



# Saint David the King Footsteps & Holy Door Pilgrimage

*with World Travel Agency LLC*

 Greece and Italy

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# Trip Overview



Your host

World Travel Agency LLC 

 Oct 5 - Oct 16, 2025

 Group size: 1-50

 Greece and Italy



## About this trip

Embark on a sacred Biblical pilgrimage, retracing the footsteps of the Apostle Paul across the ancient lands of Greece and Italy. This transformative journey begins in Thessaloniki, where you'll explore Philippi and Kavala, sites steeped in Biblical significance, before immersing yourself in the rich history of Thessaloniki itself. As you stand in awe before the Meteora Monasteries and traverse the storied streets of Athens, the enduring legacy of faith comes to life before your eyes.

In Rome, the heart of Catholicism, your pilgrimage reaches its pinnacle. From the solemn halls of Mamertine Prison to the hallowed grounds of St. Peter's Basilica, each site offers a profound connection to the martyrdom of the Apostle Paul and the early Christian community. As you attend a Papal Audience and cross the Holy Door, you'll experience moments of profound spiritual reflection,

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deepening your bond with the Church and its rich traditions.

Throughout your journey, Masses at revered sites such as the Bema of Apostle Paul in Berea and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls provide moments of spiritual renewal and communion with the faithful. Join us on this sacred odyssey, where faith, history, and tradition converge to illuminate the path of discipleship and grace.

## **Included:**

- Mass Daily ( in local Churches/Cathedrals or Hotel or At the Places of Paul)
- 2 Nights Thessaloniki 4-Star Hotel
- 1 Night Kalambaka 4-Star Hotel
- 3 Nights Athens 4-Star Hotel
- 4 Nights Rome 4-Star Hotel
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- All Entrance Fees
- Transfer with deluxe motorcoaches
- English Speaking Guide – Biblical oriented
- All Taxes
- International group economy air and group economy air from Athens to Rome
- Tour Director throughout
- Tips for Guides and Drivers
- Whispers
- Meet & Assist at the airport

## **Not Included:**

- Travel insurance
- Lunches not specified in the itinerary
- Any immunization and testing costs.

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## Meals

Breakfast and Dinner Daily

## Hotels

### Four Star Accommodation Hotels

*6-7 October 2025*

2 Nights in Thessaloniki

*8 October 2025*

1 Night in Kalambaka

*9-11 October 2025*

3 nights in Athens

*12-15 October 2025*

4 Nights in Rome

## Disclaimers

Airline Flight Scheduled Times Subject to Change by Airlines.

Itinerary Details Subject to Minor Changes by Tour Operator.

Tour price subject to change pending 2025 group economy class air pricing by airlines.

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## Payment Alternatives

We make payment easy. Pay now by credit or debit card (3.9% credit card fee) or ACH payment from your bank (1% bank processing fee). See the easy-to-follow steps in the booking section below.

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## What's included

✓ Airfare	Roundtrip Group Economy Class Airfare from Newark airport. Group Economy Class Air from Athens to Rome.
✓ Airport Transfer	Meet and assist at airport upon arrival and departure - roundtrip guide escorted airport transfers
✓ Transportation and Guide	Ten days touring in a modern, air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi and with professional, English-speaking tour guide
✓ Lodging and Meals	Ten nights four star lodging - including full buffet breakfasts and dinners
✓ Whisper Headsets	Don't miss a word - easy to hear your guide with high-quality audio headsets during the tour
✓ Entrance Fees	All touring and entrance fees as listed in the itinerary
✓ Porter Fees	Porter fees at airport and hotels
✓ Tips	All tips for guides, driver and hotels
✓ Mass Daily	Mass Daily (in local Churches, Cathedrals or Hotels or at the Places of Paul)
✗ Travel Insurance	Travel Insurance
✗ Lunches	Lunches not specified in itinerary
✗ Immunizations	Any immunization and testing costs
✗ Personal expenses	Entrance fees not specified in the itinerary, personal food or transportation separate from the group

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# Packages & Options

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## Available packages

Footsteps of Paul & Holy Door Pilgrimage	<b>\$5100</b>
Full Tour Cost (see inclusions and exclusions under Trip Description)	Deposit: \$1000
Based on double occupancy, priced per person.	
Deposit due at time of booking. \$1000 deposit due on or before Friday, February 28, 2025. Space is limited, we encourage you to make your deposit as soon as possible to secure your reservation.	

