

# Journeys of Paul Cruise

10 Day Cruise

10/19/2023 - 10/28/2023

Join Don Parry for the ultimate Journeys of Paul Cruise. This is an amazing itinerary on an amazing, brand new ship. Visit places such as Venice, Istanbul, Mykonos, and Athens along with a few other stops, all from the comfort of a luxury cruise ship. Don 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 Christ and Paul. Join a fun LDS group and prepare to be uplifted and enlightened on this Bible Lands cruise adventure.

"There are several reasons that this cruise is one of my favorites: religious significance of so many sites (let's get to know the apostle Paul!); amazing excursions; romantic scenes and settings (Venetian canals and gondolas, plus other settings); exceptional cuisine; and you will be amazed at the 6th century Basilicas in Ravenna with their ancient temple symbols!" (Donald Parry)

Join us for an optional 2-night pre-cruise tour of Venice & Slovenia!

Day 1 - October 16: Flight Departs from US.

Day 2 - October 17: Arrive into Venice, Italy and check into our hotel. If you arrive early enough, you can venture into the city and take a gondola ride.

Day 3 - October 18: Today we tour the city of Venice. Our bus holds our luggage while we embark on a Venetian adventure. We take a Vaporetto or water bus into the city center. We walk from St. Mark's Square to the Rialto Bridge, taking us past the most important highlights of Venice. Our guide tells us about the history of Venice and points out Doge's Palace and other important structures. We have time on our own to spend in downtown Venice. We board our bus bound for Portorož, Slovenia where we stay overnight. Venice to Portorož is a little over 2 hours. Dinner is included.

Day 4 - October 19: We load our luggage on the bus and enjoy the sights of the Slovenian coast. We stop in Izola and Koper and learn about their histories and local traditions. Izola is known for its fishing history and Koper is an important European port. We visit Piran, one of the oldest Slovene towns. We

admire its architecture and enjoy its beauty. Our tour ends at the Trieste port and our cruise ship.

Cost per person is \$505 if paying by check.

## Headliners:



Donald Parry

## Itinerary:

### Day 1: Venice (Trieste)

October 19, 2023 (Thursday)

Board Ship

### Day 2: Venice (Ravenna)

October 20, 2023 (Friday)

We visit two sixth century basilicas that are famous for their mosaics portraying many ancient temple symbols. The first is the Basilica di Sant'Apollinare which was consecrated in 549 A.D. This Basilica is located in Classe. We go to Ravenna and walk to the entrance of the Basilica of San Vitale while our guide tells us about the rich history of the area. We see the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, the second basilica. Time permitting, we visit the part of town where Dante Alighieri, the famous Italian poet, lived and was buried. We have time on our own to explore Ravenna, before we board our bus for our return to the ship. \$70 if paying by check.

### Day 3: Split

October 21, 2023 (Saturday)

We begin with a short bus ride to Trogir. There we stroll through the historical center taking in sights such as Karmelengo Cattle & St. Marco's Tower, the main piazza, several nobleman palaces, the town hall, convents and monasteries. Time permitting; we go inside of St. Lawrence Cathedral where we see some of the finest Romanesque and renaissance sculptures of Croatia. We may have the opportunity

to do some shopping or grab a snack. We return to Split where we focus on the history of Emperor Diocletian as we tour Diocletian's Palace, including 4 palace gates, Peristill, Bestibul, Mausoleum and Jupiter's Temple. We visit Diocletian's Mausoleum which has been repurposed as a cathedral & baptistry. Following this, we make our way back to the ship on foot, an easy 15 minute walk, or spend more time exploring Split on our own. \$75 if paying by check.

## **Day 4: Dubrovnik**

October 22, 2023 (Sunday)

We explore the Old City of Dubrovnik on foot. Our guide makes sure we see all of the major sites including the Old Town Pile Gate, Onofrio's Fountain, the Franciscan Monastery, Sponza Palace, Saint Blaise Church, the Recot's Palace, Assumption Cathedral and Old Town port. We enjoy some time on our own to walk around the city. We visit the old mill and wool pounding facility where we are greeted by girls wearing traditional Konavle clothes. We sample various local sweet products and juices. We watch a demonstration of the watermill and wool pounding as we learn about the history of the watermill. We enjoy a small plate of prosciutto, bread and cheese. We drive to Cavtat and admire the beautiful homes and churches. We have the chance to walk up a hill and admire the view of Dubrovnik and surrounding islands. \$130 if paying by check. A light snack is included.

## **Day 5: Corfu**

October 23, 2023 (Monday)

Our bus picks us up from the cruise port and takes us on a scenic drive to Paleokastritsa, one of the most picturesque villages on the island. There we have an opportunity to see Monastery of Theotokos. We drive to Kanoni where we stop for the famous view of Mouse Island or Pontikonisi. Following our time there, we return to Corfu and enjoy strolling through the old Corfu town taking in sights such as the old fortress and the Liston district. After our time in Corfu, we return to the cruise ship. \$60 if paying by check.

## **Day 6: Santorini Island**

October 24, 2023 (Tuesday)

We be 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. \$105 if paying by check.

## **Day 7: Kusadasi**

October 25, 2023 (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. \$70 if paying by check.

## **Day 8: Istanbul**

October 26, 2023 (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 feast on authentic Turkish cuisine. After lunch, we stroll through the Grand Bazaar. It is truly an experience not to be missed. \$120 if paying by check. Lunch is included.

## **Day 9: Mykonos**

October 27, 2023 (Friday)

We take a short water taxi ride from the port to the town of Mykonos. We have a guided walking tour of the city with some time to explore on our own. We then board our coach for a tour of the island. We enjoy beautiful vistas including a photo stop as we make our way inland to the village of Ano Mera and its 16th century monastery. Following our time in Ano Mera, we tour a local dairy where we meet the producer, learn about the history of his operation and enjoy a sampling of his cheeses and other local products. We then return to the ship. \$70 if paying by check. A light snack is included.

## **Day 10: Piraeus Athens**

October 28, 2023 (Saturday)

We take our luggage and disembark from the cruise ship. We start the tour with a one-hour scenic bus ride to visit ancient Corinth where Paul arrived in 51 AD. We take a look at the Corinth Canal and enjoy

lunch featuring authentic Greek cuisine. We head back to Athens where we visit Acropolis Hill including the Parthenon, Erechtheion, Temple of Athena Nike and more. We also see Mars Hill where Paul once preached. We drive by other interesting sites as we make our way to our hotel. The hotel is right across the street from the airport making it easy for those with early flights. \$325 per person if paying by check, (based on double occupancy). Lunch and 1-night hotel stay are included.

## **Information:**

Ship Information: Norwegian Viva

[[Norwegian Viva Cruise Ship | Overview | Norwegian Cruise Line](#)]

Explore the greater wide open aboard the spacious new cruise ship, the Norwegian Viva. The Norwegian Viva features a large delicious dining options, a sprawling spa, plus tons of fun for kids of every age. Whether you're exploring Europe, sipping virgin Piña Coladas in The Caribbean, or cruising across the Atlantic, this ship offers it all.

## **Pricing:**

All Rates are per person based on double occupancy. Call for rates on 3rd and 4th persons in same cabin.

### **CABIN TYPE CRUISE RATES**

Inside \$2194 per person

Ocean View Call for pricing

Balcony \$2942 per person

Taxes & Govt. Fees \$205 per person

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

A \$250 deposit, per person, is required to confirm your reservations.

Final Payment is due June 14th, 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.