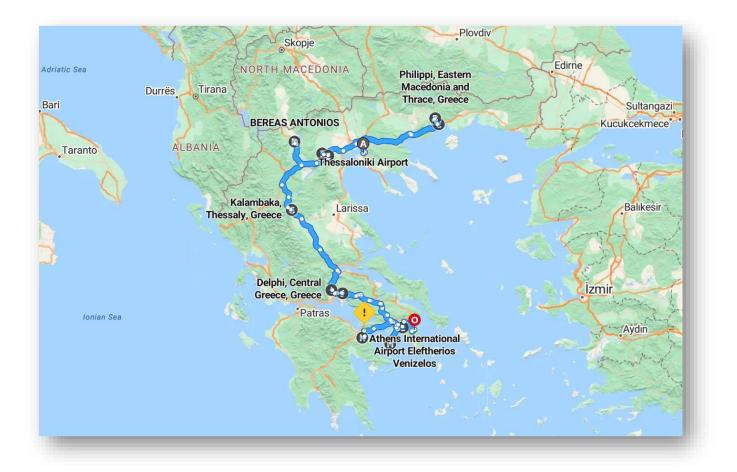
# Greece Group Tour, 2025

Paul's Missionary Journey

# November 3-12, 2025

8 Nights/10 Days (Lufthansa Air)







# **Tentative Itinerary**

Please Note: Daily Itinerary and Hotels are subject to change.

# Day 1 Depart from Atlanta, USA

• Arrive Thesaloniki International Airport

# Day 2 Arrive in Thesaloniki (Thessalonica)

- Thesaloniki is the second largest city in Greece.
- You will explore the city at your own leisure.
- Take a walk by the seaside promenade or explore the city center.
- Overnight stay at AD IMPERIAL Hotel.

The apostle Paul visited Thessalonica on his second missionary journey, traveling there with Silas and Timothy from Philippi. Paul went to the city's main synagogue and preached for at least three weeks. Paul visited Thessalonica multiple times, including in AD 54, AD 55, and AD 64–65. The Christian church Paul established in Thessalonica is still alive today.

# Day 3 Travel to Philippi

## Notable Sites:

- Archaeological site where Paul established a strong church and sent his letter (Acts 16:9-33).
- The river where Lydia is said to have been baptized.
- The ruins of a prison where Paul and Silas were kept.
- The Agora (ancient marketplace).
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Century Basilica and Theater.
- Amphipolis (Lion Statue).
- Kavala, ancient port of Neapolis (Act 16:11): Enjoy a panoramic tour.
- Return to Thesaloniki for an overnight stay at AD IMPERIAL Hotel.

# Day 4 Berea; Verigna/Aigai (Ancient Capital of Macedonia); Kalambaka <u>Notable Sites:</u>

- Sightseeing drive along the upper part of the old city.
- Berea (Acts 17:10-15), Paul and Silas preached in the synagogue and many Jews and Greeks became believers.
- Archaeological site of Verigna/the ancient city of Aigai, the first capital of Macedonia.
- Travel to Kalambaka for overnight stay at DIVANI METEORA Hotel.

# Day 5 Visit Meteora; Thermopylae; Arahova

- Spectacular drive up to Meteora to visit two Monasteries.
- Begin journey to Athens by passing by historical Thermopylae (King Leonidas of Sparta).
- End the day in the beautiful village of Arahova for overnight stay at ELLINON THEA Hotel.

# Day 6 Delphi; Athens

## Notable Sites:

- Oracle of Delphi (considered the center of the ancient world).
- Sanctuary of Apollo.
- Treasury of the Athenians.
- Archaeological Musuem.
- Overnight stay in Athens at DIVANI ACROPOLE (or comparable) Hotel.

## Day 7 Athens

## Notable Sites:

- Acropolis Hill; Parthenon; Erechtheion Temple.
- Mars' Hill/Areopagus (Acts 17:22). Paul's soul-stirring sermon to the Greek philosophers about their "unknown god".
- Panoramic sightseeing of city highlights.
- Overnight stay in Athens at DIVANI ACROPOLE (or comparable) Hotel.

# Day 8 Athens

## Notable Sites:

- Saronic Gulf, photo stop at historic Corinth Canal.
- Tour of Corinth, Archaeological Site (Acts 18:1-8). Paul lived and worked in Corinth, establishing a thriving church and sending two letters to the Corinthians.
- Return to Athens for Farewell Dinner and overnight stay at DIVANI ACROPOLE (or comparable) Hotel.

# Day 9 Aegina; Athens

• Day tour to Greek Island of Aegina.

Aegina is one of the Saronic Islands of Greece in the Saronic Gulf. It is the closest Island to Athens. Aegina is a beautiful, fertile, and verdant island, full of pine trees and olive trees, picturesque villages with lovely architecture, fine beaches and interesting archaeological monuments, such as the beautiful Temple of Aphaia, built in the 5th century BC, and considered the finest archaeological monument of the Saronic Gulf and the Aegean.

- Free afternoon in Athens.
- Overnight stay in Athens at DIVANI ACROPOLE (or comparable) Hotel.

