



***Greece & Turkey~ In the footsteps of St. Paul
12 Days: March 10-21,2025***

***With our Spiritual Director:
Fr. Sinisa Ubiparipovic***

*Information meeting on September 18
& 25th from 8-9pm in the small hall.
October 2nd from 8-9pm on Zoom*

Package Price: Land only: \$2,895

Airfare: \$980 contact Fr. Sinisa: Frsinisa@gmail.com

Price includes: Hotels on H/B basis, transportation, tour guide,
all entrance fees and is based on double occupancy. Single room is available at a supplement of \$750.

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Mar 10, Mon: Departure 21:00 BOS TK0082

Mar 11, Tue: Arrival- Athens 15:00 TK1849

Upon arrival at Athens airport, we will meet our Tour Leader and Driver then transfer to our hotel in Athens for dinner & overnight.

Mar 12, Wed: ATHENS-CORINTH-ATHENS

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer to 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, We 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. Afterwards we return to Athens to visit the rock that has dominated the panorama of Athens for twenty-five centuries, the Acropolis. At the Acropolis, we will see the ruins of the Parthenon, Erectheum, and Propylae. After, we 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, we 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. 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). Dinner & overnight at our hotel.

Mar 13, Thu: Athens-Delphi- Kalambaka

After breakfast, we will depart towards Delphi. Delphi is the famous oracle where the priestess of Apollo, Pitia, influenced, with their prophecies the history of cities and states of antiquity. Visit the archaeological site and museum. The museum houses an impressive collection associated with ancient Delphi, including the earliest known notation of a melody, the famous Charioteer, golden treasures discovered beneath the Sacred Way, and fragments of reliefs from the Siphnian Treasury. Close to the exit is the inscription that mentions the Roman proconsul Gallio. The reference to proconsul Gallio in the inscription provides an important marker for developing a chronology of the life of Apostle Paul by relating it to the trial of Paul in Achaea mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (18:12-17). Near there you will find the famous Monastery of Hosios Loukas.

This is a historic walled monastery and one of the most important monuments of Middle Byzantine architecture and art, and has been listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Sites. The day will end with dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

Mar 14, Fri: Kalambaka-Meteora (the Hanging Monasteries)- Veria-Thessaloniki

Following breakfast we will visit the spectacular Meteora, the UNESCO World Heritage Site, which is a mountainous region of stunning scenery. We will see hundred-year-old Byzantine monasteries on top of huge rocks, during the Middle Ages, first built in the 14th century by monks seeking isolation and salvation. We will visit the most famous of them, which is now a popular museum, the Great Meteoron, to admire superb icons, old manuscripts, unique mosaics and frescoes. Departure to Veria (Berea), another town evangelized by Paul (Acts 17.10-14). When Saint Paul visited this town in AD50, he came across a more "noble" Jewish community where he preached and created an important Church. This is where Paul met Sopatros, who would later become a valuable comrade who followed him on his return journey to Asia. We will continue to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

Mar 15, Sat: Thessaloniki- Philippi-Kavala

After breakfast we start our day in Thessaloniki, with a visit to the Roman Market, Theater, and Baths. Jason's House is now called the Church of Agios Nikolaos Orfanos. The site where the monastery of Vlatadon was built is believed to be the location where Jason's house once stood and where Paul was accommodated during his visit to Thessa loniki. Next, drive to Philippi where Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christianity. Here is where Paul baptized Lydia as the first Christian convert in Europe. The Roman forum, completely exca vated, is from after Paul's time. Among the ruins, located on the rocky ledge above the town's main road is the pris on where Paul and Silas were confined. Continue into the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where Paul first set foot in Europe accompanied by Silas, Luke, and Timothy. Spend the night in Kavala.

Mar 16, Sun: Kavala- Canakkale

Today we leave Greece behind and cross the border into Turkey, taking a ferry across Straits of the Dardanelles to Canakkale. Dinner & Overnight in Canakkale.

Mar 17, Mon: Canakkale-Pergamum-Izmir

Today, drive to Pergamum (modern day Bergama) and visit one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Here, view the ancient ruins of the famous temples dedicated to the healing gods of Asklepios and Serapis, along with the Acropolis, the Temple of Athens, and the Trajan Temple. This city was considered diabolical by early Christians because of the many pagan temples located here. Then continue to Izmir, ancient Smyrna, and one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Smyrna is hidden under modern Izmir. Dinner & overnight in Izmir.

Mar 18, Tue: Kusadasi- Excursion to Ephesus

Breakfast at hotel. We then transfer to the small village of Mt. Koressos. Visit the stone chapel situated upon the site, where the Virgin Mary spent her last days following the crucifixion of Christ. Following this visit, walk through the Magnesian Gate to the ancient Ephesus. Enjoy a walking tour that will take you through the most magnificent excavations in the world. Some of the sites include the Odeon (concert hall), the Fountain of Trajan, the Scholastica, the Temple of Hadrian and the Latrines, the Library of Celsus. The last stop on the walking tour is the Great Theatre. The largest ancient theatre with a capacity of 25,000 people and is a site where Saint Paul preached. This main street runs from the Great Theatre to the city harbor. On our transfer back to Kusadasi, we visit the Basilica of Saint John. In the sixth century, Emperor Justinian erected this

structure over the grave of the evangelist, John. Dinner & overnight at the hotel.

