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Bible Odyssey Cruise

June 4-15, 2020



9 DAYS ABOARD THE EXPLORER OF THE SEAS
ROUND-TRIP ROME, ITALY



June 4 – DEPART USA

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

June 5 – ARRIVE IN ROME

You will arrive in Rome, Italy, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to the Port of Civitavecchia to board the Explorer of the Seas. (D)

June 6 – AT SEA

June 7 – CHANIA (SOUDA), CRETE, GREECE

Explore Crete on your own today or delve into a Cretan cultural experience by visiting Lake Kournas, the Arkadi Monastery or the bustling town of Rethymnon on an optional excursion. (B,L,D)

Shore excursions are booked through Royal Caribbean.

June 8 - MYKONOS

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 onboard. (B,L,D)

Shore excursions are booked through Royal Caribbean.

June 9 - 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 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 onboard. (B,L,D)

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June 10 - EPHEBUS

Ephesus, the audience for one of Paul's epistles and one of the seven churches of Revelation, was once a bustling port town graced with wide, colonnade-bordered streets and a population of 250,000. Although spectacular excavations have revealed much of the glory of ancient Ephesus, including the huge Agora and Library, 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 a true impression of 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 recreate some of the footsteps of Paul. (B,L,D)

June 11 - ATHENS & CORINTH

Discover the rich architectural splendor of the ancient city of Athens as your guide introduces you to the world-renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon and the Erechtheum. Stand on Mars Hill and stroll the Agora (the ancient marketplace and center of Athenian



public life), where the apostle Paul preached to and addressed the skeptical Athenians. Also see the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Tour the city of Corinth, where the apostle Paul met fellow tentmakers Aquila and Priscilla and established 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. (B,L,D)

June 12 - AT SEA

June 13 – 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 A.D. 79. (B,L,D)

June 14 – ANCIENT ROME

Disembark this morning in Rome. 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'll view the Forum. You'll also view the Circus Maximus, the Arch of Titus, the famous Baths of Caracalla and the Arch of Constantine. You'll see the Victor Emanuel Monument and the Monti Region, Rome's most ancient neighborhood which spreads over three of her seven hills. Your last stop of the day is the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls, housing the Tomb of St. Paul the Apostle, affectionately known as the Apostle of the Gentiles. In the afternoon, you'll discover why Rome is also known as the "City of Love". You'll explore the romance of Rome as you climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi. Check-in to your hotel in Rome for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

June 15 – RETURN TO USA

Return home with a new understanding of the apostle Paul's life and ministry.

A BIBLE ODYSSEY CRUISE

Experience the breadth and depth of biblical traditions with **Carol Newsom** and **Brent Strawn**, two well-known professors of the Old Testament and Hebrew Bible. Carol and Brent will place the New Testament sites you visit in the wider context of the Bible and religion in the Mediterranean world. Setting the stage of a longer and larger story, they will enrich your experience and broaden your understanding. This will be an extraordinary opportunity to see and hear the Bible and its heritage come to life.

About the Guest Speakers



Carol Newsom is the C. H. Candler Distinguished Professor at Emory University's Candler School of Theology and the Graduate Division of Religion, where she has taught Hebrew Bible since 1980. The first woman on the international team that translated the Dead Sea Scrolls, Carol has also focused on the ways in which women are portrayed in the Bible, and she co-edited the *Women's Bible Commentary*, which has sold over 100,000 copies. Carol was president of the Society of Biblical Literature and is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.



Brent A. Strawn is William Ragsdale Cannon Distinguished Professor of Old Testament in the Candler School of Theology and the Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University. He has twice won the On Eagle's Wings Excellence in Teaching Award at Candler. Brent is an ordained elder in the North Georgia conference of the United Methodist Church. In addition to his many speaking engagements at churches, he is a frequent contributor to CNN. Brent's most recent book is *The Old Testament Is*

Dying: A Diagnosis and Recommended Treatment.

Bible Odyssey (bibleodyssey.org) is an interactive website that draws 5,000 visitors each day. It is hosted by the Society of Biblical Literature, the world's largest organization whose mission is to foster biblical scholarship and nurture biblical literacy.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION



Vatican City Post Tour

June 15-16, 2020 - \$398

June 15 - Vatican City Tour

Christianity came late in Rome's long history, conquering and changing the city in a way few other invaders have. Experience the glory of Christian Rome today as you visit the Vatican, home to one of the greatest museums in the world. And, of course, tour St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's frescoes, now restored to their full, color glory. Tour the Catacombs of St. Sebastian. The catacombs contain some of the only surviving examples of early Christian art. In the 1840s, Pope Gregory XVI took steps to preserve the catacombs and their treasures. (B,D)

June 16 - Return to USA

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Guests taking an extension may be on a different flight than their group and/or traveling companion.



