

A journey of a lifetime to
GREECE

Thursday 21st - Thursday 28th March 2019

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WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

Worldwide Christian Travel

Bob, Pastor of Midlands Christian Fellowship, and Gabi McFarland have been in the Holy 4 times with a Deaf group.

Now it is time of change to Tour in Greece where Paul first brought the Gospel to Europe. We shall follow his footsteps in Acts 16 to 18. We will visit all the places where Paul, Silas, Luke and Timothy have preached. Also Lydia was baptised in the North of Greece.

It will be a brilliant opportunity for you to tour the Land of Greece. There will be a British Sign Language Interpreter and Hearing Guide. Bob will share the Word of God on the free days.



Day 1 - Arrival / Thessaloniki

We depart from London on our flight to Thessaloniki. On arrival arrival, welcome assistance and transfer to our hotel in Thessaloniki. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Thessaloniki.

Day 2 - Amphipolis, Kavala (Neapolis), Philippi / Thessaloniki

After our breakfast, we drive to Kavalla passing by two towns mentioned in Acts which Paul visited, Apollonia and Amphipolis (visited by Paul) where we shall stop for a while and admire the impressive Lion statue. We continue to arrive in Philippi to visit the site. We will see where Paul and Sylas were imprisoned, we will admire the ruins of one of the largest churches (Basilica) ever constructed, we will walk on Egnatia road, and visit the ancient market (Agora). A little further away we will have the chance to walk right next to the creek where Lydia was baptized. Our day continues to Kavala (the biblical Neapolis), the port where Paul, Sylas, Timothy and Luke first set foot in Europe. We will take a short panoramic tour of the city and view the impressive aqueduct, built by Suleiman. We will then have some free time at the sea-front promenade and enjoy a lunch (not included) in one of the local restaurants. Return drive to Thessaloniki in the afternoon.

Day 3 - Thessaloniki City Tour, Berea / Thessaloniki

We will start our day exploring Thessaloniki, the second largest city in Greece. We will start from the "upper part" of the city to see the Theodosian walls and admire the view. We continue to the centre and explore the white tower, the churches of St. Demetris and St. Sophia, the ancient agora, the arch of Galerius and the Rotunda. Afterwards, we will 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 frescoes portraying the life of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the apostles. A modern shrine commemorates Paul's visit. Return to Hotel in Thessaloniki. Rest of the day at leisure.

Day 4 - Thermopylae / Delphi

Leaving from Thessaloniki for Delphi. We will depart for our drive towards Delphi. On the way we will make a short stop at Thermopylae, where a statue of Leonidas, King of Sparta, commemorates the famous battle and the defeat of the 300 Spartans by the Persian in 480 BC. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Delphi.

Day 5 - Delphi site & museum, Arachova / Athens

After our breakfast, we will be exploring the area of Delphi. We will 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. Next we will enter the Museum of Delphi where you will find Kourus Statues, Kleobis and Vitom. After some free time for lunch, we will start heading towards Athens. Close to Delphi, we will make a short stop at the mountain village of Arachova, with its picturesque architecture, the nice views to the plain, and the local products. Arrival in Athens, dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - Ancient Corinth, Nafplion, Epidaurus, Kechries / Athens

After our breakfast, we depart following the coastal road along the Saronic gulf towards the Corinth canal. A short stop at the canal for refreshments

and picture taking and we continue on to the site of Ancient Corinth. Here is where Paul lived for at least two years and wrote the first and second letters to the Corinthians. Under the Acropolis of Corinth (Akrocorinthos) we shall visit the ruins of the ancient city where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla, the agora (market) where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the temple of Apollo, the Bema seat and the fountain of Peirene. Our day continues as we drive to Nafplion dominated by Palamidi castle (not visited), and the first capital of modern Greece. We will take a short walk in the narrow cobble-stoned streets of the old town with the neo-classical buildings, and on to the sea-front promenade with the great views to Bourtzi islands, a small fortified islet guarding the entrance of Nafplion's port. After some free time for lunch, we continue to Epidaurus which, in antiquity, was the Christian healing center of the Classical world. We will visit the best-preserved ancient Greek theatre, famous for its acoustics, and the ruins of Asklipion. As we continue our drive towards Athens, we will make our last short stop at Kechries (Cenchreae), the port from where Paul sailed to Ephesus. Return in our hotel in Athens for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 - Athens City tour, Acropolis, Acropolis museum / Athens

The day is dedicated to exploring the city of Athens. In the morning, we will start with a panoramic tour of the city. We will see the Academy, the National library, the Greek parliament and the tomb of Unknown Soldier guarded by the «Evzones», the Panathinaikon marble stadium where the first modern Olympics took place, Hadrian's Arch, the temple of Olympian Zeus, and other monuments and landmarks of the city. Our panoramic tour will end at the sacred rock of Acropolis. We will visit the Propylae, the Erechtheion, the temple of Athena Nike and the Parthenon. On our exit we will visit Mars Hill, where Paul's famous sermon is inscribed. We will then continue on foot to the nearby museum of Acropolis. After our visit to the museum, we will return to our hotel for some rest. In the afternoon, we meet again and drive to Plaka area. We will mingle with the tourists and the locals as we walk into Plaka and explore the picturesque old part of the city, with the narrow streets, the neo-classical buildings and the many little shops and restaurants. As we continue our walk towards Monastiraki and Thissio, the picturesque contemporary buildings, blend nicely with the ancient remains of the Greek and roman market. We will take Adrianou street all the way down to Thissio as we watch the illuminated

Acropolis and the unique temple of Ifestos. As the sun sets, we will enjoy our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Return to our hotel for overnight.

Day 8 - Departure

Morning at leisure until the time to transfer to the airport for our return flight home to London.

Itinerary subject to change

Tour price £1295 per person

What the price includes

- Flights from London to Thessaloniki and from Athens to London. 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 £175 per person
- Travel insurance (see back page)

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.

More information can be found at www.ehic.org.uk

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You can book this tour by completing the attached booking form and sending it together with your deposit of £200 per person (full payment if within 10 weeks of departure) to:

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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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