

GUEST SPEAKER:
MARK ZIESE



JOURNEYS OF PAUL

Cruise

7 Nights Aboard Norwegian Viva • Roundtrip Athens, Greece

JULY 12 - 21, 2025





JULY 9 - 13, 2025 | STARTING AT \$1,498*

July 9 – Depart the USA

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on your international overnight flight.

July 10 – Arrive in Rome

Today, you will arrive in Rome, Italy, where you will be met by our representative and travel along the Appian Way. Step beneath the surface into the Catacombs of Callixtus, built along the Appian Way. Here, sixteen popes from the 2nd through 4th centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches over the centuries. Check into your hotel this evening and enjoy dinner and rest.

July 11 - Ancient Rome

Discover the history woven throughout Rome with visits to the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Forum, Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the Baths of Caracalla and the Arch of Constantine today. After touring, return to your hotel.

July 12 – Vatican City & Christian Rome

Visit the Vatican and explore its museum. Marvel at the beauty of St. Peter's Basilica and stand in awe of Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Next, proceed to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church, which was over Saint Paul's grave. The church features a portrait of every pope who has served the church. Climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain before returning to your hotel this evening.

July 13 - Travel to Athens

Fly from Rome to Athens. Upon landing in Athens, you will be transferred to the Port of Pireaus to board the Norwegian Viva.

Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.



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July 14 – Thessaloniki, Greece

Discover Thessaloniki, where Paul was accused of turning the world upside down with his preaching of Christ (Acts 17: 3 -6). As you explore St. George's Basilica, believed to be built over the synagogue where Paul preached, reflect on the two epistles the Apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church here. Stroll through the archaeological museum and the beautiful basilicas of St. Sophia and St. Demetrios. St. Demetrios is dedicated to a distinguished Roman proconsul martyred for his Christian faith. Along the Via Egnatia stands the Galerius Arch, where you can look out over the second-largest city in Greece from the Old City Ramparts, some dating back to Roman times.

July 15 – Mykonos, Greece

Arrive today at the world-famous Greek Island of Mykonos, where gleaming whitewashed buildings seem to climb atop each other to reach the azure sky. Admire its many hills dotted with iconic windmills. Explore the island on your own or join one of the optional excursions available for purchase on board.

Shore excursions today will be booked directly through Norwegian and are not included.

July 16 – Santorini, Greece

Dock in Santorini today, one of the most beautiful of the Greek islands, where picturesque, whitewashed villages topped with brilliant blue domes stand in stark contrast to the sheer-drop cliffs overlooking the Aegean Sea. The island itself perches on the edges of a volcano whose eruption 3,500 years ago is thought to have led to the collapse of the Minoan civilization. Explore the island on your own or join one of the optional excursions available for purchase on board.

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July 17 – Bodrum, Turkiye

Dock in the spectacular city of Bodrum, where the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Ancient Wonders of the World was located. Drive to Miletus to see the ongoing excavations of where Paul bid farewell to the elders of the church at Ephesus at the end of his Third Missionary Journey (Acts 20). See the ruins of Didyma, whose oracle was considered second only to Delphi in the ancient Greek world.

July 18 – Rhodes, Greece

Get the real authentic Rhodes experience by exploring it on foot. Your walking tour will begin in picturesque Old Town, where you will pass through and learn all about the agora and Collachium, where the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem lived and worked. Marvel at the stunning churches, exquisite Jewish quarter, the Inns of Knights, and the Palace of Grand Masters. You will then tour the palace interior and walk down the Street of Knights. Its path is paved with impressive marble and mosaics. Then, it's on to the Hospital of Knights Museum, where you'll learn all about the ins and outs of this majestic town. Afterward, stop for a refreshment in a local café. Exploring Rhodes on foot will inevitably leave a lasting impression on you.

July 19 – Heraklion, Greece

Whether you visit Heraklion, Crete, to admire the remains of ancient civilization or simply to soak in the rays on some of the best beaches in Europe, the city is guaranteed to delight and amaze you. Don't miss one of the most popular attractions of Crete: the 3000-year-old Palace of Knossos located south of Heraklion. The Palace of Knossos was the ceremonial and political center of the Minoan civilization.

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July 20 – Disembark, Athens & Corinth, Greece

Discover the rich architectural splendor of the ancient city of Athens as your guide introduces you to the world-renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon and the Erechtheum. Stand on Mars Hill as the Apostle Paul did when he proclaimed, "I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you." As you stroll the agora (ancient marketplace and center of Athenian public life), recall that this was where the Apostle Paul preached "Jesus and the resurrection" to the skeptical Athenians. Also, see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This afternoon, tour the city of Corinth, where the Apostle Paul met fellow tentmakers Aquila and Priscilla and received a vision from the Lord saying, "I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city." As Paul spoke, Crispus (chief ruler of the synagogue) and many others believed and were baptized, establishing the church at Corinth to whom Paul later wrote his two epistles. Discover the archaeological museum, marketplace, and temples. As you walk among the ruins, stand on the Bema, where the Apostle Paul stood before Gallio to face charges brought against him by the Jews. Your overnight stay is in Athens.

July 21 – Return to the USA

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Discovering the place where faith begins is a passion for Mark Ziese. This experiential quest is at the center of his work as a Field Instructor with the Jerusalem Center of Biblical Studies, his archaeological excavations in the Middle East, and his regular engagement with college and seminary students.

Mark has been studying, speaking, and writing on matters related to the Bible and its world since 1984. He was named a Fellow at the Albright Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem in 2011.

Learn more about Mark at his website at : www.biblelandexplorer.com.



