

# ***Greece & the Greek Isles in the Footsteps of Paul***

**Blog Day 5  
EPHESUS AND PATMOS**

## **Ephesus**

**An early morning departure for the city of Ephesus. We were led by an incredible tour guide named Cam. He was born in the city that St. Paul was born - the city of Tarsus. His knowledge of the country and especially Ephesus and his ability to share it in a meaningful manner was icing on the cake. We were very blessed to have him lead us.**

**Saint Paul spent quite a bit of time in this beautiful town. The excavation of the ruins is breathtaking. The library, the market street, the amphitheater, and all of the sculptures brought us back to 2000 years ago. We could imagine Paul walking down the very streets we walked. This was definitely a highlight of our trip so far.**

**After a brief shopping stop, we loaded the bus and headed to a carpet weaving demonstration and sales pitch. We learned about silkworms and materials and quality of carpets. They also treated us to drinks and snacks before we headed back to the ship. The carpets were beautiful. Several members of our group will have new carpets in their homes!**

## **Patmos**

**After lunch and some time on the deck, we arrived at our next stop - Patmos.**

**This is the place where the Book of Revelation was written some 70-80 years after Jesus rose from the dead. some traditions hold that the disciple of Jesus named John is the one who wrote the book of Revelation. Many others believe that it was a different follower of Jesus of a later generation. That does not change the power and message of the final book of the Bible. we visited a cave to the place where John wrote the book of Revelation. Then we went up to the top of the island to a monastery that was built in the 11th century.**

**The island is very small, with no more than 2000 people and happening the island during the summer months. It was moving that we were able to be in this place.**

**Peace,  
Pastor Charlie**

