

11 DAYS
Tuesday 7th
to Friday 17th
JUNE 2011



Christian & Classical Sites
with
FULL DAY=3 ISLANDS CRUISE



GREECE

Pilgrimage



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St. Paul

From Troas

we put out to sea
and sailed straight
for Samothrace,
and the next day
on to Neapolis
(Acts 16:11)

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The Dates

11 DAY PILGRIMAGE

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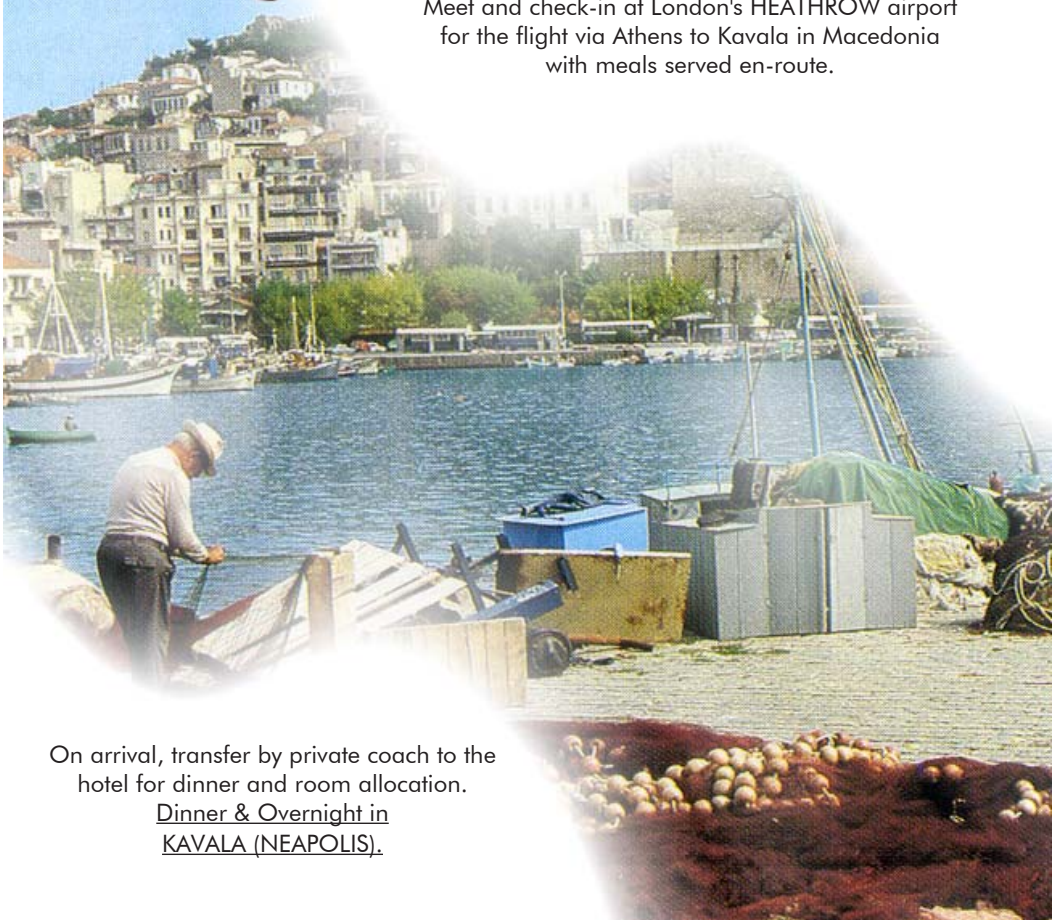
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The Itinerary

DAY 1/ - Tuesday 7th June

**Outward Flight
London to Kavala**

Meet and check-in at London's HEATHROW airport
for the flight via Athens to Kavala in Macedonia
with meals served en-route.



On arrival, transfer by private coach to the
hotel for dinner and room allocation.

Dinner & Overnight in
KAVALA (NEAPOLIS).



