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The
Holy Scriptures and Israel
Bible Society

THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TOUR

JOURNEY TO GREECE & TURKEY

LED BY GIDEON & IRENE LEVYTAM



Gideon Levytam is the President of The Holy Scriptures & Israel Bible Society of Canada. Gideon & his wife Irene will host you on this amazing journey of the footsteps of the Apostle Paul through Greece & Turkey. Gideon is a Jewish believer in Jesus, Yeshua the Messiah. He was born & raised in Jerusalem, Israel. Gideon & Irene have worked extensively in teaching of the Bible among the Jewish people. Together they have a vast experience in leading groups to Israel, Greece, Turkey & elsewhere. Gideon teaches the Holy Scriptures from a Hebrew-Messianic perspective which will make this tour a unique opportunity to join this journey of a lifetime!



"...Now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you."

Romans 1:10B

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DAY 1 – THURSDAY OCTOBER 19

DEPARTURE FROM TORONTO

Board your flight from Toronto to Athens.

DAY 2 – FRIDAY OCTOBER 20

ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE

Arrival in Greece at Athens airport assistance & transfer to the hotel for overnight in Athens. Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. In Troas, Paul gets a vision in the night: a Macedonian man cries: "Come over to Macedonia and help us" ([Acts 16:9-10](#)). This is how the Gospel comes to Europe. (D)

DAY 3 – SATURDAY OCTOBER 21

ANCIENT CORINTH

We will leave Athens early in the morning & after a short stop at the **Corinth Canal**, continue to **Ancient Corinth** for an extended visit of this important place. The Apostle Paul served for 18 months, working as a tentmaker, sharing the Gospel of the Messiah with many Jews & Gentiles. It was here that he wrote 2 letters to the Corinthians. After this impressive visit, we drive on to **Kenchreai**. According to ([Acts 18:18](#)), the Apostle Paul stopped there during his second missionary journey. Here he had his hair cut to fulfill a vow. Paul mentions that place & a woman named Phoebe who was a part of the local assembly in his epistle to the Romans ([Romans 16:1](#)). Overnight in Athens (B, D)

DAY 4 – SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

ANCIENT AGORA

Today we will visit the **Ancient Agora** (the heart of Ancient Athens, the focus of political, commercial & social activity, the religious & cultural centre & the seat of justice). Paul used to visit & preach God's Word in this area. Then on foot over a nice paved way we will reach the impressive **New Holocaust Memorial of Greek Jewish Community**, which is the point in which on March 24, 1944, the Germans entrapped & arrested the Greek Jews. The last visit today will be to the close-by Ancient Cemetery of Athens, called **Kerameikos**, dating from the 8th century BC. Here the Apostle Paul entered the city through the Dipylon Gate, the main gate in the city wall of Classical Athens leading to the **Acropolis** & the **Areopagus (Mars Hill)**. After these visits, we will meet the bus again for an orientating panoramic city tour of Athens with two photo-stops. After this, return to the hotel. Overnight in Athens (B, D)



DAY 5 – MONDAY OCTOBER 23

KALAMBAKA - KASTRAKI

We leave early today to visit the most famous monument of Athens, **the Acropolis** with its majestic Parthenon. A stop will be made at the **Areopagus (Mars Hill)**, right underneath the Acropolis ([Acts 17:19-31](#)) For as I pass by & beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, to the unknown God. Whom therefore you ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you ([Acts 17:23](#)). We drive to Kalambaka with 2 stops on the way. Overnight in Kastraki (B, D)

DAY 6 – TUESDAY OCTOBER 24

KMETEORA – VERIA - THESSALONIKI

Drive up to the Majestic **Meteora Monasteries** – "Hanging between heaven and earth". Visit of 2 of these impressive Monasteries. Then we continue to Berea (Veria) where the Jews in the synagogue were more noble than those of Thessalonica ([Acts 17:11](#)). Many came to the faith in the Lord Jesus the Messiah, as many Gentile women & not a few men. The pattern of opposition is repeated. Opposition to the Gospel in Thessalonica brought about the necessity to escort Paul to the coast where he embarked for Athens. ([Acts 17:10-14](#)). Then we will depart **Veria (biblical Berea)** & stop to see St. Paul's Tribune from where it is believed that Paul preached Christ (Messiah). We will walk throughout "Barbouta", the heart of the Jewish district with paved lanes, impressive mansions & the oldest synagogue of Northern Greece with elaborate interior decoration, impressive wood carved ceilings & vivid mosaic tiles. Afterwards, continue to Thessaloniki for overnight. (B, D)



