

GREECE TOUR
11 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS - IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL AND ISLAND STAY
With SEF GIRGIS
Wednesday June 18 to Saturday June 28, 2025



TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 – June 18 – Wednesday - Departure from USA *(International flights NOT included with Land package).*
 Board your international flight start your Journey towards Greece!

Day 2 – June 19 – Thursday - Arrival at Athens airport

Welcome to Greece! Our driver and assistant will welcome you upon arrival to Athens airport. You will be transferred to your hotel in Athens. Check in and have a free day to relax. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. **(Meals: D)**

Day 3 - June 20 – Friday – Athens/Corinth/Athens

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Athens. With our driver, we will proceed to the city of Ancient Corinth. Our first stop will be at the Corinth canal to enjoy the magnificent view and take photos. We will visit the archaeological site of Ancient Corinth, where St. Paul wrote his most familiar letters, the Archaeological Museum, the Bema, the Market place and the Temples as well.

We will return to Athens late afternoon. Visit of the archaeological site of Acropolis, an UNESCO's world heritage monument. Visit Propylae, Temple of Athena Nike, Erechtheion with its porch of Maidens and of course the Parthenon! Proceed on foot to the Areopagus or Mars Hill, a bare marble hill next to the Acropolis, where Apostle Paul delivered his famous speech about the identity of "The Unknown God", according to the biblical account (Acts 17).

Continue your tour with a short stop to Panathinaiko Stadium where the first Olympic Games took place in the modern era (1896). On the way to your hotel, you will pass by Prime Minister's Residence, ex Royal Palace, Zappeion Hall, Roman Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, St. Paul's church, National Garden, Syntagma Square with the Greek Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Schliemann's House, Catholic Cathedral and the famous Athens Trilogy.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Athens. **(Meals: B, D)**

Day 4 – June 21 – Saturday – Athens/Kalambaka

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Athens. Pickup and drive to Kalambaka. Possible visit to a monastery, depending on arrival time. The World-famous Byzantine monasteries of Meteora that are perched precariously on summits of gray rock pinnacles of varied and beautiful shapes. Their history goes back to the 14th century when the monks sought refuge in the cliff-side caves. Then they fled higher to build original wooden shelters, which were later transformed into monasteries.

The remaining day at leisure to relax or explore the city.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Kalambaka. **(Meals: B, D)**

Day 5 - June 22- Sunday – Kalambaka/Veria/Thessaloniki

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Kalambaka. After breakfast, a possible visit to a monastery, depending on the time. Drive to Thessaloniki, via Veria. Veria is known for the famous mosaics of St. Paul. St. Paul visited Berea as part of his second tour (49-51 AD) coming from Thessaloniki. In each place he visited he taught at the Synagogue for the Jews of the place, but also in a different place for the Gentiles. There was already a Jewish community in the city at that time, in which Paul must have appeared and taught. Arrival in Thessaloniki, small city tour including St. Demetrius Basilica and St. Sofia churches.

Check in and free time to relax.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Thessaloniki. **(Meals: B, D)**

Day 6 - June 23 – Monday – Thessaloniki/Philippi/Thessaloniki

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Thessaloniki. Departure for Lydia Springs and Philippi. Philippi is the area where St. Paul preached his first evangelical sermon and where early Christians were baptized on European soil. We will visit the baptismal site where Lydia converted to Christianity. Our tour will continue with a visit to a crypt from the Roman period (that is believed to have served as a prison for St. Paul), the Market place, the famous Acropolis and the Theatre.

Return back to the hotel in Thessaloniki. Time to relax or explore the city.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Thessaloniki. **(Meals: B, D)**

Day 7- June 24 – Tuesday – Thessaloniki/Naxos

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Thessaloniki. You will be transferred to Thessaloniki airport for your flight to Naxos, via Athens. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel, check in.

The remaining day at leisure to relax or explore the city.

Overnight at the hotel in Naxos. **(Meals: B)**

Day 8 - June 25 - Wednesday - Naxos Yesterday & Today Island Half Day Private Tour

(Depending on the date of the tour's operation, it will either be today or June 26)

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Naxos.

