

GROUP TOUR PROGRAMME

Steps of Paul in Greece

Thessaloniki · Philippi · Kavala · Veria · Vergina · Meteora · Delphi · Athens · Corinth

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	REGION	BEST SEASON	TOUR THEME
8 Days · 7 Nights	**10+ Pax**	**Northern & Central Greece**	**Mar–Nov**	**Biblical & Classical**

From Philippi, where Paul founded the first church in Europe, to the Bema in Corinth, where he stood before the Roman proconsul – the route follows the Acts of the Apostles in the order Paul travelled. Along the way your group visits nine UNESCO World Heritage Sites, from the royal tombs of Vergina and the monasteries of Meteora to Delphi, the Acropolis and Mycenae. One-way from Thessaloniki to Athens, so no day is lost driving back. Ideal for parish groups, Bible study groups and culture travellers alike. BenLeToni Tours has handled groups across Greece since 1992 – this programme is tailored for travel agencies and tour operators.

Made for your planning

Every day has a notes field, and the planning sheet on the last page collects what we need for a tailored proposal. Type into this PDF on screen or print it and write on it – then send it back to us.

Tour Route



Included In Our Offer

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- ✓ 7 nights accommodation – 2 in Thessaloniki, 1 in Kalambaka, 1 in Delphi, 3 in Athens – in 3- and 4-star hotels (5-star on request)
- ✓ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✓ Private air-conditioned coach throughout the full itinerary
- ✓ Licensed guide for the entire programme
- ✓ All entrance fees to the sites and museums listed in the itinerary
- ✓ Airport transfers on arrival and departure days
- ✓ 24/7 local support contact during your group's stay in Greece
- ✓ Short service at Lydia's baptistery or another site, on request

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses and gratuities
- Single room supplements (available on request)
- Optional excursions not listed in the itinerary (e.g. Daphni Monastery)
- Climate resilience fee, payable locally at the hotels

Full Programme

YOUR NOTES

1

Arrival in Thessaloniki

Arrival at Thessaloniki airport, where your BenLeToni guide meets the group. Short orientation drive through the port city on the way to the hotel. Overnight Thessaloniki.

2

Philippi — Kavala — Amphipolis

Philippi, where Paul founded the first Christian community in Europe: the theatre, the basilicas and the place known as Paul's prison. At the river nearby, the baptistery of Lydia, the first Christian in Europe – time for a moment of reflection or a short service. Kavala, the biblical Neapolis where Paul landed, with its harbour and old town. On the way back, the Lion of Amphipolis. Overnight Thessaloniki.

3

Thessaloniki — Veria — Vergina — Kalambaka

Morning city tour of Thessaloniki, where Paul founded the second church in Europe: the Byzantine churches of Agios Dimitrios and Hagia Sophia, the Rotunda, the Arch of Galerius and the White Tower. Veria, the biblical Berea, and the steps where Paul is remembered as preaching. Vergina, the royal tombs of the Macedonian kings and the museum of their treasures. Evening drive to Kalambaka. Overnight Kalambaka.

4

Meteora — Delphi

Two of the monasteries of Meteora, built on top of sandstone pillars and once centres of Byzantine art and learning. After lunch, drive through central Greece to Delphi. Overnight Delphi.

5

Delphi — Hosios Loukas — Athens

The sanctuary of Apollo at Delphi, seat of the oracle: the Sacred Way, the Temple of Apollo, the theatre and the museum. The monastery of Hosios Loukas and its 11th-century mosaics. Continue to Athens. Overnight Athens.

6

Athens

Guided tour of Athens. The Acropolis and the Parthenon. Below it, the Areopagus hill, where a bronze plaque carries the text of Paul's speech to the Athenians (Acts 17). Afternoon free for the Acropolis Museum or the city. Dinner in a taverna in the Plaka. Overnight Athens.

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7 Corinth — Mycenae — Epidaurus

Over the Corinth Canal to Ancient Corinth, where Paul lived and worked for eighteen months: the Agora, the Lechaion Road, the Temple of Apollo and the Bema, where Paul stood before the proconsul Gallio. Mycenae with the Lion Gate and the Treasury of Atreus. The theatre of Epidaurus and its acoustics. Return to Athens along the coast. Overnight Athens.

8 Departure

Transfer to Athens airport for departure.

Useful Information

Best time to travel
March to November. Easter and the weeks around it are popular with parish groups – book early. July and August are hot at the sites, so visits are planned for the mornings.

Group size
Minimum group size for this programme is 10 passengers. Coaches and guides are planned around the size of your group.

Dress code
Modest dress is required at Meteora, Hosios Loukas and in all churches – covered shoulders and knees, and at Meteora women wear skirts (wraps are provided at the entrance). We advise all groups of this requirement in advance.

Walking difficulty
Moderate. The archaeological sites have uneven ground and steps, and Meteora involves stairs up to the monasteries. Comfortable closed-toe shoes are recommended.

Hotel category
The programme uses a mix of 3- and 4-star hotels, selected for location and group handling. 5-star hotels are available on request.

Customisation
Services can be arranged at Philippi, Corinth or in a church in Athens, and we can bring in a priest or pastor's programme. The tour can be extended with Patmos, where John wrote the Book of Revelation, or with a cruise to the Saronic islands.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can we hold a service or Mass during the tour?
Yes. We arrange short services at the sites (Lydia's baptistery at Philippi is the most moving) and Mass or worship in a church in Thessaloniki or Athens. Tell us your denomination and the days you would like.

Does the tour start and end in different cities?
Yes. Arrival is in Thessaloniki and departure from Athens, so the group follows Paul's route without driving back. Most airlines sell open-jaw tickets for this; if not, the tour can run in the opposite direction.

Which UNESCO World Heritage Sites are included?
Philippi, the early Christian and Byzantine monuments of Thessaloniki, Vergina (Aigai), Meteora, Delphi, Hosios Loukas, the Acropolis of Athens, Mycenae and Epidaurus.

Do we need licensed guides at the archaeological sites?

Yes. Licensed guides are required at the major archaeological sites in Greece. BenLeToni Tours arranges all guides as part of the programme – multilingual guides are available in German, English, French, Italian, Spanish, Dutch and Japanese.

Can the programme be customised?

Yes. Duration, hotel category, pace and included sites can all be adapted. Contact us with your requirements and we will send a tailored proposal.

YOUR NOTES

Planning sheet

Fill in what you already know and send this page to contact@benletoni-tours.gr. We reply with a tailored proposal within 48 hours.

AGENCY / TOUR OPERATOR

CONTACT PERSON

EMAIL

PHONE

GROUP NAME / CLIENT

TRAVEL DATES

NUMBER OF GUESTS

ROOMS: DOUBLE / TWIN / SINGLE

ARRIVAL FLIGHT

DEPARTURE FLIGHT

GUIDE LANGUAGE

HOTEL CATEGORY

☐ 3-star ☐ 4-star ☐ 5-star

CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME

SPECIAL REQUESTS (DIET, MOBILITY, CELEBRATIONS)

We look forward to welcoming your group to Greece.

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