

# **10 DAY TOUR**

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a **Five Day / Four Night Luxury Sea Cruise**  
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**SAMPLE ITINERARY FOR 2015**

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### Day 1 Johannesburg / Istanbul

FRI	We meet at O R Tambo Airport at 16:00 for check in formalities. We depart on flight TK041 at 18:45 on our overnight flight to Istanbul
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### Day 2 Istanbul / Athens (City Tour)

SAT	<p>We arrive at Istanbul International Airport at ±05:40. We remain in transit as we proceed to the check in counters for our connecting flight to Athens on TK1845 departing at 07:40. We are scheduled to arrive in Athens at 09:05. After clearing customs and immigration formalities we will be taken to our luxury coach and proceed in a <b>Half Day City Tour</b> viewing the <b>various landmarks</b> of Athens, i.e. the <b>Nike Temple</b>. <b>Erin to do welcome. Nico to pray on bus. Play Greek music.</b></p> <p>Nike means "victory" in Greek, and Athena was worshiped in this form, as <i>Goddess of Wisdom</i>. We visit the famous <b>Pantheon hill</b> and the <b>Parthenon</b> which was built in 447 BC. It was dedicated to the Greek goddess Athena, whom the people of Athens considered <i>their protector</i>. The name Parthenon means the "<i>temple of the virgin goddess</i>". In the 6th century AD, the Parthenon was converted into a Roman Catholic church and this time dedicated to the ... '<i>Virgin Mary</i>'. This issue will be discussed on site as it has all to do with the One-World-Religious system. We will be viewing Athens here from atop Mars Hill where Paul spoke with the judges and near where he preached the "sermon to the unknown god" (Acts 17:22-31) to a Gentile nation. We proceed to our hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight. <b>If time permits, we will sing two songs. Then Nico to speak at Mars hill about Paul, some facts about his life, the Greek people in his time, the Greek people today.</b></p>
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### Day 3 Athens – Corinth

SUN	<p>This morning after breakfast we will be met by our agent, and depart on <b>our half day tour</b> to the original <b>Ancient Corinth</b>. <b>Erin to do welcome. Nico to pray on bus. Play Greek music.</b> On our way to this phenomenal city, we will stop at the <b>Corinth Canal</b>. We will make a brief stop in the place where <b>Paul would've landed</b> in Corinth. We are then taken to the <b>Ancient Corinth, city</b> where Paul once preached. Ancient Corinth is located near the narrow strip of land separating the Adriatic from the Aegean Seas, and through which ran the north-south highway linking the rest of Greece with the southern Peloponnesus. Corinth was a vital centre of commerce. In the 1st century Corinth's public marketplace (agora, forum) was larger than any in Rome. By 50 AD, when Paul visited Corinth, it was the most beautiful, modern, and industrious city of its size in Greece. This city has inspired many of Paul's most familiar letters. We visit a real <b>Bema</b> as mentioned by Paul to the Corinthians in 2 Cor 5:10. <b>We</b> will be given an Eschatological teaching here on the subject. If time allows, we will view the ruins of the <b>Church of Corinth</b> and see the pillars, steps, and public worship place where Paul preached which will enhance your understanding and love of I &amp; II Corinthians. <b>If time permits, we will sing two songs. Then Nico to speak about the Corinthians and the parallels we draw today. Also small talk about Bema and judgement (if the guide doesn't talk properly on it – explaining there are two judgements for unbelievers and believers and what the difference is).</b> The ruins of this important cultural centre are fascinating as you walk along the stone path that Paul walked, a man who Y'shua personally trained after His resurrection in Arabia <i>for three years</i>. Corinth was well known for its sexual immorality, and Paul had to face this! Paul went to the house of a man called Titius Justus, a man who revered God and whose house was next door to the synagogue. .... Paul settled here for eighteen months, his second longest recorded stay in a city during his Three Missionary Journeys, and taught them God's message. Paul also found a Jew called Aquila here, a native of Pontus (Acts 18:2-3). This man Aquila and his wife Pricilla taught a top Rabbi the Scriptures more clearly here in Corinth. Aquila had recently come from Italy because the Emperor Claudius had issued a decree that all Jews should leave Rome. They all worked together, for their trade was 'tent-making' Every Sabbath Paul used to speak in the synagogue trying to</p>
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	<p>persuade both Jews and Greeks. By the time Silas and Timothy arrived from Macedonia Paul was completely absorbed in preaching the message, showing the Jews as clearly as he could that Y'shua is the Messiah. However, when they turned against him and abused him he shook his garments at them, and said, "Your blood be on your heads! From now on I go with a perfectly clear conscience to the Gentiles. <b>Nico to finalise any preaching on the bus on what we have seen today – maybe historical overview of Paul and what he achieved if we have time. Play Greek music.</b> This afternoon at leisure. You can visit on your own the most famous market place for tourist shopping <b>Monastiraki Flea Market</b>. It is your free and only time for shopping in Athens. Much of the flea market is not really a flea market. It is a collection of small shops of which most of them are tourist shops with the same stuff you will find on Adrianou street in the Plaka. You can wander around aimlessly and just leisure in this remarkable place. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight. <b>From 7h30pm-8h30pm we will have Jonathan Macris to talk about spiritual climate in Greece and work of Hellenic ministries. Would be great if he can show a powerpoint with pictures and images. Jackie to do welcome. Nico to introduce him, Erin to close in prayer.</b></p>
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Day 4      **5 Day / 4 Night Aegean Sea Cruise – Mykonos Island (shore excursion not included)**

