: Flight EZY8181 departs Gatwick: 06:10 **arrives Athens: 11:45**
Return: Flight EZY8184 departs Athens: 13:50 **arrives Gatwick: 15:40**

BIRMINGHAM with Jet2

Outbound: Flight LS1213 departs Birmingham: 07:15 **arrives Athens: 13:05**
Return: Flight LS1214 departs Athens: 13:50 **arrives Birmingham: 15:50**

MANCHESTER with Jet2

Outbound: Flight LS1709 departs Manchester: 06:30 **arrives Athens: 12:25**
Return: Flight LS1710 departs Athens: 13:15 **arrives Manchester: 15:20**

Flight times are subject to change and confirmed with your final paperwork.

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 – Travel to Athens (D)

Morning: meet your group leader and check-in for your direct flight from **Heathrow, Gatwick, Birmingham or Manchester** to Athens. Our airport representative at each airport will assist you with check-in.

Afternoon: on arrival in Athens the McCabe team will greet you and escort you to your centrally located hotel and assist with check-in for your two-nights stay in Athens.

Evening: get to know your fellow pilgrims over a welcome dinner and be introduced to your special guests BBCTV's Pam Rhodes and musician and actor Paul Jones and actress and Christian speaker Fiona Hendley-Jones.

DAY 2 – Half day Athens city tour and the Acropolis (B, D)

Morning: enjoy a tour on coach and foot taking in the Hellenic Parliament with the "Evzones" Presidential Guard found outside the Hellenic Parliament. They have become synonymous with the city of Athens and were originally founded in 1868 as a regiment of the Greek army. We then continue to the historical neighbourhood of Plaka, a labyrinth of streets with neoclassical architecture clustered around the northern and eastern slopes of the Acropolis. known as the "Neighborhood of the Gods" due to its proximity to the Acropolis and its many archaeological sites. We continue to the Acropolis, the Temple of Athena Nike, the foremost site of Classical Greece, with the Parthenon. We walk down to the site of St. Paul's sermon on Mars Hill (Aeropagus) where Paul had a mixed reception in making known the 'Unknown God'. We then visit Agora the centre of public life in Athens at the time of Paul.

Afternoon: free leisurely afternoon to enjoy lunch (at own cost) wander the Plaka to shop, maybe visit the National Archaeological Museum of Greece or numerous other museums or head to the waterfront and marina in Piraeus. Your guide will advise of plenty of options.

Evening: dinner with water and tea or coffee included.

DAY 3 – Free morning in Athens - board your cruise ship (B, D, DR)

Morning: a free morning to explore Athens further. Maybe wander the Plaka district with its narrow streets and quaint shops, wander Syndama Square, the National Garden or visit one of the many museums.

Afternoon: transfer to the Port of Piraeus where our team will assist you with check-in and boarding MV Celestyal Journey for your seven-night cruise. Your luggage will be taken from the coach and transferred on board to your stateroom. The crew will make you feel welcome and we suggest to be on deck ready for sail away as you head out to the Aegean Sea. A daily schedule of activities will be posted to your cabin or on the ships handy mobile phone app to make full use of the activities and entertainment on board that is all included in your cruise price.

Evening: Captain's welcome reception followed by dinner with 'select drinks' of draft beer, water, soft drinks, wine by the glass and tea or coffee included.

Ship sails: 17:00



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YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 4 – Thessaloniki - Veria (Berroia) (B, L, D, DR)

Morning: a special Sunday service on board followed by a visit to Pella the capital of the ancient Greek kingdom of Macedonia and birthplace of Alexander the Great. Over one thousand tombs have been discovered, some containing elaborate artefacts from ceramics to precious metals, weapons and jewellery. After, continue to Veria (Berea) where Philip II was assassinated and Alexander the Great became king. Paul and Silas' visit here saw that its inhabitants were the first Christians in Europe.

