# 9 Days Thessaloniki-Meteora-Athens

# VALIDITY : 05.10.2019 to 31.05.2020

## Itinerary

#### **DAY 1: ARRIVE THESSALONIKI**

We arrive in Thessaloniki and are met by our Catholic Travel Centre representative. We transfer via private motor coach to our hotel for dinner and the evening.

## DAY 2: THESSALONIKI: VISIT OF THE CITY

Today we dedicate ourselves to Thessaloniki and St. Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians. Paul established the first church here (Acts 17:1-10). Ruins of an early Christian church are near the Palace of Galerius. We examine in Paul's letters to this community his unbounded determination to continue the Church. After visits to several churches and the Old Town, we return to our hotel to reflect on our day.

## DAY 3: THESSALONIKI: PHILIPPI EXCURSION

We devote ourselves today to Philippi, named after King Philip II of Macedonia. Paul and Silas came to Philippi on the second missionary journey and Paul returned on his third (Acts 20:2-6). Following the Baptism of Lydia, the first Christian church in Europe was established here. We will visit the ruins of the area, including the site commemorating Lydia's baptism

and the place where St. Paul was imprisoned. We return to Thessaloniki for dinner and the evening.

## DAY 4: THESSSALONIKI / KALAMBAKA

We travel to some of the enchanting Greek countryside, including Kamena Vourla, Amshissa, Thermopylae, and Kalambaka. We continue to our hotel in Kalambaka for dinner and the evening.

## DAY 5: KALAMBAKA / DELPHI / ATHENS

This morning we will visit the breathtaking Byzantine monasteries of Meteora. Then we are off to the City of Delphi, home to the Sanctuary of Apollo. En route we will stop at the Ossios Lucas Monastery. In Delphi, we explore the fascinating archeological sites and museums. We continue to Athens for the evening.

## DAY 6: ATHENS: CITY TOUR

We begin our city tour with perhaps the most perfect piece of architecture known, the Parthenon, the Temple of Athens. This afternoon we make our way to the nearby marketplace (agora) where St. Paul preached as we reflect on his mission in this city. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Dinner is served at our hotel.

## DAY 7: ATHENS: ONE DAY CRUISE

This morning we transfer to Piraeus for a one-day cruise to Aegina, Poros and Hydria. We return to Athens and enjoy dinner at our hotel.

## **DAY 8: ATHENS: CORINTH EXCURSION**

This morning we depart for the peninsula of Argolis, home of Corinth, the most wealthy and important city in the time of Paul. Here the Apostle worked with Aquila and Priscilla. The mostly Gentile Church he founded here caused him much grief and prompted from him at least four letters to them. Paul's trial by Gallio took place in the agora (Acts 18:12-17). It is from Corinth, also, that Paul wrote to the Thessalonians. On the return, we visit the ruins of Cenchaeae, the harbor from which St. Paul sailed to Ephesus (Acts 18:18). Later we will explore the historic

sites of Mycenae and Epidaurus, containing the best preserved open air theatre in Greece. We enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

#### DAY 9: RETURN

We transfer to the Athens airport for our return flight to the ......

NOTE: While no changes are anticipated, there might be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons. All Masses are subject to final church schedules.

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NO OF PERSONS	IN DBL PP	IN TRP PP	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
30 PAX	985 EURO	985 EURO	295 EURO
35 PAX	953 EURO	953 EURO	295 EURO
40 PAX	933 EURO	933 EURO	295 EURO
45 PAX	910 EURO	910 EURO	295 EURO
50 PAX	898 EURO	898 EURO	295 EURO

#### **HOTEL OPTIONS:**

NIGHTS	CITY	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE		
NIGHT 01	THESSALONIKI	PHILLIPION HOTEL or SIMILAR 4*	STANDARD		
NIGHT 02	THESSALONIKI	PHILLIPION HOTEL or SIMILAR 4*	STANDARD		
NIGHT 03	THESSALONIKI	PHILLIPION HOTEL or SIMILAR 4*	STANDARD		
NIGHT 04	METEORA	LIKNON HOTEL or SIMILAR 4*	STANDARD		
NIGHT 05	ATHENS	TITANIA HOTEL or SIMILAR 4*	STANDARD		
NIGHT 06	ATHENS	TITANIA HOTEL or SIMILAR 4*	STANDARD		
NIGHT 07	ATHENS	TITANIA HOTEL or SIMILAR 4*	STANDARD		
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• Above mentioned hotels are subject to availability and we are not holding any space for your group. If there is no availability in above proposed hotels at the time of confirmation, we have the right to propose you similar hotel category.

#### CHILD POLICY:

- > 03 06 years kid 35% discount from DBL PP rates
- > 07 11 years kid 10% discount from DBL PP rates

#### **INCLUDED SERVICES:**

- ✓ 08 Nights Hotel Accomodation
- ✓ Daily Breakfast
- ✓ 8 Dinners at Restaurant or Hotels
- ✓ English Speaking Guide through the itinerary
- ✓ Airport Transfers
- ✓ Transportation by modern A/C vehicle according to group size

- ✓ Entry fees to the mentioned sites in below itinerary
- $\checkmark$  1 Day Cruise tour from Athens (hydra poros aegina island with lunch)

#### **EXCLUDED SERVICES:**

- Personal Expenses
- All International & Domestic Flight Tickets
- Drinks at Meals
- Tips for Guide & Driver (PP perday 3 USD for Guide & PP perday 2 USD for Driver)
- Visa & Insurance
- Porterage at Hotels & Airports
- City Taxes
- Any other services not mentioned above

#### EXTRA 7 DAYS LUNCH PACKAGES 145 EURO PP (INCLUED %24 TAX) GENERAL NOTES:

- All rates are in EURO and all rates have been calculated on the present VAT. Should the latter increase, prices will be adjusted accordingly.
- No luggage will be loaded inside the coach. This is a matter of PASSENGER SAFETY REGULATIONS (imposed by the local authorities as well as all insurance companies).

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(DT - 18/08/2019)