

Footsteps of St. Paul in Greece, January 11-20, 2024

***Hosted by Jeff and Emily Cavins
Fr. Peter Hughes, Spiritual Leader***

\$4600 per person with double occupancy

Single Supplement \$475

Triple Discount of \$135 per person

Pricing is based on 32 full paying passengers. Pricing will be adjusted if the minimum group size is not met.



1st DAY / 11.01.2024 / Arrival ATHENS AIRPORT - KAMENA VOURLA Overnight

We land at **Athens Airport** and drive to our hotel at Kamena Vourla. Check in to your hotel and free time for personal activities. Overnight stay. (D)

2nd DAY / 12.01.2024 / KAMENA VOURLA - HOLY JERUSALEM MONASTERY - DELPHI - KAMENA VOURLA Overnight

Visit the Holy Monastery of Jerusalem which architecture is inspired by the New Jerusalem (John 21:13). Short nature walks in the cedars forest to a hermit's cave, panoramic view of Valley of Boeotia. Drive to Arachova, the famous shepherd's village and enjoy the panoramic view of the Ionian Sea. Proceed to Delphi: visit the archeological



museum: the Gallio inscription, on which the dating of the life of Paul is based (Acts 18:12), the Sphinx of Thebes, Temple of Athena, Goddess of Wisdom (the philosophical background of Paul, the hellenised Jew). Here Jeff will give a talk on the topic of humility. Holy Mass at Itea by the Gulf of Corinth. Return to our hotel. Overnight in Kamena Vourla. (B, D)



3rd DAY / 13.01.2024 / METEORA Overnight

Drive to Meteora – one of Europe’s most beautiful landscapes views of the “stone mushroom” of Agia Triada. Visit the western monasteries. St. Paul as the first Christian hermit. Holy Mass at a panoramic terrace in front of Meteora cliffs. Jeff will give a teaching on the Life of St. Paul. Evening tour of the illuminated cliffs of Meteora. Overnight in Meteora. (B, D)

4th DAY / 14.01.2024 / VERIA - THESSALONIKI Overnight



Visit Vergina - the golden treasures of the ancient kings of Macedonia. Veria: walk along the Barbuta river into the old Jewish quarter. Visit the ancient synagogue and see the Bema where Paul spoke to the Bereans (Acts 17). Holy Mass at the Berea ancient synagogue. Drive along the Aegean coast to Thessaloniki. Visit the Jewish quarter: the Synagogue, the Ancient Jewish Bath house and the Modiano market (Acts 17, 1 Thess. 1). Jeff teaches here on how to study the

Scripture. Overnight in Thessaloniki. (B, D)



5th DAY / 15.01.2024 / PHILIPPI - LYDIA BAPTISMAL SITE - THESSALONIKI Overnight

Drive east to Philippi: visit Paul's Jail (Acts 16), the Christian Basilica, the Greco-Roman round theatre. Lydia baptismal site at Zigakti river (Acts 16:15). Holy Mass at the Lydia baptismal site and a teaching on the book of Philippians by Jeff. A short walk along Via Egnatia, where Paul walked on his way to Thessaloniki. Taverna night in Ladadika, night life of modern Thessaloniki. Overnight in Thessaloniki. (B, D)





6th DAY / 16.01.2024 / MT. OLYMPUS - LARISSA Overnight

Holy Mass at Catholic Church of Thessaloniki. Drive across the Macedonian river delta to Mt Olympus. Visit the panoramic village of Litochoro and proceed to Greece's biggest nature reserve - Mt Olympus: nature walk near Stavros, enjoy panoramic views of Mytikas, traditional place of Palace of the Gods, visit Agios Dionysius - ancient monastery named after the first Athenian converted by Paul (Acts 17:34). Pinios River - walk in suspension bridge to visit the holy cave of baptismal site with the big fresco of St Paul. Jeff's teaching will contrast the way of Jesus with the way of the Greeks. Proceed to Larissa. Overnight in Larissa. (B, D)



7th DAY / 17.01.2024 / LARISSA - MT. METAMORPHOSIS - ATHENS Overnight

Larissa: Visit the ancient Roman Theatre, the Byzantine acropolis. Holy Mass at the Catholic Church of Larissa. Drive up to Mt. Metamorphosis and enjoy the panoramic view of the Gulf of Kamena Vourla. A short walk will bring us to the monastery commemorating Jesus's transfiguration. Visit the monastic garden and the wall painted church with the famous description of Jesus's Transfiguration. Jeff gives a teaching on the importance of Discipleship. Proceed to Athens. Overnight in Athens. (B, D)

8th DAY / 18.01.2024 / ATHENS - ANCIENT CORINTH - ATHENS Overnight

This morning we head west to the Peloponnesian Peninsula & Corinth. Jeff's first teaching is here. Paul stayed in Corinth at least 3 times while on his journeys (Acts 18:1-18; 20:3), working as a tentmaker while establishing the Corinthian church with the help of locals like Aquila & Priscilla (Acts 18:1-18). He wrote Romans here on his 2nd visit & refers to other letters in I & II Corinthians.



There is very little left of the Temple of Aphrodite or the 6th century BC Temple of Apollo which dominated the life of the Corinthians in Paul's time. Paul's teaching on the Body of Christ (Corinthians 12:12-31) was perhaps inspired by Asclepius' Temple of healing in Corinth, where casts of healed body parts honor the god. Jeff will give a teaching on how to share the gospel. We return to Athens, seeing more of this amazing city as time permits before returning to our hotel. Overnight in Athens. (B, D)

9th DAY / 19.01.2024 / ATHENS Overnight



We will visit the Acropolis with magnificent monuments such as the Parthenon, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion, the Propylaea, the Ancient Agora, the theatre of Dionysus and the Odeon of Herodes Atticus (Acts 17:16-34). We will have the chance to walk around the Parthenon Monument, which was built during the 5th century BC by the architects Ictinus and Kallikrates. We stop at Mars Hill for a teaching by Jeff on the unknown god. Free

time at the district area of Plaka. Overnight in Athens. (B, D)

10th DAY / 20.01.2024 / ATHENS - ATHENS AIRPORT Departure

We will have free time at the city center for walking and shopping (depends on the departure time of our flight). Then, we will depart for **Athens Airport**. Return back with the best memories.

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