

UCG Feast of Tabernacles 2017



GREECE



The Acropolis, Athens, Greece

Fellowship &
Biblical History in
the Birthplace of
Western
Civilization

2017 GREECE FEAST OF TABERNACLES TOUR OCTOBER 3 - 13, 2017

The UCG 2017 Greece Feast of Tabernacles Tour has been designed to split time between the Isle of Crete and the Greek mainland. This will provide the opportunity to begin the Feast in the relaxed pace of the most popular Greek island. There will be one day for optional touring, and the rest of our time will be for services and relaxing.

From there we will travel to Athens and visit historic sites — the Acropolis, Parthenon, Mars Hill, and ancient Corinth. Our time here will revolve around services and touring the important sites of Athens.

Pre Feast options will be available for arriving early to Crete or to the Islands of Mykonos & Santorini. (Because of seasonal considerations, Mykonos is only offered as a pre-trip.) Post Feast options are possible for Athens, the Peloponnese Peninsula and Santorini.

This promises to be a very rewarding Festival Tour.

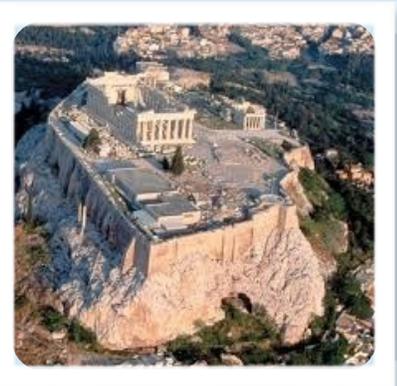
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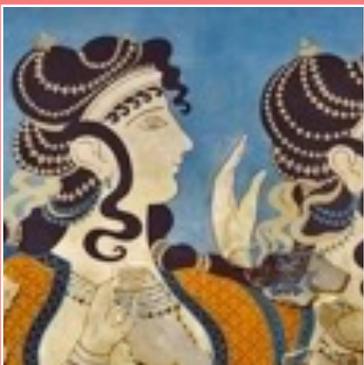
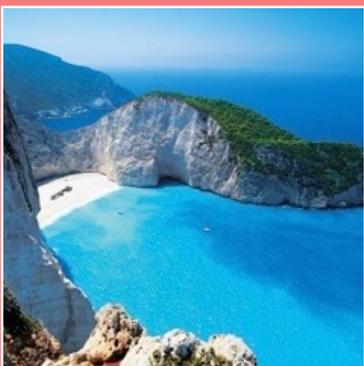
southeastern Europe consisting of 2 mainland peninsulas and thousands of islands throughout the Aegean and Ionian seas.

It's often called the birthplace of Western civilization. In addition to the many sites in Athens, Greece is home to Cape

Souniou, The Temple of Poseidon, Mt. Olympus, the monasteries of Meteora, the site of ancient Delphi as well as the Biblical sites of Corinth, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Berea, and the isle of Patmos. The Apostle Paul traversed the country while on his missionary journeys.



CRETE



OPTIONAL TOURS

- PALACE OF KNOSSOS
- PSINALONGA
- KRITSA VILLAGE & AGIOS NIKOLAOS

Crete is the largest of the Greek islands and the fifth largest island in the Mediterranean. Almost the entire population of Crete belongs to the Greek Orthodox Church. Crete is known for its varied terrain, which ranges from fine-sand beaches at Elafonisi to the White Mountains. Mt. Ida, the tallest of the range, is home to the Ideon Cave, which was the birthplace of Zeus according to Greek mythology. The capital Heraklion is home to the Palace of Knossos, a mazelike hilltop ruin, and renowned Heraklion Archaeological Museum, housing Minoan artifacts.

The apostle Paul left Titus on the island of Crete to "set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city" (Titus 1:5). After three missionary journeys Paul made his final voyage, which took him from Jerusalem to Caesarea Maritima, Myra, Crete, Malta, Syracuse, and Rome (Acts 27-28).

The people of Crete today entertain a number of traditions about Paul's visit to their island, including

the thought that he banished all poisonous snakes from the island.

