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DETAILED ITINERARY

Following Paul's Footsteps in

Greece & Cyprus

TRAVEL DATES	DURATION	NIGHTS
10 – 20 April 2027	**11 days, 10 nights**	**7 Greece · 3 Cyprus**

Eleven days following Paul's first and second missionary journeys — from the harbour at Kavala where the gospel entered Europe, through Philippi, Thessaloniki and Meteora to Corinth and Athens, then across to Cyprus and the church St Barnabas founded.

A BGST learning journey
10 – 20 April 2027

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FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL IN HIS FIRST AND SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEYS IN GREECE AND CYPRUS, WHERE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS FIRST ARRIVED IN EUROPE.

Walk in some of Paul's most significant pit-stops like Neapolis, Berea, and Athens. Visit the locations of his important letters to the Philippians, Thessalonians, and Corinthians. Explore sites in Cyprus related to Paul's First Missionary Journey and Barnabas' hometown.

We will learn about the Bible, Greco-Roman history and culture, archaeological discoveries, and explore the spiritual practices of the early church.

Along the way we explore the iconic Acropolis of Athens inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, soak in the breathtaking views of the Meteora monasteries perched on huge cliffs; and take an immersive journey of truffle hunting where we will have a day of retreat exploring the theme of God's provision and creation care.

KEY SIGHTS · GREECE

Kavala (biblical Neapolis), Philippi, Thessaloniki, Beria, Meteora, Athens, Corinth

KEY SIGHTS · CYPRUS

Limassol, Paphos, Salami, Famagusta, and Larnaca

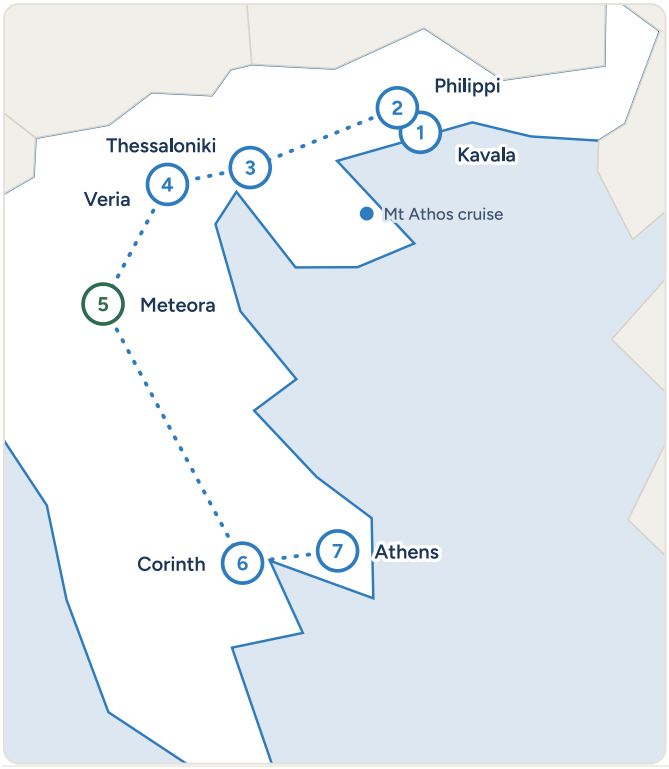
HIGHLIGHTS

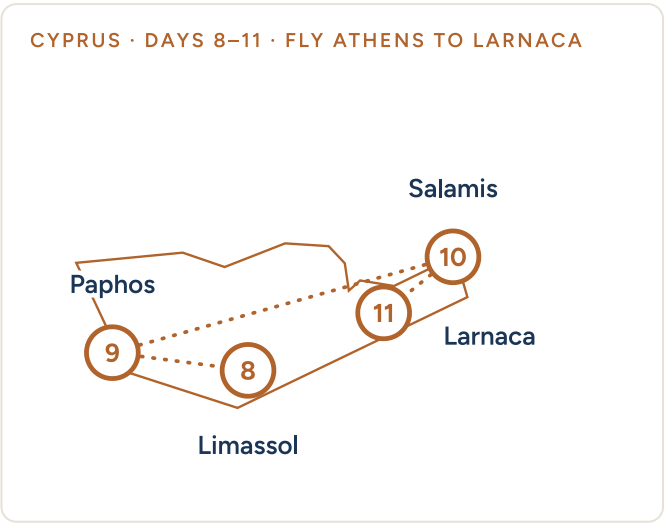
- Biblical and Spiritual Tour led by NT Scholar and Spiritual Director with 20 years of experience leading biblical tours.
- 1-day Retreat at Meteora
- On-Site Lectures
- An unforgettable immersive experience of truffle hunting
- Daily Devotions, Prayers, and Reflections
- Cruise around Mt Athos
- Visit to Christian and Byzantine Museum
- Visit to Cyprus Island

THE ROUTE

Eleven days, two journeys

Days 1 to 7 trace the second missionary journey through northern and central Greece. Days 8 to 11 cross to Cyprus, where the first journey began and where Barnabas was born.





