

**DO NOT USE BBBishop Paul with Fr. Andrew Harrison and the
OCA - Pilgrimage to the Churches of Revelation DO NOT USE**

May 23 - Jun 01, 2022



Join Father Andrew Harrison and the OCA on a pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece to explore and experience with your fellow Christians the Holy sites in the footsteps of St Paul.

This pilgrimage includes a 4 day cruise.

Monday, May 23

Depart ORD Airport on our way to Istanbul, Turkey.

Tuesday, May 24

Our tour guide will meet us at Istanbul Airport. Begin our Journey with a visit to Emperor Justinian's subterranean Cistern - a structure built in 532 A.D using 336 columns. Drive to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

Wednesday, May 25

Full day tour of Istanbul including visits to Roman Hippodrome, Haghia Sophia, the Grand Bazaar and at the "Fener" visit the Ecumenical Patriarchate . Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

Thursday, May 26

Flight to Izmir.

Visit Pergamon of the Revelation - the Acropolis (using cable car...) including the Theater, Temple of Dionysus, Temple of Athena, the Library and Temple of Trajan, and the Lower Acropolis. Dinner and overnight Izmir.

Friday, May 27

EPHESUS - IZMIR.

Full day tour of Ephesus of the Revelation one of the most impressive ruins of the Biblical world and a UNESCO site. Explore the Temple of Artemis one of the wonders of the ancient world, the Library, the Basilica, the Great Theatre where St. Paul preached, which is the largest in antiquity with a capacity of

24,000. Visit the traditional house of the Virgin where it is believed she spent her last days (acc to John 19: “ from that time on, this disciple took her into his home”. Following lunch visit the Church of St. John. Dinner and overnight at our Izmir hotel.

Saturday, May 28

Visit Smyrna one of the seven churches addressed in the Book of Revelation. The core of the late Hellenistic and early Roman Smyrna is preserved in the large area of an Open Air Museum consisting of an agora, the base of the northern basilica gate, the stoa and the ancient shopping center.

Transfer to the Kusadasi port for embarkation to the Cruise Ship. In the afternoon, we arrive in Patmos where John the Apostle wrote the Book of Revelation. We make our way to the Monastery of St. John the Theologian and to the Holy Grotto of the Revelation.

Sunday, May 29

We arrive at the Island of Rhodes Enjoy and explore medieval history.

Monday, May 30

We arrive in the port of Heraklion – the capital of the island of Crete where the Minoan population had blossomed. Our next port of call is Santorini, famous for its volcano/caldera. An optional excursion to Thira and Oia areas give you the opportunity to see one of the most famous islands of Greece. Overnight sail to Piraeus Port.

Tuesday, May 31

Upon disembarkation tour Athens by passing by the most famous sites in the center of the city; the he Panathenaic Stadium, where the first Olympic Games took place at 1896. Visit the Acropolis – an UNESCO World Heritage - the Parthenon and Mars Hill where Paul stood and preached. Walk passing by Herodion and Dionysus Theater, in order to visit the Acropolis Museum. Main attractions such as votives, artifacts of everyday life, statues from archaic period, Caryatids, and of course the Parthenon hall with the metopes, the pediments and the frieze will impress you. Free afternoon, dinner at the hotel and overnight Athens.

Wednesday, June 01

Drive to Corinth - visit the ancient city and the ruins and stop for lunch break at the Corinth Canal. Dinner and overnight Athens.