



Saint Demetrius Basilica in Thessaloniki, Greece

GREECE CATHOLIC TOUR

Thessaloniki, Philippi, Kavala, Veria, Meteora Monasteries, Athens, Plaka, Corinth, Mycenae,
Cruise to Mykonos, 11 Days/10 Nights Itinerary

DAY 1: Flight to Thessaloniki. Overnight flight to Thessaloniki (arranged on your own).

DAY 2: Arrival transfer to Thessaloniki and your hotel. En route to the hotel we will view the old city ramparts, the newly excavated Forum, St. George church, an ancient Roman monument which was transformed into a church and the Galerius Arch which rises over the famous Via Egnatia. The remain of the day is free to relax and explore on your own.

DAY 3: Thessaloniki/Philippi/Kavala

We begin the day by following the massive battlement Byzantine wall to the citadel for a panoramic view of the city. Next we will visit Philippi and Kavala. Kavala is Greece's prettiest mainland port with a most elegant harbor. Paul landed here with his disciples, Timothy and Sillas. This ancient city of Neapolis was later renamed Christoupolis because it was the first European city to accept

Christianity. We continue to Philippi where Paul preached his first evangelical sermon and baptized the first Christians on European soil. See the famous Acropolis, the Market place, Basilica and the Theatre. Return to Thessaloniki and visit ST. DEMETRIOUS Basilica, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert before returning to the hotel for the night. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

DAY 4: Veria - Meteora Monasteries

A stop will be made in Veria to view the Beria surrounded by newly placed mosaics of Paul and the plaque of scripture regarding the "more noble" church. We also visit the King Phillip's (Alexander's father) tomb in Vergina, one of the most outstanding finds in all of Greece. This afternoon we see the world famous Byzantine monasteries that are perched precariously on summit's gray rock pinnacles of varied and beautiful shapes. Our lodging this evening will be in Meteora.

Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

DAY 5: Athens & Plaka

From the mountains our tour travels southward past Thermopylae and on to the city of Athens, the birth place of democracy. Visit the Acropolis, the Parthenon, and Erechtheum before viewing Athens atop Mars Hill where Paul stood and preached the truth to the Gentle nation. Additional sites include the Agora, the House of Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Olympic Stadium, and Presidential Palace. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Athens.

DAY 6: Corinth - Mycenae

This morning we leave Athens by motor coach, stop at the Corinth Canal and then travel to the ancient city of Corinth. Corinth is the city that inspired many of Paul's most familiar letters, see the Archaeological museum, the Market place, the Bema and the Temples. After the visit to Ancient Corinth we travel to Mycenae





Monasteries of Meteora, Greece

where the remains of the ancient city date back to the Bronze Age to see the famous Lioness Gate, the Tomb of Agamemnon and many other sites before returning to Athens for the evening. Lunch during the tour arranged on your own. dinner in Athens arranged on your own. Overnight in Athens.

DAYS 7 - 9: 3-day cruise

Three day cruise to Mykonos - Ephesus and Patmos - Crete and Santorini. Return to Piraeus port.

DAY 10: The day is free The day is free at leisure for own exploration of the city of Athens. You may choose to visit the Plaka where you can find the finest of jewelry shops, leather, pottery or the fun souvenir all tourists enjoy. Be sure to taste the Greek almonds and pistachios from the street vendors. If you choose not to shop, there are several interesting museums including the Museum of Folklore or the National Archaeological Museum. This evening a farewell dinner with wine will take place at a tavern in Plaka. Overnight in Athens.

DAY 11: Departure flight to USA. Depart Greece for your return flight home.

Whats Included:

- Arrival transfer by private A/C motor coach and professional guide Thessaloniki airport- to hotel
- 2 overnights in Thessaloniki at a 4* hotel on Half Board basis
- Full day tour to Philippi & Kavala
- Full day tour to Veria / Meteora Monasteries and Vergina
- 1 overnight on Half board basis at Kalambaka in 4* hotel
- Return transfer to Athens by private A/C motor coach
- Full day Athens city tour and visit of Acropolis site
- 3 overnights on Bed & Breakfast basis in 4* hotel in Athens
- Full day tour to Ancient Korinth / Mycenae
- R/T transfer by private A/C coach Athens hotel/Piraeus port/Athens hotel
- Farewell dinner with wine in Plaka and R/T transfers from/to hotel
- Departure transfer by private A/C coach



Plaka District street view in Athens

