10 DAYS · 9 NIGHTS

Footsteps of Paul

Paul's ministry through Macedonia and Achaia, with time to read the letters where those churches first heard them.

BASE CITIES
Thessaloniki, Kavala, Kalambaka, Athens

BEST MONTHS
Late April–May
Late Sept–October

PACE
Moderate, with two longer transfer days

SCRIPTURE
Acts 16–18 · Philippians · 1–2 Thess. · 1–2 Cor.



THE JOURNEY

The journey follows the sequence of Paul's ministry through Macedonia and Achaia. Each major stop has a passage and time reserved for teaching, rather than a day filled only with sightseeing.

A proposed itinerary, not a confirmed departure. Hotels, meals, worship times, and price are set when a departure is planned.

Meteora is a later chapter in Christian history and a scenic pause. It is not part of Paul's documented route.

A church leader can teach the passages on location. Worship is set with that leader, and Catholic prayer can be arranged. The label describes the program, not who may come.

HOW IT'S EXPERIENCED Who leads, what's built in, and what the hosting church can add.

01

Who leads

A pastor or church leader teaches. The hosting church sets the worship format.

02

In the program

The Pauline route through Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, Athens, and Corinth, with Meteora as a later Christian-history pause. Commentary time is reserved at suitable places, with an indoor fallback.

03

By request

Group prayer or a service with the hosting church. Catholic prayer or Mass, arranged separately. A shorter route that omits Meteora, or an extra night in Thessaloniki or Athens.

ITINERARY

Day by day

MACEDONIA → ACHAIA

Macedonia DAYS 1–5

01

THESSALONIKI

Night in Thessaloniki

Arrive where the letters began

Arrival, a welcome gathering, and orientation to the route ahead: Macedonia first, then the road south to Athens and Corinth.

> *"For from you sounded out the word of the Lord."*
>
> 1 THESSALONIANS 1:8

TEACHING

Introduce Acts 16–18 and the shape of the journey.

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02

KAVALA & PHILIPPI

Night in the Kavala area

The gospel comes to Europe

Kavala stands at ancient Neapolis, where Acts says the party landed. The day continues to Philippi: the forum, the riverside traditionally associated with Lydia's gathering, and the place tradition calls the jail.

> *"And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made."*
>
> **ACTS 16:13**

TEACHING

Acts 16: Paul's arrival in Macedonia, and Lydia's story.

03

PHILIPPI

Night in Thessaloniki

Partnership, suffering, and joy

A second visit to Philippi, then the return toward Thessaloniki, with selected stops along the corridor as the day allows.

> *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."*
>
> **PHILIPPIANS 1:3**

TEACHING

Philippians: partnership, suffering, and joy.

04

THESSALONIKI

Night in Thessaloniki

A church in a Roman city

Thessaloniki's ancient setting and its early Christian heritage. The letters were written to a real congregation in this city.

> *"And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas."*
>
> **ACTS 17:4**

TEACHING

Acts 17 and 1–2 Thessalonians.

05

BEREA

Night in Kalambaka or Kastraki

They searched the scriptures

Berea, modern Veria, then on toward the rocks of Meteora. The stop is the community Acts describes as examining the message.

> *"These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily."*
>
> **ACTS 17:11**

TEACHING

Receiving a message and testing it.

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06

METEORA

Night toward Athens

A later chapter

NOT ON PAUL'S ROUTE

One Meteora monastery, subject to its opening day, then the road toward Athens. This is monastic Christianity centuries after Paul, not a stop on his documented route.

> *"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help."*
>
> PSALM 121:1

TEACHING

A clear transition from apostolic history to later monastic life.

07

ATHENS

Night in Athens

Men of Athens

The ancient Agora and the Areopagus area, with an unhurried afternoon in the city. The Acropolis stands above the rock where Acts places Paul's sermon.

> *"For in him we live, and move, and have our being."*
>
> ACTS 17:28

TEACHING

Speaking about faith in a city that already had gods.

08

CORINTH

Night in Athens

The church Paul stayed to build

The archaeological site of Ancient Corinth, and Cenchreae if the day's routing permits. The letters address a congregation, not a ruin.

> *"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."*
>
> 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

TEACHING

Acts 18 and the Corinthian correspondence.

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09

ATHENS

Night in Athens

What the early churches still teach

A flexible day for a closing session, a museum or another biblical-history visit, and time to gather what the route has meant.

> *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."*
>
> **1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**

TEACHING

What the early churches can teach a congregation now.

10

ATHENS

Departure

Depart Athens

Transfer for departure.

> *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."*
>
> **1 THESSALONIANS 5:28**

TEACHING

The journey ends. The letters go home with the group.

BEFORE YOU GO Practical notes, clear limits, and the options a group can add.

Practical considerations

WALKING	Uneven stone paths and short climbs at Philippi, the Areopagus, and Ancient Corinth. Wear sturdy shoes.
WEATHER	Strong sun even in spring and autumn, with little shade at the sites. Bring a hat and water.
TRANSPORT	A dedicated coach is the simplest way to travel as a group. The longest drives are Days 5 and 6.
MONASTERIES	Steep stairs at Meteora. Shoulders and knees covered. Dress and entry rules are confirmed before departure.

What this journey is not

- × An on-site group service is not promised at a protected archaeological monument.
- × Meteora is not presented as part of Paul's documented route.

What can be arranged

- \+ A shorter route without Meteora
- \+ An extra night in Thessaloniki or Athens

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