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Join Rev. Jean Schafer

Journeys of Paul Cruise

October 11 - 22, 2025

10 Nights Aboard the Odyssey of the Seas • Round Trip from Rome, Italy



Host:
Rev. Jean Schafer



Guest Speaker:
Father Mike Besson



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Guest Speaker:
**The Venerable
 Father Mike Besson**

Mike has served as Archdeacon for 5 years and arrived in the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas after serving as a parish priest in the Diocese of Texas; he has been ordained since 2004. Mike has been married to his wife Ellen for 32 years and they have an adopted son, Lorenzo, who is 16 years old. They live in San Antonio. In 2013, Mike traveled to the Holy Land, which he counts as a life-changing experience. Seeing the scriptures come to life and visiting places he had previously only read about enabled him to understand the Bible in an entirely different way. Mike looks forward to traveling to the places associated with the Apostle Paul to experience the beauty of the area and to see the scriptures come to life again!

Itinerary

OCTOBER 11 – DEPART THE USA

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

OCTOBER 12 – ARRIVE IN ROME

You will arrive in Rome, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to the Port of Civitavecchia to board the Odyssey of the Seas. **Guests not purchasing air through EO will have to purchase transfers to be included in group transfer.*

OCTOBER 13 – NAPLES (POMPEII)

Journey inland to ancient Pompeii, dating almost to the time of Paul, where you can see the spectacular ruins that were covered by ash from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

OCTOBER 14 – AT SEA

OCTOBER 15 – SANTORINI

Arrive 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 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 onboard. *Shore excursions today can be booked directly through Royal Caribbean and are not included.*

OCTOBER 16 – ATHENS & CORINTH, GREECE

Discover the rich architectural splendor of the ancient city of Athens as you explore 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." Also, view 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.

OCTOBER 17 – EPHESUS (KUSADASI), TURKIYE

Ephesus is one of the Seven Churches of Revelation and was once a bustling port town with wide, colonnade-bordered streets and a population of 250,000. Spectacular excavations have revealed much of the glory of ancient Ephesus, including the huge agora and library, but much has been lost. The ancient world once declared the Temple of Artemis to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World, but today, only a single column remains to mark its site. View the terrace houses, also known as "the houses of the rich," which give an accurate impression of the ancient lifestyle. Explore the Museum of Ephesus for an up-close look at ancient artifacts. You will have time to explore on your own and retrace some of the footsteps of Paul.

OCTOBER 18 – ISTANBUL, TURKIYE

Enjoy the day on your own exploring Istanbul. Stroll the Grand Bazaar



Rome Pre-Tour October 9 - 12, 2025 Starting at \$1,298*

OCTOBER 9 – DEPART THE USA

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

OCTOBER 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.

OCTOBER 11 – 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 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.

OCTOBER 12 – 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, you will be transferred to the Port of Civitavecchia to board the Odyssey of the Seas.

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with 4000 individual shops, taste the world-famous baklava, or hop on board the Tunnel, the second-oldest underground urban train in the world. *Shore excursions today can be booked directly through Royal Caribbean and are not included.*

OCTOBER 19 – ISTANBUL, TURKIYE

The bejeweled capital of Istanbul sits between two continents and is home to 450 mosques. We will walk through the Hippodrome Square and then you will visit the famous Blue Mosque (1616) with its six minarets and sparkling interior. Walk through St. Sophia (Hagia Sophia), which was the largest church in Christendom for 1000 years, built by Justinian (532-537 AD). The church has 107 columns, fossil-embedded, white marble floors, and beautiful glass mosaics. Also worth visiting is one of the best-preserved underground cisterns, also built by Justinian in 532 AD.

OCTOBER 20 – AT SEA

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OCTOBER 22 – ROME (CIVITAVECCHIA), ITALY

Disembark the Odyssey of the Seas and transfer to the airport. Return home with a new understanding of the Bible.



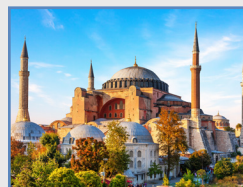
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Your Price Includes:

Round-trip International Airfare & Overseas Transfers
 Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details
Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes (Subject to change)
 Shore Excursions as listed on itinerary • Meals on Ship
 Admin. Fees • Port Charges • Cruise Taxes

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Turkiye Post-Tour

October 22 - 26, 2025
 Starting at \$1,598*

OCTOBER 22 – FLY TO ISTANBUL

Fly from Rome to Istanbul and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

OCTOBER 23 – ISTANBUL

Tour the Golden Horn by visiting the Greek Patriarchate and the Church of St. George there. Continue driving along the 1600 years old walls of Constantinople, which are in amazing condition with the contributions by Unesco. Today, you will also have the chance to catch the glimpse of the city from the Bosphorus on our private boat and sniff the beautiful smell of the spices in the Spice Market in the afternoon. Fly to the Cappadocia area this evening for dinner and overnight.

OCTOBER 24 – CAPPADOCIA

Drive to Cappadocia and visit the Zelve Valley. As you drive through Cappadocia, enjoy some free time at various photo stops in this magnificent landscape full of fairy chimneys. Visit the Goreme Open-Air Museum before returning to your hotel.

OCTOBER 25 – CAPPADOCIA/ISTANBUL

You can take an optional hot air balloon ride over Cappadocia this morning for an additional fee. Fly this afternoon to Istanbul. Enjoy a cruise on the Bosphorus River cruise. Then, check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

OCTOBER 26 – RETURN TO THE USA

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA.

