



# Alumni Travel

## **CIVILIZATIONS AND FAITHS IN TRANSITION**

**Paganism, Judaism and the Origins  
of Christianity in the Greco-Roman World**

**With Lindsay Whaley  
Professor of Classics and Linguistics**

*June 9 - 20, 2022*



Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Dartmouth,

When Christianity arrived on the world stage in the first century AD, the Greco-Roman world was predominantly “pagan” – filled with a large number of polytheistic religions worshipping the Greek and Roman Gods. At the same time, Greek and Roman writers mentioned well-established Jewish communities, and Paul of Tarsus preached in synagogues in Thessalonica. On this unique journey, designed for Dartmouth Alumni and friends, we will explore the transition of religions and cultures among the pagan cults, Jewish communities, and the Christian church that was to become the official religion of the empire for centuries to come.

We will visit some of the most significant sacred places in Greece and around the Aegean Sea, places of singular beauty and historic importance. We will start in northern Greece, in Thessaloniki, the Biblical Thessalonica and a cosmopolitan city of cultures and faiths since early times. Founded in the 4th century BC, Thessaloniki later became the second most important city in the Byzantine Empire and is now noted for its more than two thousand years of Jewish history and early Christian monuments; ancient Philippi, an important stop in St. Paul’s apostolic mission; Athens, where the ancient Greeks built temples dedicated to their gods in places of extraordinary beauty and where a marble plaque engraved with a menorah dating from the 3rd century AD was unearthed in the ancient Agora; and Old Corinth, noted for its superb archaeological site, and where St. Paul spent 18 months. From the lovely Greek island of Samos, we will visit fabled Ephesus, one of the world’s greatest ancient sites, where we will walk the same street St. Paul walked, and step inside the very amphitheater where he spoke. We will also explore the holy island of Patmos where St. John the Divine was exiled in AD 95, and where he received his vision of the Apocalypse.

Accompanying our small group will be Dartmouth host, Lindsay Whaley, Professor of Classic and Linguistics at Dartmouth College who will enrich our educational experience with lectures and discussions that will illuminate our understanding of the culture and history of the region. We invite you to join alumni and friends on this distinctive educational journey to discover extraordinary places that are beyond the usual touristic itineraries.

Kind regards,

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Cover: *The magnificent library of Celsus, Ephesus, Turkey*

## DARTMOUTH GUEST LECTURER LINDSAY J. WHALEY



**Lindsay Whaley** is Professor of Classics and Linguistics at Dartmouth College and the former Associate Dean for International and Interdisciplinary Studies, former Associate Provost for International Initiatives, and former Interim Vice Provost at Dartmouth. He is an expert on linguistics and language typology, including endangered languages and Greek language. He has previously hosted Dartmouth Alumni Travel tours to Greece and has lectured on Greek language at Dartmouth on Location events. His Dartmouth courses include Beginning Classical Greek, Readings in Greek Pose and Poetry, and New Testament Greek. Professor Whaley received his B.A. from Calvin College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from SUNY Buffalo.

*View of the Acropolis from the Areopagus hill where St. Paul preached*





## JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

**Explore** Thessaloniki the second largest and wealthiest city of the Byzantine Empire with a Jewish and Christian history reaching back more than 2,000 years.

**Visit** the venerable Monastery of St. John the Divine on the holy island of Patmos.

**Discover** the ancient Greek and Roman sites in Philippi, Ephesus and Corinth.

**Feast** on the wonderful foods that comprise the famed "Mediterranean Diet," accompanied by regional wines.

## ITINERARY

*Thursday, June 9, 2022*

### DEPART THE USA

Fly from the U.S. to Thessaloniki, Greece.

