

A JOURNEY OF PAUL
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MARCH 15 - 26, 2011

TUESDAY, MARCH 15 -

Depart Atlanta with Air France flight # 681 **nonstop** to Paris at 6:10PM.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 – ISTANBUL (D)

Arrive Paris at 8:25AM. Connect to your Air France flight # 1590 **nonstop** to Istanbul, departing at 10:00AM arriving Istanbul at 2:20PM.

be met by a **Ya'lla Tours USA** representative and your Turkish tour guide and transferred to your hotel for a welcome dinner and overnight.

Our hotel, **CROWN PLAZA OLD CITY**, is a 4 star property located in the heart of old Istanbul, within walking distance of the Grand Bazaar, the Blue Mosque, Hagia Sophia, the Basilica Cistern and Topkapi Palace. The hotel has 16 floors, 265 guest rooms and was renovated in 2008. All guest rooms are equipped with air-conditioning, satellite TV, wireless, high-speed internet access, mini-bar, safe box and hair dryer. Hotel facilities and services include two restaurants, newsstand, gift shop, beauty salon, laundry, 24-hour room service, currency exchange and business center. www.crowneplaza.com

THURSDAY, MARCH 17 – ISTANBUL (B,D)

Visit the legendary **Blue Mosque**, decorated with beautiful 17th-century Iznik tiles. Then stroll around the historical **Hippodrome** where chariot races were held.

Visit the underground Crusader Cisterns. Continue to **St. Sophia**, a Christian basilica built by Justinian in the 6th-century and converted to a mosque during the Ottoman Empire. See the beautiful mosaics on display in the museum.

Continue to the **Egyptian Spice Bazaar**, used as the spice market since 1665.

Next, take a ferry ride on the **Bosporus**.

Return your hotel for dinner and overnight.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18 – ISTANBUL to KUSADASI (B,L)

Visit the Church of **St. Savior in Chora**, with remnants of mosaics from the 12th and 14th-centuries. Above the front door, you can still make out a kneeling Theodosius offering Christ a model of the church. The whole story of the beginnings of Christianity is told on these walls. The Turks converted the church of the Holy Savior in Chora into the Kariye Cami in the reign of Bayezit II (1481-1512).

Continue to **Topkapi Palace**, legendary residence of the Ottoman sultans. See the treasury, the kitchens and the harem quarter.

Lunch en route.

Then, enjoy some free time at the exhilarating **Grand Bazaar** of Istanbul.
Transfer to Ataturk Airport for your Turkish Airlines flight # 2336 to Izmir, leave at 7:00PM and arriving at 8:05PM. Upon arrival in Adana, you will be met by a **Ya'lla Tours USA** representative and transferred to your hotel for overnight.
Late in the afternoon, arrive in Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.
Our hotel, **KORUMAR**, is one of Turkey's nicest 5-star resorts. Located on the beach in Kusadasi, it offers great resort facilities, indoor and outdoor pools, and the comfort of a deluxe property. Enjoy the Turkish bath and other facilities and services.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19 - KUSADASI (B,D)

Drive to **Ephesus**, another of the Seven Churches of the Revelation and an ancient large port with a population of over 250,000. The city played a major role in the development of architecture, religion, economic systems and arts.

Paul preached in Ephesus and the third ecumenical council took place there.

Tour the ancient city with its legendary marble streets, magnificent theater, Hadrian's temple and the library of Celsus.

Then visit the sixth century **Basilica of St. John**.

Return to Kusadasi and meet Dr. Ugul Orhan from **Turkmen Carpets** for a light snack and carpet demonstration.

End the day at the last **Home of Mary**, who was brought to Ephesus by John, the beloved disciple of Jesus. The home where Mary lived out her days is now visited by over a hundred thousand pilgrims each year. The pilgrims drink the water of the sacred spring, meditate and pray for health at this ancient spot of worship.

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 - CANAKKALE (B,D)

Drive to **Izmir** (ancient Smyrna) and visit the Church of St. Policarp. The oldest church in ancient Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11), it symbolized the community of the Seven Churches of the Apocalypse.

Drive to **Pergamum**, the most favored of the Seven Churches of the Revelation.

Christianity reached Pergamum very early and its church was praised for forbearance in times of persecution. It was here that the first Christians were executed by Rome.

Visit the stunning acropolis of the Hellenistic city, perched 1,000 feet above the town.

Remains include, the Altar of Zeus, palaces, the temples of Trajan and Dionysus, and the world's steepest amphitheater. Continue to **Asklepion**, the ancient health center. See the ruins of the small theater and the healing tunnel.

