



GUEST SPEAKER:  
**JOHN KUTSKO**

# JOURNEYS of PAUL

*Cruise*

9 Nights Aboard the Odyssey of the Seas • Round Trip from Rome, Italy

**AUGUST 24 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**





## JOHN KUTSKO

John F. Kutsko is the Executive Director at ATLA (formerly known as the American Theological Library Association). He served from 2010 through 2022 as Executive Director of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), where he oversaw

the launch of Bible Odyssey and directed the updated edition of the New Revised Standard Version (NRSVue) – among many other projects. Prior to 2010, John worked in academic publishing for more than two decades as an editor, director, contributor, and author. He has also been an Affiliate Professor at Candler School of Theology and holds a Ph.D. from Harvard along with degrees from the University of Michigan and Gordon College.



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### AUGUST 22 - DEPART THE USA

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

### AUGUST 23 - ARRIVE IN ROME

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### AUGUST 25 - 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 Odyssey of the Seas.

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## AUGUST 26 - NAPLES (POMPEII)

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.

## AUGUST 27 - AT SEA

## AUGUST 28 - 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.

## AUGUST 29 - 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.

## AUGUST 30 - 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 an accurate 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.

### AUGUST 31 - 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 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.

### SEPTEMBER 1 - CHANIA, CRETE

Delve into a Cretan cultural experience that includes guided sightseeing at Lake Kournas, the Arkadi Monastery, and the bustling town of Rethymnon. The first stop is at Lake Kournas, where you'll savor a delicious treat of traditional cheese pie with honey among white sands and ancient olive trees. Next up is a tour of the fortress-like monastery, whose history dates to Byzantine times. Finish with a stroll through distinctively ancient yet distinctly modern Rethymnon.

### SEPTEMBER 2 - AT SEA

### SEPTEMBER 3 - RETURN TO THE USA



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