Explorer of the Seas

Embark on the expedition of a lifetime onboard Explorer of the Seas. Relax after your touring in the Solarium whirlpool, or indulge at the Spa. Enjoy the nine different dining options onboard including family-style Italian dishes at Giovanni's Table, Izumi's Asian fare & sushi and Chops Grille's perfectly prepared steaks, or for a quick bite grab a burger at Johnny Rockets. You'll be entertained by Broadway style shows and ice-skating extravaganzas. Sail away onboard the Explorer as we journey from one historic destination to another.



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6V	Interior Stateroom	\$4398
4V	Interior Stateroom	\$4448
4U	Interior Stateroom w/virtual Balcony	\$4498
8N	Ocean View Stateroom	\$4798
3N	Ocean View Stateroom	\$4898
2N	Ocean View Stateroom	\$4998
4D	Ocean View w/Balcony Stateroom	\$5198
2D	Ocean View w/Balcony Stateroom	\$5298
6B	Spacious Ocean View w/Balcony Stateroom	\$5498

Rates are per person based on double occupancy

Your Price from New York Includes:

Roundtrip International Airfare & Overseas Transfers

Additional baggage & optional fees may apply; see fine print for details

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes

Subject to change

**Most Shore Excursions • Most Meals • Admin. Fees
Port Charges • Cruise Taxes**

Onboard Gratuities are additional & will be automatically added to your onboard account.

TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM

THE FINE PRINT

Departure City: _____ Departure Date: **06/04/20** (A)

First, Middle & Last Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1: First Name: _____ (Preferred Name) _____

Middle Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____ **Title:** _____

Street Address: _____ **P.O. Box:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____

Email: _____ Send me emails about my trip

Birth Date: ____/____/____ **State of Birth:** _____ **Sex:** Male Female

Emergency Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Vatican City Post Tour

Guest 2: First Name: _____ (Preferred Name) _____

Middle Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____ **Title:** _____

Street Address: _____ **P.O. Box:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____

Email: _____ Send me emails about my trip

Birth Date: ____/____/____ **State of Birth:** _____ **Sex:** Male Female

Emergency Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Phone: _____ **Alt. Phone:** _____

Tour Selection: Basic Program Only Add Vatican City Post Tour

Cabin Selection:

- Interior Stateroom (6V) Virtual Balcony Stateroom (4U) Interior Stateroom (4V)
 Ocean View Stateroom (8N) Ocean View Stateroom (3N) Ocean View Stateroom (2N)
 Balcony Stateroom (4D) Balcony Stateroom (2D) Spacious Balcony Stateroom (6B)

Alternate: _____ (Required, only used if 1st choice is unavailable)

Roommate(s): _____

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:

- Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full.
- Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
- Coverage begins when your premium payment is received by ETS (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium).
- Premium must be paid in full no later than 12/07/19.

Guest 1:

I Accept I Decline

Guest 2:

I Accept I Decline

\$300 DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

Payment: \$ _____ via check: # _____

By signing below, I/we certify that I have read the "Fine Print," understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the "Fine Print" and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees.

Guest 1 Signature: _____

Guest 2 Signature: _____

Tour: TJ20 Date: 060420 Code: A 05/02/19

Travel Protection Plan

Premium Rates for all Tours

For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF429E

Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost	Trip Cost	Plan Cost
\$ 0 to \$1000	\$ 99	\$2501 to \$3000	\$299	\$4501 to \$5000	\$499	\$6501 to \$7000	\$699
\$1001 to \$1500	\$149	\$3001 to \$3500	\$349	\$5001 to \$5500	\$549	\$7001 to \$8000	\$799
\$1501 to \$2000	\$199	\$3501 to \$4000	\$399	\$5501 to \$6000	\$599	\$8001 to \$9000	\$899
\$2001 to \$2500	\$249	\$4001 to \$4500	\$449	\$6001 to \$6500	\$649	\$9001 to \$10,000	\$999

Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit	Schedule of Coverages	Maximum Benefit
Part A *		Part B	
Trip Cancellation Trip Cost	Accidental Death & Dismemberment \$25,000
		Medical Expense / Emergency Assistance \$50,000
		Trip Interruption Trip Cost
		Travel Delay (Up to \$100 Per Day) \$500
		Missed Connection \$500
		Baggage and Personal Effects \$1,000
		Baggage Delay \$100