Continue north to Canakkale for dinner and overnight.

Our hotel, **TUSAN**, is a charming 3-star property. This low rise hotel is located only a short distance from town, nestled in pine trees on the shores of the Aegean. All 64 rooms have air-conditioning, telephone, hair dryer, mini-bar, TV and patio. Hotel facilities include a restaurant.

MONDAY, MARCH 21 - KAVALA

(B,D)

Continue to the border with Greece.

After crossing the border continue to **Kavala** (Neopolis in the New Testament). See the attractive port and the 16th century Aqueduct, built by Suleiman the Magnificent. Arrive at your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Our hotel, **EGNATIA**, is a four star property located 1 km from Kavala's downtown. All 189 guest rooms have satellite TV and direct-dial phone. The hotel also has the best roof garden in town. www.egnatiahotel.gr

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 - THESSALONICA

(B,D)

Visit **Philippi**, the first great city in Europe that Paul visited. It lies astride the Via Egnatia, the road that connects Rome with Constantinople. Visit the extensive ruins of Philippi and see where Paul was imprisoned. Walk by the stream near the modern village of Lydia where the first baptism in Europe took place.

Drive to **Thessalonica**, also known as Salonika. Depending on the remaining time you will visit one of the most beautiful basilicas in the city, **St. Dimetrius**, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert, the Ancient Agora of Thessaloniki, the upper town of Thessaloniki with historical attractions such as cobblestone alleys, traditional houses and a rather beautiful Byzantine citadel.

Continue to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 - ATHENS

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Depart Thessalonica for **Dion** to visit the ancient site of **Veria** (Berea of Acts 17) a modern shrine that commemorates Paul's visit.

Continue to Athens for overnight.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24 - ATHENS

(B)

Start your tour of Athens with the **Acropolis** and the full splendor of the 5th century (B.C.) Athens. Visit the Propylaria (Gateway), the Temple of Athena Nike (Victory), the Parthenon and the Erechteion.

On descent, pass Mars Hill with the text of Paul's famous sermon inscribed on the rock at its foot. The expansive Agora of Athens, where legendary philosophers counseled and taught, lies below.

Continue to modern Athens and visit the Parliament and the **Plaka** area among other sites of this incredible city.

In the afternoon, drive the coastal road past the wonderful beaches of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni, Varkiza and countless coves. Arrive at **Cape Sounion** with a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf and the spectacular **Temple of Poseidon**.

Return to your hotel for overnight.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 - ATHENS

(B)

Drive on the historic coast road to **Corinth**. On the left, as the Saronic Gulf comes into view, lies the Island of Salamis, scene of the greatest sea battle of ancient times. Stop at Corinth, where Paul ministered for nearly two years, and wrote the earliest New Testament writings, The Letters to Thessalonians. The columns of Apollo Temple dominate the Agora. See the tribunal before which Paul was dragged, but where Gallio refused to pass judgment on him.

Continue to the beautiful Peloponnese and the influential ancient city of **Mycenae**.

Return to Athens along the new scenic road with magnificent views of the Saronic Gulf and **the ancient port of Kechries** from which Paul sailed to Ephesus.

Return Athens for overnight.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26 -

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You will be transferred to Athens Spata Airport for your **nonstop** Air France flight # 2333 to Paris, departing at 7:05AM and arriving at 9:30AM. Connect to your **nonstop** Air France flight # 682, departing Paris at 10:45AM and arriving Atlanta at 3:25PM.

Price per person in a double room: \$3,895
Price for a single room supplement: \$695

Prices are GUARANTEED for March 2010

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Round-trip, economy class airfare from Atlanta to Istanbul and return from Athens with Air France.
- One way, economy class airfare from Istanbul to Izmir with Turkish Airlines.
- 10 nights of accommodations with buffet breakfast daily.
- 6 dinners as per the itinerary.
- 1 lunch in Istanbul.
- Transfers between hotels and airports in Turkey and Greece.
- 9 days of touring in a **private**, air-conditioned bus with a licensed, **English-speaking** guide.
- Entrance fees as per itinerary.
- Portage at airports and hotels (one suitcase per person).
- Service fees and local taxes.
- **Ya'lla Tours USA** pilgrim's kit and travel bag.
- Border tax between Turkey and Greece.
- Tips to guide and driver.

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Departure and fuel tax, \$490 as of March 04, 2010, subject to increase or decrease until final invoice is issued.
- Visa to Turkey (\$20 to be paid upon arrival).
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary.
- Beverages.
- Personal items and services (souvenirs, phone, laundry, etc.).
- Travel insurance (\$319 per person, highly recommended).
- Tips to bellmen (\$1 per piece of luggage handled in every hotel).