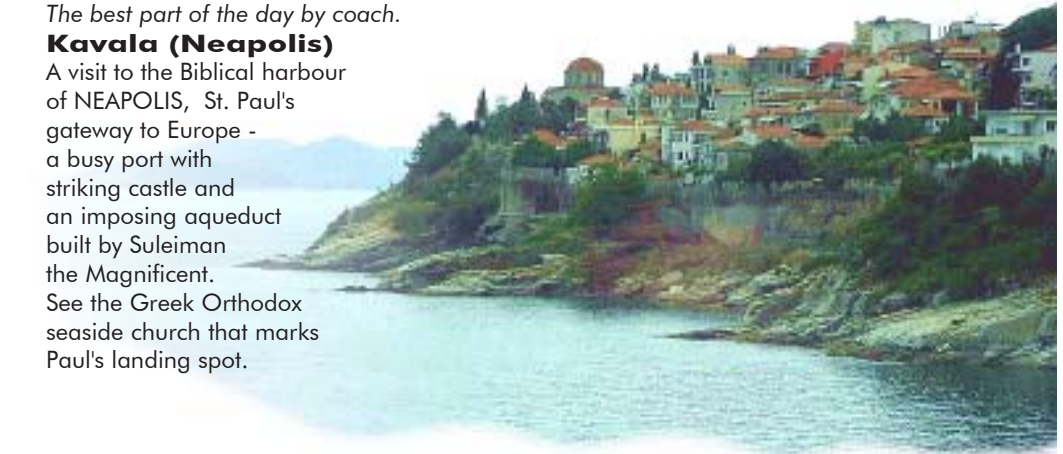
DAY 2/ - Wednesday 8th June

The Macedonian Call -

The best part of the day by coach.

Kavala (Neapolis)

A visit to the Biblical harbour of NEAPOLIS, St. Paul's gateway to Europe - a busy port with striking castle and an imposing aqueduct built by Suleiman the Magnificent. See the Greek Orthodox seaside church that marks Paul's landing spot.



Philippi -

On to this once prosperous Roman colony. Philippi had a spacious forum and Agora and a theatre which was also a gladiator arena.

It also sat on the "Ignatia Way" the remains of which can still be seen.

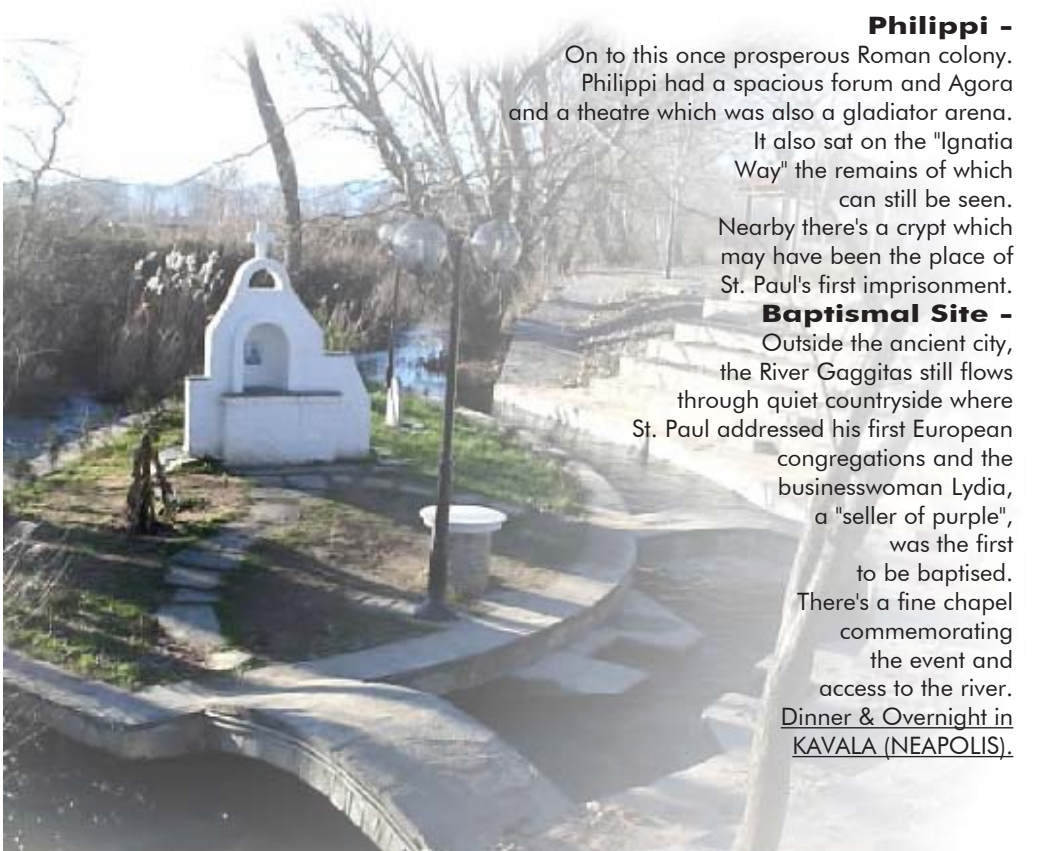
Nearby there's a crypt which may have been the place of St. Paul's first imprisonment.

