# 2025 NEW TESTAMENT ALIVE: BY LAND & SEA Letters & Churches: from Acts to Revelation

With Andy Nash, Greg King, & Local Guides

Main Tours: Greece & Greek Islands and Turkey/Revelation's 7 Churches

(Optional Extensions Rome & Islanbul)

#### **Tour Options**

# (Pre-Tour) June 22-25 Rome (with Greg King & Local Guides)

Colisseum, Roman Forum, Vatican, Scala Sancta, Catacombs

## June 25-July 4 Greece & Greek Islands Cruise (with Andy Nash, Greg King, & Local Guides)

6-Night Land Tour: Athens, Mars Hill, Corinth, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Berea, Meteora, Mount Olympus, Delphi Plus 3-Night Cruise: Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini

## July 4-8 Revelation's Seven Churches/Turkey (With Greg King & Local Guides)

Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyitra, Sardis, Philadelpha, Laodicea (+Colossae/Hierapolis)

#### (Post-Tour) July 8-11: Istanbul, Turkey (with Local Guides)

Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, Istanbul Archaelogical Museum, Bosporus Boat Trip

Our beautiful new tour "New Testament Alive: By Land & Sea" brings bring alive the experiences of the early Christian church, from Acts through Revelation. Together we'll walk and sail the very pages of Scripture, including Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossae, Thessalonia, Patmos, Crete, Athens, Mars Hill, and the 7 Churches of Revelation. We'll follow in the footsteps of the earliest Christians—Paul, John, Timothy, Titus, Luke, Lydia, Priscilla & Aquila—as we worship the same risen Lord together. Join us for a life-changing journey through the New Testament, with Professors Andy Nash and Greg King. Hold your space online by clicking here.



## Optional Pre-Tour: Rome (led by Greg King & local Christian guides)

- Sun., June 22 Departure flight from home.
- Mon., June 23 Arrive in Rome, and transfer to hotel. Meet at 4:00 p.m. for a guided evening walk of the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, and Spanish Steps. Supper and overnight in Rome.
- Tues., June 24 Daily buffet breakfast. Depart for St. Peter's Basilica and Vatican Museum, including Raphael's Rooms and the Sistine Chapel. (Wear pants/modest skirt. No sleeveless shirts.) Also visit the Catacombs and Pilate's Staircase/Scala Sancta, which pilgrims including Martin Luther climbed on their knees as an act of devotion. Supper and overnight in Rome.
- Wed., June 25 Depart for Roman Colosseum, Roman Forum, and Palatine Hill. Lunch and transfer to airport for afternoon group flight to Athens.

Rome in Scripture: Romans; Acts 19 – 28; Phil. 1:12-13; Rev. 17:9

## **GREECE & GREEK ISLANDS (led by Andy Nash, Greg King, & local Christian guides)**

- Wed., June 25 Arrive in Athens, and transfer to hotel. Supper, opening worship with Andy Nash & Greg King, and overnight in Athens.
- Thurs., June 26 Daily breakfast buffet. Depart for Mars Hill and the Parthenon. Lunch and afternoon visit and worship at ancient Corinth. Supper and and overnight in Athens.

Athens/Mars Hill: 17:16-34; 1 Thess. 3:1-6 Corinth: Acts 18:1-18; Acts 20:1-3; I & II Corinthians

- Fri., June 27 Load and depart for Piraeus port to begin three-day cruise of Greek Islands.

  [Note: All meals are provided on the ship, and we'll also have a private meeting room for daily group worship and Bible study.] Board our Celestyal cruise ship and sail to the world-famous island of Mykonos, with its gleaming white-washed buildings and windmills. Supper, worship, and overnight on our cruise ship.
- Sat., June 28 Cruise to Ephesus / Patmos. In the morning we arrive in Kusadasi, Turkey, with a group visit to fabulous ancient Ephesus, where the Apostles Paul and John both lived and ministered. Later, we sail for the island of Patmos, where the Apostle John received the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Group visit to the Monastery of Saint John and the Grotto of the Apocalypse. Supper, worship, and overnight on our cruise ship.

Ephesus: Acts 18:19-28; 19:1-20; 20:16-38; Rev. 2:1-7; Ephesians

Patmos: Revelation 1:9; Revelation

Sun., June 29 Cruise to Crete & Santorini. Arrive at Heraklion, Crete, where Paul sailed and where Titus ministered. Morning free time or optional excursions. Then lunch and sail north to the isle of Santorini, the most breathtaking of all the Greek islands. Group cable car ride to the exquisite village clinging to volcanic cliffs. Supper, worship, and overnight on cruise ship.

Acts 28:7-8; Book of Titus

Mon. June 30 Arrive at the port of Pireaus, and board our motorcoach for our journey north to Thessaloniki. En route, visit the Valley of Tembi and Mount Olympus. Arrive at Thessaloniki, where the Apostle Paul visited and later wrote two epistles to the Thessalonians. Supper and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Acts 17:2-4; 1-2 Thessalonians

Tues., July 1 Morning visit and worship at nearby Philippi. It was here that Paul won his first European convert, Lydia, and where Paul was brought before the local rulers and imprisoned. Lunch and continue to the beautiful city of Kavala (ancient Neapolis). Return to Thessaloniki for supper and overnight.

Acts 16:11-12; Philippians

Wed., July 2 Morning tour of Thessaloniki and Berea, where Paul preached. Continue to the Meteora Monasteries, perched upon the summits of gigantic rocks, where hermits in the 11<sup>th</sup> century A.D. sought peace and solitude in the rifts and caves. Supper and overnight near Meteora.

