9-DAY GREECE TOUR IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL MARCH 10 - 18, 2018 WITH UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

OPTIONAL SANTORINI EXTENSION MARCH 18-21



Day 1, SAT, MAR 10

DEPART USA

Depart the USA for our overnight flight to Greece.

(meals aloft)

Day 2, SUN, MAR 11 ARRIVE THESSALONIKI

This evening we arrive in Thessaloniki, named for Salonike, the step-sister of Alexander the Great. Here Paul preached with success and wrote the early letters to his beloved Macedonians. Upon arrival we proceed to the **Met Hotel** for check-in and overnight. (meals aloft)

Day 3, MON, MAR 12 PHILIPPI/KAVALA/THESSALONIKI

Today we drive to Philippi, named for Philip II (the father of Alexander) and later made a Roman Colony in honor of Julius Caesar. Here Paul and Silas preached the gospel for the first time in Europe and were imprisoned. Here the first believers in Europe, including Lydia, were baptized in the Gangites River. To these people Paul addressed his wonderful letter about Christ our model. We visit the historic market place, basilica, prison, and theatre. We continue to the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where Paul and his companions first touched Europe, and then we return to Thessaloniki. In the city we drive past the old city ramparts and the Galerius Arch which rises over the famous Via Egnatia. We also see the Roman Agora where Paul preached next to the Jewish quarter of those days. Then we return to our hotel, with dinner included this evening. (B,D)

Day 4, TUE, MAR 13

THESSALONIKI/VERGINA/ BEREA/KALAMBAKA

This morning we tour Thessaloniki's national archaeological museum which contains artifacts found in Thessaloniki and the Macedonian region from the Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic and Roman periods. From there we drive to Vergina to view treasures from the excavated tomb of Phillip II of Macedonia, the father of Alexander the Great. Then we go to Berea, the residents of whom Luke described as "noble." Here we see the Bema of St. Paul and also view a portion of the Via Egnatia. We travel on to Kalambaka, which lies amid striking mountainous scenery, for dinner and overnight at the **Amalia Hotel**. (B,D)

Day 5, WED, MAR 14

METEORA/ THERMOPYLAE/DELPHI

This morning we visit the picturesque monasteries of Meteora. Perched atop huge rocks, these ageless structures offer exquisite examples of Byzantine art. The greatest of the monasteries is the richly endowed 14th century Grand Meteoron. We also see the simpler Convent of Aghios Stefanos, with its flower-filled courtyards and ancient cloisters. This afternoon we drive to Thermopylae, where the outnumbered Greeks fought against the Persians in 480 BC. From there we continue through lovely Greek countryside to Delphi for dinner and overnight at the **Amalia Hotel**. (B,D)

Day 6, THU, MAR 15

DELPHI/ATHENS

Today we tour Delphi, site of the famed Oracle. Delphi's prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. On the slopes of Mount Parnassus, in a landscape

of unparalleled beauty and majesty lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollos Pythios. We visit the treasury of the Athenians, the Temple of Apollo and the museum containing such masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze charioteer and the famous Athlete Aghias. This afternoon we drive to Athens and check into the **Acropolis Select Hotel**, with dinner included at the hotel. (B,D)

Day 7, FRI, MAR 16

Today we drive to Corinth, the capital of the Roman province of Achaia and the city of Paul's extensive personal ministry and challenging letter writing. Dominated by the Acro-corinth rising 1700 feet above the ruins, the Market Place is still laid out as it was in Paul's day with its stone Bema (judgment dais) where Gallio refused to condemn Paul (Acts 18). Nearby in a prominent place is the Temple of Apollo with its Doric columns. A superb collection of Corinthian artifacts greets the visitor in the museum. Lunch is included in Corinth. Later this afternoon, we return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

(B,L,D)

ATHENS

CORINTH/ATHENS

Day 8, SAT, MAR 17

We spend this morning touring Athens. We enjoy a panoramic tour including Embassy Row, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the National Palace, the House of Parliament, and the University. Then we visit the Acropolis with the Parthenon shimmering in its ageless grace and unmatched design and the unique Erechtheion (the only double temple). Nearby we climb the Areopagus (Mars Hill), where Paul addressed the philosophic court about Jesus and the resurrection. The afternoon is at leisure for independent sightseeing and further exploring Athens on our own, with dinner on your own this evening. (B)

Day 9, SUN, MAR 18

ATHENS/USA

We transfer to the airport for our return flight to the USA. (B,meals aloft)

or continue on an optional extension to Santorini

Day 9, SUN, MAR 18

ATHENS/SANTORINI

We check out of our hotel this morning and transfer to the airport for our flight to Santorini, widely considered to be the lost continent of Atlantis. Off the entrance of the bay of Santorini lies the only active volcano in the Eastern Mediterranean. Upon arrival, we transfer to the beautiful **Hotel Splendour**, which offers breathtaking views over the Aegean



The Parthenon, Athens

Sea, for check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore the shops and restaurants in the picturesque town of Fira, with dinner on your own this evening. After you have strolled through the narrow streets, be sure to enjoy the fascinating and marvelous sunset before returning to the hotel. (B)

