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What a difficult and disturbing 2020 it has been so far. Exploring the spectacular sites and discovering the enthralling history of the world's great destinations is what drives us here at Andante Travels, and we have missed that sense of adventure during this crisis. I'm sure you have too – and now, as we start to emerge from lockdown, perhaps you are beginning to consider your travel options and priorities for 2021. Traveling as safely as possible in this new world will also likely be uppermost in your thoughts. In this brand new brochure, you'll find not only a superlative selection of tours (among them 29 that are new for 2021), you'll also find detailed the outstanding list of actions that we are introducing to minimize the risk of contracting COVID-19 on your travels. These include face masks for every day of your tour, social distancing measures, enhanced hygiene protocols and insurance options with COVID-19 cover.

Additionally, for your peace of mind, we have reduced the time frame for paying vacation balances from 84 days to 70 days prior to departure, and this can be reduced even further if we feel that there is any chance that the tour will not go ahead as a result of COVID-19 presence or restrictions in your chosen destination. And, if you are forced to cancel your tour as a result of COVID-19 symptoms and cannot make an insurance claim, we pledge to be as understanding as possible in our cancellation fees and charge only what we cannot recover ourselves. What's more, you can secure your place on tour for only \$149!

So please enjoy this tempting range of expert-led vacations and book with confidence, safe in the knowledge that no tour operator is doing more to mitigate the risks of COVID-19. We look forward to the pleasure of your company again in 2021.

Best wishes,
Jackie Willis
CEO

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR OFFERS

LOW DEPOSIT OF JUST \$149PP

Secure your place with a low deposit of \$149pp. This is available on all tours featured in this brochure. The remaining deposit balance of \$601 is payable at 24 weeks prior to the tour departure date, with the full balance payments required 10 weeks before departure. Offer ends 30th September 2020.

SAVE UP TO \$675 PER PERSON

Andante Travels' price promise rewards the earliest bookers, and you can currently take advantage of maximum savings of up to \$675 per person. We have set aside a number of discounted places, available on a 'first come, first served' basis - be sure to book soon to avoid disappointment!

**Terms and conditions apply.*

Please see our website for more details andantetravels.com/latest-offers



Read about our awards on page 9



CHOOSE YOUR PERFECT Vacation

From underground cities to rock-cut tombs, and from iconic monuments to little-known ruins – there are over 80 archaeological, cultural and historical tours to choose from in 2021. Join us on an expert-led, ancient-world adventure unlike any other.

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Keeping you safe

A new world of travel in the time of COVID-19



The past six months have been difficult for us all, and also disappointing for those with travel plans disrupted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our guests have a passion for travel and a desire to appreciate the historic treasures of the world, and they are reluctant to postpone vacation plans indefinitely. But, naturally, many are concerned about traveling in the time of COVID-19, and we share these concerns. While the risk of contracting COVID-19 on your travels cannot be eliminated entirely, here at Andante Travels we are introducing an industry-leading series of actions designed to minimize that exposure as far as possible for your peace of mind.

FREE 'Travel Safe' kits for every traveler

Other measures detailed on these pages try to allow for a measure of social distancing, but there will be moments on every tour where it is impossible to maintain a distance of one to two meters from other people, including your fellow travelers. In those circumstances, the wearing of face masks and regular sanitisation of hands and surfaces reduces the risk of transmission considerably. Our kits, packed in a fully sanitized environment, comprise a face mask for every day of your tour, including travel days, flight-friendly bottles of hand sanitizer and packs of anti-bacterial wipes. These kits will also include a marker pen so that plastic water bottles can be identified and filled remotely on a daily basis to minimize contact. Every one of our guests will receive a 'Travel Safe' kit in the weeks before departure.

Enhanced Health and Safety audits

We have always, in partnership with two globally renowned organizations, applied rigorous health and safety checks to our hotels, airlines, cruise ships, coaches, excursion transport and any other significant aspect of an Andante Travels tour. Now though, we are going even further, by requiring that these services pass COVID-19 hygiene and cleanliness tests as part of our health and safety protocols.

COVID-19 insurance

Perhaps unsurprisingly, many travel insurance providers are excluding COVID-19 from their cover. However, we have sourced a provider offering coverage in the event that you fall ill on your vacation as a result of COVID-19 and need to return home, in addition to standard coverage. If you have independently arranged insurance, please check its COVID-19 terms.

Distanced seating on coaches

The average group size for an Andante tour is 17-18 guests, and the overwhelming majority do not exceed 25 guests. But we will be securing a 52-seater coach for every departure, so everyone has the option of two seats to themselves. That preserves an element of distancing across the coach but, as the distance to the guests in front and behind may be as little as one meter, we recommend that face masks from your 'Travel Safe' kit are worn throughout all coach journeys.

Self-drive options

We are in the process of arranging self-drive options on UK and selected European itineraries for those who wish to maintain complete social distancing during travel. Simply follow the coach or a pre-supplied map in your own car or a hire vehicle and join the rest of the group at attractions and hotels.

'Get me home' service and private airport transfers

In the unlikely event that you are denied entry to your destination as a result of airport temperature checks, or you are forced to curtail your vacation as a result of COVID-19 symptoms, you may wish to avoid public transport on your journey home. We can arrange a private transfer service to take you to your front door. This private home transfer service is also available to book if you simply wish to ensure social distancing on your way to and from the airport. There will be an additional cost for this service, but our option is competitively priced.

Packed lunches and flexible dining options

Though we acknowledge that communal dining is an integral part of the Andante Travel experience, if it is not possible to find in a COVID-safe way, we will provide packed lunches and timed seating's for evening meals. We are also looking to offer opportunities to opt out of communal dining on selected itineraries, so you can better control your social distancing at meal times by dining independently. There may be a reduction

in price for choosing to do this, but it will depend on the arrangements we have with our suppliers and the number of people opting out – let us know if you would like to opt-out of meals at time of booking and, if applicable, a deduction will be applied when your vacation balance becomes payable.

Flexible balance payment date and COVID-friendly refund conditions

If there are signs of COVID-19 in the area you are due to visit, we will contact you with a change to your balance due date. To give us more time to assess whether it is possible to run your tour, we can postpone the payment of your balance from 10 weeks before departure to six weeks. Furthermore, if you are forced to cancel your vacation close to departure as a result of COVID-19 symptoms and you are not able to claim through your insurance provider, we pledge to be as flexible as possible in our cancellation costs. Instead of the industry-standard 100% cancellation fee, we would negotiate with our suppliers and charge only those costs which we could not recover ourselves

Testing and medical training for tour staff

When reliable 'on demand' testing becomes available, it is our intention to test Tour Managers, Guide Lecturers and any other tour staff within 72 hours of departure. We are also enhancing the medical training that our Tour Managers receive to include COVID-specific knowledge and actions.

Constant monitoring and post-tour tracing

Dedicated Specialist Journeys staff produce daily reports on the COVID-19 situation in every one of our destinations, along with any regulations or restrictions specific to airlines, attractions and local authorities. We can therefore provide you with the most useful and up-to-date advice and plan contingencies in the event of staff or guest symptoms and the closing of a hotel, restaurant or other venue. In the event of a localised outbreak, we will be able to change our itinerary and arrangements swiftly to avoid possible exposure. We will also be in touch with you upon your return – if you show any symptoms and need to self-isolate, we can let all your fellow travelers know, so that they can do the same.

COVID-19 protocols at our hotels, and aboard our cruise ships

We are working with every single one of our hotel and cruise suppliers to ensure minimal COVID-19 transmission risks. We expect the very highest standards of food hygiene, gloved and masked staff, lower floor rooms to minimize lift usage, larger lecture spaces to allow for social distancing and so on. To give a few examples on the cruise side, our river cruise partner A-ROSA and coastal cruise partners Variety Cruises and ATLAS Cruises have already implemented numerous measures, which include the following (full details may be found at andantetravels.com/keeping-you-safe):

A-ROSA CRUISES

- Infrared temperature screening upon boarding
- A minimum 1.5-meter distance maintained on board through 'one-way streets', floor markings, increased seating space etc
- All crew and guests required to wear face masks in public areas (excluding guests in the restaurant and open-air areas)
- New air refreshment and filtration system for guest rooms
- Mandatory hand sanitising on embarkation/disembarkation and at all entrances/exits
- No self-service food – two set sittings for meals and all food and beverage to be brought by staff
- Guest luggage disinfection and enhanced hygiene measures for guest room cleaning

VARIETY CRUISES

- Pre-cruise and daily medical screening for guests (twice-daily for crew)
- Mandatory hand sanitising on embarkation/disembarkation and at the restaurant
- Half-capacity, daily-sanitized coaches for excursions, and site visits out of 'rush hour'
- Daily UV sterilisation of public areas, hospital-grade disinfectant use in guest room cleaning and twice-daily sterilized wipe-down of guest rooms and corridors
- Hourly sterilisation of 'high touch' areas including buttons, handrails etc
- Lounge and bar sterilisation before, during and after service
- More distanced restaurant seating and no self-service food – staff with masks and gloves bring all food and beverages (disposable cutlery available on request)

ATLAS CRUISES

- Daily screening for crew, and enhanced medical training procedures
- Social distancing introduced on board and all furniture placed a minimum of 1.5 meters apart
- Twice daily cleaning of public areas and cleaning of tables and chairs after every use; multiple daily disinfection of 'high touch' areas
- Hand sanitizers at all entrances and exits
- No self-service food – staff with masks and gloves bring all food and beverages – and food to be served in the saloon and outside deck for greater distancing
- Social distancing maintained on embarkation/disembarkation and excursions

If you would like to discuss any of this information further please don't hesitate to give us a call on: **1-866-391-7019**

The Andante Experience

Find out what sets us apart from the rest



An ancient-world adventure with Andante can be enjoyed in many ways



By land



By water



Short breaks



Historical trips

If you've always dreamed of setting out on your own odyssey through Greece, discovering its mythological sites in the company of an expert on its ancient history, or trekking through the jungle in search of hidden Maya ruins alongside a well-respected author who knows the stories of this civilization – you're in luck. With Andante, memorable experiences such as these are well within reach. Our aim is to create awe-inspiring archaeological tours, with itineraries personally crafted by experts who know both the sites and cities inside and out. However, there is no one way to journey back to the ancient world, which is why our tours are varied in their approach to exploration. For example, if you're a fan of cruising but fancy something different, why not treat yourself to one of our archaeological adventures by water? See well-known historic destinations from a new perspective as our wonderful boats

stop at ports where ruins and museums await discovery. Or, if you're pushed for time or simply prefer compact vacations, we have a range of shorter breaks on offer that ensure each day is jam-packed with interesting visits, lectures and tours. For those among us who prefer a more conventional vacation, albeit with a special interest twist, we have our classic archaeological adventures by land. These mostly include travel aboard coaches, but sometimes we throw in a motor-launch boat, a desert safari in a fleet of 4x4s or an internal journey by rail depending on the destination. What's more, we have a brand new tour type on offer for 2021 – Historical Trips. Perfect for anyone interested in the history that shaped us, these tours open up the world of infamous leaders and renowned monarchs alike. With so much world to see and so much history to explore, we hope that having a variety of tour types will help you choose the perfect one.

British Travel Awards winners

At the most recent British Travel Awards, which took place at the end of 2019, we were delighted to win two prizes – and for the second year running! We brought home silver for Best Special Interest Vacation Company and bronze for Best Vacation Company to the Italian Peninsula – all thanks to you, our valued travelers!



Luxury Lifestyle Magazine award-winners

Last year, we made the finals of Luxury Lifestyle Magazine's annual Readers' Travel Awards and we were eventually crowned winners of Best Specialist Tour Operator and Best Escorted Tour Operator. Thanks to everyone who voted!



Proud winners of the Feefo Gold Trusted Service Award in 2020



“Experiencing History”

Andante offers a complete service with well-described tours, accurate in terms of information. The expertise that accompanies the tours is good and, together with a tour manager, they provide a complete and much appreciated service. For those who enjoy learning and experiencing history, they are unparalleled together with the reassurance that meals are catered for making the learning experience more enjoyable and a recognized priority. People have to be prepared to move around and be reasonably fit. I would recommend them with confidence to people willing to extend their knowledge and experience history. I would love to travel with them again – as a solo passenger, I did not feel out of place or discriminated against as happens on some tours.



“Something for everyone on every level”

The quality of expertise offered by their guides, the choices of sites and the professionalism at every level make Andante well worth it.



“Experience the extraordinary with Andante”

A fantastic tour operator if you want to travel off the beaten track. The guide lecturers I've had have been knowledgeable, approachable and great company. The tour managers are well organized and professional. There is always a local guide when exploring exotic places and I have felt safe and well cared for.



Meet Wanderlust's Top History & Culture Guide of 2019, our very own expert Guide Lecturer, Dr Eireann Marshall

Dr Eireann Marshall, one of Andante's longest-running and most popular guides, has been crowned Wanderlust magazine's Top History & Culture Guide at its 2019 World Guide Awards.

To read the full story, please visit andantetravels.co.uk/worldguideawards



How to book

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Airport parking

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NEW FOR 2021

Here, at Andante Travels, we are always on the lookout for new destinations and sites to take guests to around the world. 2021 will be no exception as we have created an exciting new selection of ancient-world adventures, which range in themes from art history to war, and from specific civilizations to enthralling eras.



The Normans

Pious statesmen, explorers and travelers are under the spotlight on this exciting new French tour. Visit William the Conqueror's burial place at Abbey of Saint-Étienne, see the Bayeux Tapestry and take an optional pilgrimage to Gold Beach, where British soldiers landed on D-Day.

Find out more on page 45



Berlin - Above & Below

Explore the archaeology of hidden Berlin on this unique city break. See re-purposed WWII bunkers and the Nazi built airport at Tempelhof, examine the woodland homes of two notorious politicians – Goebbels and Erich Honecker – and visit the WWII Wehrmacht communications bunkers.

Find out more on page 70



Piero della Francesca & the Early Renaissance

This tour looks at the influence of artist Piero della Francesca, visiting Urbino's Ducal Palace and Raphael's House, the Collegio del Cambio in Perugia, and also viewing Piero's masterpiece in Arezzo.

Find out more on page 56



The Golden Age of the Ottoman Empire

Discover the architecture of the Ottoman Empire's three capital cities – Bursa, Edirne and Istanbul. Visit Topkapı Palace and the Süleymaniye Mosque, tour the UNESCO-listed Ottoman village of Cumalıkızık, and pore over the collections at the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts.

Find out more on page 104

Morocco & Andalucía

Embark upon the journey of a lifetime through fascinating Roman and Moorish history, taking in the extensive ruins of Volubilis, Fez with its UNESCO-listed medina and the extraordinary site of Granada – the last bastion of Muslim culture in Andalucía.

Find out more on page 134

Roussillon

Immerse yourself in this French region's rich heritage, from rare Roman survivals in Narbonne to some of Europe's most stunning Romanesque sites – and even taking a ride aboard the world-famous *Train Jaune*, or The Little Yellow Train of the Pyrenees.

Find out more on page 43

Maritime Wonders

Set in Germany, this tour studies several Hanseatic urban centers and offers opportunities for discussion with local archaeologists. Visit the Gothic church of the Marienkirche in Lübeck, see the Bremen Cog and view finds from the 5-year Gründungs Viertel Hanseatic excavations.

Find out more on page 73

Campanian Villas & Gardens

Learn all about how the Roman and Bourbon elites lived in the Bay of Naples, stopping at the Roman villa at Oplontis, the breathtaking 18th century garden in the cloister of Santa Chiara in Naples, and even spend a full day exploring Pompeii.

