

STEPS OF PAUL TOUR

*Hosted by Travel With Me Allen B.LLC
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Highlights

Follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul on this private tour of Thessaloniki, Philippi, Corinth, Athens and much, much more. Visit the towns where Paul established the early church. Learn about the culture of ancient Greece. Stand on Mars Hill and the Acropolis. Explore places where Paul wrote his letters in the shadow of the ruins of ancient Greek temples and early church basilicas. All the time being accompanied by a professional guide.



The Beauty of Greece

Greece has not only long been known for its history, but also its beautiful landscapes, warm hospitality and amazing food. We will enjoy wonderful 4 star accommodations on this private guided tour



Day 1, Depart from Phoenix AZ to Thessaloniki Airport

DAY 2, Arrival Thessaloniki

Upon arrival at Thessaloniki airport, we will meet the local guide who will escort us to the hotel for check-in, dinner, and overnight.

DAY 3, Philippi, Kavala, Thessaloniki

After breakfast, we will depart for Philippi where Paul established a large church. This church was very near and dear to Paul's heart. (Acts 16:9-33) Here, we will also visit the river where Lydia was baptized and the prison where Paul and Silas were kept captive. From Philippi, we will head towards Thessaloniki where we will learn about Paul's teachings at the old synagogue. (Acts 17:1-4) We will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4, Vergina (Ancient Aegae) – Thessaloniki

After breakfast at the hotel, we will board the bus and drive to the old capital of the Macedonian kingdom (5th to 2nd centuries BC). There we will visit one of the most important tombs ever discovered, that of Philip II of Macedonia, the father of Alexander the Great, which was found intact. Here we will see the fabulous findings & treasures from the tomb of Philip II, after the excavations made by the archaeologist Manolis Andronikos. We will have free time for lunch at a local restaurant and return to Thessaloniki in the early afternoon. Free time in Aristotle's Square for shopping or coffee at the waterfront coffee shops. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Day 5, Thessaloniki - Berea - Kalambaka

After breakfast, we will enjoy a panoramic tour of Thessaloniki and visit the Old City Walls, the Byzantine church of St. Demetrius, and pass by Rotunda and the Arch of Galerius. We will leave Macedonia and head south to Berea where we will see the beautiful mosaics and depictions of Paul's teachings to the Jews. (Acts 17:10-11) From Berea, we will continue our journey towards Kalambaka. Dinner will be at our hotel in Kalambaka.

DAY 6, Meteora Monasteries - Athens

In the morning, we will enjoy a spectacular drive up to the UNESCO Heritage site of the Meteora Monasteries. Perched on top of these gigantic geological monoliths are wonderful monasteries, dating back to the 14th century. Inside these Byzantine buildings are icons, old manuscripts, mosaics, and frescoes. From Meteora, we will continue our drive southwards to Athens. We will arrive late in the afternoon at the hotel for check-in, dinner, and overnight.

DAY 7, Athens tour (Acropolis, Mars Hill – Plaka)

Today we will enjoy our sightseeing tour in Athens. We will visit the Acropolis, the sacred rock of Athens, the citadel, and the sanctuary of the city in antiquity. We will see the famous Parthenon and the Erechtheion Temples. We will then walk to nearby Mars Hill and stand on the very spot where Paul gave his famous speech to the Athenian philosophers (Acts 17:18-34) and spoke about the inscription: “to an unknown god”. We will have free time in Plaka for lunch and shopping before we return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8, Ancient Corinth & Corinth canal

This morning, our excursion will take us by the Saronic Gulf. It was here in 480 BC that the small Grecian fleet managed to defeat the enormously powerful armada of the Persians. From here, via the historic Corinthian Canal, we will arrive at ancient Corinth. (Acts 18:1-18) It was to this megalopolis that the apostle Paul came and worked, established a thriving church, and wrote two of his epistles to them which are now part of the New Testament. Here, we will see all of the sites associated with his ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon, the Bema, and Gallio’s Seat. In Romans 16:23, Paul mentions his friend Erastus and we will see an inscription to him at the site. We will see the ruins of early Christian 5th-century basilica in Cenchreae before returning to Athens. Dinner will be at our hotel this evening.

DAY 9, Athens (Aegean Sea & Cape Sounion)

Today will be a relaxing day in Athens. In the afternoon we will visit the southern coastal suburbs of Athens and we will enjoy the breathtaking views of the Aegean Sea from the Cape Sounion. We will return to our hotel for a farewell dinner on a rooftop restaurant overlooking the Acropolis hill at night. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 10, Athens Departure

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to Athens Airport for the departure flight back home.

The cost per person is \$3499 for a shared double/twin room for 12-19 people. \$2,999 if 20 or more people. For a single-room supplement, please add \$550.

A \$500 deposit is due by February 1



The cost includes:

- 8 nights of Accommodation in 4 star hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast and dinner
- Hotel City tax for 8 nights
- All land transportation and tours as outlined in the program in a deluxe private motor coach with AC
- All sightseeing tours with the services of a local licensed English-speaking, Bible-oriented tour guide
- Airport transfers and assistance upon arrival and departure
- Entrance fees for all biblical/ historical sites mentioned in the program
- Headsets for the tours
- Bottle of water upon arrival and departure and during the tour
- Highway tolls and driver's portage.

The cost doesn't include:

- International airfare
- Any personal expenses at the hotels, laundry services, phone calls, room service, etc.
- Medical insurance (We highly recommend purchasing trip cancellation or interruption, medical expenses, and baggage insurance)
- Lunches and beverages during meals
- Tips and gratitude for the tour guide, bus driver, and hotel and restaurant staff
- Anything not mentioned above

Note: All our rates are priced on the current exchange rate of the Euro and based on the current VAT, admission fees to the archaeological sites & museums, fuel prices, and other service charges. Should there be any changes to these figures the package rates are subject to adjustments in 2024.

Suggested tip amounts for Greece (not mandatory)

- PROFESSIONAL TOUR GUIDE 4 Euro per person / per day
- MOTOR-COACH DRIVER. 2 Euro per person / per day
- ESCORT/REP. 2 Euro per person / per day
- HOTEL STAFF RESTAURANT WAITERS 1 Euro per person / per day