



"From Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." (Rom. 15:19)

"For Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia." (2 Tim. 4:10)

- 8/15 (Sat.) Overnight ferry departing from Bari, Italy at 23:00 and arriving at 8:00 in Durres, Albania.
- 8/16 (Sun.) Durres - Visit the Amphitheatre and Archeological Museum. Durres is the most ancient city of Albania and one of its most economically important. The city was founded as Epidamnos in the ancient region of Illyria in 627 BC by Greek colonists from Corinth and Corcyra. In 229 BC the city passed over to Roman rule, under which it was renamed Dyrrachium, and was developed into a major military and naval base. Dyrrachium prospered and became the western end of the Via Egnatia, the great Roman road that led to Thessalonica and on to Constantinople. While treading on the Greek section of the Roman road near Philippi or Thessalonica, Paul must have contemplated the possibility of visiting Rome through Via Egnatia.
- Via Egnatia – Explore the Albanian section of Via Egnatia on which Paul must have traveled after his release from Roman prison. According to Neritan Ceka, traces of Roman bridges are

preserved in Miraka, near Elbasan. At Polis, the old tracks of the Roman road can be followed through Babje, Dardha, Xhyre, Perrenjas and Qafe Thane without interruption.

Elbasan - Visit Elbasan Castle and the old town where a part of the Via Egnatia, the old Roman road, runs from south to north.

Apollonia – Visit one of the finest archaeological sites of the Mediterranean, the ancient city of Apollonia, founded in 558 BC by settlers from Corfu and Corinth. Aristotle considered Apollonia an important example of an oligarchic system, where the descendants of the Greek colonists controlled the city and prevailed over a large serf population of mostly Illyrian origin. The city grew rich on its slave trade, its local agriculture, and its large harbour, said to have been able to hold a hundred ships at a time.

Overnight Durres

8/17 (Mon.) AM Half day exploring Northern Albania

PM Half day exploring Montenegro

Kotor - One of the best preserved medieval towns in the Adriatic, listed with UNESCO world heritage sites. It has numerous other significant sights, including the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon located in the old town.

Overnight Dubrovnik

8/18 (Tues.) Full day exploring Croatia

Dubrovnik – Unanimously considered as the jewel of Croatia, Dubrovnik is best known for its well-preserved historic center contained within 13th-century city walls, its terra-cotta rooftops, and its stunning location overlooking the Adriatic.

Split - At the center of this sprawling cityscape is the palace that Emperor Diocletian built during his golden years at the turn of the 4th century.

Overnight Plitvice Lakes

8/19 (Wed.) Plitvice Lakes - An excursion to a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Plitvice Lakes . Enjoy your time in the park, exploring the 16 crystal-blue lakes cascading into 92 spectacular waterfalls.

Porec - Visit the coastal city of Porec, founded by the Romans over 2000 years ago. Porec's most prized treasure is the complex of Euphrasian Basilica dating from the 6th century. Because of its exceptional value, it has remained on the UNESCO World Heritage List since 1997.

Overnight at Venice

8/20 (Thurs.) Full day exploring Venice

St. Mark's Square – The Basilica of San Marco overlooks one of the most beautiful squares in the world. St. Mark's Square, a real marble salon, has remained the city's center for centuries. Here, beside both the Basilica and the Doge's Palace, all of the most

important religious and civil ceremonies have always been held and now the Piazza San Marco is considered the city's main symbol and tourist attraction. Napoleon called the Piazza San Marco "the finest drawing room in Europe".

City Tour - Venice is considered one of the world's most beautiful cities. Its canals and streets remain as they were hundreds of years ago. Start with a walking tour of hidden backstreets and end with a cruise through a labyrinth of small canals.

Overnight at Venice

8/21 (Fri.)      Returning Home