MON	<p><b>Erin to pray on bus, Jackie to talk about logistics on bus.</b> Early morning we transfer to <b>Piraeus Harbour</b>, the main port of Athens, the biggest port in Greece, and one of the leading ports in the Mediterranean. We board our luxury Cruise "Aquamarine" for your unforgettable <b>five day four night cruise</b> of the <b>Aegean Islands</b>. Paul and John the Revelator visited some of these Islands. We depart <b>Piraeus at 11:00</b> – afternoon onboard to enjoy the facilities of our cruise ship. You will be amazed with the Cruise and ALL you can do on it, what a blast!!! At <b>18:00</b> we arrive at the <b>Island of Mykonos</b>. Mykonos is world famous. It is the most cosmopolitan of the Greek Islands and attracts many visitors from all over the globe, including large numbers of artists and intellectuals. It is also called the island of windmills, here you have <b>5 hours</b> to explore this beautiful island, either with a guide or by yourself – see detail below. <b>Our Cruise departs at 23:00.</b> Dinner &amp; overnight onboard <b>After dinner four people will walk around Mykonos together</b></p>
	<p><b>Mykonos by yourself at no costs:</b> Experience the waterfront lined with shops and cafes and then stroll the charming walkways through a maze of whitewashed buildings before returning to our Cruise for dinner and evening activities. Be sure to find "little Venice" while you are there.</p>

Day 5 **Kusadasi Turkey**

TUES	<p>We arrive at <b>Kusadasi</b> on the west coast of <b>Turkey</b> at <b>07:00</b>. <b>Group to meet after breakfast for our shore excursion. If opportunity permits, Nico to pray on bus (if we on a bus) and then to speak at the site if the guide doesn't give enough info – speak about Ephesus, Paul's journey's here etc.</b> We have a <b>3 hours</b> excursion to explore this beautiful ancient <b>Ephesus city in Turkey</b>. This excursion has been included at no cost to you by our tour agents. Ephesus is one of the Seven Towns of the Churches of the Book of Revelation. Make sure you study the letter to the Ephesians in the Book of Revelation before you go. <b>Our Cruise departs at 12:00 noon.</b></p>
	<p><b>Ancient Ephesus excursion (KUS-02), included in tour package</b> Approx. duration: 3hrs: Drive through the colourful town of Kusadasi and along the coast to reach Ephesus, famous in antiquity for its Temple of Diana - one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World - and later the home of John the Revelator. He wrote the balance of the Book of Revelation from here – Chapter 11-22. During the years of the Roman Empire, the Greek port of Ephesus became the greatest city in Asia Minor. Upon arrival at Ephesus follow your guide to enter the ancient site through the Magnesian Gate. Discover innumerable monuments including the Forum, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the Thermal Baths of Scolastika and the Great Theatre built in the Greek era and reconstructed in the Roman period, which is still noted for its remarkable acoustics. View the symbols all around and marvel at the fact that one is still able to read the inscriptions in the ancient Greek language. Walk back to your coach along the Arcadian</p>



