

In the Footsteps of the Apostle Paul in Cyprus and Greece

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Thursday, October 6

Fly from USA to Cyprus.

Friday, October 7

Cyprus Nicosia - Famagusta

Arrive in Cyprus: Nicosia Lefkosa Airport. Drive to Famagusta to your hotel.

Overnight: Famagusta



Saturday, October 8

Salamis-Paphos

This morning we will visit Ancient Salamis: According to tradition, the founder of Salamis was Teucer, son of Telamon, who could not return home after the Trojan war because he had failed to avenge his brother Ajax. In what is known as the "First Missionary Journey", Paul the apostle and the Cypriot-born Barnabas made Salamis their first destination, landing there after heading out from Antioch of Syria. There they proclaimed the Messiah in the Jewish synagogues before proceeding through the rest of the island (Acts 13:1-5).

Tradition says that Barnabas preached in Alexandria and Rome and was stoned to death at Salamis in about 61 AD. He is considered the founder of the Church of Cyprus. His bones are believed to be located in the nearby monastery named after him. We will see the ruins of the ancient city, including: the temple of Zeus, theatre, gymnasium and water supply system. Then we continue to Paphos. According to the biblical Acts of the Apostles, after landing at Salamis and proclaiming the Word of God in the synagogues, the prophets and teachers, Barnabas and Saul of Tarsus, traveled along the entire southern coast of the island of Cyprus until they reached Paphos. There, Sergius Paulus, the Roman proconsul was converted after Saul rebuked the Sorcerer Elymas. In Paphos, Acts first identifies Saul as Paul. We will see the remains of four large and elaborate Roman villas: the House of Dionysos, the House of Orpheus, the House of Aion and the House of Theseus, all with preserved mosaic floors, the Agora, Asklepion, the Basilica of Panagia Limeniotissa, an Odeon cinema, a theatre, a necropolis known as the Tombs of the Kings and St. Paul's pillar. At the end of the day we will return to our hotel in Famagusta

Overnight: Famagusta



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Sunday, October 9

GREECE: Thessaloniki

This morning we will fly to Thessaloniki, Greece. After landing in Thessaloniki we will have a tour of the city of Thessaloniki. At the time of the Roman Empire, about 50 A.D., Thessaloniki was also one of the early centers of Christianity; while on his second missionary journey, Paul the Apostle visited this city's chief synagogue on three Sabbaths and sowed the seeds for Thessaloniki's first Christian church. Later, Paul wrote two letters to the new church at Thessaloniki, preserved in the Biblical canon as First and Second Thessalonians. As we walk around, we will see the White Tower, rotunda, ancient city wall, the Jewish museum and synagogue and finish the city tour at the most beautiful viewpoint at the top of the city: we will get to enjoy the panoramic view of Thessaloniki. At the end of the day we will drive back to our hotel in Thessaloniki.



Monday, October 10

Thessaloniki , Neapolis - Philippi- Lydia-Thessaloniki

From Thessaloniki airport we will drive to Kavala and then to Philippi. Kavala (Neapolis) was the port of Philippi. Paul passed through with Silas on his way from Asia Minor to Philippi. The city of Philippi was visited by the Apostle Paul. From the Acts of the Apostles and the letter to the Philippians, early Christians concluded that Paul had founded their community. We will explore the ruins of the ancient sites such as the forum, market, basilica and theatre. In Philippi, Paul preached his first evangelical sermon and baptized the first Christians in Europe. You will see both the "baptismal" site where Lydia was baptized as the first European woman and the crypt where Paul was imprisoned. To end the day, we will drive to Thessaloniki to our hotel.

Overnight: Thessaloniki



Tuesday, October 11

Veria- Vergina-Kalambaka

After breakfast at the hotel we will drive to Veria where you will see the church of Apostle Paul and the "Vima of Apostle Paul" mural made of marble. This church is believed to be the location in which Paul preached to the people for many days after leaving Thessaloniki. We will progress onwards to the ancient town of Vergina and to the royal tombs, one of them being the tomb of Alexander the Great's father. We will end our day by driving to our



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next hotel in Kalambaka.

