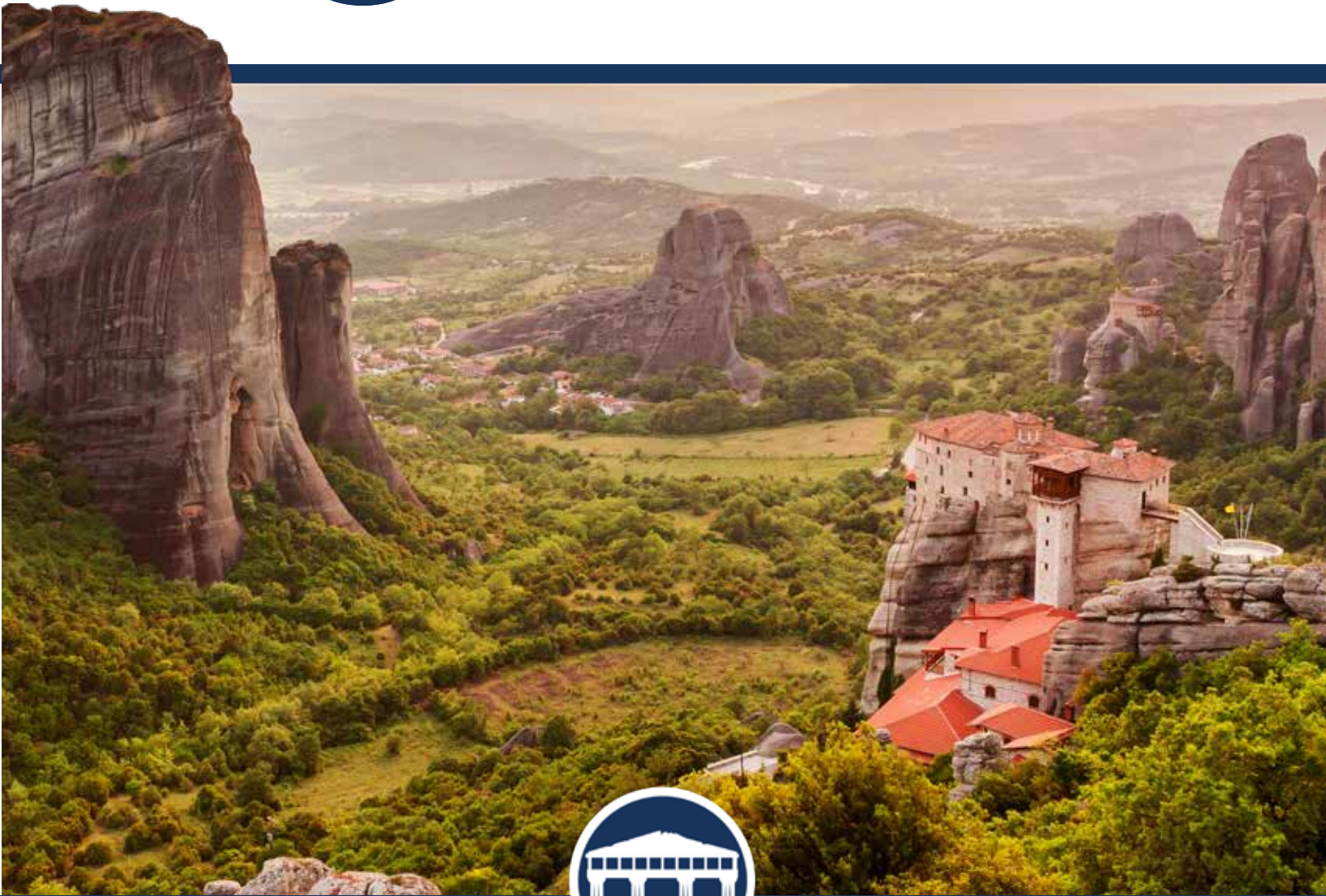




TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



The Missionaries of the New Evangelization invite you on a

PILGRIMAGE TO

GREECE

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

December 2nd - 11th, 2019



PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

● Day 1 – Dec. 2: Depart USA

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins as we depart on our transatlantic flight to Athens. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

● Day 2 – Dec. 3: Arrive Athens

Upon arrival in Athens we will be greeted by our local guide and then transfer to our hotel for check-in. The remainder of the evening will be free.

● Day 3 – Dec. 4: Athens

This morning we will visit the ancient Acropolis with its magnificent Parthenon (447-432 BC). The Acropolis served as the worship center for the entire pantheon of Greek gods. Like Corinth, Paul visited Athens on both his Second and Third Missionary Journeys. We will stop at the Areopagus, also known as Mars Hill, the site of the Shrine of the Unknown God, where we will listen to St. Paul's daring speech (Acts 17:22-31). Other elements of our tour will include the Agora with its most impressive buildings, the Stoa of Attalus and the Temple of Hephaistos; and the Roman Forum. We will also enjoy a guided tour of the National Archeological Museum. In the afternoon we will visit the Cathedral Basilica of St. Dionysius the Areopagite. It is the main Roman Catholic church of Athens, Greece, and the seat of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Athens. Fr. Bramlage will lead a time of prayer and reflection.

