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**JOURNEYS OF PAUL  
GREECE, TURKEY AND ROME**

**MAY 16-28, 2012**

**13 DAY JOURNEYS OF PAUL CRUISE - TOUR**

**Hosted by: Dr. Kenton and Benita Lee**



*Dear Friends,*



*Benita and I are so excited to present this opportunity to you! The “JOURNEYS OF PAUL” is a land and cruise tour that will be inspiring, informative, spiritual and beautiful. The apostle Paul was God’s chosen vessel to bring the Good News to many places, islands and continents alike. His influence in the founding of the Early Church, his New Testament letters and his travels are remarkable! This tour will trace many of places Paul visited, including Ephesus, Patmos, Athens and Rome. These cities and their sights tell us much about church history. They also contain some of the world’s greatest art treasures.*

*Please take a look at the power point that’s been prepared. This will give you a taste of some of the sites we will be visiting. The attached brochure breaks down the itinerary and costs. Finally, pray about coming with us on the “JOURNEYS OF PAUL” for a tour of a lifetime!*

*God bless you.*

*Dr. Kenton Lee*

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# Where in the World are we Going?



# 8-day, 7-night Greek Isle Cruise

with Louise Cruises



# Your Journey.....

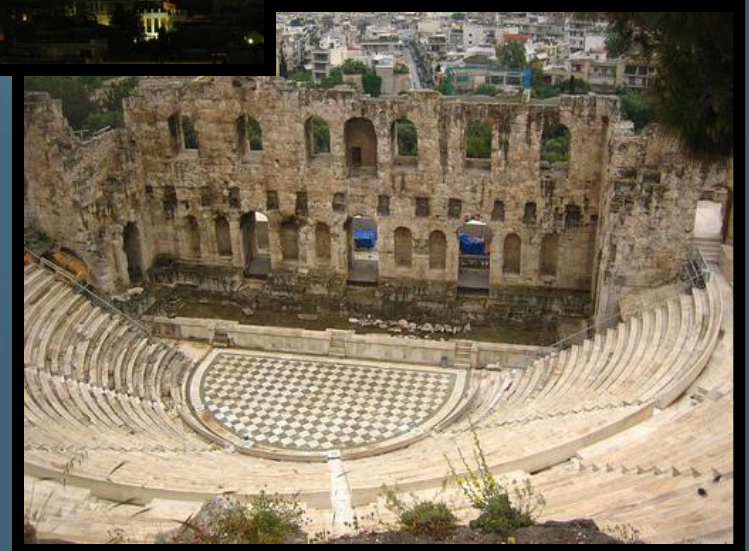
Day 1	May 16	Wed	Depart Seattle for Athens, Greece
Day 2	May 17	Thur	Arrive in Athens, transfer to hotel in Athens for overnight
Day 3	May 18	Fri	Tour Athens – old and new. Embarkation
Day 4	May 19	Sat	Istanbul
Day 5	May 20	Sun	Istanbul
Day 6	May 21	Mon	Izmir (Ephesus)
Day 7	May 22	Tues	Patmos, Mykonos
Day 8	May 23	Wed	Rhodes
Day 9	May 24	Thur	Crete, Santorini
Day 10	May 25	Fri	Athens, disembark Tour Corinth, overnight cruise to Rome
Day 11	May 26	Sat	Half-Day Tour Ancient Rome, free time in afternoon
Day 12	May 27	Sun	Half-Day Tour Christian Rome, free time in the afternoon
Day 13	May 28	Mon	Depart Rome and arrive in Seattle

# Athens

- One of the Oldest Cities in the World
- Continuously inhabited for 3,400 years
- Known as birthplace of Civilization and Democracy
- Leading city of Ancient Greece
- 495-429 BC construction of monuments such as Parthenon
- Today Athens population is over 3 million
- Home of the first modern Olympics in 1896 and Olympics of 2004



# Ancient Athens





# Dining on board.....



# On Deck.....



# Staterooms.....



# Istanbul

- The only city on two continents
  - Asia and Europe – separated by Bosphorus Strait
- Home to 3 major Empires –
  - The Roman Empire (330-395)
  - Byzantine Empire (395-1453)
  - Ottoman Empire (1453-1923)
- Republic of Turkey was proclaimed in 1923
- 13 million residents –
  - largest metropolitan area in Europe
- Language spoken – Turkish
- Freedom of religion (with restrictions) 😊
  - 97% Muslim
  - 3% are Christian – Greek Orthodox, Armenian Apostolic, Catholic, Protestant



# Sites of Istanbul

Interior lined with more than 20,000 handmade ceramic tiles, made at Iznik, ancient Nicaea. Built between 1609-1616.



