



Holy Trinity  
Greek Orthodox Church  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Pilgrimage Ministry  
- presents -

# GREECE BY FAITH

Sacred Land of Saints,  
History and Beauty

**September 23-  
October 4, 2024**

**12 Days/11 Nights**

*“Greece like you’ve never  
seen it before!”*



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# ITINERARY

## ✦ Monday, September 23 (Day 1) – DEPART USA

Depart from Pittsburgh to Athens via Newark on United Airlines. In-flight meals.

## ✦ Tuesday, September 24 (Day 2) – ARRIVAL IN ATHENS

Upon late morning arrival in Athens, our group will take an panoramic orientation tour of Athens with a Greek Orthodox English-speaking tour guide. Rest and then enjoy dinner on own within walking distance in the famous Plaka, a district of cobblestone alleys filled with shops and restaurants at the foothills of the Acropolis. Overnight in Athens.

## ✦ Wednesday, September 25 (Day 3) – ATHENS/AEGINA/ATHENS

Early morning ferry to the sacred island of Aegina. Visit Saint Nektarios Monastery and venerate the relics of this modern wonderworking saint. Lunch on the island then return to Athens for dinner and an overnight stay. (B, D)

## ✦ Thursday, September 26 (Day 4) – ATHENS/PATRAS

Morning visit to the ancient Acropolis, one of the world's top archaeological sites, then visit the award-winning Acropolis Museum. Depart for Patras in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Patras. (B, D)

## ✦ Friday, September 27 (Day 5) – PATRAS/MEGA SPILAION/KALAVRYTA

Visit the Cathedral of Saint Andrew, the largest church in Greece, which houses the relics of the First-Called Apostle. Afternoon visit to Mega Spilaion ("Great Cave") Monastery and Musuem, then on to Agia Lavra, birthplace of the Greek War of Independance. Dinner and overnight in Kalavryta. (B, D)

## ✦ Saturday, September 28 (Day 6) – OLYMPIA/KEFALONIA

Visit ancient Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic games and a UNESCO heritage site. Continue to the port city of Kyllini, then ferry to the island of Kefalonia. Check into hotel and enjoy dinner on your own and a stroll along the picturesque "Lithostroto" promenade at the heart of the town of Argostoli. (B)

## ✦ Sunday, September 29 (Day 7) – KEFALONIA

Celebrate Divine Liturgy in the stunning beauty of the Monastery of Saint Gerasimos, patron saint of the island and venerate his incorrupt relics. Winery tour and visit the crystal blue waters of Messilini Cave. Dinner at local taverna. (B, D)

## ✦ Monday, September 30 (Day 8) – LEFKADA/KALAMBAKA

Morning ferry to Lefkada, then bus to Meteora, home of spectacular landscapes and famous Byzantine monasteries perched on top of high steep rocks. Overnight in Kalambaka. (B, D)

## ✦ Tuesday, October 1 (Day 9) – METEORA/THESSALONIKI

Visit the Meteora monasteries with their beautiful churches, priceless artifacts and ancient icons. Tour the amazing museum at Varlaam Monastery. Proceed to Vergina (ancient Aigai) and visit the Tomb of Phillip II, father of Alexander the Great. Continue to Thessaloniki for dinner in the "Ladadika" district overnight in Thessaloniki. (B, D)

## ✦ Wednesday, October 2 (Day 10) – MT. ATHOS CRUISE/OURANOUPOULIS/ /SAINT PAISIOS/THESSALONIKI

Morning drive to Ouranoupolis, port city to Mount Athos. Take a guided boat tour along the Athos peninsula. Visit St. John Monastery and tomb of Saint Paisios in Souroti on return to Thessaloniki. Free evening, dinner on your own and overnight stay. (B)

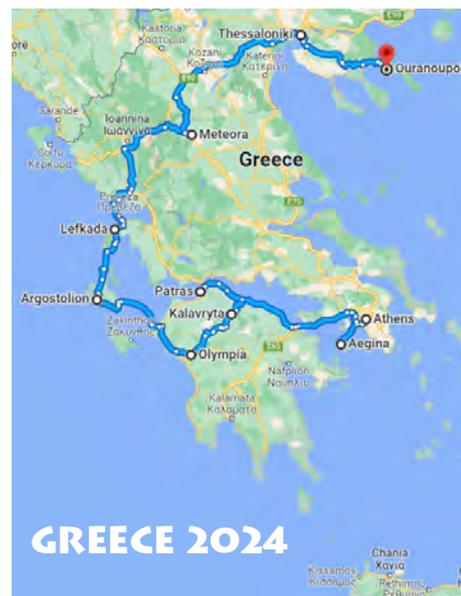
## ✦ Thursday, October 3 (Day 11) – TOUR OF THESSALONIKI/LEISURE DAY

Take a morning guided tour of historic Thessaloniki, then relax for the afternoon and evening, enjoying the shops and sites by the beautiful waterfront. Farewell dinner together. Overnight in Thessaloniki. (B, D)

## ✦ Friday, October 4 (Day 12) – RETURN HOME

Depart for Pittsburgh for your flight home on United Airlines.

