



**Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr.  
Presents**

**Fly/Cruise  
Rome/Greece  
A Spiritual Journey in the  
Footsteps of the Apostle Paul  
Italy and Greece  
October 17-28, 2018**

**Romans 1:7  
To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.**





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# Footsteps of Paul

12-Day Rome & Greece Tour  
Including a 4-Night Greek Isles Cruise

Hosted by: Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr.  
Travel Dates: 10/17/18-10/28/18  
Join us as we travel on a  
spiritual journey through  
scripture in the Footsteps of  
Paul



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**Dr. Claybon Lea, Jr.** is the pastor of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Fairfield and Suisun City, CA. He is the second pastor in the church's history, having succeeded his late father and church organizer, Rev. Claybon Lea. Dr. Lea has led spiritual and missionary journeys across the hemispheres as he has traveled to countries in Africa and to Israel on two occasions with some 150 travelers. Dr. Lea is a very able and phenomenal host for this incredible journey in the Footsteps of Paul.

Under Dr. Lea's leadership, Mount Calvary has experienced phenomenal holistic growth. Dr. Lea, in 2004, led Mount Calvary in a move to the city of Fairfield, to occupy a 48,000 sq. ft. building. In 2005 the church was listed in Outreach Magazine as one of the 100 fastest growing churches in America. In 2015, Dr. Lea led the church in the acquisition of 60 acres for the future construction of a mixed-use campus to facilitate the nonprofit and for-profit vision of the church.

Dr. Lea has been blessed with both the burning and the learning. He is a distinguished graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA, with a B. A. Degree in Religion. He received his master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He also earned his doctor of ministry degree from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH. In December 2015, he graduated with a PhD. in Biblical Studies from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, CA, with highest honors. His dissertation was entitled The Hermeneutics of Desmond Tutu: Liberationist or Reconciliationist?

In 2000, Dr. Lea was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr., Board of Preachers at Morehouse College. In August of 2004 Dr. Lea was selected to attend The University of Oxford in England as a participant in the Oxford Round Table discussion on Religion, Education and Government.

# ITINERARY

## DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17: DEPART U.S.A. FOR ROME

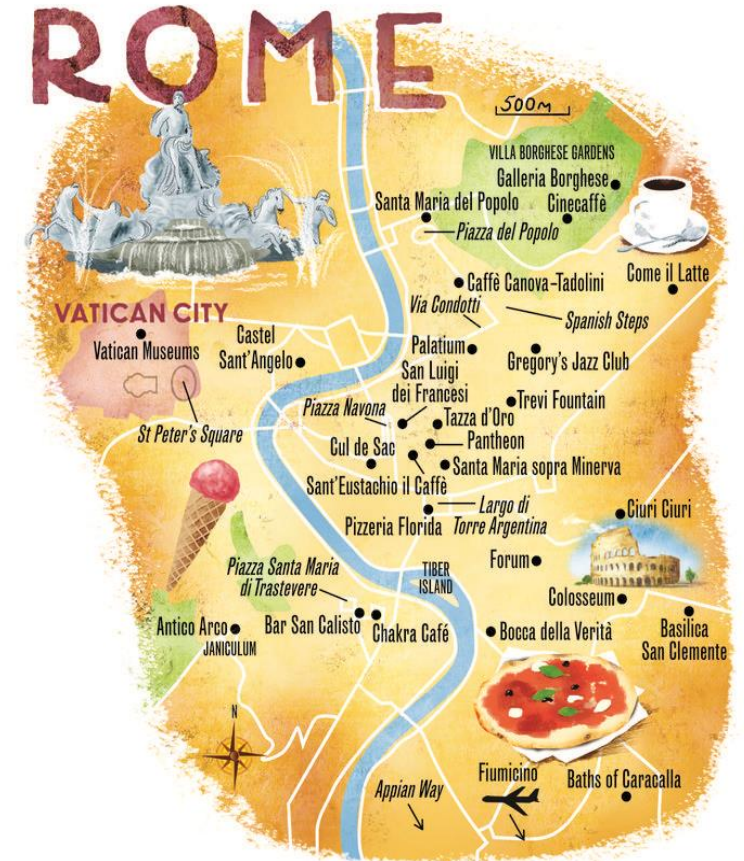
Tour members meet and depart U.S.A. for Rome.