Find out more on page 57

Lake Constance - A Treasure Trove of History

Considered one of Europe's most idyllic places, Lake Constance is also home to rich archaeology and history. Visit the Federsee Museum, where over 20 Neolithic and Metal Age bog villages have been excavated, and St. Gallen library, with its collection of medieval manuscripts.

Find out more on page 71

Culloden: The Battle That Shaped Great Britain

Delve into the short period from Prince Charles Edward Stuart's hopeful arrival in the Highlands in August 1745, until the crushing of Jacobite hopes at Culloden. Visit the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Fort George and the new museum at Culloden.

Find out more on page 35

The Birth of French Impressionism

Explore the birth of this artistic movement on a tour that spends time at Monet's house and gardens in Giverny, the fine Musée d'Orsay, Rouen's Gothic cathedral, and the Musée de Beaux-Arts de Rouen.

Find out more on page 44

Conquering the Aztecs

2021 will mark the 500th anniversary of the Spanish Conquest of the Aztecs and this tour explores the Aztecs' antecedents as well as the rise of their own empire. Go boating among the 'floating gardens' at Xochimilco, visit the rock-cut Aztec shrine at Malinalco and see the Great Temple.

Find out more on page 152



Exploring Ancient Dalmatia

Indulge in a memorable cruise around the Dalmatian coast and its islands, visiting the verdant Mljet National Park, Stari Grad with its history that stretches back 2,500 years and Diocletian's palace complex.

Find out more on page 78

Thailand & Laos

Join us on this epic 18-day adventure as we journey through spectacular scenery to magnificent temples, peaceful stupas and UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We'll also cruise down the Mekong River, visiting wonderful historical sites and riverside villages.

Find out more on page 130



Croatia's Istrian & Dalmatian Coast

Lose yourself in the archaeology of Croatia on a tour set against the backdrop of the beautiful Adriatic. Visit Roman remains in Pula and Zadar, tour Diocletian's Palace and travel down the Dalmatian Coast.

Find out more on page 82

The Medici & the High Renaissance in Florence

The development of the arts and sciences in Florence coincided with the growth of the Medici family and this tour examines both. Be welcomed as a guest of the Marquise Torrigiani to enjoy a visit of the Torrigiani Gardens, wander among the masterworks on display at the incomparable Uffizi Gallery and tour the extraordinary Palazzo Vecchio. There will also be visits to the Pitti Palace, which houses works by Raphael, Botticelli and Caravaggio, and to the Accademia Gallery, where we admire Michelangelo's *David*.

Find out more on page 58

Netherlands - An Introduction to Dutch Painters

Enjoy an in-depth exploration of celebrated Dutch painters on this 6-day tour. The impressive itinerary includes an exclusive out-of-hours visit to the Rembrandt House, time to take in the Rijksmuseum, a workshop from one of the few remaining traditional clog-makers in the Netherlands at Zaanse Schans, and a private boat trip to the 17th century canal house and museum, Ons' Lieve Heer op Solder.

Find out more on page 67

SHORT BREAKS



WE ALSO HAVE A FANTASTIC SELECTION OF SHORT BREAKS AVAILABLE

Pushed for time or just prefer compact trips? Browse our immersive range of special interest short breaks below

- Agatha Christie & the English Riviera
- Prehistoric Rock Art & Landscapes
- Villas & Palaces of Roman Sussex
- Agatha Christie & Max Mallowan in London
- Alfred's Camelot
- T. E. Lawrence in Dorset
- Colchester - Capital of Britannia
- York - From Roman to Viking
- Behind the Scenes in Roman Kent
- Wartime Britain: Dogfights & Double Agents
- Edge of Empire: Romans in South Wales
- Great Cathedrals of the Southwest
- Prehistoric Wessex

AGATHA CHRISTIE & THE ENGLISH RIVIERA

4 Days Departing May & August 2021 Activity Level
From \$940pp ●●○○○

Tour Highlights

- Gain insight into the life of this famous novelist with the guide lecturer who developed the exhibition at the Torquay Museum
- Visit Greenway House, the Gregorian mansion that Agatha Christie and Max Mallowan called their home for many years
- Explore the coast of Devon and the sites that Agatha used to both spend time at and took as inspiration for her writing

The works of Agatha Christie, the world-famous murder mystery writer, have been translated into at least 103 languages. During this tour, we focus on Agatha's life in Devon. We meet in Torquay and explore the area where Agatha was both born and lived in for many years since her childhood. Several of the sites we visit were a source of inspiration for many of her books; the Imperial Hotel, visited by both Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple in the novels *Peril at End House* and *Sleeping Murder*, and Greenway House, the residence of Agatha and her second husband, the archaeologist Max Mallowan, that inspired *Dead Man's Folly* and *Five Little Pigs*. The Burgh Island Hotel was used by Agatha as the setting for her books *And Then There Were None* and *Evil Under The Sun*. We also pay a visit to the Torquay Museum, which is home to the only permanent gallery devoted to the life and works of the great Agatha Christie.

AGATHA CHRISTIE & MAX MALLOWAN IN LONDON

3 Days Departing May & August 2021 Activity Level
From \$870pp ●●○○○

Tour Highlights

- Gain insights into the archaeological work of Max Mallowan and view finds from his excavations in the British Museum
- Enjoy a walking tour of London, tracing the footsteps of murder mystery novelist Agatha Christie
- Get an introduction to the sources of inspiration of some of Agatha Christie's most well-known books

Agatha Christie, the 'queen of crime' and the best-selling author of all time, also went by the title Lady Mallowan and had a deep passion for archaeology. Her second marriage was to Max Mallowan, a famous British archaeologist who she met during a visit to the excavations at Ur, near Baghdad. During their life together, Agatha accompanied Max to several of his excavations in the Middle East. Here, she gained inspirations for some of her most popular novels such as *Murder in Mesopotamia* and her autobiographical account *Come, Tell Me How You Live*, where she wrote about her experiences on excavations and travels in Syria and Iraq in the 1930s. This tour sheds light on both the archaeological work of Max Mallowan and on Agatha Christie's life in London, viewing some of the places she lived at, worked at or used as inspiration for settings in her books.

NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Peter Berridge

An archaeologist with an interest in a wide range of subjects, Peter has worked on excavations in the UK.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at The Grand Hotel Torquay

Culinary inclusions

- 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
13th - 16th May	\$940	\$150
4th - 7th Aug	\$1,045	\$150

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/aacd

NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Peter Berridge

An archaeologist with an interest in a wide range of subjects, Peter has worked on excavations in the UK.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Grange Beauchamp Hotel London

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
18th - 20th May	\$910	\$315
9th - 11th Aug	\$870	\$305

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COLCHESTER - CAPITAL OF BRITANNIA

3 Days Departing June & October 2021

Activity Level

From \$670pp



Tour Highlights

- An in-depth exploration of the historically unique city of Colchester, the backdrop of the Boudiccan revolt
- Explore the Roman Circus, the only one in Britain, with the Director of the Colchester Archaeological Trust
- Visit Colchester Castle, built on the foundation of the Temple of Claudius and the museum's fine iron age artefacts

The first Roman capital of Britannia boasts some of the most important archaeological remains surviving from Roman Britain. Walking through the historic town, we will find notable highlights, including the foundations of the massive temple of Claudius, the earliest and some of the best-preserved Roman town walls, and also an exceptional collection of mosaics. The city also preserves remains of two theaters and the only known Roman circus in Britain. Camulodunum is mentioned by Pliny the Elder in what remains the oldest surviving reference to any town in Britain, thereby making Colchester the oldest recorded town in Britain. Camulodunum, meaning the fortress of Camulos, was the seat of the most powerful kings who ruled in Late Iron Age Britain, including Cunobelin. It is perhaps for this reason that Rome, in AD 49, established its first provincial capital here.

BEHIND THE SCENES IN ROMAN KENT

3 Days Departing June & September 2021

Activity Level

From \$750pp



Tour Highlights

- Explore the well-preserved Saxon Shore fort at Richborough, where archaeological investigation continues to this day
- Special access to the famous Painted House in Dover, where we will hear more about the archaeology of the site
- Admire the stunning fort and St. Mary's church at Reculver, so beautifully set on the north Kent coast

Roman Kent formed the vital link between the often-wayward province of Britannia and the continental Empire, with the English Channel the vital connective route between the two. Kent was not only densely populated, but was also the industrial heartland of Roman Britain - through to the mid-3rd century AD. This is a special behind the scenes tour of the region, led by Kentish Guide Lecturer Dr Simon Elliott. The focus is on the east of today's county, visiting, in close detail, two Saxon Shore fort sites including Reculver (Roman *Regulbium*) and Richborough (Roman *Rutupiae*). We also explore the Classis Britannica (CLBR) fort and naval base at Dover (Roman *Dubris*), and we complete our two-day tour of the region in the civitates capital of Roman Kent, Canterbury (Roman *Durovernum Cantiacorum*).

NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Peter Berridge

An archaeologist with an interest in a wide range of subjects, Peter has worked on excavations in the UK.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Grey Friars Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
25th - 27th Jun	\$670	\$235
1st - 3rd Oct	\$670	\$235

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NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Dr Simon Elliott

A best-selling author, Simon has written books on a variety of classical history subjects.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Canterbury

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
4th - 6th Jun	\$765	\$230
24th - 26th Sep	\$750	\$230

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/asrk

WARTIME BRITAIN

Dogfights and Double Agents

3 Days Departing March & June 2021

Activity Level

From \$885pp



Tour Highlights

- Guided tour of Bletchley Park grounds where the 'huts' used by the code-breakers have been reconstructed
- Visit Air Chief Marshal Dowding's office at Bentley Priory, from which he masterminded the air defense of Great Britain
- See the RAF Fighter Command's No. 11 Group Operations Room Bunker, the nerve center of the Battle of Britain

Much of the Second World War was fought on the Home Front, whether it was protecting the skies during the Battle of Britain or fighting the much more covert war of espionage and code-breaking. This tour explores nerve centers of the Battle of Britain, such as the headquarters of RAF Fighter Command, Bentley Priory and the Uxbridge Bunker, from where Air Vice-Marshal Park controlled the fight to protect London and the South-East of England. However, we start with the ultra-secret Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park to learn how German agents were turned to double-cross their paymasters in Berlin. Their success was measured by Bletchley Park's code-breakers. Our expert Guide Lecturer will also recount the amazing story of double agents. For decades, the heroics of double agents and code-breakers were unknown and went unrecognized. Now, we can finally tell their story.

VILLAS & PALACES OF ROMAN SUSSEX

3 Days Departing June & August 2021

Activity Level

From \$775pp



Tour Highlights

- Enjoy privileged behind the scenes access to Fishbourne Roman Villa, the largest Roman dwelling in Britain
- Visit the Novium Museum, which preserves the Roman Baths in Chichester – uncovered at the end of the 20th century
- Admire the stunning mosaics of the Roman Villa at Bignor, which are some of the best preserved in all of Britain

Villas were one of the major features of the *Romano-British* landscape and remain a constant source of fascination and debate. Questions remain about whether they were farms or great houses and whether their owners were *Romano-British* or whether they were absentees. More importantly, perhaps, the place of these establishments in the life of Roman Britain is still uncertain. This tour explores some of these complexities by visiting Fishbourne and Bignor in Sussex, two very different examples of *Romano-British* villas. The great palace at Fishbourne was founded very early on and contains rich mosaics and decoration, before being abandoned after a fire in the 3rd century AD. In contrast, Bignor Villa had a more typical development, beginning as a small farming establishment and then growing into a great courtyard villa with elaborate mosaics by the 4th century AD.

NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Colonel Paul Beaver

A member of No 601 Squadron Royal Auxiliary Air Force, Paul used to be a freelance war correspondent.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at St Michaels Manor Hotel, St Albans

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
1st - 3rd Mar	\$885	\$245
7th - 9th Jun	\$885	\$245

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NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Oliver Gilkes



Guided by Dr David Rudling

Price includes

- Two Expert Guide Lecturers, who will split the tour between them
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Chichester

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
18th - 20th Jun	\$775	\$250
20th - 22nd Aug	\$775	\$250

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/asrs

GREAT CATHEDRALS OF THE SOUTHWEST

3 Days Departing March & September 2021 **Activity Level**
From \$720pp ●●○○○

Tour Highlights

- Embark on expert-led tours of three extraordinary cathedrals, where we will explore their unique artefacts and histories
- In Salisbury, see one of the few original copies of the extraordinary Magna Carta, the legacy of which lives on
- Enjoy behind the scenes access to the art and architecture of magnificent national treasures

This tour, in the heart of southwest England, offers a memorable architectural journey around some of our most glorious cathedrals. From the Norman Conquest to the 16th century Reformation, we will tour the breadth of the Middle Ages, with behind the scenes access to these magnificent edifices. Immersed in the minds and lives of past masons and monarchs, this tour demonstrates how the extraordinary construction of the cathedrals was so intricately laced with the political, social, economic and cultural history of England. Salisbury, Winchester and Wells - each of the cathedrals is important, historically and architecturally, in its own right. Examine the lives, legends and scandals of the people who built these magnificent skyscrapers of glass and stone, and gain a peerless overview of the English cathedral, from pinnacle to crypt.

ALFRED'S CAMELOT

Explore the history of Winchester

3 Days Departing July & October 2021 **Activity Level**
From \$670pp ●●○○○

Tour Highlights

- Explore the Hospital of St. Cross and the Almshouse of Noble Poverty, Britain's most splendid medieval almshouse
- Visit Winchester Cathedral, where our expert Guide Lecturer will relate the history of the kings buried here
- Consider Arthurian legends associated with the city while viewing the Round Table in the Great Hall

Winchester, which began life as Roman Venta Belgarum, has a strong claim to being Britain's ancient capital city. In the chaos that followed the collapse of the Roman Empire in the West, Winchester was associated with Arthurian legends, most famously by Malory who identifies the city as Camelot. This was an idea that was embraced by kings thereafter, including Edward I who may have made the great Round Table - still seen in the Great Hall of Winchester Castle. The city's greatest claim to fame, however, comes from another king, Alfred, who placed Winchester at the heart of his Kingdom, reorganising its defenses and giving it a gridded street plan, which can still be seen today. This tour will explore Winchester's rich past, walking the streets that Alfred laid out and visiting the site of his final resting place, as well as those of other kings, including Canute and William Rufus.

NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Dr Emma Wells

A historian of architectural history at the University of York, Emma is also the author of many publications.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Red Lion Hotel, Salisbury

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
25th - 27th Mar	\$720	\$155
2nd - 4th Sep	\$775	\$170

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NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Dr Andy Fear

A Lecturer in Classics at the University of Manchester, Andy is primarily interested in Roman history.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Mercure Winchester Wessex Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
16th - 18th Jul	\$735	\$190
8th - 10th Oct	\$670	\$190

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T. E. LAWRENCE IN DORSET

3 Days Departing June 2021

From \$925pp

Activity Level



Tour Highlights

- Visits include Clouds Hill, the quirky home of T. E. Lawrence, his tomb effigy at Wareham and his burial place at Moreton
- An overview of Roman sites in Dorchester and special access to archive material at the Bovington Tank Museum
- A viewing of the iconic David Lean movie with commentary based on archaeological investigation of film location sites

Colonel T. E. Lawrence – ‘Lawrence of Arabia’ – was one of the greatest celebrities of the 20th century. He was also one of its most controversial figures – for some, a real-life hero and brilliant guerrilla commander, for others, a self-promoting charlatan. Lawrence’s character and role – in particular, the reliability of his famous war memoir, *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* – was a central question for the Great Arab Revolt Project, a 10-year investigation of the archaeology of ‘Lawrence of Arabia’s War’, co-directed by our Guide Lecturer, Dr Neil Faulkner. We will use our visits to ‘Lawrence sites’ in Dorset to explore the character and role of T. E. Lawrence, and to attempt to sift fact from fiction. Our tour will also include special access to Lawrence material held at the Tank Museum at Bovington as well as a fresh viewing of the iconic 1962 David Lean movie.

NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Dr Neil Faulkner

A Research Fellow at Bristol University, Neil is a specialist in Roman Anglo-Saxon and WWI archaeology.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Dorset

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
11th - 13th Jun	\$925	\$290

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EDGE OF EMPIRE

Romans in South Wales

3 Days Departing May & September 2021

From \$775pp

Activity Level



Tour Highlights

- Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the National Roman Legion Museum in Caerleon in the company of Dr Mark Lewis
- Visit the Roman legionary fortress at Caerleon, one of only three permanent fortresses in Britannia
- Explore Caerwent with its impressive Roman wall, often described as the most significant Roman wall in Britain

The most Westerly part of the Roman Empire, southeast Wales presents some of the finest Roman remains in the UK, which invite us to consider not only the lives of soldiers, but the lives of ordinary people in a Roman-British town. Caerleon, the headquarters for the Legio II Augusta, presents a number of photogenic remains, including barracks, baths and an amphitheater; it was also known by both Bede and Gildas, who described the martyrdoms of two saints, Julius and Aaron. In turn, Caerwent, the ancient town of Venta Silurum, built by Rome to accommodate the defeated Silures, is one of the hidden gems of Roman Britain, boasting the best-preserved Roman city wall in the country with magnificent projecting towers. We also visit Lydney, set in the southern fringe of the Forest of Dean, where an extensive Roman Temple complex was excavated by Sir Mortimer Wheeler in the 1920s.

NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Mark Corney

An archaeologist, broadcaster and former Senior Landscape Investigator.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at The Priory Caerleon

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
14th - 16th May	\$775	\$265
24th - 26th Sep	\$775	\$265

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/asse

YORK - FROM ROMAN TO VIKING

3 Days Departing March & August 2021 Activity Level
 From \$805pp ●●○○○

Tour Highlights

- Enjoy a special visit to the world-class Jorvik Center, with a behind the scenes visit including a handling session
- Explore the splendid Yorkshire Museum with a special access visit that gives an in-depth view of its unique artefacts
- Visit York Minster, one of the largest cathedrals in Northern Europe and built on the Roman legionary headquarters

On All Saints Day, 1 November 866, the great Viking army attacked and captured Eborac, capital of Northumbria – modern day York. This attack, followed 10 years later by permanent settlement here and a ‘sharing out of lands’ between the successful invaders, laid the foundation for the creation of the Viking city and kingdom of Jorvik. On this tour, which is led by former York City Archaeologist John Oxley, we will explore the city, looking in detail at the impact and legacy of the Viking settlers. We’ll consider what the city was like before the Vikings arrived and how it was transformed by the influx of triumphant Scandinavians into a city of culture and learning, epitomised by the work of Alcuin. York is a beautiful and complex historic city, which is also wonderfully set out for exploration on foot. The almost complete circuit of defenses enclose a city rich in archaeological stories.

NEW FOR 2021



Guided by John Oxley

Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, John has worked in York as City Archaeologist since 1989.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in York

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
19th - 21st Mar	\$805	\$230
13th - 15th Aug	\$845	\$250

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/asvi

PREHISTORIC ROCK ART & LANDSCAPES

4 Days Departing May & July 2021 Activity Level
 From \$1,315pp ●●○○○

Tour Highlights

- Visit the prehistoric stone circle at Temple Wood, which date from 3,000 BC and boast unique spiral carvings
- See the Achnabreck Cup and Ring Marks, some of the finest examples of prehistoric carved rock art in Britain
- Discover the elaborate and enigmatic carved rocks at Baluacraig and the Iron Age rock art at Cairnbaan

The enchanting Kilmartin Glen, on Scotland’s west coast, plays host to one of the richest and best preserved prehistoric landscapes in Britain. One of the earliest places in Scotland to be farmed, it formed a ritual center that served and connected far-flung prehistoric agricultural communities for thousands of years. The extraordinary concentration of Neolithic and Bronze Age burial monuments, standing stones and rock art in the glen and surrounding hills testifies to the importance of this area 5,500-3,500 years ago. Excavations have also recovered a wealth of material from below the ground, including a rich array of weapons, pottery and jewelry from the monumental Early Bronze Age cairns aligned along the valley floor. The impressive Kilmartin landscape has been shaped continually since the Bronze Age by the shifting forces of economics, political power and social development.

NEW FOR 2021



Guided by Dr Tertia Barnett

A Honorary Research Fellow at Edinburgh University, Tertia is also an archaeologist specializing in rock art.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Kilmartin Glen

Culinary inclusions

- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
13th - 16th May	\$1,315	\$400
30th Jul - 2nd Aug	\$1,315	\$400

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PREHISTORIC WESSEX

Stonehenge, Avebury and West Kennet long barrow

3 Days From \$1,020pp

Departing June 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

Wessex's rolling chalk downlands were once the ceremonial heartland of prehistoric Britain – focus of such intense ritual activity that the resulting monuments have defined this area ever since. Henges, causewayed camps, burial mounds, early field systems, and even 'cursus' monuments are scattered everywhere, forming a distinct landscape of rites and ritual.

Tour Highlights

- Enjoy a visit to the world-famous site of Stonehenge
- View the Bush Barrow gold at the award-winning Wiltshire Museum
- Discover one of the best preserved and largest henges in Europe at Avebury

Day One | Salisbury

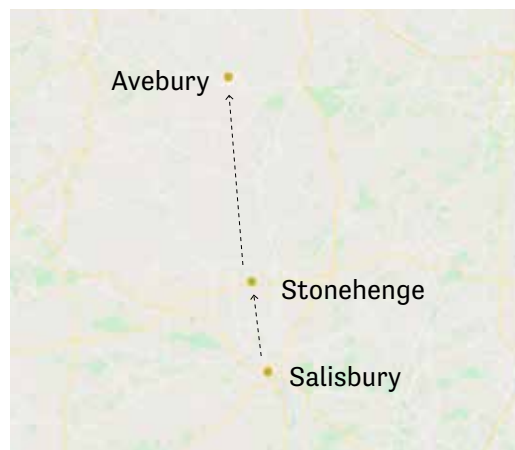
We meet in Salisbury as a group for an introductory lecture at our hotel ahead of our first dinner together.

Day Two | Avebury

Our day begins at the great henge of **Avebury**, so huge that part of the modern village still lies within it. From here, we walk to **West Kennet long barrow**, a Neolithic chambered tomb. We also pass by the still mysterious **Silbury Hill**, which is known for being the largest man-made mound in all of Europe. Later today, we pay a visit to the **Wiltshire Museum**, which houses the collection of Bronze Age gold found buried with a chieftan who died c.1950 BCE, at a time when Stonehenge was at the center of an internationally important ceremonial landscape. The most remarkable discovery was a gold-studded dagger pommel, set with thousands of microscopic gold studs – thinner than a strand of human hair.

Day Three | Salisbury

This morning we visit the world-famous site of **Stonehenge** – an extraordinary construction that still causes controversy today. Our understanding of this site is still changing following recent excavations at the quarries in Preseli, from where the bluestones were brought from 180 miles away. We walk through the wider prehistoric landscape – the cursus, King Barrow and the avenue – before lunch. Later on, we visit **Salisbury Museum** to discover artefacts on display at the excellent Wessex Gallery. After this, our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Mark Corney

An archaeologist, broadcaster and former Senior Landscape Investigator.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Salisbury

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
4th - 6th Jun	\$1,020	\$265

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THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE ISLE OF MAN

Discover a wealth of sites across a wide range of history

6 Days From \$2,290pp

Departing September 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

Ellan Vannin – the Isle of Man – boasts a rich archaeological heritage from the Neolithic period and the Iron Age, a Celtic and Norse past, and times under the control of the Earls of Derby, the Dukes of Athol and then the British Crown. Add in the Great Laxey Wheel and Archibald Knox, and you'll wonder why you've not explored this unique destination before.

Tour Highlights

- Discover a Viking ship burial at Balladoole
- View striking examples of Celtic and Norse crosses
- Pay a visit to Tynwald Hill, one of the island's most distinctive landmarks
- See the world's largest working waterwheel at Laxey

Day One | Douglas

We meet at our hotel in Douglas. There will be a welcome lecture before dinner, which will give us an interesting introduction to the surrounding area.

Day Two | King Orry's Grave - Kirk Andreas

This morning we pay a visit to **King Orry's grave**, a Neolithic chambered cairn, the Neolithic tombs at **Cashtal yn Ard**, and **Ballafayle**, which is also a Quaker burial ground. **Kirk Andreas** houses cross-slabs dating from the 7th to 11th centuries and **Kirk Maughold** is the site of an early monastery with Celtic and Norse memorials.

Day Three | Peel - Tynwald Hill

Today, we start with the Neo-Gothic **Kirk Michael church**, which boasts an impressive collection of Norse crosses. Then we explore **Peel Castle**, which was originally constructed by Vikings in the 11th century, before moving on to the **House of Manannan museum**. Here, we will be guided through the island's fascinating maritime, Viking and Celtic past. We also visit Tynwald Hill, which still plays a prominent role in Manx government, and **Saint Trinian's** medieval church at the foot of Greeba

Hill. This particular structure is known in Manx as the 'Keil Brisht'.

Day Four | Balladoole - St. Michael's Isle

First up this morning is a visit to the Neolithic **Meayll Circle**, which is believed to have been built thousands of years ago, and also the village folk museum in **Cregneash**. Then it's on to **Chapel Hill** in Balladoole to see an Iron Age fort, a Viking ship burial and a Celtic/Norse chapel. Afterwards, we visit **Castle Rushen** in Castletown and **Rushen Abbey** in Ballasalla before the chapel and **Derby Fort** on St. Michael's Isle.

Day Five | Laxey Wheel

Our day begins at the **Great Laxey Wheel** – the world's largest working waterwheel, which is also often fondly referred to as Lady Isabella and was built back in 1854. Moving on via Cronkbourne village, we visit **Braddan cemetery** and the **Old Kirk Braddan** to see the Braddan crosses. Afterwards, at the **Manx Museum**, we will have lunch and some free time to explore.

Day Six | Douglas

After breakfast this morning, our tour comes to a close. We make our independent journeys home.



Guided by Andrew Foxon

Andrew has many years of experience within the museum sector on the Isle of Man.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Regency Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
6th - 11th Sep	\$2,290	\$205

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FALCO'S BRITANNIA

Exploring Roman Britain with Lindsey Davis

6 Days From \$3,370pp

Departing July 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

This tour offers the chance to visit some of the most important sites in Roman Britain alongside both an award-winning novelist and a well-known archaeologist. Our Guide Lecturer, Denise Allen, will provide us with cutting-edge commentary on the sites, while Lindsey Davis will give insights into how she conceived her *Falco* and *Albia* series.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the luxurious Roman palace at Fishbourne
- Visit two superb Roman villas on the Isle of Wight
- Enjoy the sacred, healing complex around the hot springs of Roman Bath
- Discover everyday life in Roman Londinium at the Museum of London and other surviving sites in the city



Day One | London

Our day starts with a visit to the **Museum of London**. Here, we view wonderful everyday artefacts like leather undergarments and a garum amphora. Next, we visit the **Billingsgate Roman baths and Mithraeum**.

Day Two | Welwyn - St Albans

We start with a visit to the **Roman baths at Welwyn**, just north of the modern-day Welwyn Garden City. We proceed to the ancient site of **Verulamium**, where we visit the theater, the only visible one of its kind in England. Our final visit of the day is to the **Verulamium Museum**, where we will see its colorful mosaics and displays of everyday objects.

Day Three | Butser - Fishbourne

We travel to **Butser Ancient Farm**, to explore reconstructed *Romano-British* housing, before proceeding to Chichester, where we see remnants of the heartland of **King Togidubnus**. We end the day at **Fishbourne**, the backdrop of a *Falco* novel, and believed by many to be Togidubnus' palace, the opulence of which is evidenced by its extraordinary mosaics.

Day Four | Isle of Wight

We venture to the Isle of Wight to visit **Brading Villa**, which has some of the most interesting mosaics in Britain, including the intriguing depiction of a man with a cockerel's head. We continue on to **Newport Villa**, grand enough to be glazed and to have frescoes as well as a bath complex.

Day Five | Portchester - Old Sarum

This morning we head to **Portchester Castle**, the finest preserved Roman fortress in Northern Europe. Built in the end of the 3rd century, it was strategically placed to defend the coast from pirates. We continue to **Old Sarum** to consider the role this incredible fort played in the Roman period.

Day Six | Bath - Charterhouse

The bathing complex in **Bath**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is intriguing for conflating a bathing complex with a sacred spring to the goddess Sulis. Our final visit is closely linked to the first *Falco* novel, namely the mines at **Charterhouse**, whose extraction of silver and lead was important for the payment of Roman soldiers.



Guided by Dr Denise Allen

A specialist in Roman glass, Denise studied archaeology at Cardiff University.



Special Guest Lindsey Davis

Lindsey Davis is a novelist best known for her Roman detectives, Marcus Didius Falco and Flavia Albia.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in London, Portsmouth & Bath

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
12th - 17th Jul	\$3,370	\$700

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LONDON THROUGH THE AGES

Discover a wealth of intriguing history

3 Days From \$1,210pp

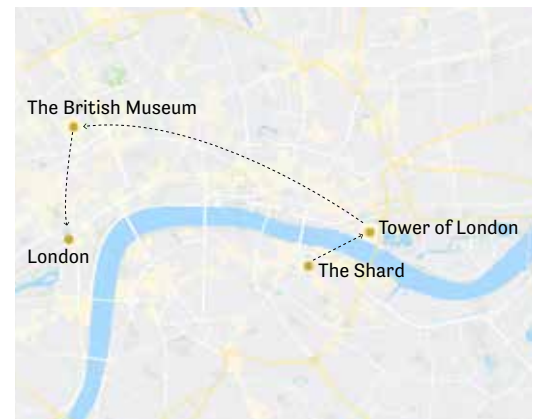
Departing March & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The City of London and Southwark have a history that extends back over 2,000 years. On a walking tour, we will explore this complex and beautiful area from its earliest beginnings and will focus on the city's Roman and medieval past before coming face-to-face with the modern city.

Tour Highlights

- Walk along the remains of the London wall and discover other Roman sites hidden beneath modern street level
- Visit the remains of the Rose Theater, a site that our expert guide was personally involved in preserving
- Get a glimpse of medieval London during a cruise along the River Thames



Day One | London

We arrive independently in London and meet at our hotel. This evening, we will start our tour with an introductory lecture from John Oxley FSA, former York City Archaeologist, which will set the background for the visits over the next few days.

Day Two | London

We start our day with a visit to the **British Museum**. The Weston Gallery holds some of the most important objects from Roman Britain. We will go on to explore Roman London, looking at remains of the **London wall**, the **Roman amphitheater** and the site of the original Roman London bridge. After lunch, we continue to **All Hallows by the Tower**, where we will view the Saxon and Roman finds on display in the Crypt Museum, as well as part of a Roman pavement. We will then go into the **Tower of London**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of England's most iconic structures. Afterwards, we will board a river cruiser and follow the **Thames** to Westminster.

Day Three | London

We start with an ascent of **the Shard** for an excellent overview of London. Southwark was the center of theatrical London in the 16th century. We will visit the remains of the **Rose Theater** where we can look at Shakespeare's London and also discuss the ethics of archaeological preservation. In 1989, our expert guide John Oxley was a key adviser to Southwark Council when the controversy over the Rose Theater made national and international headlines. We will then make our way to **Smithfield** where we will begin our exploration of this part of the East End of London on foot. Arriving in Spitalfields, we pay a visit to the **Dennis Severs' House**. We will then continue our exploration of Smithfield and Whitechapel, taking in the historic streets and buildings, and paying a visit to the Ten Bells pub, famed for its association with a victim of Jack the Ripper. Our tour ends this afternoon and we travel home independently.



