JOURNEY OF WISDOM SEPTEMBER 2025



SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

Depart the USA

Take care to have all your paperwork prepared for travel weeks before you travel. Check your pre-travel information sent to your email.



SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

Arrivals in Istanbul, Turkiye

Once you arrive at Istanbul Airport, you will transfer to the hotel and prepare for the beginning of the tour in the morning!



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Istanbul touring

We begin our Istanbul adventure with a serene cruise along the Bosporus, offering breathtaking views of a city that straddles two continents. We'll explore an ancient site that was once the heart of public life in Byzantium and visit the Blue Mosque, known for its stunning architecture and peaceful ambiance. We will also be sure to see the Grand Bazaar.



SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Ephesus & Mary's House

Visiting Ephesus and the House of the Virgin Mary combines history and spirituality. We will explore the ancient ruins of Ephesus and the tranquil House of the Virgin Mary for a deep connection to ancient civilizations and spiritual beliefs.



SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Embark cruise / Port in Patmos, Greece 16:30 - 21:30

Porting in Patmos, Greece, reveals a tranquil island rich in history and natural beauty. Explore the charming town with its traditional whitewashed houses, visit the historic Monastery of St. John, and wander through the narrow streets. Enjoy stunning views of the Aegean Sea and relax on serene beaches. Patmos offers a peaceful and picturesque stop, perfect for soaking in Greek island life.



SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Port in Rhodes, Greece 07:00 - 21:30

Porting in Rhodes, Greece, offers a glimpse into ancient charm and Mediterranean beauty. Explore the medieval Old Town, a UNESCO site, visit the impressive Palace of the Grand Master, and enjoy the picturesque harbor and nearby beaches. Rhodes combines history, culture, and stunning landscapes for a memorable stop on your Mediterranean journey.



SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Port in Crete (Heraklion), Greece / Port in Santorini, Greece

Porting in Crete and Santorini, Greece, offers a blend of history, stunning landscapes, and unique charm. In Crete, explore historic sites like Knossos, wander through charming villages, and relax on beautiful beaches. Then, in Santorini, take in breathtaking views of white-washed buildings and blue domes perched on cliffs, explore picturesque towns like Fira and Oia, and enjoy memorable sunsets and volcanic beaches. Both islands provide a captivating mix of cultural experiences and natural beauty.



SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Disembark in Athens / Cape Sounion touring

Disembarking in Athens, we will be immediately struck by the city's vibrant energy and historic charm. Our adventure will continue with a scenic drive to Cape Sounion, where we will marvel at the ancient Temple of Poseidon perched majestically over the Aegean Sea. The breathtaking views from the temple, framed by its grand columns, will offer a stunning contrast to Athens' bustling atmosphere, blending urban excitement with serene natural beauty.



SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Athens touring

Touring Athens, we dive into the heart of ancient history and breathtaking vistas. Our adventure begins at the Acropolis, where we marvel at the majestic Parthenon and other iconic ruins that showcase classical Greek architecture. Next, we visit Mars Hill (Areopagus), taking in panoramic views of the city and reflecting on its historical importance as the site of early Christian sermons. We then head to Corinth, exploring its remarkable archaeological sites, including the Temple of Apollo and the Corinth Canal. This journey through Athens and Corinth offers us a deep connection to Greece's rich historical heritage.



SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Flight to Cairo, Egypt

We spend the day traveling from Athens to Cairo, embarking on an exciting journey between two vibrant cities. After a morning flight, we navigate through the bustling Cairo International Airport, anticipating the rich cultural experiences that await. The flight offers a brief but intriguing glimpse into the transition from Greece's classical heritage to Egypt's ancient wonders. Upon arrival in Cairo, we're ready to dive into the city's dynamic blend of history, culture, and modern life, excited to explore the treasures of this historic metropolis.



SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Egypt touring

Visiting Memphis and Saqqara in Egypt is like stepping back into ancient history. We start in Memphis, the once-thriving capital of the Old Kingdom, where we marvel at the colossal statues and remnants of its grand past, including the impressive statue of Ramses II. A short drive takes us to Saqqara, home to the iconic Step Pyramid of Djoser, the oldest pyramid in Egypt, surrounded by a vast necropolis filled with tombs and pyramids. Exploring these sites, we're immersed in the grandeur of Egypt's early architectural innovations and the profound legacy of its ancient civilization.



SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Egypt touring

Visiting the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx, and the Egyptian Museum is a journey through Egypt's most iconic landmarks. We begin at the majestic Pyramids of Giza, standing in awe before the Great Pyramid and the surrounding wonders of Khufu, Khafre, and Menkaure. Nearby, the Sphinx captivates us with its enigmatic gaze and grand scale, guarding the ancient burial grounds. Our day concludes with a visit to the Egyptian Museum, where we delve into a treasure trove of artifacts, including the stunning mask of Tutankhamun and countless relics that illuminate the grandeur of ancient Egyptian civilization. This exploration offers a profound connection to Egypt's rich historical and cultural heritage.



SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Departure flights

This morning you will be transferred to the airport to take your departure flight home. Many flights depart Cairo during the night - all transfers will still be included if you are departing during odd hours on September 24.

