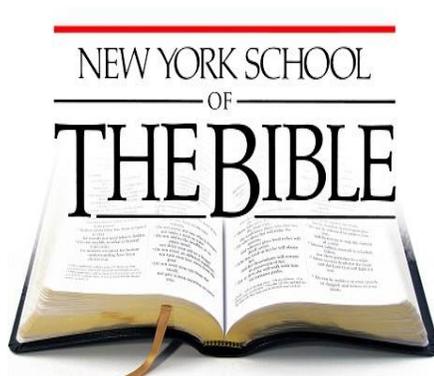




Study Tour of Biblical Greece, March 15-25 2016

Tour price including round trip air from New York on Turkish Airlines **\$2499**. Tour only price **\$1499**. Single supplement \$300. Minimum of 25 participants. Space limited to 40 participants.

New York School of the Bible (NYSB) is sponsoring a study tour of Biblical Greece. The emphasis will be on the cities and places that were visited by the Apostle Paul and his co-workers, as well as sites that have an indirect bearing on the Biblical text.



The purpose of this tour is to edify and educate the believer in the Lord Jesus so they have a better understanding of the Word of God and the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul.

The tour will be led by NYSB Bible teacher Gordon Franz and the registrar, Billy Nelson. Gordon has explored and led numerous study trips to Greece and is well familiar with the history, archaeology, and Biblical events that transpired in the ancient nation. He will give on-site Bible studies as well as lectures on the long bus ride between sites.

Apostle Paul and his team first landed in Greece. We'll view the ancient harbor of Neapolis and then walk to the church dedicated to the landing of Paul in Greece. There'll be free time to change money and have lunch and time to visit the archaeological museum in Kavala before an optional walk of a short segment of the ancient Via Egnatia, the Roman Road that went the length of Macedonia. Tonight we will enjoy the hospitality of the Hotel Lydia located just outside ancient Philippi. On this day, we will discuss: "How Beautiful are the Feet" on the Via Egnatia.



Itinerary

Tues Mar 15 - Fly from JFK to Greece. Meet at JFK on first day (Day 1) for an afternoon departure at 2:25pm on Turkish Airways to Istanbul. Arrive early morning (day 2), 06:25am, at Istanbul and connect to Thessaloniki at 07:30am, arriving at 08:50am.

Weds Mar 16 - Thessaloniki - Kavala - Philippi. Our guide, James Nikolopoulos, and driver will meet us at the airport and transfer us by bus to Kavala where the tour begins. The modern city of Kavala, built over the ancient city of Neapolis, is where the

Thurs Mar 17 - Philippi

Our next day of touring (Day 3) will begin at the Church of Lydia and Paul, just behind our hotel, and discuss the meeting of the apostle and seller of purple in this city. After, we'll make a short trip to the city of Drama, just north of Philippi, to visit the local museum with important artifacts from that region. In the early afternoon we will return to Philippi and visit the excavations, the archaeological museum, and have an optional hike up the acropolis. Those who do not want to do the hike can return to the hotel, just a short walk from the museum. On this day we will discuss Paul's ministry in Philippi (Acts 16:11-40); the Book of



Philippians; the lives of Lydia: An Open Heart and an Open Home; Epaphroditus: A Gambling Veteran; and Silas: A Faithful and Fearless Man; also the Battle of Philippi: The Battle that Changed the Course of Western Civilization.

Fri Mar 18 - Philippi to Thessaloniki

The next day (Day 4) we'll follow the modern road that runs along the ancient Via Egnatia, the route the Apostle Paul took to Thessaloniki (Acts 17:1). Our first stop will be Amphipolis to visit the museum and excavations. As we depart, we will visit the famed lion of Amphipolis. We continue along the Via Egnatia to Apollonia, the city dedicated to the god Apollo. This site is very rarely visited by tourists, mainly because very little has been done archaeologically. At least we can say, "Been there, done that, just like the Apostle Paul!" By mid-afternoon we should be in Thessaloniki, the most important city in northern Greece. At the end of the day we'll visit the Church of St. Demetrius and the Agora/Forum. We will be staying at the Hotel Golden Star Resort. On this day, we will discuss: Paul at Amphipolis; Paul at Apollonia: The City of Apollo; and St. Demetrius.

