

RADIO PULPIT tour

Biblical GREECE

on the footsteps of Paul

including a

GREEK ISLANDS CRUISE

to Kusadasi & Ephesus in Turkey

and the apostle John's island

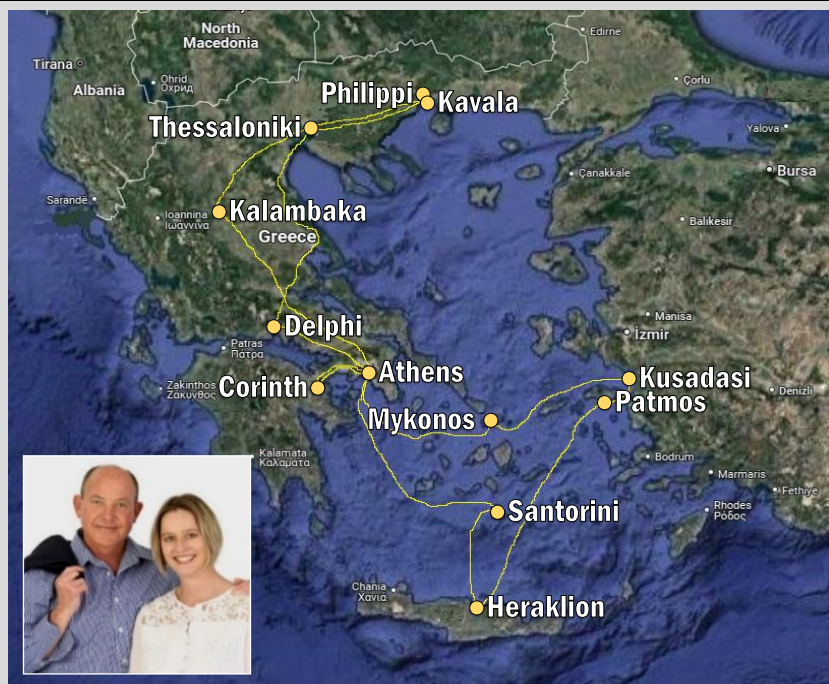
of Patmos led by

Rev Karel (CEO Radio Pulpit)

and Jonelda Verhoef

Departure date:

Saturday, 22 May 2027



Delphi



Philippi

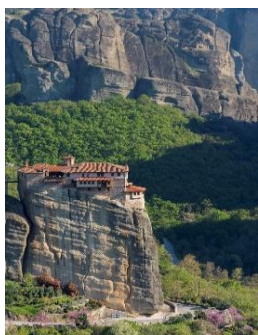


Thessaloniki

OUTLINED ITINERARY

(B)-Breakfast (D)-Dinner (*)-Meal on board the aircraft

Day 1: Saturday 22 May	JOHANNESBURG – DOHA Meet from 11:00 at the Qatar Airways check-in counter at Johannesburg's O.R.Tambo International airport. Departure is at 14:55 for arrival in Doha just after midnight at 00:15. Connect to the 02:20 flight for Athens. Overnight on BOARD (*)
Day 2: Sunday 23 May	DOHA – ATHENS – DELPHI (200km/3hrs) Arrive at 07:00 in Athens (<i>capital and largest city in Greece</i>). Start our day and ascend the Acropolis with its multitude of shrines and altars; as well as the sanctuary dedicated to "the unknown god" (<i>Acts 17:15-34</i>). Visit the Parthenon (<i>used as a Christian church for a brief period</i>) and the Agora (<i>market place where Paul preached the gospel, as well as the hill known as "Mars hill" or Areopagus</i>). We head northwest on the modern national highway before entering the rural Greek countryside giving way to olive groves, farmland and mountain scenery. Our coach climbs gently through the mountains before descending towards the village of Delphi (<i>cultural and historical village recognized by UNESCO as one of the most important archaeological sites in the world</i>). Dinner and overnight in DELPHI (*) (D)
Day 3: Monday 24 May	DELPHI – THESSALONIKI (380km/4hrs30min) Visit the Delphi Archaeological site to explore the ancient Temple of Apollo ruins (<i>remains of the main sanctuary; once the most famous religious site in Greece</i>), the Ancient Theatre (<i>able to seat around 5,000 spectators</i>), and the Sacred Way (<i>the main ceremonial path that winds its way up the hillside leading to the Temple of Apollo</i>). Continue our journey north through the fertile plains of Central Greece, passing near the cities of Lamia and Larissa. By early evening we'll arrive in Thessaloniki (<i>Greece's second-largest city and the cultural capital of Macedonia</i>). Dinner and overnight in THESSALONIKI (B)(D)
Day 4: Tuesday 25 May	THESSALONIKI - PHILIPPI (150km/2hr) - THESSALONIKI (150km/2hr) An early start as we head towards Philippi (<i>first city in Macedonia where Paul spent a few days</i>) where we visit the archaeological museum, the Baptistry of Lydia and the secret tomb where Paul was imprisoned. See the Acropolis with its theatre, the Basilica and prison of Paul and Silas (<i>rectangular churches with colonnaded aisles, mosaic floors and elevated pulpits</i>). We head for Neápolis (<i>ancient Greek city, located close to modern Kavala where Paul first set foot ashore in Europe</i>). Lunch break in



