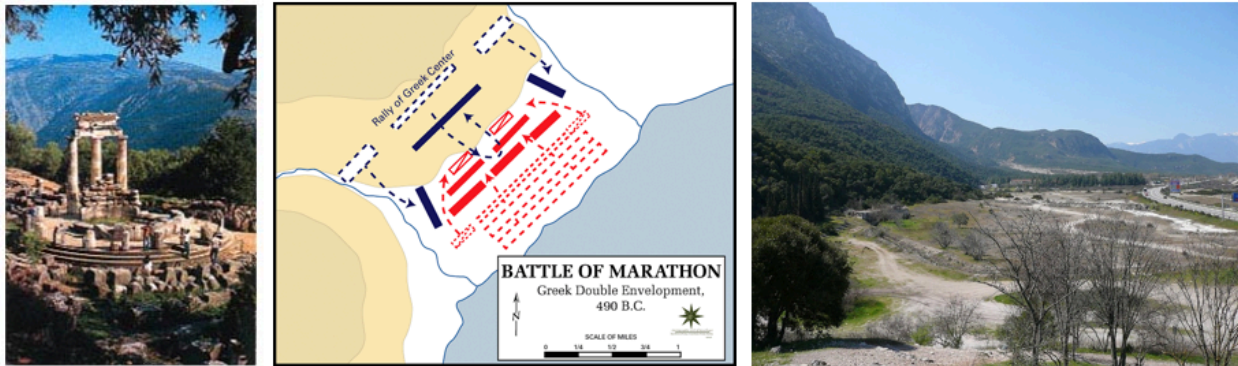


Come Join Us on the 2024 VSA Field Trip to Greece & Rome!

There are many reasons for a Christian Classical education to devote considerable time to the study of Greece & Rome. The gospel accounts of Jesus' life and the history of the early church are set in the politics of the Roman Empire and the culture of Ancient Greece. Thus, it makes perfect sense for VSA students to visit some of these important places.

VSA's 2024 Summer field trip to Greece & Rome will focus first on the history of Greece – visiting the ancient sites of Delphi, Marathon (site of the surprising victory of the underdog Greek army over the invading Persians in 490 BC), & Thermopylae (where in 480 BC, Leonidas and his 300 Spartans held off the Persian invaders under Xerxes).



We will also visit the cities of Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus – all cities that Paul visited and preached in, and later wrote inspired letters to.



Visiting Ephesus will also allow us to experience the close connections of the Greeks to the islands of the Aegean, sailing the wine-dark sea on the modern Greek cruise ship Celestyal Discovery. We'll spend four

days and three nights sailing the Aegean and visiting the islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini – with shore excursions to Ephesus and the Minoan Palace at Knossos! Patmos, of course, is the island to which John the Evangelist was exiled – and where he wrote Revelation.

Knossos, on Crete, is a special place. The Minoan civilization preceded Greece. The Palace dates to 1900 BC, with a Catastrophic destruction in about 1350 BC. Excavated and partially restored first in the 1870s and then from 1900-1930, it remains both impressive and mysterious.

Our final three days will be spent in Rome – visiting the Catacombs, the Coliseum, the Forum, the Arches of Titus and Constantine, the Basilica of St. Peter, the Vatican Museum, and other sites rich in art and architecture from the ancient, medieval, and Renaissance worlds.



We depart on Monday, June 17th from Newark airport (New York/New Jersey) and return on Saturday, June 29th.

The all-in price (airfare, hotels, admissions, two meals a day, the Aegean Cruise & Shore Excursions to Ephesus & Knossos) is \$6,999.

VSA students & families will return with memories that will last a lifetime and a new appreciation for the world of Greece & Rome and our Christian and Classical heritage.

Space is limited. Sign up is open until February 16th, and requires a \$500 deposit. Final payment due on March 18th.

Here's the link:

<https://www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/veritasscholarsacademy2024.htm>

Come join us! Traveling with VSA teachers and Dr. Bob...walking these very *real* places in history and the present...we're going to have a blast!