

Bible Lands Cruise

13 Day Cruise

05/06/2023 - 05/18/2023

Come on an adventure with us and sail with Dave Hadlock and Hank Smith as they inspire us with incredible presentations on sea days. Learn about the travels and teachings of the apostle Paul and other gospel topics. Experience history, culture, and civilization at every turn on this extraordinary itinerary. Join our private tours at every port. Haifa offers Nazareth, Mt. of Beatitudes, Capernaum, and Beit Sheân™an. Journey to Jerusalem and visit the Garden of Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb, Jordan River and Bethlehem. Explore the highlights of Limassol, the second largest city on the island and its medieval castle, a former crusader stronghold. In the Old Town of Rhodes see 2,400 years of ancient statues, marble crests, the fountain, the Palace and the Street of the Knights. Ride a cable car and wander the narrow cobblestone streets of the breathtaking villages of Oia and Fira in Santorini. Visit the charming town of Chania with its Venetian and Turkish monuments and see traditional stone houses, picturesque villages and a fine Folk Art Museum in the surrounding villages. Savor onboard evening shows, endless gourmet delights, and private lectures with the Wrights and the Tops. Join Dave, Hank and our adventurous LDS group as we create memories to last a lifetime!

Join us for a 2-night pre-cruise tour of Rome!

Headliners:



Hank Smith



Dave Hadlock

Itinerary:

Day 1: Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy

May 6, 2023 (Saturday)

Join us on a 2 day pre-cruise tour in Rome and see the highlights of this amazing city. Tour will include transfers to/from the ship.

Day 2: Cruising

May 7, 2023 (Sunday)

Bible Seminar at Sea with Hank & Dave

Day 3: Cruising

May 8, 2023 (Monday)

Bible Seminar at Sea with Hank & Dave

Day 4: Limassol, Cyprus

May 9, 2023 (Tuesday)

Free day

Day 5: Jerusalem (Ashdod), Israel

May 10, 2023 (Wednesday)

We will begin this tour atop the Mount of Olives where we will have a panoramic view of the Old City and Dome of the Rock. We will then take a short walk down to the Garden of Gethsemane. We will then travel to the Garden Tomb, where we will see the spot many believe to be the location of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Before going to the Old City, we will visit the Jerusalem Center for a short tour. After our visit, we will head to the Western Wall, where weâ€™ll see the holiest of sites for the Jews and the remnants of the retaining wall that surrounded Herodâ€™s temple. Here we will see

St. Anne's church and the pools of Bethesda and do a short walk through the Old City following the traditional via dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, passing by Antonio's Fortress. There will be free time in the Old City for those who would like to shop or visit the Church or the Holy Sepulchre. We will visit the Western Wall and the Davidson Center (south steps of the Temple Mount).

Day 6: Jerusalem (Ashdod), Israel

May 11, 2023 (Thursday)

We will start the morning on the Jordan River on our way to Bethlehem, where we will see the Church of the Nativity and Shepherd's fields. We will see any of the missed sites from Day 1 in Jerusalem.

Day 7: Haifa, Israel

May 12, 2023 (Friday)

We'll get off the ship as early as possible and make our way through the northern parts of Israel and the Sea of Galilee region. This is the area where many of Christ's greatest teachings and miracles took place. If time permits, we will start the morning at Caesarea Phillipi. We will visit then visit Capernaum, where we will see the remnants of the synagogue where Christ possibly taught. We will discuss the miracles that took place here. We will take a boat ride onto the Sea of Galilee and visit one of the proposed sites for the Mount of Beatitudes. Lunch is included on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

Day 8: Cruising

May 13, 2023 (Saturday)

Bible Seminar at Sea

Day 9: Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey

May 14, 2023 (Sunday)

The Kusadasi port will take us to Ephesus, where we will enter through the Magnesia Gate to the ruins of the ancient Roman Capital. We will go see the ancient ruins known as the Odeon, the Celsus Library, the Temple of Hadrian, the Fountain of Trajan and the Great Theatre, which is the place many believe Paul preached to the Ephesians. After visiting the ruins of Ephesus, we will visit the House of the Virgin Mary, which is believed by some to be the final resting place of Mary. The tour will conclude as we visit the Temple of Artemis, which is known as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. This tour comes with a local lunch included at a nearby village.