Kalambaka



Athens



Greek Cruise



Mykonos



Kusadasi



Patmos



Heraklion



Santorini

	the nearby city of Kavala (<i>picturesque coastal city built amphitheatrically around its harbour known for its old town and fortress, aqueduct known as Kamares and beautiful views over the Aegean Sea</i>). Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight in THESSALONIKI (B)(D)
Day 5: Wednesday 26 May	THESSALONIKI – KALAMBAKA (230km/3hrs) Breakfast will be served at our hotel. We are ready to embark on a sightseeing tour of Thessaloniki (<i>capital of the province of Macedonia</i>) to see highlights such as the city's Ramparts, Galerius' arch, Rotunda monument, Demetrius Basilica, Church of Panagia Acheiropoietos and the Vlatades monastery. After the city tour, depart westward towards the foothills of Mount Vermion to Veria (<i>ancient Berea, the city in Central Macedonia which earned the nickname "little Jerusalem" due to its impressive number of Byzantine churches</i>). View Paul's Podium (<i>Monument in the town centre known as the "Bema"</i>). Walk through the old Byzantine Quarter (<i>historic centre</i>). Visit the Church of the Resurrection of Christ (<i>beautiful Byzantine church known for its preserved frescoes and Christian heritage</i>). Visit the Old Metropolitan Church (<i>one of the most important Byzantine monuments in northern Greece located in Veria</i>). Continue south through the scenic Greek countryside towards to the town of Kalambaka (<i>world famous for the legendary monasteries built on top of Meteora rocks in this area</i>). Dinner and overnight in KALAMBAKA (B)(D)
Day 6: Thursday 27 May	KALAMBAKA – ATHENS (350km/5hrs) Visit one of the Byzantine monasteries (<i>some of Greece's most remarkable religious and historical sites</i>) where monks took refuge from the onslaught of the Roman Empire. Some of the monasteries of Meteora (<i>UNESCO world heritage site comprising of a spectacular complex of Byzantine monasteries built atop towering rock pillars</i>) look like they are hanging in the air. Take a scenic coach trip along modern highways through the heart of mainland travelling south through the fertile Thessalian Plain (<i>passing the city of Trikala</i>) through agricultural landscapes and rolling hills before entering the sprawling metropolitan area of the Greek capital. Dinner and overnight in ATHENS (B)(D)
Day 7: Friday 28 May	ATHENS – MYKONOS Transfer to the Athens Lavrion port (<i>approximately 60 minutes drive from central Athens</i>) for check-in by 08:00 on our Cruise Ship. Departure from Lavrion port at 11:00 and cruise towards Mykonos (<i>a glamorous, expensive Greek island in the Aegean Sea, famous for its beautiful beaches, vibrant nightlife, and charming, white-washed town with narrow streets and iconic windmills</i>). Arrive in Mykonos at 16:00 where we have leisure time to explore on our own. Explore the island's charming streets, iconic windmills, and vibrant nightlife. Optional tours and excursions are on offer for those wishing to join a formal group tour. Departure again at 23:00 as we sail for Kusadasi. Overnight CRUISE (L)(D)
Day 8: Saturday 29 May	KUSADASI – PATMOS (CRUISING) Arrival at 07:00 in Kusadasi (<i>beach resort town on Turkey's western Aegean coast</i>). Opportunity to visit Kusadasi at your own pace. You can also join one of the tours on offer by the ship and visit the classical ruins of Ephesus. Our ship departs again at 12:30 and scheduled to dock at 16:30 in Patmos (<i>an Aegean island in the north of Greece's Dodecanese island group; a significant Christian pilgrimage site featuring the cave where John have written the Bible Book of Revelations</i>). Join an optional tour on offer or visit the cave by optional taxi at your own pace. Our ship departs at 21:30 as we sail for Heraklion. Overnight on BOARD (B)(L)(D)
Day 9: Sunday 30 May	HERAKLION – SANTORINI (CRUISE) Dock at 07:00 in Heraklion (<i>lively capital of Crete and one of Greece's most important cultural and historical hubs</i>) Time to explore the island before departure at 12:00 arriving at 16:30 in Santorini (<i>picturesque Greek island in the Aegean Sea, known for its stunning cliffside villages with whitewashed buildings, blue-domed churches, and caldera views created by a powerful Bronze Age volcanic eruption</i>). Experience breathtaking



