

## **KAVALA - Neapolis & Philippi**

Access to locations: easy to medium

You will need a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and sensible shoes (no flip flops, please)

Approximate Duration: 3

- Philippi
- Site of Lydia's Baptism
- Archaeological Site
- Monument to St. Paul

Once known as Neapolis, when it was a Thasian colony, Kavala has a long and storied history. **Founded in the 6th century BC** by settlers from Thasos and Eretria, it was **the first place in Europe where St. Paul set foot, in 49 AD, on his journey to Philippi, 15 kilometers from Kavala, where he founded the first Christian church in Europe.** Kavala was the key port for Philippi during the reign of Philip II, the father of Alexander the Great. In the 8th century, Neapolis was renamed Christopoulos ("City of Christ") and was referred to as such until the 1400s. **The famous Egnatian road, which once ran from Adriatic Sea to Byzantium (Constantinople) passed by the city.**

We leave the port by coach, driving a short distance to see **the Romanesque Aqueduct built by Suleiman the Magnificent.** We cross the city, passing St. Silas Monastery, to arrive at Philippi. Once known as Krinides, the city as renamed "Philippoi" after King Philip II, the father of Alexander the Great. **It was here that Mark Anthony and Octavian Augustus defeated Brutus and Cassius.** From Philippi we drive to **the Baptistery and the river where Lydia, the first European convert to Christianity, was baptized.** We then take a guided tour of the archaeological site, where **you'll marvel at the forum, the walls, the two basilicas and the theater.** We'll also visit the prison where Saints Paul and Silas were incarcerated. We leave Philippi for a short drive back to Kavala, where **we'll visit the monument to St. Paul to commemorate his landing in Neapolis.** We then return to the ship.

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Adult Price € 47,00

Child price only € 27,00

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