



**Heavenly International Tours**



***Proudly presents ...***

***Inspirational Tour and  
Cruise of Greece  
"In the Footsteps of St. Paul"***

**Tour Hosts:** Pastor Karl D. & Dottie Schimpf, Pastors Michael and Andrea Dudley

**Special Guest:** Darren Sharper

**DATES:**

**May 7 - 17, 2002**



**Cities and Sites on Tour:** Athens, Acropolis, Mars Hill, Corinth, Kavala, Philippi, Veria, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki, Meteora, 3 glamorous days aboard cruise with visits to The Islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Lindos, Rhodes & Ephesus in Turkey

Join Heavenly Tours, Pastor Karl and Dottie Schimpf and Pastors Michael and Andrea Dudley for an inspirational and exciting journey to Greece and the Greek Islands. We will follow in "The Footsteps of St. Paul and St. John, the Divine." Together we will visit: Athens, Acropolis, Mars Hill, Corinth, Kavala, Philippi, Veria, Meteora. Enjoy a cruise with visits to the islands of Mykonos, Patmos, Rhodes and Ephesus in Turkey.



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### **Tour Features Include:**

- Roundtrip flight from O'Hare to Athens
- One way flight from Athens to Thessaloniki
- 3 nights Athens
- 2 nights Thessaloniki
- 1 night Kalambaka
- 3 nights - Aboard cruise (Category "A"/"B")
- Breakfast and dinner daily in hotels and one lunch
- All meals aboard cruise
- Farewell dinner in Athens
- Comprehensive touring with private guide
- Private air-conditioned coach for travel
- All entrance fees to sites
- 3 Shore excursions to Patmos, Lindos & Ephesus - Day 1: Mykonos; Day 2: Rhodes / Lindos; Day 3: Patmos / Ephesus
- All Port Taxes
- Porterage
- Roundtrip transfer from airport / Cruise to hotels
- Time for shopping and so much more...



## Daily Itinerary:

### May 7, Tuesday - Departure

Today we depart for Greece. We leave from Chicago's O'Hare Airport and fly to our destination - Greece. Enjoy superb in-flight service and wonderful meals on our flight across the Atlantic.

### May 8, Wednesday - Arrive in Athens / Free

"While Paul was waiting for them in Athens..." Acts 17:16

We arrive in Athens where we will be met by a representative who will assist us through customs. Continue to our hotel in Athens. The rest of the day is free. *Dinner & overnight in Athens. (D)*

### May 9, Thursday - Acropolis / Parthenon / Mars Hill / Ancient Corinth / Lunch / Corinth Canal

"Then Paul stood up in the Areopagus and delivered this address... " Acts 17:22. "After that, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth" Acts 18:1

Breakfast in hotel. We are in Athens, capital of Greece, cradle of democracy, birthplace of Western Civilization. Athens is a vibrant city where old and new co-exist. The majestic Parthenon rises above the city, its ancient glory still visible in the time-worn stone. Today we have a tour including Mars Hill and the Acropolis. Continue along the coastal road to biblical Corinth, via the Canal of Corinth, 75 feet wide, linking the Aegean to the Ionian Sea. Paul lived and preached here for 18 months, reflected in his letters to the Corinthians. View the excavations and the Bena Seat. Enjoy lunch and continue back to Athens. *Dinner and overnight in Athens. (B,L,D)*

"And he argues in the synagogue every sabbath and persuaded Jews and Greeks" - Acts 18:4

### May 10, Friday - Transfer to Piraeus Harbor / Mykonos

Breakfast in hotel. In the morning, we transfer to Piraeus Harbor for the beginning of our cruise. Sail to the Greek Island of Mykonos. The island combines dazzling white beauty with sophisticated jet-set atmosphere. Stroll through the white-washed flower-decked alleyways to the sculpture-like church of Paraportiani and along the water front to the famous windmills... Enjoy!! *Return to ship. Dinner and overnight aboard cruise. (B,L,D)*