	Way, where once Mark Anthony and Cleopatra rode in procession. As you drive back to Kusadasi, on a hill above Selcuk, just outside Ephesus, view the <i>Basilica of St. John</i> , which was erected over his grave in the 6th century A.D. by Emperor Justinian. Before returning to the Cruise, enjoy free time in Kusadasi or get a cultural taste of Turkey by enjoying an exhibition of oriental carpets, jewelry or leather goods.
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### DAY 5 continue – Patmos Island

TUES	Arrive at the <b>Island of Patmos</b> at <b>16:00</b> . We have <b>3 hours</b> to explore this Island. This is another <i>shore excursion</i> included at no costs in the tour. With this excursion we will go up the mountain to the <b>Cave of John</b> where he received almost 50% of the visions on the Book of Revelation – chapter 1-10. It was here where John faked his death before Y’shua when Y’shua appeared to him (Rev 1:9). The Isle of Patmos has the population of 3 000 people. Skala is the main harbour of Patmos and the biggest and most populated settlement. It is located in the central part of the island, 4.5 kilometres north of Chora where the Cave of John is. You cannot fail to see the imposing Byzantine fortress like structure of the Monastery guarding over Chora - it dominates the island. It was founded in 1088, by Ioannis Christodoulos. Its position atop the hill and its walls are testament to the danger of invading Turks. The town of Chora huddles around the base of its walls. To one side of the monastery in Chora on a hill are 3 old windmills. Patmos has a unique coastline with sandy and pebble beaches. <b>Our Cruise departs at 21:00</b> . Dinner & overnight onboard.
	<b>St. John Monastery &amp; Grotto excursion (PAT-01) included in tour package</b> <b>JOY! people to sing in the Cave if permitted</b> Approximately 2 hours: Depart from the port of Scala and enjoy a short drive to the village of Chora, where the Monastery of St. John is built within the walls of a strong fortification. As you walk uphill towards the entrance of the monastery marvel at this magnificent structure, which was built 900 years ago. View the courtyard, the monks’ dining room and the old bakery before you visit the main church noted for its outstanding frescoes and interior decoration. Next, visit the small museum where priceless ecclesiastical treasures, books, manuscripts, mosaics, icons, splendid medieval textiles, vestments and jewellery are housed. Return to your motor coach and continue to the nearby Grotto of the Apocalypse and the Monastery of the Apocalypse above it. Walk down the steps to the Grotto of the Apocalypse. Here you will see the niches in the wall that mark the pillow and ledge used as a desk by the author of the Book of the Revelation and the crack in the rock made by the voice of God. Afterwards, drive back to the port of Scala and enjoy some free time in this quaint and picturesque town.

### Day 6 Rhodes (shore excursion not included)

WED	Early morning ( <b>07:00</b> ) we arrive at the port of Rhodes. You can visit the Colossus of Rhodes which in ancient times was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. This stronghold was built by a Crusading Order, which originated from Palestine. Our <b>optional</b> tour takes us to visit the Temple of Athena on the majestic rocky Acropolis of Lindos, with the blue Aegean Sea beneath it and the sophisticated whitewashed artist colony at its foot. Local tradition has it that Paul’s ship on its way to Rome spent some time in the small harbour. After a walking tour through the medieval city we return to the ship for lunch. Afternoon free in Rhodes. Depart at <b>18:00</b> . Dinner and overnight onboard. <b>JOY! people to meet at 4pm-6pm to sing together and talk about Revelation. Erin to welcome, Jackie to lead worship (2 songs), Nico to talk about 3 main views and also relevance of how Daniel and Ezekiel tie into Revelation and end in prayer.</b>
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### Day 7 Heraklion on Crete Island (shore excursion not included)

THURS	Early this morning at <b>07:00</b> we arrive at <b>Heraklion, the Island of Crete</b> . You have <b>4.5 hours</b> to explore this Island (tour not included). Heraklion is a bit crowded, but not surprisingly, for this is the main city in Crete. The city is built on the side of a hill overlooking the port. The prefecture of Heraklion Crete is full of picturesque villages perched in high altitudes, on the top of beautiful hills or mountains such as the villages of Ano Vianos and Epano Arhanes. The prefecture also has a lot of lovely beach resorts and busy villages such as Limenas Hersonissou and Malia lying in front of beautiful
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	sandy or pebble beaches. <i>Optional excursions</i> can be arranged here as well. <b>Our Cruise departs at 11:30</b>
	<b>Heraklion Island by yourself at no costs:</b> Various beautiful beaches can be found around the prefecture of Heraklion Crete such as the wonderful sandy beach of Matala with its turquoise waters and the fine beaches of Tsoutsouros, Analipsi or Amoudara. If you are looking for a quiet and tranquil getaway, Heraklion is definitely not the choice. Buses, cars, trucks, blaring horns, busy streets bustling with shops, cafes and restaurants, is pretty much what the city is about. If you happen to take a trip to the central market in the heart of the city, you will be in for a few surprises. You can wander through the small alleys close to the pedestrian area of the square and came across little shops selling interesting things. The back streets are closed to traffic because they belong to the Old Town. One of the most striking features of Heraklion is its huge harbour crowded with ferries and cruise ships. There is a huge Venetian fortress in the harbour that protected the town from invaders.