DAY 7 – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25

PHILIPPI - KAVALA

Today we visit three very important places related to the ministry of where the Apostle Paul visited. The location by the river to where **Lydia** was baptized according to the book of Acts (**Acts 16:12-15**). This is where Paul baptized the first individuals that came to faith in Jesus the Messiah. Then we visit **Philippi**, where Paul preached his first message & was imprisoned. **Kavala** (ancient port of Neapolis) where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke & Timothy first set foot in Europe (**Acts 16:11**). Overnight in Thessaloniki. (B, D)



DAY 8 – THURSDAY OCTOBER 26

THESSALONIKI - ATHENS

Today we will make various visits in Thessaloniki, the town where Paul preached during the winters of 49-50 AD & wrote two epistles to the believers in Thessalonica. A visit will be arranged to the Jewish synagogue in Thessaloniki, followed by a panoramic city tour viewing the ancient Agora (a meeting place in the centre of the ancient city) from above. We continue to the '**Ano Poli**', the upper city for a visit of the **Vlatadon Monastery** where according to tradition the monastery is built where Paul preached the Word of God.

Then we will drive to the airport in Thessaloniki to return for a flight to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens, transfer to the hotel. Dinner & overnight in Athens. (B, D)

DAY 9 – FRIDAY OCTOBER 27

CELESTYAL CRUISE - MYKONOS

Embark on a wonderful 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands & Turkey. Breakfast, lunch & dinner are served daily while on board. **Mykonos**, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands, is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings & beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings & traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D on cruise)



DAY 10 – SATURDAY OCTOBER 28

KUSADASI - PATMOS

Today we visit the Turkish port of **Kusadasi** for an included excursion to the ruins of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Paul the Apostle spent three years during his ministry & where its inhabitants were the recipients of Paul's famous epistle. We will also visit the House where supposedly **Miriam**, the mother of **Jesus** was buried. A visit to the ruins includes the Agora, the great theatre & stadium where chariot races took place & gladiatorial combats were held. The Apostle Paul was warned not to enter into that great theatre (**Acts 19:29-31**). We continue our cruise to **Patmos**, the "Jerusalem of the Aegean" & explore the Monastery of John & the Cave of the Apocalypse/Revelation where **John the Evangelist**, inspired by God, wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D on the cruise)



DAY 11 – SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

HERAKLION (CRETE) - SANTORINI, GREECE

Crete is an island where Titus was sent to help believers in Jesus the Messiah to live Godly lives (**Titus 1:1-5**). Enjoy an excursion to the open-air museum of the **Minoan Palace of Knossos**. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums & shopping. Later, we arrive on the fabled island of **Santorini**, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this lovely port on your own or enjoy one of the many excursions. (B, L, D on the cruise)



DAY 12 – MONDAY OCTOBER 30

ATHENS - TOUR ENDS

After an early morning disembarkation, we return on our flight home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes & the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)

"The Grace of our Lord Jesus, Yeshua the Messiah, & the love of God, & the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen."
2 Corinthians 13:14

**EXPERIENCE
THE FOOTSTEPS
OF PAUL
12 DAYS**

**ATHENS – MARS HILL - ACROPOLIS - CORINTH – PATMOS
THESSALONIKI - DELPHI - HERAKLION - SANTORINI
MYKONOS – KAVALA - PHILIPPI - VERIA
KALAMBAKA - METEORA - KUSADASI (Ephesus) and more!**

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\$4599 CAD *



ITINERARY AND ACCOMMODATIONS

- Roundtrip flights Toronto to Athens & flight from Thessaloniki to Athens
- 4 Nights in Athens
- 3 Nights on the Celestyal Olympia Cruise
- 2 Nights in Thessaloniki
- 1 Night in Kastraki
- All ground transfers in Greece (1 piece of luggage per person)
- Licensed English speaking Tour Guide
- Bible teaching from your tour host Gideon Levytam
- 23 Meals (10 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches on cruise, 10 Dinners)
- All entrance fees
- All taxes

*Prices are per person based on double occupancy (add \$1,799 CAD for Single Supplement)

Triple occupancy rate is \$4,499 CAD per person

- Deposit: \$500 CAD per person (refundable until June 1, 2023 - a \$100 CAD pp cancellation fee applies)

- Final Payment: Full payment is due June 1, 2023

- Passports are required for international travel.

Not included in Tour Price:

- Gratuities: Tips to Tour Guide, Driver & Waiters (suggested per person per day:

Guide \$6 USD, Driver \$3 USD, Dining Room Staff \$3 USD).

- Some lunches not included as indicated above



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