Introduction:
Greece is a traditional, secular, nominally “Christian” nation. Less than 4% of the population regularly attends church. The Evangelical community, including all denominations, is less than 0.25% of the population, or about 25 to 30 thousand believers among 11 million!
This country is one of the toughest mission fields in the world as the mixture of secularism and cultural and religious traditionalism makes people very resistant to the Gospel of Christ.
Greece is strategically located in the Eastern European peninsula called the Balkans, located between Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.
AMG International, formerly known as the American Mission to the Greeks, is one of the oldest ministries in Greece, and also acts as a facilitator for many of the other ministries and local churches that are active in Greece.

Objectives of the trip:
The itinerary of this ten-day biblical tour and ministry trip has the following objectives in mind:
• **Give the opportunity** to brothers and sisters in Christ, along with their church leaders, to visit and explore what God is doing in the biblical land of Greece. Visit several important ministry projects along with historical biblical locations related to New Testament history in following the footsteps of the Apostle Paul.
• **Provide insights** into the context, language and culture of the New Testament that will deepen your understanding of the text.
• **Visit key locations** of Hellenistic and biblical history, like Corinth and Athens, which offer better understanding of the thoughts and worldview of the New Testament authors; visit modern Greek churches and offer encouragement to the local missionaries and believers.
• **Answer any questions** you may have related to the history, traditions and culture of the land and the evangelical movement in Greece and the region. Experience and participate in ministries operated by AMG International and partnering agencies.
• **Provide better understanding** of the current environment in Greece and the surrounding area, identifying the spiritual needs and the opportunities available for ongoing ministry participation.
• **To enjoy an unforgettable time** of Christian fellowship and fun with your fellow team members, growing in your faith and enhancing your vision for Kingdom work in the world. It is our desire to treat you as a special guest, not just a visitor to the biblical land of Greece.
• **Costas Tsevas**, Director of Biblical Archeology and New Testament Studies at CosmoVision Center, is AMG’s outstanding tour guide.
**SUGGESTED ITINERARY:**

**DAY 1**
Depart for Greece.

**DAY 2**
Arrive in Athens; orientation.

**DAY 3**
**Day of ministry at Oasis Ministry.** This is an IMB outreach to refugees and an AMG partner ministry.

**DAY 4**
Worship in an Evangelical church in Athens.

**Visiting the city of Athens in the afternoon (Acts 17).**

The architectural splendors of this ancient city are majestic. The group will visit the world-renowned hill of Acropolis where the Parthenon (temple of Athena) is located. Special emphasis will be on the visit to the Areopagus (Mars Hill) where Paul gave his famous speech to the Athenian philosophers (Acts 17). Visits will also be made in the area of the Ancient Agora (Forum), where Paul met the philosophers, the Stoa of Attalus and the Temple of Hephaestus. Athens is inseparable from the concepts of Democracy, City Assembly (Ecclesia) and Reasoning (Logos), which were first conceived and practiced in this part of the world. Many of the terms used by the Athenian Democracy were incorporated in the Church's terminology (Ecclesia, Logos).

Free time for souvenir shopping in the Plaka area and flea market of Athens.

**DAY 5**
Travel to the northern part of Greece, visiting Delphi, the site of the famous Oracle. Visit the city treasuries, see the delicate 5th century statue of the Charioteer and many other ancient treasures which open new horizons in understanding the NT era.

Continue trip to the region of Greek Macedonia.

**DAY 6**
**A day trip to Philippi and Neapolis (Kavala).**

In Philippi (Acts 16; 20), Paul preached his evangelistic sermon to women who had gathered at the river. You will visit the river where Paul baptized Lydia, a purple fabric merchant, who became the first Christian woman to be baptized on European soil (Acts 16). You will also see a crypt dating from the Roman period which, according to Church tradition, was the place where Paul was flogged and imprisoned. Also at Philippi you will see the ancient Roman Agora (Forum), built during the time of Augustus, and mentioned in the Book of Acts as the place where Paul was publicly punished after he healed the demon possessed girl (Acts 16).

Visits will also be made to the Basilicas and the Greek Theatre (4th century BC), which was converted into an arena by the Romans and used during the persecutions in the early days of the Church. Paul's letter to the Philippians was addressed to the local Christians 14 years after his first visit there.
Continued tour will also see Neapolis (present day Kavalla), Greece’s most picturesque mainland port. Paul arrived in this city (Acts 16) with his coworkers, Timothy (Acts 16; 17; 18; 20) and Silas (Acts 15; 16; 17). On the way back to Thessaloniki you will see the remains of the ancient road Via Egnatia. You will pass by the ancient cities of Amphipolis and Apollonia, which are mentioned in the Book of Acts (Acts 17).