Guided by John Oxley

Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, John has worked in York as City Archaeologist since 1989.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Grange Beauchamp Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
24th - 26th Mar	\$1,210	\$315
1st - 3rd Sep	\$1,210	\$315

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/alta



ARCHAEOLOGY & GHOSTS IN EAST ANGLIA

M. R. James & the supernatural

4 Days From \$1,465pp

Departing November 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

East Anglia's rich archaeological heritage exists alongside fables, legends and stories, exemplified by the ghost stories of M. R. James. As a Cambridge-based archaeologist, medievalist and curator, James was born and bred in the region, and was privy to its odd corners and folklore. Join us as we take a peep behind the curtain into pandemonium

Tour Highlights

- Explore the Neolithic flint mines at Grime's Graves
- Visit the reconstructed Saxon village at West Stow
- Listen to the haunting classic ghost stories in atmospheric surroundings
- Tour Sutton Hoo, the burial place of kings and Britain's richest archaeological find



Day One | Cambridge

We arrive in Cambridge and take an orientation walk around this great university city. An evening presentation on M. R. James includes a reading of "Oh Whistle, and I'll Come to You, My Lad" perhaps his greatest story – a warning of the dangers of archaeology.

Day Two | Fitzwilliam Museum

This morning we visit the **Fitzwilliam Museum**, where M. R. James was Director, and where he most likely composed "Canon Alberic's Scrapbook" – a tale of the dangers awaiting bibliophiles. On to **King's College Chapel**, the setting for the story "A Night in King's College Chapel" and, after lunch, we walk past the Cambridge University Library, which James borrowed for the setting of the story "The Tractate Middoth," a terrible admonition about returning library books! Next, we pay a visit to the Pepys Library in **Magdalene College**, the model for all subsequent gentlemen's libraries so familiar to James. Tonight there will be a reading of "Canon Alberic's scrapbook".

Day Three | Bury St. Edmunds

We start by visiting **Bury St. Edmunds** and the ruin of the great Benedictine abbey. From here, we drive to **West Stow**, where excavations in the 1980s brought to light a remarkable Saxon village of the migration years. After lunch, we head to **Grime's Graves** to visit a Neolithic flint mine. Later, we drive via Great Livermere (where James' father was Rector) to Scole. This evening, we'll hear a story about the dangers of illicit excavation in burial mounds, entitled "A Warning to the Curious".

Day Four | Sutton Hoo - Cambridge

Our last day begins with a trip to the coast and **Aldeburgh**, the seaside town James used as inspiration for last night's story, among others. We explore some of James' haunts – the **Martello Tower**, the **White Lion Hotel** and the curiosity shop. After lunch, we go on to see some burial mounds at **Sutton Hoo**, the great royal necropolis of East Anglia – burial place of King Redwald, the richest burial ever found in England – with its new visitor center. We return to Cambridge for our onward journeys.



Guided by Oliver Gilkes

Oliver has worked as a field and museum archaeologist in the UK, Albania and Italy.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hilton Cambridge City Center & Hotel Diss by Verve

Culinary inclusions

- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
29th Nov - 2nd Dec	\$1,465	\$340

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/amrj



THE KINGDOM OF NORTHUMBRIA

Kings & clerics of the north

5 Days From \$1,480pp

Departing June & September 2021

Activity Level ●○○○○

In an era of warfare, raiders and ruthless kings, northern England occupied a place on an international stage that positioned it alongside the great powers of the continent. The kingdom of Northumbria dominated the north and under its kings Edwin, Oswald, Ivar the Boneless and Eric Bloodaxe, it held primacy over Anglo-Viking Britain.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the landmark buildings of medieval York and admire the Norman architecture of Durham Cathedral
- View the abbey of Monkwearmouth-Jarrow, once home of the Venerable Bede, “The Father of English History”
- Journey to the Holy Isle to visit the famous monastery of Lindisfarne, raided by Vikings in AD 793

Day One | York

We arrive independently in York and gather in our hotel. This afternoon will be spent exploring the heart of the medieval city, capital of Northumbria. We walk to see York Minster with its awe-inspiring stained-glass windows. Before dinner, there will be an introductory lecture.

Day Two | York - Durham

This morning, we will walk through the city of York and explore its medieval city walls. We continue to the **Yorkshire Museum** to view its superb collection of finds from Roman Anglian and Viking York, and from the golden era of medieval York. In the afternoon, we will walk to **Coppergate** and the **Jorvik center**, where ground-breaking excavations in the 1970s uncovered rich evidence for the early city. In the afternoon, we journey on to **Durham** and enjoy a city walk before we head to our next hotel.

Day Three | Hexham - Durham

In the morning we will drive to explore **Hexham Abbey**. After our return to Durham, we will visit the Norman

magnificence of **Durham Cathedral**, one of the best preserved Norman buildings in Europe. Inside the building with its piers and towers are the tombs of St. Cuthbert and St. Bede. In the afternoon we will visit **Durham Castle**, where the bishop, the Royal warden in the north, held power from the 11th century.

Day Four | Jarrow - Lindisfarne

We drive to Jarrow to visit the remains of **St. Paul's Monastery**, once Bede's home monastery and where amazingly some of the original buildings remain standing around the later church. In the afternoon we journey to Holy Isle, **Lindisfarne**, where St. Cuthbert's community produced masterpieces like the Lindisfarne gospels.

Day Five | Escomb - Brompton - York

On our journey back to York, our first stop will be at **Escomb Saxon Church**. We then drive to **Brompton**. Here, in the churchyard, are the famous hogbacks – Anglo-Viking tombstones formed in the shape of an early medieval longhouse or hall being savaged by fierce bears. Around lunchtime we will be back in York, where the tour ends.



Guided by John Oxley

Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, John has worked in York as City Archaeologist since 1989.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at The Grange Hotel York & the Best Western Beamish Hall Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
7th - 11th Jun	\$1,480	\$270
20th - 24th Sep	\$1,480	\$270

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HENRY VIII

The making of a tyrant

4 Days From \$3,100pp

Departing July & September 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

Travel with a leading authority on Tudor history - Dr Suzannah Lipscomb, former curator at Hampton Court Palace – as we chart the rise and fall of Henry VIII. We examine loves, politics and perils at Henry’s court, along with war, the dissolution of the monasteries, the establishment of the Church of England, and of course Henry’s colorful marital history.

Tour Highlights

- Enjoy private access to the childhood home of Anne Boleyn at Hever Castle
- Travel with award-winning historian and Tudor expert Dr Suzannah Lipscomb
- Discover the fascinating history of Charterhouse, former Carthusian Monastery in London



Day One | London

We begin with a visit to the Tudor gallery at the **National Portrait Gallery** to view the magnificent Holbein portraits, including his iconic portrayal of Henry VIII, for which he is of course most famous. We continue to the **Charterhouse Monastery and Museum**, which after its dissolution was surrendered to Henry VIII in 1537. The buildings were used for storage of the royal tents and pavilions. We spend the rest of the afternoon at the **Tower of London**, where having moved heaven and earth to be with her, Henry VIII had Anne Boleyn beheaded on 19 May 1536.

Day Two | Hampton Court

We spend our day at the beautiful **Hampton Court**. Originally begun by Cardinal Wolsey in the early 16th century, it was later remodelled by Henry VIII, who made many additions to the palace and laid out the overall plan for the gardens, the basic structure of which is still seen today. We examine the architecture, visit the kitchens as well as State Apartments and the Young Henry VIII exhibition to look at the

nature of his court and how the palace functioned. We also trace the stories of Henry’s last four wives through their associations with the palace.

Day Three | Hever Castle

Today, we visit Anne Boleyn’s childhood home at **Hever Castle**, situated in the lovely Kent countryside. Some believe that Anne was born at Hever though there is little evidence to suggest this. After Anne’s relationship with Henry Percy was abruptly ended, she once again took up residence at Hever and was later visited there by Henry VIII. Anne owned the house until her death in 1557, when it was given to Anne of Cleves as part of the divorce settlement. We take a special guided tour of the house and later explore the extensive award-winning gardens.

Day Four | Windsor Castle

On our last day, we end with a guided tour of **Windsor Castle**, finishing up at the perpendicular chapel of St. George’s at Windsor and the simple black marble slab that marks the resting place of Henry and his third wife, Jane Seymour.



Guided by Dr Suzannah Lipscomb

Historian, broadcaster, and award-winning author Suzannah is a highly regarded specialist on the Tudor period

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at The Lensbury

Culinary inclusions

- 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
20th - 23rd Jul	\$3,100	\$255
16th - 19th Sep	\$3,100	\$255

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RICHARD III

Hero or villain?

8 Days From \$4,165pp

Departing July 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The dramatic discovery of the skeleton of Richard III beneath a Leicester car park in 2012 made the news around the world. This wide-ranging tour of all the significant surviving sites linked with Richard takes in battlefields, castles, cathedrals and churches, and it culminates in a visit to the King's striking new tomb.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the King Richard III Visitor Center and Bosworth battlefield
- Visit Fotheringhay Church and the remains of the castle where Richard III was born in 1452
- Journey into the beautiful Yorkshire Dales in search of sites connected with the young Richard III



Day One | York

We meet the group at our hotel in York. After lunch, we take a walking tour of the city, including the new **Richard III Museum** and **Micklegate Bar**.

Day Two | Middleham

We travel to **Sheriff Hutton**. Here, we view the impressive ruins of the castle and the Grade I-listed parish church. In the afternoon, we continue to the great **castle of Middleham**. Located in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales, Richard spent much of his childhood here.

Day Three | Fotheringhay

Today, we visit the remains of **Sandal Castle** and the **battlefield of Wakefield** before continuing to **Towton**. Later we arrive at **Fotheringhay**, Richard's birthplace in 1452 and also where Mary, Queen of Scots stood trial and was later executed.

Day Four | Northampton - London

Drive to London via **Stony Stratford** and the two **battlefields of St Albans**. Next, we tour **Westminster Abbey**, scene of the coronations of all of the monarchs involved in the Wars of the Roses.

Day Five | London

Our day starts at the **Tower of London**, where Richard's brother, George, was famously drowned in a butt of Malmsey wine and where Richard ordered the execution of his former ally William, Lord Hastings, in 1483. We end our day at **St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle**, where we visit the tombs of Henry VI and Edward IV.

Day Six | London - Tewkesbury

En route to Tewkesbury, we stop in **Salisbury** to visit the scene of the execution by Richard of his former henchman, Henry Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, in 1483. Later, we visit Tewkesbury's '**bloody meadow**' before ending our day at **Tewkesbury Abbey**.

Day Seven | Tewkesbury - Leicester

We drive to **Bosworth** and tour the interactive **Bosworth Battlefield Center**. We continue to nearby Leicester where we visit the superb **Richard III Center**, before paying our respects at his modern tomb in **Leicester Cathedral**.

Day Eight | Leicester

Discover the ruins at **Kirby Muxloe castle** before our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Dr Michael Jones

Author and presenter, Michael is a leading military historian with a special interest in Richard III.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in York, Bedford, London, Windsor, Tewkesbury & Leicester

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twinn/Dbl Share	SS
3rd - 10th Jul	\$4,165	\$985

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WALKING HADRIAN'S WALL

Discover the archaeological remains at Vindolanda

9 Days From \$3,100pp

Departing September 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

Crossing wild and beautiful terrain, the Hadrian's Wall footpath covers the shortest distance coast-to-coast across the country. This is a real walking vacation of up to 7 miles traveled per day – a wonderful way to chart the entire length of the frontier, in the footsteps of the Romans. Pass forts, mile castles and fine museums as we make our way from west to east.

Tour Highlights

- Walk along the largest unbroken section of Hadrian's Wall
- Search deeper into the rich Roman history of this unique area
- Explore Birdoswald, where we will discover its fort and museum
- Walk this legendary route in the company of an expert guide, who knows its stories and history inside and out



Day One | Wetheral

Our journey begins in the Cumbrian village of **Wetheral**, perched high on the banks of the River Eden. We check in to our hotel, where we meet our group and guide lecturer. This evening we enjoy an introductory talk about the history of Hadrian's Wall – an engaging taster of what is to come.

Day Two | Tullie House Museum

This morning we drive to **Bowness-on-Solway** where our walk begins. We wander along the shore of the Solway Firth toward **Burgh-by-Sands**. The day ends with a visit to **Tullie House Museum** in Carlisle. (c 7.2 miles)

Day Three | Birdoswald

We start at **Lanercost Priory**, built from stone taken from Hadrian's Wall, and then stroll via **Haytongate**, **Hare Hill** and the **Banks Turret** to **Birdoswald**. Later, we explore Roman remains at Birdoswald fort. An auxiliary unit of Dacians (from modern Romania) formed the garrison. (c 5 miles)

Day Four | Carvoran

We return to Birdoswald and begin walking towards **Thirlwell** along the longest unbroken section of Hadrian's Wall. After a short drive, we stop at **Carvoran** to explore the notable collections at the Roman Army Museum. We continue towards **Burnhead** to view the quarry. (c. 6 miles)

Day Five | Vindolanda

Our morning begins with a visit to **Vindolanda**, in the heart of the Northumberland National Park. The earliest remains of the fort here predate Hadrian's Wall, and were first established in approximately AD 85 – the timber huts from this era are now buried in the waterlogged soil. The fort was subsequently demolished and rebuilt nine times, and foundations of its stone constructions are still visible for us to explore. Highlights include the well-preserved 3rd century bath house, and the remnants of the only temple dedicated to a Roman deity to have ever been found in a Roman auxiliary complex. After lunch, we drive to **Steel Rigg**, a dramatic crag with views of the rugged countryside. We pick up our trail and make our way to **Housesteads Roman Fort** to finish the day, viewing the remains and the museum here. (c 3.5 miles)

Day Six | Chesters

We lace up our boots for a visit to the fort and mithraeum at **Carrawburgh**, our starting point for today. It is thought that this elegant temple was built by Roman soldiers in around AD 200, as its three altars, dedicated to the bull-slaying god Mithras, were all inscribed from commanding officers. A nymphaeum, or natural grotto, was also located here, though no visible traces remain. This afternoon we stride out to **Chesters** on the bank of the North Tyne River, enjoying the fresh country air and changing views. At Chesters we are rewarded with a visit to the most complete Roman cavalry fort in the country, **Cilurnum**. The site, maintained by English Heritage, features an extensive collection of artefacts, a fine bath building and officers' quarters. (3.5 mile walk)

Day Seven | Corbridge

This morning, we drive out to **Heavenfield** and trek to **Port Gate**, the site of a fortified gateway controlling traffic along Dere Street, the Roman road that ran north to the Firth of Forth. Following lunch, a drive to Corbridge takes us to a once vibrant Roman town and major military depot. We view artefacts at the museum. We then walk along the River Tyne to **Corbridge**, to see the preserved Roman bridge abutment and reused Roman masonry in the Anglo-Saxon church. (c 5 miles)



Image: Housesteads Roman Fort

Day Eight | Benwell

Starting our tour at **Whittle Dene Reservoir** this morning, we wander to **Heddon-on-the-Wall**, where we see a well-preserved stretch of the wall. This substantial structure demonstrates how thick the wall was meant to be, showing it at its original planned width of two meters. A medieval kiln and circular chambers are also visible here. Later we view the surviving wall that stretches around Denton, before continuing to the **Temple at Benwell**, dedicated to the local god Antenociticus, a deity thought to have been involved with military affairs. With the majority of our leg-work now behind us, tonight we kick off our hiking gear and enjoy a well-earned dinner to mark the last night of our vacation with the group. (c 4.5 mile walk)

Day Nine | Segedunum

Our journey from coast to coast is almost at an end. We enjoy a gentle walk from Scotswood to the remains of the Roman fort at Newcastle, on the banks of the River Tyne. From here, we board a metro to the **Great North Museum**, which was built for Northumbria's natural history collection in 1884. Alongside fantastic fossil galleries and displays about the living planet we find a detailed Hadrian's Wall exhibition, where treasures and stories abound. Our final destination is Wallsend, where we visit the site of **Segedunum**, the most completely excavated fort on Hadrian's Wall, which once housed troops from mainland North Europe. An interactive museum reveals what life would have been like for a cavalry officer at the height of the garrison's powers. The adventure comes to an end at the seaside town of South Shields, where we say our goodbyes and head home. (3 mile walk)



Guided by Tony Wilmott

Senior Archaeologist at Historic England, Tony has directed numerous excavations and is an acknowledged expert on the wall.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Crown Hotel Wetheral & the Beaumont Hotel Hexham

Culinary inclusions

- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 8 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
6th - 14th Sep	\$3,100	\$615

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HIGHLIGHTS OF HADRIAN'S WALL

Explore the north-west frontier of the Roman Empire

6 Days From \$2,330pp

Departing June 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

Hadrian's Wall and the history of the Romans in Britain is as fascinating as ever. For those who wish to explore the former Roman frontier, but with less walking involved, we are delighted to offer this alternative tour. Join our expert guide lecturer on this unique trip from coast to coast, enjoying unparalleled first-hand insights along the way.

