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A FASCINATING 13-DAY PILGRIMAGE-TOUR OF

GREECE & TURKEY

The Footsteps of St. Paul, Patmos and Istanbul



September 14th to September 26th, 2020

Tour Leader: Dr. Everaldo Lewis (289) 893-1053

ATHENS – CORINTH – KALAMBAKA – METEORA – VERIA – PELLA – VERGINA – THESSALONIKI
KAVALA – PHILIPPI – IPSALA – ISTANBUL – IZMIR – EPHEBUS – KUSADASI – PATMOS





DAY 1 (Mon., Sep. 14): TORONTO - ATHENS

Leave Toronto by air for **Athens**, capital of Greece.

DAY 2 (Tue., Sep. 15): ATHENS

Upon arrival at **Athens** airport, you will be met by your tour guide and transferred to private air-conditioned motor-coach. Visit the Acropolis of Athens with its temples like the Parthenon or the Erechtheum and the Propylaea. Then we will ascend the hill of Filopapos - "and then Paul settled in the Areopagus and gave his message", Houses of Parliament, Tomb of the unknown soldier And the Presidential Palace, as well as the Stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were celebrated. Transfer to Hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant overlooking the Acropolis.



DAY 3 (Wed., Sep. 16): ATHENS – CORINTH

Leave by the coastal road to the Corinth Canal (short stop). Drive on to **Corinth**, "And then Paul left Athens and went to Corinth" From the Bema, Paul preached to the Corinthians and here he lived for 18 months. Drive on and visit the Theatre of Epidaurus, famous for its remarkable acoustics. Visit of Ancient Corinth. Return to **Athens**.

DAY 4 (Thu., Sep. 17): ATHENS – KALAMBAKA

Morning departure to **Kalambaka**. Visit of the monasteries of **Meteora**, one of the most beautiful sights of Greece: on top of granite rocks very high, in the form of menhirs, suspended between the sky and the earth, are monasteries of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries with incalculable historical and religious treasures.



DAY 5 (Fri., Sep. 18): KALAMBAKA – VERIA – PELLA – VERGINA – THESSALONIKI

Morning departure to **Pella**, city of Philippi, the father of Alexander the Great. Continue to **Veria** (Berea) where we will walk along the old walls where St. Paul preached. Visit some of the small churches built during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Visit the tomb of Filippo, father of Alexander the Great in **Vergina**. Continue to **Thessaloniki**.

DAY 6 (Sat., Sep. 19): THESSALONIKI

Visit of **Thessaloniki**, for which St. Paul wrote two epistles. You will visit the Church of St. George, the Church of St. Demetrius and St. Sophia, as well as the Arch of Galerius and the ancient murals, ending with a beautiful panoramic view from the top of the Old Town.



DAY 7 (Sun., Sep. 20): THESSALONIKI – KAVALA – PHILIPPI

Morning departure to **Kavala**, where the Apostle Paul disembarked upon arriving from Troy. See the Byzantine castle, the aqueduct and the Museum. Continue to **Philippi**. Here Paul made his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christendom.

DAY 8 (Mon., Sep. 21): KAVALA – IPSALA – ISTANBUL

Drive to the border with Turkey. Change buses and continue from **Ipsala** (Turkish part of the border). Continue to **Istanbul**. Transfer to hotel. Dinner at a local restaurant.



DAY 9 (Tue., Sep. 22): ISTANBUL

Morning sightseeing tour of **Istanbul**. Visit the Old City, Sultanahmet's Mosque, also known as the Blue Mosque because of its magnificent interior decoration with blue Iznik tiles. Continue to the ancient Hippodrome, the scene of chariot races and the famous Hagia Sophia. This ancient basilica, built by Constantine the Great in the 4th century and reconstructed by Justinian in the 6th century, is one of the architectural marvels of all time. After lunch in a typical restaurant, we continue to the Topkapi Palace, the residence of the ottoman sultans.



DAY 10 (Wed., Sep. 23): ISTANBUL – IZMIR – EPHEBUS – KUSADASI

Morning transfer to the Istanbul airport (European Side) for flight to **Izmir**. Upon arrival, travel directly to **Ephesus**, the most famous of the Seven Churches of Revelation, where St Paul spent more than two years during his third missionary journey. It was to the Christian community of Ephesus, that St. Paul wrote his greatest and most challenging letter and converted many away from worship of the god Artemis. See the ruins where St. Paul lived and preached, and the prison of St Paul. Walk through the ancient marble streets from the 10th century BC, providing us with an excellent window into Imperial Rome. Pass the Temple of Hadrian, the Library of Celsus, the enormous amphitheatre, and finally come to the ruins of the Christian Basilica where the Third Ecumenical Council took place in 431AD. Ascend the hill to the House of Mary, where it is said she spent the later years of her life. Finally, visit the restored remains of the 6th century Basilica of St John at Selcuk, where a small church was originally built over the tomb of St John the Evangelist. Continue to **Kusadasi**. Transfer to hotel.



