

# Greece & Italy

2024

- The trip will take place in case of a group of 16 people
- Accommodation at 4-5\* hotels, or hotels of the appropriate level.
- Departure dates may vary +/- 1-2 days depend on the flight's departures.
- Rate is valid with a deposit of \$500 at the moment of registration. Please, note, \$200 is non-refundable administrative fee in any dates in any case even due to war, conflicts etc.

We do understand plannes may change – please, see carefully all cancellation terms and conditions at our website.



DEPARTURE DATE

NOV 08 - NOV 16, 2024



PRICE / PERSON

\$3,999.00



DAY 1 – Friday: NEW YORK / ISTANBUL Tour members are welcomed for our departing flight to Istanbul via wide-body aircraft arriving the next day. Meals served on board.

DAY 2 – Saturday: ATHENS This morning we arrive in Istanbul and transfer to our flight to Athens. This afternoon we arrive in Athens and be met and transferred to our hotel for check in. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 3 – Sunday: ATHENS / CORINTH This morning we start our tour of Athens by visiting the important modern and archaeological sites in the city of Athens, the Acropolis and neighboring monuments. While driving through the main streets of Athens, we have an opportunity to see other places of interest such as the University, the Academy, the National Library, the Temple of Zeus, the Panathenian Stadium, Omonia Square, Constitution Square and the Royal Palace. This afternoon we drive along the coastal road to Corinth. Continue along the wonderful beach of Kinetta, make a brief stop at the Corinth Canal, then on to ancient Corinth to visit the Museum, the Bema of St. Paul, the Doric Temple of Apollo, the Askeleion, Agora, Lechaion Road, and the Peirene Fountain. Return to our hotel for dinner overnight.

DAY 4 – Monday: ATEHNS / MYCENAE / PATRAS This morning we board our bus and begin our journey to Mycenae. The Mycenaean's were fierce warriors and great engineers who designed and built remarkable bridges, fortification walls, and beehive-shaped tombs, all employing Cyclopean masonry and elaborate drainage and irrigation systems. Their palatial centers, "Mycenae rich in gold" and "sandy Pylos," are immortalized in Homer's Iliad and Odyssey. This afternoon drive to Patras port to board our ferry to Bari, Italy. Dinner and overnight on the ferry.

DAY 5 – Tuesday: BARI / POZZUOLI This morning we will disembark our ship and head to Foro Appio and Tres Tabernae - Three Taverns, still on the Appian Way, you reach Pozzuoli. This is the same port where Paul landed...and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli. (Acts 28:13). This afternoon we visit the area of the sea-port and the Roman Amphitheater in order to get a sense of what Paul experienced once he arrived on the mainland of the "Roman Empire". Check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 – Wednesday: POMPEII / MINTURNO / FORO APPIO This morning we go to Pompeii, and have an archeological journey through the ancient city. Pompeii, which was buried under a layer of ash and pumice by a sudden eruption of Mount Vesuvius in the year 79 A.D., is a town whose daily life of the Imperial Age has been petrified. It is as if it were under a spell in its gestures, secrets and in the panic felt by its inhabitants during its last moments. Visiting the "frozen city" creates a feeling similar to that experienced by Paul when he walked through similar streets from his time. Then we will visit the houses, shops, temples, squares, streets and also the "Lupanare" (which was a brothel with its frescos showing erotic scenes) and the "Suburbane Therm" (with erotic frescoes, among which the only saffico-picture of the Roman world). Now you understand the anger of Paul shouting aloud against corruption and perdition of the Romans. Romans 1, 26.... For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature. From Pompeii we go to Minturno, then to Foro Appio for a typical dinner and overnight.