## Bosphorus

## Blue Mosque



## Hagai Sophia



Ottoman Sultans primary residence for 400 years. Largest collection of Chinese porcelain. Royalty robes, weapons, shields, treasures and jewelry all on display.

Originally built as a church. From 360 to 1453 it was the Cathedral of Constantinople. In 1453 Ottomans converted into a mosque. Now a museum.

## Grand Bazaar



## Topkapi Palace



One of the largest and oldest covered markets in the world – 4,000 shops. 250,000 to half million visitors daily.

# Mykonos

A picturesque Island with a maze of tiny streets and whitewashed steps lanes, houses and hundreds of tiny chapels. A short walk through the village will take you to the windmills, then enjoy shopping or find a café on the waterfront and enjoy the sunset.



Windmills, the most recognized landmarks of the island. Sixteen windmills on the island, most built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, were used as wheat mills, an important source of income.

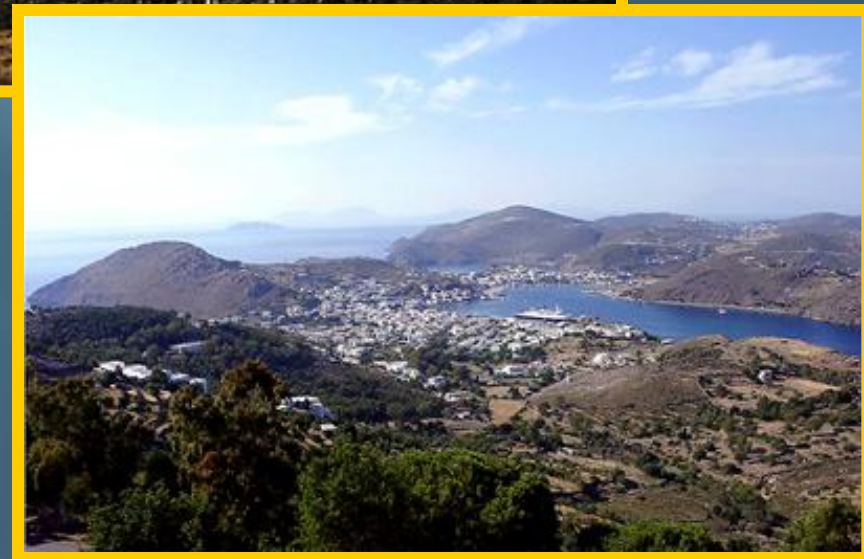


“I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.” Rev 1:9

## *Patmos*

- Patmos is a small island, 10 miles long by 6 miles wide.
- Patmos was used by the Romans for political agitators and others who threatened the peace of the empire.
- John was banished to Patmos in AD 95 and while on Patmos he wrote the Book of Revelation.
- The traditional cave where John is believed to have written the book of Revelation is found at the top of a winding road near the Monastery.

Medieval Monastery of St. John



# Rhodes

One of the largest islands in the Aegean sea.

Inhabited since about 4000 BC.



One of the best preserved medieval towns in Europe. In medieval times, Rhodes was an important Roman trading post and crossroads for ships sailing between Constantinople and Alexandria.



According to Acts 21:1, the Apostle Paul stopped at Rhodes near the end of his third missionary journey.

# Ephesus

- More than 250,000 inhabitants in the 1st century BC
- The second largest city in the world
- One of the greatest and richest idol temples in the world

Private home with beautiful frescos.



Public Toilets



Paul settled in Ephesus for more than 2 years. It became the center of his missionary activity during that time.