1 – 2 Kavala, Philippi and the Mt Athos cruise

3 – 4 Thessaloniki, Veria and on to Meteora

5 Retreat day at Meteora

6 – 7 Corinth, Cenchreae and Athens

8 Limassol, Kolossi and Kourion

9 Paphos and St Paul's Pillar

10 Salamis, St Barnabas and Famagusta

11 Larnaca and departure



Athens, day 7 of the journey



Paphos, Cyprus, day 9

LECTURERS & GUIDES

Who leads the journey



Rev Dr Lim Kar Yong

Lecturer, New Testament & Learning Journeys, BGST

Dr Lim is a leading NT scholar and has led Bible Land Tours for more than a decade. He specialises in Paul and the Corinthian letters and has published widely in this area. He is also an Anglican priest with St Paul's Church Petaling Jaya, Malaysia. Apart from theological education, Kar Yong also contributes to the wider Christian community by serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of World Vision Malaysia and a member of the Executive Committee of the Bible Society of Malaysia.



Anthony Siow

Spiritual Director · Manager, BGST Centre for Spirituality

Anthony Siow is a spiritual director trained in the Ignatian tradition at the Sentir Graduate College of Spiritual Formation (later the Jesuit College of Spirituality) under the University of Divinity in Australia. He is also a certified Giver of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius. He left behind a fulfilling advertising career, channelling his creativity and love for the arts into his ministry, SEE.K, which helps Christians find God in music, dance, drama, film, and other creative ways of encountering God. In this way, Anthony hopes to reclaim those so-called 'secular' spaces back for God. Anthony also regularly leads silent retreats in Singapore and overseas.





Day 1 · Sat 10 Apr Lunch · Dinner

Arrival in Thessaloniki – exploring the city of Kavala

- Meet the guide at Thessaloniki Airport and drive to Kavala, ancient Neapolis.
- Walk a well-preserved section of the Via Egnatia, the Roman road that linked Neapolis with Philippi.
- Visit the Monument of St Paul before the Church of St Nicholas, marking his landing in 49 AD.
- See the Kamares aqueduct, the Panagia old town and Mehmet Ali Square.

Overnight Galaxy Hotel 4*, Kavala



Day 2 · Sun 11 Apr Breakfast · Lunch · Dinner

The kingdom of Philip II & Mt Athos boat trip

- Visit the archaeological site of Philippi, a UNESCO World Heritage Monument.
- Visit St Lydia Holy Baptistery, where Paul baptised the first European Christian.
- From Ouranoupolis, sail the western coast of the Athos peninsula past eight of its monasteries.
- Lunch in Ouranoupolis.

Overnight Galaxy Hotel 4*, Kavala · **Note** the boat trip is shared and weather permitting



The Via Egnatia, the road Paul walked to Philippi



St Lydia Holy Baptistery, west of ancient Philippi



Day 3 · Mon 12 Apr Breakfast · Lunch

Thessaloniki's Byzantine treasures & ancient heritage

- Walking tour of Aristotelous Square and the Statue of Alexander the Great.
- Visit the Roman Agora, where the events of Acts 17 took place, and the Archaeological Museum.
- Panoramic drive to the Citadel and Byzantine Walls in Ano Poli.
- Visit Vlatadon Monastery and the Church of Agia Sophia.

Overnight Holiday Inn 5*, Thessaloniki · **Dinner** at leisure



Day 4 · Tue 13 Apr Breakfast · Lunch · Dinner

From Veria to Meteora: a journey of faith, history & nature

- Visit Veria (biblical Beria) and its Byzantine and post-Byzantine churches and monuments.
- Stand at the Bema of Apostle Paul, where tradition places his preaching to the people of Berea.
- Continue to Kalambaka, gateway to the Meteora monasteries, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight Divani Meteora Hotel 4*, Kalabaka



Byzantine Thessaloniki, where Paul's two earliest letters were addressed



Day 5 · Wed 14 Apr · Retreat Breakfast · Lunch · Dinner

A retreat day in nature

- One-hour morning session on “God’s Provision and Care for Creation”.
- Guided mushroom and truffle hunt in the forests of Meteora with specially trained dogs.
- Visit the Natural History Museum of Meteora & Mushroom Museum, with a tasting of local products.
- Freshly prepared truffle pasta lunch in the forest, then a two-hour retreat sharing session.