Acts 17:10-14

- Thurs., July 3 Depart Meteora for the Thermpylae Pass and visit to ancient Delphi, one of earth's most beautiful places and believed to be the navel of the world.

  Continue to hotel near Athens airport for flights departing the next day.
- Fri. July 4 Fly home or continue on group flight to Izmir, Turkey, for Tour of Revelation's 7 Churches.

#### REVELATION'S 7 CHURCHES/TURKEY (led by Greg King & local Christian guides)

- Fri., July 4 Arrive at Izmir airport and transfer to hotel. Supper, worship, and overnight in the beautiful coastal city of Izmir.
- Sabbath, July 5 Sabbath morning worship and begin tour of Revelation's 7 Churches with visit to (1) Smyrna (2) Pergamum, and (3) Thyatira. Supper and overnight near Thyitira.

Smyrna: Rev. 2:8-11 Pergamum: Rev. 2:12-17

Thyatira: Rev. 2:18-29; Acts 16:14

Sun., July 6 Continue tour of Revelation's 7 Churches with visit to (4) Sardis (5) Philadelphia and (6) Laodicea. Supper and relaxing evening at five-star thermal spa near Laodicea.

Sardis: Rev. 3:1-6; Obadiah 20 (Sepharad)

Philadelphia: Rev. 3:7-13

Laodicea: Rev. 3:14-22; Col. 4:13-15

Mon. July 7 Visit Hierapolis/Parmukkale hot springs and Colossae. Continue to (7) Ephesus. Supper and overnight in Izmir.

Hierapolis: Col. 4:13 Colossae: Colossians

Ephesus: Rev. 2:1-7; Ephesians; Acts 18:19-28; 19:1-20; 20:16-38

Tues., July 8 Fly home or continue to Istanbul for optional Istanbul post-tour.

#### Optional Post-Tour: Istanbul, Turkey (led by local Christian guides)

Tues., July 8 Arrive in Istanbul and transfer to hotel. Supper and overnight in Istanbul.

Wed., July 9 Daily breakfast buffet. Visit the Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, and Topkapi Palace. Afternoon boat trip on the Bosporus, connecting Europe & Asia. Supper and overnight in Istanbul.

Thurs., July 10 Visit the Istanbul Archaeological Museum, Grand Bazaar, and Spice Bazaar. Supper, free time, and overnight in Istanbul.

Fri., July 11 Load and depart for Istanbul airport for flight home.

#### **New Testament Alive Tour Options**

June 22-25, 2025: Rome Pre-Tour: \$1190/person (shared room); \$1390/single. (Plus, one-way group flight Rome-Athens, est. \$50-\$100. Final pricing TBD.)

June 25-July 4, 2025: Greece & Greek Islands. \$3250/person (shared room); \$3925/single. Optional Cruise Cabin Upgrades: Outside Cabin \$150/\$230 (shared/single); Balcony Cabin \$300/\$600 (shared/single)

**July 4-8, 2025: Revelation's 7 Churches/Turkey.** \$1650/person (shared room); \$1990/single. (Plus, one-way group flight Athens-Izmir, est. \$50-\$100. Final pricing TBD.)

**July 8-11, 2025: Istanbul Post-Tour:** \$1290/person (shared room); \$1610/single. (Plus, one-way flight Izmir-Istanbul, est. \$50-\$100. Final pricing TBD.)

Tour package includes: first-class hotels, sightseeing and entrance fees, transportation via motorcoach and cruise ship, gratuities, port fees and taxes, post-departure trip insurance, two meals/day on land tour (all meals covered on cruise), shore excursions to Ephesus, Patmos, Santorini. (Not included: daily lunches/land tour; taxi to initial hotel; extra shore excursions.)

**Tour Leaders & Operators:** The Greece Tour by Land & Sea will be led by Andy Nash, Greg King, and local guides. The tour of Revelation's 7 Churches/Turkey will be led by Greg King and local guides. The pre-tour of Rome and the post-tour of Istanbul will be led by local guides. Our Greek Islands cruise will be on beautiful Celestyal Cruises.

**International Flights.** Est. \$800-\$1500. Depending on tour selections, travelers will take either a roundtrip or multi-city flight. Flight guidance and recommendations will be provided when flights come available 11 months prior to tour. Those needing assistance with flight bookings may contact Adventist-owned Butler Travel at 503-879-5005 (\$70 booking fee applies). For those including optional tours to Rome, Revelation's 7 Churches, and Istanbul, we'll book the one-way group flights between tours on your behalf.

**Registration and Timeline.** This tour will be filled on a first-come basis. To hold space on this tour, fill out this <u>traveler form online</u>. Then within 10 days, please pay your nonrefundable deposit of \$500/person at tabghatours.com/payment via debit/credit card. (No fee is added for debit cards; a fee is added for credit cards.) Or mail a check to Tabgha Tours, 8139 Roy Lane, Ooltewah, TN 37363. Your deposit will be deducted from final tour payment.

Spring 2024: Sign-up open. Tour filled on first-come basis. Please sign up online and pay deposit.

Nov. 1, 2024: Final payment due.

Cancellation Policies. More than 6 months prior to departure: Tour deposit. 4-6 months prior to departure; 25% penalty; 1-4 months prior; 50% penalty. Less than one month prior; no refund. (Included trip insurance is purchased 30 days prior to travel and provides up to \$1000/person cancellation for documented medical emergencies.)

For questions, email tabghatours@gmail.com or call 423-298-2141.