Crete Itinerary

Tuesday, Oct 3

Depart for Crete from home city or Greek Isle

Wednesday, Oct 4 D

Arrive Crete. Transfer to hotel. Check-in, Welcome Orientation

Thursday, Oct 5 B L D

First Holy Day. Morning & Afternoon Church Services

Friday, Oct 6 B L D

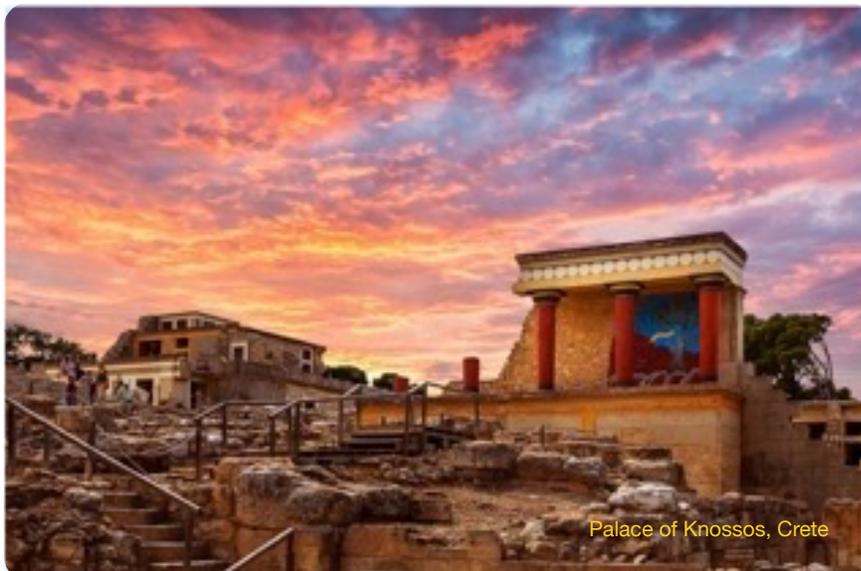
AM Church Service. Optional Tours Available (See page 6 for specific tours.)

Saturday, Oct 7 B L D

AM Church Service
Afternoon Free

Sunday, Oct 8 B

AM Church Service
Transfer to Heraklion
Free time for Lunch and Shopping
Flight to Athens



Palace of Knossos, Crete

Athens has been the center of Greek civilization for some 4,000 years. The capital of modern Greece, it's still dominated by 5th-century-B.C.E. landmarks, including the Acropolis. The acropolis is a hilltop citadel topped with ancient buildings such as the colonnaded Parthenon temple. Other notable sites include the Agora, National Archeological Museum, Syntagma Square, and the Plaka.

An ancient proverb declared that there were more gods in Athens than men. The Apostle Paul must have been struck by all the idolatry in the city. He spoke in the synagogue with the Jews & Gentile worshipers, in the marketplace and eventually at the Areopagus (Mar's Hill). While on the Areopagus, in the shadow of the Acropolis, Paul preached one of the most memorable sermons recorded in the Bible (Acts 17:17-31).

Athens Itinerary

Sunday, Oct 8 **D**
 Arrive Athens
 Transfer to Hotel
 Hotel Check-in and Dinner

Monday, Oct 9 **B**
 AM Church Service
 Athens Walking Tour Ancient Sites
 Explore the Plaka with Dinner on your own

Tuesday, Oct 10 **B**
 AM Church Service
 Free Day
 Optional Tours available -see page 6

Wednesday, Oct 11 **B L**
 AM Church Service
 Tour Ancient Corinth

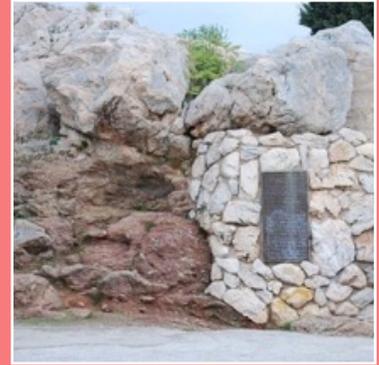
Thursday, Oct 12 **B L D**
 Last Holy Day. Morning & Afternoon
 Church Services
 Farewell Dinner

Friday, Oct 13
 Transfer to Airport
 Airport Check-in



Parthenon, Athens, Greece

ATHENS



ATHENS

- ACROPOLIS
 - PARTHENON
 - MARS HILL
 - ACROPOLIS MUSEUM
 - CORINTH
- OPTIONAL TOURS
- ATHENS DRIVING
 - SARDONIC GULF
 - ATHENS BY NIGHT
 - HYDRA CRUISE
 - MYCENAE
 - DELPHI



CRETA
MARIS
BEACH
RESORT

The Creta Maris Beach Resort is an all inclusive* property located in Creta Maris, a quaint village with twisting paths, small piazzas filled with the scents and colors of a wide variety of trees and flowers. Amenities include athletic & entertainment activities, restaurants and bars, spacious lounges, gardens, TV, hair salon, medical room, business center, Internet, car rental, foreign exchange, theatre, art gallery, chapel, and helipad.

