

First Free Church
2025 Athens, Greece Short-Term Mission Trip
October 8-17, 2026

We're excited that you're considering being part of the 2026 short-term mission trip to Athens, Greece. This cross-cultural experience will be both spiritually enriching and personally transformative as we partner with **ReachGlobal** and **Kypseli Church**, a vibrant congregation actively sharing the gospel in one of Athens' most diverse neighborhoods.

Trip Objectives

While the specific activities may be shaped by the team's unique gifts and skills, our core objectives include:

- Building relationships with local residents
- Participating in prayer walks through the neighborhood
- Joining Greek ministry leaders on home visits
- Supporting Kypseli Church's outreach events
- Encouraging and equipping local church leaders
- Learning firsthand what God is doing in Athens

Trip Overview

- **Dates:** October 8-17, 2026
- **Cost:** \$3000 per person
(Includes airfare, lodging, meals, transportation, insurance, and excursions)
- **Support Raising:** Participants will be encouraged to raise prayer and financial support. A customizable support letter template will be provided.
- **Sightseeing Highlights:**
 - Guided tours of the **Acropolis** and **Ancient Corinth**
 - Time set aside for souvenir shopping and cultural exploration

Required Reading

To prepare spiritually and culturally, please read [When Helping Hurts](#) by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert before departure and bring along [On Mission: Devotions for Your Short-Term Trip](#) by Patric J. Knaak.

Travel Preparation

- **Passport:** Must be valid at least 6 months beyond your return date.

- **Visa/Vaccines:** Not required for U.S. travelers.
- **Medications:** Bring all necessary prescription and OTC medications.
- **Currency:** Bring a debit/credit card and a few clean \$50+ bills for exchange. Euros can also be pre-ordered through most U.S. banks.
- **Travel Insurance:** Provided by First Free Church.
- **Electrical Adapters:** Greece uses **Type F outlets (230V)**—bring an adapter.
- **Testimony & Devotional:** Prepare a short personal testimony and devotional. You may be asked to share with little notice.
- **Communication:** Most areas have reliable cell coverage. Check with your provider about international plans.
- **Water/Food:** Drink only bottled water (even for brushing teeth). Eat only fully cooked foods.
- **Restrooms:** Do not flush toilet paper—use the wastebasket provided.

Daily Team Time

Each evening, the team will gather to reflect on the day, share spiritual insights, and pray together. Invite friends and family to join your prayer support team as you prepare and go.

Packing Recommendations

- Sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat
- Comfortable closed-toe walking shoes
- Swimsuit and towel (for possible beach outing)
- Light jacket or sweatshirt
- Snacks for travel and late meals (Greeks eat dinner late!)
- Journal or digital device for notes and prayer reflections
- Small backpack or front-carry bag (for security)
- Family photo (to share with new friends)

Cultural Etiquette

- Always ask permission before taking photos of people or events.
- Maintain a posture of humility and curiosity—be a learner.
- Try to learn and use a few basic Greek phrases.

- Avoid negative comments about Greece or its culture.
- Expect differences in comfort, cleanliness, and schedules.
- Do not give money or personal gifts. Group gifts will be provided for hosts.
- Avoid sharing personal contact details or making promises.
- Embrace cultural differences with grace and flexibility.

Application

- **Deadline to Apply: August 8, 2026**
- **Apply online through Managed Missions:**
[Click here to start your application](#)

Let's go with open hearts and a willingness to be used by God however He leads. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve and grow in Athens!