## DAY 2 – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18: ARRIVAL IN ROME, OSTIA ANTICA, APPIAN WAY, ROME

Upon arrival, we meet our tour escort and head to the coast to visit the spectacular ruins of Ostia Antica, the port of ancient Rome in New Testament times. The excavations continue today and provide insight into what Roman cities were like in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. On the way to Rome, we stop to walk on the ancient stones of the Appian Ways, as Paul did on his way to Rome. We then return to Rome to begin our touring, which includes stops at the Trastevere area of the city where Paul lived for two years. We then check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

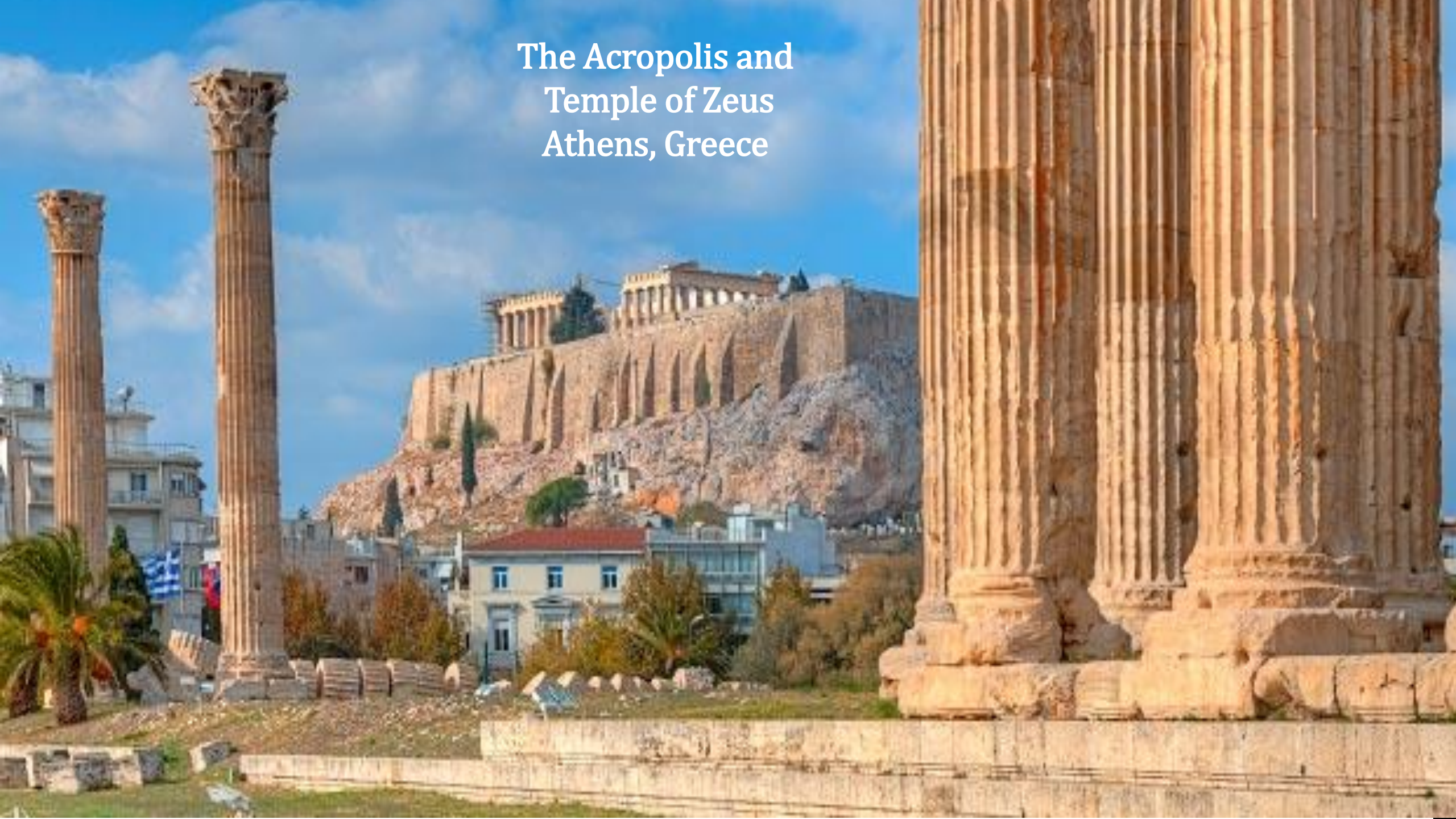
## DAY 3 – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19: ROME, VATICAN & SISTINE CHAPEL, TREVI FOUNTAIN

