

Your Invitation . . .

You are invited to join Rev. Bob and Robin Hostetler for a travel and spiritual experience you will never forget.

In May 2013, we retrace the footsteps of the Apostles Paul and John, among others. Your faith will be inspired and your Bible will come alive as we visit Mars Hill in Athens, where Paul delivered his famous sermon about the "Unknown God"...visit Corinth where Paul lived and preached...visit Thessaloniki, the city Paul addressed in two New Testament letters (*1 & 2 Thessalonians*) ...visit Paul's beloved Philippi where he baptized a "certain woman named Lydia," the first Christian convert in Europe...visit Ephesus, where Paul, John, Priscilla and Aquila once lived and taught...cruise to the island of Patmos (where John wrote the book of Revelation)...and visit the islands of Mykonos and Santorini.

This experience is far more than a sight-seeing tour. It is a pilgrimage. You will read and hear Scripture in the places it was written or received. You will worship where your first-century forebears worshiped. You will "walk the Bible" in ways you will never forget.

There is nothing more enriching than an experience like this...especially when you take it with dear friends, brothers and sisters in Christ—and with hosts who focus their efforts on making your trip a truly spiritual pilgrimage. Because part of the tour will take place on a cruise ship, limited space is available, so let me hear from you immediately.

Please complete the enrollment form and mail it to me. If you enclose a deposit, you will guarantee your spot. Do it today, and start planning for the experience of a lifetime.

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Your Journey Features:

- Round-trip air transportation from Cincinnati
- First class hotels, inside cabins on cruise
- Land transportation via deluxe, private motor coach
- Professional, English-speaking guides
- Tips (\$84), airline taxes & fuel surcharge (\$658), cruise fuel surcharge (\$27) and port taxes (\$98) included
- Breakfast and dinner daily, customary meals aboard ship
- Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary (optional shore excursions not included)

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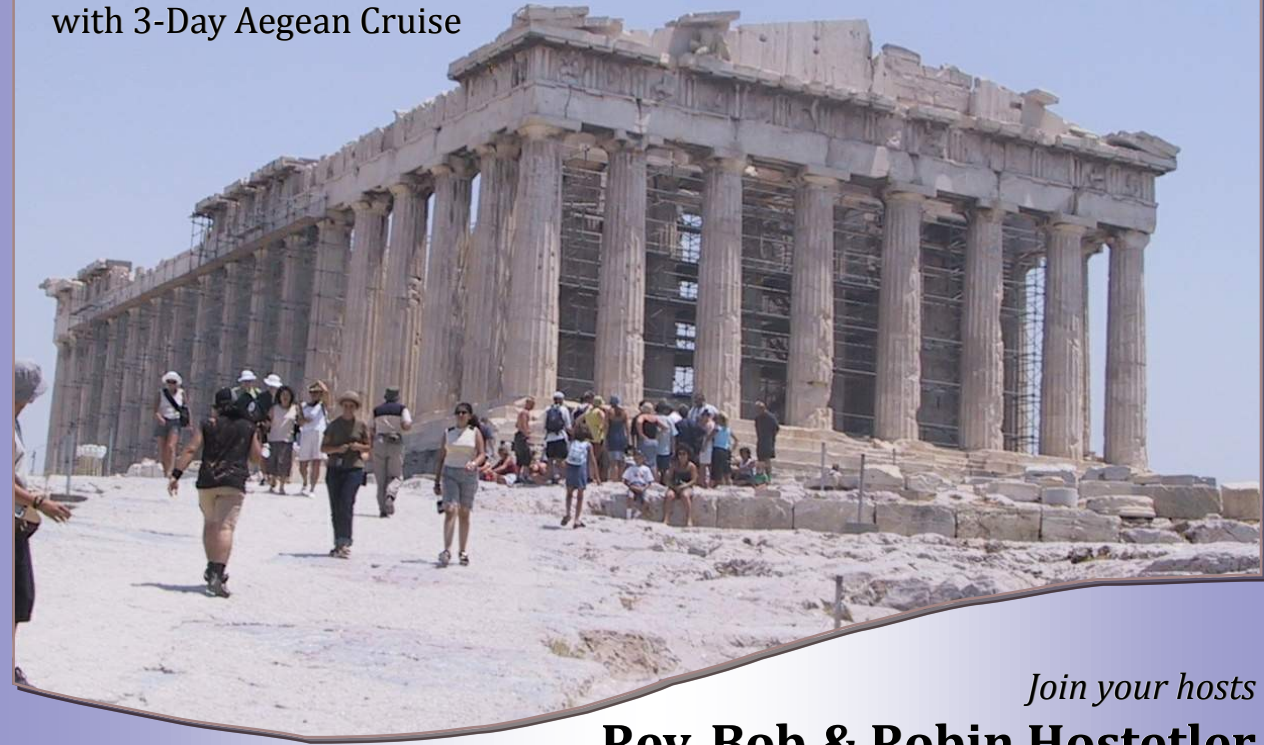
This Important Information:

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport that is valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return. Application forms are available at your local Passport Office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. **Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.**

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# Journey in the Steps of Paul

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# In the Steps of the Apostle Paul

**Day 1 Wed, May 8: CINCINNATI - ATHENS.** Tour members gather at the ticket counter at the airport two hours prior to our departure to Europe. Dinner and breakfast will be served aloft.