Day 7 continue **Santorini Island (shore excursions not included)**

THURS	<b>JOY! people to meet at 4pm-5pm to sing together and share testimonies and ..</b> At 16h30 we arrive at the Greek <b>Island of Santorini</b> . You have <b>4.5 hours</b> to explore this Island. Santorini is the last of the Cyclades islands to the South. The closest islands are Los, Folegandros, Sikinos to the North, Anafi and Amorgos to the East and Crete to the South. We refer to it as one, but actually it is a complex of five islands. Santorini (Thira) is the main island and around it Thirasia and Aspronisi (parts of the ancient Stroggili) and the two volcanic islands Palea Kameni and Nea Kameni. Santorini Island is one of the most popular places of the Cyclades islands. The reason is obvious: the landscapes of the island are considered to be of the most spectacular in the world. Imagine glimmering white painted villages standing on the highest point of cliffs that are about 300 meters high, offering breathtaking views. Santorini island has also some beaches to offer, with black or red sand. <b>Our Cruise departs at 21:00.</b> Dinner & overnight onboard.
	<b>Santorini Island by yourself at no costs:</b> Skaros is a rocky promontory jutting into the sea, located in front of Imerovigli village and it is one of the symbols of Santorini. There used to be a castle that was the main castle of Santorini from medieval times until the early 1800s. During a 19th-century earthquake the castle was destroyed and today only some ruins are visible. There is a trail beginning from the church of Agios Georgios through the isthmus connecting Skaros with Imerovigli and wraps around Skaros reaching after half mile the small chapel of Theoskepasti with a unique panoramic view of the caldera. It is according to all visitors the best view spot in Santorini. Just in front of Imerovigli it promises an unforgettable walk and we suggest including it into your itinerary. Santorini Island is also famous for its lively night life. You can find various kinds of popular Santorini night life in the main tourist areas such as Fira (capital of the Island), Oia, Perisa and Kamari. Fira is the most popular place in Santorini and many cafe bars or clubs are situated along the Caldera (the cliff). Some of the cafes are offering a fantastic view over one of the world's most famous sunsets. Searching for a lively nightlife in Santorini, Oia must be the quieter place. Oia is a world known place for just married couples and for this reason it is full of romantic cafes-bars and breathtaking views. Fira is the largest town on Santorini, with magnificent scenery and pleasant avenues to stroll, browse, and window-shop. This is the center of the island's culture. Shopping in Fira will keep the ladies busy indefinitely, but Oia will put a much bigger bulge on your credit card bill. This village has the greatest concentration of quality shops on Santorini. Fashion, art and the better sort of souvenir are available. For clothing, crafts and artwork, Oia's your best bet. Only in jewellery does the larger village of Fira have the advantage. Oia is considered to be the artistic capital of the island and probably the most picturesque, postcard perfect village on Santorini, inviting you with its narrow, cobbled streets, with jewel-like shops on both sides selling all kind of beautiful treasures, a treat for your eyes. The village was the place of the Tomb Raider movie "The Cradle of Life". Perhaps the most costly area of Santorini. Everything basically costs at least 50-100% more than the average price on the island – from hotel rooms to souvenir items. But I guess this makes Oia the place to be. Enjoy our last



dinner and overnight onboard.
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### DAY 8 Athens / Istanbul

