



**FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL IN GREECE**  
**JUNE 30-JULY 11, 2025**  
**HOSTED BY GLOBAL LEADERSHIP, INC.**

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and Drs. Ingrid and Chuck Davis**

Greece is an enchanting destination whose rich and ancient history is important to all civilization. From the volcanic islands to the mountainous Peloponnese to the fertile plains in the north, the terrain is both rugged and inviting. For the Christian, Greece is rich. Paul first proclaimed the Gospel to Europe in Philippi, gave his most famous sermon in Athens in sight of the Parthenon, and had a close relationship with the church in Corinth. In Greece, the Orthodox Christians remained faithful and strong in spite of the years of Ottoman occupation. The majestic Cathedrals, the multiple monasteries, and the biblical sites all offer the traveler a deep and unparalleled spiritual experience. Greece never disappoints and all who visit once long to visit again.

**MONDAY, June 30**  
**Arrive in Thessaloniki**

Upon arrival in **Thessaloniki**, transfer to *Imperial Plus Urban Smart Hotel* or similar for check-in and overnight.

Note: depending on time of arrival, walk to the Aegean sea and the center of Thessaloniki for dinner.



**TUESDAY, JULY 01**  
**Thessaloniki–Lydia–Philippi–Kavala–Thessaloniki (Acts 16)**

After breakfast, depart for **Lydia**, a church and holy baptismal site by the river that commemorates Lydia, Paul's first European convert. Continue to the famous archeological site of the city of **Philippi**, where Paul and Silas sang in jail. Visit the impressive theater, ancient basilica, prison, and agora; walk along the *Via Egnatia*. After lunch in **Kavala** (ancient **Neapolis** where Paul first set foot in Europe), walk through the old town, admiring the beauty of the architecture and gaze out to sea toward Samothrace from where Paul came. In the afternoon, drive back to Thessaloniki. Dinner and overnight Thessaloniki. **B, L, D**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 02**  
**Thessaloniki–Berea–Kalabaka**

After breakfast, continue to visit Thessaloniki. The first stop is **St. Demetrios Church**, dedicated to the patron saint of Thessaloniki who was martyred for his Christian faith in the early fourth century.

After visiting the amazing preserved catacombs under the church, take a short walk to the overlook of the agora of **ancient Thessaloniki** where Paul preached, rioters fruitlessly sought to arrest Paul and Silas, and Jason and the other believers sent them away under cover of night (Acts 17). Visit the **White Tower, Rotunda, and Arch of Galerius** before departing for **Veria** (ancient **Berea**), where the nobler Christians lived. Visit the holy mosaics at Berea and continue to **Kalabaka**. Upon approaching the town, the terrain changes drastically to reveal the high cliffs and caves where the medieval monastics retreated to worship and pray for the region. Dinner and overnight in *Divani Meteora Hotel* or similar, Kalabaka. **B, L, D**

**THURSDAY, JULY 03**  
**Kalabaka–Meteora–Delphi–Itea**

After breakfast, ascend to the mountain heights to visit **Meteora** monasteries, perched atop conical cliffs. The original monks were lifted in baskets, but



we use stairs. Visit the highly decorated churches and grounds, imagining the monastic's life dedicated to prayer and austerity. After taking in the views, travel through the gorgeous mountains to the fantastic archeological site of **Delphi**, the center of the ancient world and the site of the Delphic Oracle. Walk through the ancient temples, learn mythological origins, see the hippodrome, and visit the museum. Descend to Itea, a small town on the Corinthian Gulf. Dinner and overnight *Trocadero Hotel* or similar, Itea. **B, L, D**

## FRIDAY, JULY 04

### Itea–Kechries–Corinth–Athens (Acts 18)

Depart Itea and journey along the beautiful Corinthian gulf to the bridge to rugged and serene terrain of the Peloponnese. Travel to the port city of Corinth, **Kechries** (ancient **Cenchrae**) where Phoebe led the church that met in her house (Romans 16) and gaze out toward Ephesus, the direction of Paul's journey after he left Corinth. Continue inland to visit the ancient site of **Corinth**, where Paul stayed multiple times, initially spending a year and a half there. Stand in the church built on the **Bema**, where Paul was judged by Gallio and found innocent. See the **Erastus Inscription** and then ascend to the **Acrocorinth**, the fortified castle above the city. Stand on the **Diolkos**, the ancient "road" that took boats across the narrow isthmus to avoid the harsh winds around Achaia. Then view the recently built **Corinth Canal** that now spans the narrow land. Arrive in **Athens** and catch the first glimpse of the **Parthenon**. Dinner, overnight *Amalia Hotel* or similar, Athens. **B, L, D**



## SATURDAY, JULY 05

### Athens (Acts 17)

Begin the tour of the amazing historical city of Athens by visiting the **Acropolis Museum**, where there are images of all the ancient gods. Then ascend to the majestic **Acropolis** to the **Erechtheion** and the massive temple to the goddess Athena, the **Parthenon**. Visit the ancient **Agora** and picture Paul debating there. Finally, arrive on **Mars Hill**, the **Aereopagus**, where Paul's most famous speech proclaimed Christ to the city that worshiped all gods (Acts 17). Dinner in **Plaka** with traditional dancing, overnight Athens. **B, D**

