



TOUR TO GREECE ITINERARY

May 14 to 24, 2024

DAY 1: TUESDAY, MAY 14—DEPART TORONTO, CANADA FOR ATHENS, GREECE

Today we embark on our Journey to the lands of ancient treasures and Christian history with an overnight flight to Athens.

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, MAY 15—ARRIVE IN ATHENS

We arrive in Athens and check into our hotel. You will have the remainder of the day free to relax or take a stroll along the streets.

Dinner and overnight at Wyndham Grand Hotel in Athens.

DAY 3: THURSDAY, MAY 16—CORINTH, CENCHREA, ATHENS

Tour the city of Corinth, where the apostle Paul met fellow tentmakers Aquila and Priscilla; Crispus responded to Paul's preaching; he and many others believed and were baptized; establishing the church at Corinth to whom Paul later wrote his two epistles. Discover the Archaeological Museum, Market Place and Temples. Stand on the Bema, where the apostle Paul stood before Gallio to face charges. Stop briefly at the port town of Cenchreae from which Paul later departed for Syria. Tour the rich architectural splendor of the ancient city of Athens—the Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon and the Erechtheum. We will stand on Mars Hill. View the Agora—where the Apostle Paul preached “Jesus and the resurrection”. See the House of Parliament, the Presidential Palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Dinner and overnight at Wyndham Grand Hotel in Athens.

DAY 4: FRIDAY, MAY 17—MYKONOS

We sail this morning from Athens to the quaint island of Mykonos, called the isle of windmills. Explore the shops and cafes by the waterfront and the maze of walkways by the whitewashed houses.

Dinner and overnight on the Celestial Olympia Cruise Ship.

DAY 5: SATURDAY, MAY 18—EPHESUS, PATMOS

Docking in Turkey, we'll have a tour of ancient Ephesus. See the spectacular excavations of the major streets in this city including the agora, the Odeon, the library, Trajan's Fountain, the residences of the Patricians, the Prytaneum, and the Temple of Hadrian. The Great Theatre, built in the 4th century B.C. Visit the Isle of Patmos and tour the fortified monastery of St. John where he received and wrote the book of Revelation.

Dinner and overnight on the Celestial Olympia Cruise Ship.

DAY 6: SUNDAY, MAY 19—CRETE, SANTORINI

Crete is the largest and the most rugged of the Greek islands. The Apostle Paul left Titus here with instructions to bring order to the churches on the island. Visit the island of Santorini, perhaps the

most breathtaking of all the Greek islands. Enjoy some free time before returning to the ship for dinner.

Dinner and overnight on the Celestial Olympia Cruise Ship.

DAY 7: MONDAY, MAY 20—METEORA

We disembark the cruise ship and travel northward past Thermopylae where we learn of the famous Spartan battle of 300. We continue through the mountains to Meteora. See the world famous Byzantine monasteries that are perched precariously on summits of gray rock pinnacles of varied and beautiful shapes.

Dinner and overnight at the Amalia Hotel in Kalambaka.

DAY 8: TUESDAY, MAY 21—VERGINA, BERE, KAVALA (ancient Neapolis, where Paul first landed in Europe)

Visit to King Phillip's (Alexander's father) tomb in Vergina, one of the most outstanding finds in all of Greece. Travel to nearby Berea to view the synagogue where Paul preached. Stop at the Bema surrounded by mosaics of Paul.

Dinner and overnight at the Lucy Hotel in Kavala.

DAY 9: WEDNESDAY, MAY 22—KAVALA/PHILIPPI/THESSALONICA

Paul landed in Kavala with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. Luke, the Evangelist, also came here from Troas. See the Roman Aqueduct and the ruins of the Acropolis in this beautifully located city, known since the 5th century as Kavala. Continue on to Philippi where Paul preached his first evangelical sermon and baptized the first Christians on European soil. We will view the baptismal site where Lydia surrendered her life to Christ and visit a crypt dating from the Roman period that is thought to have served as a prison for Paul. See the famous Acropolis, the Market Place, Basilica, and the Theatre.

Dinner and overnight at the Capsis Hotel in Thessaloniki.

DAY 10: THURSDAY, MAY 23—THESSALONICA/ATHENS

Follow the massive battlement Byzantine wall to the citadel for a panoramic view of the city. We will view the old city ramparts; the newly excavated Forum, St. George Church, an ancient Roman monument which was transformed into a church and the Galerius Arch which rises over the famous Via Egnatia. We will also see the White Tower and the Basilica of St. Demetrius. The New Testament books of I & II Thessalonians will come alive to us today as we tour in the delightful harbor city of Thessalonica.

Dinner and overnight at Wyndham Grand Hotel in Athens.

DAY 11: FRIDAY, MAY 24—HOMEWARD BOUND

We transfer to the Athens airport for our flight home to Toronto.

The itinerary is subject to change and may vary in the order you visit.