



The  
**Holy Scriptures and Israel**  
Bible Society

October 9 - 20  
2021

# THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TOUR

## *JOURNEY TO GREECE & TURKEY*

### 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 a unique opportunity to join this journey of a lifetime!

*"...Now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you."*

*Romans 1:10B*

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## DAY 1 – SATURDAY OCTOBER 9

### DEPARTURE FROM TORONTO

Meet hosts Gideon & Irene Levytam & board your flight from Toronto to Athens.

## DAY 2 – SUNDAY OCTOBER 10

### ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE

Arrive in Athens in the afternoon. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in Athens' historic district, The Plaka, a lively historic neighborhood nestled at the foot of the Acropolis. Spend the night in Athens. (D)

## DAY 3 – MONDAY OCTOBER 11

### THESSALONIKI

We depart on a short flight to Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city. Founded in 315 B.C., Thessaloniki was an early centre for believers in the Lord Jesus the Messiah. This panoramic city tour reflects where the Apostle Paul preached during the winters of A.D. 49-50 (Acts 17) & wrote 2 epistles to the Thessalonian believers. We will visit the famous St. Demetrius church & view the City Walls. (B, D)



## DAY 4 – TUESDAY OCTOBER 12

### KAVALA - PHILIPPI

Today we travel to the coastal town of Kavala where Paul, accompanied by Silas, Luke & Timothy, first set foot on European soil. In nearby Philippi (Acts 16). Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, planting the seeds of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Yeshua the Messiah. Our local expert guide will lead a tour of this historic town featuring the archaeological site and monuments spanning the Ancient, Roman & Byzantine eras. See the dungeon where Paul was held prisoner (Acts 16:16-31) & the site where he baptized Lydia, the first Jewish believer in the Jesus the Messiah in Europe. (B, D)

## DAY 5 – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13

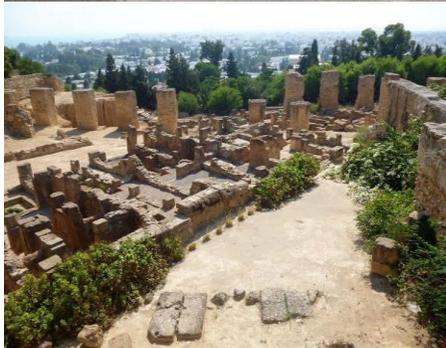
### VERIA - VERGINA

We will start the day by visiting Vergina (Ancient Aigai) located in the foothills of Mt. Pieria. It was the first capital of ancient kingdom of Macedonia and the site of the Royal Tombs. Paul & Silas made their journey from Thessalonica to Beroea (today known as Veria) by night (Acts 17:10). It is also said that Timothy a student of Paul's, joined him during the journey to Beroea. The people of Beroea were more accepting than the people of Thessalonica of the message from the Apostle & his companions. The community was said to consider carefully what they learned from Paul before truly believing it ([Acts 17:11-12](#)). Overnight in Kastraki (B,D)

## DAY 6 – THURSDAY OCTOBER 14

### METEORA

The day begins through the fertile Thessalian Valley, the "breadbasket" of Greece. Then we continue to spectacular Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage site. These dark, sandstone pinnacles rise abruptly from the plain of Thessaly, with six historic monasteries perched upon their peaks. Beginning in the 10th century, hermits, monks & ascetics sought solitude & spiritual solace in these dramatic crags. We visit two amazing Meteora monasteries which are renowned for their intricate construction & Byzantine art. Overnight in Athens. (B, D)



## DAY 7 – FRIDAY OCTOBER 15

### ATHENS - PIRAEUS (EMBARKATION) - MYKONOS

Embark on a wonderful 3-night cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served daily while on board. Mykonos, the whitewashed jewel of the Cyclades Islands, is your first stop. This charming, mountainous island is known for the hundreds of tiny chapels, whitewashed buildings and beautiful windmills that dot its landscape. Don't miss Mykonos Town, where mazes of narrow streets link the whitewashed buildings and traditional life continues amidst the bustling activity. Enjoy free time to explore this island paradise. (B, L, D on cruise)



## DAY 8 – SATURDAY OCTOBER 16

### KUSADASI, TURKEY - PATMOS, GREECE

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 in to that great theatre (Acts 19:29-31). We continue our cruise to Patmos, the "Jerusalem of the Aegean" & explore the Monastery of John & the Cave of the Apocalypse where John the Evangelist, inspired by God, wrote the Book of Revelation during his exile. (B, L, D on the cruise)



## DAY 9 – SUNDAY OCTOBER 17

### HERAKLION (CRETE) - SANTORINI, GREECE

Crete is an island where Titus was sent to help believers in Jesus the Messiah to live Godly lives (Titus 1:1-5). Enjoy an excursion to the open-air museum of the Minoan Palace of Knossos. Then, during free time in Crete's largest city, enjoy a variety of museums and shopping. Later, 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 excursions. (B, L, D on the cruise)



## DAY 10 – MONDAY OCTOBER 18

### PIRAEUS (DISEMBARKATION) - CORINTH - ATHENS

After an early morning disembarkation we travel north to Corinth (Acts 18:1-18) where Paul wrote two epistles, lived & preached for 18 months. Explore ancient Corinth featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place & the Bema. Here Paul was brought before the tribunal as recorded in Acts 18:12. After returning from Corinth we will visit the Byzantine & Christian Museum of Athens which contains 25,000 rare exhibits including scriptures. (B, D)

## DAY 11 – TUESDAY OCTOBER 19

### ATHENS

Today in Athens, we see the hill of Areopagus (Mars Hill) where Paul delivered his famous "Men of Athens" speech (Acts 17:15-34). Then it's a visit the incomparable Acropolis. We have been privileged to explore the ancient land where Paul the Apostle was called by the Lord to share the message of the Gospel doing his missionary journeys (Acts 13:2). We've seen places to which Paul sent his famous epistles found in the New Testament – Thessalonians, Philippians & Corinthians & places described in the book of the Acts of the Apostles. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner celebrating the end of a marvelous trip. (B, D)

## DAY 12 – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20

### ATHENS - TOUR ENDS

Today 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  
12 DAYS**

**ATHENS – MARS HILL - ACROPOLIS - CORINTH – PATMOS  
THESSALONIKI - DELPHI - HERAKLION - SANTORINI  
MYKONOS – KAVALA - PHILIPPI - VERIA  
KALAMBAKA - METEORA - KUSADASI (Ephesus) and more!**

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**\$3999 CAD \***



## **ITINERARY AND ACCOMMODATIONS**

- Roundtrip flights from Toronto to Athens
- 4 Nights in Athens
- 3 Nights on the Celestyal Olympia Cruise (oceanview cabin)
- 2 Nights in Thessaloniki
- 1 Night in Kastraki
- All ground transfers in Greece (1 piece of luggage per person)
- Licensed English speaking Tour Guide
- Bible teaching from your tour host Gideon Levytam
- 23 Meals (10 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches on cruise, 10 Dinners)
- All entrance fees
- All taxes

\*Prices are per person based on double occupancy (add \$1,799 CAD for Single Supplement)

Triple occupancy rate is \$3,899 CAD per person

- Deposit: \$500 CAD per person (refundable until July 1, 2021 - a \$100 CAD pp cancellation fee applies)

- Final Payment: Full payment is due July 1, 2021

- Passports are required for international travel.

Not included in Tour Price:

- Gratuities: Tips to Tour Guide, Driver & Waiters (suggested per person per day:

Guide \$6 USD, Driver \$3 USD, Dining Room Staff \$3 USD).

- Some lunches not included as indicated above



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