

## Footsteps of Paul through GREECE *including a 3-night cruise* September 13-23, 2014



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## Footsteps of Paul

#### Saturday, September 13, 2014 • Depart USA

Our journey begins as we board our transatlantic flight to Thessaloniki, Greece

#### Sunday, September 14, 2014 • Thessaloniki

After arrival at the airport of Thessaloniki, we meet our guide and transfer to our hotel in **Thessaloniki** (Acts 17:1-9, 1 and 2 Thessalonians) for dinner and an overnight. **D** 



#### Monday, September 15 2014 Philippi, Kavala Thessaloniki

Our morning starts today at **Philippi** (Acts 16:11-40, Philippians), the first city in Macedonia to hear the gospel. Continue to Kavala (**Neapolis**) (Acts

16:9-11) where Paul landed in Europe. We will visit **Lydia's Baptistery** (Acts 16:9-11, Philippians), where the first woman (Acts 18:12) on European soil was baptized. Return to Thessaloniki. **B**,**D** 



#### Tuesday, September 16, 2014 • Thessaloniki, Berea, Kalambaka

This morning our visit of Thessaloniki begins with a drive along the waterfront to the massive White Tower and nearby Triumphant **Arch of** 

**Gallerius**, built in 303 AD. We will also see **St. Demetrios Church** with its valuable mosaics and frescoes. 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 in Thessaloniki. Proceed to **Veria/Berea and visit the "Bema"** (Acts 17:5-15) where St. Paul used to stand while preaching. Drive to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight. **B,D** 

#### Wednesday, September 17, 2014 • Meteora Athens

We check out of our hotel and depart for a visit to the Meteora monasteries, perched precariously on summits of grey rock pinnacles of varied and beautiful shapes. Their history



goes back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century when the monks sought refuge in the cliff side caves then fled higher to build the original wooden shelter, later transformed into monasteries. We drive to Athens past Thermopylae. We check into our hotel in Athens and have dinner. **B**,**D** 

#### Thursday, September 18, 2014 • Athens & Corinth

Today we tour **Athens.** We will see the ruins of **Parthenon**, **the Erechtheum and the Propylae**. We will ascend the Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians about the true God (Acts 17:15-34). On a drive through the city, you will see the House of Parliament on Syntagma Square, the Evzones in

their distinctive uniforms guarding the Presidential palace and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. You 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. We continue to Corinth with a short stop at Corinth Canal. The town of Corinth was the site of extensive ministry to the fledgling and beloved Christian community. We return to Athens for dinner and overnight. **B,D** 



### Friday, September 19, 2014 • Cruise embarkation – Mykonos

We depart from the hotel and transfer to the port of Piraeus



to embark on our 3-day cruise. The first call is **Mykonos**. It is famous for its windmills, countless tiny chapels and narrow cobblestone streets. This maze of narrow lanes was purposely designed to defy both the wind and pirate raids. **Ship Board Meals** 

#### Saturday, September 20, 2014 • Kusadasi and Patmos

Our cruise's next stop is **Kusadasi**. Our tour takes us to visit one of the world's foremost ancient city ruins of **Ephesus**. In Ephesus (Acts 18:19-26), we will see the house where Mary spent her last days, the Basilica of St. John and the Temple of

Artemis (one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World). At around noon, the cruise ship sails for **Patmos**, where the Apostle, John recorded the book of Revelation. On our tour of



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Patmos, we visit the Monastery of St. John, with its courtyard, the monk's dining room and the magnificent main church of **Grotto of the Apocalypse.** Here we see the niches in the wall that mark the pillow and ledge used as a desk by the author of the Book of Revelation and the crack in the rock made by the voice of God. **Ship Board Meals** 

#### Sunday, September 21, 2014 • Heraklion and Santorini

Early in the morning we arrive in **Crete** where we have the opportunity to visit **Knossos Palace**, the home of great Minoan Civilization and the mythological home of Zeus. Later on, the ship takes us to the island of Santorini. The great view in the **Aegean Sea**, the volcano, the narrow lanes and the picturesque villages with their numerous small churches, are some of the characteristics that make the island unique. **Ship Board Meals** 

#### Monday, September 22, 2014 • Athens

The cruise ends in Athens today. After disembarking from our cruise ship, we transfer to your hotel in Athens. We will have a free afternoon. We have a farewell dinner at our hotel in Athens. **B/D** 

#### Tuesday, September 23, 2014 • Return to USA

The journey with Paul ends today. Transfer to the Athens airport for our departure flight to the USA. **B** 

Abbreviations for Meals B=Breakfast D=Dinner

### **Your Tour Host:** *Vicki Tiede* Christian Speaker & Author



I am so excited to invite you to join me for a pilgrimage from which you will never recover. The Bible will be unleashed in ways you've never dreamt possible. The Word of God will literally leap off the pages as you read the stories in the places they

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