

JOURNEYS OF PAUL IN GREECE

FAMILIARIZATION TOUR

DECEMBER 10-17, 2018



Day 1: December 10, 2018 - DEPART USA

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

Day 2: December 11, 2018 - ARRIVE IN GREECE

You will arrive in **Athens, Greece**, where you will be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: December 12, 2018 - ATHENS & CORINTH, GREECE

The architectural splendors of the ancient city of Athens are as magical as ever. View the world-renowned **Acropolis**, the **Propylaea**, and the **Parthenon**. Next, view **Mars Hill** where Paul debated with the intellectual community of his day. Walk among the ruins of the **Agora**, the ancient market place and center of Athenian public life. You will view the **Olympic Stadium**, home of the Olympics. Travel to **Corinth** (Acts 18), a city that inspired St. Paul's most familiar letter. You will visit the **Archaeological Museum**, the **Market Place**, and **Temples**. Walk among the ruins and stand on the **Bema** where Paul stood. Read Paul's letter to the Corinthians and visualize his address to the Gentiles as he began the task of building Corinth's church. Dinner and overnight in your Athens hotel.

Day 4: December 13, 2018 - DELPHI & KALAMBAKA

After breakfast, head north to scenic **Delphi**, religious center of the ancient Greek world and marked by the conical stone called the *omphalosor* ("navel"). Walk the **Sacra Via** to the **Athenian Treasury**, **Theatre** and the **Temple of Apollo**, where the oracle performed her prophetic rituals. As you consider the incredible amount of pagan influence just in Delphi alone, you will gain a new appreciation for the tremendous spiritual opposition the apostle Paul faced in preaching the Gospel of Christ here. In the **Museum** are many ancient treasures, including the 5th century bronzed Charioteer, so detailed you can see his eyelashes. Continue to Kalambaka, home to the awe-inspiring Meteora monasteries for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: December 14, 2018 - METEORA & VERIA (BEREA)

Today's amazing journey begins with a visit to the **rock forest of Meteora** ("in the heavens above"). Imagine the apostle Paul walking that treacherous terrain on his missionary journey. Gaze up at the breathtaking **Byzantine monasteries** spectacularly perched on soaring, sheer-sided grey sandstone pillars. In the 13th century, monks sought refuge in cliff-side caves before fleeing higher to build the original wooden shelters that later became these monasteries. After a **monastery tour**, continue to **Veria (Berea)**. It was here that Paul and Silas were sent by friends after being accused of treason in Thessalonika. Visit the **Bema of the Apostle Paul**, where he preached the gospel to the local community. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 6: December 15, 2018 - PHILIPPI & KAVALA

Travel to Philippi, a busy Roman colony with an impressive **library** and **theater**. It was here that Paul preached and established the first church in Europe, and to whom he wrote his Philippians epistle while imprisoned in Rome. Visit a **baptismal site** commemorating where God opened the heart of Lydia (a seller of purple from Thyatira) to hear the words of Paul (Acts 16:13-15). Lydia and her household were the first Christian converts baptized on European soil. View the **Roman-era crypt** thought to have served as a prison for the apostle Paul, and explore Philippi's famous **Acropolis**, **Market Place**, the **Basilica of Paul**, and **Theater**. Continue to **Neapolis** (Kavala), one of Greece's most picturesque mainland ports where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. See the **Roman Aqueduct** and **Acropolis** before returning to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

Day 7: December 16, 2018 - THESSALONIKI

Discover **Thessaloniki**, where Paul was accused of turning the world upside down with his preaching of Christ (Acts 17: 3-6). As you explore **St. George's Basilica**, believed to be built over the synagogue where Paul preached, reflect on the two epistles the apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church here. Stroll through the **Archaeological Museum** and the beautiful basilicas of **St. Sophia** and **St. Demetrios**, dedicated to a distinguished Roman proconsul martyred for his Christian faith. Along the **Via Egnatia** stands the **Galerus Arch**, and you can look out over the second largest city in Greece from the **Old City Ramparts**, some dating back to Roman times. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: December 17, 2018 - RETURN TO USA

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

\$1598 from Newark (\$1748 for Spouse/Friend)

YOUR ALL INCLUSIVE PRICE INCLUDES:

Basic Tour & Guided Sightseeing

Roundtrip International Airfare

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

Fuel Surcharges and Government Taxes (Subject to change)

Daily Buffet Breakfast & Dinner, Entrance Fees & Hotel Gratuities

Deluxe Motorcoaches, First Class Hotels & much more!

\$300 deposit due Immediately to Reserve your spot on the FAM

Additional Deposit of \$550 due 8/27/18

Final payment due 10/11/18

