

# “Pilgrimage at Sea”



*A unique idea, only from Adoration Tours...*

*The idea of a Pilgrimage at Sea can be adapted to many different European Cruises. One recent itinerary on a “Pilgrimage at Sea” followed the route of the 4 Evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John with a little of St. Paul throughout the journey.*

*See below for sample excursions:*

## **Optional Pre-booked Spiritual Excursions in 5 Major Ports**

On this cruise we will make our pilgrim way from port to port reflecting on the **Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John** while exploring the spiritual richness of Eastern Orthodox Christian traditions. Spiritual Excursions have been arranged at several ports and are available as a pre-booked package. This price includes:

**2 nghts Hotel in Greece with Breakfasts & Dinners; 1 ngt hotel Venice, on the Grand Canal, includes Breakfast. Package ALSO includes Pre-Booked Excursions as listed below.**

### **“Sample” Pre-Booked Excursions Can Include:**

1. **Greece**; full day in **Thessaloniki** to whose community Paul wrote two letters, & **Philippi** where Paul first preached the Gospel in Europe and where **Luke’s Gospel** has foundations.
2. **Istanbul**: Shore Excursion into the home city of **Eastern Christianity and the Ecumenical Patriarch** after having visited four key cities of Orthodoxy in Bulgaria, Romania and the Ukraine - time to give special attention to the Gospel of **Matthew**. Our excursion also includes a visit and guided tour of the **Blue Mosque and the Byzantine Church of St. Sophia**.
3. **Ephesus**: a full day visit to the home of **St. John the Evangelist and Mary, Mother of Jesus**; St. Paul’s home base for three years and city where the **Council of Ephesus** was held in 431. Includes visit to “old city” of Ephesus with it’s marble streets, library and much more.
4. **Alexandria**: Full day visit to this city in **Egypt** founded by *Alexander the Great* with special connections to **St. Mark’s Gospel**; the Jewish scriptures were first translated into Greek here; a city with a rich Coptic Christian heritage. Visit Roman Amphitheatre, Necropolis and Greco/Roman Museum.
5. **Venice**: Walking tour of **St. Mark’s Basilica**, where St. Mark is buried & **Murano Showroom**.  
\*\*\* Optional visit to **Padua**, home of **St. Anthony**, to visit **Basilica, St. Anthony’s tomb and relics**.

*Cruising is a great option for those clients who find it difficult to move from hotel to hotel on a land tour. We can include a pre and post stay to the main cruise itinerary as well as private spiritual excursions during your cruise.*

### **Additional Sample Cruise Itineraries might include:**

**Adriatic & Aegean Odyssey: Venice to Venice** including: Rhodes - St. John; Ephesus - Blessed Mother’s last home

**Italian Enchantment: Venice to Venice** including: Rome - Vatican Museum/Basilicas; Florence - Cathedral, Doors of Paradise, Franciscan Church of Santa Croce, Academy of Fine Arts “David” Uffizi Gallery Renaissance art

**Roman Empire: Rome to Rome** including: Dubrovnik - Walled City/ St. Basil’s; Ephesus - Blessed Mother’s last home

**Mediterranean Enchantment: Rome to Rome** incl: Florence/Pisa; Barcelona - Montserrat Black Madonna; Palermo - Monreale

**Ancient Mysteries: Athens to Rome** including: Alexandria; Rhodes; Ephesus - Santorini - Malta and more

**Empire of the Ottomans: Athens to Venice** including: Ephesus; Rhodes; Dubrovnik; Alexandria

**Note:** Many other cruise options are available including Alaska, Mexico, Caribbean, So. America, Panama Canal.

### **“Benefits of a Pilgrimage at Sea”**

Daily Mass Available on board the ship

Bible Study on Board Ship on Days at Sea can be arranged

Time to reflect on the Gospels and the Saints

Great opportunity for Relationship and Enriching your Spirituality

Great Entertainment, Meals & Fun aboard your Luxury Ship

**The opportunities are endless and can reach as far as your imagination. The Shore Excursions can be adapted to any denomination and/or non-spiritual if you prefer. Call for more ideas!!**