Tour Highlights

- See the new Hadrian's Wall gallery at the fantastic Tullie House Museum
- Visit the Temple of Mithras at Carrawburgh and take a tour of Vindolanda
- Explore Hadrian's Wall and its forts during this more relaxed walking tour
- View the Walls Castle bath house at Ravenglass, one of the tallest surviving Roman structures



Day One | Wetheral

We meet at our hotel this afternoon before we enjoy an introductory lecture and dinner together as a group.

Day Two | Swarthy Hill - Ravenglass

Today we look at the little-visited western flank of the Hadrian's Wall frontier. In the morning, we start at the Roman fort **Swarthy Hill** (milefortlet 21). In the afternoon we drive to **Ravenglass**, the southernmost fort on the frontier system, to see the Walls Castle Roman bath house – one of the highest-standing surviving Roman structures in Britain.

Day Three | Birdoswald - Tullie House

We drive along Hadrian's Wall, pausing at **Turret 52a**, **Banks East** and the pre-wall **Pike Hill turret**. We begin at **Milecastle 48**, **Polcross Burn**, and walk 1 mile to **Birdoswald Fort**, via **Turrets 48a** and **48b**, the bridge at **Willowford** and **Milecastle 49**, **Harrows Scar**. In the afternoon we visit **Tullie House Museum** – one of the two major Hadrian's Wall museums – and its new gallery.

Day Four | Housesteads - Chesters

Today, we see the iconic central sector

of the wall. In the morning, we visit the **Temple of Mithras** at the fort of **Carrawburgh**, followed by **Housesteads Roman Fort and Museum**. From here, we walk three miles across the grandiose crags of the Great Whin Sill, passing **Milecastle 37** and **39**, towards Steel Rigg. Our day ends with a visit to the fort of **Chesters**.

Day Five | Vindolanda - Corbridge

The Stanegate was the Trajanic frontier pre-dating Hadrian's Wall, and today we visit its key sites. We spend an entire morning at **Vindolanda**, famous for its unique collection of Roman ink writing tablets. We visit the extensive and ongoing excavations and the superb museum. In the afternoon, we travel to the Roman site of **Corbridge** with its fascinating museum.

Day Six | Newcastle

On our final day, we drive to **Wallsend - Segedunum**, to visit the most completely excavated Roman fort on the line, the museum and also the reconstructed bath house. We continue to the museum of the eastern flank of the Wall, the Great North Museum in Newcastle, before our tour ends.



Guided by Mark Corney

An archaeologist, broadcaster and former Senior Landscape Investigator.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Crown Hotel Wetheral & the Beaumont Hotel Hexham

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
27th Jun - 2nd Jul	\$2,330	\$405

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/ahah



THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF MACBETH

An exploration of the myth-making of 11th century Scotland

8 Days From \$3,640pp

Departing May 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Untangle the story of Macbeth and learn the truth behind the play through an exploration of James I and witchcraft in Scotland. This tour provides an insight to early Scottish history, from the Picts to the consolidation of Macbeth's power. Along the way, we will visit sites in Scotland that you never knew existed.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the history of Scottish royalty in palaces such as Glamis, Scone and Holyrood
- Explore little-known sites in Scotland, such as Birnie Kirk, Mortlach Parish Church and Spynie Palace
- Admire romantic ruins in Scotland such as St. Andrews Cathedral and Dunkeld Cathedral



Day One | Edinburgh

We meet in Edinburgh and spend the afternoon exploring the **National Museum of Scotland** and **Edinburgh Castle**, birthplace of James I and home to the Stone of Destiny.

Day Two | Edinburgh

Today, we explore the **Royal Mile** taking in **St. Giles' Cathedral** and the **John Knox House**. We continue to the **Palace of Holyrood House** to consider the turbulent life of James' mother Mary.

Day Three | Dunfermline & St. Andrews

Our day starts with a visit to **Dunfermline Abbey and Palace**, founded by Malcolm's heir, David I. We lunch at **Lochleven**, and then spend our afternoon at **St. Andrews Cathedral** and **St. Andrews Castle**.

Day Four | Perth

We spend the morning at **Scone Palace**, the center of Scottish Kingship. This afternoon we visit **Dunkeld Cathedral**, where we discover the history behind King Duncan and Malcolm. We end the day in **Perth**, examining the Pictish Symbol Stones at the museum.

Day Five | Perth - Elgin

We pass the **Hill of Dunsinane** before visiting **Meikle Museum**, dedicated to the early medieval Picts. We continue to **Glamis Castle** and to the heart of Macbeth's ancestral territory: the **Peel of Lumphanan**, **Macbeth's stone** and **Mortlach Parish Church**, a site of religious significance in Macbeth's day.

Day Six | Elgin

Today, we consider Macbeth and his mysterious Queen, Guroch, at the Celtic Christian sites of **Birnie Kirk** and **Spynie Palace**. We take in the impressive Pictish **Sueno Symbol Stone**, the Pictish **Burghead Fort** and the historic ruin of **Elgin Cathedral**. We end the day with a private visit to **Elgin Museum**.

Day Seven | Elgin

Explore the myth of Macbeth and its historic city starting at **Cawdor Castle**. After lunch, we journey to Rosemarkie to view the Pictish art in the **Groam House Museum**.

Day Eight | Edinburgh

We begin our journey back to Edinburgh stopping for lunch en route.



Guided by Elizabeth Cory Lopez

Having taught on the archaeology of Scotland, Elizabeth now has 20 years' experience as a professional guide.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Glasshouse Hotel Edinburgh, The Royal George Hotel Perth & The Mansfield Hotel Elgin

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
16th - 23rd May	\$3,640	\$635

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ORKNEY & SHETLAND

Heartland of the Neolithic north

11 Days From \$4,420pp

Departing May & July 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

The islands beyond the northernmost tip of Scotland glory in some of the most beautiful and rugged landscapes in the world, and the area has been deemed an archaeologists' paradise. During the Neolithic and Early Bronze Age, the local people were among the first in all of Britain to begin building megalithic chamber tombs and later henge monuments.

Tour Highlights

- Visit the world famous Neolithic dwellings at Skara Brae
- Pay a visit to Maeshowe, one of Europe's finest Neolithic chambered cairns
- Admire the megalithic Standing Stones of Stenness and discover the enigmatic Ring of Brodgar
- Explore the Prehistoric and Norse Settlement of Jarlshof, with its remarkably well-preserved wheelhouses

Day One | Lerwick

We meet at our hotel on Shetland.

Day Two | Old Scatness - Mousa Broch

We travel to **Old Scatness**, an Iron Age broch and extensive settlement site. Next, we visit the amazing site of **Jarlshof** before continuing on to **Mousa Broch**, the unique Iron Age tower structure - the tallest surviving in Scotland.

Day Three | Underhoull - Muness Castle

Today, we see Viking houses at **Underhoull**, the replica Viking house and ship at Brookpoint, and **Muness Castle** at Skaw.

Day Four | Scord of Brouster

This morning, we drive out to **Standydale Temple**. Next, we visit the **Scord of Brouster**, the **Shetland Museum** and the **Broch of Clickhimin**.

Day Five | Scalloway

We explore **St. Ninian's Isle** and the **South Voe Croft Museum**. Next, we spend the afternoon at **Scalloway Museum** and then take an evening ferry to Orkney.

Day Six | Maeshowe - Ring of Brodgar

We visit **Maeshowe**, the **Stones of Stenness** and the **Ring of Brodgar**.

Day Seven | Midhowe - Taversoe Tuick

Travel to the island of Rousay to explore **Midhowe chambered tomb**, sealed 4,500 years ago. Next, we view the Iron Age defensive structure of **Midhowe Broch**. Our day ends at **Taversoe Tuick**.

Day Eight | Kirkwall

We dedicate our day exploring to Kirkwall, including **St. Magnus Cathedral**, **Earl's Palace**, **Bishop's Palace** and **Tankerness Museum**.

Day Nine | Skara Brae

Today we explore **Skara Brae**, **Skail House** and the **Brough of Birsay**.

Day Ten | Italian Chapel

Visit the **Tomb of the Eagles** and the **Burnt Mound** at Liddle. Our day ends at the striking **Italian Chapel**, which was built by prisoners of war in the 1940s.

Day Eleven | Kirkwall

Our tour ends in Orkney and, from here, we make our journeys home.

Please note, the order of the itinerary is subject to change due to ferry availability.



Guided by Dr Val Turner

Join Val in Orkney & Shetland on our May departure.



Guided by Peter Yeoman

Join Peter in Orkney & Shetland on our July departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at The Shetland Hotel Lerwick & The Ayre Hotel Kirkwall

Culinary inclusions

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
13th - 23rd May	\$4,420	\$965
29th Jul - 8th Aug	\$4,585	\$910

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/aoas

HIGHLIGHTS OF SHETLAND

5 Days Departing July 2021

From \$1,755pp

Activity Level



Tour Highlights

- Climb to the top of Mousa Broch, the tallest of these unique Iron Age structures at 13 meters – views over the sea are spectacular
- Discover Scatness, an extensive settlement site with prehistoric, Viking and Pictish remains built and rebuilt over thousands of years
- Explore Jarlshof, constructed by Neolithic farmers c2400 BC and occupied, though not continuously, for over 4,000 years

Shetland has long been famous as a mecca for bird enthusiasts, with its rich archaeological landscape often overlooked. However, the lack of intensive modern farming means that the preservation of these sites and their landscapes is exceptional and there is much to explore here from ancient field boundaries to Iron Age village; and from Viking longhouse to substantial relics from two world wars. We visit the internationally important sites at Mousa, Scatness and Jarlshof, and take the ferry to the most northerly island in Britain, Unst, thought to be the first footfall of the Vikings. Nowhere is farther than three miles from the sea, and the beauty of the landscape - deserted sandy beaches, jagged coastline, heather-clad hill, and mirror like lochs – will stay with you long after you return home.



Guided by Peter Yeoman

Until recently, Peter was Head of Cultural Heritage and then Principal Heritage Researcher at Historic Scotland.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at The Shetland Hotel Lerwick

Culinary inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
15th - 19th Jul	\$1,755	\$270

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/ Ashe

HIGHLIGHTS OF ORKNEY

5 Days Departing July 2021

From \$1,865pp

Activity Level



Tour Highlights

- Admire the megalithic Standing Stones of Stenness and discover the enigmatic Ring of Brodgar
- Explore the Stone Age mausoleum of Maeshowe, whose internal walls were later graffitied by Vikings
- Climb into the Tomb of the Eagles at Isbister, a stalled cairn built before 3000 BC

Surrounded by an endless sky and a powerful sea, over the centuries the ancient farming communities on the Orkney Islands constructed huge monuments which now litter the landscape. The four monuments that make up the heart of Neolithic Orkney are unquestionably some of the most important in Europe - the 5000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the giant chambered grave of Maeshowe, the atmospheric Ring of Brodgar Stone Circle – a mysterious wide circle of standing stones some over five meters tall, and the Stones of Stenness – four huge megaliths that once formed an elliptical circle of 12 stones. Our tour visits all of these sites and will also include a special visit to the Ness of Brodgar to coincide with the seasonal excavations taking place there.



Guided by Peter Yeoman

Until recently, Peter was Head of Cultural Heritage and then Principal Heritage Researcher at Historic Scotland.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Kirkwall Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
21st - 25th Jul	\$1,865	\$230

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/aork



THE PICTS IN PERTHSHIRE & ANGUS

Warriors, monks & artists

4 Days From \$1,345pp

Departing May & September 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

The Picts were long considered to be a mysterious lost people from a very dark age, to the extent that entirely erroneous origin myths were created for them in recent centuries. This tour will explore how, even though they left behind no surviving documents, the Picts helped lay the foundation of modern Scotland.

Tour Highlights

- View the unique collections of Pictish artefacts in the National Museum of Scotland
- Explore masterpieces of stone carvings such as the Dupplin Cross and the St. Andrews sarcophagus
- Experience almost all of the finest monumental Christian sculpture produced by the Picts

Day One | Edinburgh

We meet at our hotel in Edinburgh in the early afternoon. Our tour starts with a visit to the **National Museum of Scotland**, where we will get a closer look at the Picts' love of spectacular silver jewelry and can see the Hilton of Cadboll cross slab. Before dinner, we end our introduction with a lecture.

Day Two | Edinburgh - East Lothian - St. Andrews - Dundee

This morning, we leave Edinburgh and travel north. During the morning, we stop at the Pictish fort at **East Lothian Hill** to hear about the current excavation by one of the lead archaeologists. Afterwards, our journey takes us to **St. Andrews**, the wonderful medieval city where we'll inspect the 8th century sarcophagus. We end the day at our next hotel.

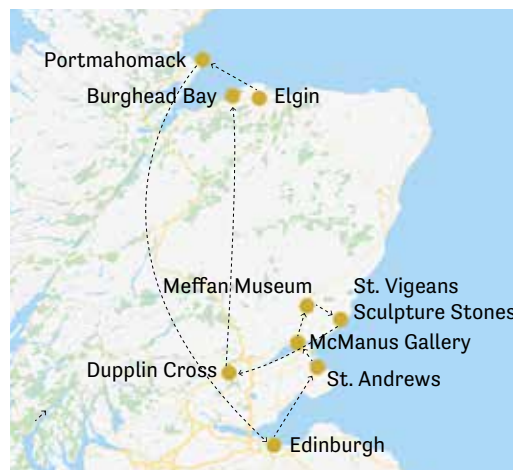
Day Three | Glamis - Forfar - Aberlemno - Arbroath

Today's touring brings us to the **Glamis Manse Stone**. We continue to Forfar, where we will explore the **Meffan Museum** to see more of the stone carvers' art of the southern Picts.

After lunch, we will view the Aberlemno stones. Our last visit of the day will be to Arbroath, to visit **St. Vigean's Sculptured Stones and Museum**. An outstanding collection is gathered here from the Pictish royal monastery.

