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 Lavrion > Cruise: Mykonos

Transfer to the port of Lavrion and board the *Celestyal 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 Lavrion > Athens

Our cruise comes to an end at Lavrion. 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

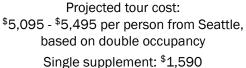
Our full day in Athens includes the Acropolis, Areopagus (Mars Hill), and free time for exploration and shopping before a farewell dinner.

Wednesday, April 22 Return to Seattle

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







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.

