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# Voyages of Paul Cruise

May 23 - June 1, 2025

7 Nights Aboard Celebrity Infinity • Round Trip from Athens, Greece



Guest Speaker:  
**Bishop Connie Shelton**



Worship Leader:  
**Paul Saik**



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**Guest Speaker**

**Bishop Connie Mitchell Shelton** is the resident Bishop of The UMC Raleigh Episcopal Area North Carolina Annual Conference. Previously she served churches of all sizes in Mississippi, the Mississippi Annual Conference, Duke Divinity School as Director of Field Education, and The United Methodist Hour as Executive

Director. Bishop Shelton encourages congregations to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

# Itinerary

**May 23 – Depart the USA**

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

**May 24 – Arrive in Athens**

You will arrive in Athens, Greece, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to the port to board the Celebrity Infinity cruise ship.

**May 25 – 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.

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

**May 26 – Kusadasi, Turkiye**

Ephesus was 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 in the last 110 years have revealed much of the glory of ancient Ephesus, including the huge agora and the library, but much has been lost. Explore the ancient site virtually at the Ephesus Experience Museum where you will see life in Paul's time. We will view the terrace houses, also known as "the houses of the rich," which give a true impression of the ancient lifestyle. 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. After enjoying Ephesus, you will embark on another Turkish experience at the carpet factory for a local lunch and a presentation.

**May 27 – 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.

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**May 28 – Kavala, Greece**

Visit Philippi, where Paul, intending to find a place to pray by the riverside, spoke to women who had gathered there, among whom was Lydia, the seller of purple, and whose heart the Lord opened to hear the words that he spoke. Lydia was the first Christian to be baptized on European soil. Visit the place where this event is remembered and see a crypt dating from the Roman period, which is thought to have served as a prison for the Apostle Paul. See the famous agora, the basilica, and the theater.

**May 29 – Thessaloniki, Greece**

Discover Thessaloniki, the "Queen of the North," where Paul was accused of turning the world upside down with his preaching of Christ (Acts 17: 3-6). Built by King Cassandros and named after the sister of Alexander the Great, the city flourished under the Byzantine Empire. Stroll through the beautiful basilica of St. Demetrios, dedicated to a distinguished Roman proconsul martyred for his Christian faith. Look upon the Roman agora, the center of political and public life, constructed in the 1st century AD. 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. The tour continues to the Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki. The museum houses exhibits of Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic, and Roman sculptures.

## OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR



### Turkiye

**May 19 - 24, 2025**

**Starting at \$1,598\***

**May 19 – Depart the USA**

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

**May 20 – Arrive in Istanbul**

Arrive in Istanbul, Turkiye, where you will be met by our representative. Check into your hotel this evening and enjoy dinner and rest.

**May 21 – Istanbul**

The bejeweled capital of Istanbul sits between two continents and is home to 450 mosques. You will visit the famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets and sparkling interior. You will also visit the Topkapi Palace, once home to royal sultans. Inside, you will see the fabled jewels of the treasury, delicate displays of Chinese porcelain in the kitchen quarters, and the provocative harem quarters. Walk through Hagia Sophia, which was the largest church in Christendom for 1,000 years, built by Justinian (532-537 AD). The church has 107 columns, fossil-embedded white marble floors, and beautiful glass mosaics. Enjoy the aroma of cinnamon, cloves, thyme, and other exotic spices as you explore the Spice Bazaar. Over 4,000 shops sell everything from herbs to gold. Fly to the Cappadocia area this evening for dinner and your overnight stay.

**May 22 – 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.

**May 23 – 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, then check into your hotel for dinner and your overnight stay.

**May 24 – Flight to Athens**

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Athens. Upon arrival, transfer to Piraeus and board the Celebrity Infinity cruise ship.

*Optional Hot Air Balloon is approximately \$250 per person*

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

*\*A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card surcharges.*

## May 30 – At Sea

### May 31 – 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.

### June 1 – Return to the USA or enjoy the Rome extension.



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Classic Beverage Package • Basic WiFi Package

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## OPTIONAL POST-TOUR



### Rome

June 1 - 4, 2025  
Starting at \$1,498\*

### June 1 – Depart Athens for Rome

Disembark Celebrity Infinity and transfer to the Athens airport for your flight to Rome. 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.

### June 2 – 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. After touring, return to your hotel for dinner and rest.

### June 3 – 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, see the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church, which is 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 for dinner and rest.

### June 4 – Return to the USA

Bid farewell to Rome as you transfer to the Rome airport this morning for your return flight to the USA.

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**PROGRAM CONDITIONS**

**INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

• Round-trip international airfare & overseas transfers • Cruise • Shore excursions (as listed in itinerary) • Deluxe motorcoaches • Meals on ship • Cruise Taxes \$152 • Port charges \$315 • Program fees • Administrative fee • Fuel surcharges \$500 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

• Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Optional sightseeing • Miscellaneous fees such as passports, lunches off the ship, baggage fees • Visa(s) • Alternate restaurants that have additional fees • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • Transfers for cruise-only guests if flight schedules are not provided 30 days before departure • Required Vaccinations • Onboard Gratuities • \$100 Document fee for Non-US and Non-Canadian residents • 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: I1 - \$2398; O2 - \$2598; V1 - \$2898 for basic itinerary. \$598 for Turkiye Pre-Tour; \$498 for Rome Post-Tour. Single staterooms are extremely limited and subject to confirmation.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

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

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Payment	Amount	Due Date
Initial Deposit	\$500	Due at the time of registration
Second Deposit	\$1,100	Due on 10/25/24. Guests registering after this date must submit a total deposit of \$1,600
Final Payment	12/24/2024. 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 12/23/2024 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 09/25/2024 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 December 24, 2024:**

We welcome registrations after 12/24/24. Registrations received between 12/25/24 - 02/22/25 will incur a fee tating at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 02/23/25 - 03/09/25 will incur a fee tating at \$200 per person. Registrations received between 03/10/25 - 03/24/25 will incur a fee tating at \$400 per person. Registrations received on 03/25/25 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 = \$1000; 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. The right is reserved to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable to EOT and the right is reserved 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](http://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 12/23/24. 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, EO 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](http://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 any additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

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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:**

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\$1001-\$1500	\$159	\$4001-\$4500	\$489	\$7001-\$8000	\$869
\$1501-\$2000	\$219	\$4501-\$5000	\$539	\$8001-\$9000	\$979
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\$2501-\$3000	\$319	\$5501-\$6000	\$649		
\$3001-\$3500	\$379	\$6001-\$6500	\$709		

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