

A Biblical tour to

GREECE

Led by Andrew Micklefield & Clive Anderson

Monday 11th - Wednesday 20th September 2017



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Andrew Micklefield and Clive Anderson invite you to join them for a great tour of Greece. We will visit many stunning sites including, Philippi, Delphi, Athens and Corinth.



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Day 1 - Monday

London Gatwick to Thessaloniki

Depart from London Gatwick on our flight to Thessalonica. On arrival transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 2 - Tuesday

Pella & Thessaloniki City Tour/Thessaloniki

After breakfast meet with our guide and depart northwards to Pella, the ancient capital of Macedonia and the birthplace of Philip II and that of his son, Alexander the Great. Here we can see the animated pebble mosaics. After our visit we return to Thessaloniki to spend the rest of our journey into the heart of Thessaloniki a city renowned for its well-preserved monuments of Byzantine and Ottoman architecture. Named after the sister of Alexander the Great, this industrious port city was founded in 315 B.C, and today serves as Greece's second major economic and cultural centre, and we will see some of the city's finest historical monuments. Tour the city centre to view the ancient walls, the White Tower, Saint Demetrius, and Saint Sophia. We will also see the Agora where Jason was dragged before the City officials, Acts 17: 6. Continue to visit the Rotunda, the oldest building in the city centre which served as a mausoleum for Emperor Galerius in the 4th century and now serves as the Church of Saint George. Dinner and overnight in Thessalonica.

Day 3 - Wednesday

Kavalla Historical Christianity Excursion, Philippi/Thessaloniki

Today's sightseeing includes a full day excursion to Kavalla and the ancient city of Philippi. Follow in Paul's footsteps through Amphipolis visiting the huge Lion statue and Apollonia.

The tour continues along the Via Egnatia, a remnant of Rome's highway, to Philippi. View the ancient ruins of the Roman City Forum, the market, and early

basilicas, whilst noting the site of the Battle of Philippi on 3 and 23 October 42 BC. See the site where Paul was flogged, imprisoned, and later released. While in Philippi, visit the ruins of some of the largest churches ever constructed and the supposed site of Paul's imprisonment.

It was here that Paul preached his first sermon in Europe and "baptised a certain woman named Lydia," Europe's first convert to Christianity. Walk by the stream near where Lydia was baptised and see the fantastic colours in the church depicting baptism's recorded in the New Testament.

Drive to the seaside city of Kavalla (biblical Neapolis) for optional lunch, here Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy first set foot in Europe from Troy. View the 16th century aqueduct built by Suleiman the Magnificent - founder of the Turkish Empire.

Dinner and overnight in Thessalonica.

Day 4 - Thursday

Berea, Vergina/Kalambaka

We leave Thessalonica and travel to Veroia (Berea in the New Testament). Upon arrival, visit the Church of Christ, one of the finest examples of early brick churches. Founded in the 14th century, the church's interior features beautiful frescos portraying the life of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the apostles. See the modern shrine commemorating Paul's visit. Then we drive southwards and stop at Vergina to visit the local museum to view the fabulous treasures unearthed from a tomb believed to be that of King Philip II of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great. In the afternoon drive close to Mount Olympos and onwards to Kalambaka (near Meteora) for dinner and overnight.

Day 5 - Friday

Meteora, Thermopylae and the 300/ Delphi

In the morning, visit the Meteora monasteries.

Early in the afternoon we depart towards Delphi.

On the way we will make a stop to the famous site of the defeat of the 300 Spartans by the Persian in 480 BC. The three-day battle for the little rocky pass of Thermopylae is the stuff of legend, in which the Spartan King Leonidas died in trying to delay the vast army of Xerxes. This incident occurs between Esther chapters 1 & 2 in the Bible. The mound of the last stand was identified in 1939 and in 1955 King Paul of the Hellenes inaugurated the famous monument to Leonidas and his men. Then drive through the mountains to Delphi.

Dinner at the restaurant in Delphi and overnight in the hotel in Delphi.

Day 6 - Saturday

Castalian Fountain, Archaeological Delphi site, Delphi Museum/ Athens

After breakfast we shall visit the ancient site of the Apollonian Oracle, nestling in the mountains of Parnassus and with an unforgettable view across acres of olive trees as far as the Gulf of Corinth. It was here that individuals sought the advice of the 'infallible' Oracle. We visit the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Castalian Fountain and the Theatre.

