



Greece Beyond the Scriptures: In St. Paul's Footsteps

13 Days Itinerary

Day 1 – Welcome to Greece

Arrival in Athens in the afternoon, transfer to the hotel for rest, meeting with the guide and local team.

In the evening, we will go on an introductory city tour of Athens, ending with dinner at a local taverna where we will experience the richness of Greek cuisine.

Return to the hotel for overnight.

Day 2 – Athens in the Footsteps of Saint Paul

Today is dedicated to exploring Athens, visiting its historic and cultural landmarks while focusing on the arrival of Saint Paul in the year 50 CE, when he delivered his famous sermon. We will visit the Areopagus Hill, the site of the sermon, the Acropolis, and the Parthenon. Of course, we will not miss the picturesque alleys of the Old Town with its lively atmosphere.

Return to the hotel for rest.

In the evening, dinner at a local restaurant with an introduction to the coming days.

Day 3 – Following Saint Paul: Start of the Self-Drive Tour

This morning, we will receive our rental vehicles for the journey ahead. After a safety briefing and preparation, we will set off toward Ancient Corinth and the modern city, where Paul lived for about a year and a half, wrote the Epistle to the Corinthians, and founded the important Christian community.

Afterward, we will drive along the stunning Nafplio coastline, cross the Patras Bridge, and visit the Venetian Castle of Nafpaktos.

Dinner & overnight in the area.





Day 4 – Toward the Wild Region of Evrytania – Mountainous Greece

This morning, we climb into the mountains along some of Greece's most beautiful and hidden natural roads, where Saint Paul left his mark. The coming days will combine breathtaking landscapes. We leave Nafpaktos and head to Prousos Monastery, named after Panagia Prousiotissa. After our visit, we will stop at the Black Cave Spring for refreshment and then continue to the ski town of Karpenisi, where we will overnight.

Dinner at a local taverna with Greek music.

Overnight in a hotel in Kapernisi.

Day 5 – Exploring Evrytania

The region of Evrytania holds unique nature alongside traditional stone villages. Our day begins with a hike in the Pantavrechi Canyon, walking along a gentle water stream and enjoying a refreshing swim.

We continue with visits to remote, picturesque villages. At sunset, we will enjoy a viewpoint over Lake Kremaston before returning to our hotel.

Dinner & overnight in Kapernisi.

Day 6 – Into the Wild Region of Agrafa

After breakfast, we leave Karpenisi and head north along mighty rivers crossing the mountains and ancient bridges that Paul likely used on his way to Thessaloniki.

We will drive along the Agrafiotis River to Lake Plastira, stop for a panoramic view, and enjoy a light boat ride on the lake (weather permitting). After a traditional Greek lunch, we continue toward the villages of Dafni and Keramargio, reaching our special hotel for the night.

Dinner and a Greek party with a local band.

Overnight in Keramargio area.





Day 7 – The Hanging Monasteries of Meteora

This morning, we drive to Palaiokarya Bridge, one of the most beautiful arched stone bridges in Greece, with a flowing waterfall beneath it (swimming in the natural pool under the bridge is possible). We then continue to Kalambaka, home to the Meteora Monasteries – among the most important sites in the Orthodox Christian world. We will enjoy a fascinating tour of several monasteries, some open to visitors, until late afternoon.

Dinner & overnight at a local hotel in Kalambaka.

Day 8 – Meteora – Kipinas Monastery – Ioannina

after a delicious breakfast, we begin the morning with a 1.5-hour hike along monastery trails. Then we continue to the dramatic Kipinas Monastery, built into towering cliffs and housing a unique chapel.

A short drive brings us to the refreshing Kouliassa Waterfalls for a light walk along the cool streams.

We then drive through a stunning scenic route crossing unique ancient bridges toward the city of Ioannina, beautifully located on a lake.

During the afternoon, free time to stroll through the old and new quarters of the city.

Dinner & overnight in Ioannina area.





Day 9 – Saint Paul Arrives in Thessaloniki – End of the Self-Drive Tour

After a relaxed morning by the lake, we drive about 3 hours on the highway to Thessaloniki, the northern capital, which Paul visited several times and where he wrote the Epistles to the Thessalonians.

In the city, we will visit Saint Demetrius Basilica, the old quarter, and the ancient city walls.

Return the rental cars and say goodbye to the self-drive portion.

Dinner at a local restaurant & overnight in a hotel in Thessaloniki.

Day 10 – Wonders of Halkidiki

A day of fun and leisure in the Halkidiki region.

We will travel by bus to the second “finger” of the peninsula and board a local boat in Ormos port for a light cruise along the bays. From the sea, we will observe the sacred and closed monastic republic of Mount Athos, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

During the cruise, we will see impressive monasteries, skites (monastic settlements), and ports. Depending on the route, we may view up to 8 different monasteries, including Dochiariou, Xenophontos, Panteleimonos (Russian Monastery), Xiropotamou, Simonos Petras, Grigoriou, Dionysiou, and Saint Pavlou.

We may also witness playful dolphins accompanying the boat.

Cruise duration: approx. 3–4 hours.

Return to Thessaloniki for afternoon at leisure.

Dinner & overnight Thessaloniki.





Day 11 – The Stations of Saint Paul in Northern Greece

In the morning, we meet our bus and drive about 2 hours east to Philippi, the first European city where Paul founded a Christian community and baptized Lydia, the first woman to embrace Christianity.

We tour the ruins of the Roman city, the Lydia River, and the traditional baptism site. We then continue to Kavala port, where Paul arrived on his second mission to Greece. We will visit the Venetian fortress and stroll along the harbor promenade.

Return to Thessaloniki for rest at the hotel.

In the evening, farewell party at a local taverna with live music in true Greek style.

Day 12 – Farewell to Greece

Depending on flight time, transfer from the hotel to the airport for departure home.





Tour includes:

- Transportation by Minivan 15 seats or Bus 48 seats.
- Transfers from/to airport
- 7 full days in 4WD vehicles – Self drive
- 4 Pax in each vehicle with 1 Escort Car with Mechanic for T/L with local guide
- Fuel, car wash and parking fees for each car.
- Towing and Recovery Equipment and communications radios (walkie talkie).
- 12 days/ 11 overnights in hotels
- 11 Daily breakfasts at the hotels
- 10 x lunches (Days 2-11) at local restaurants/picnic lunches on route
- 11 x dinners (hotels and restaurants)
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- English / Spanish speaking guide as per itinerary
- Mineral water 1 liter per pax, per day





Tour Exclude:

- Flights
- Visa – if needed
- Any kind of insurance
- **It is mandatory to have travel insurance for the off-road and adventure tourism from your country for each tourist.**
- **Deposit money for each 4WD car - We need to sign a Self-driving agreement with all tourist drivers and to keep 600 USD/ vehicle as franchise car deposit, refundable after the trip, for covering light vehicle damages in case of accident.**
- Additional visits and entrances not mentioned in the program.
- Other meals or drinks not mentioned in the inclusions.
- Lunch on day 1 or 12 - 35\$ per person
- Dinner on day 12 - 45\$ per person
- Any kind of tipping and gratuities
- Any personal extras
- Any other items not mentioned in “Rates include”