Sat Mar 19 - Thessaloniki - Berea

Day 5 will begin with a tour of the Thessaloniki Museum and see artifacts that have a bearing on the books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians and Paul's ministry in this city (Acts 17:1-9). At Vergina we'll visit the burial mound of Philip II and the theater where he was assassinated by two of his body guards. Our first stop will be the city of Berea (Vorea) and visit the "Altar of St. Paul" and the "modern" synagogue of the city (Acts 17:10-15). We'll spend the night at the Hotel Makedonia in Berea. On this day we will consider: Paul at Thessaloniki: Synagogue and Scripture; Demas: Lover of this Present World; Aristarchus: Noble Birth, Nobler Pursuit; Macedonia in the Book of Daniel; Vergina and Philip the Second; and Paul at Berea: "They Search the Scriptures Daily."

Sun Mar 20 - Thessaloniki - Delphi There'll be an early start on Day 6 as we have lots to do and a long drive ahead. We begin at Dion to visit the excavations and museum. It was here that the god Apollo gave Alexander the Great his blessing to have a military campaign against Persia in order to recapture Greek territory. Unbeknownst to Alexander, he was fulfilling Bible prophecy that was predicted by the prophet Daniel. We will continue to Meteora and visit the Great Monastery. The monastic movement will be discussed and the lifestyle of the monks considered. After, we'll leave Kalembaka for Thermopylae, where the famous battle took place between the 300 Spartans and the Persian army under Xerxes the Great. The battlefield will be explored before continuing to Delphi and the Hotel Apollonia. On this day we'll consider: Alexander the Great at Dion; Meteora: "Suspended in Air"; the Battle of Thermopylae and the Book of Esther.

Mon Mar 21 - Delphi - Corinth

On Day 7, we'll walk to the Delphi excavations (500m away). In Greek mythology, Delphi was considered to be the center of the earth and had the famed oracle temple of the god Apollo. In the museum is an important inscription, called the Gallio Inscription, for dating Paul's visit to Corinth. After departing Delphi, we'll

make a short stop in Thebes to visit the Church of St. Luke. Tradition has it that he was buried there and his bones later removed to Constantinople and then on to Italy. Recently the Vatican returned the rib bone closest to Dr. Luke's heart to be reinterred in the church! Our journey will bring us to Corinth for the night, but before we stop, we will visit the Corinth Canal and proceed to Kenchrea (Acts 18:18) and discuss Sister Phoebe (Rom. 16:1-2). Our hotel for the night, Kalamaki Beach, is close to Kenchrea. Today we will consider: Delphi: "Navel of the Earth"; the Geology of Delphi; the Gallio Inscription; and Luke the Physician: With "Medicine for the Soul"; Paul at Cenchrea: Vow and Hospitality; Phoebe: Sister, Servant, and Patroness of the Church at Cenchrea.

Tues Mar 22 - Corinth and Athens

Our focus on Day 8 will be the ancient city of Corinth. We will begin at Isthmia where athletic games were held. In Ancient Corinth we will visit the museum and Agora of Corinth will be explored as well as a visit to the Erastus Inscription (Acts 18:1-17). We will visit the Diolkos where the ships were dragged over the isthmus. At the end of the day we will make our traveling home in Athens for the next two nights at the Hotel Parthenon.





There's a lot of Biblical material to discuss today, including: Paul at Corinth: In the World, but Not of the World; "Go for the Gold!"; Paul and the Isthmian Games; "Meat Offered to Idols"; the lives of Erastus: "Salt and Light" in the Government of Corinth; Titus: "Blessed are the Peacemakers"; Apollos: "Eloquent and Mighty in the Scriptures"; Aquila and Priscilla: "A Godly Marriage for Ministry."; and the Diolkos and the Corinth Canal.

