Join Peachtree Road UMC
Journeys of Paul in Greece, Ephesus & Rome
February 9-20, 2021
Day 1 – Tue. Feb. 9 – Depart USA

Your pilgrimage begins as you depart the USA on your overnight, international flight.

Day 2 – Wed. Feb. 10 – Arrive in Athens

Arrive in Athens and transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 – Thu. Feb. 11 – Corinth and Cenchreae

In Corinth, the city where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla, the tent makers, and where the Lord spoke to Paul by a vision saying, “I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city” (Acts 18: 10). Here, Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue believed in the Lord, and many Corinthians as well hearing Paul, believed and were baptized (Acts 18:8); thus, began the church at Corinth to whom Paul wrote two epistles. Visit the Archaeological Museum, the Market Place and Temples. Walk among the ruins and stand on the Bema where Paul stood before Gallio facing charges brought by the Jews that were dropped. Paul stayed awhile in Corinth before leaving for Syria from the port at Cenchreae (Acts 18:12-18). Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 4 – Fri. Feb. 12 – Athens

Enjoy the architectural splendors of the ancient city of Athens as you follow your guide to the world renowned Acropolis, the Propylaea, the Parthenon, and the Erechtheum. View Mars Hill where the apostle Paul stood and said, “I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you” (Acts 17:23). See the Agora, the ancient market place and center of the Athenian public life. Here the apostle Paul preached “Jesus and the Resurrection” (Acts17:18) to the skeptical Athenians. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

Day 5 – Sat. Feb. 13 – Morning Flight to Thessaloniki

Transfer to the airport and fly to Thessaloniki. Discover Thessaloniki, where Paul was accused of turning the world upside down with his preaching of Christ (Acts 17: 3-6). As you explore St. George’s Basilica, believed to be built over the synagogue where Paul preached, reflect on the two epistles the apostle Paul wrote to the Thessalonian church here. Stroll through the Archaeological Museum and the beautiful basilicas of St. Sophia and St. Demetrios, dedicated to a distinguished Roman proconsul martyred for his Christian faith. Along the Via Egnatia stands the Galerius Arch, and you can look out over the second largest city in Greece from the Old City Ramparts, some dating back to Roman times. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 – Sun. Feb. 14 – Philippi and Neaoplis (Kavala)

Follow in the footsteps of Paul to Philippi, a baptismal site commemorating where God opened the heart of Lydia (a seller of purple from Thyatira) to hear the words of Paul (Acts 16:13-15). Lydia and her household were the first Christian converts baptized on European soil. View the Roman-era crypt thought to have served as a prison for the apostle Paul, and explore Philippi’s famous Acropolis, Market Place, the Basilica of Paul, and Theater. Today’s last stop is Neapolis (Kavala), one of Greece’s most picturesque mainland ports where Paul landed with his disciples, Timothy and Silas. See the Roman Aqueduct and Acropolis before returning to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

Day 7 – Mon. Feb. 15 – Flights to Izmir, Transfer to Ephesus

Fly this morning to Izmir and transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8 – Tue. Feb. 16 – Ephesus

Ephesus is one of the Seven Churches of Revelation (Rev. 1:11). In ancient days, Ephesus was a bustling port town of 250,000, graced with wide, colonnade bordered streets. Today you will be impressed with the spectacular excavations of the major streets of ancient Ephesus. You’ll view the Library and the huge Agora. You’ll visit some of the Terrace Houses that have been uncovered in recent excavations. The Temple of Artemis was declared one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Today, only a single column remains to mark the site. You’ll visit the Basilica of St. John, traditional site of his grave. From the basilica, enjoy a commanding view of the area. You’ll visit the Museum of Ephesus for an up-close look at artifacts from the ancient city. Return to your hotel.
Day 9 – Wed. Feb. 17 – Transfer to Izmir - Flights to Rome
This morning transfer to the airport for your flights to Rome. Check into your Rome hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 10 – Thu. Feb. 18 – Ancient Rome
History is woven through the streets and neighborhoods of Rome as in no other city. Explore the many wonders of ancient Rome as you visit the magnificent Colosseum and the Pantheon. From the most sacred hill of ancient Rome, Campidoglio, view the Forum. See the Circus Maximus, Arch of Titus, famous Baths of Caracalla and Arch of Constantine as well as the Victor Emanuel Monument and the Monti Region, Rome’s most ancient neighborhood which spreads over three of her seven hills. In the afternoon, discover why Rome is also known as the “City of Love.” Explore the romance of Rome as you climb the graceful Spanish Steps and stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 11 – Fri. Feb. 19 – Vatican City and Christian Rome
Christianity came late in Rome’s long history, conquering and changing the city in a way few other invaders have. Experience the glory of Christian Rome today as you visit the Vatican, home to one of the greatest museums in the world. And, of course, tour St. Peter’s Basilica and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo’s frescoes, now restored to their full, colorful glory. Tour the Catacombs of St. Sebastino. The catacombs contain some of the only surviving examples of early Christian art. In the 1840s, Pope Gregory XVI took steps to preserve the catacombs and their treasures.

Day 12 – Sat. Feb. 20 – Return to USA

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