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PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE WITH FR. JONATHAN IVANOFF OCTOBER 6 – 17, 2025

Day 01. Monday, October 6, 2025

Meals: Dinner

Arrival to Thessaloniki. Welcome Dinner.

Orientation

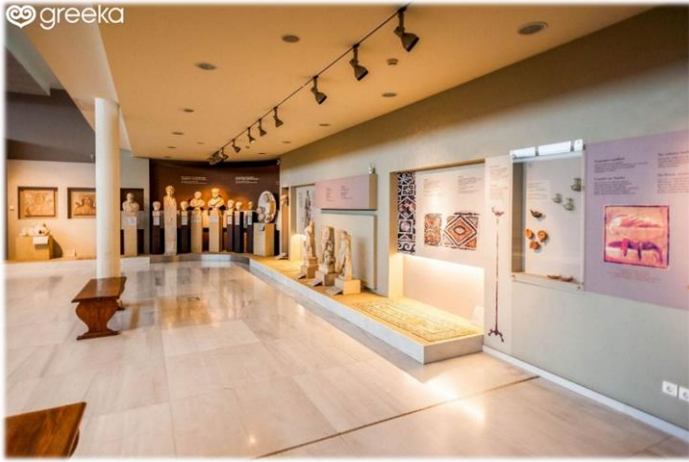
Overnight in **Thessaloniki**.

Day 02. Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Meals: Breakfast

Today we will explore the second largest city of Greece. We will start our day with a visit to the **Basilica of St. Great Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonica**, heavenly patron of the city. From there on we will continue the exploration of the city that will include visits to the historical parts of the city with the remains of the imposing Roman Ruins,





Byzantine fortifications and the **Archeological Museum** one of the finest in all of Greece. Overnight in **Thessaloniki**.

Day 03. Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Meals: Breakfast

Today we will continue the exploration of the city of **Thessaloniki**. We will visit the **Cathedral** and will venerate the **relics of St. Gregory Palamas**, the great teacher and defender of Orthodoxy, mighty **church of St. Sophia and Osios David Monastery** with the splendid Roman mosaic depicting Christ as eternal youth. In the afternoon

we will visit the Byzantine Museum with its extraordinary collection of the Byzantine Antiquities. Overnight in **Thessaloniki**.

Day 04. Thursday, October 9, 2025

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

After breakfast we will transfer to **Berea**, a little town famous for being mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles as one of the places where the Apostle Paul visited during his missionary journeys. The quiet town has some splendid ecclesiastical monuments to offer for your enjoyment. From here we will travel a bit SW to explore the **archeological park of Vergina**, with the decorated **tombs** of Macedonian royalty, father of Alexander of Macedon who created one of the mightiest Empires our world had ever known. For dinner and overnight we will transfer to **Kalampaka**, at the foot of the Meteora cliffs.



Day 05. Friday, October 10, 2025

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

This morning we will explore one of the most beautiful and holy places of Greece, the **Meteora**. Monasteries and convents sit on top of huge rock formations almost as bird nests. There are a number of them in the area and we will see some of the most important of them. In the afternoon we will transfer some hours south to the vicinity of the renowned Ancient Greeks site of **Delphi**.



Day 06. Saturday, October 11, 2025

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Today we will explore two magnificent sites that serve as remarkable complexes to two distinctively different periods of history of Greece. One is the complex of the **Delphi Oracle Temple**, most famous place in all of

Ancient Greece. Museum on the ground hold a remarkable collection of antiquities found by the archeologists on site. Another complex is that of **the Monastery of Saint Luke** (Hosios Lukas) named after 11 century ascetic founder of the Monastery. The main church is splendidly decorated by mosaics, some of the best in all of Greece. Due to it special architecture and the art work, monastery was added to the UNESCO World Heritage list. Dinner and overnight in **Nafaktos/Patras/area**.



