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THE SEAPORTS & SAILING ROUTES OF PAUL
October 11–27, 2023

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Tour Itinerary:

Oct 11 Wed Depart New York

Oct 12 Thu Arrive Antalya

Arrive Antalya Airport. Our representative will meet you after the baggage claim with a "LUKE CHANDLER - TUTKU" sign. Meet and transfer to Best Western Khan Hotel near Kaleichi (Old City) Antalya for dinner and overnight. After dinner we will meet for a brief orientation to travel plans, organizing the group for the journey, and tomorrow's schedule. (D)

Oct 13 Fri Theme: **The Church goes to Sea - the first ports, Scripture: Acts 13:1-13**

After breakfast we will visit the ancient river-connected port city of Perge then back to Antalya for lunch and a visit to St. Paul's Cultural Center. After lunch we will visit the Antalya Archeological Museum containing an impressive display of treasures found in Perge followed by a visit to the city harbor of Antalya, out of which Paul and Barnabas sailed for home. Dinner at hotel. (B,D)

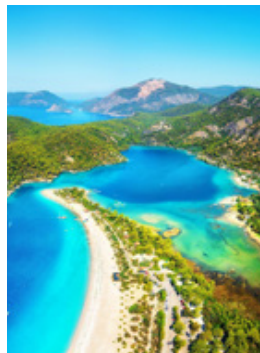
Oct 14 Sat Theme: **Shipping Grain - the Fuel of the Roman Empire, Scripture: Acts 27:1-6,**

After breakfast we will check out of the hotel then take a 2 hour scenic bus ride to Andriaki, the magnificent, partially restored Roman port of Myra with several very unique features. By 1:00 pm we will plan to board the gulet in Andriaki harbor, stow our luggage in the cabins, have lunch on deck, then sail on to Kas area for dinner and overnight in an anchorage. This is a time of relaxation, swimming, eating excellent food, learning about the incomparable Mediterranean Sea and the people who learned how to sail it in order to achieve their goals, including Paul. (B,L,D)



Oct 15 Sun Theme: **Mare Nostrum and the Sea Workers, Scripture: Psalm 107:23-30, Acts 21:1-2**

Sail on westward to Kalkan. From here we will take a short bus ride to Patara to visit another key port city of Lycia, developed by Rome for grain shipping, and visited by Paul. Overnight in anchorage near Kalkan. (B,L,D)



Oct 16 Mon Theme: **Exploring the Remains of Christendom, Scripture: Psalm 46**

Today we will continue westward to the beautiful Gemiler Bay where we will anchor, then visit the ruins on Gemiler Island. Overnight in anchorage. (B,L,D)

Oct 17 Tue Theme: **Exploring Modern Empires - Turkey, Greece and the Sea**

After breakfast we will hike up to the abandoned Greek village of Kaya Koy, the setting of the excellent historical novel *Birds Without Wings*. Remain at anchorage or afternoon sail into the beautiful Fethiye Bay, favorite destination of international sailors! (B,L,D)

Oct 18 Wed Theme: **The Sea in Scripture - Genesis to Revelation, Scripture Gen 1:1-9, Rev 21:1**

Anchorage in Fethiye Bay to be determined. (B,L,D)

Oct 19 Thu Theme: **Isolation and Connection in the Mediterranean Sea**

Exploration around the Bay. Anchorage in Fethiye Bay to be determined. (B,L,D)

Oct 20 Fri Theme: **The Sea People of the Mediterranean Coast**

Exploration around the Bay. Anchorage near the town Fethiye or on Fethiye wharf. (B,L,D)

Oct 21 Sat Theme: **Paul's Farewell in Melitus, Scripture: Acts 20:13-38**

After breakfast we will say farewell to the captain and crew of the gulet, then travel by bus northward stopping at Didyma with its incredible temple built during the reign of Alexander the Great, then on to Melitus where we will review the story of Paul's emotional farewell, and more! Dinner and overnight in Kusadasi. (B,L,D)





Samos

Oct 22 Sun Theme: Paul in Ephesus, Scripture: Acts 19:23-41

We will spend the full day visiting Ephesus and the surrounding area. Walk the marble streets, visit the stadium that seats 25,000, and admire the Celsus Library. We will also visit the Basilica of St. John, make a brief stop at the forlorn remains of the Temple to Artemis, and finish the day at the exquisite museum in Selcuk before returning to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)

Oct 23 Mon Theme: Pagan Ideas and the Gospel of Paul, Scripture: Acts 20:15

After breakfast at the hotel, we will embark on a short ferry ride to the Greek island of Samos. After disembarking we will explore the ancient seaport of Pythagorio. Lunch on your own at a waterfront café or taverna, followed by a trip around the beautiful island. Dinner on your own in waterfront restaurants. (B)

Oct 24 Tue Paul in Athens - on the Areopagus, Scripture Acts 17

Today we will take a short, morning flight to Athens, leave our luggage at the Katerina Hotel, then take a walking tour for an introduction to Athens atop the Areopagus. You will be given tickets and information to explore the Acropolis, the Agora, Stoa and other main sites. You will also be given a Metro pass that will give you unlimited rides in the city. Lunch on your own in the Plaka. We will meet back at Hotel Katerina ready to walk to a nearby restaurant at 7:30 for dinner. (B)