Overnight: Kalambaka

Wednesday, October 12

Meteora Monasteries- Delphi

After breakfast, we will say goodbye to Kalambaka and drive to Meteora, where we will visit the breathtaking rock tower monasteries of the 11th century! Among other monasteries that we will tour, the Great Meteoron Monastery of Varlaam was founded in the 16th century and is located on top of a 1,224-foot cliff! At the Monastery of Saint Stephen, also built on the cliffs of Meteora, we will admire a small treasure trove of Byzantine and Christian items at a museum located within the wall of the monastery. After lunch we will start our drive to Delphi, where we will check-in at our hotel.

Overnight: Delphi.



Thursday, October 13

Delphi- Athens

After breakfast, we will start our day with a visit to Delphi, the hometown of the famous oracle. In antiquity, Delphi was one of the most important religious centers. The city was built above the gorge of the Pleistos River against the backdrop of Mount Parnassus, attracting hordes of pilgrims who once came to consult the oracle of Delphi. Our tour through Delphi will take us to the agora, or marketplace, the first stop along the Sacred Way, the main road that winds through the lavish complex of ancient ruins at Delphi. Along this path, we will see the remains of the “treasuries” of the Athenians, a bouleterion, the Tripod of Plataea, the Temple of Apollo, a stadium and the museum—all structures still standing from the time of the Romans. We will continue our tour to the amazing city of Athens. In Athens we will go along the Coast of Faliro where Paul first arrived in Athens by ship. We will have a tour of the city: view the parliament house, new stadium, Academy house and more. This afternoon we will visit the Acropolis museum before checking into our hotel.

Overnight: Athens



Friday, October 14

Athens- Corinth



We will start our day with a fresh Greek breakfast. Then we visit the Acropolis where we will see the Parthenon (The temple for the goddess Athena) and the “Areopagus” where Paul stood and preached to the Athenians. Now we continue to ancient Corinth. On our way we will stop at the Corinth Canal for a photo. Ancient Corinth was one of Paul’s most beloved cities, the town that inspired two of his letters. As we continue to follow in his steps, we will arrive at the Cathedral of St. Paul, wander the nearby market and walk on the same paths that the apostle to the gentiles once walked, preaching the gospel nearly two thousand years ago.

Overnight: Athens.

Saturday, October 15

Athens- Marathon Bay - Cape Sounio

This morning we will drive to Marathon bay near the city of Marathon. We will visit the site of the most famous battle of Marathon and learn about the war between the Athenian army and the Persians in 490 BC. We will continue to Cape Sounio, visit the Temple of Poseidon, enjoy the most beautiful view of the Aegean Sea, and learn about King Aegeios who gave his name to this sea. This afternoon we will explore Athens’ local markets through its local tastes. In the early afternoon hours we will return back to Athens for an amazing guided Greek street food tour and tasting. We will sample local delicacies and also the most famous Feta cheese - one of Greece’s famous PDO products, souvlaki, olives, loukoumades (honey dumplings) and bougatsa (sweet hot creamy pie). At the end of this experience we will take a rest in a traditional Kafenio (Greek coffee houses) to enjoy very good Greek coffee.

Overnight: Athens

Sunday, October 16

Transfer to Athens airport.
Fly back to U.S.A



Tour Cost:

- The Tour price is \$4,200 paid in full by July 4, 2022.*
- The Tour Ground Only price is \$3,500 paid in full by July 4, 2022.*
- The price is for double room occupancy. If you desire a single room for yourself only, an extra \$900 is required by the hotels.
- Please note, this price is based on a total of 25 travelers. Fewer travelers may result in a price increase.

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- Round trip flights from Houston (IAH). Other departure locations can be arranged, but the price may vary.
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges are included at the time of printing. There could be additional fuel surcharges once flights are booked. This does not apply to Tour Ground Only travelers.
- Nine night's hotel accommodation on half board basis (Breakfast & Dinner)
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- First-class air-conditioned tourist coach bus
- English-speaking tour guide
- Tips to hotel staff

Not included in price:

- Travel and cancellation insurance (Required)
- Health insurance (Required)
- Required travel documents (Passport, etc.)
- Any type of personal expenses
- Lunches
- Tips to bus driver and tour guide
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Wayne, NJ 07470
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