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# Paul's Journey Cruise

October 22 - November 3, 2026

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Guest Speaker:  
**Pastor Tim Niekerk**



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Guest Speaker

## Pastor Tim Niekerk

Tim is a passionate husband, father, and leader who desires to see people know Jesus and experience the abundant life God intended. After graduating from Concordia Seminary,

St. Louis, he planted a church in the northern suburbs of Milwaukee, which expanded through an early childhood center and a high school. In 2006, Tim was called to Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball to serve as the Connections Pastor for assimilation and small groups; in 2011, he became Executive Pastor; in 2013, Tim became Senior Pastor. Recently, he also became the leader of the Large Church Network (LCN), an organization that gathers the leaders of the larger congregations of the LCMS for networking, learning, and encouragement. He is married to Kristin, a licensed professional counselor, and has two grown children.

# Itinerary

## October 22 – Depart the USA

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

## October 23 – 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.

## October 24 – Chania, Greece

Like many ports in this part of the world, archaeological ruins dating back to antiquity are found everywhere. There are also hundreds of gorges around the island and over 1,500 land and sea caves, including Elephant Cave, noted for its remarkable white and red stalactites. Over the millennia, this harbor city was conquered many times over by Romans, Byzantines, Venetians, and Turks. Chania remains crisscrossed with Ottoman architecture and historic Venetian mansions, many of which have been transformed into quaint shops, inviting cafes, and boutique hotels.

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## October 25 – At Sea

## October 26 – Rhodes, Greece

Get the real, authentic Rhodes experience by exploring it on foot. Your walking tour will begin in the picturesque Old Town, where you will pass through and learn all about 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 the Knights, and the Palace of the Grand Masters. You will then tour the palace interior and walk down the Street of the Knights. Its path is paved with impressive marble and mosaics. Exploring Rhodes on foot will inevitably leave a lasting impression on you.

## October 27 – Kusadasi, Türkiye

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.

## October 28 – Santorini, Greece

Dock in Santorini today, one of the most beautiful Greek islands. Here, 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 on board.

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**October 29 – 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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**October 30 – 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.

**October 31 – 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 Cassander 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.

**November 1 – At Sea**

**November 2 – Athens, Greece**

Disembark Celebrity Infinity this morning. 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." Travel to 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.

**November 3 – Return to the USA**



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**INCLUDED IN PRICE:**

- Round-trip international airfare & overseas transfers • Cruise • Shore excursions (as listed in itinerary)
- Deluxe motorcoaches • Meals on ship • Cruise Taxes \$283 • Port charges \$400 • 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 • Onboard Gratuities
- \$100 Document fee for Non-US and Non-Canadian residents • Required medical testing before, during, and/or after travel • Required Vaccinations

**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: **I2 - \$2398; O2 - \$2498; V1 - \$2898** for basic itinerary. 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	\$250	Due at the time of registration
Second Deposit	\$250	2nd Deposit due 10/22/25
Third Deposit	\$1,500	3rd Deposit due 02/24/26. Guests registering after this date must submit a total deposit of \$2,000
Final Payment		05/25/26. 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 05/24/26 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 2/24/26 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 25, 2026:**

We welcome registrations after 05/25/26. Registrations received between 05/26/26 - 07/24/26 will incur a fee starting at \$100 per person. Registrations received between 07/25/26 - 08/08/26 will incur a fee starting at \$200 per person. Registrations received between 08/09/26 - 08/23/26 will incur a fee starting at \$400 per person. Registrations received on 08/24/26 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 the premium has been paid and the reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following per-person cancellation penalties: From the day of registration to 241 days prior to departure, you will be charged a \$150 non-refundable cancellation fee plus any airline, land, and cruise fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties, land penalties, cruise 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 05/24/26. 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](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:**

This brochure is valid until 05/27/25. If validity date has passed, current brochures may be found at [www.eo.travel](http://www.eo.travel). Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

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