*Please note that the tour cost may increase due to 2025 group airline provisions.*

Available until May 30, 2025

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## Available options

Single Supplement	<b>\$1500</b>
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# Itinerary

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**Sunday, October 5, 2025** On our way!

Depart EWR Group Air-Economy Class (Airline to be selected)



**Monday, October 6, 2025** Arrival at Thessaloniki Airport Makedonia, Greece

Today, you begin your Biblical journey to Thessaloniki! Upon arrival in Thessaloniki, you will be transferred to your hotel to drop off your bags. Enjoy some free time before dinner. Overnight in Thessaloniki



**Tuesday, October 7, 2025** Tour Philippi and Kavala

Apostle Paul visited Philippi together with Silas during his Second Missionary Journey. Our first Biblical encounter with Philippi is through Act 16:11-40. At the time, Philippi had no synagogues and very few Jews, so Paul decides to wait for the Sabbath and go to the riverbanks outside the city. There he began to talk to the women that gathered there, amongst them, Lydia-the first person to be Baptized in European soil-she and her whole household became believers. During your tour in Philippi, you will have the opportunity to visit and study your Bible in the actual place where the Baptism took place called "Lydia's Baptistry." You will also see the place where Paul and



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Silas were imprisoned and freed by a violent earthquake. From there, you will continue to Kavala; the site was used to be Ancient Neapolis that Paul, Timothy, and Silas landed. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. **Mass at Philippi or Lydia's Baptistry**

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## Wednesday, Oct 8, 2025    Tour Thessaloniki, Berea and Overnight Kalambaka

Apostle Paul came to Thessaloniki and went straight to the Synagogue. As described in your Bible in **Acts 17:1–9**, Paul preached in the Synagogue for three consecutive Sabbaths, and he gained many followers who believed. A couple of the Jews who were not persuaded created an uproar and attacked the House of Jason, one of the believers Paul was staying with during his visit. During your tour, you will have the Biblical Experience of those verses as you will see the agora in Thessaloniki, where Paul preached to the local Jews, as well as the House of Jason, where he lived! You will also have the opportunity to visit St. Demetrius Basilica, dedicated to a distinguished member of the Roman army and a martyred Christian convert, and see the Galerius Arch rising over the famous via Egnatia. Continue to Berea, as described in **Acts 17:10–15** Paul and Silas go to Berea and preach at the Synagogue. Many of the Jews became believers, but Paul's ministry was cut short. While you are in Berea, you will see St. Paul's Bema, where he preached to the local Jews in 54 AD. Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka. **Mass at the Bema of Apostle Paul in Berea**

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## Thursday, Oct 9, 2025   Meteora Monasteries and Overnight in Athens

This morning we visit the famous Meteora Monasteries. Here we see the world-famous Byzantine monasteries that are perched precariously on summits of gray rock pinnacles of varied and beautiful shapes. Their history goes back to the 14th century when the monks sought refuge in the cliff side caves then fled higher to build the original wooden shelters, later transformed into monasteries. Continue to Athens for dinner and overnight. **Mass at the Catholic Church of Athens**



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## Friday, October 10, 2025   Tour the Athens of the Apostle Paul

In 51 AD, Apostle Paul traveled from Berea to Athens by boat. His boat anchored at Faliron that used to be the main port serving Athens. Apostle Paul traveled from port to Athens. While waiting for Silas & Timothy to come from Macedonia, he spent most of his time talking with citizens at the Synagogues and the Agora. The Athenians took an interest in his teachings and invited him to present it more analytically at the Aeropagus, the hill west of Acropolis. Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and gave his famous Aeropagus Sermon, emphasizing the need to know God rather than worship the unknown as described in Acts 17:16-34. Follow your guide on a journey to the ancient Acropolis where you will see the Propylaea, the Parthenon and the Erectheum. View Mars Hill where Paul preached the gospel to the intellectual Athenian community of his day (Acts 17: 15-34). View the ruins of the Agora, ancient marketplace and center of Athenian public life, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. You will view the Olympic Stadium, where the modern Olympics began and where the games returned in 2004. Free time in Plaka. Dinner and



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overnight in Athens. **Mass at the Catholic Church of Athens**

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## Saturday, Oct 11, 2025 Tour Ancient Corinth