Day 10, MON, MAR 19

AKROTIRI

This morning we visit the Akrotiri excavations, one of the most important prehistoric settlements of the Aegean. The first habitation at the site dates from the Late Neolithic times (around the 4th millenium B.C.). We see the elaborate drainage system, the sophisticated multi-storied buildings with magnificent wall-paintings, furniture and vessels - evidence of its great development and prosperity. The various imported objects found in the buildings demonstrate the wide network of its interactions with other areas of the world, including the Greek mainland, Crete, Cyprus, Syria and Egypt. The town's life came to an abrupt end in the 17th century B.C. when the inhabitants had to evacuate as a result of severe earthquakes. The erruption followed, with volcanic materials covering the entire island and the town itself, which have largely protected and preserved the town. This afternoon we return to our hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B)

Day 11, TUE, MAR 20

FIRA/OIA/ATHENS

This morning we have a guided tour of Fira, capital of the island of Santorini. This lovely town of white-washed houses is perched on the edge of a 400-meter cliff. Travelers arriving by boat must climb from its port via the Z-shaped footpath on foot or on donkeys, or ride the steep cable car from its lower terminal by the port. Fira's central location along the interior of crescent-shaped Santorini means that it boasts magnificent views of other coastal areas of the island as well as the sparkling Aegean Sea.While Fira is oriented to the tourism industry, it also offers an impressive array of museums, galleries, and cultural events. From Fira we proceed to the northern end of Santorini to visit Oia, perhaps the most beautiful and well-known town on the island. This traditional village features charming houses in narrow streets, blue domed churches, and sun-bathed verandas. After our time here, we transfer to the airport for our flight to Athens. Upon arrival we check into the Emmantina Glyfada Hotel for overnight, with dinner on your own. (B)

Day 12, WED, MAR 21

ATHENS/USA

We transfer to the airport early this morning for our departure flight, connecting through Amsterdam and arriving back to Houston this afternoon. (meals aloft)

All sites listed in the itinerary will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to religious holidays, special closings of sites, air schedules, etc. Hotels listed subject to confirmation. This tour is not recommended for those who have mobility limitations since it includes significant amounts of rigorous walking on uneven terrain. If a passenger is unable to get on and off the bus and walk without the assistance of another individual, the passenger must bring someone with them to assist them. Please note that the Americans With Disabilities Act is not applicable outside the USA and facilities in other countries may be sharply limited.

TOUR CONDITIONS

PRICE OF BASIC 9-DAY TOUR FROM HOUSTON: \$3,999 per person (double occupancy)

SANTORINI EXTENSION: \$999 per person (double occupancy)

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: To help ensure smooth operation of this program, we are pleased to offer a \$100 discount on your trip cost for your \$500 deposit received no later than October 31, 2017.

NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE RATE: Supplement in airfare for departure from cities other than Houston. Single room supplement (\$490 basic tour; *\$220 Santorini extension*); meals not listed as being included; excess baggage and forwarding of baggage, passports, personal items such as laundry, tips for personal favors, Travel Protection Plan, any costs resulting from absence or deviation from the itinerary and any items not shown herein as being included.

PAYMENT: Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card (Discover, MasterCard or Visa). A deposit of \$500 per person is required at least 100 days prior to departure in order to confirm tour membership. Within 100 days, space may be limited and/or a supplement in airfare may apply. Balance of tour price is due upon receipt of final invoice (approximately 10-12 weeks prior to departure). Enrollment in and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the Tour Conditions described herein.

DEVIATION ITINERARY: Any adjustment in standardized air or land itinerary will carry a \$100 fee (for each change) in addition to any additional expense required. This fee is applicable for research projected and/or accepted. **To ensure efficient handling of these requests, Dehoney Travel, Inc. will require that a tour deposit be received before a deviation request can be processed.** If deviating from the group tour program, there will be no refund for any service not used.

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HOTELS: Tour price based on two persons in a room in twinbedded accommodations with private bath in first-class, fourstar hotels. While Dehoney Travel will try to match roommates, we cannot guarantee that a roommate will be available. In this case, the payment of single supplement will be required. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. **Single supplement \$490 basic tour;** *\$220 Santorini extension.* **MEALS AND SIGHTSEEING:** As listed in the day by day itinerary (B, breakfast; L, lunch; D, dinner). Full sightseeing with luxury buses, English-speaking guides, and entrance fees to places visited as described in the itinerary are included in the tour. Gratuities to guides, bus drivers and hotel personnel (\$100 basic tour; \$30 Santorini extension) are included in the tour rate.

LUGGAGE: Because of space limitations on buses used, we have included porterage for only one check-on bag (combination width, length, and height not to exceed 62 inches and maximum weight of 50 pounds) in tour cost. You may also take one carry-on which will fit under your airline seat or in the overhead compartment.

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- 120-61 days prior to departure, \$500.
- 60-46 days, 25% of total tour price.
- 45-31 days, 50% of total tour price.
- 30-0 days, 100% cancellation penalty.

On or after the date of departure there can be no refund for any service not used.

All cancellation notifications must be made in writing to Dehoney Travel, Inc. Please allow 4 weeks for cancellation refund processing.

After ticketing of international and domestic air, a cancellation penalty of 100% of air fare is in effect. Group tickets are normally issued approximately 30 days prior to departure, but in the event that your ticket is issued earlier, the above schedule of cancellation penalties and refund amounts will be adjusted accordingly.

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