

In the Footsteps of St. Paul *A Spiritual Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey*

October 14 – 25, 2024

with

Father Armand Galay

Only \$4,850.00

Cost includes:

- * Return airfare from Toronto
- * Double/triple occupancy 3 - 4-star accommodation with daily breakfast and dinner
- * Flight taxes \$837.00
- * All tours by deluxe motor coach as per itinerary.
- * English speaking professional guides.
- * All entrance fees to places of interest.

Not included in cost:

- * Tips to drivers/guides US\$100
- * **Optional** package insurance including trip cancellation, overseas hospital/medical, lost baggage, air flight accident:
Ages 0-59 \$275; 60-64 \$355; 65-69 \$390; 70-74 \$485

A deposit of \$500 guarantees you a spot!



Tour coordinator: Edith Tel. 416-420-5185

e-mail: edithwyd@yahoo.com

Demfer Travels Inc., 3085 Hurontario St., Ste 206, Mississauga, On L5A 4G2
Tel: 905-279-8000 Toll Free: 1-888-463-3637



ITINERARY October 14 – 25, 2024

Monday, Oct 14: Toronto - Athens

Depart Toronto Pearson Intl at 1815 hrs. Meals on board.

Tuesday, Oct 15: Athens

Arrive Athens at 1640 hrs. Met by our Greek guide and transferred to our hotel. This afternoon set off for an orientation tour of Athens including a visit to the renowned Acropolis monument. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, Oct 16: Delphi - Meteora - Kalambaka

Breakfast. Depart for Delphi. Visit the archaeological site & museum of Delphi. Continue on to Kalambaka visiting the towns of Amphissa, Lamia and Trikala. Visit Meteora en route where you will see 2 of the 4 monasteries which Meteora is renowned for. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka.

Thursday, Oct 17: Thessalonika - Phillipi - Kavata

After breakfast visit the Basilicas of St. Demetrius and St Sophia. Proceed to Philippi where St Paul preached to the Phillipians. Visit the ruins of the Basilica of St Paul. Continue on to Kavala. See the Roman aqueducts and the ruins of Acropolis. Dinner/overnight in Kavala.

Friday, Oct 18: Ipsala - Troy – Assos

This morning after breakfast drive to Ipsala for the crossing into Turkey. Met by our Turkish rep and driven to Troas (Troy) visited by St. Paul. We shall see the reconstructed "wooden horse" from the 2004 movie "Troy" exhibited on the seafont. Continue to Assos also known as Behramkale or for short Behram visited by St Paul on one of his journeys. We will visit the ruins of the temple of Athena. Dinner and overnight in Assos.

Saturday, Oct 19: Pergaum-Sardis-Kusadasi

After breakfast proceed to Pergamum to see the Acropolis, the temple Trajan, the theatre and the Red Basilica which is one of the 7 churches of the Apocalypse. Continue to Sardis. Sardis (modern Sart) was the capital of the ancient kingdom of Lydia and home to King Croesus (560-546 BC), famous for his wealth. Liberated from the Persians by Alexander the Great in c.340 BC, Sardis became a Greek city with an impressive Temple of Artemis. In the Roman era, the temple was expanded and used also for the imperial cult, and a huge bath-gymnasium complex was built. Ancient Sardis had a very large and prosperous Jewish community, which produced the largest ancient synagogue outside of Palestine. Christianity arrived in the 1st century AD and Sardis was one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Continue to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, Oct 20: Ephesus – Philadelphia – Pamukkale

This morning visit Ephesus where lies the extensive synthesis of Greco-Roman and Christian remains. Visit the site of Meryemana reputed to be the site of the Virgin Mary's House. Drive to Alasehir (Philadelphia) to see the ancient church of Philadelphia, the favourite city of St. Paul and St. John. On to Pamukkale for dinner and overnight.

Monday, Oct 21: Pamukkale – Konya

Today we visit the calcified waterfall, the thermal waters and the ruins of the Roman city of Hierapolis whose name means "sacred city" and was believed by the ancients to be founded by the god Apollo. Today Hierapolis is a World Heritage Site. We will tour the extensive necropolis, churches and baths. See the tomb of St. Philipp. Visit Laodicea one of the 7 Churches of the Revelation. Afternoon drive to Konya located at the heart of the Anatolian plateau and known throughout the world as the home of the "Whirling Dervishes" Dinner and overnight in Konya.

Monday, Oct 22: Cappadocia

After breakfast drive to Cappadocia. Marvel at the ancient underground city of Kaymakli preserved even to this day. Visit the village of Zelve where monastic complexes and the villages of Ortisar are clustered around rock pinnacles and crowded citadels. Visit the carved churches of Goreme Valley decorated with fresco paintings from the 8th century. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.

Tuesday, Oct 23 Cappadocia – Istanbul

After breakfast drive to Istanbul for dinner and overnight. **Wednesday, Oct 24 Istanbul**

After breakfast we will have a guided tour of this ancient and exotic city. Tour includes Topkapi Palace (main residence of Ottoman Sultans), St Sophia Basilica, the ancient seat of the Byzantine Church, the Blue Mosque famous for its unequalled ceramic tiles, the Hippodrome once used for Chariot races. Finally the Grand Bazaar with its 3000 exotic shops along covered lanes and alleyways. Back to our hotel for dinner/overnight.

Wednesday, Oct 25: Istanbul

After breakfast depart for the airport to catch our flight to Toronto leaving at 1355

At times due to reasons beyond our control the sequence of the itinerary may be changed