Overnight and dine at Poseidon Palace Hotel in Leptokaria.

**DAY 7**

**Thessaloniki (Acts 17).**

Paul wrote two epistles to the Thessalonians, and both are in the canon of the NT. Here we hope to visit the Roman Agora (Forum) and the Basilica of Saint Demetrios. The tour will include a visit to the White Tower, the statue of Alexander the Great and the remains of the Palace complex of Galerius (Late 3rd century AD). Continuing on tour, the group will see the City Walls and the Great Gate, which connects the city with Via Egnatia (this was the trans-continental, east-west road of the Roman Empire built in the 2nd century BC).

**Ministry spots:**

Visit St. Luke’s Hospital which serves thousands of people every year, physically and spiritually. There may also be time to visit the Logos Bookstore in the downtown area (possible lunch at St. Luke’s). Then drive to Berea for a visit to the biblical city which Paul visited. After that we drive to the city of Katerini to hear about the beginning of AMG’s ministry and see one of the greatest evangelical communities in Greece. Possibly participate in the evening church service of the Greek Evangelical Church in Katerini. Dinner and lodging at Poseidon Palace Hotel.

**DAY 8**

The group departs after breakfast in order to visit the monasteries in Meteora. This is a unique and great introduction to the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Dinner and overnight at a hotel in Athens. Possibly visit Logos Bookstore in Larisa.

**DAY 9**

**The group will visit Corinth all day (Acts 18).**

Paul stayed in Corinth for one and a half years during his first visit, the longest he stayed in any of the cities he visited except Ephesus. Paul wrote at least four letters addressed to the Church of Corinth, two of which are found in the NT. From Corinth he wrote three and possibly four epistles addressed to the first Christians in Rome, Thessaloniki and Galatia. You will be visiting the Archaeological Museum, the Ancient Agora (Forum) and the Bema where Paul stood in front of Gallio (Acts 18), the Roman Pro-Consul of Achaia. You will see the inscription of Erastus the treasurer of the city, mentioned in the epistle to Romans (Acts 19; Romans 16; 2 Timothy 4). You will also enjoy seeing the Temple of Apollo and the hill of Acrocorinth where, during the time of Classical Greece, the famous Temple of Aphrodite was located.

Return to CosmoVision Center for a special Greek dinner and an update of the ministry in Greece. Transfer for overnight at your hotel or stay at CVC.

**DAY 10**

Return home full of rich memories and blessings...
The tour and ministry trip cost:

The cost for all land arrangements of the outlined itinerary is approximately $______ per person. *(This price has been calculated based on the current exchange rate of the US dollar against Euro and is subject to change.)*

The hotel in Athens will be the comfortable Oscar Hotel *(www.oscar.gr)*, and in the northern part of Greece will be the Poseidon Palace *(www.poseidonpalace.gr/index)*.

This package price includes the following:

- All land arrangements from the moment of the group’s arrival in Greece to their departure.
- Accommodations in hotels in double rooms (or triple rooms for family members). *(Supplement for any single-room accommodation will be $300 USD.)*
- All land transportation in comfortable air-conditioned buses.
- Two meals per day, breakfast and dinner, starting with dinner on the day of your arrival and including breakfast on the last day, provided that your flight does not call for early departure. Does not include any beverages or other types of drinks. *(Beverages and soft drinks always served at CVC meals.)*
- All archeological site fees.
- All professional tour guide services and lectures of Christian tour guides booked for your team *(Costas Tsevas).*
- All taxes for land arrangements.

The package price does NOT include:

- Any visa fees. All those holding a US or Canadian passport Do NOT pay any visa fees.
- Lunches. Inexpensive quick meals could be purchased on the road as we travel. Plan on approximately $150 for extras.
- Any beverages or other drinks during meals outside of CVC.
- Hotel extras, i.e. drinks, phone calls, etc.
- Tips for the guide and driver.
- Any international or domestic air travel.
- Medical or other liability insurance policy beyond the one required by the law for services rendered in hotels, buses, and airplanes. Supplemental Travel insurance provided.
- Passports required.
- Non-refundable deposit of $200 for air reservations and full payment of all costs within 90 days of departure.