Overnight Divani Meteora Hotel 4*, Kalabaka

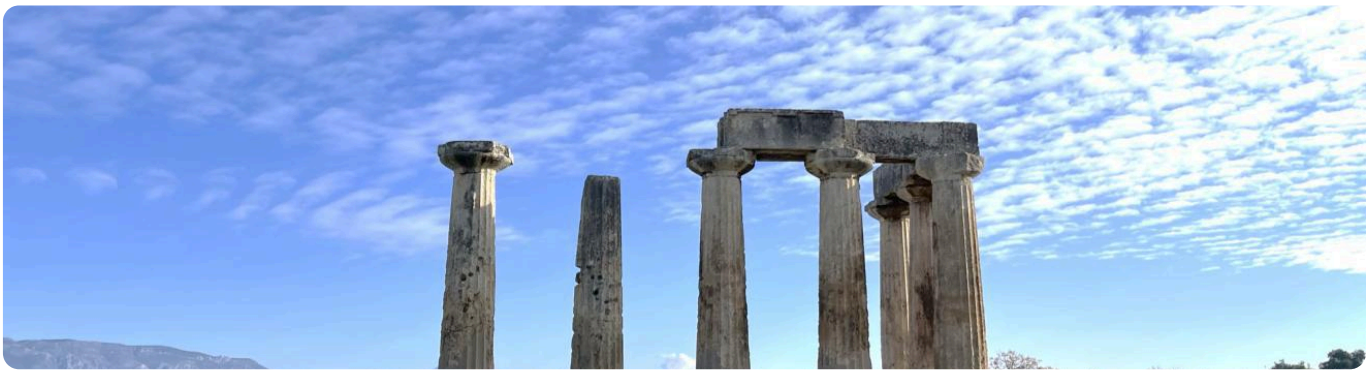


Day 6 · Thu 15 Apr Breakfast · Lunch · Dinner

Exploring the wonders of the Peloponnese

- Visit Cenchreae, the ancient eastern port of Corinth, the Diolkos and the Corinth Canal.
- Explore Ancient Corinth around the Temple of Apollo, the Roman Forum and its public buildings.
- Visit the Archaeological Museum of Ancient Corinth.

Overnight Alkyon Resort Hotel & Spa 4*, Vrachati, Corinth



The Temple of Apollo at Ancient Corinth, visited on day 6



Day 7 · Fri 16 Apr Breakfast

Athens highlights & mythology tour

- Visit the Acropolis — the Parthenon, the Erechtheion, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Theatre of Dionysus and the Sanctuary of Asclepius.
- Climb Areopagus Hill, where Paul addressed the city.
- Explore the Ancient Agora, the Temple of Hephaestus and the Stoa of Attalos.
- Visit the Byzantine and Christian Museum, then free time in the city.

Overnight The Stanley Hotel 4*, Athens · **Lunch and dinner** at leisure



Day 8 · Sat 17 Apr · Cyprus Breakfast · Lunch · Dinner

Arrival in Cyprus & the historical treasures of Limassol

- Fly from Athens to Cyprus and meet the guide on arrival.
- Visit the Castle of Kolossi, once the Grand Commanderie of the Knights of St John.
- Explore the ancient Kingdom of Kourion, its Greco-Roman theatre and the mosaic floors of the House of Eustolios.

Overnight Poseidonia Beach Hotel 4*, Limassol



The Ancient Agora of Athens at sunset



The Castle of Kolossi, near Limassol



Day 9 · Sun 18 Apr Breakfast · Lunch · Dinner

Paphos, following the path of the Apostle Paul

- Stop at Petra tou Romiou, the legendary birthplace of Aphrodite.
- Visit the Monastery of Agios Neophytos and the Egleistra, with its 12th to 15th-century frescoes.
- See St Paul's Pillar at the Church of Panayia Chrysopolitissa, built over an Early Byzantine basilica.
- Visit the Mosaics of Paphos and Paphos Castle at the harbour. The whole town is UNESCO-listed.

