

Journeys of Paul and Egypt Cruise

9-Night Cruise

05/18/2025 - 05/27/2025

Join Gerrit Dirkmaat and Dave Hadlock for an incredible trip to the Mediterranean. Visit places such as Cairo, Mykonos, and Athens along with a few other stops, all from the comfort of a luxury cruise ship. Gerrit & Dave will instruct on the ship as well as at Biblical sites. The New Testaments and Paul's world will come to life as you visit sites such as Ephesus, Athens and Corinth 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.

Join us for an optional 2-night pre-cruise tour of Istanbul! (Details coming soon)

Join us for an optional 1-night post-cruise tour of Athens! (Details coming soon)

Headliners:



Dave Hadlock



Gerrit Dirkmaat

Itinerary:

Day 1: Istanbul, Turkey

May 18, 2025 (Sunday)

If you are not joining us for the pre-cruise tour, meet up with us onboard the ship.

Day 2: Kusadasi, (Ephesus) Turkey

May 19, 2025 (Monday)

Today 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 will 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: \$126 per person when paying by check or ACH

Day 3: Mykonos, Greece

May 20, 2025 (Tuesday)

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. 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: \$125 per person when paying by check or ACH.

Day 4: Rhodes, Greece

May 21, 2025 (Wednesday)

Explore Rhodes on your own. You might drive past the Mandraki Old Harbor, where according to tradition, the Colossus of Rhodes once stood. Perhaps you visit Dâ€™Amboise Gate which is the highest point of the medieval city. Some of the most important monument of the city include: The Grand Master's Palace, the Street of the Knights, and the Ruins of Sent John Cathedral.

Day 5: Santorini, Greece

May 22, 2025 (Thursday)

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 takes us to 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: \$128 per person when paying by check or ACH

Day 6: At Sea

May 23, 2025 (Friday)

Join Gerrit & Dave for seminars at sea.

Day 7: Alexandria, Egypt

May 24, 2025 (Saturday)

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: See description for May 25.

Day 8: Alexandria, Egypt

May 25, 2025 (Sunday)

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. The price for this tour includes both days in Egypt. Price: \$300 per person when paying by check or ACH, includes both Egypt tours and one lunch

Day 9: At Sea

May 26, 2025 (Monday)

Enjoy seminars at sea with Gerrtt and Dave.

Day 11: Athens (Piraeus), Greece

May 27, 2025 (Tuesday)

Make your own way to the airport for your flight home or join us for our 1-night post-cruise tour of Athens and Corinth.

Information:

Ship Information: Norwegian Viva

Explore the greater wide open aboard the spacious cruise ship, the Norwegian Viva. The Norwegian Viva is one of Norwegian's newest ships and 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 Colodas 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 \$2,039.80 per person

Ocean View Call for pricing

Balcony \$2,765.98 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 January 11, 2025. 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. 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.