

Classical and Early Christian Sites in Greece

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Castle above ancient Corinth

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Course: TH 359 (3 credits in January 2020) + TH 309 (1 credit prep course in Fall 2019)
Fulfills the **Global Perspectives** or **Fine Arts** general education requirement

Pre-requisites: History of Christianity I or Ancient Art History (both offered in Fall 2019) or Byzantine Art History
New Testament or other biblical literature course approved by instructor (e.g., Acts; Philippians)

Dates: January 5-January 25, 2020 (may be modified slightly depending on flights)



Temple of Poseidon, Cape Sounion



On the ancient path from Delphi to the sea

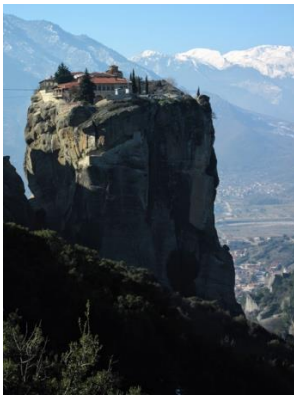


Byzantine monasteries of Mystras

Description: This course combines serious academic study with active adventure, intentional community, and Christian spirituality. We wander the ruins of ancient civilizations that date back to the Bronze Age. We visit temples, theaters, stadiums, marketplaces, houses, tombs, statues, and art from the Classical and Hellenistic periods, including the most famous and significant in all of western civilization. We explore Roman cities where the Apostle Paul lived and worked, walking the same roads he walked, touching the same stones, seeing the same landscapes. We step into ancient Christian churches and monasteries, many full of spectacular Byzantine art. We plunge into the lively markets, streets, and squares of modern Greek cities, as well as remote villages and towns seldom visited by tourists. We hike in Greece's rugged and beautiful mountains. We climb to clifftop castles and monasteries, descend into some of the deepest gorges in the world, trek the snowy slopes and canyons below Mount Olympus, and stroll along beaches on the Mediterranean (and some of us swim too). We experience the warm hospitality of the Greek people and learn about their rich and thriving modern culture. We eat lots of very good food. We play and worship together, singing and praying and reading Scripture. We contemplate and reflect on what we can learn from our travel, from each other, from the people we meet, and from the ancient Christians who lived and worked out their faith in this land amidst a multi-religious culture in which pagan deities and the powerful Roman Empire itself sought to claim their allegiance in the place of Christ.

The academic focus of the course is in the areas of history, biblical studies, art history, and theology, but our study encompasses much more than this. Other relevant topics that will be explored include: ecology and natural history of Greece; Mycenaean civilization; Greek mythology; democracy and western philosophy in Athens; Alexander the Great; Hellenism; the Roman Empire; early Christianity; the monastic movement; Christian spirituality; the Byzantine Empire; Eastern Orthodoxy; Islam; the Ottoman Empire; the battle for Greek independence; modern Greece; Greece's recent economic crisis; and the refugee situation in Greece and Europe.

***After this study program, you will never read the New Testament the same way again.
And you just might find your life transformed too.***



Cliff-top monasteries of Meteora



The Rotunda, Thessaloniki



The Acropolis from Mars Hill in Athens



Ancient Greek Theater in Philippi

Itinerary: January 5: Depart Spokane

January 6-8: Athens, Cape Sounion

January 9-11: Corinth, Epidaurus, Mycenae, Nafplio

January 11-12: Sparta, Mystras, the wild Mani region

January 13: Olympia

January 14: Ioannina

January 15: Pindus Mountains, Vikos Gorge

January 16-17: Kastoria, Edessa

January 17-19: Thessaloniki, Philippi, Kavala (Neapolis)

January 20-21: Veria, Vergina, Litochoro, Mt Olympus

January 22: Meteora

January 23: Delphi

January 24-25: Athens and departure

Cost: Approx. **\$4644** inclusive of flights, all hotel accommodations, all ground transportation (including our own charter bus), all entrance fees and local guides, all breakfasts and nearly all dinners. The only additional costs for which students are responsible are lunches (which can be very cheap), a couple of dinners, and tips for guides (recommended around \$300). The payment plan is:

\$500 non-refundable deposit within 2 working days of acceptance into program.

1 May: \$729 payment due

1 June: \$729 payment due

1 July: \$729 payment due

1 August: \$729 payment due

1 September: \$728 payment due

1 October: \$500 final payment due

Early Bird Special: The EBS is an incentive program that gives students a \$100 credit if they make ALL payments in time according to the payment plan; turn in all required paperwork in accordance with Off-Campus Programs deadlines; and meet the Health Center's deadlines for fulfilling the Travel Clinic requirement.

Grants and Scholarship: Students will be eligible to apply for a \$500 need-based travel grant. Information about the application for this award will be communicated by Off-Campus Programs upon acceptance to the program.

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NOTE: Students are encouraged to apply early to allow time for interviews, which are required of all applicants.