Day 07. Sunday, October 12, 2025

Meals: Breakfast

Our day we will start with a visit to the largest Cathedral in all of Greece, dedicated to St. Andrew the First Called, the Apostle of our Lord. The



mighty marble cathedral houses part of the relics of the Apostle (his skull) and part of the “X” shaped cross upon which he was crucified. In the afternoon we will transfer East and will explore the ruins of **Mycenae**, the capital city of arguably the oldest civilization of Ancient Greece. For dinner and overnight we will arrive to **Nafplion**.

Day 8. Monday, October 13, 2025

Meals: Breakfast

After a walking tour of **Nafplio**, we will visit the ruins of **Corinth**, where **Apostle Paul** preached, along with the remains of the city’s harbor of Kapnikarea. In the afternoon, before our arrival

to Athens we will visit one of the most famous Byzantine monuments, the **Monastery of Dafni**. Splendid golden mosaics demonstrate the talent of the Medieval craftsman and the love for the beauty of God’ Holy house. Overnight in Athens.

Day 9. Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Athens is on the ‘must see’ list of every traveler. Who does not know how hauntingly majestic the Parthenon looks? We will visit that “Wonder of the World”, and then we will explore ancient sites nearby. In the afternoon we will plan to visit the **National Museum of Greece**, with doubtlessly best collection of Greek Antiquities in the World. Overnight in Athens.





Day 10. Wednesday, October 15, 2025

This morning, we will depart for an hour ferry ride to the **island of Aegina**, to venerate the holy relics of one of the most famous saints and miracle workers of the 20th century, St. Nektarios. After the visitation of the monastery, we will explore the island further. Overnight in Athens. Overnight in **Athens**

Day 11. Thursday, October 16, 2025

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

During the last day of our trip we will continue exploration of **Athens** with visit to several Medieval Byzantine Churches in Plaka. Later in the morning we will visit wonderful **Byzantine Museum**, famous for its reach collections of the Byzantine Antiquities. Your afternoon will be at leisure. Our farewell dinner will be in one of the local taverns. Overnight in Athen reakfast at the hotel and departure from the Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" [ATHs

Day 12. Friday, October 17, 2025

Meals: *Breakfast*

Departure from the Athens International Airport "Eleftherios Venizelos" [ATH].



PRICING AND INCLUSIONS:

Price include:

- Accommodations in "****" hotels along the way
- All breakfasts and eight dinners
- Private bus transportation along the way
- Group transfers from the airport and from the hotel to the hotel in Thessaloniki and Athens
- Ferry tickets Athens – Aegina - Athens
- One bottle of mineral water per person per day
- All admissions, according to the schedule
- Hotel/city taxes
- Individual audio system aka "Whisper set"
- Professional English speaking [local] tour guides
- English speaking guide/escort during the entire tour
- No hidden fees, taxes or surcharges

Price does not include:

- Personal health/accident insurance
- International air tickets
- Transportation to and from the airport if traveling separately from the group
- Private activities: transfers, optional tours, tickets to shows or additional museums.
- Some newly introduced fees that may occur in certain places
- Drinks with meals (soft or alcohol drinks)
- Tips to bus drivers and tour guides: \$10 days per day/per traveler total (Your generosity will be always greatly appreciated)
- Anything that is not specifically mentioned in "Price includes"

Financial arrangements:

\$ 3475 per person, in double occupancy in a group of 30 participants; Single supplement: \$1000 extra and subject to availability. Please consider that the final price may fluctuate due to the actual number of participants or due to nearly unprecedented spikes in fuel prices that negatively impacted on the economies of the most countries in the region. In case of need for financial adjustment you'll be informed right away. We do apologize for any inconvenience in that regard and appreciate your understanding of the difficult circumstances of the current challenging environment.

All payments should be made by check to:

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<https://tri.ps/VJXpH> . Please beware of the extra credit card fees that are charged by the banking institutions. If you'd like to pay by Zelle, please use

ortours@gmail.com e-mail address. If you'd like to make a bank deposit or need info for a banking wire, please contact us directly.