Afternoon: return to the ship to enjoy a late lunch on board. Relax and enjoy the ships facilities or wander into Thessaloniki under your own steam, plus a special guest event **LIFE STORIES - PAM RHODES** where Chris Gidney joins in fascinating conversation with BBC Songs of Praise presenter Pam Rhodes.

Evening: dinner with 'select drinks' of draft beer, water, soft drinks, wine by the glass and tea or coffee included. After enjoy being entertained by the talented team on board.

Ship arrives Thessaloniki: 10:00
Departs: 19:00

DAY 5 – Turkey - Kusadasi - Ephesus and House of the Virgin Mary (B, L, D, DR)

Morning: enjoy the views of the Turkish coast whilst relaxing on board. Maybe a swim, exercise class or some of the array of activities, talks and demonstrations available on board and listed in the daily programme sent to your cabin or available on the ships mobile app.

Afternoon: after lunch arrive in Kusadasi and explore the UNESCO World Heritage site of Ephesus. This ancient city is believed to have been settled in the 10th century BC by Ionians, Ephesus changed hands many times before becoming a Roman dependency in 133 BC during the reign of Emperor Augustus. It was also a very important city during early Christian times as evidenced by St. Paul's visit and St. John being buried nearby. Heading up the hills behind Ephesus, you will see where the Virgin Mary is believed to have spent the last days of her life. Presently, there is a

charming chapel, consecrated by the Pope, at the very spot where the House of Virgin Mary stood. The local tradition suggests that Virgin Mary lived and died here.

Evening: dinner with 'select drinks' of draft beer, water, soft drinks, wine by the glass and tea or coffee included. After enjoy being entertained by the talented team on board.

Ship arrives Kusadasi: 13:00
Departs: 19:00

DAY 6 – Crete - Heraklion - Fair Havens and Church of St. Titus (B, L, D, DR)

Morning: visit Kali Limenes, the Greek name that translates "Fair Havens," is situated on the southern coast of Crete. Here Paul waited for a considerable time (Acts 27:9); but while it afforded good anchorage and a shelter from North and Northwest winds, "the haven was not commodious to winter in". Visit the Chapel of St. Paul and the small cave, where Apostle Paul is said to have lived for two years, before continuing his journey to Rome.

Afternoon: after an included local lunch continue to the St. Titus Church. Paul appointed Titus the first bishop of Crete, assigning him to consolidate the church there by appointing elders in every town. Paul had low regard for Cretans and accepted a popular view that generally they were "liars, dangerous animals, all greed and laziness" (Titus 1:12 NJB). So he gave Titus explicit instructions to take a firm stance with Cretan believers.

Evening: dinner with 'select drinks' of draft beer, water, soft drinks, wine by the glass and tea or coffee included. After enjoy being entertained by the talented team on board.

Ship arrives Heraklion 08:00
Departs: 19:00

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 7 – Santorini - Essence of Santorini - Monastery of Profitis Elias (B, L, D, DR)

Morning: we drive to the viewpoint of Mount Profitis Ilias (Prophet Elias) and the Monastery of Profitis Ilias, one of the oldest on the island. From here we visit Oia, the most photographed place on Santorini and familiar all over the world. We continue past the lava rocks of the islets of Nea Kameni and the Caldera below, with free time to enjoy the landscape of Oia and the colourful shops and cafes with terraces overlooking the Aegean Sea. After, we call in at a winery for a tasting then our tour brings us to the Church of Panagia Episkopi a beautiful Byzantine Church, built in the late 11th Century, and the best example of traditional ecclesiastical architecture on the island. The excursion ends in Fira where we make our way down to the harbour side by cable car.

Afternoon: ship sets sail late at night, so spend the afternoon and evening in Santorini, maybe for a change dine in a local restaurant and enjoy the atmosphere whilst many have returned to the ship. Maybe just enjoy the facilities and sunbathe on board.

Evening: dinner with 'select drinks' of draft beer, water, soft drinks, wine by the glass and tea or coffee included. After enjoy being entertained by the talented team on board.

