

North Creek Presbyterian Church

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL: GREECE & TURKEY

April 11 – 22, 2026

Led by Pastor Kurt Helmcke

Saturday, April 11 **Departure**

Meet at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to check in.

Sunday, April 12 **Arrive Thessaloniki**

Change planes and arrive Thessaloniki, Greece's second largest city and capital of the province of Macedonia.

Monday, April 13 **Kavala > Philippi > Amphipolis > Thessaloniki**

Today we visit Kavala (ancient Neapolis) and Philippi. Stop to see the Lion Monument in Amphipolis and return to Thessaloniki.

Tuesday, April 14 **Thessaloniki > Veria > Vergina > Kalambaka**

Morning visits in Thessaloniki before heading to Berea (modern Veria) and Vergina (ancient Aigai). Our day concludes in Kalambaka.

Wednesday, April 15 **Meteora > Thermopylae > Athens**

Visit one of the famous Cenobitic Monasteries of Meteora and an icon workshop. Scenic drive to Athens with a brief stop in Thermopylae along the way.

Thursday, April 16 **Corinth > Athens**

Excursion to Corinth to see the Corinth Canal and Ancient Corinth; time permitting, drive up the Acrocorinth. Return to Athens.

Friday, April 17 **Lavron > Cruise: Mykonos**

Transfer to the port of Lavron and board the *Celestial Discovery* for visits to four Greek islands and to the west coast of Turkey. Our first stop is the island of Mykonos.

Saturday, April 18 **Kuşadası > Ephesus**

Arrive in the Turkish port of Kuşadası to visit magnificent Ephesus. Spend the afternoon at sea and then visit the island of Patmos.

Sunday, April 19 **Cruise: Crete and Santorini**

Spend the morning on the island of Crete and an afternoon at sea to reach the stunning island of Santorini (ancient Thera).

Monday, April 20 **Lavron > Athens**

Our cruise comes to an end at Lavron. Transfer to central Athens for a guided sightseeing tour including views of the Panathenaic Stadium, Constitution Square (Syntagma), House of Parliament, Presidential Palace, and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Tuesday, April 21 **Athens**

Our full day in Athens includes the Acropolis, Areopagus (Mars Hill), and free time for exploration and shopping before a farewell dinner.

Wednesday, April 22 **Return to Seattle**

Transfer to the Athens International Airport to check in for our flights back to Seattle.





Projected tour cost:
\$5,095 - \$5,495 per person from Seattle,
based on double occupancy
Single supplement: \$1,590

**Complete brochures and registration
will be available in June.**

The maximum number of interested travelers
has been reached, but a wait list is available.

To sign up on the wait list or for more information, go to
<https://northcreekpres.org/connect/greece-tour>

Questions?

Email Pastor Kurt at kurt@northcreekpres.org



Our tour includes:

- **Flights** from Seattle to Thessaloniki and Athens to Seattle, including taxes and fees.
- **Land & cruise transportation** by motorcoach and the *Celestyal Discovery*.
- **Accommodations** in first-class hotels and exterior cabins with a picture window during the cruise, based on two people sharing a room/cabin with private facilities.
- **Breakfast daily, three lunches, & eight dinners.**
- **Experienced tour manager** to accompany the group during the land tour, and **cruise personnel** during the cruise.
- **Sightseeing & admission fees** in accordance with the itinerary, including two shore excursions during the cruise.
- **Tipping & taxes** for all services, including tour & cruise personnel tips.
- **Whisper guides** (headsets) throughout.