Baptismal Site -

Outside the ancient city, the River Gaggitas still flows through quiet countryside where St. Paul addressed his first European congregations and the businesswoman Lydia, a "seller of purple", was the first to be baptised.

There's a fine chapel commemorating the event and access to the river.

Dinner & Overnight in
KAVALA (NEAPOLIS).





DAY 3/ - Thursday 9th June

To Macedonia

Thessalonika -

Morning drive west to the northern capital which in Roman times was a commercial and military centre reaching a population of 200,000, becoming the capital of Macedonia.

Classical Highlights -

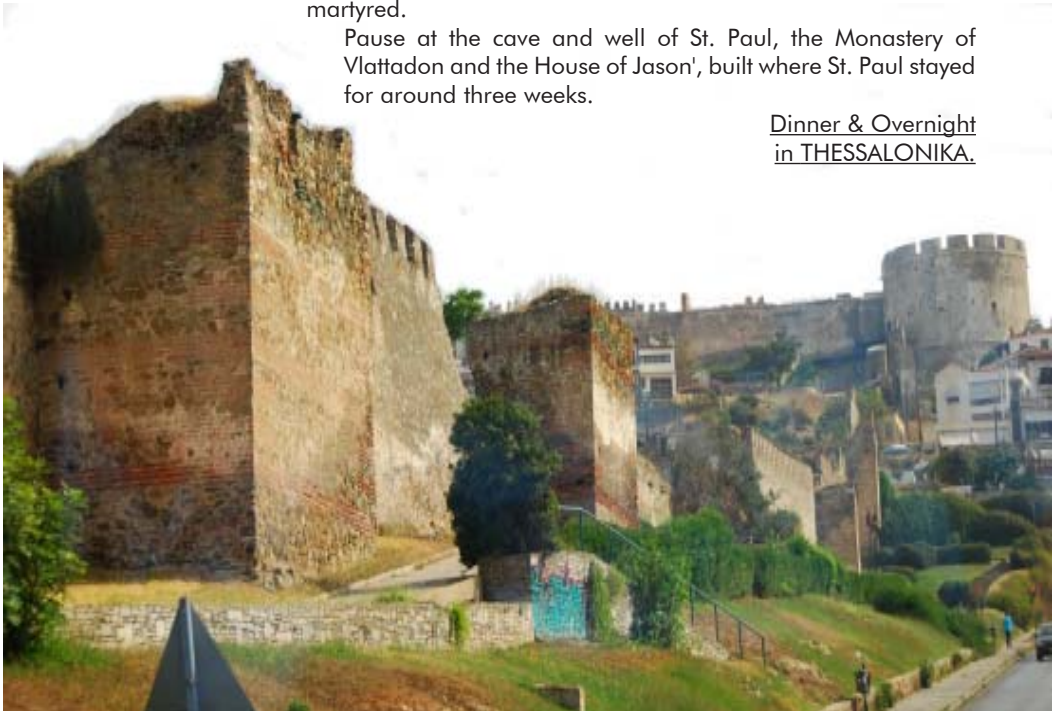
We view the excavations of the Roman market, theatre and baths, the Arch and Palace of Galerius, the city walls, the Chain Tower, the Citadel, the White Tower and Aristotle's Square.

