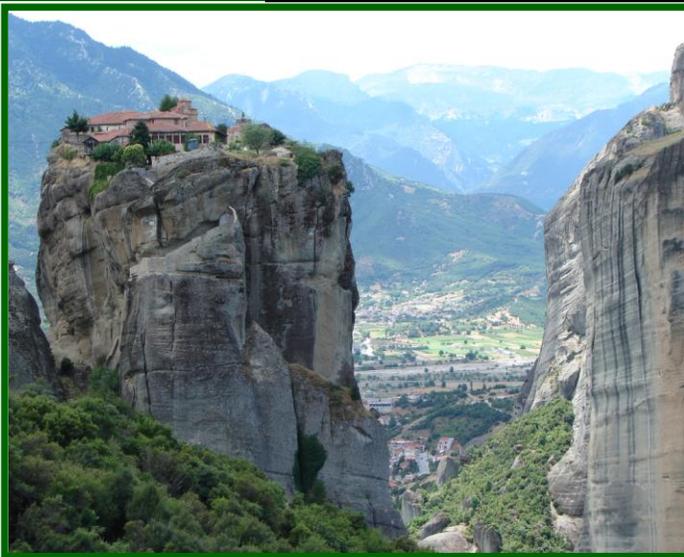


A Sacred Story Journey



A Storytelling Tour of St. Paul's Greece

Led by Biblical Storyteller
Dennis Dewey



Your Sacred Story Journey Includes

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Superior Class Hotels (4-star)
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- Professionally Guided Site-seeing
- Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- Transfers and Entrance Fees
- Taxes and Gratuities
- Inside Cabin on Three-night Cruise
- Inspirational Devotions and Discussion
- Experienced Master Storyteller
- The Biblical Stories Told in the Sites
- Study Aids and Maps
- The Services of ACTS

Hear the stories where they happened!

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Your Itinerary for “Stories of the Journeys of Paul”

Day 1 Depart USA for Thessaloniki

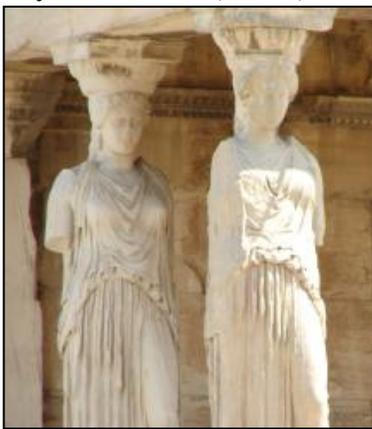
Day 2 Arrive Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki is where the New Testament Letters to the Thessalonians will come alive to us today. The Galerios Arch still rises over the famous Via Egnatia, the road on which Paul walked to Thessaloniki. It was here in the synagogue that Paul "...reasoned with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks." We have dinner and overnight Thessaloniki.

Day 3 Philippi/Thessaloniki

We travel to Philippi, where St. Paul delivered his first sermon in Europe, sowing the seeds of Christian faith. Here Paul baptized a woman named Lydia, the first Christian convert in Europe. We hear that story where it happened. We visit the Roman forum and the prison where Paul and Silas were kept. Then we continue to the modern port city of Kavala, ancient Neapolis, where Paul, first set foot in Europe. We return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 Thessaloniki, Berea, Meteora



Following breakfast we'll tour Thessaloniki, where Paul lived and preached, the ancient walls, the Agora, the Jewish quarter, and the St. Demetrius Basilica before we travel to Berea to the steps of the bema (rostrum) where Paul debated in the synagogue. Then we visit the amazing, recently discovered tomb of

Philip, father of Alexander the Great, in Vergina. From there we travel to Kalambaka and visit the spectacular Meteora, where 11th Century monasteries are perched precariously atop huge and precipitous columns of rock that rise up out of the ground. "Meteora" means "in the air," and here the hermits sought refuge from the world and had their worship places decorated with frescoes and icons by the great artists of the day. Dinner and overnight is in Kalambaka.

Day 5 Delphi, Athens

We depart from breathtaking Meteora to make our way to Delphi, sacred center of the ancient world and home of famous Oracle. Visit the stadium, the Temple of Athena Pronea and the Museum, then on to Athens for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 Embark on the Cruise: Mykonos

We embark on our cruise ship at noon with an afternoon call at Mykonos island, the white washed jewel of Aegean and walk to the windmills and perhaps meet Peter the Pelican! Back on the ship for dinner and entertainment and smooth night's sail.

