

# PreVision Partnership's "Biblical Tours-with-a-Purpose"

Visit the Ancient Sites & Meet Today's Believers

## Tour Greece in the Footsteps of Paul



**Hosted by: Dr. Peter J. Grant,  
President of PreVision Partnership**

**Dates: November 8<sup>th</sup>-November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**\$1,600 per person for 8-Day Land Only**

(air-fares not included)

(See below for price inclusions and exclusions)

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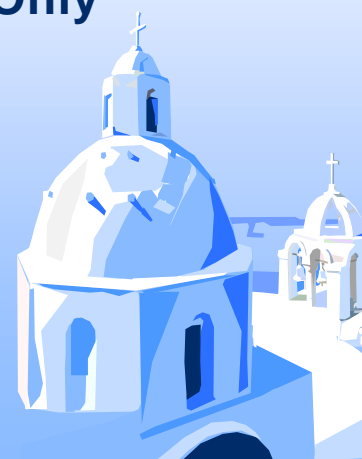
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## **TRIP ITINERARY**

PreVision Partnership's "Biblical Tours-with-a-Purpose" include not only visiting the ancient sites but also understanding the spiritual condition of the people and evangelical presence to-day in Greece. We will be joined for certain meals and events by Greek evangelical believers and others involved in ministry in Greece. This tour starts in Thessaloniki (Thessalonica), in the north of Greece and ends Athens, in the south of Greece (fly into Thessalonica and out of Athens).

### **Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> Day 1 - Arrival / Thessaloniki**

Arrival from USA, Africa, Europe and U.K. at Thessaloniki international airport by early afternoon. Transfer to the hotel is provided, where we will have orientation and introductions over dinner. We may take a walking tour of Thessaloniki after dinner or rest and relax. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

### **Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> Day 2 - Amphipolis - Kavala (Neapolis) - Philippi / Thessaloniki**

After breakfast, we depart for Philippi. On the way we pass by Amphipolis (visited by Paul) where we shall stop for a while and admire the impressive Lion statue. In Philippi, where St. Paul preached his first sermon on European soil, we will see where Paul and Silas were imprisoned (Acts 16:16-40), we will admire the ruins of one of the largest ancient churches ever constructed, we will walk on the Via Egnatia road, and visit the ancient market (Agora). We will also visit the river where the first European convert, Lydia, was baptized (Acts 16:14-15). We return to Thessaloniki via Kavala; built over ancient Neapolis, Kavala was the port of Philippi mentioned in Acts 16:11, where Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke first set foot in Europe. We may also be joined



here by staff from Hellenic Ministries, to share about the church and ministry in Greece. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

### **Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup> Day 3 - Thessaloniki - Veria - Vergina / Thessaloniki**

The day starts with a panoramic tour of Thessaloniki dominated by the massive walls of Theodosius. Paul's reception here was not so good (Acts 17:1-9) but he preached in Thessaloniki and wrote two letters to the Thessalonians. We shall see the famous White Tower, the roman market, the Arch of Galerious and we will visit the impressive basilica of St. Dimitrios. Later we leave the city to drive towards Vergina for a visit to the Royal tombs of King Philip the father of Alexander the Great. We shall also stop by Veria, where a Byzantine mosaic commemorates Paul's preaching. Veria (Biblical "Berea") was visited by St. Paul twice (Acts 17:10; 20:4) and is a fascinating town with over 70 churches; some call it "little Jerusalem". The people of Paul's time "listened eagerly" to his message and a vibrant church was started (Acts 17:11-12). Mineral springs are located all over town and the local tap water is said to be very good. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

### **Wednesday November 11<sup>th</sup> Day 4 - Meteora / Delphi**

We leave Thessaloniki to head south. The drive takes us close to Mount Olympus, Greece's highest mountain at 2918 m, and through the Vale of Tempe. We will visit the majestic Monasteries of Meteora; these Byzantine monasteries, which seem to be suspended in mid-air, are perched atop huge rocks amid spectacular scenery. We will also see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art and iconography. We will stop in the close by town of Kalambaka for a lunch break before we continue our travels south to Delphi. Dinner and overnight in Delphi.

**Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> Day 5 - Delphi / Athens**

Today we will visit Delphi, considered the center of the Ancient World, the Omphalos (navel) of the earth and, after the Acropolis, the most popular archaeological site in Greece. We will admire the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Treasury of the Athenians, and the Museum of Delphi, amidst a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty. Later, we take the road towards Athens passing by the picturesque village of Arachova and visiting the monastery of Osios Loukas, famous for the precious and unique mosaics; the road also goes through Livadia and Thebes. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

**Friday November 13<sup>th</sup> Day 6 - Athens / Athens**

Today is dedicated to the city of Athens. We will take a panoramic tour of Athens, passing by the House of Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown soldier, the Presidential Palace, Panathinaikon Stadium, Hadrian's Arch, and other landmarks. We will also visit the Acropolis, the ruins of Parthenon (considered the world's most perfectly proportioned edifice), the Erechtheion and the Propylaea. On our exit we shall stop at Mars Hill and the Agora, the ancient market, where Paul where St. Paul preached to the Areopagus (Acts 17:19-34). The afternoon will be free to explore more of the city of Athens or visit the old part of the city, the so called Plaka, for shopping. During dinner we will be joined by staff from Hellenic Ministries, to share about the church and ministry in Greece. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

**Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> Day 7 - Corinth / Athens**

After our breakfast, we depart following the coastal road along the Saronic gulf towards the Corinth Canal. Allowing for a short stop at the canal for refreshments and picture taking, we continue on to the site of Ancient Corinth, considered the most beautiful and frivolous city of Roman Greece. St. Paul stayed here for 18 months during his 2nd missionary journey (Acts 18:1-18) and visited this city several times, where many believed and from which he wrote several Epistles; he also wrote two letters to the Corinthians from other places. Under the Acropolis of Corinth (Akrocorinthos), we shall visit the ruins of the ancient city where Paul worked with Aquila and Priscilla; we shall see the agora (market), the Doric-style Temple of Apollo and the Fountain of Pirene. We shall also see the Bema, where St. Paul was brought before the Roman governor Gallio (Acts 18:12-17). We shall also see an ancient inscription to Erastus, an early Christian and city leader (Acts 19:22; Romans 16:23). Our tour will continue with a lunch stop near the waters of the Corinth canal. On the way back to Athens, we see Lechaion and Cenchreae, the port where St. Paul set sail for Jerusalem via Syria (Acts 18:18; Romans 16:1). Dinner and overnight in Athens.

**Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> Day 8 - Departure**

Should time allow, we shall take our last walks in the streets of Athens before we board our coach for the transfer to Athens Airport for return flights home to USA, Africa, Europe and U.K., or flights to Israel for PreVision Partnership's 8-Day Israel Biblical Tour-with-a-Purpose, or before embarking on cruise.

## The Fine Print (Read it carefully!)

1. Included:
  - a. Transport on deluxe motor-coach
  - b. Lodging = Double occupancy in 4 star hotels standard room (based on availability at time of booking).
  - c. Porterage = 1 checked bag (please limit luggage to one suitcase and one carry-on bag per person)
  - d. Breakfast & dinner daily
  - e. Full time local tour guide/escort
  - f. All guides and entrance fees for itinerary
2. Not Included:
  - a. Airfares (these are "land-only" prices---you arrange the airfare)
  - b. Gratuities for Guide & Driver (Customary and recommended \$50-100 per week ) or hotel staff
  - c. Lunches
  - d. Travel Insurance (See [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com))
  - e. Document Mailing Fees, if needed (\$20 per person)
  - f. Miscellaneous fees such as Individual Transfers, Passports, Laundry, Beverages at All Meals, Excess Baggage, Items of a Personal Nature.
  - g. Any increase in taxes and/or fees imposed after the printing of this brochure.
3. Comments
  - a. Based on a group size of 10 minimum; if we have less, we will still do the tour at a slight increase in price
  - b. Single room supplements available
  - c. Price subject to currency rate changes (based on Euro exchange rate of \$1.41 June 9, 2009). Surcharge to be added if the dollar declines by more than 5% against the Euro based on foreign exchange rates in effect on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
  - d. Deposits due (A late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed for each missed deadline):
    - i. Deposit 1 = \$100 non-refundable deposit due with booking,
    - ii. Deposit 2 = \$500 by Aug 1;
    - iii. Deposit 3 = \$500 by Sep 1;
    - iv. Deposit 4 = \$500 by Oct 1.
  - e. Cancellations: Cancellations must be received and confirmed in writing. A non-refundable cancellation fee of \$100 will be charged. Where a cancellation causes extra expense to other travelers (i.e. single room supplement charge), or where expenses have already been incurred (i.e. a motor coach booked for the group), the expenses you are responsible for will be deducted before a refund is given. Cancellation Charges are as follows:


    - i. After August 1<sup>st</sup> = 30% of total cost
    - ii. After September 1<sup>st</sup> = 60% of total cost
    - iii. After October 1<sup>st</sup> = 75% of total cost
    - iv. 14 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost.
    - v. On or after day of departure, no refund for any services not used.
  - f. Last date for any changes/additions is September 1<sup>st</sup>, at which time the tour is finalized and closed out.
4. Flights and Dates
  - a. We have excluded airfares for simplicity and economy (participants will join us from the USA, Africa, Europe and U.K.), many travelers can use airline miles programs, and, with prices dropping steadily, bargain airfares are plentiful. The best way to find sale fares is to search the various travel-booking websites first, before trying the airline websites. Many travel websites also provide email alerts on flight price changes, for example [www.farecompare.com](http://www.farecompare.com).
  - b. Flights to Greece can be booked to Athens or Thessaloniki for about the same price; either book to Athens with a through leg to Thessaloniki or book to Thessaloniki and return from Athens, whichever is cheaper. A one way ticket from Athens to Thessaloniki is about \$150
  - c. Whatever country you are coming from and whatever your route, plan to arrive in Thessalonica on Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>; (preferably by mid-afternoon). We will be leaving on the tour bus early on the morning of Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>
  - d. We will leave Athens on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> to return to USA, Africa, Europe and U.K. For those going on to the PreVision Partnership's 8-Day Israel Biblical Tour-with-a-Purpose, flights from Athens to Tel Aviv can be arranged for approx. \$500.
5. General Disclaimer
  - a. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While we will do our utmost to include all the sites listed above, the order of the sites and /or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airlines, flight schedules, hotels, time constraints, weather and local conditions. Rotation of sites visited may happen, with or without prior notice.
  - b. **STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY:** PreVision Partnership Inc. strongly recommends the purchase of individual travel insurance (see [www.insuremytrip.com](http://www.insuremytrip.com)). PreVision Partnership Inc. assumes no liability or responsibility for trip cancellation, any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator, or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports or hotel, default or omission of any common or private carrier, or the default, negligence, or omission of and by any third party providing services or facilities related to or included in this tour or any part thereof, or in arranging for the same, or the acts or omissions of the travel agent or the tour host. Enrollment in and payment for the tour constitutes your acceptance of the conditions and statement of responsibility. The conditions become a binding contract where your enrollment and payment are received and accepted.