

What: Greece/One Heart

When: September 20-29, 2024

Price: \$2,500 (we anticipate this will be less, but until we have the group in place, we won't know the cost of the tickets)

Deposit of \$500 due by 6/1 (nonrefundable, needed to purchase airfare)

\$750 by 7/1

\$750 by 8/1

\$500 by 9/1

Frequently Asked Questions:

Who will we visit: Our missionary partners are Sahar and Arno, directors of One Heart ministry to Middle Eastern refugees and James, Jessica, and Julia Gay, members and friends of Harbor Church who are serving in Greece with One Heart.

How will we prepare for the trip?

May 19, Info meeting at Harbor Arvada at noon

We will have **4 mandatory meetings** - June 9 (apps due by this time), and July 14, August 4, September 15, at 12:00 PM at Harbor Arvada. Believing that God has called us to go on this trip, He also calls us to prepare our hearts for what we are about to do. Our training will focus on preparing our hearts to be positioned spiritually as well as many logistics of the trip. Preparing ourselves, as much as possible, and staying flexible for changes along the way will help our trip go more smoothly.

Where will we stay? We will book an airbnb where the entire team will stay. There is always a chance that we may need to share rooms, share bathrooms. All of this will be determined when the team is in place.

What will we eat? In general, we will have breakfast items available in our airbnb and probably have lunch and dinner out. Your trip fees will cover all food in Greece.

What will we do all day? We will visit and support the One Heart ministry. This may include work projects in their church/clinic building, visiting refugees at the clinic or in their homes. We will also spend time helping with projects in our missionaries' homes, if needed. We will attend church a couple of times with our refugee friends. These days will be determined as the team gets into place and we see the specific gifts team members have.

Do I need a passport? Yes, if you don't have one, apply now.

Do I need a visa? No

Is the water safe to drink? Yes

Will I need to take some money with me? While your travel, lodging and food in Greece are included, there may be meals to purchase on travel days, shopping, and offering. So a little cash is nice to have on hand. American money or credit/debit cards can be used in Greece, but if using cash, you will probably receive euros for your change.

What will the weather be like? September temperatures will be high 70s, low 80s and should be pretty dry.

How will we travel? We will fly directly into Athens. The expectation is that we would fly together as a team so that our local missionaries aren't making multiple trips to the airport, but if you would like to extend your trip at the end, you are more than welcome to do so.

Is there any downtime? Yes, time to process all you are experiencing and learning will be available throughout the week. And, we will meet each evening to process together.

Do I need to speak Greek or Persian? No, but it sure comes in handy. Google Translate is a great tool to have on your phone. Most refugees speak little to no English. Our hosts, of course, speak English and English is spoken in tourist areas you might visit.

What are the ideal ages for kids to participate? If you are interested in taking your teenager on this trip, please talk to Kayla Maxey or the team leader first. Participants without parents need to be over 18 and have done a trip to Casa de la Esperanza first.

Packing list

Suitcases: To be determined

Certain items below have been taken off of the list due to changes in travel plans and time of year.

- Bible
- PASSPORT!!!
- Two copies of your passport
- Clothes for 7 days, maybe a couple of extra days worth in case of messy work time (although, there may be laundry facilities in our airbnb)
- A lighter jacket or sweatshirt
- Every day clothes, some work clothes
- A nice outfit to wear to church on Sunday, not fancy
- Pajamas
- Shoes. We will probably do a lot of walking so bring comfy shoes and maybe work shoes that you expect to get dirty
- Towel for showering (maybe, depending on accommodations)
- Toiletries

- Water Bottle
- If you are a coffee drinker, a travel mug is great to have on the trip.
- Work gloves if you have them
- Spending money:
 - Cash, for offering at church, if you would like
 - Cards will be able to be used everywhere else
- Money for meals on travel days. The trip will pay for your meals while in Greece, but whatever food you need while traveling is your responsibility.
- A camera. The pictures you will get will be priceless.

Bedding:

- To be determined based on accommodations