

Tour Code: CCGR24



Concordia College: The Wonders of Wine in
Greece

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE
Sept. 26 - Oct. 8, 2024

Early Bird Special
\$50 off registrations
Received by Jan. 3, 2024

Monastery of Meteora

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DAY 1: Thursday, September 26, 2024 • Departure
Our journey begins as we board our flight to Thessaloniki, Greece. **B, L**

DAY 2: Friday, September 27, 2024 • Thessaloniki
Upon arrival at the airport in Thessaloniki, we meet our guide and transfer to our hotel for a welcome dinner and an overnight. **D**

DAY 3: Saturday, September 28, 2024 • Thessaloniki
This morning we explore Thessaloniki. We drive along the waterfront to the massive White Tower and nearby Triumphant Arch of Galerius, built in 303 AD. We see St. Demetrio's Church with its valuable mosaics and frescoes. Then, we drive to the upper town for a marvelous view of the city. The site where the monastery of Vlatadon was built is believed to be the location where Jason's House once stood and where Paul was accommodated during his visit to Thessaloniki. Later we sample the wines of a local winery. **B, L**

DAY 4: Sunday, September 29, 2024 • Thessaloniki, Kavala, Philippi
After breakfast we board our coach and drive to Philippi, the first city in Macedonia to hear the gospel. Then we continue to Kavala (Neapolis) where Paul landed in Europe. We visit a local winery. The area has a long tradition of fine wines with its roots in antiquity, cultivated in a variety of grapes, the "Books of Vine", from which they produced the famous "Biblical wine". We learn about the wines produced here and enjoy lunch. Then we visit



Seaside city of Kavala



Santorini

Lydia's Baptistery, where the first woman was baptised on European soil. We return to Thessaloniki where dinner is on our own. **B, L**

DAY 5: Monday, September 30, 2024 • Thessaloniki-Meteora
After breakfast we depart for Vergina to see the famous Royal Tombs. Then we proceed to Rapsani Winery near the Tembi Valley at the slopes of Olympus, in hilly and mountainous terrain. We sample some of the red wines and visit the Vine Museum which highlights the local history of Rapsani, which has been linked over the last three centuries with the cultivation of the vine and the production of the famous rapsanian brass. We end the day in Meteora. **B, D**

DAY 6: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 • Athens
This morning we explore the Meteora monasteries, perched precariously on summits of grey rocks pinnacles of varied and beautiful shapes. The monasteries date back to the 14th century when the monks sought refuge in the cliff side caves and then fled higher to build the original wooden shelter, later transformed into monasteries. Afterwards we drive to Athens stopping to ponder the history of the 300 Men in Thermopylae. We overnight in Athens. **B, D**

DAY 7: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 • Athens
This morning we explore the ruins of the Parthenon, the Erechtheum and the Propylae. Then we proceed to Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians about the true God (Acts 17:22-34). By the House of Parliament on Syntagma Square we see the Evzones in their distinctive



Plaka area under the Acropolis



Corinth Canal

uniforms guarding the Presidential palace and the Tomb of Unknown Soldier. We also see the Library, the University, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, and the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games were held. This afternoon we explore some of the best wineries of Athens. Tonight, we have dinner looking out at the Parthenon. **B, D**

DAY 8: Thursday, October 3, 2024 • Athens-Corinth

After breakfast, we drive to Corinth with a short stop to marvel at the Corinth Canal. The town of Corinth was the site of extensive ministry to fledgling and beloved Christian community. We spend the afternoon exploring two of the best wineries in the Nemea region. We return to Athens where dinner is on our own. We return to Athens for overnight. **B, D**

DAY 9: Friday, October 4, 2024 • Santorini

This morning we transfer to Piraeus Port and take the ferry to Santorini. Upon arrival we visit Akrotiri and tour the museum with the Akrotiri frescoes. We have some free time in Fira. Later we return to our hotel this afternoon to enjoy a free evening in Oia. **B**

Day 10: Saturday, October 5, 2024 • Santorini

Today is devoted to exploring the wines and wineries of the island. This evening we take a sunset cruise with buffet on board. **B, D**

Day 11: Sunday, October 6, 2024 • Santorini

Today is a free day to experience and explore the island on our own. **B, D**

Day 12: Monday, October 7, 2024 • Santorini to Athens

We transfer to the airport for an early morning flight to Athens. We have free time to explore. Tonight, we enjoy dinner and a Zafero Experience. **B, D**

Day 13: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 • Return to USA

Our journey has come to an end as we transfer to the airport for our return flight home.

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

TOUR COST: \$5,999

per person, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$890

(with a minimum of 25 participants)

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Roundtrip airfare from Fargo or MSP** to Thessaloniki and return from Athens, Greece including related taxes and fees (*other gateways may be available upon request*). (estimated at \$1,850)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) 4 star hotels;
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of a **Professional Tour Manager**
- **Local guide on Santorini**
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels where available
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$800 per person is due with reservation by January 20, 2024. Interim payment of \$1,500 per person is due March 31, 2024. Final payment is due May 31, 2024. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 99 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 99-31 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Please include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____
 (Name for name badge): _____
 Passport #: _____
 Passport Exp. Date: _____
 Passport Authority: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Place of Birth: _____
 Gender: Male Female (*required by airlines*)
 Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Please include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____
 (Name for name badge): _____
 Passport #: _____
 Passport Exp. Date: _____
 Passport Authority: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Place of Birth: _____
 Gender: Male Female (*required by airlines*)
 Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**
- Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____