# Day 10 Depart Athens International Airport

• Arrive in Atlanta, USA

# **Trip Information**

# Greece, 2025

# Registration Application & Deposit Due: January 15, 2025

# Trip Dates: November 10-19, 2025 Total Price: \$5,000.00 (approx.)

## Single Room Supplement: \$940.00

## Payment Options:

- ½ Payment February 1, 2025
- ½ Payment August 1, 2025

## Monthly Payments: \$600.00

- Non-Refundable Deposit Due: January 15, 2025
- Monthly Payments Due: Feb 1 Sept 1

\*Final Payment will be adjusted per final trip cost\*

## Included in Cost:

- Flights
- Bus transportation to Atlanta airport
- Luxury Bus Travel with English Speaking Driver in Greece
- English Speaking Tour Guide
- 8 Overnight Hotel Stays
- 8 Dinners/Breakfasts
- Entrance Fees to all listed sites
- Hotel Porterage
- Drivers Porterage
- City and VAT Taxes
- Tips for listed meals, hotels & activities
- Whisper Ear Sets for Tours
- 2 Bottles of Water Daily
- Civil Liability Insurance
- Secondary Medical Travel Insurance (Pre-existing is not covered)
- Trip Cancellation Insurance (Not Cancel for Any Reason)

## NOT Included in Cost:

- Personal Expenses (drinks, snacks, additional tips)
- Lunches
- Souvenirs
- Activities or Excursions on Free Days

# Travel Information Greece, 2025

## **Airline Baggage**

TBD

## Weather

The average high temperature in Athens, Greece in November is 65, with the average low being 53. November averages 4 days of rainfall.

### Passport

DO NOT FORGET YOUR PASSPORT! Keep your original Passport with you (do not pack in checked luggage). Your passport is the only ID you can use, take it with you everywhere you go.

However, you should make a copy of your passport and keep it in a separate bag (you can't use the copy to travel, but if you lose your passport, having a copy may help speed up the process).

Your Passport Expiration Date can't be within six months of travel; therefore, your Expiration Date must be after May 13, 2026.

### **Other Documents**

Bring your insurance cards and driver's license.

### Credit / Debit Cards

It is recommended that you bring one credit card, in case of emergencies. Be sure to let your bank and/or credit card company know you'll be travelling in Greece. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are widely accepted. American Express is not widely accepted in Greece.

#### **Money Exchange**

The US Dollar is NOT accepted in Greece. You will need to exchange your Dollars for Euros prior to travel. Check with your bank soon to see if they offer currency exchange and the process for the exchange. You would most likely need to order the Euros a week or more prior to travel. Not all banks do currency exchange. If you have difficulty in finding a place to exchange your currency, please let the Association know, and we will assist you.

Yael Travel Agency suggests 300-500 Euros should be sufficient for lunches, snacks, souvenirs, etc. They also suggest only bringing smaller donations. Don't bring 100 Euro notes. (You will also be able to use a credit card at most locations.)

## How to Dress

Dress should be comfortable, yet modest. Bring light jacket or laying options. Very Important: Wear comfortable walking shoes.

#### **Special Items You Will Need**

Sunglasses, wide-brimmed hat, comfortable walking shoes, sunblock, bathing/swimsuit (for hotel swimming pools).

### Medications

All medicines (prescriptions and over-the-counter) must be in their original bottles. You should pack medicines in your carry-on, just in case your checked bag becomes lost. While you most likely wouldn't need them, as a precaution, you might want to have anti-diarrhea medicines, motion sickness medicines/patches or antibiotics with you.

### Vaccines/Shots

No special vaccinations are required. It is recommended that all routine childhood vaccines be up to date.

### Pharmacy

Pharmacies are available in every major city in Greece.

### **Medical Insurance**

U.S. Medicare is not accepted overseas. Many private health plans do not provide coverage overseas. (Check with your company to see if they do provide coverage in Greece). Secondary travel insurance will be provided for you as part of your trip cost.

## Phones (Calling/Messaging the U.S.)

To contact family in the US, we recommend using smartphone apps, such as Skype, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, etc. Wi-Fi will be available in the airport, hotels and on the tour bus.

Unless your data plan includes Greece, you will be charged data fees for using your phone for regular texting/calling. (Tip: Set your phone on "airplane mode", and then turn on "Wi-Fi". This way, you won't be able to use the data, calling or texting features of your phone, which would most likely charge you with roaming fees. You can still use all your apps, when you are connected to Wi-Fi.)

You can also purchase a calling card to use with a public phone. You also have the option of purchasing a temporary SIM card to use with your smartphone (available from several places in the airport and all across Greece). While the temporary SIM card offers the most convenience (a constant internet connection and phone calls), this is the more expensive option.

#### Water

Tap water in Greece is considered safe to drink. However, we still recommend drinking bottled water when possible.

#### **Electricity and Power**

Power Adapter: You will need a power adapter to plug in electronics in Greece. You will need a Type A/B to Type C/F. These can be purchased from Amazon for approximately \$20.00

Hair dryers are available in most hotel rooms in Greece. However, if you bring your own hair dryer, you should make sure it's dual voltage or bring an adapter **and** voltage converter

Voltage converters are more expensive than the simple adapters and they are heavy (which is inconvenient for travel/luggage).

For charging mobile phones or laptops, only the simple adapter is needed.

Please note: Past travel groups were able to use the simple adapter for CPAP machines, and most other devices.