Day Four | Dundee - Dunning - Edinburgh

This morning, there will be some free time to explore **Dundee** at our leisure. In the **McManus Dundee Museum**, we'll confront the remains of excavated Picts, including a woman dubbed "Pictoria" and a man who had been decapitated and then afforded a high status burial. Many of the Pictish churches and monasteries were founded from Iona, with links to Columba's monastery as seen in some of the designs on the monumental cross slabs. Before we journey back to Edinburgh, we will visit the lovely Perthshire town of **Dunning** to experience this marriage of styles seen in the fabulous free-standing **Dupplin Cross**, erected in memory of the mighty Pictish king Constantine who died in 820 in the nearby royal palace of Forteviot.



Guided by Peter Yeoman

Until recently, Peter was Head of Cultural Heritage and then Principal Heritage Researcher at Historic Scotland.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Apex Grassmarket Hotel Edinburgh & the Apex City Quay & Spa Dundee

Culinary inclusions

- 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DBL Share	SS
18th - 21st May	\$1,345	\$295
14th - 17th Sep	\$1,345	\$295

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/appa

NEW FOR 2021



CULLODEN: THE BATTLE THAT SHAPED GREAT BRITAIN

The 275th anniversary of the last Jacobite Rebellion

5 Days From \$2,560pp

Departing April & July 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The Battle of Culloden on 16th April 1746 shaped the future of Great Britain with the post Culloden ‘pacification’ of the Highlands. During this tour, we will explore the short period from Prince Charles Edward Stuart’s hopeful arrival in the Highlands in August 1745 until the crushing of Jacobite hopes at Culloden.

Tour Highlights

- Experience Bonnie Prince Charlie’s glittering Court at the Palace of Holyroodhouse
- Visit the poignant clan monuments on the battlefield and visit the new museum at Culloden
- See the strategy of post-Culloden pacification, embodied in stone at the mighty Fort George



Day One | Edinburgh

Meet the group in Edinburgh to embark on a historical journey, retracing the steps of Bonnie Prince Charlie’s eight-month sojourn in Scotland, which saw all his hopes of replacing the Hanoverians end on that fateful April day in 1746 in Culloden. After checking in to our hotel in Edinburgh, we will have an evening lecture on the Jacobite rebellions and the significance of the Battle of Culloden.

Day Two | Edinburgh

Starting at Edinburgh’s Holyroodhouse, we shall experience the Great Gallery used by Prince Charles Edward Stuart as his audience chamber, along with the chamber where he dined – witnessed by admiring crowds. By contrast, we will explore the brutal reality of 18th century conflict in the weaponry and stories of Redcoats and Highlanders at the War Museum in Edinburgh Castle.

Day Three | Aberfeldy - Inverness

The journey following Bonnie Prince Charlie takes us on one of the main military routes north, charting Jacobite success and failure, and experiencing

General Wade’s military road system and fine bridge over the **Tay at Aberfeldy**. Nearby, we shall witness life in a Highland chief’s fine residence at **Castle Menzies**. The bleak realities of military life will be revealed at the redcoat barracks at **Ruthven**.

Day Four | Culloden & Inverness

Today, we arrive with the Prince and his army at **Culloden Moor**, where the new museum allows a thrilling 360-degree immersion in the reality of this most brutal battle – the last pitched battle on British soil. **Fort George**, constructed close to the battlefield, demonstrates Hanoverian military might, one of a small network of impregnable Government fortresses.

Day Five | Newtonmore - Edinburgh

Embittered old Jacobites could always take solace in a glass of *uisge-beatha*, the water of life, and so shall we with a visit to the fine whisky distillery at Tomatin. Before our tour comes to an end in Edinburgh, we’ll experience everyday rural life at the time of Culloden at the **Highland Folk Museum**.



Guided by Peter Yeoman

Until recently, Peter was Head of Cultural Heritage and then Principal Heritage Researcher at Historic Scotland.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Edinburgh & Inverness

Culinary inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
13th - 17th Apr	\$2,560	\$660
6th - 10th Jul	\$2,560	\$660

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PREHISTORIC IRELAND

See the iconic megalithic sites of Newgrange and Knowth

8 Days From \$3,810pp

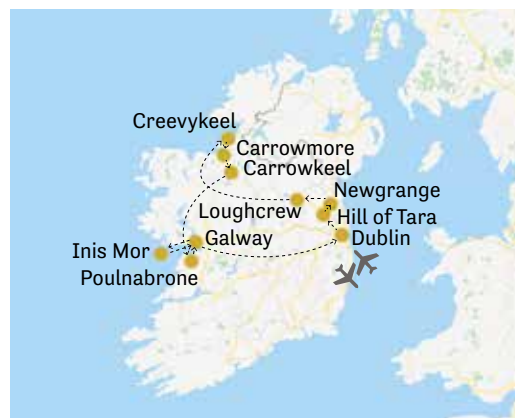
Departing August 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Experience Ireland's rich prehistory. The monumental passage tomb of Newgrange is just one highlight on this tour that also takes in Dublin, the Boyne Valley, Carrowmore, Galway, and the island of Inis Mor. Famous for its Celtic remains, Ireland has much to offer archaeological enthusiasts. Join us here to discover the sites scattered across this verdant isle.

Tour Highlights

- Take a boat trip to the island of Inis Mor and visit Dun Aengus
- View one of the largest examples of an Irish Court Tomb at Creevykeel
- Admire the collection of prehistoric artefacts at Dublin's National Museum
- Visit the Hill of Tara, where over 30 visible monuments – including the Stone of Destiny – await discovery



Day One | Dublin

We have lunch together and then tour the **National Museum** with its 4,500-year-old longboat.

Day Two | Hill of Tara

We start the day traveling south of Dublin to view **Broadleas** and the **Athgreaney** stone circles. After lunch, we head to **Fourknocks** and step inside the main tomb to marvel at a rare carving of a Neolithic face.

Day Three | Newgrange - Knowth

Journey to **Newgrange** this morning, a monumental burial mound from the Neolithic period, pre-dating Stonehenge and the Pyramids of Giza. From here, we tour the UNESCO-listed site of **Knowth**. Later, we visit the **Hill of Tara**, once the seat of the High Kings of Ireland. We wander the Iron Age hilltop enclosure and view the so-called **Stone of Destiny**.

Day Four | Loughcrew - Creevykeel

We head for **Loughcrew**, a rugged group of partially engraved megalithic carvings, and then we move on to the town of **Sligo**. Following lunch, we encounter one of the largest examples of an Irish Court Tomb at **Creevykeel**.

Day Five | Carrowmore - Carrowkeel

Today's highlight is **Carrowmore**, the largest prehistoric cemetery of Ireland, where 30 monuments are still visible on site. After lunch, we wander around the **Carrowkeel** megalithic complex, one of the most important Neolithic centers of prehistoric Ireland.

Day Six | Poul nabone - Galway

Galway, a settlement established in the 12th century, is ours to discover today. En route, there are stops to view **Drumanone dolmen** and **Castlestrange Stone**. After lunch, we journey to **Poul nabone dolmen** in the Burren, one of the most iconic archaeological monuments of the island. In Galway, we visit the prehistoric collection in the **Galway City Museum** and tour the area.

Day Seven | Inis Mor

Today we catch a ferry to **Inis Mor**, an island filled with sites and monuments. We also visit Dun Aengus, the largest prehistoric hillfort on the Aran Islands.

Day Eight | Galway - Dublin

Travel from Galway to Dublin airport.



Guided by Jeremy Bennett

A British archaeologist, Jeremy is currently studying for his PhD at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Boyne Valley, Sligo & Galway

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
1st - 8th Aug	\$3,810	\$540

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THE NORTH OF IRELAND

A journey through time

5 Days From \$2,355pp

Departing June & August 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

Northern Ireland is an area of rich and diverse ancient and historical interest. From great prehistoric sites shrouded in mystery to amazing rugged landscapes, this small corner of the world has a lot to offer. With Belfast as our hub, this tour will also allow us to experience the warm welcome of the city's culture.

Tour Highlights

- Gain insight into the past of Ireland from early prehistory up until the modern day
- Explore Navan Fort – ancient seat of kings – and its reconstructed Iron Age dwelling
- Experience the impressive geological site of Giants Causeway, the world-famous basalt columns of Ireland



Day One | Belfast

We arrive in Belfast and check in to our hotel. This afternoon, our tour starts with a visit to the **Ulster Museum**, which features significant archaeological finds from Northern Ireland. Before dinner, there will be an introductory lecture.

Day Two | Downpatrick - Legananny Dolmen

Our first visit of the day will be to **Giant's Ring**, a Neolithic henge monument situated on the outskirts of Belfast. Afterwards, we continue our journey to **Downpatrick**. Upon our arrival we visit **Down Cathedral**, to view the magnificent stained glass windows and St. Patrick's grave just outside. On our way back to Belfast, we stop at **Ballynoe stone circle** and the impressive Neolithic **Legananny Dolmen**, probably the most famous megalithic monument in Northern Ireland.

Day Three | Navan Fort - Titanic Belfast

This morning, we drive to Armagh to visit **Navan Fort**, legendary Emian Macha, a large hilltop enclosure assumed to represent an ancient ceremonial site. Back in Belfast this

afternoon, we spend time at **Titanic Belfast** and explore the history of this tragically famous ship. Among the highlights are full-scale reconstructions of parts of the interior and original Titanic artefacts. Our last visit of today will be to the **National Museum of the Royal Navy**.

Day Four | Giant's Causeway - Bushmill

Today we journey north. Situated dramatically on the edge of an outcrop on the rugged Antrim coast, we visit the ruins of **Dunluce Castle**, seat of the McDonnell Clan. A short drive brings us to probably the most famous geological feature of Northern Ireland, the **Giant's Causeway**. Before we make our way back to Belfast, we visit the **Bushmills Distillery**. Here, we will have lunch and enjoy a delicious whiskey tasting.

Day Five | Belfast

On our last day, we take a walk through **Belfast** to view some of the most important features of the city. In the afternoon, we gather again and make our way to the airport for our individual flights home.



Guided by Jeremy Bennett

A British archaeologist, Jeremy is currently studying for his PhD at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Grand Central Hotel Belfast

Culinary inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
15th - 19th Jun	\$2,355	\$385
10th - 14th Aug	\$2,355	\$385

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BRITTANY - CARNAC & BEYOND

Encounter the world's largest assemblage of megalithic sites

7 Days From \$3,085pp

Departing May & September 2021

Activity Level ●○○○○

Brittany offers a prehistoric landscape filled with some of the world's best megalithic monuments, from standing stones to chambered tombs. A whole day is rightly dedicated to Carnac, where stone rows stud the heather-clad countryside, and we explore passage graves with depictions of weaponry that mark the resting places of a selected few of the wider Neolithic population.

Tour Highlights

- Come face-to-face with a selection of fascinating passage graves, chambered tombs and polished axes
- Devote an entire day to the stunning monuments of historic Carnac
- Take a ferry to the island of Gavrinis to visit its famous and elaborately decorated passage tomb

Day One | Carnac

We meet the group at our hotel in Carnac today.

Day Two | Locmariaquer - Table des Marchands

The fishing village of Locmariaquer awaits. Monuments in the area include the **Mané-Lud Carnac mound**, a large and prominent passage tomb with a central burial at the entrance to the village; the passage-tomb of **Mané Rutuel**; and the fallen stone known as the **Grand Menhir Brisé**. We end the day at the **Table des Marchands**, a passage grave with a high burial chamber, capped with a partly decorated stone.

Day Three | Gavrinis - Vannes

We travel by boat to the island of Gavrinis in the Gulf of Morbihan, where we visit an important passage grave. We also stop to view the stone circle of **Er-Lannic** on its islet before we return to Larmor Baden. One circle marches into the sea and the second has long since vanished beneath the waves. We end the day at the **Archaeological Museum** in Vannes before returning to our hotel.

Day Four | Plouharnel - Erdeven

We visit sites between Plouharnel and Erdeven, including **Mané-Kerioned**, the impressive dolmen at **Crucuno**, and also the passage graves of **Mané-Groh** and **Rondosse**. We continue on to **Carnac Prehistory Museum**, the richest in the world for megalithic culture.

Day Five | Carnac - Geant du Manio

Today is spent exploring the megalithic sites of **Carnac**. The rows of stones are accompanied by tombs in the form of tumuli and dolmens (eroded stone-built tombs with capstones). There are four groups of alignments, three of which may once have formed a single conglomeration. We visit the rows at **Le Menec** and view the alignments of **Kermario**. After lunch, we explore the passage grave at **Kercado** and visit the menhir known as **Le Géant du Manio**.

Day Six | Le Rocher - Petit Mont Cairn

We delve into the **Le Rocher** passage tomb and then it's on to explore the **Arzon peninsula**, where we visit the **Petit Mont Cairn**.

Day Seven | Carnac

Our tour comes to an end today and we make our independent journeys home.



Guided by Dr Nick Thorpe

Nick is a Senior Lecturer in Archaeology at the University of Winchester.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation near Carnac

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
17th - 23rd May	\$3,085	\$580
6th - 12th Sep	\$3,110	\$580

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/abri



DORDOGNE CAVE ART

Explore a range of stunning prehistoric cave sites

6 Days From \$3,085pp

Departing September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Vividly brought to life in ochre and charcoal are wild animals and human figures up to 30,000 years old. Our expert guides will tell the story of the art, how it was discovered and what is known of the people who created it. We will see some of the world-famous rock art sites – taking you as close as it is possible to get to the lives of our most remote Ice Age ancestors.

Tour Highlights

- Discover images from the world-famous painted cave of Lascaux at the new Interpretation Center, Lascaux IV
- Enjoy a tour led by our experts in both rock art and the archaeology of the last Ice Age
- View the UNESCO-listed cave system at Grotte de Rouffignac
- Admire beautiful French landscapes and enjoy regional cuisine on this tour

Day One | Bordeaux

Meet the group at our hotel in Les Eyzies.

Day Two | Abri du Poisson - Laugerie Haute - Cap Blanc

Our day begins at the rock shelter of **Abri du Poisson**. Our next stop is the fascinating site of **Laugerie Haute**, with remains of occupation dating from the Upper Paleolithic. After lunch, we visit the excavations at **Abri Pataud**, where archaeologists have been attempting to trace artistic progress through the millennia. Then, it's on to the **Musée de l'Abri Cro-Magnon**. Our day ends at the rock shelter at **Cap Blanc**, a rare example of Ice Age sculpted bas-reliefs.

Day Three | Lascaux IV Center - Le Thot

This morning is dedicated to the newly established **Lascaux IV Center**. Lascaux is the most famous and spectacular of all decorated caves, with hundreds of paintings and 1,500 engravings, best known for its depictions of aurochs, horses and deer. After, we visit the park at **Le Thot**, where animals that would have been extant in the Ice Age are bred and kept. Our final visit is to **Lascaux II**.

Day Four | Rouffignac - Font de Gaume

We travel by electric train into the cave system of **Rouffignac**. Known as the Cave of the Hundred Mammoths, about one-third of all mammoth depictions known are located here. We drive on to **Font de Gaume**, the only decorated cave in France with multi-colored paintings that remains open to the public. Listed as a UNESCO site, it is home to over 200 representations of animals.

Day Five | Cougnac - Pech Merle

Our first visit is to **Cougnac** – two caves are found here that contain the claw-marks of cave bears as well as stalactite and stalagmite formations. We also see paintings of mammoths, ibex, human type figures, and megaloceros. Next, we continue to **Pech Merle**, with painted black outlines of aurochs, mammoth, spotted-horses, geometric shapes and hand-prints. This cave reveals a full repertoire of cave art techniques and material - it is truly thought-provoking and an unforgettable experience.

Day Six | Bordeaux

This morning, we transfer to the airport and catch our individual flights home.



Guided by Dr Paul Bahn

Paul is the world's leading expert on rock art and has led tours since the year 2000.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hôtel le Centenaire

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Cave visits may vary according to seasonal opening hours.