*Friday, June 10*

### THESSALONIKI, Greece

Arrive in Thessaloniki, the second largest city in Greece and the capital of the region of Macedonia. Transfer to the *Hotel Macedonia Palace*. In the evening, enjoy a welcome dinner. Meals: D

*Saturday, June 11*

### THESSALONIKI

Founded in 316 BC and named after the half-sister of Alexander the Great, Thessaloniki, the biblical Thessalonica, commands a beautiful position at the head of a spacious bay. Once an important center of Jewish learning, the city is renowned for its monuments dating from late antiquity, including many early Christian churches. This morning we will visit the Vlatado Monastery, where St. Paul preached around 49-50 AD; the church of Aghios Georgios, built on a Roman rotunda; the church of Aghia Sophia, believed to be older than its namesake in Istanbul; the Cathedral of Aghios Demetrios, the guardian of the city; and the church of the Holy Apostles, with its striking 14th-century mosaics. In the afternoon, visit the splendid Museum of Byzantine Culture, and spend time at leisure to explore this vibrant city on your own. Meals: B

*Sunday, June 12*

### THESSALONIKI/PHILIPPI/KAVALA/ THESSALONIKI

Today drive to Philippi, founded in the 4th century BC by Phillip II, the father of Alexander the Great. After exploring the ancient city, including the remains of several early basilicas, drive to nearby Kavala, and the ancient port town of Neapolis. Enjoy lunch and time to explore picturesque Kavala, which is built on two hills overlooking the beautiful Bay of Kavala.

Meals: B, L

*Monday, June 13*

### THESSALONIKI/SAMOS

Fly from Thessaloniki to Samos, the lush Greek island located near the coast of Turkey. Spend the next four nights at the lovely *Hotel Doryssa Seaside Resort*.

Meals: B, L, D

*Tuesday, June 14*

### SAMOS/EPHESUS/SAMOS

This morning sail across the channel to Turkey's port of Kusadasi, and from there continue to nearby Ephesus, and visit its magnificent archaeological site. Founded by Greeks around 1100 BC, Ephesus flourished between 600 BC and AD 500, becoming one of the largest and most prosperous cities in the Roman Empire, and an early center of Christianity. Our exploration of the site will include the main Street of Kuretes, where St. Paul walked during his time here; the theater, which held 24,000 people; and the house of the Virgin Mary. Return to Samos in the afternoon.

Meals: B, L, D

*Wednesday, June 15*

### SAMOS

One of the wealthiest and most powerful



*Kavala, the ancient port town of Neapolis where St. Paul landed in AD 49.*



*Temple of Hadrian, Ephesus*

city-states of ancient Greece, Samos achieved the pinnacle of its brilliance in the 6th century BC, when its energetic merchants had pioneered trade routes stretching from Egypt to Spain, and when magnificent public works were undertaken. Samos was also an intellectual powerhouse. Pythagoras, the philosopher, mathematician and discoverer of the geometric theorem that bears his name, was a native son, along with Aesop who wrote his fables here. Tour Samos's most important monuments, including the remains of the Heraion, the enormous shrine dedicated to the Mother Goddess; the Tunnel of Eupalinos, one of the greatest engineering feats of antiquity; the monastery of Panaghia Spyliani; and the Archaeological Museum in Vathy. Spend the afternoon at leisure.

Meals: B

*Thursday, June 16*

**SAMOS/PATMOS/SAMOS**

Today we discover Patmos, the island where St. John the Divine ("Theologos" in Greek) was exiled from Ephesus in AD 95 by the Roman Emperor Domitian. Visit the cave believed to be the place where he received the vision of the Apocalypse, which is documented in the Book of Revelation, the last book of the New Testament. A little further up the road is the imposing fortress-like Monastery of St. John, built in 1088 on top of a ridge. The monastery consists of several chapels, in addition to a church and library that are rich in ecclesiastical treasures. Below the monastery is charming Chora, Patmos's main town, with its characteristic architecture. Enjoy lunch in

Patmos before returning to Samos and the hotel.

Meals: B, L, D.

*Friday, June 17*

**SAMOS/ATHENS**

Travel by air from Samos to Athens. Upon arrival, transfer to the *Athens Plaza Hotel*, located on Syntagma (Constitution) Square, in the center of the city, and within walking distance from many of its attractions.