Corinth



Athens



Plaka

	views of the caldera (<i>large collapsed volcanic crater</i>); why not make use of local transport for a visit the villages of Fira (<i>lively capital of Santorini</i>) and Oia (<i>famous for its iconic whitewashed houses, blue-domed churches, and world-renowned sunsets and enjoy the island's famous sunsets</i>). Optional tours are on offer by the Cruise ship. Depart Santorini at 21:30 and set sail back to Lavrion. Overnight CRUISE (B)(L)(D)
Day 10: Monday 31 May	ATHENS Dock at the Athens Lavrio port by 06:00. Leisurely check-out and disembarkation this morning after breakfast. Start the day travelling to ancient Corinth (<i>Acts 18:1–11 Paul in Corinth</i>). Enjoy a biblical and historical walk visiting the Agora (<i>central public square and marketplace of ancient Corinth where Paul likely preached</i>), the Bema (<i>raised stone platform functioning as the Judgement Seat; see Acts 18:12–17</i>), the Temple of Apollo (<i>one of the oldest and most striking ruins in Ancient Corinth</i>) (<i>1 Cor 1:18–25</i>). Enjoy a photo-stop to view the Corinth Canal (<i>narrow waterway that cuts through the Isthmus of Corinth, connecting the Aegean Sea to the Ionian Sea</i>). Continue to Athens where we have the evening at leisure at the Plaka (<i>village feel neighbourhood with narrow cobblestone streets lined with tiny shops selling jewellery, clothes and local ceramics. Sidewalk cafes and family-run tavernas stay open until late, and Cine Paris shows classic movies al fresco</i>) where dinner is optional to be enjoyed at one of the many Street Café's or restaurants of your choice. Transfer to the airport for check-in by 16:00 for the flight departing at 20:00 for arrival in Doha just after midnight at 00:20. Remain in transit and connect to the 01:40 flight for Johannesburg. Overnight on BOARD (B)(*)
Day 11: Tuesday 01 June	JOHANNESBURG Touch down at Johannesburg's O.R.Tambo International airport at 09:10. We are rich in experience and enriched in spirit. We might just do it again one day! (*)

TOUR PRICE: R49,980 per person sharing a room/inside cabin whilst cruising

Tour price calculation - **Special group airfare: R10,500 Land arrangements: R39,480**

Rates will be covered by the service providers up to a value of R19,00 to the Euro. The Rand value of our tour price might be adjusted when balance payment is due, in the unforeseen event of the Rand devaluing over R19,00 against the Euro. Please make provision and allow for a Rand value fluctuation in the Rand value in such an instance. Rates are based on a minimum of **32 passengers** travelling together

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Extensive travel insurance is compulsory and can be purchased via our office. Travel insurance needs to be paid together with your deposit in order to secure the maximum benefit the policy offers.

MONEY MATTERS:

A non-refundable deposit of **R10,000 per person plus R1,450 travel insurance for passengers aged under 70, or R3,090 for under 80's** is required as soon as possible to confirm your reservation.

The balance of the tour price is due **3 months** prior to departure (**22 February 2027**).

Please ensure that your funds are available by then as balance payment is due 72 hours after invoicing due to the volatility of the Rand. Travel insurance needs to be paid together with your deposit in order to secure the maximum benefit the policy offers.

Due to the limited number of seats available on this tour, your reservation and deposit is required as soon as possible to secure your space. Reservation will be handled strictly on a first-come first-served basis and all rates are subject to availability at the time of booking.

RESERVATION PROCEDURES:

Please complete the reservation form and make your deposit payment together with your travel insurance amount in order to enjoy the maximum cover the travel policy offers. Note that your policy is an individual Leisure Comprehensive cover. We do not recommend the cheap Group policy due to too many exclusions within the fine print. Please use your **SURNAME** followed by the code **22MayRP** as reference when making payment to our account. Our banking details reflect on the bottom of the reservation form. Please send your **Reservation form** and **Payment copy** as well as your **Passport Copy** to our offices via E-mail: **tafelberg@stargateint.co.za** OR Whatsapp: **083 453-6505**

INCLUDED:

- Economy return flights ex Johannesburg
- Airline check-in luggage, current airport tax and fuel surcharge
- Breakfast and dinner daily plus lunches as per itinerary
- 3-star accommodation on a twin-share basis
- Cruise accommodation in Inside Cabins
- English speaking tour guides
- Luxury air-conditioned coaches
- Sightseeing tours and entrance fees as per itinerary

EXCLUDED:

- Optional single room supplement on request
- Travel insurance R1,450 for passengers aged under 70, and R3,090 for under 80's (12-day tour)
- Optional upgrade from Inside cabins to Outside (R5,980pp) or Balcony (9,850pp) on request
- Greek Schengen visa / Turkish visa issued online
- Compulsory tipping to tour guides, bus drivers, hotel staff and cruise staff €9 per day

Note: Itinerary subject to change. Sequence of daily visits will vary according to operational viability and security purposes at the discretion of the tour leader and tour guides



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