

CTU Biblical Study and Travel Programs are not pilgrimages. However, when possible we celebrate Sunday Catholic Mass. The goal of the program is to provide the participants with opportunities to study the life and teachings of St. Paul by visiting significant sites in Greece and Turkey. To better understand the cultural background of early Christianity, we will also visit sites of historical significance.

Participants must be in good health, able to walk unassisted at least one mile on rugged paths, and endure hot humid temperatures.

After studying the Bible in the Holy lands, you'll never read Scripture the same.

Information on Travel:

Rome: Arrive by 10 a.m. on Aug. 11 in order to take the group transfer to the Lay Centre. Early and Late arrivals must find their own transport to the Lay Centre.

Turkey and Greece: Plan to arrive in Istanbul by 3 p.m. on Aug. 16 in order to take the group transfer to the hotel. Early and Late arrivals must find transport to the hotel. We begin in Istanbul and end in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Your costs include the domestic flights taken during the program. However, you are responsible for the trans-Atlantic flights. Transatlantic flights ordinarily allow baggage that weighs 50 lbs. Flights between Istanbul and Antalya, and Rhodes and Athens allow only 33 lbs. Pack lightly and expect to hand-wash your belongings. Laundry services are infrequent. You are responsible for the costs of overweight baggage.



Costs:

Rome: \$825 plus airfare - includes half-board, entrance fees, gratuities, guiding, and ground transportation. Lodging at the Lay Centre are single rooms with shared bathrooms.

Turkey and Greece: \$3,750 plus airfare - based on double occupancy and includes half-board, entrance fees, gratuities, guiding, and ground transportation. We stay at three-star hotels and hostels with private bathrooms. The price does not include roundtrip airfare from Chicago, lunches, drinks, visas, or any expenses incurred for events outside of the scheduled program. Single supplement available. Optional graduate academic credit (3 semester hours) is available without extra cost. Non-refundable deposit of \$250 due with application (deducted from total).

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Application materials:

www.ctu.edu/fall-biblical-studies-program

Download and submit the form as directed.

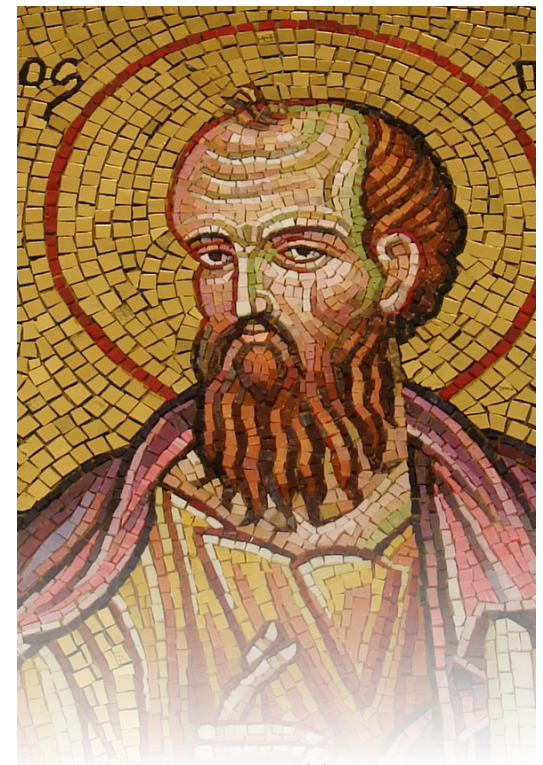
In the Footsteps of Saint Paul

Turkey and Greece

with an optional trip to Rome

Rome: August 11-16, 2013

Turkey and Greece: August 15-31, 2013



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Biblical Study and Travel Program



Biblical Study and Travel

The Biblical Study and Travel Program at CTU offers you the opportunity to travel the lands of the Bible in academically oriented programs. These learning experiences will both deepen your understanding of the Bible and foster your spiritual growth. This trip is directed by Sr. Laurie Brink, O.P., Ph.D., Associate Professor of New Testament Studies, and staffed by Sr. Sallie Latkovich, C.S.J., D.Min.

Pre-Trip to Rome provides an opportunity to tour the Eternal City with a focus on the Apostle Paul. Can be taken alone or in junction with Turkey and Greece. Not for credit.

Aug. 10-11 - Arrive at Leonardo Da Vinci (Fiumicino) airport 10 a.m. on August 11; transfer to Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas. Afternoon orientation includes a buffet lunch or dinner. Free evening.