Ship arrives Santorini: 07:30

Departs: midnight

Apollo Sanctuary (B, L, D, DR)

Morning: Delos was a holy sanctuary and one of the most important and prosperous commercial ports in the eastern Mediterranean during the 1st millennium BC. Olympian mythology made it the birthplace of Apollo and his twin sister Artemis and it attracted pilgrims from all over Greece. There are numerous ruins to marvel at including Doric temples, an amphitheatre, houses with mosaics, Agora, the Oikos (House) of Naxians and the iconic statues at the Terrace of the Lions. Seven of the original full sized marble lions still stand. There are the remains of the Sanctuary of Apollo and the Establishment of the Poseidonians of Beirut, built by ship owners and merchants from that city across the Mediterranean.

Afternoon: at the end of the excursion you will return to Chora to wander and shop before returning to the ship for lunch and afternoon on board or return to Mykonos and wander at leisure, plus a special guest event (16:00) **LIFE STORIES - PAUL JONES & FIONA HENDLEY JONES** as the famous Manfred Mann musician and actor and actress and Christian speaker discuss life and faith with Chris Gidney.

Evening: maybe take an early dinner on board and after dinner enjoy a wander on Mykonos, take in the harbour views, sip wine with the locals, meander the local shops that stay open till late or perhaps sample the local nightlife.

Ship arrives Mykonos: 08:00

Departs: 02:00 (next morning)

DAY 8 – Mykonos - Delos, Sacred Island &



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YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 9 – Milos - Step back in time (B, L, D, DR)

Morning: a short drive from the harbour takes us to Sarakiniko, an inlet of pure white stone sculpted by volcanic eruptions and perhaps one of the most photographed places in the Cyclades Islands and then to Plaka, a classic Cycladic village of white stone houses and bougainvillea flowers 250 meters above the Aegean. Plaka is known for its local pastry shops with the homemade sweets and early Christian catacombs, the largest in Greece, and the ruins of ancient Melos and its Roman amphitheater. The path takes us through a small olive grove beneath the retaining walls of ancient Melos, where you'll find large Dorian walls and column fragments. The marble amphitheatre, fully restored in 2015, still includes seven intact rows of seats and offers a lovely view of the bay and the site where the Venus de Milo (now residing in the Louvre in Paris), was discovered in 1820.

Afternoon: Milos has wonderful beaches and local boatmen will take you to them. Take a short boat ride (at own cost) and bathe in some of the Mediterranean's most azure blue waters. Also, enjoy **Hymns of Praise** as **Pam Rhodes invites you to join her for an exclusive McCabe version of the popular TV show.**

Evening: dinner with 'select drinks' of draft beer, water, soft drinks, wine by the glass and tea or coffee included. After enjoy being entertained by the talented team on board.

Ship arrives Milos: 09:00 Departs: 19:00

DAY 10– Return to Athens - Kingdom of Korinthos and Epidaurus (B, L, D, DR)

Morning: after a farewell to the crew of your ship we disembark and then head out of Athens for the day and cross the Corinth Canal making a stop to view this engineering marvel. We then visit the ancient town of Corinth where St. Paul stayed for 18 months and wrote two letters to Corinthians, which are included in the New Testament. An impressive church has been built in his honour. The remains of the city include the marketplace and Temple of Apollo and clearly show the importance of Corinth in ancient times. After, we make a short stop at the site of the ancient port of Cencreae from where St. Paul departed for Ephesus.

Afternoon: continue to Epidaurus with its Great Theatre with its great acoustics, Sanctuary of Asclepius and join together in optional worship at this great location where our celebrity hosts and fellow passengers will perform a short dramatic reading.

Early evening: return to Athens and check-in to your hotel for an overnight stay. Hotel accommodation on your return may be in a hotel closer to the airport than the city centre.

Evening: dinner in a local restaurant close to your Athens hotel with water and tea or coffee included.

Ship arrives Athens: 07:00

DAY 8 – Return to the UK (B)

Morning: transfer to Athens Airport escorted by your Tour Leader and McCabe Athens representative who will assist with check-in for your direct flight to Heathrow, Gatwick, Birmingham or Manchester.

