



Samford University

Parent and Family Engagement

Samford Parents Journey to Greece Footsteps of Paul with Dr. Jeff Leonard

Dates: May 23-June 2, 2026

Hosts:

Dr. Jeff and Michaela Leonard
Dr. Phil and Penny Kimrey
Dr. Charles “Poker” and Julie Boyd

Trip Description:

From the footsteps of Paul to the foundations of Western Civilization, Greece offers a seemingly endless array of destinations to visit. We will explore some of the most important and most meaningful of these sites. From the biblical cities of Philippi, Thessaloniki, and Corinth to famous locales such as Olympia, Delphi, and Athens, our journey through Greece will be a feast for both heart and mind. We can't wait for you to join us on this exciting venture!

**Trip Cost: \$4,800 per person (Couples – double room)
\$5,300 (Single room traveler)**

- Deposit: \$500 per person due **December 2, 2025.**
- Second payment: \$2,000 per person, due **February 2, 2026**
- Final payment: \$2,300 per person due **April 2, 2026**
\$2,800 single rate due **April 2, 2026**
- Inclusions: Accommodations, Breakfast each day, Welcome and Farewell dinner, lunch at Castella Beach Restaurant, Food Tour in Thessaloniki, Entrance fees for all sites on our itinerary (excluding **Eleusis** and **Epidauros** priced according to current rates and may be subject to change; English speaking guides throughout, Tickets to theatrical performance in Athens, Modern motorcoach for all in-country travel, Samford Global Application/Administrative Fees,

Comprehensive Medical Insurance, Accommodation taxes for all overnight stays, VAT and informational material.

Not included: Airfare, portage, traveler insurance (see cancellation policy below) lunch and dinner (unless specified in the program), beverages during meals, personal expenses and optional activities not mentioned in the itinerary, any costs arising from changes in hotel/entrance fees due to availability or late bookings.

Airport information: Travelers should secure airfare arriving in Thessaloniki Airport - IATA Code: SKG; and departing from Athens International Airport IATA Code: ATH. Full itinerary and additional details regarding accommodations available upon request.

CANCELLATION: Your trip promises to be a life-changing experience. It also represents a significant financial investment. Fortunately, options are available for protecting that investment. We strongly urge you to consider purchasing a trip insurance plan to mitigate against uncertainties like job changes, illness, family emergencies, and other unexpected events. Most policies will also provide coverage for items like missed flights, lost luggage, accidents, and illness while you're on the trip. Appropriate trip insurance plans can be purchased from companies like [AIG](#) or [Travelex](#). Plans vary in price according to the amount of coverage, trip cost, and age of participants. Be sure to consider this important step carefully.

EXTENDING YOUR TRIP? Samford is working with Plutone Travel Agency. If you're interested in working with them to arrange additional travel plans, you may contact Carmen Frongillo at carmen.f@plutoneviaggi.it. She is bilingual and fluent in English.

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Links to view Interest Meeting Videos:

[October 16 Zoom Meeting](#)

[October 20 Zoom Meeting](#)

22 May	Day 0	Depart US
23 May	Day 1	Arrive Thessaloniki
Sat.		Morning Arrival Morning – Check into hotel. Lunch (on own). Nap. Afternoon – Bus tour of Thessaloniki (Heptapyrgion, White Tower, St. Demetrius, Hagia Sophia, Rotunda) Evening – Welcome dinner Overnight: Thessaloniki
24 May	Day 2	Thessaloniki, Philippi
Sun.		Bus to Philippi Morning – Visit Philippi and Lydia Evening – Food Tour of Thessaloniki Overnight: Thessaloniki
25 May	Day 3	Vergina, Meteora
Mon.		Morning – Vergina (Tomb of Philip II) Afternoon – Hanging Monasteries of Meteora Overnight: Kalambaka
26 May	Day 4	Thermopylae, Delphi
Tue.		Morning – Thermopylae Afternoon – Delphi Archaeological Site and Museum Overnight: Delphi
27 May	Day 5	Olympia
Wed.		Morning – Castella Beach Afternoon – Visit Olympia Archaeological Site and Museum Overnight: Nafplio
28 May	Day 6	Tiryns, Mycenae, Nafplio
		Morning – Tiryns and Mycenae Afternoon – Free in Nafplio Overnight: Nafplio
29 May	Day 7	Corinth, Aegina
		Morning – Corinth Afternoon – Visit to the Agora and introduction to Athens Overnight: Athens
30 May	Day 8	Marathon, Sounion
		Morning – Sounion Afternoon – Marathon Evening – Theatrical performance in Athens
31 May	Day 9	Athens
		Morning – Acropolis and Mars Hill Afternoon – Free in Athens Overnight: Athens

1 June	Day 10	Athens
		Morning – Piraeus Afternoon – Ferry to Aegina Evening – Farewell dinner
2 June	Day 11	Depart Athens