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- The air schedule is subject to change without notice.
- A \$750 per person deposit is required upon booking. The deposit is FULLY REFUNDABLE up to 90 days prior to departure.
- The deposit guarantees the price of the airfare and the land services. Failure to pay the deposit may cause an increase in the price (the airfare is especially vulnerable).
- Final payment is due on **December 16, 2010.**
- All funds paid to **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** are held in a trust account until paid to our suppliers.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PRICE:

- * The price of the tour is: **\$3,895** per person in a double room based on a minimum of **24** participants in the tour. The price is guaranteed but if due to unforeseen circumstances beyond **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.**'s control, our suppliers increase the price, **Ya'lla USA Inc.** will adjust the price accordingly.
- * Price of the airfare portion of the tour is subject to change until the air ticket has been issued.
- * Should a single traveler wish to share a room with another traveler, and **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** is unable to match him/her with a roommate, the single room supplement will apply.
- * Should the number of participants, **90** days prior to departure, be lower than the published minimum number of participants to operate the tour, the price will be adjusted accordingly, or the tour will be canceled.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY:

- * A deposit of **\$750** per person is due upon registration.
- * Final payment is due **90** days prior to the group departure on **December 12, 2010.**

CANCELLATIONS & REFUND:

- * **For cancellation of 89 to 45 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 50% of the tour cost will apply.**
- * **For cancellation of 44 to 15 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 75% of the tour cost will apply.**
- * **For cancellation of 14 days and less prior to departure, a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost will apply.**
- * No refund will be paid for unused services such as: transfers, sight-seeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.
- * **In the case of cancellation by Ya'lla Tours USA for any reason, a full refund will be made.**
- * **The travel insurance is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

LAND ARRANGEMENTS:

The Tour Operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** will do its best to maintain the content of the tour.

The Tour operator reserves the right to change the hotels listed on the tour for others of similar quality.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:

Whereas **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** and the participating airlines and tour operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the aircraft, railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sight-seeing contractors and others who provide the actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours.

The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger.

Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that purchaser fails to pay any fees due and owing for services, including cancellation fees as set out in the section entitled 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to his/her or its reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven.

PASSENGER RESPONSIBILITY:

Passenger has read the above terms and conditions and agrees to each of them. Passenger hereby warrants that he/she fully understand each of them. Specifically passenger understands that should he/she cancel their trip for any reason, passenger will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section.

PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTATION:

Your passport must be valid for at least six months following your entry date to your travel destination.

For more specific visa requirement, please contact the relevant consulate for update information.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT SEVERABILITY:

This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both **Ya'lla Tours USA Inc.** and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is not included in your tour price.

It is the passenger's responsibility to verify whether his / hers local health insurance covers you out of the USA. Please contact your insurance carrier for details.

Ya'lla Tours USA Inc. highly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance, which covers health, luggage and trip cancellation. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.

Evergreen Presbyterian Church, A Journey of Paul # 11801

Departure date: **March 12, 2011**

Mr / Mrs / Ms

Last name _____ First name(s) _____ Nickname _____
(Please provide a copy of your passport prior to final payment)

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Tel _____ email _____

Type of room: DOUBLE SINGLE Sharing a room with _____

Do you wish to purchase travel insurance? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, please add the applicable amount to your deposit: \$319 per person .

If no, "I understand that I will be fully responsible for any fees or costs associated with the tour due to cancellation/medical necessities/lost baggage/delayed flights, etc."

Signature _____

I hereby sign and agree to the terms and conditions attached to this form:

Signature _____

Please sign this form and return it with a check or credit card for \$750 per person, payable to: Odyssey Travel Inc..

Odyssey Travel
Attention: Becky Koza
800 Honeysuckle Rd, Dothan AL 36305
Toll Free: (334) 794-4141 ** Fax: (334) 671-1029
email: beckyko@graceba.net

For credit card charge:

Credit card type: _____ Name on the card _____

Credit card number: _____ Exp: _____

Security code _____ (3 digits on back of Visa/MC or 4 digits on front of Amex).

Billing address if different from above _____

I hereby authorize Ya'lla Tours USA to charge my credit card \$ _____ as a deposit for the **Evergreen Presbyterian Tour**. By signing this form I further state that I have personally read the attached terms and conditions and agree to each of them. Specifically, I understand that should I cancel my trip for any reason, I will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the "Cancellations & Refunds" section.

Signature for the credit card: _____