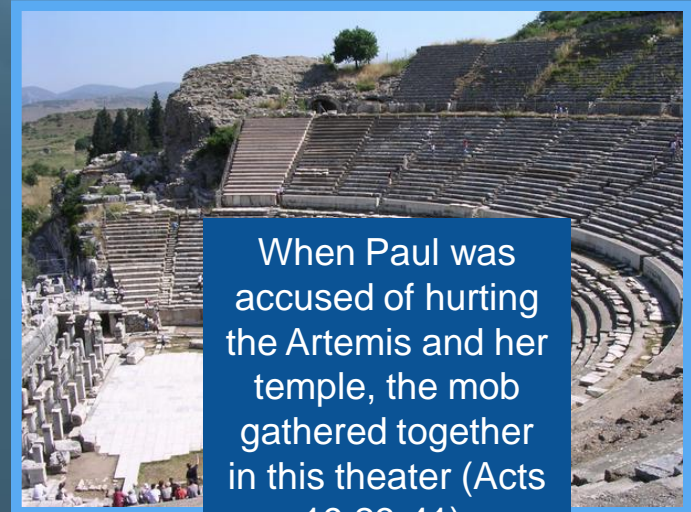
Temple of Artemis



Library was 70 by 80 feet and held approximately 15,000 scrolls.



25,000 seat ancient theatre



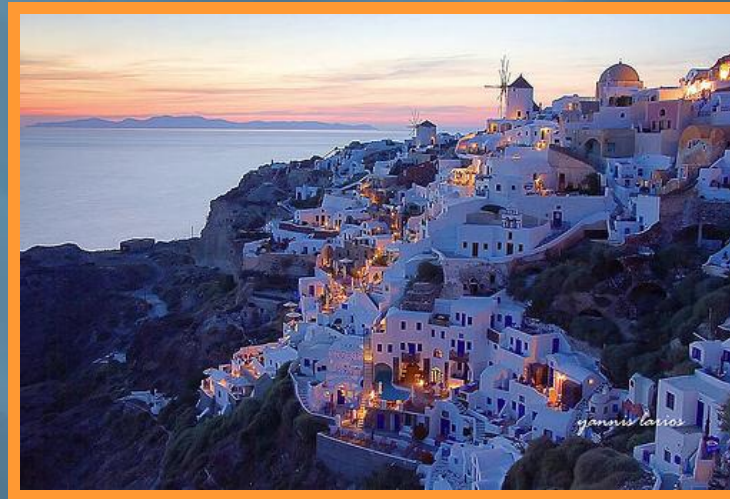
When Paul was accused of hurting the Artemis and her temple, the mob gathered together in this theater (Acts 19:23-41).

# Santorini

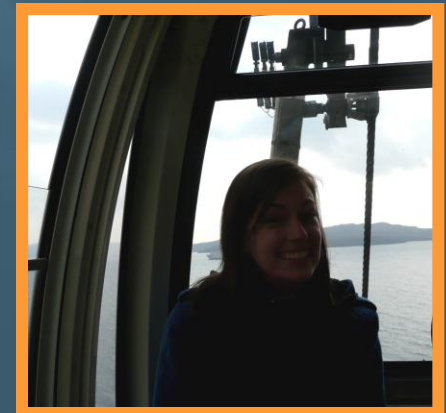
Some claim Santorini has the best sunsets in the world.



See the traditional village with charming houses on narrow streets, blue domed churches, and sun-bathed verandas. Its streets have plenty of tourist shops and cafés.



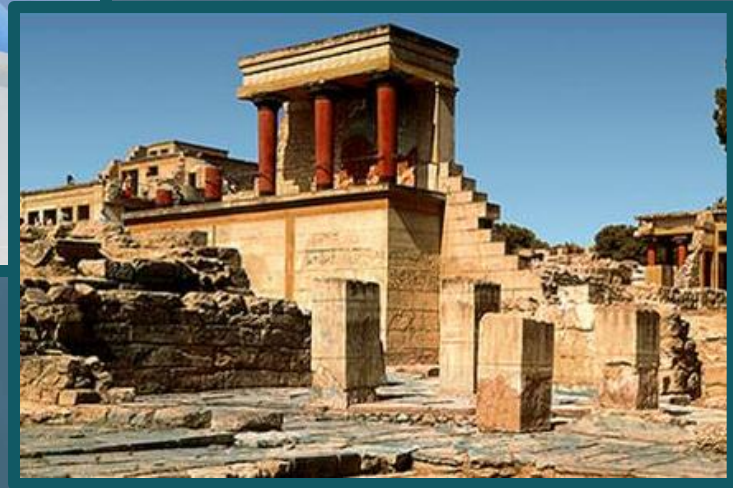
The village is accessible only by mule or cable car.



