



Paul the Apostle

Follow the Apostle Paul Through Greece, North Macedonia & Albania

Thessaloniki • Veria • Korçë • Bitola • Ohrid
Tirana • Durrës • Ardenica • Apollonia • Berat

10 Days / 8 Nights



***Historic Center, Berat, Albania
UNESCO Heritage Site***



***Church of the Holy Mother of Peribleptos,
Ohrid, North Macedonia***



Archeological Site of Philippi

The Price Includes:

- International airfare New York JFK Airport / Thessaloniki & Tirana / New York JFK Airport; economy class
- 8 nights' accommodation in 4-star
- Daily breakfast and dinner at hotels including water, coffee / tea
- Air-conditioned coach throughout the program
- Professional English-speaking Tour Escort for the entire duration of the tour
- Local English-speaking guides where required
- Portage at hotels (1 piece of luggage per person, in/out)
- City taxes
- Entrance fees and sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Whispers throughout the tour

The Price Excludes:

- Single supplement
- Visas fees, if applicable (to be arranged independently)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
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DAY 1: NEW YORK / THESSALONIKI

We depart on an international overnight flight to Thessaloniki, Greece. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

DAY 2 – THESSALONIKI

Upon arrival in Thessaloniki, we are greeted by our Tour Escort, and next transfer to our hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. (D)

DAY 3 – THESSALONIKI

This morning we visit the Archeological Museum. Then, we travel to the beautiful coastal town of Kavala, known in the time of Paul as Neapolis (Acts 16:11), marking one of the key entry points of Christianity into Europe. From here we continue to the remarkable archaeological site of Philippi, where Paul preached the Gospel, founded one of the earliest Christian communities in Europe, and wrote his Letter to the Philippians. We visit the evocative ruins of the ancient city, including the Roman Forum and the theatre, and reflect at the place where Paul was flogged and imprisoned. A highlight of the day is the nearby Baptistery of Lydia of Thyatira, traditionally recognized as the site where she was baptized by Paul as the first Christian convert on European soil (Acts 16:14–15). After our spiritual and historical exploration, we return to Thessaloniki. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki. (B/D)

DAY 4 – THESSALONIKI / VERIA / VITHKUQ / KORCE

After breakfast, we depart Thessaloniki and travel to Veria for a brief stop. Then, we continue toward the Greek-Albanian border, continuing through scenic mountain landscapes to the historic village of Vithkuq. Here we visit the Nea Panagia Monastery, one of the region's most important Orthodox sites, renowned for its remarkable frescoes attributed to the celebrated iconographer David Selenica. Inside the katholikon, we admire vivid post-Byzantine paintings distinguished by refined technique and rich theological symbolism. We continue exploring Vithkuq, once a significant cultural and ecclesiastical center, visiting additional historic churches that preserve We stroll through its elegant boulevards and Old Bazaar and visit the impressive Korçë Cathedral, one of the largest Orthodox cathedrals in the Balkans. Dinner and overnight in Korçë. (B/D)

DAY 5 – KORCE / BITOLA / OHRID

In the morning we depart Korce and travel to Bitola in the North Macedonia, known as the “City of Consuls” due to its diplomatic hub of the Ottoman Empire. Here, we visit the Heraclea Lyncestis built in the 4th Century B.C. The ruins of Philip II of Macedon's city are among the most evocative in the Balkans. Wander the Roman theater, baths, porticoes, early Christian basilicas, and the bishop's residence, and look for exquisite floor mosaics with animals and Christian symbols. Then, we visit the famous Sirok Sokak, the tree-lined pedestrian avenue with its neoclassical townhouses. We continue to Ohrid. Dinner and overnight in Ohrid. (B/D)

