

**Bible Study on the Isle of Patmos, Greece**  
**May 2 – May 12, 2020**

(Bonus: a visit to the Parthenon and the site of Corinth)

**May 2** – Saturday - Depart for Athens, Greece

**May 3** – Sunday - Arrive in Athens

Free day. (D)

Overnight: 5-star Divani Palace Hotel, Athens

**May 4** – Monday – Athens

Visit **Mars Hill** and the **Parthenon**, atop the Acropolis. We'll see the Erechtheum with its Porch of Maidens, the beautifully preserved Theseum, the Roman Temple of Zeus, Theater of Dionysus, the Agora where Socrates taught, and Mars' Hill where Paul preached.

At 7 p.m. we will take an 8-hour Blue-Star Ferry to Patmos and arrive the next morning at 3 a.m. Sleeping cabins on the ferry will be provided for each participant. We will check into our hotel upon our early arrival.

*Overnight: in cabins on ferry*

**May 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10** Tuesday – Sunday on the **Island of Patmos, Greece**

We will spend our mornings in study of the book of Revelation; the afternoons are free to explore Patmos, relax in our 5-star hotel and enjoy its accommodations, or rent boats to sail to some Greek islands nearby. (Renting a boat is not included in the price of the tour)

*Overnights: Aktis 5-star Hotel, Patmos, Greece*

**May 11** – Monday – **Patmos, Corinth, Athens**

Around midnight we will take the Blue-Star Ferry to Athens, arrive 8 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Sleeping cabins will be provided for each participant.

Bus picks us up at the port of Piraeus near Athens.

We will drive to the archaeological site of **Corinth** and visit its ruins. The ancient site lies on a narrow stretch of land that joins the Peloponnese to mainland Greece. The Apostle Paul stayed in Corinth a year and a half. According to Acts, it was in Corinth that Paul, after being rejected by the Jews, first turned to the Gentiles (Acts 18:6). A canal through the isthmus of Corinth was begun under Emperor Nero in 67 A.D. Wielding a gold shovel, Nero himself was first to break ground, but the canal was not completed. Up to the 12th century, ships were

dragged on rollers across the isthmus. In the ruins of Corinth, we will see the Acrocorinth where the Temple to Aphrodite was built, the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Temple of Apollo, one of the oldest stone temples in Greece. Also, we will view the Bema, within the Roman Forum, and the ruins of the Peirene Fountain. North of the theater is the sanctuary of the god of healing with a small temple.

Arrive back in Athens in the afternoon and check into our hotel.

*Overnight: Divani Hotel, Athens*

**May 12** – Tuesday - Depart for Home.

**Optional Extensions on your own at an additional cost (or Global Travel can help you develop your itinerary):**

From Patmos: You can take a ferry to the island of Samos, Greece, then board another ferry to Kusadasi, Turkey. Here you can visit Ephesus and some of the other 7 churches in Revelation.

OR

From Athens, fly to Santorini, stay a few nights; then Ferry to Paros – stay a few nights (no cruise ships dock at Paros); then Ferry to Mykonos and stay a few nights. Fly back to Athens.