



Christian Heritage: Footsteps of the Apostles

11 days | 14 days with Rome extension

Between the historic locales that served as backdrops for biblical stories, ancient ruins teeming with legend, and villas bursting with local charm, getting to the heart of the region's culture is a sure thing. Discover the heart of Europe's oldest city, from the Acropolis to the Plaka, and learn about the lives of the apostles as you travel through ancient Greece.



Your tour package includes

- 9 nights in handpicked hotels
- 9 breakfasts
- 4 dinners with beer or wine
- 7 guided sightseeing tours
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Hagios Demetrios
- Hagia Sophia
- St. Paul's Tribune (Bema)
- Pinnacle Monasteries
- Delphi Archaeological Site
- Ancient Corinth
- Acropolis of Athens
- Ancient Agora

Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2.5 hours daily across uneven terrain, including paved roads and cobblestone streets, with steep hills and stairs.

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Overnight Flight → 1 night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Thessaloniki today.

Thessaloniki → 3 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Thessaloniki

Included meals: welcome dinner

Welcome to Greece! Gather with your Tour Director and fellow travelers at a welcome dinner this evening.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Thessaloniki

Included meals: breakfast

Set out on a guided tour to get to know Thessaloniki, the second-largest city of the former Byzantine empire and a modern-day hub for Greek culture.

- View the Arch of Galerius and Rotunda, which were built for Roman Emperor Galerius in the 4th century
- Pass by the Hagios Demetrios and Hagia Sophia churches
- See the Roman-style city walls that were constructed during the early 3rd century
- Walk along the seaside promenade to view the White Tower of Thessaloniki, one of the city's central landmarks
- Visit the Ladadika district and enjoy free time to explore at your leisure

Enjoy a free evening in Thessaloniki or add an evening excursion.

+ Greek Wine Tasting & Dinner

Day 4: Free Day in Thessaloniki

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Thessaloniki or add an excursion.

+ Philippi & Kavala

Meteora Region → 1 night

Day 5: Transfer to Meteora Region via Veria & Vergina

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Transfer to the ancient cities of Veria & Vergina this morning.

- Start in Veria, where you'll pay a visit to St. Paul's Tribune (Bema), which is where he preached Christianity at least twice during his lifetime.
- See the monument's impressive murals up close and learn why it is considered a universal monument of religious and cultural heritage
- Visit the Museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai and explore the remains of the royal palace at the archaeological museum of Vergina

This afternoon, continue to Meteora Region for an included group dinner.

Delphi → 1 night

Day 6: Sightseeing tour of Meteora Region and transfer to Delphi

Included meals: breakfast

Today, visit the remote village of Kalambaka at the foot of the Pindus Mountains. Discover Meteora's stunning architecture: Pinnacle Monastery and St. Stephen's Monastery, two Byzantine structures perched atop 1,000-foot-high pinnacle rocks.

This afternoon, transfer through scenic mountain terrain to Delphi. Enjoy a free evening or add an excursion.

+ Arachova Village & Greek Dinner

Nafplio → 2 nights

Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Delphi and transfer to Nafplio

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Enjoy a guided tour of the legendary home of the mystical oracle. You'll visit the Temple of Apollo where, according to legend, the god once communicated with mortals.

This afternoon, continue to Nafplio for an included group dinner.

Day 8: Free Day in Nafplio

Included meals: breakfast

Enjoy a free day in Nafplio or add an excursion.

+ Epidaurus & Mycenae

Athens → 2 nights

Day 9: Transfer to Athens via Ancient Corinth & Kechries

Included meals: breakfast

Travel to Athens, making two stops along the way.

- Explore ancient Corinth on a guided tour featuring the Agora, where Paul's trial by Gallio took place, and the Bema, where Paul was brought before the tribunal, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles
- Visit the seaport town of Kechries for a orientation walk led by your Tour Director

Continue to Athens for a free evening.

Day 10: Sightseeing tour of Athens

Included meals: breakfast, farewell dinner

A local guide introduces you to the highlights of this bustling ancient capital, home to the world's first democracy.

- Pass by the Olympic Stadium, Syntagma Square, and the Arch of Hadrian
- View the sixth-century Temple of Zeus
- See the classically inspired Old Royal Palace, home of the Hellenic Parliament, and drive through the Plaka district
- Drive to Areopagus Hill (Mars Hill) for commentary on the speech made by Apostle Paul
- Set off on a walking tour around the ancient Acropolis, site of the Parthenon, Temple of Athena Nike, and Erechtheion

Later, celebrate your trip during a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers.