Castalian fountain, Delphi site, Delphi museum where you will find Kourus Statues, Kleobis and Vitom and an important inscription.

In the afternoon we drive to the village of Arachova then to the hotel for dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 7 - Sunday

Worship services and a Free Day/Athens

Dinner and overnight to our hotel in Athens.

Day 8 - Monday

Ancient Corinth, Mycenae & Epidaurus Tour/ Athens

Today, we travel to the Peloponnesian Peninsula and the biblical town of Corinth - the city where Paul ministered for nearly two years. Passing the Corinth Canal which links the Aegean and Ionian Seas, you arrive in Corinth, the very town St. Paul visited for 18 months (51-52 A.D.). Visit the excavations; the Agora is dominated by the columns of the Temple of Apollo; on the opposite side is the tribunal before which Paul was accused.

See also the Bema Seat, and the Temple of Apollo. The tour continues to the archaeological site of Mycenae, the Homeric city of Atreides, to visit the Lion's Gate, the Cyclopean Walls, and the Royal Tombs. From here we depart for Nauplion, the ancient port city crowned by the ramparts of the Palamidi Fortress.

We then travel to Epidaurus, the ancient Christian healing centre of the Classical world. Here you will visit the well-preserved theatre for which the city is famous, the theatre of Epidaurus and the ruins of the Asklepi. Return via Cenchreae, the port from which

Paul sailed to Ephesus before returning to Athens in the early afternoon.

Dinner and overnight to our hotel in Athens.

Day 9 - Tuesday

City tour of Athens with Acropolis, New Museum of Acropolis/Athens

We start driving our panoramic tour visit the Panathenian Stadium, passing by the tomb of the Unknown soldier, the ruins of the Temple of Zeus and continue with our morning tour of Athens which includes visits to the legendary Acropolis and its New Museum. We begin with the ascent of the Acropolis where the full splendour of the 5th century BC Athens comes to life: the Propylaea (gateway), the Temple of Athena Nike (victory), the Parthenon, and the Erechtheion.

Visit Mars Hill, where Paul's famous sermon is inscribed on the rock at its foot, and the expansive Agora of Athens, where former philosophers counselled and taught, lies below. Time at leisure in the old part of Athens called Plaka or drive back to the hotel for those who want to return.

Dinner and overnight to our hotel in Athens.

Day 10 - Wednesday

Coach and English speaking escort will pick you up at the hotel for your transfer to Athens airport for our return flight to London Gatwick.

Itinerary subject to change

Full price £1570 per person

What the price includes

- Flights from London Gatwick to Thessalonica and from Athens to London Gatwick. (Details of flight numbers and times have not yet been finalised)
- Accommodation in good quality hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities on half board basis
- Transfer of passengers and baggage
- Sightseeing as in itinerary
- Services of a fully qualified English speaking guide
- Travel by air-conditioned coaches
- Entrance fees, gratuities, service charges and portage
- Airport taxes
- ATOL Protection Contribution (APC)

Not included in the price

- Travel from you home to UK airport
- Items of a personal nature
- Single supplement £234 per person
- Travel insurance (see back page)
- Payments by credit card will incur a 2% admin charge

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Further Information And Paying The Balance

Further information will be sent to you regarding any action that may be required approximately 12 weeks before departure.

A final invoice will also be sent at this time and the balance for the tour must be paid at least 10 weeks before departure.

Travel Information

Full travel information, including details of meeting points, flight times, accommodation and travel information, will be sent to you approximately 2 weeks before departure. Normally, tickets are not issued but are handed to you at the airport or departure point by our representative who will be there to ensure that you depart without a hitch and to deal with any last minute difficulties.

Travel Insurance

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You can obtain a quote online by visiting www.christian-travel.com or alternatively you can call 0871 360 2742 and quote ABTA number 93522.

Gratuities

Our normal procedure is to deal with tips on a group basis and these are included in the price. The tour leader will distribute them to the guide, driver and hotels on your behalf. Individual tipping is not recommended unless the circumstances are exceptional.

Room Check In and Check Out Times

The standard international practice is to let rooms from midday to midday. However times do vary. Check-in times are usually between 2pm and 3pm, check-out times between 11am and 12 noon on the day of departure. Therefore, if you check-in immediately after a night flight this would normally count as one night's accommodation. Similarly if your return flight is at night you will normally be required to vacate your room at 12 noon prior to leaving for the airport. Day rooms are subject to availability/cost and should be arranged locally with the accommodation management.

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