If you would like to arrive ahead of the main tour on October 2 or 3 you can rest or visit other significant historical sties.

* Meals and well drinks

Room Options*

Deluxe Run of House (Main Building or Bungalow)

Rooms include all necessities for a comfortable and pleasant stay. Size: 280 square feet. Include one bedroom, bathroom with bathtub or shower, balcony or terrace, view to the garden or to the sea. **A - B**

Deluxe Seaview (Main Building or Bungalow)

Picturesque bungalows offer comfortable indoor and outdoor areas. Combines the traditional architecture of the resort with a more fresh and modern air. Size: 312 square feet **A - B**

Deluxe Bungalow Water Front

Bungalows located next to the sea with views to the water, offer a private terrace to enjoy the sounds of the sea and relax.. Bungalows, consist of one bedroom and one bathroom with bathtub with balcony or terrace and direct access to the water front area. Accommodates up to 2 adults and 1 child with small roll-away. **A**

Family Room Carefully designed and furnished to ensure that the whole family will feel comfortable and will all have their own "space."

**All rooms renovated between 2013-2016 and provide similar consistency of appointments in Main Building or Bungalow.*

Deluxe rooms can accommodate: A - 2 Adults or 1 single B - 2 Adults + 1 child under 12



DIVANI ACROPOLIS HOTEL ATHENS



The Divani Acropolis Hotel is a 4-minute walk to the Acropolis. This refined hotel is a 6-minute walk from a metro station and 2 km from Athens' central Syntagma Square.

Plush rooms have balconies, minibars and marble bathrooms, along with flat-screen TVs and free Wi-Fi. Upgraded rooms add views of the Acropolis, and suites feature sitting areas, and/or additional balconies and bathrooms. Room service is available.

There's a free shuttle to local sites. Other amenities include a Mediterranean/international restaurant, a seasonal roof-garden restaurant with Acropolis views, and an outdoor pool with a bar.

The hotel is a magnificent venue for meeting, and conferences.

Room Options

Deluxe Room - A, B

Each of the comfortable rooms feature a balcony with view to the Acropolis. Beds can be arranged with either a large double bed or two single beds for your comfort. 269 square feet.

Executive Room - Queen bedded only

Views of the Acropolis or Philopappou Hill, from higher floors. 290 square feet. Double or Twin

Junior Suite

These chic, spacious Junior Suites include a queen bed with a pleasant, comfortable sitting area in warm shades. Here guests will also find a luxurious marble bathroom. 430 square feet.

A - 2 Adults or 1 single

B - 2 Adults + 1 child under 12

OPTIONAL TOURS

This is a listing of possible tours that we will offer once the Festival Tour traveling group has been established. Following are brief description and **cost estimates** for general planning. Actual tour offers may vary depending on the number of participants expressing an interest in the specific tour.

Crete - Pre Feast & October 6

Palace of Knossos - €104*

A visit to Crete is incomplete without visiting the renowned Minoan Palace of Knossos. This fabulous site is dating back 4.000 ago. Two brilliant palaces built in Neolithic times... Visit the room of the throne and the frescoes depicting the Prince of Crete. Every single stone suggests that a great civilization was born in this very place. Dating from 2000 BC this site remains one of the wonders of the world.

Psinalonga - €151*

Private boat ride to Spinalonga Island, home to a ruined 17th-century Venetian fortress. The rocky island, isolated from the outside world was a one time leper village used to quarantine lepers between 1903 and 1957.

Tour Kritsa Village & Agios Nikolaos - €105*

A tour of West Crete and ancient sites. Kritsa is one of the most picturesque villages in Crete, built amphitheatrically on a rock hill. The village is considered one of the most important centers of Cretan folk and weaving art.

Agios Nikolaos is an international and cosmopolitan resort that welcomes thousands of visitors annually. The lake is its most charming feature. This lake is connected to the sea by a straight channel. Visitors can find a wide selection of traditional Cretan artwork, copies of pieces from different archaeological museums, jewelry, and embroidery.

