

# The Final Footsteps of Paul from Malta to Rome

## June 21- 29, 2018

### Tour Summary

Paul's journey to Rome that concludes the book of Acts is one of the most exciting stories in ancient literature. It recounts the fateful shipwreck that occurred west of Crete. Our tour will pick up the story on the island of **Malta** where Paul and the other 275 survivors came ashore. From Malta we will visit each of Paul's stops on his way to Rome mentioned in Acts 28. We first ferry to Sicily to see the archaeological wonders of **Syracuse, Agrigento, and Taormina**. After the ferry crossing of the Strait of Messina, we come to **Reggio Calabria**, where we will see the statue commemorating Paul's visit. Then view some of the ruins of ancient **Rhegium**, mentioned in Acts 28:13

We will then have a special excursion to **Guardia Piemontese**, a town found by the Waldenses between the XII and XIII centuries, where a bloody massacre eventually took place in 1561.

In the **Naples** area we will see the volcanized remains of **Pompeii**, the fabled Naples Archaeological Museum, **Herculaneum**, and the port of **Puteoli** where Paul made landfall. We will then follow the Appian Way to Rome, stopping at the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns.

Our eight days will be filled with fascinating sites, beautiful scenery, and exquisite food, so I invite to join me as we sail and walk in Paul's footsteps.



- **Tour Dates** : June 21-29, 2018
  - **Tour Leader** : Dr. Kyoshin Ahn, Undersecretary NAD
  - **PRICE** : € 1,750 (or US \$ 2,080\*)  
Deposit of \$ 500 to hold place on tour.  
Balance of payment due April 30, 2018
  - **Single room Surcharge:** € 360 (or US \$ 430)
- \*Price adjustment may be made if there is more than 3% fluctuation in currency rate prior to June 1, 2018

**Costs include:**

- ACCOMMODATION: Lodging in 4 star hotels (based on double occupancy.  
- City tax of € 24 per person in included.
- MEALS: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are included.
- ENTRANCE FEES: All entrance fees to places listed in this itinerary.
- FERRY FEES: Ferries from Malta to Sicily (€ 61 pp), from Sicily to Reggio Calabria, and to Ortigia island
- TRANSPORTATION: Air-conditioned deluxe coach
- TIPS, GRATUITIES: Tips to drivers and guides are included.
- Use of audio receiver

**Not included:**

- Airfare from Rome to Malta on Ryan Air 7591
  - Mineral water, drinks and beverages.
  - Short-term Travel insurance
  - Porterage service
- **For more information:** email [ahnkyoshin@gmail.com](mailto:ahnkyoshin@gmail.com) or text 1 (630) 967-8576
- \* This tour will take place only when minimum **20 people** register for the trip by Feb 28, 2018. (As of Dec 26, 10 people have signed up for this trip.)

**DETAILED ITINERARY\***

**Day 1 (June 21, Thursday): Malta**

Depart from the Rome Airport (FCO) by Ryanair (7591). Arrival at Malta International Airport at 7:55 am . We will drive by the point of the shipwreck which is located in St. Paul's Bay, and go along the route said to be taken by Paul where he preached, where he baptized the first Maltese at San Pawl Milqi Chapel (meaning "St. Paul Welcomed"), to the place where he rested. Paul stayed for several months in the town of Rabat. Here we visit St. Paul's Grotto where the apostle is said to have stayed. We will also visit the Cathedral and Cathedral Museum which are also dedicated to Paul, and perhaps the Roman Villa, leaving shortly after noon. We will finish the day touring the Malta Maritime Museum in Birgu. Dinner & Overnight at Golden Tulip Vivaldi in Malta. (L,D)



*St. Paul's Island  
and Bay aerial from  
north*

**Day 2 (June 22, Friday) MALTA - FERRY TO POZZALLO - SYRACUSE**

Boxed breakfast at hotel and checkout. Early pick up for transfer to ferry terminal. Departure at 06:30 by ferry to Pozzallo. At 8:15am upon arrival in Sicily meet your driver in Pozzallo and drive to Syracuse. Syracuse was the birthplace of Archimedes and also the residence of Plato. Full day tour of Syracuse, a characteristic town where Paul stayed for three days (Acts 18:12). Visit Ortigia island in the morning and the Archaeological area in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight at Mercure Siracusa Prometeo Hotel in Syracuse. (B, L, D)



*Without a scenae  
frons, the seats  
provided the  
audience with a  
commanding view of  
the countryside and  
sea.*

**Day 3 (June 23,  
Saturday)**

## **SYRACUSE - AGRIGENTO - SYRACUSE**

Breakfast at hotel, followed by Sabbath service, and drive to Agrigento (216 km). Agrigento is a hilltop city on Sicily's southwest shore. It is known for the ruins of the ancient city of Akragas in the Valley of the Temples, a vast archaeological site with well-preserved Greek temples. Visit the Valley of Temples. After lunch, we would then proceed to Piazza Armerina for visiting the Villa Romana del Casale (98 km). Proceed to Syracuse for dinner and overnight. Dinner and overnight in Syracuse. (B, L, D)