Weds Mar 23 - Athens

We've arrived in the capital of democracy and Greek philosophy, Athens. Day 9 will begin with a visit to the Temple of Zeus below the Acropolis. We'll walk to the Theater of Dionysis and then up to the Acropolis where we'll spend time visiting this important archaeological site. The morning will end in the ancient Agora (Acts 17:16-34). In the afternoon, we'll visit the National Archaeological Museum. Our discussion for today will be: Paul at Athens: "Jesus is Infinitely Superior to Zeus"; the Household of Stephanas: "Firstfruits of Achaia."

Thurs Mar 24 - Athens

On our final day of touring (Day 10), we'll visit sites in the area around Athens. Our first stop will be the naval park where we'll see the reconstructed trireme "Olympias", and then on to the Piraeus Museum to see the artifacts that were uncovered in the harbor. We'll take a short excursion boat ride to the island of Salamis and view and discuss the Battle of Salamis where the Persian King Xerxes's naval fleet was destroyed by the Greek navy and changed the course of Western Civilization. The rest of the afternoon will be free to shop and explore in Athens on your own. Our discussions for today will include: Mutiny on the HMS Corinth: "Under-rowers for Admiral Jesus."

Other topics to be discussed during the trip will be: The Missionary Activity of the Apostle Paul; "He Sent Them Forth Two-by-Two"; Paul's Missionary strategy; the Chronology of the Life of the Apostle

Paul; and the life of Timothy: "Doing the Work of an Evangelist."

Fri Mar 25 - Athens - New York

Happy Independence Day to Greece! Breakfast at hotel. Check-out. Escorted group bus transfer from the Hotel to Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" for your departure flight home. Flight departs at 10:05am from Athens on Turkish airlines with estimated arrival time in New York at 7:00pm.

Guide: James Nikolopoulos.

James is one of only three believing guides in Greece and is an evangelical. He knows his material well and goes out of his way to accommodate the group.

Hotel Information

Hotel Lydia in Philippi
Golden Star Resort in Perea, Thessaloniki
Hotel Makedonia in Berea (Voria)
Hotel Apollonia in Delphi
Hotel Kalamaki Beach near Corinth
Hotel Parthenon in Athens

Meal plan - half board basis (breakfast + dinner) at all hotels.

Inclusions

- Round-trip air with tax & fuel from New York on Turkish Airways
- Ten (10) nights hotel accommodation in Greece on half board basis
- Comprehensive sightseeing tours by local English-speaking government licensed BIBLE-ORIENTED guide throughout the tour
- Entrance tickets to archaeological & historical sites & museums mentioned in the itinerary (valid 2015 rates)
- All transfers & transportation by private air conditioned, latest model, deluxe motor-coaches
- Highway tolls, parking fees, bus driver's in/out portage, VAT.
- All tips & gratuities to local tour guide, escorts, motor-coach drivers, hotel & restaurant staff

Not included in the above package cost

- Lunches, snacks, beverages, soft drinks, Personal expenses,
- Portage of luggage in/out the hotels & at airports,
- Insurance (travel, baggage, health & medical)
- Valid passport for at least 6 months & visa fees (it is the responsibility of the passenger to have all necessary documentation in their possession before traveling).



Payment Schedule

- \$200 Non refundable deposit required to guarantee a place
- 2nd payment of \$1,000 due Nov 12th, 2015
- Final payment is of \$1299 due Jan 18th, 2016
- Credit card payment incurs a 3% fee.
- Check payment must be made to Key Travel – Credit card payment can be called in to 646-289-6820.
- Please mail registration and check payment to: New York School of the Bible, ATT: Greece trip, 123 W 57th Street New York NY 10019

Terms & Conditions

- An additional \$200 becomes non-refundable from Nov 13th to 18th
- Tour package becomes non-refundable on January 19th.