FRI	We are scheduled to arrive at Piraeus harbour at ± <b>07:00</b> . There is plenty time to enjoy last leisurely breakfast onboard. At ± <b>10:30</b> (am) we will start with disembarkation. After completing all arrival formalities, you will be met by our agent at the harbour and be transferred to Athens International airport for your flight to Istanbul. We depart on flight TK1850 at <b>15:15</b> and are scheduled to arrive in Istanbul at <b>16:35</b> . After completing all international arrival formalities, you will be met by our Turkey representative and transferred to your hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight.
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### DAY 09 Istanbul – City Tour / Johannesburg

SAT	We enjoy our one and only buffet breakfast in Istanbul. We depart on our full day tour visiting the magnificent Sultan Ahmet Mosque, also known as the Blue Mosque and the Mosque of Soliman the Great. View the Basilica of St. Sophia - now a museum, given this name due to its exotic blue ceramic tiles which decorates the Mosque's walls - and the Byzantine Wall. Hereafter we'll visit the Grand Bazaar (Capali Carsi), this complex is a very good example of the importance of Istanbul as a business sector. This enormous complex has 4 500 shops, 2 195 workshops and 490 stalls, 78 central doors and 65 entrances. They sell anything here from antiques, jewelry, gold, carpets, leather ware and souvenir. Hereafter we will undertake a boat cruise along the European coast of the Bosphorus, with a beautiful view over the Black Sea, past the many fishing villages and see the Castle of Rumeli built by Mehmet. Early evening we will visit one of the larger shopping malls in Istanbul for last minute shopping and where you can have something to eat one of the many fast food restaurants at the mall (meal not included). From there we will transfer to Istanbul International Airport for our return overnight flight to Johannesburg.
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### Day 10 Johannesburg

SUN	We depart on flight TK040 at <b>00:50</b> . (Dinner onboard). We are scheduled to arrive at O R Tambo International at <b>09:40</b> after an exquisite tour through Greece and Turkey with superb memories of a picturesque educational vacation enriched in the Spirit and bestowed with a large circle of new life-long friends.
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#### Included in the Tour Package:

1. Flight costs, airport taxes (Turkish Airlines from and to Johannesburg)
- 2.1 2 nights hotel accommodation in Athens @ 2 meals per day (breakfast and dinner),
- 2.2 4 nights accommodation on our luxury cruise ship which includes 3 meals per day
- 2.3 Day one – dinner on board
3. Transfers to and from the airports and to the harbour in Athens
4. Sea cruise gratuity (tipping) included
5. Port taxes on four night cruise
6. Travel Insurance – 69 years and younger \*\*\*
7. All sightseeing as indicated on the programme
8. Shore excursions – Patmos & Ephesus (included)
9. Tipping gratuity of the Istanbul and Athens Tour Guides
10. Tipping gratuity of the Hotel Porters at Istanbul and Athens

\*\*\* Passengers 70 years and older must contact Yvette for supplements applicable on the Senior policy (011 475 7900)



**The following are NOT included in your Tour Package:**

1. Any *Optional shore excursions* to **Mykonos** Island, **Rhodes**, **Heraklion on Crete** Island, and **Santorini** Island, as mentioned in the itinerary. The reason for this is that it will load the tour price heavily, and our experience is that not everyone wants to do the same thing at these places. Some want to go to a beach, some are into photography, and some want to visit museums or shops, etc. Please budget beforehand for these should you like to go on one or more of these excursions
2. Lunches not included except during 5 days / 4 nights cruise
3. Personal expenditures such as laundry, beverages (not part of the regular menu), and other personal items.
4. **Visa expenses for Turkey and Greece:** Visas are required. Unfortunately the Greek Consulate has changed their policy that they do not accept a GROUP VISA APPLICATION. Each client needing a visa MUST present him / herself to the Consulate. There are four Greek Consulates spread over SA – ei. Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and Pretoria  
South African passport holder also requires for Turkey. All citizens of the Republic of South Africa will be issued single and / or multiple entry sticker visas with 30 days of residence at all the Turkish border gates, free of charge. Those who are to stay longer than 30 days will be granted multiple / business entry visas with a maximum of 90 days residence from the consulate section of the embassy
5. Domestic flights to and from Johannesburg. **The tour operates from and to Johannesburg. All domestic flights to and from Johannesburg are not included and must be booked and paid for separately. You are welcome to do these domestic flights on your own, or contact our offices (Chantal) which who will gladly assist you in this regard**
6. Supplement for Senior Policy (passengers 70 years and older) – rate available on request from Yvette Fourie in our office.
7. Single supplements – (passengers who wish to take up a room or cabin for their own private use)

