



**Union Church
Footsteps of Paul
April 10-20, 2010**

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\$2975* per person in double occupancy

Single supplement: **\$596***



Won't you join me for the trip of a lifetime next spring to Greece? Share rich and meaningful conversation about the faith and teaching of Paul. Linger at significant sites in the development of the early church. Deepen faith through prayer and reflection as we follow the Journeys of Paul together.

*Grace and Peace,
Verlee A. Copeland*

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ITINERARY

April 10

Depart Chicago for our overnight flight to Athens; then, Thessaloniki.

April 11

Athens

Arrive in Thessaloniki, where you will be met by your guide and driver and transferred to your hotel.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT THESSALONIKI

April 12

Philippi / Kavala / Thessaloniki

In the morning, get acquainted with Thessaloniki, the city of Jason and Paul. In Thessaloniki to see the landmark of the city, the White Tower, the Walls of the Byzantine Acropolis, the Roman Arch of Galerius, and the Rotonda. Visit two of the city's oldest and most admired Christian churches, the Basilicas of St. Demetrius and St. Sophia (Divine Wisdom). Follow the route of the Via Egnatia and visit, like Paul and his companion, the area of Amphipolis to see the famous funerary Lion of Amphipolis and the site of Philippi. There, you visit the Baptistry of Lydia near the river where Paul baptized her. Lydia was the first convert of Paul on European soil and the jailer followed. Visit the ruins of the Forum of Philippi, the Christian Basilicas, "Prison of Paul" and the Theater. Drive to Kavala (Neapolis), a picturesque port, and see the Byzantine Castle and the Roman Aqueduct. Dinner at 7:00 PM.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT THESSALONIKI

April 13

Thessaloniki / Veria / Kalambaka / Meteora Monasteries

This morning you get a taste of the beautiful countryside of Central and Northern Greece, as you drive from Thessaloniki to Veria and Kalambaka where you visit the Bema of the apostle Paul in Veria. Afterwards, we see scenery of unique and striking beauty: on top of huge granite pinnacles, you see the ageless Meteora Monasteries full of treasures of Christian art and visit two of them. Dinner at 7:00 PM

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT KALAMBAKA

April 14

Kalambaka / Delphi / Athens

Our journey in the mainland of Greece continues with the drive from Kalambaka to Delphi to visit the ancient site of the Oracle and Temple of Athena Pronea. We continue to Athens for free time and overnight. Dinner at 7:00 PM

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT ATHENS

April 15

Athens

After breakfast you admire the architectural miracles of ancient Athens as you follow your guide to the world-renowned Acropolis to see the Propylea, the Erechtheum and the Parthenon. Visit Mars Hill, where Paul delivered his ingenious speech on the "Unknown God." View the Agora, the ancient center of the economic and public life of the city, where Paul preached to the skeptical Athenians. During the bus tour, you see Constitution Square with the House of Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Zeus, the Old Olympic Stadium and the Neoclassical Buildings of Athens. The afternoon is free. Dinner is at 7:00 PM..

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT ATHENS

April 16

At Sea / Mykonos

Depart our hotel. Board the ship and sail to the world-famous island of Mykonos. Arrive at the Mykonos, a small architectural miracle with its gleaming white-washed buildings and windmills. Even though small, it is one of the most cosmopolitan places in the world. Depart Mykonos.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT CRUISE

April 17

At Sea / Kusadasi / Ephesus / Patmos

Arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey. After breakfast on board we drive to Ephesus, where Paul spent three years during his ministry. The impressive remains of Ephesus include the Agora, the Theater, the Stadium, the Library of Celsius, the ruins of the Temple of Diana (one of the "Seven Wonders of the Ancient World"). Depart Kusadasi

Early afternoon we arrive in Patmos. You will visit the Monastery of St. John on one of the island's highest points. From there, you will walk down to the Grotto of the Apocalypse, the site of the apocalyptic Revelations of St. John the Divine. Depart Patmos

LUNCH, DINNER AND OVERNIGHT CRUISE

April 18

At Sea / Crete / Santorini

Paul docked in Crete on the way to Jerusalem. Today you will visit the awesome Minoan Palace of Knossos. In the afternoon visit of Santorini island. Great poets have sung its praises, a 4.000 year old history. And the eternal rock continues to stand, strong and majestic, rising proudly from the sea and guarding well the secrets of Atlantis...