Day 7 Cruise: Ephesus/Patmos

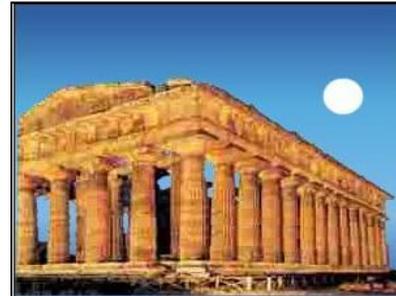
This morning we dock at Kusadasi, Turkey and visit the most impressive biblical site of our trip: Ephesus, the richest city of the Roman Empire in Paul's day. We hear the story of the riot of the silversmiths and visit its well-preserved streets, temples, fountains, public baths, terraced houses and theater. We make an early afternoon arrival on the island of Patmos, considered, where John the Divine, while in exile, wrote the Revelation, the last book of the New Testament. The tour of the island take us to the monastery of St. John, which still keeps its character of a medieval fortress. After the visit of St. John Monastery we visit the Grotto, the Cave of the Apocalypse where John is said to have had his visions and dictated Book of Revelation, and we hear portions of his vision told by our storyteller.

Day 8 Cruise/Crete: Santorini

This morning we dock at the legendary island of Crete, land of Minoan civilization, home of Zorbas the Greek. AN OPTIONAL shore excursion is available to take us to visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos, where King Minos lived and here the Labyrinth and the Minotaur was located (\$75/person). We make an afternoon call at the volcano island of Santorini, where you may take the cable car on your own to visit the top of the island and enjoy the panoramic view of the famous Caldera.

Day 9 Athens/Corinth

This morning after breakfast disembarkation we enjoy a City Tour of Athens, birthplace of democracy. We see Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament, the memorial to the Unknown Soldier and the University, the Academy and the National Library. We stop to see the guards of the Presidential palace in their picturesque, traditional uniforms. On the way to the Acropolis we see the stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896, the Temple of Olympia Zeus and Hadrian's Arch. On the Acropolis mount, we visit the architectural



masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: The Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally the Parthenon itself, the monument that "puts order in the mind" and "is harmony between material and spirit." In the afternoon we will visit Corinth, where Paul established a church to which he wrote the famous "Love Chapter." We tour the archeological site, including the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Agora and the Bema Courthouse, where his enemies brought the Apostle before Gallio. We return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

Day 10 Depart for Home - We return home with a treasure of memories of the Sacred Story Journeys of Paul.

*You will see all of the above sites during your Journey.
Flexibility in the itinerary may be necessary
due to unforeseen circumstances, such as airline,
hotel schedules, local conditions.*

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Your Biblical Storytelling Pilgrimage to the Greece of St. Paul with Dennis Dewey



Dennis Dewey has been a professional biblical storyteller for over 30 years. He has performed and led workshops at hundreds of churches, seminaries, colleges and festivals all over the world. For a number of years he served as Executive Director for the Network of Biblical Storytellers International and helped found the NBS Seminar, an annual gathering of scholars working in the field of biblical studies and performance criticism. An ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), he has led many groups on storytelling trips to the Holy Land, Greece, Scotland and Spain. More than tours, they're "sacred story journeys," pilgrimage experiences rooted in the spirituality of storytelling and in forming community through the shared experience of inspirational pilgrimage travel.

***Sacred Story Journeys: a 97% satisfaction rating!
Just listen to what people have said!***

I have to say that my expectations for our trip were exceeded and it was something I shall remember for a lifetime. Now I can sit back and be enveloped by my memories of the time we spent together and the wonders we saw in the midst of it all. Bless you for making that opportunity possible!

-- Mary Lou, Pittsburgh, PA

The three Biblical Story Sacred Journeys we have been privileged to experience with you have been remarkable—each so different and unique, yet having a similar impact in profoundly deepening faith and understanding in fresh and new ways. You do have a very special ministry and are so very skilled in providing leadership. It is a privilege to travel with you and we are most appreciative. One has the feeling of being in the hands of one who knows the way.

– Charlie, Windsor, CT

The travel cobwebs are clearing and it is beginning to sink in that I did indeed have the great privilege of that beautiful trip. What wonderful memories I have to savor and treasure. The tour itself was so effectively designed, and the storytelling made it like no other travel experience I have ever had. Thank you so much for all you did to make this such an exceptional experience and especially for sharing your storytelling talents with us. It truly was a journey at so many levels and my heart was especially touched by what became a spiritual journey for me.

-- Elaine, Denver, CO

