



The
Holy Scriptures and Israel
Bible Society

September 16 - 28
2024

THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TOUR

JOURNEY TO GREECE & TURKEY ON THE BEAUTIFUL CELEBRITY INFINITY **LED BY GIDEON & IRENE LEVYTAM**



Gideon Levytam is the President of The Holy Scriptures & Israel Bible Society of Canada. Gideon & his wife Irene will host you on this amazing journey of the footsteps of the Apostle Paul through Greece & Turkey. Gideon is a Jewish believer in Jesus, Yeshua the Messiah. He was born & raised in Jerusalem, Israel. Gideon & Irene have worked extensively in teaching of the Bible among the Jewish people. Together they have a vast experience in leading groups to Israel, Greece, Turkey & elsewhere. Gideon teaches the Holy Scriptures from a Hebrew-Messianic perspective which will make this tour an unique opportunity to join this journey of a lifetime!

....Paul said to Barnabas "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the Word of the Lord and see how they are doing" Acts 15 :36

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DAY 1 – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 16

DEPARTURE FROM TORONTO

Board your direct flight from Toronto to Athens.



DAY 2 – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17

ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE

Arrival in Greece at Athens. Airport assistance & transfer to the hotel. In Troas, Paul gets a vision in the night: a Macedonian man cries: "Come over to Macedonia and help us" ([Acts 16:9-10](#)). This is how the Gospel comes to Europe. Join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. Overnight in Athens. (D)



DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

ANCIENT CORINTH

Today we will leave Athens early & after a short stop at the **Corinth Canal**, continue to **Ancient Corinth** for an extended visit of this important place. The Apostle Paul served for 18 months, working as a tentmaker, sharing the Gospel of the Messiah with many Jews & Gentiles. It was here that he wrote 2 letters to the Corinthians. After this impressing visit, we drive on to **Kenchreai**. According to ([Acts 18:18](#)), the Apostle Paul stopped there during his second missionary journey. Here he had

his hair cut to fulfill a vow. Paul mentions that place & a woman named Phoebe who was a part of the local assembly in his epistle to the Romans ([Romans 16:1](#)). Overnight in Athens (B, D)

DAY 4 – THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19

ANCIENT AGORA

This morning we will visit the **Ancient Agora** (the heart of Ancient Athens, the focus of political, commercial & social activity, the religious & cultural centre & the seat of justice). Paul used to visit & preach God's Word in this area. We will see the Ancient Cemetery of Athens, called **Kerameikos**, dating from the 8th century BC. Here the Apostle Paul entered the city through the Dipylon Gate, the main gate in the city wall of Classical Athens leading to the **Acropolis** & the **Areopague (Mars Hill)**. After these visits, we will travel to Piraeus to board the Celebrity Infinity ship for our 9 nights/10-day cruise. (B,L,D)



DAY 5 – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20

DAY AT SEA

Today we relax as we sail on the Aegean Sea. A scheduled Bible Study with brother Gideon will take place in our designated meeting room. You will be informed of the time & location during the cruise (B,L,D)



DAY 6 – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

SANTORINI, GREECE (8 am – 9 pm)

Today we arrive on the fabled island of **Santorini**, known as the "Black Pearl of the Aegean." Enjoy time at leisure to independently explore this lovely port on your own or enjoy one of the many optional excursions. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 – SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

KUSADASI – EPHESUS (9 am – 9 pm)

Today we visit the Turkish port of **Kusadasi** for an included excursion to the ruins of Ephesus, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where Paul the Apostle spent three years during his ministry & where its inhabitants were the recipients of Paul's famous epistle. We will also visit the House where supposedly **Miriam**, the mother of **Jesus** was buried. A visit to the ruins includes the Agora, the great theatre & stadium where chariot races took place & gladiatorial combats were held. The Apostle Paul was warned not to enter into that great theatre ([Acts 19:29-31](#)). (B,L,D)



DAY 8 – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23

MYKONOS (8 am - 6 pm)

Today we visit this whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands called **Mykonos**. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings & beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings & traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. Possible evening Bible Study with brother Gideon will take place in our designated meeting room. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 – TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

