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Journeys of Paul Cruise

September 27 - October 10, 2026

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Guest Speaker:
Dr. David de Silva



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A popular speaker on several of our cruises, David serves as the Trustees' Distinguished Professor of New Testament Studies at Ashland Theological Seminary. He has authored thirty-five books, including *Archaeology and the Ministry of Paul* (2025), *Honor, Patronage, Kinship, and Purity: Unlocking New Testament Culture* (2nd ed., 2022), *Discovering Revelation* (2021), *A Week in the Life of Ephesus* (2020), *Introducing the Apocrypha* (2nd ed., 2018), *a widely-used Introduction to the New Testament* (2nd ed., 2018), and commentaries on Galatians, Ephesians, and Hebrews.



Itinerary

September 27 – Depart the USA

September 28 – Arrive in Rome

Arrive in Rome and transfer to the port of Civitavecchia to board the Celebrity Ascent cruise ship.

September 29 – At Sea

September 30 – Chania, Crete

Arrive in the morning in Chania port. Your tour begins at the British Commonwealth War Cemetery in Souda Bay. Afterward, continue to the Agia Triada Monastery of Jagarolon. It is one of the most significant monastic complexes from the end of the Venetian Occupation of Crete. It contains a rich offering of the history and education of Crete. Discover, in the east suburbs of Chania, the hill of Profiti Ilias (Prophet Elijah). After a photo stop, continue to Chania town, where neoclassical mansions and massive Venetian fortifications testify to the city's turbulent and diverse past. You will have the chance to explore the Venetian port on your own before you return to the port.

October 1 – 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 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 are not included today and can be purchased directly from Celebrity.

October 2 – 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 can 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 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 3 – Istanbul, Türkiye

Nestled between Europe and Asia, Türkiye offers a blend of both worlds. The country has been a bridge between the two continents for thousands of years. Istanbul offers sensory delights at every turn, from its towering, colorful minarets to the scent of coffee brewing with fragrant cardamom and sugar.

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October 4 – Istanbul, Türkiye

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. Walk through St. Sophia (Hagia Sophia), the largest church in Christendom for 1000 years, built by Justinian (532-537 AD). The church has 107 columns, fossil-embedded white marble floors, and beautiful glass mosaics. Today, it is the Museum of Byzantine Art. Enjoy the aroma of cinnamon, cloves, thyme, and other exotic spices as you explore the Spice Bazaar.

October 5 – At Sea

October 6 – 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. *Shore excursions are not included today and can be purchased directly from Celebrity.*

October 7 – At Sea

October 8 – Naples, Italy

Journey inland to ancient Pompeii, dating almost to the time of Paul, where you can see the spectacular ruins that were covered by ash from the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79.

October 9 – Rome Italy

Disembark Celebrity Ascent this morning. History is woven through the streets and neighborhoods of Rome as in no other city. Today, you'll explore the many wonders of ancient Rome when you visit the magnificent Colosseum and the Pantheon. From the most sacred hill of ancient Rome, Campidoglio, you will view the Forum. You will also view the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the famous Baths of Caracalla, and the Arch of Constantine. You will see the Victor Emanuel Monument and the Monti Region, Rome's most ancient neighborhood, which is spread over three of her seven hills. Also near the Forum is the Mamertine Prison. It was the site where Romans kept their high-profile prisoners until they died or were executed. It is revered as the place where Peter was held before his crucifixion. Visit the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls, housing the Tomb of St. Paul the Apostle, affectionately known as the Apostle to the Gentiles.

October 9 – Return home.



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Second Deposit	\$250	2nd Deposit due 09/27/25
Third Deposit	\$1,500	3rd Deposit due 12/31/25. Guests registering after this date must submit a total deposit of \$2,000
Final Payment	04/30/26. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.	
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\$1001-\$1500	\$159	\$4001-\$4500	\$489	\$7001-\$8000	\$869
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\$3001-\$3500	\$379	\$6001-\$6500	\$709		

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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.

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