# MISSION MINDED GETAWAY

# FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL CHRISTIAN COUPLES GETAWAY GREECE TOUR



## Tour Highlights

- 8 Days / 7 Nights' Accommodations
- Cities: Athens, Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Kavala, Kalambaka, Delphi, Corinth
- Stunning Parthenon, Erechtheion and Propylaea
- Morning Teaching Sessions after breakfast, and then after Dinner Evening Teaching Session (notated in the itinerary of which days the sessions are)
- (optional add on) Day 7 an island visit to
   Santorini (optional) cost of \$400 (on a free day)

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Apostle Paul's missionary journey is filled with stunning scenery and adventurous explorations where the New Testament church began.



#### Day 1: ATHENS ARRIVAL / THESSALONIKI

Welcome to the magnificent country of Greece! Today, you will arrive at Athens Airport, then take the connecting flight to Thessaloniki to have your delightful dinner and overnight stay.





# Day 2: THESSALONIKI / PHILIPPI / KAVALA / THESSALONIKI

Good Morning! Have your delicious breakfast at the hotel. After you enjoy your breakfast, a morning teaching session will be held at the hotel.

Get yourself ready because today, you will be visiting the city of Philippi where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity.

In here, Paul baptized a certain woman named Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe. The Roman forum, completely excavated, is from after Paul's time.

Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road is the prison where Paul and Silas were thrown.

You will continue your journey into the modern port city of Kavala, a city in northern Greece, the principal seaport of eastern Macedonia, and the capital of the Kavala regional unit.

It is situated on the Bay of Kavala, across from the island of Thasos and on the Egnatia motorway, a one-and-a-half-hour drive to Thessaloniki and a forty-minute drive to Drama and Xanthi and an ancient Neapolis, where Paul accompanied by Silas, Luke, and Timothy, first set foot in Europe.

Enjoy your delightful dinner and overnight stay in Thessaloniki. Morning Teaching Session after breakfast.

#### Day 3: THESSALONIKI / KALAMBAKA

Good day! Rise and shine. Have your breakfast at the hotel. After you enjoy your breakfast, a morning teaching session will be held at the hotel.

You will be on a Thessaloniki City Tour wherein you will discover how Paul preached in Thessaloniki during the winters of 49-50 AD and wrote two epistles to the ancient Thessalonians.

See also the ramparts of the city, the triumphal Arch of Galerius or Kamara, and the Rotunda are neighboring early 4th-century AD monuments in the city of Thessaloniki, in the region of Central Macedonia in northern Greece.

Straddling the Via Egnatia, a road constructed by the Romans in the 2nd century BC. It crossed Illyricum, Macedonia, and Thracia, running through territory that is now part of modern Albania, North Macedonia, Greece, and European Turkey as a continuation of the Via Appia, once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire.

You will then depart for Meteora Monasteries. The Meteora is a rock formation in central Greece hosting one of the largest and most precipitously built complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries, second in importance only to Mount Athos.

The six monasteries are built on immense natural pillars and hill-like rounded boulders that dominate the local area.

End your day with dinner and an overnight stay in Kalambaka Morning Teaching Session after breakfast. Evening session after dinner.



#### Day 4: KALAMBAKA / DELPHI

Enjoy your hearty breakfast at the hotel. After you enjoy your breakfast, a morning teaching session will be held at the hotel.

Today, you will visit Meteora Monasteries, among striking scenery, perched on top of huge rocks, which seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand ageless monasteries, where you can see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art.

Continue your tour to Delphi and have an awesome dinner and overnight stay.

Morning Teaching Session after breakfast.

Evening session after dinner.





You will relish your breakfast at the hotel for today you will be on a visit to Delphi, the center of the Ancient world – the "omphalos" (navel) of the earth – whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world.

On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios.

Delphi in legend previously called Pytho, in ancient times, was a sacred precinct that served as the seat of Pythia, the major oracle who was consulted about important decisions throughout the ancient classical world.

The oracle was international in character and also fostered sentiments of Greek nationality, even though the nation of Greece was centuries away from realization.

You will then visit and continue your journey to Athens and have a wonderful dinner and overnight stay

Morning Teaching Session after breakfast. Evening session after dinner.

### Day 6: ATHENS / CORINTH / ATHENS

Rise and shine! Have your delightful breakfast at the hotel. After you enjoy your breakfast, a morning teaching session will be held at the hotel.

You will visit the Acropolis to see the ruins of the Parthenon, a temple that dominates the hill of the Acropolis at Athens. It was built in the mid-5th century BCE and dedicated to the Greek goddess Athena Parthenos ("Athena the Virgin").

The Erechtheion or Erechtheum is an ancient Greek temple on the north side of the Acropolis of Athens in Greece which was dedicated to both Athena and Poseidon

Then the Propylaea is a monumental gateway. The prototypical Greek example is the propylaea that serve as the entrance to the Acropolis of Athens.

You shall also ascend Mars Hill and view the Agora, an ancient marketplace where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians. You will also see the House of Parliament, the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Presidential Palace, Hadrian's Arch, and the Panathenaic Stadium.

You will continue your tour to Ancient Corinth. Hereunder the shadow of the towering Acropolis. St. Paul preached and lived for two years. The vigorous and mostly Gentile Church he founded here in 50 AD caused him much grief and prompted him to write at least four letters to them.

Visit also the ruins of the ancient city where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla and see the remains of first-century shops, the agora where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, the Fountain of Peirene, Temple of Apollo, and the Bema.

You will then return to Athens and have a delicious dinner and overnight stay Morning Teaching Session after breakfast. Evening session after dinner.



#### Day 7: ATHENS

Rise and shine! Have your delightful breakfast at the hotel. Today is a day to spend at your leisure. Relax around the hotel, take a stroll, enjoy your day!

Or you could have an option to visit the Island of Santorini (cost of \$400).

Morning Teaching Session after Breakfast.



Good Morning! Get yourself ready because you will be transferred to the Athens Airport to board your flight back home.



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