DAY 7 – Thursday: FORO APPIO / TRES TABERNAE/ ROME After breakfast we will have time to meditate on Paul. This was a swamp when Paul arrived here. Stand by the river, full of historical and spiritual meanings. Foro Appio, at "Mansio Hotel" is located in the same place where an ancient Roman "posta" (place where travelers could rest and change their tired horses before continuing their journey). This might be the place where the Sacred Writings remind us of the meeting of Paul with the Christian Communities Acts 28:14 (... "And so we came to Rome. The brothers there had heard that we were coming and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us.") Depart Foro Appio late in the morning and travel towards Rome, stopping a few minutes at the Church of St. Paul (built in the place where he met the Christian Community) of TRES TABERNE - Three Taverns ...and so we went toward Rome. (Acts 28:14.) Then we will continue to Rome. We arrive in Rome in the late morning. In the afternoon we will visit the Roman Forum, Colosseum and Mamertine Prison, where Paul was held. Check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8 – Friday: ROME / VATICAN CITY / CATACOMBS / ST. PAULS’S This morning we visit the Vatican Museum and Gallery (and if time permits Raphael’s Rooms with their wonderful frescoes) the Sistine Chapel – where Michelangelo’s recently restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls – and Pincio Garden. We continue into St.Peter’s Basilica and view Vatican City. This afternoon we visit St. Paul’s Basilica Outside the Walls and the Church of St. Peter in Chains with the famed statue of Moses by Michelangelo. We visit the Old Appian Way and the Catacombs of St. Calixtus, then return to our hotel for dinner.

DAY 9 – Saturday: ROME /USA We will be taken to the airport for our flight home. with memories to cherish always.

Pre Extension Add Northern Greece

DAY 1 – Monday: NEW YORK / ATHENS Tour members are welcomed at JFK International Airport for our departing flight to Athens via wide body aircraft arriving the next day. Meals served on board.

DAY 2 – Tuesday: ATHENS / KAVALA This morning we arrive in Athens and transfer to our flight to Thessaloniki. We then board our bus for a transfer to Kavala, known as Neapolis in Acts 16. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 3 – Wednesday: KAVALA / PHILIPPI / THESSALONIKI This morning we visit Philippi, named after Philip of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great. In Philippi, the Apostle first proclaimed the Gospel in Europe and was thrown in Prison (Acts 16). We’ll visit the prison, theater, Forum and Lydia’s Baptistry. The Epistle to the Philippians was written to the people of this city. We proceed to Thessaloniki, birthplace of Aristotle, where we see the Rotonda, Triumphal Arch of Galerius, the sea front and the White Tower. We continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 4 – Thursday: THESSALONIKI / KALAMBAKA This morning we continue on to Pella, birthplace of Alexander, where we see excavations, mosaic floors and artifacts from the 4th century BC. Visit nearby Vergina with the tomb of Alexander the Great and then on to Veria, or Beroea, where Paul found people who eagerly received his message, “examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were true” (Acts 17:11). Continue our drive to Kozani and on to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 – Friday: KALAMBAKA / DELPHI This morning we visit Meteora, a cluster of pillars of rock, and the “Hanging Monasteries” perched on top of rock cliffs. There are 13 monasteries here, only 4 of which are inhabited by monks. We continue our drive through the beautiful scenery of Greece. Imagine Paul walking with his followers and teaching them God’s word as they continued down the road. Our bus will take us through Larissa, Lamia and Trikala and on to Delphi for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 – Saturday: DELPHI / ATHENS This morning in Delphi we visit the museum with the famous Bronze Charioteer and other items that date back to the time of Paul. We visit the Temple of Apollo, where Paul must have spoken to the people about the Living God, continue to the Theater, the Athenian Treasury and the Castalian Spring. We then follow Paul’s ministry south as we travel on the national highway through famous Thebes, Levadia and the village of Arachova. Continue to the hotel in Athens where we check in for dinner.

\* \* The route, as well as the order of visiting places, may be changed due to quarantine restrictions, as well as for safety reasons or due to the weather, road repair work etc.

**Package includes:**

- International Airfare from NY
- Handpicked Hotels
- Guided Tours
- Portable Listening Devices
- Entrance Fees
- Deluxe A/C Buses
- Buffet Breakfasts & Dinners
- Gratuities & Tips

**Not included:**

- Any lunches
- Drinks and beverages
- Porterage at hotels & airport
- Tips and gratuities to local drivers, guides, escorts, hotel & restaurant, staff
- All personal expenses
- Baggage insurance & excess baggage
- Travel & Medical Health insurance
- Any other items not specifically mentioned as being included