Our first stop this morning is the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel, the celebrated Chapel of the Popes and the venue of the conclaves for Papal elections. It is one of the most splendid masterpieces in the history of world art and is known around the world for its magnificent ceiling, beautifully decorated by Michelangelo. From here, our next visit is to the Basilica of St. Peter, the largest church in the world, which overlooks the enormous Piazza San Pietro. After a break for lunch (not included), we tour the eternal city. Driving through the main streets of Rome, we will marvel at the monuments of this great capital. Then we stop near the Fontana di Trevi, following tradition by tossing a coin into the fountain, promising to return to Rome. Dinner and overnight are in Rome.





The Acropolis and  
Temple of Zeus  
Athens, Greece



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## **DAY 4 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20: CATACOMBS, ST. PETER IN CHAINS, COLOSSEUM, FORUM, ST. JOHN LATERAN, BASILICA OF ST. PAUL**

Today, we enjoy a sightseeing tour, including a special visit to the Catacombs where we explore tunnels and see the carvings on the walls from early Christians. From here we continue to St. Peter in Chains. Then we visit the Colosseum, which symbolizes the eternity of the Roman civilization, the Forum, and the Piazza Venezia, dominated by the imposing monument to Vittorio Emanuel II. After lunch (not included), we visit St. John Lateran and the “Sacred Steps.” As a monk, Martin Luther climbed these steps on his knees, trying to merit forgiveness. Afterwards, we visit St. Paul’s Church where tradition believes the Apostle Paul is buried, followed by dinner and overnight in Rome.

## **DAY 5 – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21: DEPART ROME FOR ATHENS, CORINTH**

Today we transfer to the Rome airport for our flight to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens, we will be met by our representative and tour guide to be transferred by our motor coach continue our trip to Ancient Corinth, the once glorious city near the Isthmus, where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla and spent a year-and-a-half preaching the Gospel. We visit the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, the Temples and the famous Bema, where Paul stood before Gallio, accused by the Jews of Corinth. Finally, we drive to Cenchreae, the little harbor Paul sailed back to from Asia, thus ending his second missionary journey. We then make our way to Athens for our dinner and overnight.