**Day 2 Thu, May 9: ATHENS.** Upon arrival in Athens, we are met by our guide and driver and we are transferred to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the day with a walking tour with our hosts. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Day 3 Fri, May 10: ATHENS - CRUISE - MYKONOS.** After breakfast this morning, we are transferred to the ancient Athenian port of Piraeus and board our ship for our 3 day cruise. Our first port of call is the island of Mykonos, with its cubic white houses and those world famous windmills. Free time to explore this lovely island (optional bus is available.)

**Day 4 Sat, May 11: CRUISE - SANTORINI.** (Optional) We board our coach and head towards the view point of Prophetes Ilias where we can take marvelous pictures of all the different aspects of this unique island. Then, we are taken to the magical town of Oia, protagonist of the post cards of this unforgettable location. Our panoramic drive allows us to have breathtaking views of the lava rocks of the islets of Nea Kameni and the Caldera below. Continue to one of the most exclusive wineries of Santorini, where we have the chance to taste different kinds of wines. Visit the Church of Panagia Episkopi. We then proceed to the village of Kamari, placed on the coast of the island and the beach that extends to the feet of the Mesa Vouno mountain. Our excursion ends in Fira where our guide shows us the way to the cable car and we make our way back to the ship.

**Day 5 Sun, May 12: KUSADASI - PATMOS.**

*"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples." (Acts 19:1)*

We arrive at Kusadasi, a lively Turkish port and gateway to ancient Ephesus, the Greek colony founded by the Athenians. An optional, guided tour of Ephesus is available. Afterwards, we continue our cruise to the island of Patmos; considered a holy island for the Christian religion. It was here in Patmos that John the Divine, while in exile, wrote the Apocalyptic Revelations which constitute the last part of the new Testament. Optional, guided tour available.

**Day 6 Mon, May 13: PIRAEUS - ATHENS - CORINTH.**

*"Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription 'to an unknown God'. What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you . . ."*

After we disembark from the ship, we visit Athens - one of the most glorious cities in the world and the cradle of western civilization as we know it today. For twenty five centuries, the panorama of this city is dominated by the rock of the Acropolis. We see the ruins of the Parthenon, the Erechtheum and the Propylaea. Then, we ascend Mars Hill where Paul spoke to the ancient Athenians about the one and only God. From here we have an excellent view of the ancient Agora; former center of the Athenian public life. We continue on a drive through the city to see the House of Parliament on Syntagma Square, the Evzones in their picturesque uniforms guarding the Presidential Palace and Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We also see the Library, the University, the

Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympics of the modern era were held, the temple of the Olympian Zeus and Adrian's Arch.

*"Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you, and no man shall attack you to harm you; for I have many people in this city." (Acts 18:9)*

We board our coach for Corinth, taking the coastal road along the Saronic Gulf to the Corinth Canal, which connects the Aegean Sea with the Ionian Sea. Short stop for pictures and continue to the site of ancient Corinth, Paul's beloved city and site of his most extensive ministry. Dominated by the Acro-Corinth rising 1,700 feet above the ruins, the marketplace is laid out exactly as it stood in the days of the great Apostle. We see the *bema* (the judgment seat) where Paul stood before Gallio and preached (*Acts 18*). The museum contains a superb collection of artifacts portraying life in ancient Corinth. Return to Athens for dinner and overnight.

**Day 7 Tue, May 14: ATHENS - METEORES - LARISSA.** This morning, we drive to the Meteora Monasteries, perched upon the summits of gigantic rocks, which have been etched into variety of strange shapes. Grey gigantic stalagmites rising towards the sky, they seem to be nature's gift to the pious who opted for monasticism and for a life totally dedicated to the worship of God. The monastic history of the Meteora goes back to the 11th century A.D. when the first hermits sought peace and solitude in the rifts and caves of these rocks. The first monasteries were not built until the 14th century A.D., attaining their peak in the 16th. Of the 13 large and 20 small monasteries and hermit's cells, only four are not occupied: Megalo Meteora, Monie Varlaam, Monia Aghias Triadas and Moni Aghiou Stefanou. Continue to Larissa for dinner and overnight.

**Day 8 Wed, May 15: KAVALLA - PHILIPPI - THESSALONIKI.**

*"Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a great voyage to Samothrace and the following day to Neapolis." (Acts 16:11)*

*"And from thence to Philippi which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony; and we were in that city abiding certain days . . ." (Acts 16:12)*

We visit the beautiful city of Kavala (ancient Neapolis), and from there on to Philippi, which was a Roman garrison town and the chief city in the province of Macedonia. It was here that Paul won his first European convert, a woman named Lydia from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods. Visit the Baptistery of Lydia, the market place (where Paul and Silas were brought before the rulers) and the cistern which tradition identifies as the place where St. Paul was imprisoned. We then drive to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

**Day 9 Thu, May 16: THESSALONIKI.**

*"Paul came to Thessaloniki with Silas and following his usual custom, he went to the Synagogue where he used the Jewish scriptures as the source for his preaching." (Acts 17:2-4)*

Considered the second capital of Greece, Thessaloniki was founded in 31 BC by one of Alexander the Great's generals, Cassander, who was married to Alexander's step-sister, Thessaloniki. In her honor, he named the town built in the form of an amphitheater at the head of Thermaikos Gulf. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

**Day 10 Fri, May 17: THESSALONIKI - CINCINNATI.** This morning, we transfer to the airport for our flight home - the end of an unforgettable journey.