Athens - October 10

Athens Driving Tour - €89* (3-4 Hours)

This tour will include visits to the National Garden, Schliemann's House, Panathinaikos Stadium, and the National Archeological Museum

Athens By Night - €79* (4:45pm -2:30am)

Fuel your appetite with a night time tour of Athens and its port and then relax with a Greek Dinner show at a typical taverna.

Cape Sounio-Saronic Gulf - €71* (4 Hours)

Drive the scenic coastal road enjoying splendid views of the Saronic Gulf and Cape Sounion, a historic and beautiful area of Greece. The breathtaking, panoramic view, and a visit to the 5th-century B.C. Temple of Poseidon, god of the Sea awaits your arrival.

Cruise Hydra-Poror-Aegina - TBD*

Take a cruise to these fabulous isles. A relaxing time on the sea will also include lunch and free time on each island. (This tour may only include 2 of the 3 because of limited time in the afternoon.)

Epidaurus & Mycenae - €119* (7 Hours)

Mycenae was the center of power in the Late Bronze Age. It includes the Palace and tomb of King Agamemnon. The Epidaurus theater is perfectly preserved and still boasts excellent acoustics. Both are World Heritage sites.

Delphi - €109* (9 Hours)

Delphi was the most prestigious and authoritative oracle in the Greek World. The ancients considered it the center of the know world. During the 8th c. B.C. Delphi became internationally known for the Oracular powers of Pythia who muttered incomprehensible words that foretold the future. The Sanctuary at Delphi organized the Pythian Games every four years which were athletic events much like the Olympics.

*** Includes Lunch and guide & driver gratuities.**



Crete tours are available as a Pre-Feast tour and on the optional tour day - Oct 6.

€ = Tours priced in Euros





Santorini Pre / Post Trip

PRE TRIP -
POST TRIP

Santorini, one of the Cyclades islands in the Aegean Sea, was devastated by a volcanic eruption in the 16th century B.C.E., forever shaping its rugged landscape and villages. The whitewashed, cubist houses of its 2 principal towns, Fira and Oia, cling to cliffs above an underwater caldera (crater). They overlook the clear Aegean and beaches made up of black, red and white lava pebbles. There is hiking and swimming opportunities all over the island. Cable car, donkey, and helicopter rides are available at various locations around the island. You can visit the Museum of Prehistoric Fira and the volcanic ruins of Ancient Akrotiri if you are so inclined. Dine at the seafood restaurants of Amoudi Bay and enjoy the local cuisine of gyros, baklava, wine, and more.

A variety of Room Styles and types are available. Pricing will be available after the 2016 Greek Touring season is over.

Mykonos - Pre Trip only

Mykonos, part of the Cyclades island group in the Aegean Sea, is one of the most popular and glamorous Greek isles. Beaches such as Paradise & Super Paradise welcome a diverse crowd. In addition to its beaches and nightlife the island offers historical locations to explore such as the Windmills of Mykonos, Church of Panagia Paraportiani, the Armenistis Lighthouse, and Ano Mera Village and its historical sites going back to the 16th century.

CRETE PRE - NIGHTS	SANTORINI OR MYKONOS PRE-TRIP MONDAY, OCT 2	SANTORINI OR MYKONOS PRE-TRIP TUESDAY, OCT 3	SANTORINI OR MYKONOS PRE-TRIP WEDNESDAY, OCT 4	SANTORINI POST-TRIP FRIDAY, OCT 13	SANTORINI POST-TRIP SATURDAY, OCT 14	SANTORINI POST-TRIP SUNDAY, OCT 15 MONDAY, OCT 16
Arrive Early Select number of pre-nights	Arrive Santorini OR Arrive Mykonos	Tour Santorini OR Tour Mykonos	Ferry to Crete OR Flight to Crete	Ferry or Fly to Santorini	Santorini	Depart Sun OR Stay Sun & Depart Mon

FESTIVAL DETAILS

Included Features

Hotel - twin occupancy basis

- Crete 4 nights (4-7 Oct) - Creta Maris Beach Resort Deluxe Room (run of house - Main building or Bungalow.) Inclusive meal basis: breakfast, late breakfast, lunch, dinner, late dinner. Beverages served in dining room includes alcohol provided with meal service based on well drinks. Speciality wines, spirits & drinks additional charge.
- Athens 5 night (8-12 Oct) - Divani Acropolis Hotel Deluxe Room. Inclusive of daily breakfast.