## **DAY 6 – MONDAY, OCTOBER 22: EMBARK ON 4-NIGHT CRUISE**

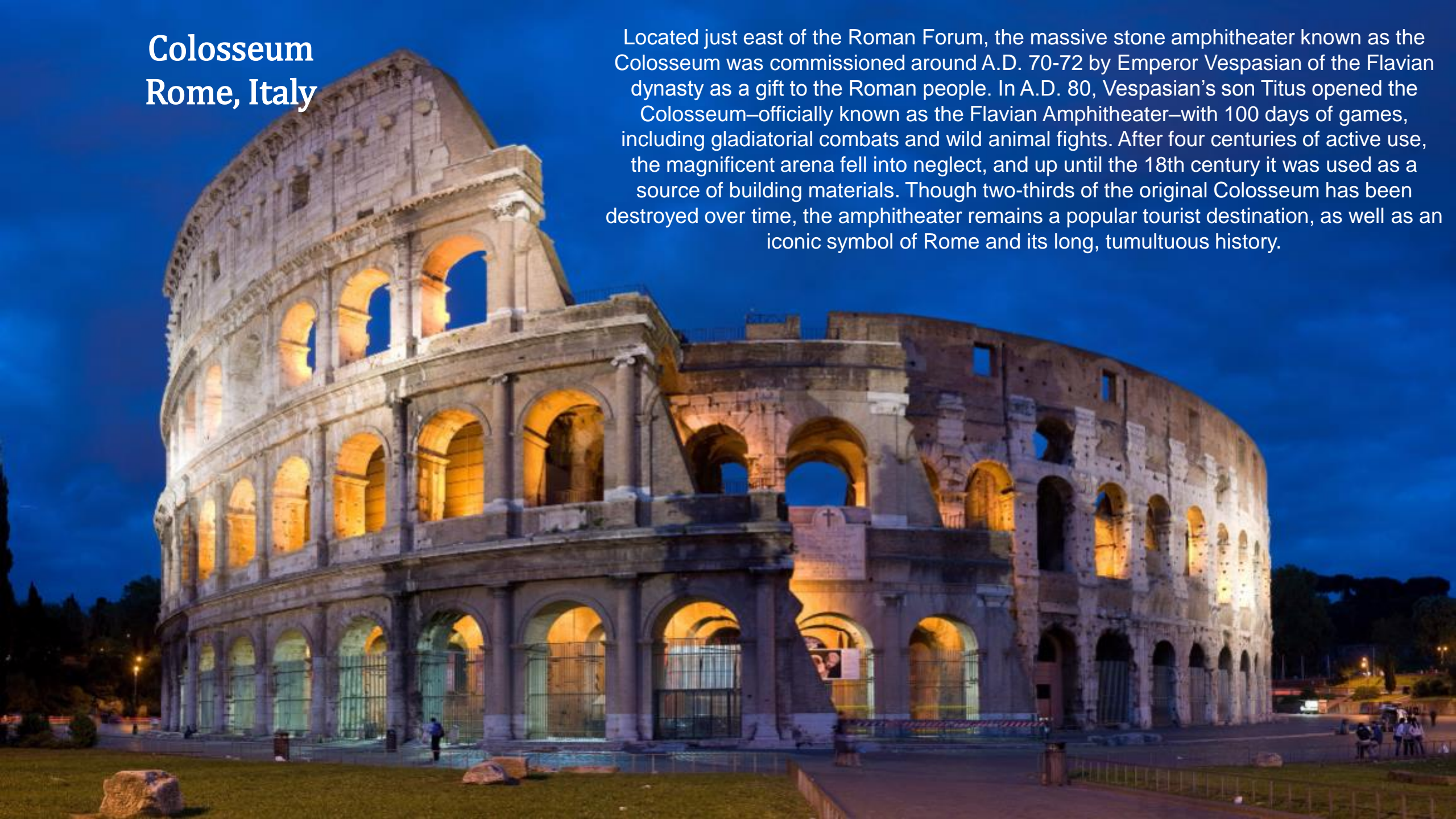
Today we transfer to the port of Piraeus to depart on our 4- night Greek Isles Cruise. Our first port-of-call is Mykonos, which uniquely combines luxury and sophistication with the simple and yet charming life of a Cycladic Island. We can stroll the winding, narrow streets full of boutiques, visit tiny chapels, and take pictures of the famous windmills. Another option is just sit by the waterfront and enjoy the beautiful sunset.