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT CRUISE

April 19

Corinth / Athens

You arrive in Pireaus (Athens) early in the morning. Disembark after breakfast and drive to Ancient Corinth. This is the once glorious city near the Isthmus, where Paul met Aquilla and Priscilla and spent a year and a half working and preaching the Gospel. You visit the Archaeological Museum, the Forum, the Temples and the famous Bema, where Paul stood before Gallio accused by the Jews of Corinth. Then, you drive to Cenchreae,) the little harbour Paul sailed back to Asia, thus ending his second missionary journey. The rest of the day is free in Athens.

DINNER AND OVERNIGHT ATHENS

APRIL 20

Athens / USA

Fly back home with a new insight into Paul's life and teachings

[For "Trip Tips" Powerpoint presentation click here](#)

AIRLINE SCHEDULE

AF Group Locator ZGS6HR

Lv	Apr 10	Chicago	5:15 PM	AF	667
Ar	Apr 11	Paris	8:35 AM		
Lv		Paris	9:50 AM	AF	1532
Ar		Athens	2:05 PM		
Lv		Athens	4:55 PM	A3	122
Ar		Thessaloniki	5:50 PM		

Lv	Apr 20	Athens	6:55 AM	AF	2333
Ar		Paris	9:20 AM		
Lv		Paris	10:30 AM	AF	664
Ar		Chicago	12:35 PM		

A3 = Aegean Airlines

HOTELS

Thessaloniki

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INSURANCE

Travel Accident	\$ 25,000
Emergency Medical/Dental	\$ 30,000
Emergency Medical Transportation	\$ 100,000
Lost Baggage	\$ 1000
Baggage Delay	\$ 200
Travel Delay	\$ 750
Missed Connection	\$ 750
24-Hour Hotline for Medical assistance	Included

Group Travel Benefits and Exclusions

Travel Accident: Travel Accident insurance provides coverage for accidental loss of life or limbs while the traveler is on their trip.

Emergency Medical/Dental: Helps provide coverage for emergency medical and dental expenses needed to treat an accidental injury or illness which occurs while traveling. This coverage is secondary to any existing health insurance the traveler may have. A one-time \$50 deductible applies to all outpatient care.

Emergency Medical Transportation: We will arrange and pay for travelers to be moved to a more appropriate facility or returned to their home, if medically necessary. Coordination and payment for the return of the deceased is also included. We will pay for minor dependents traveling with the traveler to return home if the traveler will be hospitalized abroad for 7 or more days.

24-Hour Travel Assistance: The 24-hour hotline center is staffed with multi-lingual assistance coordinators who have access to a worldwide network of assistance providers. These coordinators can provide valuable help for medical-related emergencies.

What Is Not Covered Under The Program

While the Group Travel Assistance Program covers a wide range of circumstances, certain events and occurrences are not covered under these plans. Some examples are detailed below.

The program does not cover losses or expenses if they result from any injury occurring prior to and including the effective date of insurance, any illness occurring during the sixty days prior to and including the effective date of insurance for which treatment by a licensed physician has been sought or advised or for which symptoms exist which would cause a prudent person to seek diagnosis, care, or treatment.

However, if the condition is controlled (not exhibiting symptoms or requiring the adjustment of treatment of medication throughout the sixty-day period by taking of prescription drugs of medications and travel restrictions are not advised by a licensed physician, then the medical condition will not be considered a Pre-Existing Condition. The departure date is the effective date of coverage.

MONEY

Withdraw cash at ATMs to save money. Take advantage of favorable exchange rates offered by ATMs. Cash is dispensed in local currency, and debited from your account in US Dollars - this eliminates additional conversion fees and commissions assessed by currency exchange bureaus.

Your PIN should be 4 digits. If your PIN is longer, contact your issuing financial institution and ask for a new PIN number. If you have an alphabetic PIN, translate the letters to numbers before leaving the US.

Test your PIN before you travel.

Financial institutions may have restrictions on daily withdrawals even when you are in another country. Check with your financial institution.

GROUP TRAVEL ADVICE

Tranquility, harmonious relations and a successful journey can be ensured if each tour member, personally, adjusts their mode of behavior to following some simple ground rules.

Make a commitment to the concept, "If you're on time -- you're late!"

Report to the bus 30 minutes before any scheduled departure, when moving from one city to another and luggage transfer is required.

Report to the bus 15 minutes before any scheduled departure if the destination does not require luggage transfer.

Exercise discretion if engaging in unscheduled, independent activities. It is suggested that you join with four or more others in such excursions. Stand by and assist if a fellow member of your group encounters a problem.

