9 DAYS · 8 NIGHTS

Patmos and the Aegean

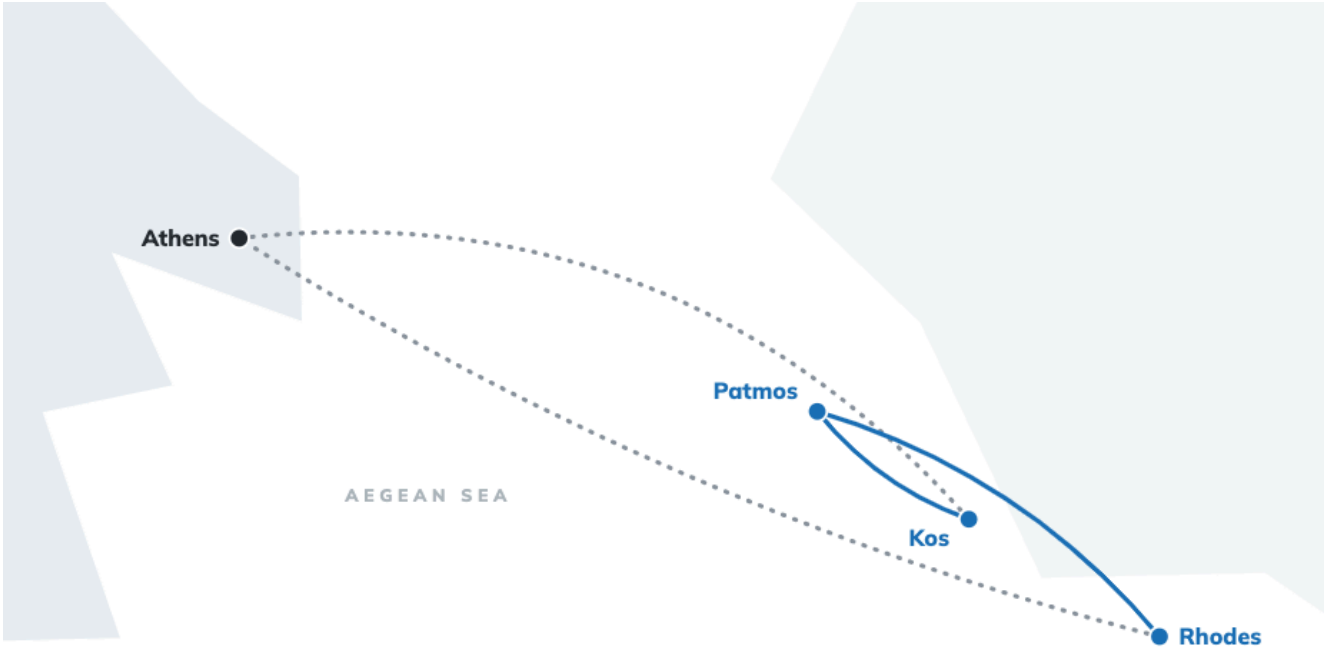
A contemplative Aegean journey centered on Patmos, the island named in Revelation.

BASE CITIES
Athens, Kos, Patmos, Rhodes

BEST MONTHS
May–June
September–early October

PACE
Moderate, with three nights on Patmos

SCRIPTURE
Revelation 1–3 and 21–22 · Acts 21:1



Island crossings · Days 2–7 To and from Athens

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THE JOURNEY

Three nights on Patmos are enough for a group to stop rushing Revelation and start hearing it.

You can lead it as Bible study, or as a Catholic or Orthodox devotion, shaped with your own clergy. The cave is longstanding Christian tradition, not proof of a first-century building.

Kos and Rhodes show the sea roads the early church actually traveled. The seven churches of Revelation are in present-day Turkey, and this journey does not pretend otherwise.

HOW IT'S EXPERIENCED Who leads, what's built in, and what the hosting church can add.

01

Who leads

A pastor or church leader teaches. The group shapes the format: Bible study, or devotion with its own clergy.

02

In the program

Athens, Kos, three nights on Patmos, and Rhodes, on the sea roads the early church traveled.

03

By request

A Catholic or Orthodox devotion, shaped with your own clergy. A night at Meteora can be added.

ITINERARY

Day by day

ATHENS → PATMOS → RHODES

Athens DAY 1

01

ATHENS

Night in Athens

Before the last book is opened

Arrival in Athens and a first evening that sets Revelation in its historical setting and literary form, so the island is received as worship and warning, not spectacle.

> *"Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy."*
>
> REVELATION 1:3

TEACHING

Tell the group plainly what you will not claim about the cave, and what you will ask them to hear.

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02

KOS

Night on Kos

A harbor on the way

Kos, a harbor on the sea road Acts describes, with time to read the travel line slowly.

> *"We came with a straight course unto Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes."*
>
> ACTS 21:1

TEACHING

How ordinary, and how costly, those crossings were.

03

PATMOS

Night on Patmos

The island the book names

The crossing to Patmos and a first evening on the island where John says he received the vision.

> *"I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation... was in the isle that is called Patmos."*
>
> REVELATION 1:9

TEACHING

Who in your church is in tribulation now? Carry their names onto the island.

04

PATMOS

Night on Patmos

The cave, the monastery, the town above the harbor

The cave traditionally associated with John, the Monastery of Saint John, and Chora above the harbor. The cave is tradition, not proof of a first-century building.

> *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."*
>
> REVELATION 2:7

TEACHING

Read one letter to one church, and hear a real congregation, not a symbol.

05

PATMOS

Night on Patmos

All things new

A reading from the final chapters of Revelation, then an afternoon left free.

> *"Behold, I make all things new."*
>
> REVELATION 21:5

TEACHING

Give the afternoon away. A group never left alone will never hear the last chapters.

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06

TOWARD RHODES

Night on Rhodes

Another island, the same sea

The sea crossing toward Rhodes, on the same waters the early church traveled.

> *"They that go down to the sea in ships... these see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep."*
>
> **PSALM 107:23–24**

TEACHING

What has your church treated as a transfer that was actually part of the ministry?

07

RHODES

Night on Rhodes

A walled city, and a slower afternoon

Rhodes' walled old town, with a slower afternoon for rest and reflection.

> *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock."*
>
> **REVELATION 3:20**

TEACHING

Choose one of the seven messages. Which warning is your group's?

08

ATHENS

Night in Athens

What the island asked of us

The return to Athens and a closing gathering.

> *"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."*
>
> **REVELATION 22:20**

TEACHING

End with the last prayer of the Bible, said together.

09

ATHENS

Departure

Depart Athens

Transfer for departure.

> *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."*
>
> **REVELATION 22:21**

TEACHING

Ask one person to tell the church, in a single Sunday, what Patmos clarified.

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BEFORE YOU GO

Practical notes, clear limits, and the options a group can add.

Practical considerations

WALKING	Chora has steep, uneven lanes, and the cave and monastery involve stairs. Wear sturdy shoes.
WEATHER	Strong sun even in spring and autumn, with little shade at the sites. Bring a hat and water.
FERRIES	Ferries shift with weather and season, so the day order is confirmed before it is treated as final.
HOLY SITES	Modest dress for the cave and the monastery. Entry rules are confirmed before departure.

What this journey is not

- × A Greece-only itinerary does not include the seven churches of Revelation.
- × The cave is presented as tradition, not proof of a first-century building.

What can be arranged

- \+ Add a night at Meteora
- \+ Lead it as a Catholic or Orthodox devotion, with your own clergy

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