



# Arizona Bible Class Presents **Greece: In the Footsteps of St. Paul** Includes 4-Day Aegean Cruise with 4 Shore Excursions

Led by: Kevin Saunders Travel Dates: May 21 - 31, 2022

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#### Greetings Travelers,

I am excited to announce the next travel opportunity that I will be hosting in 2022 We are going to walk in the Footsteps of St. Paul!

Our trip will include visits to many New Testament cities and sites where I will teach the stories of Paul and his associates as they made their way around the ancient Roman Empire of his day. Each stop will afford an opportunity to take in the geography and history, and Biblical narrative that is evident at each site.

This trip will also include a very nice Greek cruise, with ports of call to Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini. We will tour one of the greatest archaeological sites in Turkey, Ephesus, and make a pilgrim's journey to the House of Mary located just outside of this ancient city. On the island of Patmos, we visit the Cave of the Apocalypse, where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of Revelation.

I don't go to Greece and Turkey often. So do take advantage of this opportunity to travel with me this coming Spring. Space is limited, so your early response to this offer is highly recommended. I am very much looking forward to this trip and hope you will be able to join me.

Peace,

Kevin Saunders Bible Scholar

#### DAY 1 - SATURDAY, MAY 21: PHOENIX/ THESSALONIKI

We depart from the Phoenix International Airport for our flights to Greece.

#### DAY 2 - SUNDAY, MAY 22: THESSALONIKI

This evening we arrive in Thessaloniki, the **second largest city** in **Greece** and **located** in the **Thermaic Gulf**. This city and community figures prominently in the **New Testament**, at which time this provincial capital was considered a world cultural center and was the center of **Paul's activities** in **Northern Greece**. It is where he preached and founded a church and to whom he wrote two epistles (Acts 17:1-9; Thessalonians 1-2). The **church in Thessalonica** (as it was called in St. Paul's day) was a **model of faith** for all the other churches in Macedonia and Achaea! Tonight, we gather to enjoy dinner at our hotel. (D)

## DAY 3 - MONDAY, MAY 23: THESSALONIKI: PHILIPPI and KAVALA

This morning we explore Thessaloniki, and discuss St. Paul's visit while seeing several of the city's landmarks, including the

## White Tower, the Byzantine Acropolis, the Roman Arch of Galerius, and the Basilicas of St. Demetrius and St. Sophia.

This afternoon we drive along the **ancient route** of **Apostle Paul** to **Amphipolis** (Acts 17:1). Our first stop is in **ancient Philippi**, which was named after the **father of Alexander the Great**. This busy **Roman colony** boasted a great library and theater. In Philippi, **Paul established** the **first Christian community in Europe** on his second missionary journey (Acts 16: 7-40; Philippians). It was in this area that **Paul met Lydia**, a dealer in purple cloth, and her friends. She and her household accepted Christ and were baptized in the nearby river (Acts 16:11-15). We visit the river where they were baptized and the **Greek Orthodox baptistery** (with its murals and stained-glass window of St. Paul and Lydia).

From Philippi, we drive to **Kavala**, the **ancient port of Neapolis** of Paul's day (Acts 16:9-11). This is where **Paul, Silas, Timothy,** and **Luke** stepped onto the continent of Europe for the first time. We return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

### DAY 4 - TUESDAY, MAY 24: THESSALONIKI/ VERIA/ KALAMBAKA

This morning we stop in **Veria** (Beroea of the New Testament), where Paul and Silas were sent by friends after being accused of treason in Thessaloniki (Acts 17:5-15). We visit the **Bema of Apostle Paul**, where he is said to have stood and preached the Gospel



to the local community. We travel to **Kalambaka** for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

#### DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 25: KALAMBAKA/ METEORA/ ATHENS

Today, we travel to **Meteora**, where we visit the **world-famous Varlaam** and **St. Stephen's Byzantine monasteries**. Situated atop vast grey rocks, the **14th-century monasteries** compose one of the most breathtaking sites in the world. Inside the monasteries, we view many historical and religious treasures. We continue to **Athens** for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### DAY 6 - THURSDAY, MAY 26: ATHENS

We begin our day with a **tour of Athens**. A visit to this city is a trip back in time to places where great historic events happened, twenty-five centuries ago. We will see the **Acropolis, Parthenon, Areopagus,** and **Mars Hill**, where Apostle Paul delivered his well-known sermon. Later, we have a panoramic tour of the city to see the **Parliament House**, the **Academy, Omonia Square** and **Panathenaic Stadium**. This afternoon, we will have **free time in the Plaka**, a **picturesque old town** perched on the **slopes of the Acropolis**, which has been continuously inhabited for over 5,000 years. Explore this ancient city and cradle of Western civilization. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