Be aware that holding a bus beyond its scheduled departure time may be ordered only when the tour leader, in his/her discretion, determines that there is an emergency.

SPECIAL NOTE

Because of the serious threat to members who suffer allergic reactions to cosmetic scents, we ask that you please do not use perfumes or strongly scented cosmetics on the bus.

GREECE

In Greece, the cobwebs are dusted off winter in time for Orthodox Easter (April 4, 2010), when the first tourists start to arrive. Conditions are perfect between Easter and mid-June, when the weather is pleasantly warm in most places; beaches and ancient sites are relatively uncrowded.

Greece offers a myriad of experiences, landscapes and activities. It is the grandeur of Delphi, the rugged hillsides of Crete and the lush wildflowers of spring. It is the blinding light of the Mykonos sun, the melancholy throb of Thessaloniki's *rembetika* (blues songs), the tang of home-made tzatziki, and the gossip in the *kafeneia* (coffee shops). It is the Parthenon - solitary and pristine - lordling it over the hazy sprawl of Athens.

The Greek people have the welcome mat out. It is they who, after all, make Greece. Their zest for life, their curiosity and their unquestioning hospitality to the visitors in their midst makes a visitor's experience in the country inevitably unforgettable.

TURKEY

You will discover in your visit to Ephesus that Turkey is a vibrant land too. Here east meets west and ancient ways meet the modern world. Ephesus has everything to make your visit most enjoyable. In fact, all of Turkey is very rich in history and natural beauty. Its people are also wonderful and there is unforgettable shopping; including magnificent carpets, amulets and souvenirs. After your short visit, you're likely to want to go back for more.

Before traveling please consult the following website for tips re safety:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/safety/safety_1747.html

PACKING TIPS

- √ Plan for variations in weather from warm to cold to rain. Bring layers. Think washable, wrinkle-free, cool and compact.
- √ Comfortable shoes are a MUST! (lots of uneven walkways)
- √ Take toiletries in small containers – just the amount needed. Take disposable items that can be tossed when you are finished.
- √ Plan for medication, health and hygiene needs. You may not be able to run out and buy what you need.
- √ Ship purchases home whenever possible. Carry as few as possible.
- √ Make a list of luggage contents and approximate value in case you have to fill out a baggage claim form.
- √ Practice Pack! Lay out everything and start packing by priority. (Write it down; then pare it down!)
- √ Take 50 \$1 bills. These can get you through many situations.
- √ Carry a bag to see you through all emergencies (Kleenex, towelettes, passport, cash, ID, credit card/traveler's checks, your hotel list, local maps, something edible. Buy water after security.
- √ CLOTHING: casual clothing, walking shoes, underwear, nighties, sweater/light jacket, rain poncho, minimum jewelry.
- √ MAKE-UP ITEMS and TOILETRIES: Keep a meticulous list over a week's period of the "stuff" you cannot live without.
- √ HEALTH ITEMS - vitamins, aspirin, medications, extra pair of glasses and a copy of your Rx, contact lens stuff, laxative, diarrhea needs, decongestant.
- √ PASSPORT / CREDIT CARD/ATM CARD/TRAVELER'S CHECKS!!* (Most items forgotten from above can be replaced with these!
- √ MISC.: Bible. Consider also the following: small sewing kit, plastic folding cup, wash cloth, mirror, shower cap, small scissors, travel alarm, curling iron, hair dryer (alt. Current), travel iron, camera, film, umbrella, voltage adaptor, outlet adaptor, watch, other books and small binoculars.

ADDITIONAL ADVICE

Be aware and be careful.

Always carry small coins in local currency.

Fruit and cheese from a local vendor might be fine for lunch.

HAVE FUN!!!



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First, Middle and Last name exactly as it appears on your passport

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CITY _____ **ST** _____ **ZIP** _____

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ROOMMATE _____ *If none indicated, smoking*

HOME PHONE _____ **WORK PHONE** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ **CELL PHONE** _____

PASSPORT # _____ **ISSUE PLACE** _____ **EXP DATE** ___/___/___

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Your retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the above and agreement on your part to the current price and exchange rates and may be subject to change without notice prior to departure. The price is a special group rate based upon all passengers following the same itinerary. There will be a \$200.00 per person charge to any individual who wishes to deviate from the tour plus any difference in the airfare. There will be a \$200 surcharge for passengers purchasing the land tour without the air transportation.

Full trip cancellation insurance is recommended. All notices of cancellation must be in writing.

SPECIAL NOTE:

All passports must be valid for six (6) months
after the date of your return.

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