A deposit of \$950 is required when you sign up for the trip. The deposit is non-refundable, unless pilgrimage is cancelled by the organizers due to lack of participation or for some other valid or unforeseen circumstance. To avoid any money loss, emergency/travel cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: The deadline for signing up for the trip is July 5, 2025. The entire amount is due 91 days prior to departure, July 5, 2025. Failure to pay in full by July 5, 2025, without written notice of explanation may lead to the cancellation of your participation, with no refund of any previously committed funds.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you need to cancel after you signed up, penalty is:

- 25% of the tour cost, 91 to 61 days prior to the departure
- 50% of the tour cost, 61 to 31 days prior to the departure
- 100% of the tour cost 31 or fewer days prior to the departure

All cancellations must be done in writing as well and sent directly to agent/coordinator - Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky and must be received for reimbursement by the dates shown in the cancellation schedule. We also have to add that should cancellation or alteration of the program occur due to COVID and associated emergencies, civil disturbances, acts of terrorism, war, natural disaster, and other events of force majeure or acts of God (including threat or fear of same), refunds will be made only to the extent that they are recoverable, and that such cancellation or alteration may result in the total loss of funds paid by participants. It is assumed each participant has reviewed the same with respect to their own comfort level of risk and personal safety. A decision to withdraw from the trip for these reasons or any others will be bound by the same terms of cancellation.

ALTERATIONS TO ITINERARY:

Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky reserves the right to alter, modify or withdraw the itinerary if air schedules and/or events beyond his control deem it necessary. In the event it becomes necessary for the comfort or well-being of the travelers to alter or modify the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the tour operator and are not grounds for cancellation with refund. Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky assumes no responsibility for any consequences because of any participant deviating from the group tour. Because of the difference in language and customs, it is expected that the traveler will always follow the directions of the Tour Director. The Tour Director reserves the right to restrict a person's participation in the group's activities, including exclusion from the group, when, in the opinion of the Director, such action is necessary.

REQUIRED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:

A passport with validity for at least six months beyond end of stay

Starting in 2024, U.S. passport holders traveling to Europe will need to apply for authorization through the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) before their visit. For details and authorization, please visit: https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

IT IS STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT YOU:

- Obtain insurance covering medical needs and coverage of personal property. One of the major travel insurance aggregators is:

www.insuremytrip.com

- Be aware that financial coverage for all emergency medical and other emergency needs will be your sole responsibility. We will provide all possible logistical and personal assistance, but the financial aspect is your responsibility.

- Act in a manner consistent with the surrounding environment

- Make arrangements to have access to sufficient funds to cover personal needs and unexpected events

- Be aware that the places that we will be visiting may not have the same amenities that you are accustomed to. Medical facilities in some areas may be limited. The financial coverage for all emergency medical and other emergency needs (including those related to hospitalization,

treatment, or quarantine) will be your sole responsibility. We will provide all possible logistical and personal assistance, but the financial aspect is your responsibility

This agreement becomes effective upon acceptance into the tour by Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky

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*To register: please complete this registration form and return it along with
your deposit check (\$950.00) made to PALOMNIK, LLC to the following address:
Palomnik, LLC, P.O.Box 1618, Cranberry Township, PA 16066
Please write "Greece 2025" on the memo line.*

Full Name (exactly as in your passport):

Date of Birth (day/month/year):

Nationality, Passport # :

Passport expiration date (day/month/year):

Address:

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Home phone:

Alt. phone and Email:

Emergency Contact Information (Name, Phone, Relation):

Medical restrictions:

Dietary restrictions:

Would you prefer single accommodations at additional costs specified in the itinerary?

Please let us know if there is anything else that we should know in order to make your travel experience more comfortable and pleasant:

*Your signature below confirms that you have read the itinerary and agree to abide by Terms and
Conditions that accompany the itinerary.*

NAME/SIGNATURE:

DATE: