

# Passages of the Bible

October 18 - 29, 2025

9 Nights Aboard Norwegian Viva • From Athens, Greece to Istanbul, Turkiye



Guest Speaker:  
**Bobby Duke**



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### **Guest Speaker:**

**Dr. Robert (Bobby) Duke** has studied, excavated, and guided in Israel since 1996. From Jerusalem University College to Hebrew University to the Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, his diverse educational and research experiences in the land will be evident on this trip. He has excavated at several sites in the land, including Qumran, El-Araj, and Tel Shimron. His love of the Dead Sea Scrolls culminated in his PhD from UCLA, which focused on the Aramaic texts found in the caves. Bobby is on the leadership team of the Museum of the Bible. He desires participants to explore the land, not just visit, which will lead to a deeper reading of the Bible.

## **OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR**



**ATHENS**  
October 17 - 19, 2025  
Starting at \$400\*

### **OCTOBER 17 - DEPART THE USA**

### **OCTOBER 18 - ARRIVE IN ATHENS**

Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel.

### **OCTOBER 19 - 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. Transfer to the port of Piraeus to board the Norwegian Viva cruise ship.

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

*\*A 3.5% surcharge will be added to all credit card surcharges.*



### **OCTOBER 18 – DEPART USA**

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

### **OCTOBER 19 – ARRIVE IN ATHENS, GREECE**

Arrive in Athens and transfer to the port of Piraeus to board the Norwegian Viva cruise ship.

### **OCTOBER 20 – AT SEA**

### **OCTOBER 21 – CAIRO, EGYPT**

Explore the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, home to an extensive collection of ancient Egyptian antiquities. It contains 120,000 artifacts! Then, head to the Pyramids of Giza, one of the Wonders of the Ancient World. Nearby, view the Great Sphinx of Giza, the largest and most well-known Sphinx.

### **OCTOBER 22 – ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT**

See the sights in Egypt's second-largest city, Alexandria. The large Jewish community that once called this area home wrote the Septuagint - a Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible. It was also home to the Great Library of Alexandria, which once held one of the most extensive collections of ancient texts. Make your way through Alexandria's side streets to the catacombs, consisting of three burial chamber levels. Visit Pompey's Pillar, the largest triumphal column and the only known free-standing column of Roman Egypt. The amphitheater of Alexandria is one of the city's most distinguished highlights and is set within view of many modern structures. Glimpse the Citadel of Qaitbay, a 15th-century fortress situated on the northern tip of Pharos Island. Then, enjoy leisure time exploring this legendary city on your own.

### **OCTOBER 23 – LIMASSOL, CYPRUS**

Go deep into Cyprus' history as you explore the island today. This beautiful port town is known for its seafood, pottery, leather goods, and traditional lace works. Wander the streets and enjoy the shops on your way to the Kolossi Castle built by the Order of St. John in 1210 in the city center of Limassol. Take a trip to Paphos from Limassol to explore ancient ruins, archaeological sites, and the goddess of love's mythical birthplace. Travel past the Temple of Apollo on the way to this UNESCO-recognized city and discover elaborate tombs in a 3rd-century necropolis.

*Shore excursions today can be booked directly through Norwegian and are not included.*

## OCTOBER 24 – RHODES, GREECE

Get the real, authentic Rhodes experience by exploring it on foot. Your walking tour will begin in the picturesque Old Town, where you will pass through and learn all about the Agora and Collachium, where the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem lived and worked. Marvel at the stunning churches, exquisite Jewish quarter, the Inns of the Knights, and the Palace of the Grand Masters. You will then tour the palace interior and down the Street of Knights — its path paved with impressive marble and mosaics. Then it's on to the Hospital of the Knights Museum, where you'll learn all about the ins and outs of this majestic town. Afterward, stop for a refreshment in a local café. Exploring Rhodes on foot will inevitably leave a lasting impression on you.

## OCTOBER 25 – SANTORINI, GREECE

Arrive 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 onboard.

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## OCTOBER 26 – MYKONOS, GREECE

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.

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## OCTOBER 27 – EPHEBUS (KUSADASI), TURKIYE

Ephesus is one of the Seven Churches of Revelation and was once a bustling port town with wide, colonnade-bordered streets and had 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. 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 to be one of the Seven Wonders of the World, but today, only a single column remains to mark its site. You will have some time to explore on your own, retrace some of the footsteps of Paul, and

visit the Ephesus Experience Museum before heading for another Turkish experience at the Carpet factory for a local lunch and a presentation.

## OCTOBER 28 – ISTANBUL, TURKIYE

Disembark the Norwegian Viva cruise ship. Visit the famous Blue Mosque with its six minarets and sparkling interior. Walk through St. Sophia (Hagia Sophia), which was the largest church in Christendom for 1,000 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 bustling Spice Bazaar. Shops sell everything from herbs to gold. Overnight in Istanbul.

## OCTOBER 29 – RETURN TO THE USA



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