

# Follow the Steps of Apostle Paul in Greece

## Day 1 Arrival Thessaloniki

Arrive in Thessaloniki, the city where Paul was received by Jason. Paul was preaching the Word of God here, until he was rushed out of the city. Our representative will meet you at the airport of Thessaloniki and transfer you to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 2 Philippi / Kavala (Neapolis)

Follow the route of the Via Egnatia and visit, like Paul and his companion, the area of Amphipolis, to see the famous funerary Lion of Amphipolis, and the site of Philippi. There, you visit the Baptistery of Lydia near the river, where Paul baptized her. Lydia was the first convert of Paul on European soil and the conversion of the jailer followed. Also, visit the ruins of the Forum of Philippi, the Christian Basilicas, the "Prison of Paul" and the Theater. Drive to Kavala (Neapolis), a picturesque port and view the Byzantine Castle and the Roman Aqueduct. Return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.



## Day 3 Thessaloniki / Meteora

In the morning, drive in Thessaloniki to see the landmark of the city, the White Tower, the Walls of the Byzantine Acropolis, the Roman Arch of Galerius and the Rotonda. Visit two of the city's oldest and most admired Christian churches, the Basilicas of St. Demetrius and St. Sophia (Divine Wisdom). Continue to Kalambaka, where you visit one of the amazing Byzantine monasteries of Meteora, perched on top of gigantic rock pinnacles. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.



## Day 4 Delphi

Travel to scenic Delphi, one of the most beautiful places on the face of the earth, which in antiquity was believed to be the "navel" (omphalos) of the world. Walk on the Sacred Way to see the Athenian Treasury, the Temple of Apollo, where the priestess Pythia uttered ambiguous prophecies, and the Theater. Also, visit the Museum with its splendid collection of ancient works of art, including the Sphinx of the Naxians, the Silver Bull, the Column of the Dancers, the "Omphalos" and the pride of the museum, the 5<sup>th</sup> c. B.C. bronze "Charioteer". Continue to Athens for dinner and overnight.



## Day 5 Athens

In the morning, admire the architectural miracles of ancient Athens, as you follow your guide to the world renowned Acropolis, to see the Propylea, the Erechtheum and the Parthenon. Visit Mars Hill, where Paul delivered his ingenious speech on the "Unknown God". View the Agora, the ancient center of the economic and public life of the city, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. During the bus tour, you see Constitution Square with the House of Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Zeus, the Old Olympic Stadium and the Neoclassical Buildings of Athens. The afternoon is free. Dinner and overnight in Athens.



## Day 6 Ancient Corinth

Today, you start your trip to Ancient Corinth. This is the once glorious city near the Isthmus, where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla and spent a year and a half preaching the Word of God. You visit the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, the Temples and the famous Bema, where Paul stood before Gallio, accused by the Jews of Corinth. Then, you drive to Cenchreae, the little harbour Paul sailed back to Asia from, thus ending his secondary missionary journey. Back to Athens for dinner and overnight.



## Day 7 Departure

Fly back home with a new insight into Paul's life and teachings.