### May 11, Saturday - Rhodes / Lindos

Enjoy fabulous breakfast galore. During the night we sail to Rhodes and awake to the "Island of Roses" which has a rich and varied history. The crusading knights of St. John left the magnificent city of Rhodes after their defeat by Sultan Suleyman. Also visit Lindos, the ancient

acropolis of the goddess Athena. Enjoy many art shops as well as lovely coffee shops. *Return to ship for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)*

### **May 12, Sunday - Kusadasi / Patmos**

Breakfast Galore! We sail to Kusadasi in Turkey. Kusadasi is a picturesque town and the starting point for an excursion to the ancient city of Ephesus. Walk through history along streets lined with wonderful public buildings, among them the Baths of Scholastica, the Library of Celsus, the Temple of Hadrian, and the theatre. In the afternoon, we continue sailing to the Greek Island of Patmos, where the exiled JOHN the DIVINE wrote the Apocalyptic Revelations which constitutes the last book of the New Testament. Visit the 10th century Monastery of St. John, high on a hill, which houses an original manuscript of the Gospel. Admire the Byzantine wealth of the Christina Orthodox Church and from the ramparts enjoy the panoramic view. *Return to ship for dinner and overnight. (B,L,D)*

### **May 13, Monday - Morning Disembarkation / Transfer / Flight to Thessaloniki / Veria / Paul's Steps / Free**

"Paul and Silas took the road through Amphipolis and Apollonia and came to Thessaloniki" Acts 17:1

Arrive to Piraeus Harbor in Athens and disembark ship. Transfer to the airport for our flight to Thessaloniki. We discuss Paul's letters to Thessalonians. The city was built about 314BC. We view the walls, White Tower, St. George Church, the Galerius Arch which rises over the famous Via Egnatia. View two of the most beautiful basilicas in the city; St. Demetrius and St. Sophia. Continue to Veria to visit the site of Paul's pulpit. It is indicated that Paul remained in Veria for several days on his way to Athens. Free time in the afternoon at your own leisure. *Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki (B,D)*

### **May 14, Tuesday - Kavala / Philippi**

"We put out to sea from Troas...and from there we went to Philippi, a leading city in the district of Macedonia and a Roman Colony." Acts 16:12

Breakfast in hotel. This morning, we proceed to the seaside city of Kavala (biblical Neapolis) where Paul, Silas, Luke and Timothy first set foot in Europe from Troas. "We sat down and spoke to the women who were gathered here. One who listened was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple goods from the town of Thyatira." Acts 16:13-14. Travel along the via Egnatia, remnant of Rome's highway to Philippi, where Paul preached his first sermon in Europe and baptised "a certain woman named Lydia", Europe's first convert to Christianity. Consider Paul's letters to the Philippians and renew one's baptismal expressions where Lydia was baptised. View the Forum and early basilicas where Paul was flogged, imprisoned and released. *Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki (B,D)*

### **May 15, Wednesday - Kalambaka / Meteora**

Breakfast in hotel. In Western Thessaly, world famous Byzantine Monasteries, Meteora, perched precariously on top of rock formations of varied and beautiful shapes. Visit the spectacular monasteries containing priceless historical and religious treasures. There were monastic retreats here as early as the 10th century. Return to Kalambaka. *Dinner and overnight in Kalambaka. (B,D)*

### **May 16, Thursday - Athens / Free / Farewell Dinner**

Breakfast in hotel. This morning we travel to Athens. Remainder of day free for rest and relaxation or optional activities on your own. In the evening, we will have our special Farewell Dinner...enjoy! *Dinner and overnight in Athens. (B,D)*

### **May 17, Friday - Transfer / Flight to USA**

Breakfast in hotel. Today we transfer to the airport for our return flight to the United States.

Welcome home with Wonderful Fond Memories...  
Thank you for joining our tour.



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