**DAY 7 – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23: KUSADASI (EPHESUS), PATMOS** In the morning, we arrive at **Kusadasi**, a lovely Turkish port and the gateway to the **Ancient city of Ephesus**, a city often visited by St. Paul. It is one of the seven churches of Revelation. **Excursion to Ancient Ephesus included.** We drive along the coast to reach Ephesus, famous in antiquity for its Temple of Diana. Also, known as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, Ephesus later became the home of the Apostle John. We will see the monuments such as the Forum, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, and the Thermal Bath of Scolastika. We will also visit the magnificent, open-air Great Theatre, built in the Greek era and reconstructed in the Roman period, which seated 24,000 people. Next, we walk back to the motor coach along the Arcadian Way, where Mark Anthony and Cleopatra once rode in procession. Traveling back to Kusadasi, we view the Basilica of St. John. Just downhill lies the site of the famous Temple of Diana, today in ruins. We also visit the Church of the Virgin Mary. By late afternoon we arrive on **Patmos**, the island where the Apostle John was exiled. We visit the cave where John wrote the book of Revelation (Rev. 1: 9). **Excursion to St. John and the Grotto of the Apocalypse included.** Departing the port of Scala by motor coach, we will enjoy the short ride up to the magnificent Monastery of St. John, within the walls of a strong fortification and with spectacular views of the island. We will walk uphill towards the entrance of the Monastery and view the courtyard, the Monks' quarters, and the main church with its outstanding frescoes and the small but beautiful museum. Finally, we will visit the nearby Church of the Apocalypse and walk down a few steps to the Grotto of the Apocalypse.



# Colosseum Rome, Italy

Located just east of the Roman Forum, the massive stone amphitheater known as the Colosseum was commissioned around A.D. 70-72 by Emperor Vespasian of the Flavian dynasty as a gift to the Roman people. In A.D. 80, Vespasian's son Titus opened the Colosseum—officially known as the Flavian Amphitheater—with 100 days of games, including gladiatorial combats and wild animal fights. After four centuries of active use, the magnificent arena fell into neglect, and up until the 18th century it was used as a source of building materials. Though two-thirds of the original Colosseum has been destroyed over time, the amphitheater remains a popular tourist destination, as well as an iconic symbol of Rome and its long, tumultuous history.



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**DAY 8 – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24: RHODES, LINDOS** Today, we will visit the Island of **Rhodes**. The ship enters the port, which was once dominated by the Colossus, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. **Excursion to Rhodes and Lindos included:** On this excursion, we drive along the southeastern coastline on our way to **Lindos**, the most important of the three great cities of ancient times. We visit the Acropolis of Lindos, overlooking the Aegean Sea and St. Paul's Bay. Afterward, we spend some free time in the small attractive village with the little shops and narrow streets. We drive back to the city of Rhodes for our walking tour of the city and stroll through the Medieval Old City, down through Chevaliers Road. Then, we view the Palace of the Knights of St. John.

**DAY 9 – THURSDAY, October 25: CRETE, SANTORINI** This morning we spend time in **Crete**, the largest and most rugged of the Greek Islands. It is also the ancient home of the great Minoans and the mythological god, Zeus. **Optional Excursion to Knossos Palace and Heraklion City not included:** During this excursion, we take a short ride through the town of Heraklion and then arrive at the Knossos excavations. Here, Sir Arthur Evans's archaeological discoveries revealed a civilization dating back to 4000 B.C., when a great empire flourished on the island of Crete. Paul left Titus in Crete and gave instructions on appointing church leaders in the towns (Titus 1:5ff). Next, we spend an evening on what many would consider the most spectacular of all the Greek islands, Santorini. **Optional Excursion to Thira & Oia Village not included:** On this excursion, we follow a scenic coastal drive along the Aegean and arrive in Oia where we enjoy a guided walking tour of the village. The walk takes us along the cobbled streets to view up close the whitewashed homes, which characterize the ancient Cycladic architectural style. We continue on via coach to Thira, an attractive town perched on the Caldera rim. Here we will have time to stroll the cobbled lanes of this fascinating town or simply relax over coffee, as we gaze down upon Kamenes, the two volcanic islets in the Caldera Bay. A short cable car ride will take us down to the pier where we will rejoin the ship.