Afternoon: arrival in the UK and bid farewell to your Tour Leader.



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YOUR ACCOMMODATION IN ATHENS



ATHENS – ATHINAIS HOTEL

(3* Superior) – Four nights

Athinais Hotel was built in 1977 and has been totally renovated in 2006. It is located in the heart of Athens next to Mavili square, in a safe area 10 min. walk from kolonaki area, the most popular commercial and shopping area. Just 5 min walk to the Athens Concert Hall and Venizelos Park, 15 min from the National Gallery. Syntagma square which is aside Plaka (the oldest area of Athens) as well as Monastiraki (traditional market) is 10 min with the metro & 15 min by taxi & bus. Lycabettus, a hill with the nicest view of Athens is 5 min by taxi.

Hotel facilities: on site bar and brasserie, reading lounge and breakfast restaurant.

Your room: balcony, air-conditioning/heating, flat screen TV, safe, fridge and complimentary WiFi.

Your bathroom: bath or shower, hairdryer and complimentary soap, shampoo and shower gel.

YOUR ACCOMMODATION IN ATHENS



ATHENS – ACROPOLIS SELECT HOTEL

(3* Superior) – Four nights

Conveniently located in the heart of Athens and only a short walking distance to the Acropolis pedestrian walkway, leading to many of the city's main sights and attractions, the Acropolis Select Hotel is the perfect home away from home, for your next visit to Athens. A short five minute stroll from the hotel will bring guests to the ancient site of the Acropolis, the New Acropolis Museum and the Plaka District, while other major landmarks such as Syntagma Square, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Monastiraki Market, as well as, the city's shopping hotspots of Hermou Street and Kolonaki are all within easy

reach. Just a few meters from the property you will find metro, light railway and bus stations, making traveling around the city and its beach suburbs extremely convenient.

Hotel facilities: the 180 degree West Lounge Restaurant has an unforgettable and stunning view of the Parthenon and the Zeus Bar with its comfortable seating areas is open daily from 07:00 to 23:00.

Your room: air-conditioning/heating, flat screen TV, safe, fridge and complimentary WiFi.

Your bathroom: bath or shower, hairdryer and complimentary soap, shampoo and shower gel.

THE MCCABE EDUCATIONAL TRUST



The McCabe Educational Trust is an independent registered charity with the aim of helping inspiring people we meet on some of our pilgrimages. As ‘the haves’ encounter the ‘have nots’ the Trust has become a practical tool for one to help the other.

McCabe Pilgrimages invite all travellers to become partners in this work. A £20 voluntary donation to the Trust’s work is added to every pilgrim’s invoice and all money raised in this way is given in full to the projects the Trust supports. This scheme is voluntary and confidential with nobody put under any pressure to participate.

The McCabe Educational Trust (MET) was set up in 1991 to give structure to our support for the Christian communities that we meet on pilgrimage. We are humbled at the way pilgrims have responded, and to date the MET has distributed more than four million pounds in grants.

The McCabe Educational Trust is a registered charity with an independent Board of Directors. No deductions are made for the charity’s administration as all running costs are paid by McCabe Pilgrimages.

More information about your journey

Entry requirements: British Citizen and EU Citizen Passport holders can currently enter Greece freely with no restrictions or other documentation required. Stays within the EU can be up to 90 days (can be spread over multiple visits) within any 180-day period.

Please note your passport must be valid for three months after your return from Greece and 150 days to enter Turkey. Therefore please ensure that your passport is valid for 150 days after your return.

Full details of entry requirements and any required vaccinations will be detailed in your final paperwork 14 days before departure.

For the latest and most up to date travel advice including entry requirements please consult the Foreign & Commonwealth Development Office travel advice website.

www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

For travel within the EU (Greece) you should ensure that you have the Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) which is free of charge. This card cannot be used in Turkey or on board at the ships medical centre. You can apply for the GHIC card by calling 0191 218 1999 or applying on line at...

www.nhs.uk/ghic

Adequate insurance cover will be required for all hospital emergencies, doctors' and on board medical centre visits.