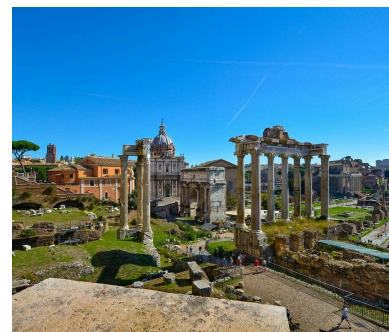
This morning we visit Corinth (Acts 18: 1-18), a city that inspired of St. Paul's most familiar letter. You will visit the **Archeological Museum**, the **Market Place**, and **Temples**. Walk among the ruins and stand on the **Bema** where Paul stood. Read Paul's letter to the **Corinthians** and visualize his address to the Gentiles as he began the task of building Corinth's church. Imagine where Aquila and Priscilla lived and where they had their tent making business. Acts 18:9-11 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city."11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them. Return to Athens for Dinner and overnight. **Mass at the Bema of Apostle Paul in Corinth**

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## Sunday, October 12, 2025 Early Morning Flight to Rome: Tour Colosseum, Forum, Mamertina

Paul went to Rome as a prisoner in chains; Acts 2-28 tells us the story, arrested in Jerusalem, and imprisoned at Caesarea for two years, Paul appealed to Caesar and suffered a shipwreck on his way to Rome as a prisoner. After two years, Paul was released from his imprisonment, after which he traveled and wrote two more epistles before his final Roman imprisonment in Mamertine Prison. You visit **Mamertine prison** today. You continue with a walking tour through



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**Roman Forum** and towards the **Arch of Titus**; the Arch's inside relief portrays Roman soldiers carrying off treasures from Jerusalem Temple, destroyed by Titus in 70 AD. Jesus predicted this destruction (**MATH 24:1-2**). Then onto the famous Colosseum! We continue to Pantheon, Piazza Navona & Trevi Fountain. Dinner and overnight at your hotel. **Mass can be arranged in one of the Churches of Rome**

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## Monday, October 13, 2025 Tre Fontane and the Seven Churches of Rome

This morning you start your day at the most inspiring place, Tre Fontane (Abbey of Three Fountains). Tradition tells us Paul was martyred outside the walls of Rome at a place most people have never heard of—one of the Christian sites not on the tourist maps. Don't confuse Tres Fontane with the famous Trevi Fountain. It's called Tres Fontane ("Three Fountains") because, according to legend, after Paul's head was cut off, it bounced three times, and three fountains sprung up! You will then continue your journey to visit all seven of the churches of Rome. You will begin with the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, that many believe that Paul is buried there. Continue to St Lawrence Outside the walls which is also one of the 5 Papal Basilicas of Rome. Then you continue to St Sebastian Outside the Walls. Then we continue with the Basilica of Holy Cross ( Santa Croce ), The Basilica of St Mary Major which is a Major Papal Basilica and the largest Marian Church in Rome. You will conclude with the Basilica of St John the Lateran which is also the Seat of the Bishop of Rome. Last but not least, you will visit the St. Peter Basilica. Free time near the Vatican. Dinner and overnight in Rome. **Mass at the Bema of Paul**

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## Tuesday October 14, 2025 Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, Catacombs and City Tour of Rome

This morning you visit The Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and St Peter's Basilica. Almost all Christians martyred in the Circus of Gaius/ Nero—the site where St. Peter's Square now stands. The Egyptian obelisk in the center of the square is original to the circus, though it stood in a different spot. Here Peter was crucified, according to tradition, upside down ( John 21:18-19). He is most likely buried deep beneath the Basilica in the original burial cave. In the afternoon you continue to the Catacombs. Most famous for the early Christians buried here, the catacombs offer an essential contribution to early Christian art. Early frescoes and sculptures still exist in the catacombs. Most touching are the smaller burial spots carved out for children who had died. Dinner and overnight at your Hotel. **Mass can be arrange in one of the Churches of Rome**

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## Wednesday, Oct 15, 2025 Morning Papal Audience, Afternoon on your own to cross the Holy Door

Today we start early from the Hotel to be on time for the Papal Audience. After that you will have free time at the Vatican to visit St. Peter Basilica and cross the Holy Door. Rest of the day free. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

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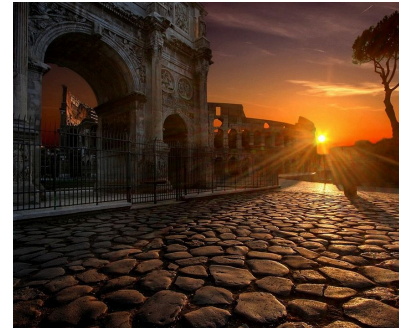


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Thursday, Oct 16, 2025 Departure-Rome to Newark

Return home to tell all of your friends about your amazing pilgrimage!



## Your organizer

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