DAY 11 (Thu., Sep. 24): KUSADASI – PATMOS

Morning transfer to **Kusadasi** Port. We will take the ferry to **Patmos**. Upon arrival, visit of the monastery of St. John & Cave of the apocalypse. The picturesque alleyways wind upwards, towards the Monastery of St. John the Evangelist, founded in 1088 by St. Christodoulos. The visit will open the doors of the Monastery's yard, the place where the monks take their meals and the old bakery. Of exquisite beauty,



is the tour of the Byzantine Church of St. John, which is adorned with a wood-carved icon screen, important frescoes from several periods, with both mosaics and other icons. Next stop, the small museum which hosts religious treasures of inestimable including manuscripts, medieval textiles, sacerdotal vestments. Behind the chapel of St. Anne lies the entrance to the Grotto of the Apocalypse. You will see the cross engraved by St. John the Evangelist, and the spot where he lay down to sleep.

DAY 12 (Fri., Sep. 25): PATMOS – ATHENS

Afternoon transfer to Port to embark the ferry to **Athens**. Transfer to hotel.

DAY 13 (Sat., Sep. 26): ATHENS – TORONTO

Today our fascinating tour come to an end. Transfer to airport for return flight to Toronto.

TOUR COST \$4,695.00 (CAD) PER PERSON, INCLUDES:

- Return airfare from Toronto, including airport taxes and fuel surcharge
- Domestic airfare from Istanbul to Izmir; Ferry ticket from Kusadasi to Patmos
- Accommodation in superior tourist class (3-star) hotels, based on double occupancy
- Single rooms will be arranged when available at an additional cost of \$495.00
- Hotel taxes, service charges and portorage
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Travel by deluxe private air-conditioned motor coach
- Transfers from airports to hotels and vice-versa
- Sightseeing tours and excursions on itinerary
- Entrance fees to monuments and museums
- Services of English-speaking guides
- Gratuities (tour guides/drivers/porters)

Not included: Travel Insurance (please see plans/rates below), Turkish Visa (\$60US).

***IMPORTANT:** Please note that there is a significant amount of walking on this tour and may include stairs, hills, cobblestone and unpaved streets, etc.

THE ABOVE COST IS BASED ON TARIFFS AND EXCHANGE RATES IN EFFECT October 10th, 2018.

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BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE:

1 standard size suitcase (max. 23 kg) and 1 carry-on per person.

PASSPORT & VISA:

Canadian Passport: must be valid for at least 6 months beyond date of departure.

Tourist Visa: Canadian citizens require a tourist visa for Turkey; you may obtain an e-visa within 90 days of departure at:

www.evisa.gov.tr/en/ (we will provide you with the necessary information to apply)

If you are not a Canadian citizen, you must check your visa requirements and obtain on your own.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: (ALLIANZ GLOBAL - \$5000.00 coverage prior to departure)

We highly recommend comprehensive travel insurance to protect you, your family and your investment from any unforeseen and potentially costly incidents or emergencies before and during your trip. We offer the following packages (must be purchased at time of deposit):

A-1 All-Inclusive Package Plan: Trip Cancellation/Interruption, Emergency Hospital/Medical, Baggage, etc.		A-2 *INCLUDING "Cancel for any Reason" Coverage (up to 75%)	B-1 Non-Medical Package Plan Trip Cancellation/Interruption, Baggage, etc.		B-2 *INCLUDING "Cancel for any Reason" Coverage (up to 75%)
AGE	PREMIUM (per person) (includes 8% sales tax)	PREMIUM (per person) (includes 8% sales tax)	AGE	PREMIUM (per person) (includes 8% sales tax)	PREMIUM (per person) (includes 8% sales tax)
0 – 24 years	\$357.48	\$418.25	0 – 59 years	\$325.08	\$380.34
25 – 59 years	\$371.52	\$434.68			
60 – 64 years	\$400.68	\$468.80	60 – 64 years	\$342.36	\$400.56
65 – 69 years	\$448.20	\$524.39	65 – 69 years	\$370.44	\$433.41
70 – 74 years	\$524.88	\$614.11	70 – 74 years	\$413.64	\$483.96
75 years +	Contact us	Contact us	75 – 79 years	\$567.00	\$663.39

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1. Signed registration form OR complete **online** registration form at: www.gideontravel.com/register/
2. Non-refundable deposit of \$400.00 per person;
3. Travel insurance premium, if desired;
4. Copy of passport photo page (for airline ticketing).

Balance to be paid by **July 15th, 2020**. Balance becomes non-refundable on **July 30th, 2020**.

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