Christian Highlights -

See the Church of St. Dimitrios, descending to the crypt where St. Paul is believed to have preached and Dimitrios was later martyred.

Pause at the cave and well of St. Paul, the Monastery of Vlattadon and the House of Jason', built where St. Paul stayed for around three weeks.

Dinner & Overnight
in THESSALONIKA.





DAY 4/ - Friday 10th June

Central Greece -

Depart Thessalonika by coach south into the mountains.

Pella -

A visit to this royal city of ancient Macedonia and the birthplace of Alexander the Great. Visit the beautiful House of the Lion Hunt and the outstanding mosaics preserved in the museum.

Berea -

We approach Mount Vermion and VERIA, (Biblical BEREÄ) to see the Hellenic tower and walls, " St. Paul's Steps" commemorating the willing audience the Apostle found amongst both Jews and Gentiles, and the Ayios Christos Church marking the growth of the Gospel.

Vergina -

Stop to visit the local Museum of great archaeological importance with stunning displays of gold artifacts. Then the Macedonian Tombs with the subterranean tomb of King Phillip (father of Alexander the Great) (an exciting discovery only in 1957).

Kalambaka -

On through magnificent mountain scenery and lush fertile plains to the hotel for room allocation and dinner.

Dinner and Overnight
in KALAMBAKA.





DAY 5/ - Saturday 11th June

**Central Greece -
The Meteora Monasteries -**

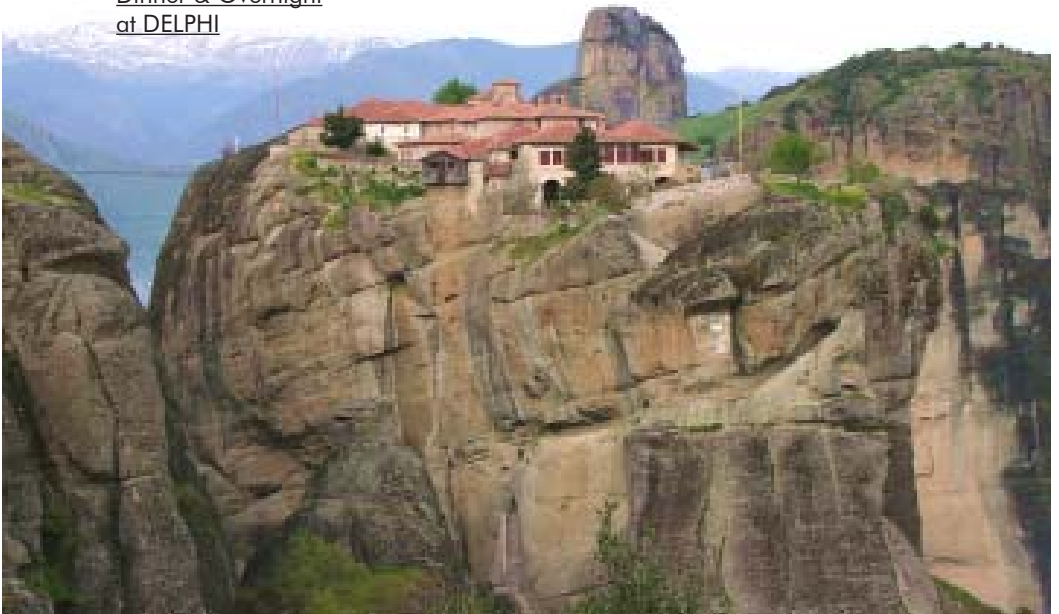
On the western edge of the plain of Thessaly, just as the Pindus range begins to form, one comes upon a unique phenomenon of nature-24 perpendicular rocks on which about 600 years ago Byzantine monks chose to worship God and built Meteora, their monastic community. How the monasteries were built on the top of these virtually inaccessible rocks is a subject of fascination for pilgrims and visitors alike.

The Monasteries -

Time to visit one of these stunning mountain monasteries and an Icon Workshop with a LUNCH BREAK by the monastery.
Then a REGIONAL TOUR to view some of the stunning locations of cliff-top monasteries.