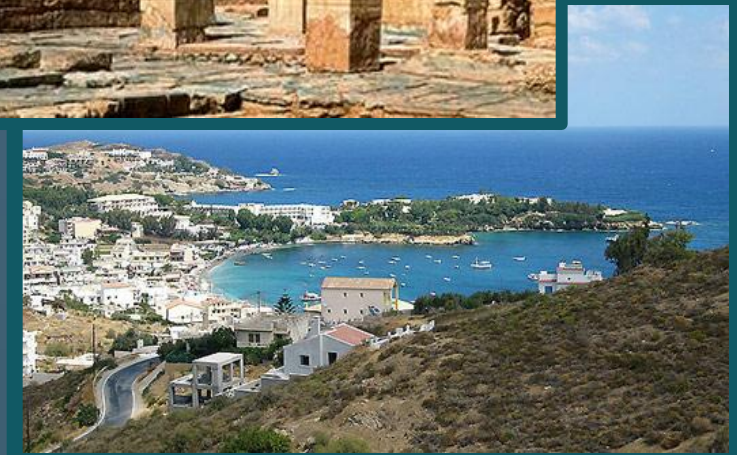
# Crete

The largest of the Greek Islands.

Crete is renowned for its natural beauty and diverse landscape.



Knossos is Crete's most famous monument from the great Minoan Civilization. Archaeological discoveries revealed a civilization dating back to 4,000 BC.



Paul visited Corinth in the 50s AD and wrote 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians from here. During his 2<sup>nd</sup> visit he wrote Romans. Worked as a tentmaker with Aquila and Priscilla.

# Corinth



Corinth Canal – connects Ionian and Aegean Seas. Began with Nero in 67 AD but ships were pulled across the Isthmus on rollers until the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. In 1893, the 4-mile canal was finally completed.

# Board an overnight cruise to Rome.....

## Ancient Rome



Entertainment with wild beast and gladiators in 55,000 seat theatre.

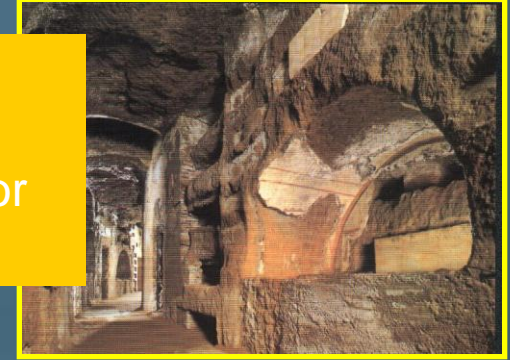


Pantheon – the best preserved in Ancient Rome.



Forum was the center of political and social activity.

## Christian Rome



Catacombs underground burial places for Christians.

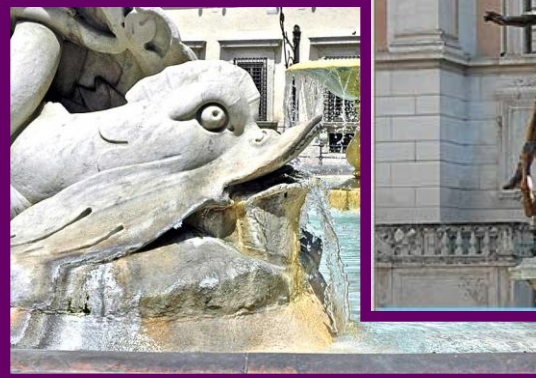


Sistine Chapel



St. Peter's Basilica

# Explore some of Rome's many fountains, monuments and statues in your free time



# Streets of Rome



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Greek Isle Cruise

Istanbul, Ephesus, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Mykonos

In Athens

Acropolis, Mars Hills, Corinth

In Rome

Coliseum, Sistine Chapel, Vatican and Catacombs

**Tour Price: \$3995\* per person  
plus tax and fuel surcharge**

**Tour Price is based on estimated airfare in the lowest class of service.  
Includes standard inside cabin on cruise**

## Additional Cost Estimates

Tax and fuel surcharge approximately \$500

Cruise upgrade outside cabin \$225

Cruise Shore Excursions at Ports of Call

(Guided shore Excursion to Istanbul, Ephesus,  
Athens, Corinth and Rome included)

***Be prepared for a life-changing journey!!***



and so much  
more!

