



## PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY & GREECE

**Including a day trip to Aegina**

Join Reverend Father Simon Thomas of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Memphis, Tennessee on an unforgettable Spiritual Odyssey!

**October 01-15, 2018**

**15 Days/13 Nights**



**Constantinople-Salonika-Philippi-Kavala-Mt Athos-Kalambaka-Meteora-Athens-Corinth-Aegina**

**CONSTANTINOPLE:** Our Pilgrimage will take us to Constantinople, the heart of Orthodoxy. Visit the 17<sup>th</sup> century Greek Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate. Pray at the St George Cathedral and venerate the Holy Relics of Saints Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. Participate in a private audience with His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew (subject to his availability). Visit the most important sites for the Greek Orthodox in Constantinople: Agia Sophia, the Church of the Holy Savior of Chora, Topkapi Palace housing the relics of St John the Baptist, and Panagia Blacherna where the beautiful hymn, “Te Ypermacho” was chanted over 1,400 years ago, and the Grand Bazaar.

**GREECE:** Visit the most important sites from Northern Greece to Athens. Visit Philippi and Kavala or Ancient Neopolis. Continue on to Ouranoupolis and sail around the legendary Byzantine monasteries of Mt Athos. Visit Agiou Ioannis Theologou Monastery. Enjoy a tour of Thessaloniki including the Cathedral of St Demetrios, Moni Vlatadon, Osios David and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Visit Kalambaka and attend Liturgy at the Meteora Monasteries. You will receive a very warm welcome at the Monasteries and venerate relics and icons usually not brought forth. Visit Veria/Bema where St Paul visited. Take a day trip to the island of Aegina including a visit to the Holy Trinity Monastery to venerate the relics of St Nektarios and the colorful sea-side village of Perdika. While in Athens, visit the Acropolis and its new museum and Corinth and its museum. Visit the famous Corinth Canal and the Temple of Poseidon in Cape Sounion and enjoy lamb on the spit in a typical Greek taverna.

**Rates: Air & Land: Double occupancy, per person: \$3585\*  
& Single Occupancy: \$4480\***

*\*All rates reflect a 4% check discount which does not apply if payment is made in any other way.  
Air tax/fuel surcharge of \$425 are included and not guaranteed until ticketing takes place.*

**SPACE IS LIMITED and on a FIRST COME BASIS**

**Deposit of \$500 due by June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 or late booking fee of \$50 per person will apply!**

### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

- \*International air ORD/IST/ & ATH/IST/ORD on Turkish Airlines
- \*First class hotel accommodations in Turkey: 3 nights in Constantinople
- \*First class hotel accommodations in Greece: 1 night Kavala, 2 nights Ouranoupolis, 3 nights Thessaloniki, 1 night Kalambaka & 3 nights Athens
- \*All hotel taxes, service fees and daily breakfast & seven dinners
- \*12 days of sightseeing in air-conditioned motorcoach with English/Greek speaking Orthodox guides (subject to confirmation) & all entrance fees
- \*Roundtrip hydrofoil tickets to Aegina including half day tour and visit to Holy Trinity Monastery & Perdika Village
- \*Cruise around Mt Athos
- \*Private audience with His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch (subject to confirmation)
- \*All private arrival and departure transfers with English speaking escort

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# **Itinerary for the Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece**

## **Day 1: Monday, October 01 - CHICAGO / CONSTANTINOPLE**

Depart Chicago O'Hare on Turkish Airlines, nonstop to Istanbul.

## **Day 2: Tuesday, October 02 - CONSTANTINOPLE**

Arrive in Istanbul. Transfer to hotel. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Istanbul. (D)

## **Day 3: Wednesday, October 03 - CONSTANTINOPLE**

Full day tour to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Private audience with His All Holiness (subject to his availability), Panagia Blacherna, Grand Bazaar. Overnight at the hotel in Istanbul. (B)

## **Day 4: Thursday, October 04 - CONSTANTINOPLE**

Full day tour to Chora, Agia Sophia, Underground Cisterns, the Hippodrome and Topkapi Palace. Overnight at the hotel in Istanbul. (B)

## **Day 5: Friday, October 05 - CONSTANTINOPLE / ALEXANDROPOULIS / KAVALA**

Drive from Constantinople to the Turkish/Greece border. Change buses in Alexandroupolis and proceed to Kavala with a stop in Philippi (time permitting or will be visited the next morning). Visit the site in Philippi. Drive to Kavala. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kavala. (B, D)

## **Day 6: Saturday, October 06 - KAVALA / AMFIPOLIS / OURANOUPOLIS**

After, depart Kavala for Ouranoupolis with an en route stop in Amfipolis. Drive to Ouranoupolis. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Ouranoupolis. (B, D)

## **Day 7: Sunday, October 07 – OURANOUPOLIS / MOUNT ATHOS**

AM Liturgy followed by a scheduled boat cruise around Mt Athos. Dinner and overnight in Ouranoupolis. (B, D)