Day 10: Athens (Piraeus), Greece

May 15, 2023 (Monday)

We will begin with an early start so we can get out to the Biblical city of Corinth. Although a relatively small archaeological site, there is a lot of Biblical and historical importance to this site. We will discuss Paul's visits and letters to the people of Corinth.

We will head into the heart of Athens and visit the sacred rock, the Acropolis. Here you will see the Parthenon that was dedicated to goddess Athena. We will also walk over to the Theatre of Dionysus and finally Mars Hill, where Paul addressed the Athenians.

From there, we will proceed to the oldest and most picturesque neighborhood of Athens, Plaka (stone-paved narrow streets, traditional Greek taverns -best gyros- antique and souvenir stores). We will give you free time here to shop and eat.

After free time for lunch in Plaka, we will walk through the city centre through the area of the Flea Market (street bazaar, antique stores) where we will visit the Ancient Agora (the political, financial and commercial centre of ancient Athens).

Day 11: Cruising

May 16, 2023 (Tuesday)

Bible Seminar at Sea

Day 12: Naples (Capri), Italy

May 17, 2023 (Wednesday)

From Naples, we will go to Pompeii. This archaeological site is considered to be the world's finest example of a Roman town and its way of life. In 79 AD, the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius buried the town under 20 feet of ash and pumice stone, preserving the entire city. During the walking tour of the ruins, admire the mansions and art of wealthy patricians who moved to Pompeii to escape the turmoil of Rome; view countless paintings and inscriptions and the streets with raised pavements on either side. At intersections are stepping-stones that ensured pedestrians a safe crossing. This prosperous Roman City had an extensive forum, lavish baths, temples and villas richly decorated with frescoes. Excavations have revealed details of everyday life such as the wine jars still set in the counter of the wine shop.

Following our visit to Pompeii, we will explore and give you free time on the beautiful Amalfi Coast.

Day 13: Rome (Civitavecchia), Italy

May 18, 2023 (Thursday)

Return to Rome, Italy. Transfer to airport.

Information:

Ship Information: Royal Caribbean Odyssey of the Seas

It's time to see how just far adventure can take you. Introducing the newest Royal Caribbean gamechanger, and the first Quantum Ultra Class cruise ship to sail in the U.S and Europe – Odyssey of the Sea. Cue the thrills with unforgettable experiences onboard the cruise ship, dig in to delicious dining from around the world, or soak up the sun at a newly designed resort-style pool deck that brings the island vibes poolside. From bow to stern and St. Thomas to Santorini, it's bold in every direction.

Pricing:

All Rates are per person based on double occupancy.

CABIN TYPE CRUISE RATES

Inside \$Sold Out

Ocean View \$2,695

Balcony \$2,895

Taxes & Govt. Fees \$198.15

Terms and Conditions: Advertised rates INCLUDE port charges but DO NOT INCLUDE shore excursions, airfare, or gratuities. We will be happy to book your air if you would like – air is available at all major gateways. A \$900 deposit, per stateroom, is required to confirm your booking. Final payment is due February 6, 2023. Deposit is refundable prior to final payment without penalty. Within three months of the cruise, the tours and cruise are non-refundable. Space can be recalled at anytime before the sail date so BOOK EARLY!

Check Your Invoice Names: Please check to see that your names are spelled correctly. Your first and last names must appear as they appear on your passport for International travel and Driver's License for domestic tours.

PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED and should be valid 6 months after the end of the tour.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to the nature of this tour you must be able to climb stairs and walk unassisted at a moderate pace.

Please note that minor changes to the itinerary may occur due to local conditions and to better

accommodate our group.