**DAY 10 – FRIDAY, October 26: PIRAEUS, PARTHENON, MARS HILL, METEORA, KALAMBAKA**

We arrive this morning at the Port of Piraeus. After we disembark our cruise, we begin our sightseeing as we admire the architectural miracles of ancient Athens. We will follow our guide to the world-renown **Acropolis** to see the Propylea, the Erechtheum, and the **Parthenon**. Visit **Mars Hill** where Paul delivered his speech on the "Unknown God." Next, we view the Agora, the ancient center of the economic and public life of the city, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. During the bus tour, we will see Constitution Square with the House of Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Zeus, the Old Olympic Stadium, and the Neoclassical buildings of Athens. We leave Athens and head to **Meteora** where we visit the breathtaking Monasteries, which stand amid striking scenery perched atop huge rocks and seem to be suspended in mid-air. We can also see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art. We enjoy dinner and spend the night in **Kalambaka**.



**Things to See: The Sistine Chapel is one of the most splendid masterpieces in the history of world art and is well-known around the world for its magnificent ceiling, beautifully decorated by Michelangelo.**



**SISTINE CHAPEL**



# ITINERARY

## **DAY 11 – SATURDAY, October 27: Veria, THESSALONIKI**

After breakfast, we drive to **Veria** and visit the Bema of the Apostle Paul. After our stop in Veria, we continue to **Thessaloniki** (the city where Paul was received by Jason) for our city tour. Paul was preaching the Word of God here, until he was rushed out of the city. We will see the landmark of the city, the White Tower, the Walls of the Byzantine Acropolis, the Roman Arch of Galerius, and the Rotonda. Next, we visit two of the city's oldest and most admired Christian churches, the Basilicas of St. Demetrius and St. Sophia (Divine Wisdom). Dinner and overnight will be in Thessaloniki.

## **DAY 12 – SUNDAY, October 28: THESSALONIKI, ATHENS**

After breakfast, we transfer to Thessaloniki Airport for our return flight back to the U.S.A. After changing planes en route, we arrive back in the U.S.A. mid-afternoon.

*\*Tour members who choose not to take the optional excursions can explore the islands on their own. Optional excursion pricing is subject to change by the cruise line and is reserved/purchased in Euros directly on the cruise ship. Upgraded cabins are available upon request at an additional cost.*

*\*Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will do our utmost to include all the sites listed above, the order of the sites and/or days and the number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airlines, hotel schedules, time constraints, the cruise lines and local conditions. Rotation of ports of call may vary for congestion reasons at certain ports, with or without prior notice and changed by cruise lines without notice. Celestyal Cruises reserves the right to substitute vessel trading for the scheduled vessel without notice.*

*\*Breakfast & Dinner included daily while on land. Three meals will be provided each day (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner) on board the cruise. Unlimited non-alcoholic drinks are included on board the cruise. Drinks are not included with meals on land, except for customary items served at the buffet.*



### **Athens, Greece Acts 17:16-18**

**16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. 17 Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. 18 Then[a] certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babblers want to say?"**

### **Corinth, Greece 1 Corinthians 1:2**

**To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours:**

### **Naples, Italy Acts 28:11-14**

**11 After three months we sailed in an Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was the Twin Brothers, which had wintered at the island. 12 And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days. 13 From there we circled round and reached Rhegium. And after one day the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli, 14 where we found brethren, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward Rome. The city of Naples was first settled by Greeks in the 8th century BC, who called it Neapolis ("new city"); it later became a major center of Hellenistic culture. The Romans arrived next, followed by Christians in the early centuries AD, the Ostrogoths after the fall of the Roman Empire, then a succession of rulers including Normans, Angevins, Aragonese, Bourbons and others. Vatican city, considered the world's smallest state, is an independent and landlocked state which exists entirely within Rome, Italy. Under International law the city is considered a national territory. It covers an area of roughly 110 acres, making it the smallest state in terms of both total area and population.**