*Temple of Olympian Zeus in the Valley of the Temple, one of the best preserved examples of the Greek Roman temples, and the largest Doric temple ever constructed.*

## **Day 4 (June 24, Sunday) TAORMINA - FERRY TO REGGIO CALABRIA**

Breakfast at hotel, followed by a guided visit of Taormina including the famous Greek Theater. Drive to Messina at noon (52 km). Take 15:00 pm ferry to Reggio Calabria (35 min). Upon arrival we will drive to the Cattedrale di Maria SS Asunta to see the statue commemorating Paul's visit. Then view some of the ruins of ancient Rhegium, mentioned in Acts 28:13, walking along the Corso Garibaldi ending at the Museum of Magna Grecia. Dinner and overnight at Apan Hotel in Reggio Calabria. (B, L, D)



*The Greek theatre is the most famous monument in Taormina, with a magnificent panorama of the Calabrian coast and Mount Etna in the background.*

**Day 5 (June 25, Monday) REGGIO CALABRIA - GUARDIA PIEMONTESE -- PAESTUM - AMALFI Coast**

\* **Special excursion to Guardia Piemontese**, a beautiful town in the province of Cosenza, formerly known as Casale Fuscaldo, founded between the XII and XIII centuries by the Waldenses, that sheltered here to escape from a continued Protestant persecution, and lived here in peace for about two or three centuries before going through a bloody massacre in 1561. You will see go through what is today known as “Gate of blood” For more information click the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snqbYrsCW-M&t=5s> (B, L, D)

The main reason to come to Paestrum is to see some of the most complete Doric temples in Italy. The zone of the Magna Grecia, or Greater Greece, starts here, and Paestum started out as a Greek settlement. Paestum is the Roman name of the city; the original Greek name was Poseidonia. We then travel to Amalfi, where we will spend some time at leisure. Dinner and overnight at Novotel Salerno Est Arechi in Salerno (B, L, D)



*The Gate of Blood commemorates the bloodshed of more than 2,000 Waldensian people brutally murdered, slaughtered, and burned alive on June 5, 1561.*

**Day 6 (June 26, Tuesday) SALERNO - POMPEII - HERCULANEUM - NAPLES**

Breakfast at hotel and checkout. Drive (467 km; 5 hrs) to Pompeii for guided visit of Pompeii Archeological site. We will then head to Herculaneum to visit its famous ruins. Pompeii was an ancient Roman town-city. Along with Herculaneum and many villas in the surrounding area, was mostly destroyed and buried under 4 to 6 m (12 to 20 ft) of volcanic ash and pumice in the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79. The eruption

destroyed the city, killing its inhabitants and burying it under tons of ash. Evidence for the destruction originally came from a surviving letter by Pliny the Younger, who saw the eruption from a distance and described the death of his uncle Pliny the Elder, an admiral of the Roman fleet, who tried to rescue citizens. Dinner and overnight at Ramada Hotel in Naples city centre (B, L, D)



Remains of ancient Pompeii with Mount Vesuvius in the background

### **Day 7 (June 27, Wednesday) NAPLES- POZZUOLI- CUMA - NAPLES**

Breakfast at hotel. Visit Archeological Museum of Naples. Among others, we will see Sodom and Gomorrah graffiti, found in Pompeii, which represents a sort of invocation of divine punishment on a corrupt city. Then proceed to Pozzuoli to visit harbor area (Acts 28:13-15). The harbor had 15 monumental piers, a triumphal arch, a lighthouse, and statues. The remains of this structure can still be seen today. We will then visit Rione Terra, Serapis temple/Macellum, and Flavian amphitheater. Then drive to Cuma to visit the shrine of the Sibyl. Dinner and overnight in Naples city centre. (B, L, D)



Puteoli forum dates to the 1st century AD.



### **Day 8 (June 28, Thursday) NAPLES - ROME**

After spending a week in Puteoli, Paul was transported perhaps to Capua. From Capua, they would have utilized the Via Appia to reach Rome. Christian brothers from Rome traveled to meet Paul at the Forum of Appius and Three Taverns (Acts 28:15), to encourage him, and probably to accompany him on the last leg of his journey.

Breakfast and check-out. We will drive to Rome following Via Appia, stopping at amphitheater of Santa Maria Capua Vetere (Capua), Minturnae ( Minturno), Tomb of Cicero (Formia), Terracina for Temple of Jupiter Anxur, Forum of Appius (Borgo Falti) and Three Taverns (5 km SE of Cisterna).Lunch in Formia. Dinner and overnight at the hotel nearby Rome airport (B, L, D)

### **Day 9 (June 29, Friday) RETURN**

Return home from the Rome Leonardo da Vinci–Fiumicino Airport (FCO)

\* This itinerary can be changed without notice at the discretion of tour leader.