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Travel Services.
 Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co
 *For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

Conditions and Limitations

This is a brief description of the plan available for all Travel Protection sales for Trips departing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any sickness or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Educational Opportunities Tours, Inc. at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first); suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, unannounced Strike, mechanical breakdown that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 12 consecutive hours; a documented traffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty; destruction of your home or destination by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; being called to the emergency service of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented theft of passports or visas; a transfer of employment of 250 miles or more; or Revocation of military leave. For further information ask for the Certificate of Coverage which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. **This plan is underwritten by:** United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Mate, Inc., 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-688-7282 (*In CA, aka Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Roundtrip international airfare & overseas transfers • Cruise • Shore excursions (as listed in itinerary)
- Deluxe motorcoaches • Meals on ship • Cruise Taxes \$85 • Port charges \$270 • Program fees
- One hotel night in Rome • Fuel surcharges \$600 • Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) • Post Tour and optional sightseeing
- Miscellaneous fees such as passports, lunches off the ship, baggage fees, Visa(s)
- Alternate restaurants that have additional fees
- Onboard Gratuities (Gratuities will be automatically added to your onboard account during the cruise)
- Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • Ground only transfers
- \$100 Document fee for Non-US and Non-Canadian residents

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms/cabins are often smaller than doubles. While we will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee one will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 35 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or if you request a single, the following single room/cabin charges apply: 6V-\$2098 4V-\$2148 4U-\$2198 8N-\$2498 3N-\$2598 2N-\$2698 4D-\$2898 2D-\$2998 6B-\$3198. **\$128 for the Vatican City Post Tour.** Single staterooms are extremely limited and subject to confirmation.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$300	Due at the time of registration
\$1000	Next Deposit due on 10/08/19. Guests registering after this date must submit a total deposit of \$1,300
Full Payment	Final Payment is due for all guests on 12/07/19. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.
Travel Protection Premium Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 12/07/19 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to your deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.
Cabin Availability	After 10/08/19 or once we have sold out of our allotment of cabins we can no longer guarantee cabin pricing. Cabins purchased after this date will be subject to availability and may require a supplemental charge.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 7, 2019:

We welcome registrations after 12/07/19. Registrations received between 12/08/19 - 03/06/20 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 03/07/20 - 03/21/20 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received on 03/22/20 or later will be subject to cabin availability and may require a supplemental cabin charge as well as the air fees above. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is coverable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 365 days prior to departure, you will be charged a \$50 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following charges: 364-241 days = \$100; 240-181 days = \$250; 180-151 days = \$500; 150-121 days = \$1,000; 120-91 days = 50% of total cost; 90-61 days = 75% of total cost; 60-day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, no refund for any services not used.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences.

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Photo copies of the passport must be submitted to our office no later than 12/07/19. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date will result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information or failure to check in for your tour may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date.

PRICE INCREASES:

All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

AIRLINE ROUTES AND TICKETS:

In order to keep prices low, we do not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once "printed", airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or travelling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact your travel agent for further details.

FLIGHT TIMES:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. We are 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.

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. You may also incur optional fees i.e. food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.

DEVIATIONS AND AIR UPGRADE REQUESTS:

Deviation and Air Upgrade requests must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees. Deviations and Air Upgrades are not always possible given the group schedule and time of ticketing. Passengers who are ticketed with air deviations and/or upgrades will likely not fly with the group and will therefore need to provide their own transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

PREGNANCY/INFANT/CHILD REGULATIONS

As to pregnancy, a woman cannot have begun her 24th week of pregnancy at any time before or during the cruise. If you are pregnant, please provide a medical note upon arrival at the pier for check-in from your physician stating your expected due date and medical fitness to travel. If you are in the 24th week or have completed it you will not be allowed to board.

VALIDITY DATE:

This brochure is valid until 11/02/19. Registrations will still be accepted after the validity date.

RELEASE INFORMATION

Payment of deposit indicates permission for us to record the registrant's participation and appearance on video tape, audio tape, film, photograph, or any other medium and to use the registrant's name, likeness, voice, comments, submitted documentation, written papers, and/or biographical material without restrictions or limitation for any advertising, marketing, publicity, educational or promotional purpose which we deem appropriate, unless the registrant or guardian otherwise notifies us in writing prior to departure. Except where otherwise stated, we act only as agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation and other travel services and in no event shall we be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. We assume no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, theft, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service. We do not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold us harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.