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Athens, Greece

In the Footsteps of St Paul: Pilgrimage to Greece & Medjugorje

Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- 10 Nights Accommodation at Centrally Located First Class Hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - 2 nights: Jul 09 – 11: Hotel Lazart, Thessaloniki
 - 1 night: Jul 11 – 12: Hotel Divani, Meteora, Greece
 - 1 night: Jul 12 – 13: Hotel Amalia, Nafsika Palace or Hotel Olympic, Delphi, Greece
 - 2 nights: Jul 13 – 15: Hotel Athens Avenue, Athens, Greece
 - 4 nights: Jul 15 – 19: Hotel or Vila Grace, Medjugorje
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Wine and Mineral Water with Dinners
- Transfers as per Itinerary
- Transportation by Air-Conditioned Motor Coach
- Whisper Headsets Where Needed
- Assistance of a Professional Local Catholic Guide
- Sightseeing and Admissions Fees as per Itinerary
- Mass Daily & Spiritual Activities
- Luggage Handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight Bag & PDF Digital Confirmation of all Travel Documents

July 08 – 19, 2024

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Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Mon, Jul 08: Depart for Greece

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Tue, Jul 09: Arrive at Thessaloniki

Upon landing at Macedonia Thessaloniki Airport, your tour guide and/or driver will escort you to your hotel. Enjoy some time to relax after check in and then enjoy a delicious meal. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day 3, Wed, Jul 10: Philippi - Kavala - Thessaloniki

After breakfast, start your journey in Greece with the first stop of the day in Philippi. Philippi was the city where Saint Paul the Apostle delivered his first sermon and where he established the first church in Europe. "And from there (He went) to Philippi, which is the leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman Colony. We remained in this city some days..." (Acts 16:12-18). Also, it is the site where Saint Paul baptized a woman named Lydia, the first convert to Christianity in Europe. Visit the Roman Forum, where Saint Paul cast a spirit out of a fortune-telling woman. While here, you will have the opportunity to view the prison (now in ruins) in which Saint Paul and Silas were thrown into by the owners of the fortune-tellers. Continue to the modern port city of Kavala, which was once the ancient Neapolis. This port is where Saint Paul, Silas, Luke and Timothy landed when they sailed into Europe. After enjoying this city by the sea, return to Thessaloniki for a delicious meal and restful overnight.

Day 4, Thu, Jul 11: Thessaloniki City Tour - Kalambaka

Start your day with breakfast at the hotel. In the winter of 49-50 A.D., Saint Paul wrote two epistles to the Thessalonians. These letters urged Christians to "live blamelessly" and to refrain from living idly while they wait for the second coming of Christ. While in Thessaloniki, you will witness a number of ancient artifacts, such as the triumphal Arch of Galerius that is found at the start of Via Egnatia. Due to the convenient location, this arch was once a strategic artery of the Roman Empire. It was originally constructed in order to honor the Roman Emperor Galerius following the Roman victory over the Persians. Following your city-tour, transfer to Kalambaka. This evening, you will have a wonderful meal and a relaxing overnight in Kalambaka.

Day 5, Fri, Jul 12: Meteora - Delphi

After breakfast, you will go for a short drive to the Meteora Monasteries. In the eleventh century, there were monks who settled within caves. However, as the occupation of the Turkish increased, the monks were forced to move their settlements higher upon the rocks until they were unreachable by any opposing enemy. These settlements became Monasteries by bringing building, and living, materials by ladders and baskets. The Meteora Monasteries are notorious for preserving not only the Hellenic religion, but also, their academics and arts. During your visit, you will be able to view stunning Byzantine art, as well as the breathtaking scenery that surrounds the Monastery. Continue to Delphi for dinner and an overnight.

Day 6, Sat, Jul 13: Delphi - Athens

Visit Delphi, the center of the ancient world (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 Pthios. Visit the site and the museum and continue to Athens, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription "to an unknown God". What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you..." Athens is one of the most glorious cities in the world and the cradle of western civilization as we know it today. Dinner and an overnight at your hotel in Athens.

Day 7, Sun, Jul 14: Athens - Excursion to Corinth

After a nice breakfast at the hotel, you will start with a tour of the oldest city in the world, Athens! Visit the rock that has dominated the panorama of Athens for twenty-five centuries, the Acropolis. At the Acropolis, you will see the ruins of the Parthenon, Erectheum, and Propylae. After, you will ascend Mars Hill of where Saint Paul spoke to the Athenians. At this site, Paul spoke to the Athenians about the one and only God (Acts 17:22). While in this city, you will be able to view the ancient Agora, the former public center of Athenian life. It held the focus of a political, commercial, social, religious, and cultural center. As you are in the former political center, proceed for a drive through the city to view the House of Parliament on Syntagma Square. Also, you will have the opportunity to view the University of Athens, the oldest higher education institute in Greece, as well as, the National Library of Greece that holds 4,500 Greek manuscripts. Then, visit Panathenaic Stadium, the beautifully marbled multi-purpose stadium. It is home to the Olympian Zeus, and is the site of the first modern era Olympics (1896). Following your visit in Athens, you will proceed to the ancient Corinth. Under the shadow of the towering Acropolis, Saint Paul lived in Corinth for two years. While here, Saint Paul felt great grief over the way that the Gentile Church in Corinth has become. As a result, he was prompted to write four letters, all with the overarching theme of love. In Corinth, you will have the opportunity to view the remains of the first century shops, the site of Saint Paul's trial by Gallio, the Fountain of Peirene, and the Temple of Apollo. Following your visit to Corinth, return to Athens for a delicious meal and an overnight.

Day 8, Mon, Jul 15: Athens Airport - Medjugorje

In the early morning, transfer back to Thessaloniki Airport for your quick flight to Medjugorje. Arrive at your European connecting airport where you will board your flight(s) to Dubrovnik, Split or Sarajevo. Upon arrival, you will find your luggage and exit the baggage claim into the Arrivals Hall, where you will be greeted by a tour guide and/or driver. You will be escorted to the vehicle which will then take you on the 2.5 hour drive to the village of Medjugorje. Once there, you will meet your fellow pilgrims and spiritual leader. You will also be introduced to your host family, in whose comfortable yet modest inn you will be staying for the next several nights. Enjoy a delicious dinner before retiring for the evening.

Days 9 - 11, Tue - Thu, Jul 16 - 18: Medjugorje

Over the next few days, you will have the opportunity to participate in the many spiritually enriching experiences which Medjugorje has to offer. A local guide will accompany your group throughout your stay in the village. Attend daily Mass at St. James Church, climb Mt. Krizevac, climb Apparition Hill, participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, visit the Community of Cenacolo, meet with the visionaries (pending their availability), pray at the Statue of the Risen Jesus, and more.

Day 12, Fri, Jul 19: Medjugorje - USA

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, you will leave by motor coach for Dubrovnik, Split or Sarajevo for return flights home.

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