### **Vatican City**

**It is not entirely accurate to refer to Vatican City using the term "Holy See." The Holy See is not a country or state but rather the entity that oversees over 1.2 billion Catholic members (the world's largest religious faith) and has a history dating back to early Christianity. While state ordinances are published in Italian, the official Holy See documents are written primarily in Latin. In addition to its own diplomacy, the See conducts diplomatic relations on behalf of Vatican City and enters into international agreements for it. The current Pope that oversees church affairs, known officially as the Supreme Pontiff, is Pope Francis. The word "Vatican," which predates Christianity, comes from the Latin Mons Vaticanus and refers to the mount on which it sits.**

# **SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE FOR OUR JOURNEY BY HISTORICAL SITE**



# Athens, Greece



### **Rome - Acts 23:11**

**“But on the night immediately following, the Lord stood at his side and said, "Take courage; for as you have solemnly witnessed to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must witness at Rome also.”**

### **Sicily – Acts 28:11-12**

**After three months we set sail in an Alexandrian ship that had wintered in the island. It had the Twin Brothers as a figurehead. 12Putting in at Syracuse, we stayed there three days.**

### **Mykonos, Greece**

**There is no mention of Mykonos in the Bible, though it's easy to imagine the Apostle Paul passing by on one of his missionary journeys. Mykonos is mostly connected to ancient Greek mythology. It's the location of the battle between Zeus and the Titans.**

### **Rhodes, Greece Acts 21:1-2**

**When we had parted from them [the Ephesian elders at Miletus] and had set sail, we ran a straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara; and having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.**

### **Santorini, Greece**

**Santorini Biblical Connection The Biblical connection with the volcanic eruption of Santorini Greece: The Exodus section of the Old Testament is a much-revered text and is held in very high esteem not only by Christians but also Islam and Judaism. There is contradiction in the way people have interpreted the Exodus. Some regard it as legends and myths while others regard it as the word of God. Exodus reveals the story of the birth and life of Moses who was a diehard Hebrew credited with the emancipation of the Jews from the clutches of Egyptian slavery. The Exodus depicts the great escape of the Jews from Egypt. Moses ultimately divided the Red Sea and permitted the Jews to traverse to Sinai while the Egyptians were drowned in the surging waves. In recent times the Exodus has been in great demand in the scientific community and has been studied extensively. They are of the opinion that the story line in Exodus is primarily based on seismic movements. Geologists are of the opinion that the eruption of the Santorini volcano is the basis of the twelve plagues depicted in the Exodus. Post eruption, a vast neighborhood might have endured sufferings and tribulations like deluge, drought and firestorm etc. Not even cities located on higher platforms could escape the wrath of the devastating earthquakes. Molten magma ash in all likelihood would have completely blackened the atmosphere. Source: [www.greeka.com](http://www.greeka.com)**