VOLOS (8 am – 7 pm)

The picturesque town of **Volos** in the Pagasetic Gulf, allows visitors to explore nearby quiet villages with cobblestone streets & quaint churches. At Meteora, you can view the fortress-like "monasteries of the air," which were built atop rock pillars to protect the monks from invaders. Sitting 900 feet above the plains of Thessally, they are a remarkable sight. Possible evening Bible Study with brother Gideon will take place in our designated meeting room. (B,L,D)



DAY 10 – WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25

THESSALONIKI – VERIA (8 am – 6 pm)



Today we visit **Thessaloniki** with an included excursion the town where Paul preached during the winters of 49-50 AD & wrote two epistles to the believers in Thessalonica. We visit the Jewish synagogue in Thessaloniki, followed by a panoramic city tour viewing the ancient Agora (a meeting place in the centre of the ancient city) from above. We continue to the '**Ano Poli**', the upper city for a view of the **Vlatadon Monastery** where according to tradition the monastery is built where Paul preached the Word of God. Then we continue to Berea (Veria) where the Jews in the synagogue were more noble than those of Thessalonica (Acts 17:11). Many came to the faith in the Lord Jesus the Messiah, as many Gentile women & not a few men. The pattern of opposition is repeated. Opposition to the Gospel in Thessalonica brought about the necessity to escort Paul to the coast where he embarked for Athens. (Acts 17:10-14). Then we will depart **Veria (biblical Berea)** to see St. Paul's Tribune from where it is believed that Paul preached Christ (Messiah). (B,L,D)

DAY 11 – THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26

PHILIPPI – KAVALA (8 am – 6 pm)

Today we will explore **Philippi**, where Paul preached his first message & was imprisoned. **Kavala**, is the ancient port of Neapolis, where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke & Timothy first set foot in Europe (Acts 16:11). Included in this visit is the location by the river to where **Lydia** was baptized according to the book of Acts (Acts 16:12-15). This is where Paul baptized the first individuals that came to faith in Jesus the Messiah. (B,L,D)



DAY 12 – FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27

DAY AT SEA



Enjoy our last day at sea to relax & reflect on what we have learned on our journey of the Apostle Paul. A scheduled Bible Study with brother Gideon will take place in our designated meeting room. You will be informed of the time & location during the cruise (B,L,D)

DAY 13 – SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28

ATHENS - TOUR ENDS

After an early morning disembarkation, we return on our flight home inspired by the incredible, soothing landscapes & the words and deeds of Paul the Apostle. (B)



*"The Grace of our Lord Jesus, Yeshua the Messiah, & the love of God, & the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen."
2 Corinthians 13:14*

**EXPERIENCE
THE FOOTSTEPS
OF PAUL
13 DAYS**

**ATHENS – MARS HILL - ACROPOLIS - CORINTH – THESSALONIKI -
SANTORINI – VOLOS – MYKONOS – AEGEAN SEA
KAVALA - PHILIPPI – VERIA - KUSADASI (Ephesus) and more!**

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\$4899 CAD *



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Roundtrip direct flights Toronto to Athens on Air Transat
- 2 Nights accommodation in Athens
- 9 Nights on the Celebrity Infinity in an oceanview stateroom
- All ground transfers in Greece (1 piece of luggage per person)
- Licensed English speaking Tour Guide
- Private transportation in a deluxe A/C coach with Wi-Fi with bottled water
- Bible teaching from your tour host Gideon Levytam
- 30 Meals (10 Breakfasts, 9 Lunches on cruise, 11 Dinners)
- All entrance fees
- Excursions in the ports with English speaking Tour Guide
- Tips for driver & guide in Athens and Corinth
- All taxes

*Prices are per person based on double occupancy (add \$2,699 CAD for Single Supplement)

Triple occupancy rate is \$4,799 CAD per person.

- Deposit: \$500 CAD per person (refundable until May 15, 2024 - a \$100 CAD pp cancellation fee applies)

- Final Payment: Full payment is due May 15, 2024

- Passports are required for international travel.

- Itinerary subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control

Not included in Tour Price:

- Gratuities for cruise staff & cruise excursions
- Some lunches not included as indicated above



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