Oct 25 Wed Theme: Paul in the Pagan World, Scriptures I Cor 9:19-26

Today we will take the Metro and walk to the stadium constructed in ancient Greek style for the first modern Olympics in 1896. From the Stadium we will again walk together to the excellent Acropolis Museum which you will explore at your own pace. The remainder of the day is free for you to continue site-seeing, eating, and even shopping. We will meet again at Katerina Hotel to walk to the restaurant for dinner at 7:30. (B)

Oct 26 Thu Theme: Paul in Corinth, Scripture Acts 18:1-18, I Cor 13

After breakfast we will travel by bus to Corinth, stopping at the awesome Corinth Canal, then on to Old Corinth site of the biblical Corinth where we will have time to explore the excellent archeological remains with the bema and Temple to Apollo. An impressive little museum of discoveries in Corinth, and a couple of little know surprises outside of the site is included. Following lunch in Old Corinth we will visit the ancient harbor of Cenchræe, then travel back to Athens for a celebratory dinner. (B)

Oct 27 Fri Breakfast and depart as individually arranged.



Athens

TOUR MAP

LAND & AIR

\$5,590 Per Person in Double Room
\$1,300 Single Room Supplement

INCLUDING

- Roundtrip international air between New York - Istanbul & Athens - New York
- Istanbul - Antalya domestic flight
- Kusadasi-Samos ferry ticket on Oct 23
- Samos-Athens morning domestic flight on Oct 24
- 2 Nights at 4*Best Western Hotel in Antalya or similar
- 7 Nights at private Gulet Boat (*wooden yacht*)
- 2 Nights at Hotel Avantgarde in Kusadasi or similar
- 1 Night at Aeolis Hotel in Samos or similar
- 3 Nights at Katerina Hotel in Athens or similar
- Daily open buffet breakfasts at the hotels
- 9 Lunches (*bottled water included*)
- 11 Dinners (*bottled water included*)
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Lectures of Linford and Janet Stutzman
- English Speaking local guides during all tours
- All airport-port-hotel transfers
- All transportation by private AC Buses
- All entrance fees to the sites and museums
- All service charges and local taxes
- All tips to hotel staff, guides and drivers
- Sailing Acts/Tutku T-shirt, Maps, Tutku bag

EXCLUDING

- Meals which are not listed above, and drinks other than water
- Turkish Visa Fee - US citizens to be obtained online before arrival www.evisa.gov.tr
- Tips to the Gulet Boat staff \$50 per person
- Travel, and Health Insurances, any kind of insurance
- All personal expenses, and any other item which is not listed above

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Background: Since a sabbatical in 2004, my wife and I continue to explore the Mediterranean of the Acts story aboard our sailboat SailingActs. For the past number of years we have had the privilege of sharing with others our sea-based insights of the dynamic Christian movement through the seaports and sailing routes of the Mediterranean. We are pleased that Tutku Educational Travel, the leading experts in the region, is offering this unique travel option.

Description: This journey which begins in Istanbul and ends in Athens, includes world famous archeological sites such as Ephesus and Corinth, and features an entire week enjoying excellent Turkish cuisine, swimming, sailing and relaxing aboard a beautiful, well-appointed traditional wooden Turkish gulet. This route along the spectacular coast of southern Turkey intersects with and follows parts of Paul's four sea voyages recorded in Acts. The voyage includes visits to several remote and relatively unknown archeological sites of biblical and historical significance, scenic ancient harbors, and quiet anchorages along the way.

Brief Itinerary includes Antalya, Perge, Finike, Myra, Patara, Knidos, Bodrum, Didyma, Miletus, Ephesus, Samos (Greek island), Corinth, Athens, and more.

Biographical Info:



Luke Chandler

- Experienced Bible teacher and tour leader
- MA in Ancient History, 10 excavation seasons at biblical sites
- Former Adjunct Faculty, Florida College

Linford Stutzman, PhD, The Catholic University of America
• Professor Emeritus, Eastern Mennonite University, Religion and Culture
• Adjunct Faculty, Jerusalem University College
• Author of *SailingActs: Following an Ancient Voyage*

Janet Stutzman, MAR, Eastern Mennonite Seminary
• First mate on *SailingActs*



PAYMENT PROCEDURE

1st Deposit \$300 Per Person at the time of booking
2nd Deposit \$500 Per Person on February 1, 2023
Full Payment June 1, 2023

Cancellation Penalty:

- 90-60 days prior to departure	No Penalty
- 59-45 days prior to departure	25%
- 44-30 days prior to departure	50%
- 29-15 days prior to departure	75%
- 14 days & After	No refund

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance may be purchased separately at an extra cost. Travel Insurance is a contract between the traveller and the Insurance Company (American Express, or other). To obtain your travel insurance, please call 1-800-TURKIYE and ask for Ms. Ayata.

Itinerary and site visits are subject to change and/or substitution depending on availability of site access.

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