SCHEDULE DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. (B & D INDICATE INCLUDED BREAKFASTS/DINNERS)



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## THE COSTS

Land and Air (Dbl. Occ)

**\$4,630**

Sgl. Occ. \$5,640

Land Only (Dbl. Occ)

**\$3,260.00**

Sgl. Occ. \$4,270

\$800pp deposit due by Mar. 11, 2024

Final Payment due by June 21, 2024

## HOW TO RESERVE

Reservations can only be made by requesting a reservation form from Holy Trinity Church. Email your request to:

[pilgrimage@HolyTrinityPgh.org](mailto:pilgrimage@HolyTrinityPgh.org)

### Important Notes

1. Space priority is given to Holy Trinity parishioners. Others will be accepted on a space-available basis after the Deposit Due date listed above.

2. Extensions in Greece available. Inquire with Cloud Tour for details about arriving before or departing after tour for personal time.

## YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

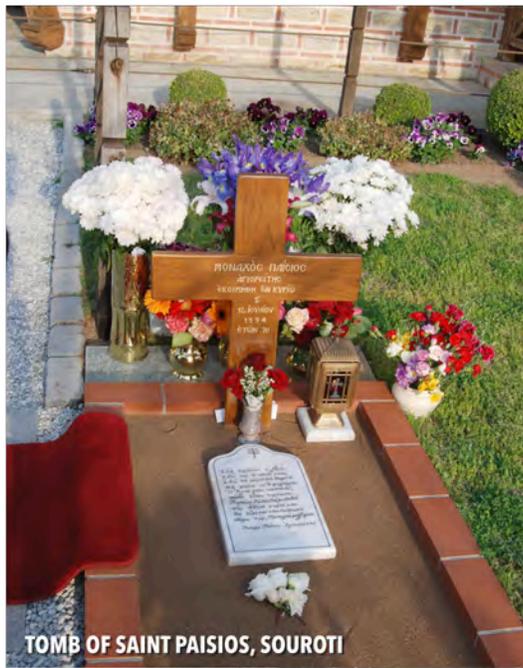
- Roundtrip air from Pittsburgh to Greece on United and Aegean Airlines.
- Airport tax and fuel surcharges. (Current estimated of \$535 cannot be guaranteed until group tickets are issued 30 days prior to departure and are subject of change)
- Private arrival and departure transfers and all group ground transportation in a deluxe air-conditioned motor coach.
- Ferry to and from Kefalonia.
- Eight-and-a-half days of private sight-seeing in a with a professional licensed English/ Greek speaking tour guide.
- Scheduled boat cruise around Mount Athos.
- Daily breakfasts and 7 dinners as indicated on daily schedule.
- Accommodations in first class hotels: Herodian (Athens), Moxo Marina (Patras), TBD (Kalavryta), Ionian Palace (Kefalonia), Divani (Kalambaka) and Electra Palace (Thessaloniki).
- All hotel tax, service fees
- Gratuities for guide, driver, porters and wait staff (for included group meals).
- Entrance fees for all sites included in itinerary.

\* *Items are subject to confirmation*

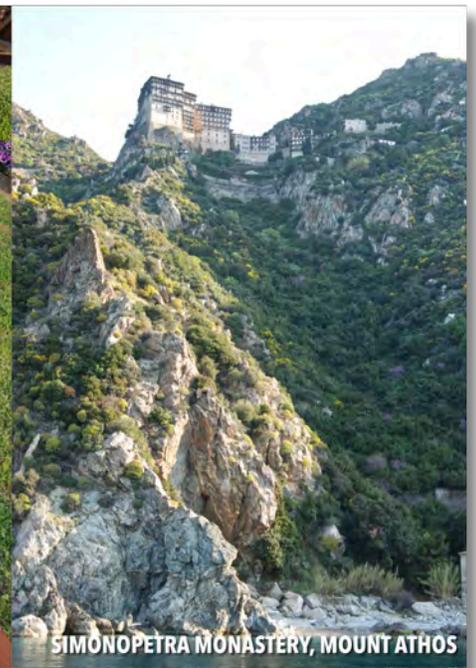
## RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses.
- Any airline checked baggage fees and charges incurred due to excessive luggage.
- Travel protection - optional and highly encouraged.
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted.
- Gratuities for hotel chambermaids.
- Church and holy site donations.
- Any COVID related testing fees, medical or quarantine expenses.
- Any items not specifically mentioned in the listed inclusions..

*See terms and conditions on application form for details.*



TOMB OF SAINT PAISIOS, SOUROTI



SIMÓNOPETRA MONASTERY, MOUNT ATHOS



NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS MONASTERY, PANORAMA, THESSALONIKI



BYZANTINE MUSEUM, VARLAAM MONASTERY, METEORA



ELECTRA PALACE HOTEL, ARISTOTELOUS SQUARE, THESSALONIKI

**SAINT NEKTARIOS MONASTERY AND CHURCH, AEGINA**



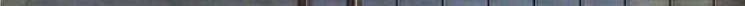
**THE ACROPOLIS, ATHENS**



**THE ACROPOLIS MUSEUM, ATHENS**



**INCORRUPT RELICS OF SAINT GERASIMOS, KEFALONIA**



**THE WATERFRONT AT THESSALONIKI**

**GOLDEN URN AND CROWN OF PHILIP II**



**MOUNT ATHOS BOAT CRUISE**

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