Overnight Poseidonia Beach Hotel 4*, Limassol



Day 10 · Mon 19 Apr Breakfast · Lunch · Farewell dinner

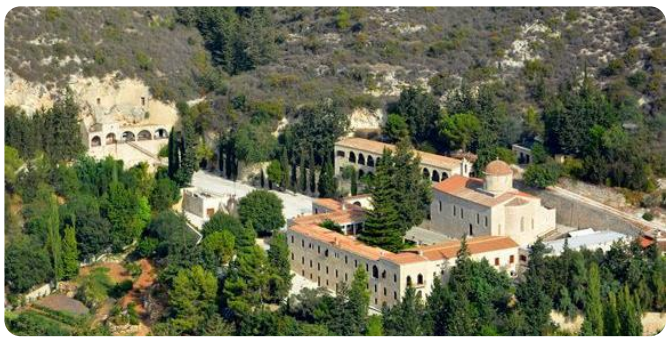
Salamis & Famagusta — in the footsteps of St Paul and St Barnabas

- One-hour final retreat sharing at the hotel.
- Cross at Strovilia and visit Salamis — its amphitheatre, Roman baths, gymnasium and necropolis.
- Visit the church of St Barnabas, who founded the apostolic church in Cyprus in 45 AD.
- See Othello Castle, the old walled city, the Venetian Palace and St Nicholas Cathedral.
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Limassol.

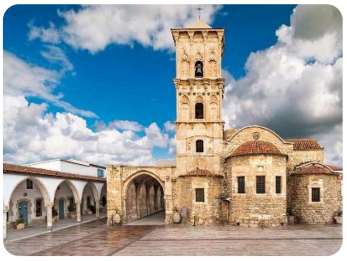
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Roman mosaics of Paphos, 3rd century AD



The Monastery of Agios Neophytos, near Paphos



Day 11 · Tue 20 Apr Breakfast

En route to Larnaca & departure

- Check out from Limassol and take a short city tour of Larnaca.
- Visit the cathedral of St Lazarus, first bishop of Kition, built over the tomb inscribed “Lazarus the friend of Christ”.
- Transfer to Larnaca airport for the flight home; the guide assists with check-in.

The suggested itinerary is subject to modifications and changes.

WHERE WE STAY

NIGHTS	HOTEL	BASIS
2	Galaxy Hotel 4*, Kavala	Half board
1	Holiday Inn 5*, Thessaloniki	Half board
2	Divani Meteora Hotel 4*, Kalabaka	Half board
1	Alkyon Resort Hotel & Spa 4*, Corinth	Half board
1	The Stanley Hotel 4*, Athens	Half board
3	Poseidonia Beach Hotel 4*, Limassol	Half board

All hotels are twin or double rooms on a half-board basis. Hotels are as listed or similar.



Galaxy Hotel 4* · Kavala

KAVALA · 2 NIGHTS

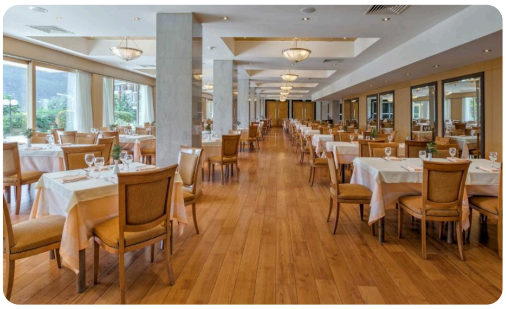
Our base on the Kavala waterfront for the first two nights of the tour, within easy reach of the harbour and the old town.



Holiday Inn 5* · Thessaloniki

THESSALONIKI CENTRE · 176 ROOMS · 1 NIGHT

In the heart of Thessaloniki, the Holiday Inn offers modern comfort and traditional Greek hospitality. Its central position makes the city's history, cuisine and ancient ruins easy to reach on foot, with a poolside to return to.



Divani Meteora Hotel 4* · Kalabaka

KALABAKA CENTRE · 164 ROOMS · 2 NIGHTS

A fully renovated hotel surrounded by immense natural beauty, offering traditional Greek hospitality in a contemporary setting. The religious rocks of Meteora stand practically in front of the room window — the setting for our retreat day.



Alkyon Resort Hotel & Spa 4* · Corinth

VRACHATI, CORINTH · 132 ROOMS · 1 NIGHT

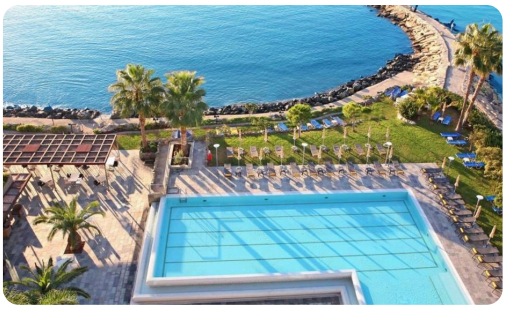
Set in a beautiful seaside location near Corinth, the Alkyon combines elegant accommodation, modern facilities and warm Greek hospitality. Lush gardens and a Mediterranean-inspired restaurant make it a restful stop between Meteora and Athens.