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
7th - 12th September	\$3,085	\$305

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PYRENEES ROCK ART

Discover Paleolithic art in the foothills of the Pyrenees

6 Days From \$2,875p **SAVE UP TO \$135**

Departing June 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Created by our ancestors around 35-10,000 years ago, at a time when Europe lay in the grip of an Ice Age, cave art provides one of the most direct connections possible with our distant past. The astonishing feature of rock art is that, preserved by the temperature of their environment, these ancient images have remained both intact and in situ for millennia.

Tour Highlights

- Visit the area's key sites of prehistoric cave art, from Niaux to Mas d'Azil
- Follow in the footsteps of the artists who created these early masterpieces
- Gain fascinating insights into both the creation of cave art along with the lives of those who produced it



Day One | Saint-Girons

Today we meet at Hotel Eychenne, located in the gorgeous town of Saint-Girons.

Day Two | Grotte de Bédeilhac

The day begins at the **Parc de la Préhistoire**. Primarily important for its facsimiles of the main decorated chamber of Niaux, it shows the figures as they would originally have looked. Here, we also find representations of parts of the cave that are not accessible to the public. Later, we visit the **Grotte de Bédeilhac**. Occupation here dates back at least 15,000 years, with a variety of cave art, drawings, engravings, and even clay moldings among the striking rock formations.

Day Three | Grottes de Gargas

This morning, we take a drive out to the **Grottes de Gargas**, where we find cave art consisting of two different elements – both created in the Upper Paleolithic period of approximately 25000 BC. One is a collection of animal engravings and paintings, including fine depictions of horses, ibex and mammoths. The other is a dazzling group of some 200

hands stencilled in black, red, brown, ochre, and white. Next, we enjoy a visit to the rich Roman site of **Lugdunum Convenarum**, at the foot of St. Bertrand de Comminges. Here, we also visit the great church of **St. Bertrand** and the beautiful **Basilique de St. Just**.

Day Four | La Vache - Niaux

The cave of **La Vache** awaits, where weapons and tools made from bone, flint and antler were found with an astonishing array of animals portrayed on them. Images included wolves, lions, fish, and – most unusually – humans. From here, we view the famous **Niaux Cave** itself – one of the greatest and most powerful collections of Ice Age drawings that can still be visited.

Day Five | Mas d'Azil

We visit the cave of **Mas d'Azil**, where evidence of human occupation dates back 30,000 years, and also the site's fantastic museum. Our afternoon is spent at leisure in this fascinating area and a farewell dinner follows later.

Day Six | Saint-Girons

After breakfast, our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Dr Rob Dinnis

An expert on the Paleolithic and the archaeology of the last Ice Age.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hôtel Eychenne

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Cave visits may vary according to seasonal opening hours.

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
7th - 12th Jun	\$3,010 \$2,875	\$285

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/apyr



THE VIA JULIA AUGUSTA

Discover Roman France along the Côte d'Azur

7 Days From \$3,230pp **SAVE UP TO \$405**

Departing September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

This ancient Roman road, begun in 13 BCE by Augustus and completed by later emperors, runs from Piacenza through to Arles. We explore the numerous remains and surrounding towns that once relied on the road for essential trading. A panoramic exploration of Roman and Gallic life in the picturesque south of France awaits.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the recently excavated site of Roman Albtintimillium
- Enjoy a full day exploring the beautiful city of Arles, once a provincial capital of ancient Rome
- Visit the Barbegal Mill Complex, the cutting edge of 2nd century AD technology



Day One | Marseille

Meet the group at our hotel. After lunch, we visit the **Musée Départemental Arles Antique**, which contains one of the best collections of Roman material from southern France.

Day Two | Arles

Arles awaits, one of the major centers of Roman France and the capital of Gaul. We visit the **amphitheater, theater, the Church of St. Trophime**, and a **cryptoporticus**, one of the foundations of the forum. After lunch, we visit the city walls and the **Alyscamps Necropolis**, one of the subjects painted by Van Gogh during his time there.

Day Three | Aix-en-Provence

We travel to **Barbegal**, a mill complex with 16 water wheels fed by an aqueduct – the largest concentration of mechanical power in the Roman Empire. We continue to **Pont Flavien**, which carried the Via Augusta over the River Touloubre. After lunch in Aix-en-Provence, we visit the remains of the Gallic town of **Entremont**.

Day Four | Marseille

In the morning, we visit the **Musée**

d'Histoire de Marseille with its impressive collection of Greek, Gallic and Roman material. The afternoon is free to enjoy at leisure.

Day Five | Marseille - Menton

Departing Marseille, we visit the Roman and Merovingian remains at **Fréjus**, birthplace of Agricola. After lunch, we have arranged special access to see the recently discovered Roman freshwater cisterns and fish ponds before continuing our journey to **Menton**.

Day Six | Menton

Heading east along the Via Julia Augusta towards Italy, we visit the **Balzi Rossi caves** – a chance to view some prehistoric material – and then on to the site of **Albtintimillium**, modern **Ventimiglia**. The ancient site, which is still being excavated, includes a theater as well as a tract of the Via Julia. After lunch, we visit the **Forte dell'Annunziata Archaeology Museum**.

Day Seven | Menton - Nice

A morning in **Beaulieu-sur-Mer** to visit **Villa Kerylos** is followed by lunch and a visit to the **Trophie des Alpes**. We return to Nice for our onwards travel.



Guided by John Shepherd

An archaeologist who has worked extensively in the field throughout Europe, John is a specialist in ancient glass.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Arles, Marseille & Menton

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
4th - 10th Sep	\$3,635 \$3,230	\$830

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LANGUEDOC

Cathars & Crusaders

8 Days From \$3,875pp

Departing May & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

In the Middle Ages, Languedoc's language and culture were fundamentally different from the rest of France. A stronghold of Catharism, the region defended itself against the Catholic establishment, which attacked the sect in 1209. 30 years of horrific warring followed, leaving behind spectacular castles and abbeys set among magnificent landscapes.

Tour Highlights

- Experience the beauty of small fortified towns and villages, set among rugged hills and dramatic landscapes
- Be inspired by the contrasting serenity of Fontfroide Abbey
- Stay at Carcassonne and in a restored 16th century castle in Couiza



Day One | Toulouse

Meet the group at our hotel in Albi. A lecture and group dinner follow later.

Day Two | Albi - Cordes-sur-Ciel - Carcassonne

We head into Albi, dominated by the St. Cecilia cathedral, built shortly after the Albigensian Crusade. We visit the **Toulouse - Lautrec Museum**, set inside the 13th century Berbie Palace. After lunch, we drive to **Cordes-sur-Ciel**, a fortified 13th century town.

Day Three | Lastours - Carcassonne Cité

We visit the **Lastours Belvedere**, a viewpoint that affords a spectacular view of the four Cathar strongholds spread over a rocky spur. We return to Carcassonne and explore the medieval cité. We visit the **Château Comtal**, which houses many fine museum exhibits, and the **grand basilica of St. Nazaire**.

Day Four | Narbonne - Béziers - Minerve

We drive to **Narbonne**, to visit the fine yet unfinished cathedral. We also visit the **Bishop's Palace**. We head to **Béziers** and visit the Gothic **Cathédrale St-Nazaire**. From here, it's on to **Minerve**, where citizens were burnt as heretics.

Day Five | Peyrepertuse Castle - Quéribus Castle - Couiza

We visit two castles set among stunning landscapes – **Château de Peyrepertuse**, almost impossibly perched on a knife-edged ridge, and **Château de Quéribus**, precariously clinging to a cone of rock.

Day Six | Fontfroide - Lagrasse - Arques

Contrasting with yesterday, we begin our day in the peacefulness of the Cistercian **Abbey of Fontfroide**. Next, we drive to Lagrasse to pay a visit to the **Abbey of St. Marie d'Orbieu**. We then head to **Arques**, a castle given to one of Simon de Montfort's lieutenants.

Day Seven | Foix - Montségur

We make our way to Foix to visit the **castle of the Count of Foix**. We move on to Montségur, scene of the last stand of the Cathars in 1244. Here, more than 200 Cathar martyrs were burned after a siege of its castle. We visit the **Field of the Martyrs** and the **museum**.

Day Eight | Toulouse

This morning we drive to Toulouse and visit the 11th century **Basilica of St. Sernin** and its crypt. We then transfer to the airport for our individual flights.



Guided by Dr Pamela Marshall FSA

Pamela is an expert in the archaeology of standing buildings and she specializes in the medieval period.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hotel Mercure Albi Bastides, Doubletree by Hilton Carcassonne & the Château des Ducs de Joyeuse

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
17th - 24th May	\$3,875	\$660
27th Sep - 4th Oct	\$3,980	\$730

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NEW FOR 2021



ROUSSILLON

From coast to mountain: Roman and medieval Roussillon

8 Days From \$3,160pp

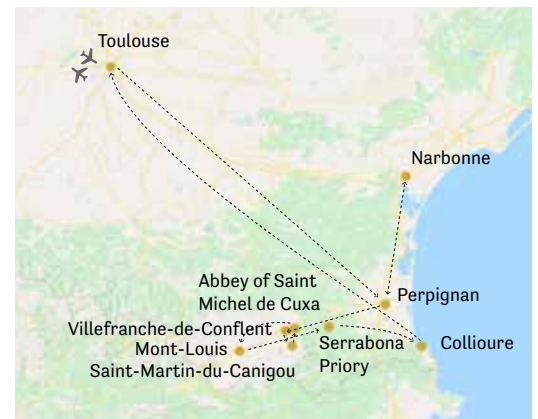
Departing June & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Roussillon is a beautiful region of southern France that borders Spain and the Mediterranean Sea, stretching from the coast to the mountains of the Pyrenees. This tour explores the region's rich heritage, from rare Roman survivals in Narbonne to some of Europe's most stunning Romanesque sites. We also take an excursion aboard the world-famous Train Jaune.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the city of Narbonne with its rare Roman sites and impressive medieval buildings
- Admire superb Romanesque architecture perched on mountain ledges
- Enjoy an excursion on the world-famous Train Jaune, also known as the Little Yellow Train of the Pyrenees



Day One | Toulouse

Meet the group at our hotel, where a welcome lecture awaits.

Day Two | Perpignan

This morning we remain in the city of Perpignan to visit the **Palace of the Kings of Majorca**. We also visit the **Château de Salses**, built by Isabella of Castile in the late 15th century.

Day Three | Narbonne

We explore this historic town today, taking in a visit to the **Basilica of St. Paul**. Then, we visit the rarely intact **Roman Horreum**. Later, we visit the soaring but unfinished **Cathédrale St. Just**, the medieval **Bishop's Palace** and also its **Archaeological Museum**.

Day Four | Perpignan - Villefranche-de-Conflent

We head west into the foothills of the Pyrenees, where the medieval walled town of Villefranche-de-Conflent nestles amid dramatic scenery. We explore the town, including the **Church of St. Jacques** and tour its medieval defensive walls. After lunch, we journey up to **Fort Liberia**, a UNESCO site that dominates the skyline above the town.

Day Five | St. Martin de Canigou - St. Michel de Cuxa

We visit two ancient monastic sites that are recognized as early and fine examples of the Romanesque style of this region. **St. Martin de Canigou** clings to a ledge, a superb location chosen for its seclusion. After, we visit an equally celebrated monastery site. Originally founded in 878, **St. Michel de Cuxa** illustrates the melding of Spanish Mozarabic styles with French influences.

Day Six | Mont Louis

This morning we catch the **Train Jaune** to Mont Louis. This 17th century walled town and its fortress was designed by Vauban. After lunch here, we have time to explore this attractive small town.

Day Seven | Prieuré de Serrabonne - Collioure

We have one more mountain site to see: the tiny **Prieory of Serrabona**. We head on to Collioure and visit the **Château Royal**, which dominates the natural harbour of the town.

Day Eight | Collioure - Toulouse

We return to Toulouse for our individual flights home.



Guided by Dr Pamela Marshall FSA

Pamela is an expert in the archaeology of standing buildings and she specializes in the medieval period.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Mercure Perpignan Center, Best Western Prades or similar & Hotel Casa Pairal in Collioure, or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
4th - 11th Jun	\$3,160	\$620
17th - 24th Sep	\$3,160	\$620

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/arou

NEW FOR 2021



THE BIRTH OF FRENCH IMPRESSIONISM

Social contexts and inspirations

7 Days From \$3,210pp

Departing June & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

French Impressionism, that radical and innovative artistic movement born in Paris in the 1860s, was a product of its time and context. This tour explores the birth of the movement, examines revolutionary paintings and follows in the footsteps of these artists, visiting locations that were truly inspirational to Impressionists.

Tour Highlights

- Explore Monet's house and spectacular gardens in Giverny, the starting point for so many of his iconic paintings
- Visit the wonderful Musée d'Orsay, home to the finest collection of Impressionists in the world
- View the Gothic Cathedral in Rouen and the Musée de Beaux-Arts de Rouen

Day One | Paris

After settling into our hotel in Paris, we will visit the **Musée de l'Orangerie** situated in the Tuileries Gardens.

Day Two | Paris

Our exploration of the inspirations and social contexts of French Impressionisms continues at the **Musée de Montmartre/Jardin de Renoir** and then the **Gare Saint Lazare**, the subject of a series of Monet's works. Our afternoon is spent in the most famous and significant Impressionist museum in the world, the **Musée d'Orsay**.

Day Three | Paris & Auvers-sur-Oise

In Bois de Boulogne, we visit first the **Musée Marmottan Monet** then after lunch we venture to the outskirts of Paris to Auvers-sur-Oise, which is associated with many painters, including Van Gogh, Daubigny, Corot, and Pissaro. Here, we visit the **Musée Daubigny**.

Day Four | Barbizon & Moret sur Loing-et-Orvanne

Today we continue to explore the origins of Impressionism by traveling to Barbizon to visit to the **Maison Atelier de JF Millet** and then we continue to the

Musée des Peintres de Barbizon. After lunch, we visit the **Eglise Notre Dame de la Nativite**, the 13th century Gothic church painted by Sisley. Our day ends at the **Musée en plein air Sisley**.

Day Five | Paris - Giverny - Rouen

We travel to Giverny to the iconic **Monet House and Gardens**, where Monet settled in the end of the 19th century. We continue **Rouen Cathedral**, the Gothic masterpiece that was the subject of a famous series of Monet paintings. We end our day at the **Musée de Beaux-Arts de Rouen**.

Day Six | Le Havre & Honfleur

This morning takes us to **Le Havre**, where Monet spent part of his childhood and where his teacher, Boudin, developed his talent. First to the **Musée Andre Malraux**, which houses one of the most significant collections of Impressionist paintings in France, and then on to Honfleur to visit the **Musée Eugene Boudin**.

Day Seven | Rouen - Paris

We set off in the morning for Paris in order to catch our individual return flights home.



Guided by Dr Agata Chrzanowska

Dr Agata Chrzanowska is an art historian specialized in both Early Modern painting and in photography studies.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Novotel Paris Center Bercy & the Mercure Champ de Mars in Rouen

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
7th - 13th Jun	\$3,210	\$750
27th Sep - 3rd Oct	\$3,255	\$750

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NEW FOR 2021



THE NORMANS

Pious statesmen, explorers and travelers

5 Days From \$2,060pp

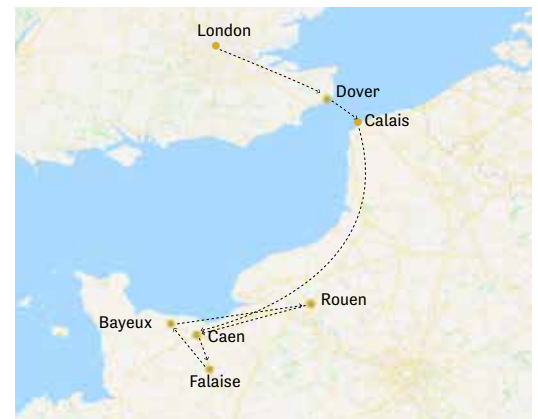
Departing July & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The Normans were a phenomenon for five centuries, controlling vast areas of France, England, Ireland, Wales and the island of Sicily. This week-long trip will take us to Normandy and help us to understand these people on their home soil because even a thousand years on, the mark that they left still remains there.