Flight Home

Day 11: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home or extend your stay to visit Rome, Italy.

+ Rome extension

Have your sights on more history and culture? Rome is sure to deliver. Only in the Italian capital

can you sip cappuccino in front of the Pantheon and have an audience with the pope all in one morning.

Rome → 3 nights

Day 11: Fly to Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Fly to Rome, Italy and enjoy a free evening in the Italian capital.

Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Rome

Included meals: breakfast

Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans on a guided tour of the Eternal City.

- Soak up over 2,000 years of history in Imperial Rome, viewing the Arch of Constantine and the Arch of Titus
- Enter the Colosseum, the largest amphitheater of the Roman Empire
- Stop at the ruins of the Forum, once the setting of parades, elections, and trials
- Pass by Palatine Hill to see Circus Maximus, the stadium where ancient Romans raced chariots, and the Baths of Caracalla
- Explore Mamertine Prison to see where apostles Peter and Paul were imprisoned
- Step inside the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls

Day 13: Free Day in Rome and Dinner with Tenors

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Enjoy a free day in Rome or add an excursion.

This evening, enjoy an elegant, four-course farewell dinner. While you dine, you'll be treated to some of opera's best-loved arias sung by professional tenors.

+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

Flight Home

Day 14: Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: goaheadtours.com/RSP | 800-597-0350

Day 3: Greek Wine Tasting & Dinner

Visit the link above or call for pricing info.

(4 hours, departs in the evening)

Thessaloniki is known across Greece as a gastronomic paradise for quality and wide variety where the locals take painstaking care of how their products are made. On this excursion, you'll tour a local winery and learn about the production of the vineyard's wine. Then, sit down for a wine tasting and dinner featuring Greek specialties.

masterpiece. Finally, pay a visit to the enormous St. Peter's Basilica, the epicenter of the Roman Catholic faith. The artists who have contributed to its glory are some of the best Italy has ever known, including Bramante, Peruzzi, Raphael, and Michelangelo. Masterpieces await at every turn, from Bernini's magnificent bronze canopy to Michelangelo's Pietà. Please note: This excursion is not available on Sundays. Backpacks are not allowed in the Vatican and a dress code of no shorts or sleeveless shirts is enforced. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 45 days prior to departure.

Day 4: Philippi & Kavala

Visit the link above or call for pricing info.

(10 hours, departs in the morning)

Make your way to Philippi and Kavala where you'll learn about Paul the Apostle from a local guide. Walk through the ancient city of Philippi and view the excavation of Lydia's Baptistery, followed by a visit to the forum, as well as ruins of the Basilica and theater. Continue on to Kavala and see St. Paul's mosaic, Neapolis, the impressive Kamares Aqueduct, and wrap up your visit with entrance into Kavala Castle before heading back to Thessaloniki.

Day 6: Arachova Village & Greek Dinner

\$65/\$75* (4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included)

Visit Arachova, a picturesque town at the foot of Mount Parnassus, and soak in the breathtaking mountain landscape. The evening is yours to stroll through the cobblestone streets, explore the charming village, and admire Arachova's many Byzantine-era churches. Then, enjoy a traditional Greek dinner at a restaurant in the village.

Day 8: Epidaurus & Mycenae

Visit the link above or call for pricing info.

(5 hours, departs in the morning)

Explore the landmarks of Epidaurus and Mycenae on guided sightseeing tours. In Epidaurus, discover Greece's best-preserved open-air theater which dates back to the end of the 4th century BC. Then, in Mycenae explore the mysterious beehive-shaped Treasury of Atreus, the magnificent Lion Gate, one of the oldest monumental sculptures in Europe and the burial ground of Agamemnon and his followers.

Extension excursion options

Day 13: Iconic Sights: Vatican City

\$109 (3.5 hours, departure time varies)

This guided tour takes you inside the world's smallest state, Vatican City. Skip the lines upon arrival, turn on your pre-distributed headsets, and immediately begin diving into the Vatican's incredible history with your local guide. First, visit the Vatican Museums, which are over 500 years old and hold many of the world's most important Classical- and Renaissance-era sculptures. Next, step inside the Sistine Chapel, where you'll gaze up at what is perhaps Michelangelo's greatest

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.com/terms