At a specific time TBA, pick up to start your Naxos Yesterday & Today Island Half Day Private Tour. Starting from your hotel we head to the small village of Damalas and our first stop for the day, the traditional pottery workshop found at the entrance of the village. As the ceramist works the clay on the pottery wheel and lets us in on his secrets, we witness a lowly ingredient/earth turn into a work of art. After getting initiated into the ancient craft of pottery, we move to the south-west side of the village, to learn about another practice tied to the Greek identity: the production of olive oil. The village's restored olive press helps us gain precious insight into practices and a way of life that now belongs to the past/ now long gone. Moving on we arrive at Halki, a village situated in a fertile plateau, adorned with beautiful neoclassical mansions and home to the second site on our journey, the distillery that first made the, today, iconic liqueur "Kitron", Vallindras Distillery. We get to know everything about the production (tree, fruit distillation methods) and the consumption (taste tasting) of one of the three PDO liqueurs in the country.

Our next stop is in the paleo Christian church of Panagia Drosiani. The oldest nave of this church was built between the 4th and the 6th century and is considered to be one of the oldest in the Balkans. The next location we visit is the picturesque mountain village of Apiranthos. The marble-paved alleys, the majestic view, the distinct traditions and the rich culture are only a few of the charms that will make you fall in love with this jewel of a village. Last but not least, we visit the lush settings of Flerio, a very important area all through antiquity not only for the high-quality marbles but also for the fresh water it provided the island with. Nowadays a fragment of Flerio's former glory survives in the impressive 7th century BC, 6,4-meter-long statue of Kouros (dubbed "the Greek").

The remaining day at leisure to relax or explore the city.

Overnight at the hotel in Naxos. **(Meals: B)**

Day 9 - June 26 – Thursday - Naxos

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Naxos.

Your day is at leisure to relax or explore the city on your own way.

Overnight at the hotel in Naxos. **(Meals: B)**

Day 10 – June 27- Friday – Naxos/Athens

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Naxos.

At a specific time TBA, pick up for your transfer to Naxos port to catch your hydrofoil boat to Athens.

Upon arrival in Piraeus, our driver and assistant will welcome you. You will be transferred to the hotel.

Check in and have a free afternoon to relax.

Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Athens. **(Meals: B, D)**

Day 11 - June 28 - Saturday - Departure

Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel in Athens.

At the arranged time, transfer to Athens Airport to catch your flight back to the USA. **(Meals: B)**

End of Tour.

We hope you had an enjoyable and memorable vacation.

Cost (In USD)
Land only (Does not include international flights)

- USD \$2985.00 Per person sharing a double /twin room.
- USD \$950.00 Single supplement for Single room.

ESCORTED PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Roundtrip transfers within Greece by Private A/C Motor Coach including handling & portorage
- Meet & greet at Athens airport
- Flights: (Thessaloniki / Naxos) including airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 3 nights Athens –[Stanley hotel](#) or similar in standard room based on half board (Breakfast & Dinner)
- 1 nights Kalambaka – [Divani Meteora](#) hotel or similar in Superior room based on half board (Breakfast & Dinner)
- 2 nights Thessaloniki – [Anatolia Hotel](#) or similar in Deluxe room based on half board (Breakfast & Dinner)
- 3 nights Naxos - [Porto Naxos hotel](#) or similar in Superior Garden/Town Room based on bed & breakfast
- 15 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 Dinners
- Vehicle at disposal and English-speaking Guide from June 21st (Departure from Athens) till June 24th (Departure from Thessaloniki Airport)
- Private One Day Corinth + Athens, including vehicle at disposal and English-speaking guide for about 9 hours, entrance fees in Ancient Corinth archeological site and entrance fees in Acropolis archeological site are included.
- Private Naxos Yesterday & Today Island half Day Tour on June 25th or June 26th, as per below description, including vehicle at disposal and English-speaking escort for about 4 hours
- Hydrofoil/ferry (fast) tickets Naxos-Piraeus, in assigned seats, economy class
- Entrance fees in 2 monasteries in Kalambaka
- Entrance fees in Philippi archaeological site
- 1 Bottle of water per person per day
- Transfer in Athens, Piraeus port – Hotel, on June 27th, and Hotel – Athens Airport, on June 28th on private basis with all participants to arrive and depart together.
- All transfers in Naxos (Naxos Airport – Hotel – Naxos port), on private basis with all participants to arrive and depart together
- Service of English-speaking guide as per itinerary.
- All taxes and services Excluding accommodation tax (climate Resilience Charges) as per below note (**)

TOUR EXCLUDES

- International flights for Land only package
- Travel insurance (recommended).
- Any lunches and/or dinners, not mentioned above
- Any drinks during meals
- Entrance fees for Private Naxos Yesterday & Today Island half Day Tour
- Any other guide services, not mentioned above
- Porterage in/out the hotels
- Tips to drivers/guides/escorts/waiters, throughout the tour (mandatory)*