

# Bible Lands Cruise

10 Night Cruise

10/27/2024 - 11/06/2024

Come on an adventure with us and sail with Dave Hadlock as he inspires 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. Visit places such as Cairo, Ephesus, Istanbul, Mykonos, and Athens along with a few other stops, all from the comfort of a luxury cruise ship. Dave will instruct on the ship as well as at Biblical sites. The Old & New Testaments will come to life as you journey through the Bible Lands. You will visit amazing Biblical sites walking in the footsteps of Paul. Join a fun LDS group and prepare to be uplifted and enlightened on this Bible Lands cruise adventure. Ride a watertaxi 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. Join Dave and our adventurous LDS group as we create memories to last a lifetime!

Join us for a 1-night pre-cruise hotel and transfer, including a half-day tour of the Athenian Riviera. We are also offering a 1-night post-cruise tour of Athens and the ancient city of Corinth. We learn how Paul's epistles to the people of Corinth were shaped by their culture. We will also visit Mars Hill and other sites of Biblical importance.

## Headliners:



Dave Hadlock

## Itinerary:

## **Day 1: Athens (Piraeus), Greece**

October 27, 2024 (Sunday)

Depart Athens on the Norwegian Dawn.

We will offer a tour in Athens and Corinth either before or after the cruise. Information TBA.

## **Day 2: Heraklion, Crete**

October 28, 2024 (Monday)

Today we venture to the ancient ruins of the Knossos Palace. Many myths and legends surround this Minoan ruin including that of the Labyrinth with the Minotaur. Knossos was the Minoan capital and is believed to be the oldest city in Europe. It flourished during the Hellenistic period in 67 B.C. Following our visit to Knossos Palace, we drive to the city of Heraklion. Heraklion is the current capital of Crete. We visit the Archaeological Museum of Heraklion. We enjoy time on your own to shop, eat and stroll through this history laden city. Price: TBD

## **Day 3: Santorini Island, Greece**

October 29, 2024 (Tuesday)

We are picked up from the old port of Fira where we take a water taxi to Athinios port and our bus. We enjoy a guided walk through the quiet, picturesque village of Magalochori. Following our visit, we drive to Profitis Ilias, the highest point on the island, for a scenic photo stop. Our next stop be the Monolithos Black Beach (no swimming) where we have a short time to enjoy the water and beach. We then journey to Oia, the northern most village where we see the classic blue domed buildings, the ruins of a Venetian castle and admire the breathtaking view over the caldera. We have time on our own to explore or eat. We take in any sights we might have missed as we enjoy the journey back to the port.

Price: TBD

## **Day 4: Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey**

October 30, 2024 (Wednesday)

Our tour takes us to one of the most impressive archaeological sites in the world, Ephesus. We tour the terrace houses that are part of the Ephesus site. We see the Odeon, the marble street where Paul held daily discussions, the Library of Celcus, the Temple of Hadrian and the great theater. We spend several hours strolling through this site. Following this we board the bus for a quick photo stop at the Artemision or Temple of Artemis. We return to the port at Kusadasi and you have the option of remaining on land

for shopping or boarding the ship and relaxing. Price: TBD

## **Day 5: Istanbul, Turkey**

October 31, 2024 (Thursday)

Our day begins with a visit to the Hippodrome, once a huge stadium seating over 100,000 chariot race spectators. We walk from there to the famous Blue Mosque built between 1609 -1616. We visit the domed Basilica of St. Sophia, one of the oldest standing churches in the world. Our next destination is the Topkapi Palace which served as the primary residence of the Ottoman Sultans for about 400 years. It is home to many holy relics. We examine the Basilica Cistern, the largest of the cisterns running underneath Istanbul. We have time on our own for lunch. After lunch, we stroll through the Grand Bazaar. It is truly an experience not to be missed. Price: TBD

## **Day 6: Mykonos, Greece**

November 1, 2024 (Friday)

We board a boat that takes us to the ruins of the archaeological site of Delos. Delos is located on Delos Island which is an uninhabited Greek Isle. We have a guided walking tour of the ruins with some time to explore on our own. Delos is the mythical birthplace of Apollo. It was a major religious center as well. We see ancient Doric temples, mosaics, and an amphitheater. If the museum has completed its renovations, we can see many of the artifacts excavated from the site. We return back to the port of Mykonos. For those who wish there is time to explore Mykonos on your own or you can get back on the ship and relax. In Mykonos, you can grab a bite to eat, shop and enjoy the windmills from up close. Price: TBD

## **Day 7: Cruising**

November 2, 2024 (Saturday)

Day at sea. Bible Seminars (Focus on Paul).

## **Day 8: Alexandria, Egypt**

November 3, 2024 (Sunday)

We begin our Egyptian adventure at the Catacombs of Kom El-Shoqafa which contains 300 tombs cut in the rock under the ground. It dates back to the 2nd century A.D. and is the only cemetery of its kind. We stop for a photo at Pompey's Pillar which is a Roman triumphal column. We enter the archaeological site of the Roman Amphitheater. This theater also dates back to the 2nd century. Here we see the remains of the Lighthouse of Alexandria or Pahros of Alexandria. We leave this fascinating area and head to the Bibliotheca Alexandrina which is a library built to commemorate the Library of

Alexandria, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. On our way back to the port, we take a picture near the Qaitbay fortress which was built on the same location as the Pharos of Alexandria. We have the rest of the afternoon to enjoy the ship or stroll along the seaside walking path on Corniche Avenue. Price: TBD. Price includes both Egypt tours.

## **Day 9: Alexandria, Egypt**

November 4, 2024 (Monday)

Today we board a bus and journey to Cairo. It takes 3 hours and we have the opportunity to see what Egypt looks like outside of the populated cities. We visit the Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM), the largest museum for Egyptian Antiquities in the whole world. We spend several hours there. We enjoy an Egyptian lunch together. Then we head to Giza to see the famous Pyramids area and the Sphinx. These are the only survivors of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. We hop on our bus and journey back to the port and our ship.

## **Day 10: At Sea**

November 5, 2024 (Tuesday)

Bible Seminars

## **Day 11: Athens**

November 6, 2024 (Wednesday)

Transfer to Airport or Tour of Athens/Corinth.

## **Information:**

Ship Information: Norwegian Dawn

The Norwegian Dawn offers the ultimate freedom and flexibility for your cruise vacation. Onboard the ship youâ€™ll find a variety of delicious dining options, a full-service spa, and tons of fun for kids of every age. The Dawn offers a wide range of spacious accommodations, there are staterooms to fit every family size and budget. Let Norwegian Dawn whisk you away to some of the dreamiest destinations around the world.

## **Pricing:**

All Rates are per person based on double occupancy. Price does not include airfare, gratuities, or shore excursions.

## CABIN TYPE CRUISE RATES

Inside \$1,474.50

Ocean View \$1,644.05

Balcony \$2,427.37

Taxes & Govt. Fees \$321.95

Terms and Conditions: Advertised rates DO NOT INCLUDE shore excursions, airfare, or gratuities.

Deposit: A \$250 deposit per person, is required to confirm your booking.

Final payment is due June 21, 2024. Deposit is refundable prior to final payment without penalty.

Within three months of the cruise, the tours and cruise are non-refundable.

Flight booking instructions will be emailed 4-5 months prior to the cruise when the tour leader's flight is booked.

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. You will walk 4-7 miles per day.

Please note that minor changes to the itinerary may occur due to local conditions and to better accommodate our group.