Optional Hot Air Balloon is approximately \$250 per person



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Register Early & Save

\$150

Register by July 11, 2024

\$100

Register by October 11, 2024

Full deposit required. Savings deducted from balance.

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Round Trip International Airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in the itinerary) • Meals on ship • Program fees • Administrative fee • Fuel surcharges \$500
- Government Taxes \$98 (increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • Transfers • Cruise Taxes \$113.63 • Port charges \$300

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional Shore excursions • Alternate restaurants that have additional fees • Onboard Gratuities
- Miscellaneous fees such as passports, lunches off the ship, baggage fees • Visa(s)
- Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver
- \$100 Document fee for Non-US and Non-Canadian residents
- Required Vaccinations • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms/cabins are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or if you request a single, the following single room/cabin charges apply: \$2448-(4V); \$2648-(2N); \$2998-(2D). Single staterooms are extremely limited and subject to confirmation. \$398 for Rome Pre-Tour; \$598 for Turkey Post-Tour.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$250	Due at the time of registration
Second Deposit	\$250	2nd Deposit due 10/11/24
Third Deposit	\$1,300	3rd Deposit due 02/13/25. Guests registering after this date must submit a total deposit of \$1,800
Final Payment	05/14/25. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.	
Travel Protection Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 05/13/25 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	
Cabin Availability	After 02/13/25 or once we have sold out of our allotment of cabins we can no longer guarantee cabin pricing. Cabins purchased after this date will be subject to availability and may require a supplemental charge.	

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after May 14, 2025:

We welcome registrations after 05/14/25. Registrations received between 05/15/25 - 07/13/25 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 07/14/25 - 07/28/25 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 07/29/25 - 08/12/25 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 08/13/25 or later will be subject to cabin availability and may require a supplemental cabin charge as well as the air fees above. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 241 days prior to departure, you will be charged a \$150 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following per-person charges: 240-181 days = \$250; 180-151 days = \$500; 150-121 days = \$1,000, 120-91 days = 50% of total cost; 90-61 days = 75% of total cost; 60-day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY

EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postponements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel supplier used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOT, and EOT reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOT, EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged and space limitations on tour buses, wheelchairs and scooters cannot be accommodated. Those needing oxygen or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting in their experiences. Persons using C-pap machines requiring distilled water will need to inform us ahead of time, so we can work with local operators to prepare as it is not always available. EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request. If you have questions, please see eo.travel/fit-to-travel-statement or contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

PASSPORT INFORMATION & CHECK IN PROCESS:

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 05/13/25. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees

incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger. You will also be required to check in with the cruise line prior to travel and according to the cruise line's requirements and instructions provided in your final documents.

PRICE INCREASES

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit eo.travel/travel-info/airline-fees.

ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in cruise line, airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. The cruise line has the ultimate control over your voyage and may, without notice, alter the length of the cruise and the order of and/or inclusion of ports. EOT is in no way responsible for these changes and does not make reimbursement for such changes.

PREGNANCY/INFANT REGULATIONS

As to pregnancy, a woman cannot have begun her 24th week of pregnancy at any time before or during the cruise. If you are pregnant, please provide a medical note upon arrival at the pier for check-in from your physician stating your expected due date and medical fitness to travel. If you are in the 24th week or have completed it you will not be allowed to board. Due to the limited medical facilities, infants must be at least one year old on the first day of the cruise.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 06/17/24. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at www.eo.travel. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION

Payment of deposit indicates permission for EOT or its agents to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which EOT or its agents deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies EOT in writing prior to departure.

Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Passenger Agreement and Program Conditions of the brochure. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1 of the previous year and are subject to adjustment without notice in the event of any change or currency fluctuation.

Except where otherwise stated, EOT acts only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall EOT be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. **The passenger agrees that EOT assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay, any lost or damaged luggage, or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service.**

EOT does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold EOT harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of or concerns this brochure or your tour. Any and all litigation must be brought only in and for courts in Polk County, Florida to the exclusion of litigation anywhere else in the world.

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Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*	Trip Cost	Cost*
\$0 - \$1000	\$99	\$3501-\$4000	\$399	\$6501-\$7000	\$699
\$1001-\$1500	\$149	\$4001-\$4500	\$449	\$7001-\$8000	\$799
\$1501-\$2000	\$199	\$4501-\$5000	\$499	\$8001-\$9000	\$899
\$2001-\$2500	\$249	\$5001-\$5500	\$549	\$9001-\$10000	\$999
\$2501-\$3000	\$299	\$5501-\$6000	\$599		
\$3001-\$3500	\$349	\$6001-\$6500	\$649		

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The plan cost includes the plan premium and a fee for non-insurance assistance services. You may obtain information on the plan fees by emailing assistancefees@tripmate.com.

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Schedule of Benefits

Maximum Benefit

Trip Cancellation	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Trip Interruption.	Up to 100% of the non-refundable Trip Cost
Missed Connection	\$500
Trip Delay.	Up to \$150 Per Day, to Maximum of \$1,500
Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation	
Accident & Sickness Medical Expense.	\$25,000
Medical Evacuation & Repatriation of Remains.	\$50,000
24 Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment.	\$25,000
Baggage & Personal Effects.	\$1,000
Baggage Delay.	Up to \$200