Aug. 12 - Morning guided visits on the Via Appia to the Catacomb of Saint Callisto. Buffet lunch at the Lay Centre. Afternoon guided visit to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. Optional evening walking tour of Rome. Free evening for dinner.

Aug. 13 - Morning guided visits to Vatican Museum and Basilica of Saint Peter. Free time for lunch and souvenir shopping. Guided visit to excavations of St. Peter's Tomb. Dinner at Lay Centre.

Aug. 14 - Morning guided visits to Roman Forum, Palatine and Coliseum. Buffet lunch at Lay Centre. Afternoon guided visit to Capitoline Museum. Optional stroll in Trastevere. Free evening for dinner.

Aug. 15 - Morning guided visits to Basilicas of Saint Clemente and Saint John Lateran. Lunch at Lay Centre. Free afternoon and evening.

Aug. 16 - Depart for Istanbul for those continuing.

The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas (<http://www.laycentre.org>) is a highly respected educational organization for lay men and women studying at Pontifical Universities in Rome. CTU and the Lay Centre have formed an alliance, as both are committed to quality education for laity and involvement in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue.

In the Footsteps of Saint Paul: Turkey and Greece

Aug. 15-16 - Arrive in Istanbul by 3 p.m. on August 16 for group transfer to hotel. Early or late arrivals must find transport to the hotel.

Aug. 17 - Visit the 6th century basilica of **Hagia Sophia** built by Emperor Justinian. See the Roman remains of the **Hippodrome** and the stunning **Blue Mosque**. The afternoon is free. O/n Istanbul.

Aug. 18 - Tour **Chora Church** museum, **Spice Market** and enjoy a boat ride on the **Bosphorus**. O/n Istanbul.

Aug. 19 - Morning flight to **Antalya** (ancient Attalia, Acts 14:25). On Paul's first journey he and Barnabas traveled through **Perge** (Acts 13:13). Stop at **Aspendos**, noted for its well-preserved Roman theater. O/n Antalya.

Aug. 20 - Visit the ancient city of **Laodicea** (Col 2:1; Rev. 3:14-22). Stay overnight at **Pamukkale**, site of hot springs and travertine terraces. O/n Pamukkale.

Aug. 21 - Hierapolis, known for its famous Roman spa, was the home of a Christian community (Col 4:13). In antiquity, Aphrodisias produced the finest marble sculptures, still evident in the extensive ruins. O/n Kusadasi.

Aug. 22 - Paul spent two years in **Ephesus** (Acts 19:10) proclaiming the gospel and fending off opponents (Acts 19:23-40). Tour this Greco-Roman city and 5th century **Church of Mary**, site of the Council of Ephesus (431). Visit the remains of the **Basilica of St. John** (the traditional burial site of John the Evangelist). O/n Bodrum.

Aug. 23 - Ferry to **Rhodes**; experience Paul's sea journeys (without the shipwreck and storms!). O/n Rhodes City.

Aug. 24 - Half-day tour of Rhodes City, including the medieval citadel. In antiquity, the Colossus at Rhodes was one of the Seven Wonders of the World (no longer extant). Afternoon free. O/n Rhodes City.

Aug. 25 - Travel from Asia to Europe; flight to **Athens**. Visit the archaeological site of **Corinth** (1-2 Corinthians). O/n Hotel Stanley.



Aug. 26 - Visit Athens, touring **Areopagus** and **Acropolis**. The **Parthenon** on top of the Acropolis remains one of the wonders of the world. On Paul's visit to the city, he was amazed at its "religious" fervor (Acts 17:16). Afternoon free to explore Athens. O/n Athens.

Aug. 27 - Ancient Greeks considered **Delphi** the center of the universe. Kings and commoners visited its oracle in the sanctuary of Apollo, seeking direction and wisdom. Tour the site and visit the museum. O/n in Delphi at Hotel King-Inihos.

Aug. 28 - **Meteora** means "suspended rocks" in Greek and upon these magnificent sandstone pillars, 14 16th century monks built six monasteries. Explore these monasteries and learn about the Greek Orthodox Church. O/n at Hotel Famissi - Eden in Kalambaka/Meteora.

Aug. 29 - Visit **Beroea** and **Vergina** en route to **Thessaloniki** (1 & 2 Thess). Paul fled to Beroea after being chased out of Thessalonica by opponents (Acts 17:10). In Vergina is the tomb of Philip of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great. O/n Hotel Kinissi Palace or similar.

Aug. 30 - Following in the footsteps of Paul, explore the ancient Roman city of **Philippi**, and the site where Paul baptized Lydia (Acts 16:13-15). O/n Thessaloniki.

Aug. 31 - Depart for home.