#### DAY 7 – FRIDAY, MAY 27: ATHENS/ AEGEAN CRUISE: PIRAEUS (*embarkation*)/ MYKONOS

After breakfast, we will have leisure time before we transfer from our hotel to the **Port of Piraeus**. Bon voyage! We set sail this afternoon aboard **Celestyal Olympia** to begin our **fourday/ three-night Greece** and **Turkey cruise**. Our first stop is the **beautiful mountainous island** of **Mykonos**. This evening we will have **free time** on own to **stroll along** the **waterfront** and **explore** the **unique blue** and **white city** and its **windmills** before returning to the ship for on board entertainment. (B, L, D)

#### DAY 8 - SATURDAY, MAY 28: AEGEAN CRUISE: KUSADASI (EPHESUS), TURKEY/ PATMOS, GREECE

Early this morning we visit the **Turkish Port** of **Kusadasi**. Here we enjoy a **shore excursion** to the **ruins of Ephesus**, whose inhabitants were the recipients of **Apostle Paul's famous Epistle to the Ephesians** (Acts 18:19-26). It was once the capital of the **Roman province of Asia** and the city where St. Paul spent nearly three years, the entirety of his third missionary journey. By the time Paul left Ephesus, Luke tells us, "all the inhabitants of the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord, Jews and Greeks alike" (Acts 19: 10). With its **marble streets**, **Library of Celsus** (one of the three great libraries of the ancient world!), the **theater** that seats 25,000 people, and the newly excavated wealthy **residential area**. This is one of the most fabulous archaeological sites in the entire world! Our final visit is to the **House of Mary**, where the Virgin Mary is said to have spent her last days in the care of the Apostle John.

We return to our ship and set sail to **Patmos**, the "**Jerusalem** of the Aegean". Our Patmos shore excursion this evening includes visits to the **Monastery of St. John** and the **Cave of** the Apocalypse, where **John the Evangelist wrote** the **Book of** the Revelation during his exile (Rev. 1:9-11). Tonight, we return to our ship for dinner. (B, L, D)

#### DAY 9 - SUNDAY, MAY 29: AEGEAN CRUISE: HERAKLION OF CRETE/ SANTORINI

This morning we visit **Heraklion of Crete**, the **ancient city** and **cultural heritage site** of **Knossos**. This city has been identified with **Plato's mythical Atlantis** from his dialogues of the Timaeus and Critias and is also known in myth most famously through the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. Our **shore excursion** includes a visit to the **ancient Minion Palace of Knossos**. We walk around the large **Central Court** to view the **awe-inspiring Throne Room**, the **fresco** of the **"Prince of the Lilies," Grand Staircase**, the **Queen's Megaron**, and **apartments**. We return to our ship for leisure time and lunch.

Late this afternoon we dock at **Santorini**, the "**Black Pearl of the Aegean**." The island is part of a volcanic caldera, the rim of an ancient volcano, and possibly the site of Plato's Atlantis. Santorini is often referred to as the most breathtaking of all the Greek islands. The exquisite, whitewashed villages, including the town of Fira, or Thira, cling to volcanic cliffs, accessible by cable-car, or mule. We are **transported** from our ship **by tender boats** to the **port of Athinios**. Our **shore excursion** includes the **village** and **archeological site** of **Akrotiri**. It once was a bustling town before the Thira eruption. The ash from the volcano buried the city, preserving many of its structures and frescoes. We explore the remnants of the houses, shops and workshops that surrounded the village square thousands of years ago. Our next stop is **Fira** (officially Thira and classic Greek Thera), the **capital of Santorini** and its largest town. We will visit the **Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral**, famed for its **elegant construction** and **beautiful frescoes**. After our visit, we will have time to shop and enjoy a coffee. We board the cable car, the teleferik, and descend to the port below, where our tender boats will transport us back to our ship for dinner. (B, L, D)

### DAY 10 - MONDAY, MAY 30: AEGEAN CRUISE: PIRAEUS, GREECE (disembarkation)/ CORINTH/ ATHENS

Early this morning we return to Port Piraeus. We are met by our guide and travel southwest to visit **ancient Corinth**, the once-glorious city near the **Isthmus of Corinth**. In this area, Apostle Paul spent eighteen months with tent makers Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:



1-18) and preached the gospel for a year and half. We visit the **Archaeological Museum**, the **Forum**, the **Temples**, and the **famous Bema**, where Paul stood in judgment before the Corinthians.

Late this afternoon we return to **Athens**. We conclude our day with a visit the **Acropolis Museum**, which is in the historical area of Makiyianni and houses artifacts from the Greek Bronze Age (Early Helladic period) to Roman era (Byzantine Empire). We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

### DAY 11 - TUESDAY, MAY 31: ATHENS/ PHOENIX

This morning, we say goodbye to Greece and make our way to Athens Airport for our flights back to the United States. We arrive home filled with wonderful memories, renewal of our faith and new friendships. (B)

#### Note:

\* This is a moderately strenuous tour, walking on archaeological sites, cobblestone streets and hills. For your safety and enjoyment, you should be able to walk a mile briskly and climb 100 stairs. Most sites are not handicapped accessible.

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