If you haven't had a booster in the last ten years it is recommended that you be vaccinated for Tetanus and Polio. Food and waterborne diseases are more common, so we recommend vaccinations for typhoid (valid 3 years) and Hepatitis A (validity varies). Vaccination, Covid-19 and health information can change so please contact your local health care provider for the most up to date information. We will send up to date information on entry requirements with your final paperwork approximately 14 days before departure.

Time Zones: Greece is two hours ahead of the time in the UK (GMT/BST + 2 hours)

Climate: during the cruise the average daily minimum and maximum temperatures during your cruise and stay should be as below. Coastal winds and sea breezes when sailing can make the temperature seem cooler and evenings will see temperatures drop somewhat.

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Currency: visitors will normally receive a better exchange rate for the Euro in Greece than in their home country, but the following guidelines should be observed:

The simplest means of obtaining currency in Greece one which also ensures a good rate overall, is to withdraw Euros from a cash machine (ATM). These accept debit and credit cards backed by Visa, MasterCard, EuroCard, American Express and Maestro. You normally receive an excellent exchange rate, although your card provider may charge you a fee. So it is best to withdraw larger amounts.

How much spending money will I need?

We recommend changing £100 into Euros prior to your trip and taking additional means of payment with you. €400 in total should be more than enough to cover drinks and sundries for the duration of the tour. Shops will accept payments by card but some smaller shops and market stallholders may only accept cash.

On board purchases will be charged to your stateroom and payment is due at the end of the cruise by Visa or Mastercard. The on-board currency is the Euro.

This is correct at time of going to print, prices can change due to local circumstances and currency fluctuations.

Gratuities: all gratuities are included in the cost of your stay for your convenience such as guides, drivers, restaurant staff, baggage porters and all cruise and hotel gratuities. However should you still wish to thank anyone who has served you well, or gone the extra mile, with a personal tip this is happily accepted.

When enjoying meals or drinks at your own cost, in general 10 percent is normal to tip. However, when paying in a bar or restaurant, saying 'thank you' when handing over money is as good as saying 'keep the change' so always say thank you once you have received the change and leave your gratuity on the table.

Clothing: dress is cool and casual throughout your excursions in Greece and Turkey. Casual clothing is recommended in the day-time on board. As the excursions will require a certain amount of walking at ancient sites, we suggest you take a pair of trainers or shoes with a cushioned sole. It is advisable to bring just a couple of warmer items for the evenings as during sailing when the wind may reduce the temperatures.

Evening wear - your attire should be Jacket and Tie for the gentlemen and elegant outfit for the ladies. No shorts or bathing suits will be accepted in the indoor restaurants after 6.00pm .

Formal evening - during the seven night cruise, there will be a Gala Night and the Captain's Cocktail in honour of our guests, and we ask that you attend in formal dress: a cocktail dress or something smart for the ladies, jacket and tie for the men.

Dress up evening - on each Celestyal cruise they host several themed nights such as White night, famous Greek night, where passengers are invited to wear blue and white (the colours of the Greek flag).

Mobility: there is a certain amount of walking, light undulations and a number of stairs involved on a daily basis during your shore excursions in Greece and Turkey, so please make sure you pack comfy footwear for this so that you are prepared. Your Local Guides and shore excursion briefings will keep you updated on a daily basis with what to expect the following day. If you are finding it difficult to keep up then please make sure you tell your Local Guide who can help you to find places to rest and relax and then you can re-join the group at a later stage.

Some streets in towns and villages that you will visit will be cobbled. We suggest you take a pair of comfortable shoes with good grips or trainers. You must be prepared to be on your feet for up to 60 minutes without the necessity to sit down and walk up to a kilometer unaided. Hiking and walking sticks are fine.

A full range of useful information with everything that you need to know is contained in the Celestyal Cruises 'Know before you go' brochure. We fully advise that you read this prior to booking.

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