Meals: B

*Saturday, June 18*

**ATHENS**

One of the world's most venerable places, Athens is the capital of Greece and Europe's oldest city. Its monuments and the treasures are reminders of the city's glorious past. In the morning stop at the hill of the Areopagus, where the Assembly of the Athenians met. Continue to the Acropolis to visit its monuments, including the incomparable Parthenon, built in the 5th century BC. In the afternoon, tour the Agora, the heart of public life of ancient Athens. Here, Socrates conversed with his fellow citizens questioning their assumptions, and St. Paul preached Christianity to Athenians.

Meals: B

*Sunday, June 19*

**ATHENS/CORINTH/ATHENS**

Leave Athens in the morning for Old Corinth, one of the most prominent and powerful cities of ancient Greece. During the Roman period, Corinth achieved its greatest prosperity with an estimated population of 300,000. St. Paul

spent 18 months here (AD 51-52) practicing his trade as a tentmaker (Acts XVIII) and challenging the luxurious lifestyle of the Corinthians. Visit its archaeological site and museum. Also, see the Corinth Canal, the narrow waterway that separates the Peloponnese from the Greek mainland. After lunch in Corinth, return to Athens in the afternoon. In the evening, enjoy a farewell dinner.

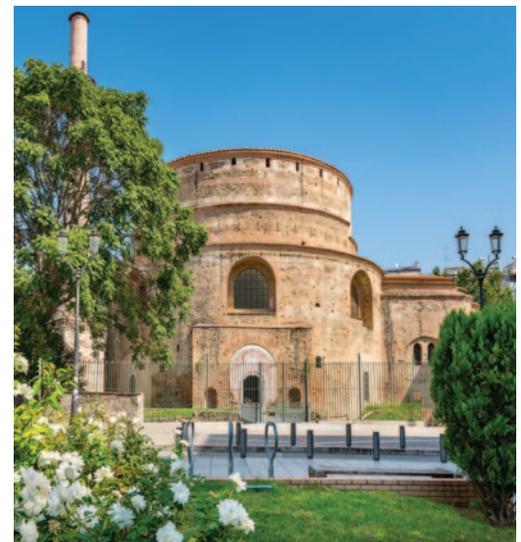
Meals: B, L, D

*Monday, June 20*

**ATHENS/USA**

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

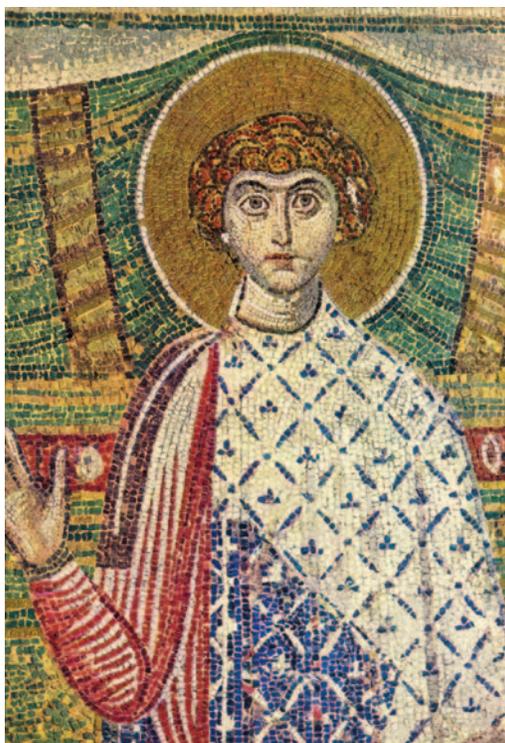
Meals: B



*Rotunda of Galerius, Thessaloniki*

## HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The health and safety of our travelers is of utmost importance to Thalassa Journeys. Accordingly, we require that all travelers provide proof of vaccination to participate on the tour. Thalassa Journeys follows the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and the protocols of our host country, Greece. We require that our tour manager, guides and motorcoach drivers are fully vaccinated. Our hotels and the venues for our included meals follow strict Covid-19 cleanliness protocols. Motorcoach capacity allows for safe distancing and masks may be required in public spaces. All guests will be provided with a sterilized whisper audio device that aids not only in hearing the tour guide, but in practicing social distancing. We appreciate the cooperation of all travelers in following these protocols to ensure a safe journey for all.