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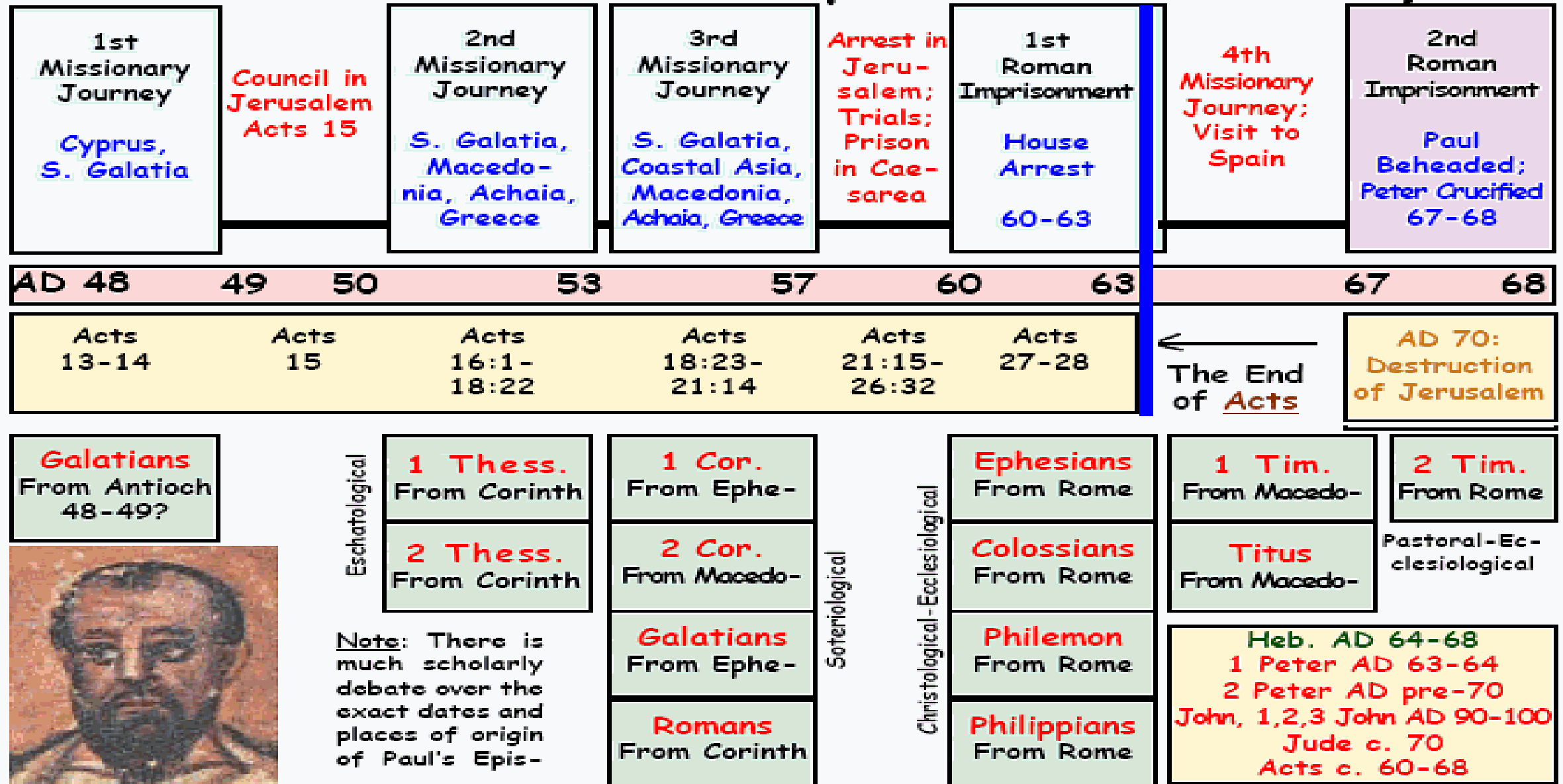


Mt. Vesuvius  
Naples, Italy





# Time Line: St. Paul's Epistles and Journeys



Note: There is much scholarly debate over the exact dates and places of origin of Paul's Epis-



## First Missionary Journey

46-48CE, Acts 13-14:

- Cypress
- Antioch of Pisidia
- Iconium
- Lystra
- Derbe



## Second Missionary Journey

49-52CE, Acts 15-18:

- Syria and Celicia revisiting churches of first missionary journey
- Philippi
- Thessalonica
- Berea
- Athens



## Third Missionary Journey

53-58CE, Acts 19-26:

- Ephesus
- Troas
- Miletus
- Tyre
- Ptolemais
- Caesarea
- Jerusalem



**JOURNEY THE FOOTSTEPS  
OF THE APOSTLE PAUL  
AND HIS MISSIONARY  
JOURNEYS**



# St. Peter's Basilica The Vatican





# The Vatican





# THE ISLE OF PATMOS

## The Monastery of St. John



Revelation 1:9-11 (GNB)

*I am John, your brother, and as a follower of Jesus I am your partner in patiently enduring the suffering that comes to those who belong to His Kingdom. I was put on the island of Patmos because I had proclaimed God's word and the truth that Jesus revealed. On the Lord's day the Spirit took control of me, and I heard a loud voice, that sounded like a trumpet, speaking behind me. It said, "Write down what you see, and send the book to the churches in these seven cities . . ."*

## The Cave of the Apocalypse





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