## **Day 8: Monday, October 08 - OURANOUPOLIS / SOUROTI / THESSALONIKI**

Depart for Thessaloniki with en route stop in St John's Monastery in Souroti. Full day tour of Thessaloniki including visits to the Castle of Thessaloniki, St. Demetrios and the crypt, Roman Agora, Moni Vlatadon, Osios David and the Archeological Museum. Overnight at the hotel in Thessaloniki. (B)

## **Day 9: Tuesday, October 09 - THESSALONIKI**

Half day tour of Thessaloniki including visits to the Rotunda, Kamara, Arch of Galerious, Lefkos Pyrgos, Agia Sofia, Panagia Achaion and Agios Nikolaos Orfanos. Overnight at the hotel in Thessaloniki. (B)

## **Day 10: Wednesday, October 10 - THESSALONIKI / KALAMBAKA**

Drive to Kalambaka with an en route stop in Vergina and Veria. Drive to Kalambaka. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kalambaka. (B, D)

## **Day 11: Thursday, October 11 - KALAMBAKA / ATHENS**

Visit Meteora Monasteries. Drive to Athens. Overnight at the hotel in Athens. (D)

## **Day 12: Friday, October 12 - ATHENS**

Morning half day Athens City tour including the Acropolis and its museum. After tour of Corinth. Overnight at the hotel in Athens. (B)

## **Day 13: Saturday, October 13 - ATHENS / AEGINA / ATHENS**

Drive to Piraeus for hydrofoil to Aegina. Visit St. Nektarios, Temple of Aphaia, Agios Minas and Perdika Village. Return to Athens. Dinner at hotel or local restaurant. Overnight in Athens. (B, D)

## **Day 14: Sunday, October 14 - ATHENS / SOUNION / ATHENS**

AM Liturgy. Afternoon visit to Cape Sounion and the Temple of Poseidon. Typical Greek taverna dinner in the town of Kalyvia (B, D)

## **Day 14: Monday, October 15 - ATHENS / ISTANBUL / CHICAGO**

Depart for the airport for your flight back to Chicago via IST on Turkish Airlines. (B)



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I am requesting services for \_\_\_\_\_ people. **The exact name on the passport (s) is/are:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Requests: Meals (Diabetic, vegetarian etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Star Alliance # \_\_\_\_\_

**SELECT BETWEEN OPTIONS I, II:**

**OPTION I: Select either double or single occupancy inclusive of air from ORD/IST & ATH/IST/ORD**

Per person double occupancy \$3585\* x   2   \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Single occupancy \$4480\* x   1   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Air tax/fuel of approximately \$425 is include in the above prices and not guaranteed until ticketed and subject to change**

**OPTION II: Select either double or single occupancy land only in Turkey/Greece (No flights included)**

Land only rate per person double occupancy \$2635\* x   2   \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Land only rate single occupancy \$3530\* x   1   \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Departure/Arrival transfers may not be included in Land Only rates**

**ALL OPTIONS: Please add:** Gratuities per person (not optional) \$ 180 x    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Delivery of documents (not optional) \$ 25 x   1   \$   25.00  

**\*Rates reflect a 4% check discount which does not apply if payment is made in any other way.**

**OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION:** Premium is based on the value of your trip and is per person:

For trip value: \$2,001- \$3,000 \$187 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
For trip value: \$3,001- \$4,000 \$248 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
For trip value: \$4,001- \$5,000 \$313 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL CHARGES:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this reservation form, a copy of your passport and a deposit of \$500 per person payable to Cloud Tours Inc. SPACE IS LIMITED! RESERVE NOW! DEADLINE: June 25, 2018 or late booking fee, \$50 applies.**

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**CONDITIONS:** Confirmation is subject to receipt of deposit with reservation form and a copy of your passport no later than June 25, 2018. Deposits received June 26 and later are subject to a \$50 late booking fee & applicable air surcharges. Final balance due July 25, 2018. **Air taxes / fuel surcharges are not guaranteed unless ticketed. Ticketing must occur for the group at the same time.** A minimum of 25 people required or additional fees will apply. **Cancellation fees:** Once deposit is received, an administration fee of \$150 per person applies in cases of all cancellations. Additional fees for cancellations received between Aug 1 –Aug 12, \$500 per person and between Aug 13–Sept 9, 75% of the tour price and between Sept 10– day of departure, non-refundable. No refund for no-shows or unused portions of tour. Additional cancellation fees may be imposed by suppliers subject to date of cancellation. Should the group cancel for any reason, including political strife, Cloud Tours reserves the right to charge a \$100 per person administration fee. **Travel protection is recommended & must be paid with deposit to waive the pre-existing medical conditions exclusion. Travel protection is nonrefundable. You may request a copy of the Description of Coverage, prior to purchase, which includes the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions.** This plan provides insurance coverage for your trip that applies only during the covered trip. You may have coverage from other sources that provides you with similar benefits but may be subject to different restrictions depending upon your other coverages. You may wish to compare the terms of this policy with your existing life, health, home and automobile policies. If you have any questions about your current coverage, call your insurer, insurance agent or broker. The purchase of this plan is not required in order to purchase any other travel product or service offered to you by your travel retailer. Cloud Tours reserves the right to deny service to any person based upon its discretion and/or the particular needs or circumstances of a given group.