Mosaic of St. Demetrios, Thessaloniki

## TRAVEL WITH A SMALL GROUP

When you travel with Thalassa Journeys and Dartmouth Alumni Travel, you will travel with a small group of like-minded travelers. Participation is limited to 24 persons. Traveling with a small group fosters a genuine sense of camaraderie, intimacy and exclusivity. The small size also allows for privileged access to places, less crowding at the sites and restaurants, and more meaningful discussions and interaction with the accompanying expert guest lecturer and local guide.

## ABOUT THALASSA JOURNEYS

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The Monastery of St. John the Divine in Patmos dominates the town of Chora



The ancient theater of Ephesus where the Ephesians rioted against St. Paul

# RATE

\$5,990 per person, double occupancy.  
Single room supplement: \$980

# PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Three nights in Thessaloniki at the *Hotel Macedonia Palace*; four nights in Samos at the *Hotel Doryssa Seaside Resort*; three nights in Athens at the *Athens Plaza Hotel*.
- American breakfast each morning at the hotels.
- Five lunches and five dinners as indicated in the itinerary.
- Airport/hotel/airport transfers in Greece and handling of luggage.
- Lectures by Lindsay Whaley, Dartmouth Faculty Lecturer.
- Complete program of tours and excursions as described in the itinerary by private motor coach and professional English speaking guide.
- All entrance fees to the sites described in the itinerary.
- All local taxes and service charges.
- Gratuities to porters, drivers and guides.
- The services of an experienced Thalassa Journeys trip director.
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**NOT INCLUDED:** Airfare for international flight and flights within Greece (Thessaloniki/Samos/Athens); travel insurance; expenses of a personal nature; any items not mentioned in the itinerary and Program Inclusions; expenses caused by factors beyond our control such as plane delays, etc.

The combined cost of the flights from Thessaloniki to Samos, and from Samos to Athens is \$285 additional per person, subject to change, and will be provided by Thalassa Journeys. The cost will be included on your final invoice.

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I understand that final payment is due 90 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Please make check payable to and mail with this registration form to:

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**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Payment can be made by personal check or charged to a credit card.

**CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:** All cancellations are subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 61-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. Requests for cancellations must be made in writing. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

**INSURANCE:** We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

**ITINERARY:** The itinerary, accommodations and arrangements are subject to change at the discretion of Thalassa Journeys.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Please read carefully the following terms and conditions, which constitute the sole, legally enforceable agreements between the traveler and Thalassa Journeys and the tour's sponsoring organization. Thalassa Journeys and Dartmouth College, Dartmouth Alumni Travel Association and their agents, employees and officials act solely as agents for the traveler with respect to all transportation, hotel and other tour arrangements. In that capacity, we exercise all reasonable care possible to ensure the traveler's safety and satisfaction, but, we neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motor coach, carriage or other conveyance, or the actions of any third-party, involved in carrying the traveler or in affecting these tours. We are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, delay or other changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, civil disturbances, acts or threats of terrorism, travel warnings or bans, termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance, quarantine, acts of God or other causes beyond our control. All such losses must be borne by the traveler, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us, or else, receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the traveler's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc., but, we shall not have any obligation or liability to the traveler beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour's itinerary and to substitute hotels, transportation methods, or lecturers if this is required. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and, so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the traveler shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if he/she so desires. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of any tour. By forwarding their deposit(s), the traveler certifies that he/she and/or their dependents, minors or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other travelers. We reserve the right to decline to accept or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person's health, condition or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other travelers or impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled or stored at the traveler's risk entirely, and, we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereto. Resolution of any disputes arising hereunder shall be affected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in the City of New York, pursuant to applicable New York law.