The Stanley Hotel 4* · Athens

ATHENS CENTRE · 380 ROOMS · 1 NIGHT

Centrally located beside the Metro, this historic property holds the largest hotel rooftop terrace in Athens, with a swimming pool, bar and open-air restaurant. The panoramic views take in the Acropolis and Lycabettus Hill.

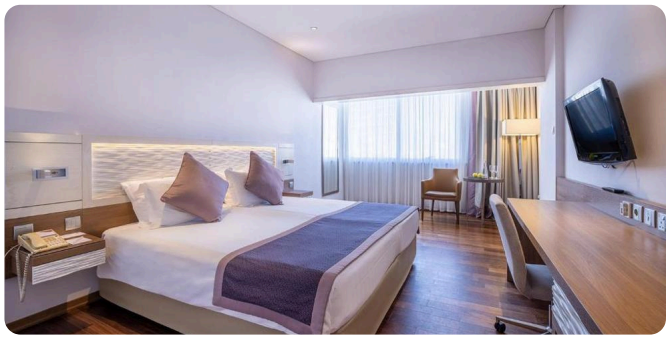


Poseidonia Beach Hotel 4* · Limassol

8 KM FROM LIMASSOL CENTRE · 138 ROOMS · 3 NIGHTS

Surrounded by landscaped gardens, the Poseidonia offers an idyllic retreat on the Cypriot coast, with two outdoor pools, tennis courts and a long stretch of beach. Our base for the three days in Cyprus, including the final retreat sharing.





ROOMS AND MEALS

All rooms are twin or double on a half-board basis: breakfast and dinner at the hotel, with drinks paid on consumption. Hotels are as listed or similar. Single rooms are available with the single supplement.

TOUR RATE

What it costs

All-inclusive land tour pricing covers accommodation, meals as listed, guides, entrances and transfers. Rates are per person on a twin-sharing basis, and the final rate depends on the size of the group.

GROUP SIZE	RATE PER PERSON
20 – 24 pax	**S$5,520**
25 – 29 pax	**S$5,150**
30 pax and above	**S$4,900**
Single supplement	**S$1,100**
Deposit on registration	**S$1,500**

THE RATE INCLUDES

- 10 nights in 4 and 5-star hotels, twin or double, half board
- Domestic flight Athens to Larnaca
- All transfers and touring by private coach as per the programme
- English-speaking guides throughout
- All entrance fees to museums, churches and sites
- Boat trip to Mt Athos, shared and subject to weather
- Truffle hunting with trained dogs and truffle pasta lunch
- Eight lunches with a drinks package, and a farewell dinner in Limassol
- Meeting rooms for the retreat and sharing sessions
- Two 500 ml bottles of water per person per day on tour

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights, Singapore to Greece and back
- Travel insurance
- Drinks beyond those listed
- Personal expenses, minibar and excess baggage

RECOMMENDED INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

A recommended routing from Singapore to Thessaloniki and home from Larnaca will be advised once schedules for April 2027 are released. Participants arrange their own international flights and should not book before the tour is confirmed.

REGISTRATION

How to register, and the terms

1 · Registration procedure

- Complete the registration form at **bg.st/greece-cyprus** to express your interest.
- Pay a deposit of S$1,500 per participant. The deposit is non-refundable except where the tour is cancelled by the organiser or the airline. Places are limited and allocated on a first-come basis.
- Submit a colour copy of the passport page carrying your full identity details.

2 · Payment

Balance payment is collected 60 days before departure, by 9 February 2027. Tour charges are subject to change if there is a sudden increase in air tickets, airport taxes, fuel surcharges or exchange rates. The rate is based on an average Euro to Singapore dollar rate; if the rate appreciates by more than 10 cents during the balance-payment period, the difference will be collected.

3 · Cancellation

Deposit	**Non-refundable**
60 – 31 days before departure	**30% charge**
30 – 15 days before departure	**50% charge**
15 days or fewer before departure	**100% charge**

4 · Other conditions

- A minimum of 20 participants is required. The organiser reserves the right to cancel the tour if fewer than 20 register.
- The organiser reserves the right to alter tour dates or the itinerary in cases of force majeure such as natural disaster, civil unrest, war, terrorism or airline delay.
- Hotels may be changed for reasons beyond our control; any replacement will be of an identical standard.
- Excursions taking place on public holidays and Sundays may carry a surcharge.
- Participants are deemed to understand and agree to the above terms and conditions.

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Questions about the tour?

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RESERVE YOUR SEAT

Complete the form to express your interest

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REGISTER OR FIND OUT MORE

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