

SVSU  
CHOIR  
BAY CHORAL  
BIANNUAL TRIP

# GREECE

SPRING 2009

**Destination:**  
Thessaloniki, Greece  
Athens, Greece

**Dates of Program:**  
March 5-14, 2009

**Program Fees:**  
**\$1999**  
Fee includes airfare, lodging, concerts, city tours, daily breakfast and farewell dinner

**Additional Costs:**  
Passport, meals, personal spending and optional tours

*There are limited seats available, please apply early.*



Throughout the trip, participants will enjoy the opportunity to explore ancient Grecian cities boasting countless intriguing landmarks and sights. The combination of scheduled tours, free time, organized concerts, and optional excursions ensures an inspiring experience for every participant.

**Thessaloniki**  
This bold city flourished in the Byzantine Empire and today, is known as the second capital of Greece. A panoramic city tour of this "Queen of the North" will include a visit to Dion, the White Tower, and the nearby Triumphal Arch of Galerius.

**Athens**  
In Athens, a tour will boast the opportunity to explore the Acropolis, Parthenon, Erechtheion, Propylaea, Temple of Athena Nike, as well as the Braurion, Temple of Rome, and Augustus ad Acropolis fortification walls. Rest assured there are several prospective sights and activities throughout the city. The National Archaeological Museum is one of the world's greatest museums and offers a panorama of Greek culture.

The SVSU Choir and Bay Choral are directed by Dr. Eric Nisula, SVSU Professor of Music. Dr. Nisula has taken choirs around the world, and every two years, over 100 people travel with the choir tour. It is not necessary to participate in the choir to attend the tour.

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**Concerts**  
The choir will gather to perform three times throughout the trip. One performance will be held in Thessaloniki, and the remaining two performances will take place in ancient Athens.



## TENTATIVE ITINERARY

- March 5: Depart Detroit airport
- March 6: Arrive Thessaloniki
- March 7: City tour, concert
- March 8: Free day
- March 9: Travel to Athens
- March 10: Free day, optional tour of Delphi; concert
- March 11: Optional tour of Mycenae
- March 12: Free day; concert
- March 13: Free day; farewell dinner
- March 14: Return to Michigan

*Itinerary subject to change.*

\*History students are subject to course required excursions

## FEES & EXPENSES

Program Fee: \$1999\*

Includes:

- ~Airfare
- ~8 nights in 3-4 star hotels
- 3 nights Thessaloniki, 5 nights Athens
- ~3 concerts & transportation
- ~City tours
- ~Daily breakfast
- ~farewell dinner

Other expenses expected: passport, meals, personal expenditures and optional tours

Resort valid for six months past date of entry is required

## PAYMENT PLAN

|                   |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| With Application  | \$300 Deposit                       |
|                   | Refundable before September 5, 2008 |
| September 5, 2008 | \$500                               |
| Nonrefundable     |                                     |
| November 20, 2008 | \$1199                              |
| Nonrefundable     |                                     |

\*Prices subject to change due to government taxes and fuel surcharges  
\*Single occupancy incurs additional fee of \$414



In 2003, the SVSU Choir and Bay Choral traveled and performed throughout Italy.

## REGISTRATION DATES

This trip is limited to 130 participants (A maximum of 40 SVSU students).  
Due to the overwhelming response to the choir abroad program, a specific order of registration has been instituted.

- March 1–March 31, 2008  
Performers & one traveling companion, SVSU students
- April 1–May 15, 2008  
Past participants & SVSU affiliates
- After May 15, 2008  
All others



I am a participant of the 2009 Choir and Bay Choral Trip to Greece. I release Saginaw Valley State University, its affiliates and employees of any liability for injuries, illness, loss, or damage to myself or personal property, that result from my participation in this trip. Furthermore, I am aware that this trip could include vigorous exercise, such as walking long distances, climbing stairs, and carrying heavy luggage. By signing this, I am stating I am in good physical condition and free from pre-existing medical, surgical, or emotional factors that would prevent a good medical attention while abroad. Also, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the refund policy.  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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