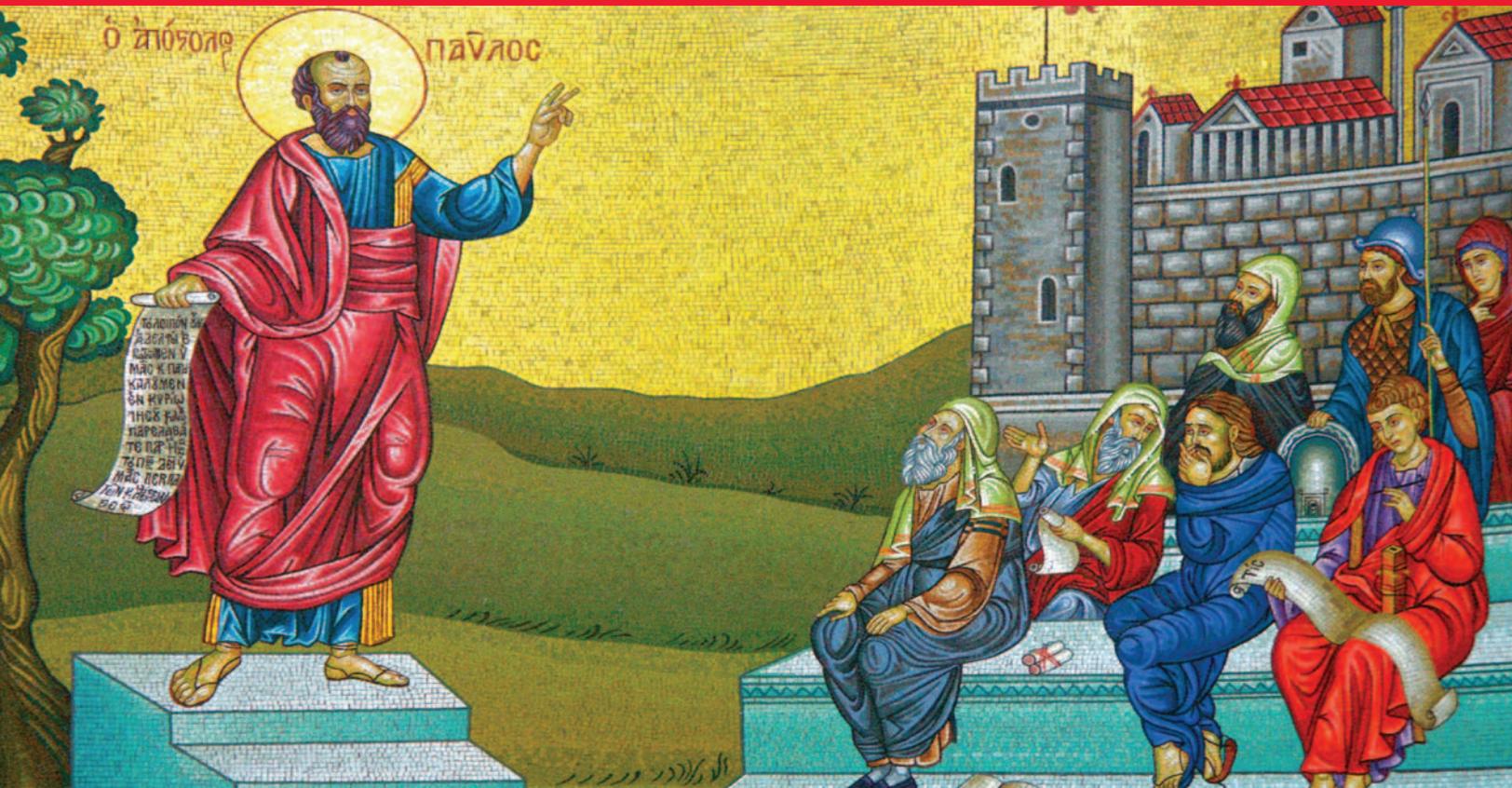
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*Mosaic depicting St. Paul preaching*

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