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FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL TOUR IN GREECE

SEPTEMBER 28 – OCTOBER 6, 2027

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: THESSALONIKI ARRIVAL

Upon arrival in Makedonia Airport of Thessaloniki you will be met by the local guide and receive assistance for your transfer to the hotel. On the way you will enjoy an orientation tour of the city.
We drive along the ***Egnatian Way*** to see the Triumphal ***Arch of Galerius*** and the ***Rotunda***.
We then check in at the hotel in Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight. **(D)**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29: PHILIPPI - KAVALA (Neapolis) – THESSALONIKI

After breakfast, we depart early from our hotel and drive to ***Philippi***, the site where St. Paul established a strong church and sent his letter (Acts 16:9-33). We see the river where Lydia was baptized, the ruins of a prison, where tradition says the Apostle Paul and Sylas had been kept, the ***Agora***, 5th and 6th century ***Basilica*** and the ***Theater***. After the visit, we continue to Kavala, the ancient port of Neapolis (Acts 16:11) for lunch break. On the way back to the hotel we will stop – for 15 minutes - at the Roman Forum in Thessaloniki, located at the upper side of Aristotle's Square. Paul visited Thessaloniki during his second missionary journey around 49-51 AD (Acts 17). Alongside Silas, he entered the city and headed straight to the synagogue, reasoning with the Jews for three Sabbaths. His message caused both great revival and significant opposition. Some Jews got jealous and they formed a mob to create uproar in the city and chase away Paul. With them, were also some other "wicked men who were loitering at the marketplace" – Acts 17:5. In fact, this marketplace refers to the present excavation at the Roman Agora of Thessaloniki.
We return to the hotel in Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight. **(B,D)**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30: BEREA – VERGINA – KALAMBAKA

After early breakfast at hotel and check-out. We begin our day with a visit to **Vergina**, the first capital of Macedonia, where we will visit the tomb of Philip II, the father of Alexander the Great. The collections housed in the underground museum are the grave goods recovered from archaeological excavations in 1861. Among the objects found in the tomb of Philip II were a golden larnax emblazoned with the sixteen-

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rayed "Sun of Vergina" on its lid, containing the king's bones, an intricate gold burial wreath, a silver and gold diadem and jewelry, bronze vessels from the funeral feast and carved ivory ornaments from the funeral couch.
We then continue to **Berea** (Acts 17:10-14). Here Paul arrived and according to his custom, went to the synagogue and discovered 'to his pleasant surprise' that they were "searching the scriptures". We see the Byzantine mosaic in the monument commemorating his preaching (Acts 17:10-11) and the **Synagogue.** After a short lunch break we will head to Kalambaka where we will check–in at the hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B,D)**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1: METEORA – THERMOPYLAE – ATHENS

Early morning check out from the rooms. We enjoy a scenic drive around Meteora Monasteries and visit St Stephanos and Varlaam monasteries before we depart for Athens.

On our way we will stop at **Thermopylae*,** to see the statue of Leonidas. It commemorates the historic battle between the 300 Spartans, led by Leonidas and the Persian army of Xerxes in 480 BC composed of thousands. **In Daniel chapter 8,** the prophet sees:
• A ram with two horns — symbolizing the Medo-Persian Empire
• A goat coming from the west — symbolizing the Greek Empire
The goat (Greece) "charges with fury" and crushes the ram (Persia). This was fulfilled historically through Alexander the Great. The Battle of Thermopylae is one of the early preludes to this great conflict that Daniel had foretold.
At around 5:30p.m. we arrive at the hotel in Athens for check-in. **Dinner on your own in Athens. (B)**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2: CORINTH CANAL – CORINTH – CENCHREA - ATHENS

After breakfast our tour in the morning begins with a drive along the Saronic Gulf; we enjoy a quick photo stop at the historic Corinth Canal. We then continue to the archaeological site of Corinth (Acts 18:1-18) where Paul lived and worked, establishing a thriving church, subsequently sending two of his epistles, now part of the New Testament. Here, we see all of the sites associated with his ministry: the Agora, the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Odeon and the Bema. The small local archaeological museum here is an absolute must!

In Romans 16:23 Paul mentions his friend Erastus and we will see an inscription to him at the site.
We will then drive to ***Cenchrea,*** to see an early Christian 5th century basilica. This was the harbor of Corinth, on the Saronic Gulf, east, whence Paul sailed for Ephesus (Acts 18:18). There was a church here, of which Phoebe was a deaconess (Rom. 16:1), and Lucius its first bishop, appointed by Paul.
After the visit the return to Athens for free time and **dinner on your own**. Overnight at hotel in Athens **(B)**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3: ATHENS FREE DAY – WORSHIP AT THE FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH

After breakfast we will join the morning worship with local Christians at the 1ST Evangelical Church in Athens. Afternoon at leisure and **dinner on your own.** Overnight at hotel in Athens. **(B)**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4: ATHENS TOUR (ACROPOLIS / MARS' HILL / ACROPOLIS MUSEUM)

Breakfast at the hotel.
Today we will enjoy a full day tour of the city of Athens. We will climb up to the Acropolis and climb up the sacred rock of Athens, the citadel and the sanctuary of the city in antiquity. We visit the famous Parthenon and the Erechtheion. We will also visit the nearby **Mars' Hill** (or Areopagus) to read Acts 17:22 where Paul delivered his well-known sermon and spoke about the inscription: "to an unknown god".

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After a short lunch break we will walk to the **Acropolis Museum**, where we will see all the artefacts, marble sculptures excavated on the Acropolis Hill.
After the tour free time in Plaka. **Dinner on your own**. Overnight at hotel in Athens. **(B)**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5: VISIT MINISTRIES AND CHURCHES IN ATHENS

Breakfast at hotel. Optional morning visit the Hellenic Ministries in Athens and join the ministry work.
Afternoon visit to the Church of Christ English service at 6p.m. Meet local Christians from several countries.
In the evening we will enjoy **an outdoor farewell dinner in a local restaurant in Athens, with Acropolis view.**
Return to hotel for overnight. **(B,D)**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6: ATHENS DEPARTURE

After breakfast at hotel check out. Collect luggage and receive assistance for an escorted bus transfer to Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" for your departure flight home.
After witnessing a unique visual and historical experience of the Old and New Testament sites in Greece, this Biblical journey in Greece has come to an end. We hope the memories of Greece will bring you back again! (B)

End of our services