● Day 4 – Dec. 5: Athens

This morning we will drive along the scenic coastal to Ancient Corinth which St. Paul visited on both his Second and Third Missionary Journeys. We will stop at the Isthmus of Corinth, a central shipping canal that connects the Aegean and Adriatic



Seas and celebrate an outdoor Mass at the Harbor of Cenchreae, Paul's port of departure for his voyage to Syria with Priscilla and Aquila. Our tour will begin with the museum and continue with an inspection of the archeological remains. Highlights will include the Temple of Apollo, the Temple of Octavia, the theater, the North Market and the Forum. In the afternoon, Fr. Bramlage will lead a time of prayer and reading the scriptures. Return to Athens.

● Day 5 – Dec. 6: Athens / Kalambaka

Depart Athens and drive north to Delphi, the center of the ancient world. We will take a walking tour of the Sanctuary of Apollo and the Temple of Apollo which served as the home of the Oracle of Delphi. Then proceed to Meteora where we will experience one of the most unusual and spectacular highlights of the pilgrimage as we visit a number of world-famous Byzantine monasteries perched precariously atop the summits of gray rock pinnacles of varied sizes and shapes. The panoramic view is breathtaking. Originally Greek Orthodox monks fled to caves in the vicinity for protection and solitude, and to gain greater security, went even higher. Their spiritual artwork is splendid. While in Meteora, Fr. Bramlage will lead a lengthy retreat time focusing on the scriptures of St. Paul. After visiting Meteora we will continue on to Kalambaka for overnight.

● Day 6 – Dec. 7: Kalambaka / Thessaloniki

Today we will depart Kalambaka and proceed through the ancient city of Pella, the birthplace of Alexander the Great, to Veria where St. Paul fled after he was threatened in Thessalonica. We will celebrate Mass at the "Dais of the Apostle Paul," and then visit the Bema, the monument to the Apostle Paul; the small Byzantine basilica of the Resurrection of Christ; and one of the town's most notable monuments, Hagios Vlasios, which is dedicated to St. Blaise. We will then proceed to Thessaloniki which St. Paul visited on his second missionary journey in 49 A.D. and where he founded a church, was heavily persecuted, and wrote two letters to the residents. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

● Day 7 – Dec. 8: Thessaloniki

Today we will visit the Old City Ramparts and St. George Church, as well as two beautiful basilicas, St. Demetrius, which is dedicated to a member of the Roman army who converted

to Christianity and later was martyred, and St. Sophia. We will also visit the famous Archaeological Museum. In the afternoon we will visit a local Orthodox church where we will have time for quiet prayer.

● **Day 8 – Dec. 9: Thessaloniki / Philippi / Kavala / Thessaloniki**

Today we will travel to Philippi, the place where St. Paul began his missionary work in Europe. The highlight of the day will be an outdoor celebration of Mass alongside the river where Paul preached and baptized Lydia, his first European convert. We will visit the nearby Greek Orthodox church. We will also conduct a prayer service at the place where St. Paul was held in prison. While in Philippi, we will visit the ruins of a basilica, the Forum, the Agora or marketplace, aqueduct, Acropolis, and theater. During the day, Fr. Bramlage will lead an extended time of prayer and reflection. Next, we will travel along the Via Egnatia to biblical Neapolis, later renamed Christopoulos because it was the first European city to accept Christianity, which today is known as Kavala. It is a beautiful modern seaport town and the place where St. Paul landed in Greece after his voyage from Troas. We will visit the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Paul and St. Nicholas Church and then return to Thessaloniki for overnight.

● **Day 9 – Dec. 10: Thessaloniki / Athens**

Transfer to the airport to catch our flight to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens we will be met at the airport and then drive to Cape Sounion where you will visit the 5th Century B.C. Temple of Poseidon with one of the most breathtaking panoramic views in the world (on a clear day you can see at least seven islands). We will then enjoy a scenic drive along the coastal road past Varkiza, Vouliagmeni and Glyfada, while enjoying splendid views of the Saronic Gulf. During the drive we will stop for an extended time of prayer lead by Fr. Bramlage. Return to Athens and visit the renowned “Plaka” district, located around the base of the Acropolis. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

● **Day 10 – Dec. 11: Athens / USA**

Transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$2,895.00

per person/double occupancy

For a single occupancy please add \$556.00

For land only, please subtract: \$332.00

These rates include:

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Denver on British Airways
- One way airfare from Thessaloniki to Athens on day 9
- 8 nights accommodations
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Athens on day 9
- Comprehensive sightseeing with a professional licensed guide
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Arrival and departure transfers; group flights only
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at hotels

These rates do not include:

- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$495.93 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)*
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel/restaurant staff*
- Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

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Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$75.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$175.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Greece. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on British Airways. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$495.93 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

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