## SUNDAY, JULY 06

### Athens

After breakfast, head through the **National Garden** to Syntagma to watch the famous **Changing of the Guard** in front of the **Presidential Palace**. Optional hike up **Lykavitos Hill** for a breathtaking view of the Parthenon and surrounding city. Visit **Monastiraki**, the national **Cathedral**, and the **Philopappos Monument**. **Free afternoon**. Dinner, overnight Athens. **B, D**

## MONDAY, JULY 07

### Athens–Crete

Fly to our first island destination, Crete. Enjoy the rugged and picturesque drive along the northern coast of the island, from Heraklion to Rethimno. Visit the **Old Town of Rethimno**, the historical **Venetian Harbor** and the huge **Venetian Fortress** on the water. Return to Heraklion to visit the **Koules Fortress** and the modern **Church of St. Titus**. Then enjoy a stroll along the **Waterfront** and through **Old Town**. Dinner, overnight Heraklion at *Lato Hotel* or similar. **B, L, D**



## TUESDAY, JULY 08 Crete (Acts 27, Titus 1)

After breakfast, continue to explore the largest of Greece's 4,000 islands. Visit the ancient Minoan city and **Palace of Knossos**, a fantastic and fascinating historical site. Then, on the way to the southern coast, visit the massive sixth-century **Basilica of Gortys** dedicated to the first bishop of Crete, St. Titus, the leader Paul left in Crete to care for the Christians. Continue through the mountains to the rugged **Kali Limenes** (ancient **Fair Havens**),

the port where the ship that was taking Paul to Rome after he appealed to Caesar landed with difficulty. Return to Heraklion. Dinner, overnight Heraklion. **B, L, D**

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 09 Crete–Santorini

Fast ferry to Santorini, the most famous of Greece's islands. Tour **Fira** and walk along the **Caldera** enjoying the magnificent views of the colorful cliffs and sea. Free afternoon to explore towns and beaches. Overnight at *Smaro Boutique Hotel* or similar, Santorini. **B, L**

## THURSDAY, JULY 10 Santorini

Optional Caldera Hike to **Oia**, tour **Oia**, enjoy the picturesque beaches. Sunset dinner, overnight Santorini. **B, D**

## FRIDAY, JULY 11 Santorini–Athens

Free time Santorini, Depart Santorini, fly to Athens.

## MEET YOUR LEADERS

Ghiath and Amy have taken multiple groups on a spiritual pilgrimage in Greece to walk the footsteps of Paul. Before they teamed up, Ghiath was Syria's top-rated tour operator, leading trips for American and European Museums and Universities; Amy was a college professor, bringing groups to experience the biblical and early Christian sites of the Holy Land, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, and Lebanon. They share a passion for the history, biblical sites, worship, culture, and food of the Mediterranean, and ensure that guests love Greece as much as they do!



Chuck and Ingrid are leadership coaches. They have led spiritual direction on pilgrimages in Ireland, New England, Wales, Spain, Scotland and the Holy Land. Chuck describes his calling as to the Ministry of the Word. Whether as a pastor, International worker, seminary professor, or leadership coach, he finds himself leading from the Word of God. For over a decade, Ingrid has been helping leaders globally to find healing and care for the soul. They have been serving church and mission over their 40+ years of marriage.

**Tour Cost (Land Only): \$4,995**  
**Per Person Sharing Double Occupancy**

\*This trip is limited to 20 participants and is on a first come first serve basis.

**Single Supplement: \$695**

*\*We reserve the right to change the order of activities or sites due to unforeseen schedule conflicts such as weather conditions or in order to allow the itinerary to run smoothly. All prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation, fuel prices, and/or unforeseen economic circumstances.*

**This is an active trip, involving walking and sometimes ascending stairs. The lodging is 4\* plus according to European style in the best locations for exploring.**

**TOUR INCLUDES:**

- Accommodation as indicated above, or similar
- Entrance to all sites
- Meals as indicated above (**B, L, or D**)
- Water at meals and on bus
- Land Transportation
- Domestic Flights (Athens–Crete and Santorini–Athens)
- Ferry (Crete–Santorini)
- All Guide and Lecturer fees
- Gratuities for meals and local guides, hotel staff

**TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Flights to/from Thessaloniki or Athens
- Visas for non-US citizens as required by Greece (US citizens do not need a visa)
- Transportation to Thessaloniki hotel from airport
- Beverages at meals
- Travel Protection Insurance or Travelers Insurance
- Items of a personal nature (laundry, phone calls, excess luggage, etc.)
- Any additional nights due to flight schedule

**Payment Schedule**

December 1, 2024	\$750 non-refundable deposit
February 15, 2025	\$2,250
May 1, 2025	Balance due

**Checks (preferred)** should be made out to Global Leadership Inc, and mailed to Chuck Davis, c/o Stanwich Church, 202 Taconic Road Greenwich, CT 06831

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