Meals

Breakfast: Daily at hotels

Lunches:

- 5, 6, 7 Oct at Creta Maris (except if you are out on tour)
- 11 Oct - with / Corinth Tour
- 12 Oct - Holy Day Luncheon
- Not included on 8, 9, 10 Oct, but may be included in optional tour.

Dinner

- 4, 5, 6, 7 Oct at Creta Maris
- 8 Oct at Divani Acropolis
- 12 Oct Final Group Dinner
- Not included on 9, 10, 11 Oct to allow you to explore the Plaka

Transfers

- 4 Oct Crete Heraklion Airport or Heraklion Pier to Creta Maris Beach Resort based on minimum group of 4 passengers during the standard arrival time window as determined by majority of passengers arrival times - usually late afternoon - more information to be provided.
- 8 Oct Creta Maris Beach Resort to Heraklion Airport as a group to coincide with flights. 8 Oct Athens Airport to Divani Acropolis Hotel as a group to coincide with flights.

- 13 Oct Divani Acropolis Hotel to Athens Airport to coincide with flights - minimum number per transfer is 12 passengers. Surcharge will apply for private transfers.

Tours - guide and driver gratuities have been included.

Crete Touring is on an optional basis based on areas of interest. The

hotel is a resort with many included activities and the focus of this part of the festival is fellowship and rest.

Athens touring includes:

- 9 Oct professionally guided walking tour of the ancient areas including the Acropolis, Mars Hill, Agora and other sites. (Your special 5-day ticket package allow entrance to the above sites as well as Archaeological Site & Museum of Kerameikos, Lyceum, Hadrian's Library, Museum of the Ancient Agora, North slope of Acropolis, Olympieio, & South Slope of Acropolis)
 - 11 Oct professional guided excursion to ancient Corinth will be a full afternoon inclusive of lunch.
 - 10 Oct Touring is on an optional basis based on areas of interest. (See Page 6.)
- ### Miscellaneous
- All hotel taxes and fees are included. We will provide a list of the standard exclusions in the terms and conditions. The program was designed to be "inclusive" of all essential services.
 - Certain elements of the program are subject to change depending on configuration of the final group size.

Air:



• Travel Gallery will book international airfare in conjunction with the tour at a rate

of \$69 per ticket.

• Home City to Athens & Return

- Athens to Mykonos
- Athens to Santorini

Depending on the departure point, air carrier, and routing the internal Greece flights might be included at a price less than individual islands afares. Airfares are loaded into the reservation system 334 days prior to travel. At that time we will advise on actual inter-island air pricing to determine whether to buy those segments separately or to include them in the international air ticket. It will also be determined whether group airfare might be available.



Ferry:

There are two types of ferries; Boats and Jet boats. We recommend the Jet boats.

- To those going early to Mykonos or Santorini we suggest you fly to the island and depart on October 4 by ferry to Crete
- Mykonos to Crete
Depart 1 PM - Arrive 6:30 PM
- Santorini to Crete
Depart 4:30 PM - Arrive 6:30 PM

REGISTRATION & DEPOSIT

*Pricing:

The tour reflects a 4% discount for check payment - credit cards are subject to a fee.

- \$2657 per person rate (Twin/Double occupancy)
- \$987 Single Supplement rate
- \$0 Infants under the age of 2 (No additional cost)
- \$1477 rate for 1 child (age 2-11) sharing room with parents. For room upgrades, add amounts on registration form to this land package price.
- For any other family configurations please call.



Registration & Payments:

1. Complete the online [Registration Form](#)
 2. Once you fill out a registration form - Travel Gallery will send you an invoice for the \$350 per person deposit. (Deposit is non refundable)
- The deposit may be paid with a check, bank wire or credit card
 - Once your deposit is received by Travel Gallery you will be registered for the tour.
 - The schedule for additional payments is:
 - March 31, 2017 \$800 per person.
 - August 11, 2016 Final Balance Due.

Terms & Conditions

As you would expect there is some required fine print (terms and conditions) which we must share with you as a traveler. These conditions will be provided along with your invoice.

Registration:

Fill out the on line registration form with as much information as you can.
<https://goo.gl/forms/0kJatPsWpFMiqurF2>

***Pricing:**

Prices are based on current Euro - US Dollar exchange rate. Changes of more than 3% may result in price increase.

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