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Join Rev. Rob Grotheer & Skidaway Island Methodist Church

Voyages of Paul

Cruise

October 5 - 15, 2024

7 Nights Aboard the Voyager of the Seas · From Rome to Athens



Guest Speaker:
Rev. Matt Tuggle



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Itinerary



Guest Speaker REV. MATT TUGGLE

Matt Tuggle serves as an Executive Minister at Highland Park UMC in Dallas, Texas where he leads HPUMC's contemporary worship community, Cornerstone. Matt

is known as a gifted preacher and teacher, with a passion for helping people engage with the bible and a conversational style that helps people connect with his messages. Previously, he served churches in Georgia and Virginia. Prior to being in ministry, Matt worked in special education and as a nature guide. Matt is married to Amy and they have three children. Matt spends most of his time with his family or congregation, but also enjoys a variety of outdoor activities and reading. Matt will be teaching at various times throughout the trip, connecting your journey with scripture and the life of the early church.



Rome Pre-Tour

October 4 - 7, 2024
Starting at \$939*

October 4 - Depart the USA

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

October 5 - 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 6 - 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 7 - 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 Voyager of the Seas.

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OCTOBER 5 - DEPART THE USA

OCTOBER 6 - ARRIVE IN ROME

You will arrive in Rome, where you will be met by our representative, and do a panoramic tour of Rome. Overnight in Rome.

OCTOBER 7 - ROME - EMBARKATION

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before touring Ancient Rome. Then, transfer to the Port of Civitavecchia to board the Voyager of the Seas.

OCTOBER 8 - SALERNO (AMALFI COAST)

The lively cliffside village of Salerno is a gateway to the many historical and scenic coastal towns with cruises to the Amalfi Coast. Take a stroll by the water along the city's modern promenade, or stop into a cafe. Break a sweat with a hike up Mount Vesuvius before you wander through the ancient city of Pompeii. Or take a drive along the coast on the winding roads and bask in views of steep cliffs over crystal blue water. *Shore excursions today will be booked directly through the cruise line.*

OCTOBER 9 - MESSINA

Messina is Sicily's panoramic gateway, located on the northeastern corner of the island. The city just kisses the boot of mainland Italy's southern tip. Get lost among the patchwork of churches and antique palaces. The Messina Cathedral is in the heart of the city, and its famous bell tower houses the largest mechanical clock in the world. Every day at noon, the statues move to Schubert's "Ave Maria." In front of this church, you'll find the Fontana di Orione, a 16th-century fountain that's a work of art in itself, with sculptures of figures from ancient mythology. Cruise to Sicily and take a leisurely walk to the Sacratio di Cristo Re, a hilltop church with panoramic views of the town and the surrounding mountains. *Shore excursions today will be booked directly through the cruise line.*

OCTOBER 10 - AT SEA

OCTOBER 11 - SANTORINI

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 onboard. *Shore excursions today will be booked directly through the cruise line.*

OCTOBER 12 - EPHEBUS

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 a true 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 13 - MYKONOS

Nestled in the heart of Greece's Cyclades archipelago, Mykonos pulses with irrepressible energy. With its powder white houses and sparkling blue waters, the Island of the Winds is as colorful as the people who call the island home. You can walk narrow marble pathways laced with purple bougainvillea blooms or go cycling on two wheels past off-the-path Ano Mera village. Explore Greece's maritime history at Armenistis Lighthouse and check out the Folklore Museum's Mykonian ship models. At the end of the day, watch the sun burn out beyond an Aegean horizon from an open-air seaside taverna. *Shore excursions today will be booked directly through the cruise line.*

OCTOBER 14 - ATHENS & CORINTH

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. Stay overnight in Athens.

OCTOBER 15 - RETURN TO THE USA

ALL-INCLUSIVE CRUISE PRICING*

4V - Interior Stateroom	\$4,097*
4N - Ocean View Stateroom	\$4,497*
2D - Ocean View Stateroom with Balcony	\$4,897*

Your Price from Savannah 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 the Ship

Admin. Fees • Port Charges • Cruise Taxes

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Onboard Gratuities are additional & will be automatically added to your onboard account.



Greece Post-Tour

October 15 - 19, 2024

Starting at \$1,098*

October 15 - Delphi

Travel to scenic Delphi, the religious center of the ancient Greek world and marked by the conical stone called the omphalos ("navel"). Walk the Sacra Via to the Athenian Treasury, theatre, and the Temple of Apollo, where the oracle performed her prophetic rituals. As you consider the incredible amount of pagan influence just in Delphi alone, you will gain a new appreciation for the tremendous spiritual opposition the Apostle Paul faced in preaching the Gospel of Christ here. In the Museum are many ancient treasures, including the 5th-century, bronzed charioteer so detailed you can see his eyelashes. Stay overnight in Kalambaka.

October 16 - Veria & Meteora

Follow the path of Paul when he fled Thessaloniki for the safety of Veria (Berea), where Jews and some honorable Greeks accepted the new faith (Act 17: 10-12). As you visit the rock forest of Meteora ("in the heavens above") in western Thessaly, imagine the Apostle Paul walking that treacherous terrain on his missionary journey. Gaze up at the breathtaking Byzantine monasteries spectacularly perched on soaring, sheer-sided, grey sandstone pillars. In the 13th century, monks sought refuge in cliffside caves before fleeing higher to build the original wooden shelters that later became these monasteries. Stay overnight in Kalambaka.

October 17 - Amphipolis, Philippi & Neapoli

Follow in the footsteps of Paul and Silas to Amphipolis and explore the ruins of the many Christian basilicas there. In Philippi is a baptismal site commemorating where God opened the heart of Lydia (a seller of purple from Thyatira) to hear the words of Paul (Acts 16:13-15). Lydia and her household were the first Christian converts baptized on European soil. View the Roman-era crypt, thought to have served as a prison for the Apostle Paul, and explore Philippi's famous acropolis, marketplace, the Basilica of Paul, and theater. Today's last stop is Neapolis (Kavala), one of Greece's most picturesque mainland ports, where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. See the Roman aqueduct and acropolis before returning to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight. Stay overnight in Thessaloniki.

October 18 - Thessaloniki

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. Along the Via Egnatia stands the Galerius Arch, and you can look out over the second-largest city in Greece from the Old City Ramparts, some dating back to Roman times. Stay overnight in Thessaloniki.

October 19 - Return 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 \$92.67 • Port charges \$200 • 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 • Pre or Post-Tours • Miscellaneous fees such as passports, lunches off the ship, baggage fees • Visa(s) • Alternate restaurants that have additional fees • Onboard Gratuities (Gratuities will be automatically added to your onboard account during the cruise) • Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • Ground only transfers • \$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: Category 4V - \$1850; 4N - \$2050; 2D - \$2250 for basic itinerary. \$329 for the Rome Pre-Tour; \$329 for the Greece Post-Tour. Single staterooms are extremely limited and subject to confirmation.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: *A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card transactions.

Payment Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes
\$500	Due at the time of registration.
\$1300	3rd Deposit due on 03/09/24. Guests registering after this date must submit a total deposit of \$1,800
Full Payment	Final Payment is due for all guests on 05/08/24. 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 05/08/23 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 02/08/24 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 by May 8, 2024:

We welcome registrations after 05/08/24. Registrations received between 05/09/24 - 07/07/24 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 07/08/24 - 07/22/24 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 07/23/24 - 08/06/24 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 08/07/24 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

EOX 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. EOX reserves the right to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable by EOX, and EOX reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. If a tour is canceled beyond the control of EOX, EOX 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. EOX reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of EOX, 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 05/08/24. 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, 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 01/16/24. 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.

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