Continue southeast to Delphi and the hotel.

Dinner & Overnight
at DELPHI





DAY 6/ - Sunday 12th June

To Delphi -

THE MORNING

An impressive archeological site on the extensive slopes of Mount Parnassos associated with the mythology and history of the 'Oracle'.

Amongst the many points of interest, see the Sanctuary of Apollo, the Doric temple of Apollo,

the Sacred Way, theatre (5,000 seats) where the Delphic Festivals were held, the Stadium where the Pythian Games took place every four years.

Then the Kastalian Fountain, the Sanctuary of Athena, and the tholos or rotunda.

THE AFTERNOON

South to Athens and the hotel for room allocation and the evening meal.

Dinner & Overnight

in ATHENS.





DAY 7/ - Monday 13th June

Athens City -

Acts 17: 16-34

Part by coach and part on foot to visit -

Mars Hill -

Stop at the location where Paul addressed the councillors and philosophers of the day.

The Acropolis -

A stunning location, dominating Athens and the site of four of the greatest masterpieces of classical Greek art – ample time is allocated to explore and enjoy the views.

The Roman Agora -

No doubt an area well known to St. Paul and the city center in his day.

Highlights -

Around the city to see its main buildings and points of interest including the Olympic Stadium.

The Plakka -

Time in the old city of Athens to browse the cafes and markets.

Dinner & Overnight

in ATHENS:





DAY 8/ - Tuesday 14th June

Peloponnese Region-

Leave after breakfast for a visit to -



The Corinth Canal

Time to stop and learn the history of this famous man-made construction - one of the Seven Wonders of the modern world.

Corinth Site -

Stop at the archaeological museum housing many statues and artefacts. The site includes the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Agora, the Bema Courthouse, the pavement inscription of Erastus, the Roman Lechaion Road and the lower Fountain of Peirene.

Cenchreae Port -

Visit the location where St. Paul took a vow and shaved his head. See the remains of the old harbour from where he sailed to Ephesus. Phoebe was a 'servant of the church' in Cenchreae.

Dinner & Overnight
in ATHENS:





DAY 9/ - Wednesday 15th June

ATHENS at LEISURE

Free Time -

The day is free to explore the city at your own pace -
Perhaps some shopping or time in Old Athens at the Plakka.

Dinner & Overnight
in ATHENS.



DAY 10/ - Thursday 16th June

SARONIC ISLANDS CRUISE

After breakfast, by coach to Piraeus port and board the ship and sail to -

AEGINA ~

A verdant island known for its great production of colourful pistachios.
Full of fine neoclassical buildings and narrow alleys where one can enjoy fresh fish
and excellent appetizers in the taverns of the fish market, in the heart of the town.

PORUS ~

With impressive landscapes - still unspoiled and very authentic.
The capital is a beautiful town with fine neoclassical and Venetian buildings; picturesque
villages and beautiful beaches compliment this island.

HYDRA ~

A beautiful island with extremely picturesque capital - red-tiled houses and stone-
paved narrow alleys. Once the destination of fashionable artists during the sixties and
has kept a highly cosmopolitan character.

The ship docks for a few hours at each of the Island ports.

Lunch on board is INCLUDED in the sail.

Dinner & Overnight
in ATHENS.

DAY 11/ - Friday 17th June

Return Flight

After breakfast, to Athens airport for the return flight.



PRACTICALITIES

FLIGHT DETAILS (PROVISIONAL)

Departure from Heathrow with Olympic.

OUTWARD:

Heathrow/Athens/Kavala

Flights OA260/954

Depart 12.20 (Heathrow)

Arrive 21.25 (Kavala)



INWARD:

Athens/Heathrow

Flight OA269

Depart 13.30 (Athens)

Arrive 15.30 (Heathrow)

PLANNED HOTELS

OCEANIS HOTEL / KAVALA



SUN BEACH HOTEL / THESSALONIKA



ORFEAS HOTEL / METEORA



FERIADIS HOTEL / DELPHI



STANLEY HOTEL /ATHENS