DAY 6 – OHRID / PLAOSNIK / TIRANA

Set against the shimmering waters of Lake Ohrid, the ancient city of Ohrid, often called the “Jerusalem of the Balkans”, welcomes us with its rich spiritual and cultural heritage. Recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Ohrid was once said to have had 365 churches, one for each day of the year, reflecting its deep-rooted religious significance. Our morning begins with a visit to Plaošnik, an extraordinary archaeological complex where layers of prehistory, classical antiquity, and the medieval period come together. This sacred site is closely associated with early Slavic Christianity and offers

sweeping views over the lake. We continue to the nearby Church of the Holy Mother of God Peribleptos, a masterpiece of Byzantine art. Inside, we admire its remarkable frescoes renowned for their vivid colors and emotional depth depicting the Passion of Christ, the life of the Virgin Mary, and other powerful biblical scenes brought to life with exceptional artistic precision. Returning to Ohrid, we enjoy a relaxing boat ride on the tranquil waters of Lake Ohrid. After lunch at a local restaurant, we bid farewell to Ohrid and continue our journey toward Tirana. Dinner and overnight in Tirana. (B/L/D)

DAY 7 – TIRANA / DURRES

After breakfast, we begin our exploration of Tirana with a visit to sites connected to the early Christian presence in the city. We stop at the area traditionally associated with Paul, believed to have passed through ancient Illyria during his missionary journeys. We also visit a local church near the former monastery complex (kisha mbrapa kloestrës), offering a glimpse into the enduring spiritual life of the Albanian capital. We then continue with a short panoramic drive through Tirana, viewing key landmarks and gaining insight into its vibrant history and culture before departing for the coastal city of Durrës. Upon arrival in Durrës, one of the oldest cities in the Balkans, we explore its rich heritage, including the impressive Durrës Amphitheatre, dating back to the 2nd century and once capable of holding thousands of spectators. We also visit the Church of Apostle Paul and Saint Asti, a meaningful symbol of the enduring Orthodox Christian tradition in Albania, commemorating the early missionary presence associated with Saint Paul and the martyrdom of Saint Asti. The church reflects both the spiritual continuity of the region and its deep historical roots in early Christianity. Dinner and overnight in Durres. (B/D)

DAY 8 – DURRES / ARDENICA / APOLLONIA / BERAT

This morning we depart Tirana and travel to the peaceful Ardenica Monastery, beautifully set on a hill overlooking the surrounding countryside. Founded in the 13th century, this Byzantine sanctuary is known for its richly decorated frescoes and intricate wood carvings. Inside the church, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, we take time to appreciate both its artistic treasures and the serene atmosphere. We then continue to the ancient city of Apollonia visited by Paul during his missionary journeys. Founded in the 6th century BC, Apollonia flourished as a Greek and later Roman center of culture and learning, once associated with figures such as Cicero. As we explore the site, we see the remains of temples, the theater, and the monumental bouleuterion, followed by a visit to the on-site museum displaying a rich collection of artifacts, sculptures, and mosaics. After the visit, we continue to Berat. Dinner and overnight in Berat. (B/D))

DAY 9 – BERAT

In the historic city of Berat, known as the “City of a Thousand Windows” and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, we explore one of Albania's most iconic cultural treasures. We begin with a visit to the impressive Berat Castle, still inhabited today and offering panoramic views over the Osum River valley. Within its ancient walls, we discover a unique blend of Byzantine churches, Ottoman-era houses, and narrow stone streets that reflect centuries of continuous life and tradition. Inside the castle complex, we visit several historic churches that preserve remarkable frescoes and religious art, showcasing the deep spiritual heritage of the region. We conclude with a visit to the Onufri Museum, housed in the Cathedral of the Dormition of St. Mary. The museum displays a priceless collection of icons by the renowned 16th-century master Onufri, celebrated for his vivid use

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of color—especially his distinctive red—and his contribution to Orthodox iconography in the Balkans. In the evening, we enjoy a traditional dinner at a local restaurant with local wine. Dinner and overnight in Berat. (B/D)

DAY 10 – BERAT / TIRANA / NEW YORK After breakfast we transfer to Tirana airport for our flight back home arriving the same day. (B)

* (B,L,D) = Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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