

SOMERSET MENDIP METHODIST CIRCUIT invite you to share in

A JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME!

GREECE

**Saturday, 15th to Sunday, 23rd September 2018
(or to Tuesday, 25th September 2018)**

Leader: Archie Rowe



WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

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Welcome!

On behalf of the Somerset Mendip Circuit, it is my great pleasure to commend to you this tour to Greece, following in the footsteps of St Paul, in the autumn of 2018. This tour is an exciting opportunity to explore some of the sites of our Christian heritage and it will be the fourth trip that the Circuit has supported. Once again, we are indebted to Archie Rowe, one of our Lay Pastoral & Community Workers, who has agreed to lead this tour for us. I hope and pray that all who take part in it will find your faith enriched and your spirits lifted.

Every blessing

Nick

Rev Nick Lakin, Superintendent Minister, Somerset Mendip Circuit (07/16)



Hello.

Greece is an amazing country; a land of sunshine, ancient civilisations and spectacular scenery. Its people are friendly and welcoming. Its cuisine is delicious, nourishing and healthy. It is the birthplace of democracy and the land where the Apostle Paul first established the Christian faith in Europe. All good reasons to consider joining our Journey of a Lifetime! pilgrimage. I invite you to take a look at our itinerary and book your place. Come and join an informal, friendly group and share in discovering the places St Paul and his companions visited so long ago. Experience the excitement of

visiting the sites where the Christian faith was first planted in Europe.

I look forward to sharing this pilgrimage with you.

Archie

Archie Rowe, Tour Leader

Day One, Saturday - London to Thessaloniki

Depart London Gatwick. Arrive Thessaloniki.

Transfer to Hotel. You have free time to explore the city.

Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day Two, Sunday - Pella, Thessaloniki

Pella. The ancient capital of Macedonia and birthplace of Phillip II and Alexander the Great. See the huge Palace complex, the largest Agora of the Ancient World, and amazing 4th Century BC pebble mosaics, Museum. **Thessaloniki.** View ancient Byzantine Walls, White Tower, Churches of St Demetrius and St Sophia, the Agora where Jason was dragged before the city officials, Arch of Galerius, Rotunda Church of St George (Mausoleum for Emperor Galerius).
Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day Three, Monday - Amphipolis, Philippi, Neapolis

Amphipolis. Lion Statue. **Philippi.** Roman Forum (Agora), early Basilica, stream where Lydia was baptised, Chapel commemorating Lydia's Baptism. **Via Egnatia.** The important Roman Highway linking Rome with the Eastern Provinces. **Neapolis** (modern Kavalla). Paul and his companions landed here from Troas. Aqueduct of Suleiman the Magnificent.
Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day Four, Tuesday - Berea, Aigai

Berea (modern Veroia). Church of Christ. **Aigai** (modern Vergina). Necropolis (Royal Tombs) Museum (Philip of Macedonia's priceless treasures).
Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

Day Five, Wednesday - Meteora, Thermopylae

Meteora. Centuries-old Monasteries which seem to be 'suspended in air' on top of monolithic pillars of rock. **Thermopylae.** Visit the Monument to Leonides, King of Sparta, near the Pass where an epic Battle took place between the Persians (the forces of King Xerxes, of the Book of Esther) and the Spartans. Dinner and overnight in Delphi.

Day Six, Thursday - Delphi, Arachova

Delphi. Spectacular site on Mount Parnassus, the home of the famous Oracle, Temple of Apollo, Theatre, the impressive collections of the Delphi Museum, Castalian Fountain (Sacred Spring of Delphi). **Arachova.** Panoramic views, picturesque architecture, cobbled streets. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day Seven, Friday - Corinth, Nafplio, Epidavros, Cenchreae

Corinth. Corinth Canal, Agora, Temple of Apollo, Bema Seat, Fountain of Peirene. **Nafplio.** Picturesque ancient port. **Epidavros.** Ancient Healing Centre. Theatre of Epidavros, Sanctuary of Asclepius. **Cenchreae.** Visible submerged ruins of one of Ancient Corinth's harbours. Paul sailed from Cenchrea on his return journey to Antioch via Ephesus, Caesarea and Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day Eight, Saturday - Athens

Athens. Panoramic tour, Syntagma Square (Tomb of Unknown Soldier), Panathenian Stadium (First modern Olympic Games), Hadrian's Arch, Temple of Zeus, Acropolis (Propylaea, Temple of Athena Nike, Parthenon, Erechtheion), Areopagus (Mars Hill), Museum of the Acropolis, Plaka, Roman Agora, Temple of Hephaestus. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day Nine, Sunday - Athens to London

Athens to London Gatwick.

Optional Additional Days

Days Nine, Sunday - Athens at Leisure

Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day Ten, Monday - Optional Cruise

Trokadero to Aegina, Poros, Hydra. Return to Athens.

Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day Eleven, Tuesday - Athens to London

Itinerary subject to change

Tour price £1395 per person

Extension - £245 per person

What the price includes

- Flights from London Gatwick to Athens and from Thessaloniki 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 portorage
- Airport taxes
- ATOL Protection Contribution

Not included in the price

- Travel from your home to UK airport
- Items of a personal nature
- Single supplement £208 per person main tour, £96 per person for the extension
- Travel insurance (see back page)
- Payments by credit card will incur a 2% admin charge

You will need a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before you travel. It gives the holder rights to healthcare that becomes necessary during a temporary visit to EEA (European Economic Area) countries or Switzerland. The EHIC replaced the E111 form in Jan 2006. The E111 form is no longer valid. More information can be found at www.ehic.org.uk

Please note that the cost of the tour may be subject to surcharges - please see the booking conditions. Currency exchange rates used £1 = € 1.2989 as published in the Financial Times on 2nd March 2016.

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Passports, Visas and Vaccinations

Travellers are responsible for ensuring that they have a valid passport for travel to the relevant countries and that it is valid for at least 6 months after the date of travel. Visas are not required for British Passport holders visiting Greece. At the time this brochure

went to press no vaccinations or inoculations are required for travel but you may wish to consult your own doctor for advice concerning this. If you have any queries regarding the above, we will be happy to help.

Travel Advice

For the latest travel advice please visit www.fco.gov.uk, see BBC Ceefax page 470 onwards or call 0870 606 0290.

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

It is compulsory to have travel insurance for your booking. Holiday Extras have a range of policies available at very competitive prices.

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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