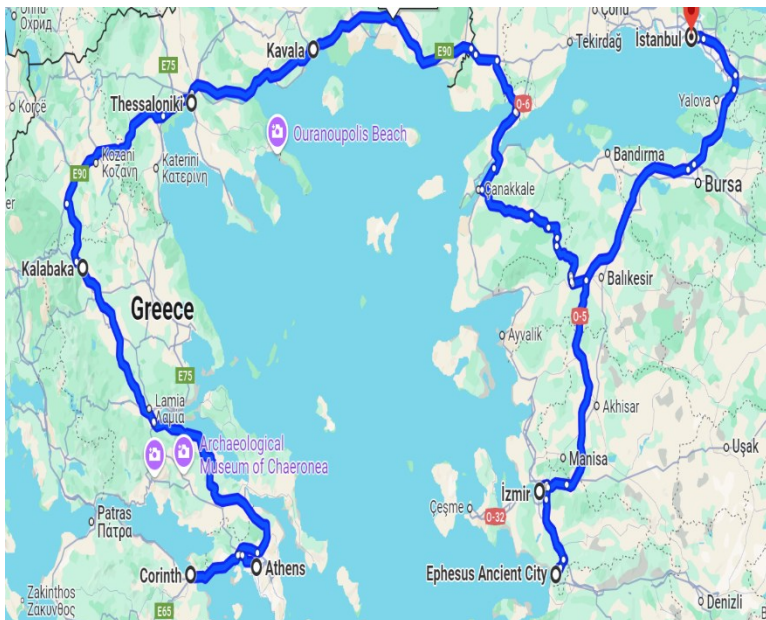
Mar 19, Wed: Izmir- Istanbul-Haghia Sophia

After an early breakfast we leave to Istanbul, about (5 hour) drive. Upon arrival, we will visit Haghia Sophia; is the former Orthodox Christian patriarchal cathedral, later an Ottoman imperial mosque and now a museum & mosque in Istanbul, Turkey. Built in 360 AD. It is considered the epitome of Byzantine architecture and is said to have "changed the history of architecture". Dinner & overnight at our hotel in Istanbul.

Mar 20, Thu: Istanbul city tour-Grand Bazaar

After Breakfast we continue our City tour ; See the Byzantine Hippodrome, visit the Blue Mosque (famous for its mosaics), visit the Binbirdirek Byzantine Cistern IF THE BYZANTINE BASILICA CISTERN YEREBATAN IS CLOSED. Other alternatives will be to visit the fascinating Istanbul Archaeological Museum or the Galata Tower IF THE CHORA CHURCH MUSEUM REMAINS CLOSED FOR RESTORATION. and finally, the Grand Bazaar (free time). Return to the hotel for dinner & overnight.

Mar 21, Fri: Return Home from Istanbul. 15:30 TK0081



Package details

Price includes:

Hotels on H/B basis (10 nights-Breakfast & dinner included)

- ❖ 2 overnights in Athens Stanley hotel or similar.
 - ❖ 1 overnight in Kalambaka at Amalia hotel or similar
 - ❖ 1 overnight in Thessaloniki at Capsis hotel or similar
 - ❖ 1 overnight in Kavala at Lucy Hotel or similar
 - ❖ 1 overnight in Canakkale at Buyuk Truva Hotel or similar
 - ❖ 1 overnight in Izmir at Park Inn by Radisson Hotel or similar
 - ❖ 1 overnight in Kusadasi at İlayda Avantgarde Hotel or similar
 - ❖ 2 overnights in Istanbul at Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Hotel,or similar
- Private deluxe motor coach for transfers & touring as per itinerary Government licensed, English speaking guide during tour
 - Hotel City tax
 - All entrance fees to the archaeological, historical sites and museums as outlined in the itinerary.
 - Greek-Turkish border passage fees All VAT, road tolls & local service charges
 - Masses as per itinerary where possible.
 - Headset guide system

Price Excludes:

- Meals not mentioned above. Lunches.
- Travel Insurance recommended (Can be purchased through our website www.bibletrektours.com)
- Drinks and beverages
- International air tickets.
- All personal expenses.
- Valid Passport for at least 3 months & visa fees (it is the responsibility of the passenger to have all necessary documentation in their possession before travelling). Consult the appropriate consulate(s) for information on their passport requirements.
- Baggage insurance & excess baggage.
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as being included.
- All tips & gratuities to local tour-guides, hotel & restaurant staff

Unexpected circumstances may cause changes to the itinerary!

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Full Name (as written in passport) :

***(Photocopy of your passport is required – must be valid 6 months after your return date)**

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E-mail: _____

Rooming with: _____

Please try to find a roommate for me. *I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.*

I wish a single room at a supplement of \$750. Subject to availability and conformation.

***Tour Cost and Method of Payments:** *(Land only Package without airfare) \$2,895; Price is per person sharing a room. *Airfare: \$980 please contact Fr. Sinisa for airfare booking: Sinisa0387@gmail.com / 617-240-3561*

Method of Payments:

Mail a deposit of \$400.00 per person made payable to **Bible Trek Tours LLC** in a form of a check.

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

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I authorize Bible Trek Tours LLC to charge the standard price amount plus 4% card fees to my credit card listed below. (\$400 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to your card upon your request/authorization per the invoice due date).

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