Tour Highlights

- Understand the background to William the Conqueror, the first Norman King of England, and his grip on power
- Visit Falaise to see the Conqueror's birthplace and enjoy medieval Rouen
- Take an optional pilgrimage to Gold Beach, where the British soldiers landed on D-Day



Day One | London/Dover - Calais - Caen
Today, we travel to France. Paul Beaver, our expert Guide Lecturer, will show us the highlights of the French countryside on the journey and will also give a welcome talk on arrival in Caen.

Day Two | Caen & Falaise
Our day starts with an introduction to William, Duke of Normandy at his birthplace of **Falaise**. After an excellent French-style picnic lunch, we'll drive across Normandy to **Alençon** to see the **castle**. Here, our Guide Lecturer will explain medieval siege warfare.

Day Three | Bayeux & the Tapestry
The center of the Norman experience is the fabulous embroidery kept in **Bayeux**. Made in English nunneries to tell the story of the Battle of Hastings in October 1066, it is a wonder of the world. We will have the option of taking the bus to Gold Beach, where British soldiers landed on D-Day, or there will be time for sightseeing and shopping in Bayeux. The evening is free in Caen.

Day Four | Rouen
This morning will have a leisurely start with a lecture on William's legacy, both in France and in Britain. We will then journey to **Rouen** and enjoy lunch at the oldest restaurant in France, where we can see the amazing collection of photographs of the famous people who have sampled the delights of Normande cuisine before us – from Brigitte Bardot to David Niven, and from Charles de Gaulle to American presidents. In the afternoon, we will explore Rouen, the Norman capital, and its fine **cathedral**.

Day Five | Caen - Calais - Dover/London
The highlight of this morning is the visit to the burial place of William, the **Abbey of Saint-Étienne**, also known as **Abbaye aux Hommes**. It was founded in 1063 by William the Conqueror and is one of the most important Romanesque buildings in France. We'll then be heading back to Calais, taking the ferry to Dover and then continuing to London.



Guided by Colonel Paul Beaver

Paul Beaver is very much a hands-on historian, with a pilot's log book that includes the Spitfire, Harvard and Mustang.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- Return Ferry from Dover to Calais

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Best Western Royal Hôtel Caen Center

Culinary inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
5th - 9th Jul	\$2,060	\$390
4th - 8th Oct	\$2,060	\$390

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CRUISING THE RHÔNE

Romans, popes & cave paintings

8 Days From \$3,075pp **SAVE UP TO \$335**

Departing April, June & October 2021 Activity Level ●●○○○

Cruise along France's historic Rhône, from Chalon-sur-Saône all the way down to Arles, discovering its rich past through visits to sites that include a Roman amphitheater, temples and even a replica museum that showcases breathtaking examples of 36,000-year old rock art.

Tour Highlights

- Visit the Gallo-Roman site of Bibracte – a training ground for archaeologists where new discoveries are constantly being made
- Marvel at the iconic Pont du Gard and explore the impressive amphitheater located in Nîmes
- View the world-famous abbey at Cluny, a Benedictine monastery that was destroyed during the French revolution
- Tour Le Jardin Archéologique in Lyon, a UNESCO-listed site that is home to the excavated ruins of two churches



Day One | Lyon

Arrive in Lyon and prepare for our afternoon of touring. In the evening, join the A-ROSA Stella, which will gently guide us along the Rhône.

Exclusive Andante excursion: We pay a visit to the **Gallo-Roman Museum of Lyon-Fourvière**, where collections showcasing the area's past are displayed. We also visit the stunning **Roman theater**.

Day Two | Chalon-sur-Saône - BibRACTE

We arrive in Chalon-sur-Saône and have an early lunch. After our day's visits, we return to the ship in the evening and sit down to dinner on board.

Exclusive Andante excursion: Our first stop today is the Gallo-Roman site of **Bibracte** – a training ground for archaeologists, where new discoveries are constantly being made. This site is located in the center of a protected wood. We also visit the **Museum of Celtic Civilization**, where we can learn all about the ancient Aedui who lived here.

Day Three | Mâcon - Roche de Solutré

This morning, we wake in Mâcon and set off for our archaeological explorations. We return to the ship in Trévoux and enjoy another evening of dining and cruising.

Exclusive Andante excursion: Today we visit the world-famous **abbey at Cluny**, a Benedictine monastery that was destroyed during the French Revolution, but whose remains testify to its power and wealth. Later, we continue to the **Roche de Solutré**, a prehistoric site that was the center of Solutrean paleolithic culture. Here, we will also visit the **Prehistoric Museum**.

Day Four | Lyon - Vienne

Back in Lyon this morning, we have breakfast before making our way to our first visit. We return to our ship for lunch and cruise onwards to Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Exclusive Andante excursion: We depart for **Vienne**, the erstwhile capital of the Allobroges, transformed into a Roman colony under Julius Caesar and later the provincial capital. During our time here, we explore the **Roman theater**, which could hold around 11,000 spectators within its 46 tiered rows, and we also pay a visit to the **Temple of Augustus and Livia**.

Day Five | Châteauneuf-du-Pape - Nîmes - Avignon

Today we arrive in Châteauneuf-du-Pape and leave our ship for visits to a series of sites and museums. Later, we continue to Avignon, where we have some free time and can visit the Papal Palace.

Exclusive Andante excursion: The iconic **Pont du Gard** is our first port of call today. This is the tallest-surviving aqueduct, which carried water over 50km to Nîmes. We then continue to the city of **Nîmes** to explore the impressive **Roman amphitheater**. Next, we visit the **Maison Carrée**, a well-preserved temple façade, and we end at the **Musée de la Romanité**.

Day Six | Avignon - Arles

We enjoy cruising this morning and head out for more touring during the day. We return to our ship in Arles later.

Exclusive Andante excursion: We travel to **Arles** to visit the **amphitheater**, **theater** and the Roman necropolis of **Alyscamps**.

Day Seven | Viviers - Lyon

This morning we awake in Viviers and cruise onwards to Ardèche. Our return to the ship follows later in La Voulte-sur-Rhône and, from here, we cruise to Lyon.

Exclusive Andante excursion: In Ardèche, we visit the facsimile **Cave of Chauvet II**, which recreates the 36,000-year-old paintings discovered in 1994 that have been closed to the public since. This is the largest facsimile cave ever built and offers full-sized reproductions of the amazing paintings of animals.

Day Eight | Lyon

After breakfast on board, we disembark for one final visit before making our individual journeys home.

Exclusive Andante excursion: Our last excursion of the tour is to **Le Jardin Archéologique**, a UNESCO-listed site that is home to the excavated ruins of two churches.



Dates & prices per person

10th - 17th Apr	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
Twin/Double outside A lead cabin (deck 1)	\$3,410	Min. 2 pers
Twin/Double outside A cabin (deck 1)	\$3,680	☎
Twin/Double outside C cabin with Juliette balcony (deck 2)	\$3,950	☎
Twin/Double outside D cabin with Juliette balcony (deck 3)	\$4,220	☎
5th - 12th Jun	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
Twin/Double outside A lead cabin (deck 1)	\$3,815	Min 2 pers.
Twin/Double outside A cabin (deck 1)	\$4,085	☎
Twin/Double outside C cabin with Juliette balcony (deck 2)	\$4,490	☎
Twin/Double outside D cabin with Juliette balcony (deck 3)	\$4,760	☎
16th - 23rd Oct	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
Twin/Double outside A lead cabin (deck 1)	\$3,410 \$3,075	Min. 2 pers
Twin/Double outside A cabin (deck 1)	\$3,680 \$3,345	☎
Twin/Double outside C cabin with Juliette balcony (deck 2)	\$3,950 \$3,615	☎
Twin/Double outside D cabin with Juliette balcony (deck 3)	\$4,220 \$3,755	☎



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

Join Eireann along the Rhône on our April & June departures.



Guided by Gillian Howell

Join Gillian along the Rhône on our October departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer throughout
- Archaeological excursions as stated in the itinerary
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 7 nights aboard the A-ROSA Stella

Culinary inclusions

- All meals & specified drinks on board included

☎ Call for availability and price

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ROMANS, VISIGOTHS & VIZIERS

Pay a memorable visit to the legendary Alhambra Palace

8 Days From \$3,395pp

Departing April & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Southern Spain, rich in precious metals, wine and olive oil, has attracted the attention of many would-be conquerors over the centuries. From North Africa came the Carthaginians, then came the Romans and then followed the Visigoths, who were vanquished by the Moors. From prehistory to the Renaissance, this tour progresses through the myriad ages of the region.

Tour Highlights

- Follow the scenic route of the Roman Via Augusta, an ancient road built to link Spain with Italy
- Explore the ruined, UNESCO-listed Moorish palace of Medina Azahara
- Tour vibrant Seville, Moorish Córdoba and Granada – cities that offer unique insight into life in this Spanish region
- Indulge in the traditional flavors of the country at each stop and see how the cuisine changes as we travel around

Day One | Seville

Today, we meet the group at our hotel in Seville.

Day Two | Seville

Our day begins at the **Palacio le Lebrija**, housing an Archaeological Museum famous for its Roman mosaics. Next, we visit the **Seville Archaeological Museum**, housing artefacts from the Neolithic period to the time of the Moors. After lunch, we explore the **Cathedral of St. Mary of the See** and the **Real Alcazar**.

Day Three | Seville

Drive north to **Itálica**, the birthplace of Roman Emperors Trajan and Hadrian, and home to Roman remains, ancient cobbled streets and one of the largest amphitheatres in the Empire. On our return to Seville, we visit the **Metropol Parasol** and explore its remains.

Day Four | Seville - Córdoba

This morning we travel to **Carmona** to explore the ruins of the ancient city. The most important finds on display among the collections in the **Carmona Museum** are the Tartessian and Roman remains, which we also see. In the afternoon, we drive to **Córdoba**, where we visit the

archaeological museum, which is home to amazing artefacts.

Day Five | Córdoba

After breakfast, we venture out of the city to explore the ruined Moorish palace of **Medina Azahara**. Upon our return to Córdoba, we explore a city colonized by Muslims in the 8th century. We explore the **Mezquita**, a peerless mosque that transformed into an elaborate gilt cathedral in the 16th century. Lastly, we explore the atmospheric **Jewish Quarter**.

Day Six | Córdoba

Visit the archaeological park of **Torreparedones**, where we see a market and forum. Later, we visit the **Baena Archaeological Museum**.

Day Seven | Córdoba - Granada

Today is spent in **Granada**, exploring first the city and then the **Granada Archaeological Museum**. The highlight, however, is the **Alhambra**. Described by Muslim poets as a pearl set in emeralds, there are fewer places more glorious.

Day Eight | Málaga

We drive to Málaga and our tour ends.



Guided by Doru Bogdan

Join Doru in Spain on our April departure.



Guided by Dr Andy Fear

Join Andy in Spain on our September departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Seville, Córdoba & Granada

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Please note, the order of visits may vary due to seasonal ferias and opening times.

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
12th - 19th Apr	\$3,515	\$745
6th - 13th Sep	\$3,395	\$710

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ROCK ART OF ALTAMIRA

A close encounter with our Stone Age antecedents

8 Days From \$3,445pp

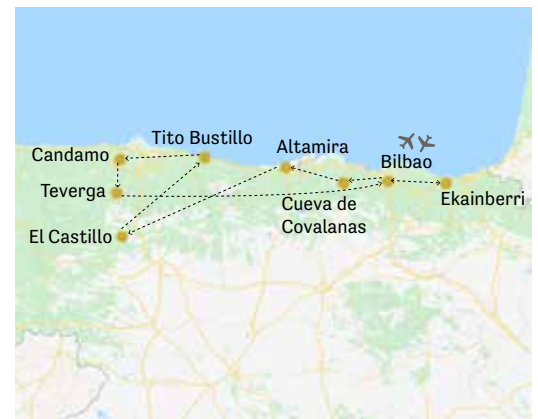
Departing July 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Decorated 35-15,000 years ago, the caves of Altamira still display some of humankind's first great artistic achievements. This is a unique chance to view the vivid images of horse, bison and deer that have come to epitomise Paleolithic art. A visit to this area's Ice Age caves is a genuine privilege. Where else could you gaze upon masterpieces of such antiquity in situ?

Tour Highlights

- Examine the contrast between ancient art seen in the caves themselves and the modern art on display at the renowned Guggenheim in vibrant Bilbao
- Wander the spectacular cave at Tito Bustillo and stand before its awe-inspiring images, both painted and engraved
- Pay a memorable visit to the celebrated Altamira Cave facsimile, widely regarded as the Sistine Chapel of cave art



Day One | Bilbao

Meet the group at our hotel in Bilbao.

Day Two | Ekainberri - Bilbao

This morning, we drive out to see the facsimile of the painted cave discovered in 1969 at **Ekain** in the Basque country, home to some of the most realistic colorful depictions of horse and bison. We leave the prehistoric era behind at the **Guggenheim Museum** in Bilbao.

Day Three | Covalanas - El Pendo

A scenic drive through the mountains brings us to the small cave of **Covalanas**, decorated with deer that are drawn in red dotted outlines. After lunch, we visit the cave of **El Pendo**, which contains a panel 8.8 meters in length of painted animals. Portable art made from bone and antler has also been found here.

Day Four | Altamira - El Castillo

The famous site of **Altamira** awaits, where we see the superb facsimile of the cave and the museum. Continue along the coast to **El Pindal**, a cave set into the cliffs above the sea, where we find a series of geometric signs and a variety of animal figures, including bison, deer, a fish, and also a mammoth.

Day Five | Las Monedas - El Castillo

Travel to the south of Santillana, where we explore **Las Monedas**, a labyrinthine cave in which bear bones were also found. The art at our second visit – the cave of **El Castillo** – belongs to a number of different phases and produced some of the earliest dates for cave art in the world – more than 40,000 years. Free time in **Santillana** follows.

Day Six | La Loja - Tito Bustillo

We head west into the mountainous region of Asturias to **La Loja** – a cave with some fine engravings, which stand out clearly in white against the dark rock. This afternoon, we see the cave of **Tito Bustillo**, discovered in 1968.

Day Seven | Candamo - Teverga

We visit **Candamo**, where the most famous engraving is a big stag turning its head, pierced by many spears. Our final visit of the tour is to the prehistoric park at **Teverga**, where we are treated to a superb final overview of the caves and their discoveries.

Day Eight | Bilbao

Today, from Bilbao, we make our return journeys home.



Guided by Dr Paul Bahn

Paul is the world's leading expert on rock art and has led tours since the year 2000.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Bilbao, Santillana del Mar & Oviedo

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Cave visits may vary according to seasonal opening hours.

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
5th - 12th Jul	\$3,445	\$555

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/aalt



ROCK ART OF PORTUGAL

Open air rock art preserved in Portugal

7 Days From \$3,000pp

Departing April 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

Set within the peaceful valley of the Côa river, surrounded by rolling hills and vineyards, lie around 5,000 engravings, including a few depicting human figures. Globally recognized, we will marvel at the art that has not only been in situ for thousands of years, but is still revealing its secrets even today.

Tour Highlights

- A guided tour of Porto, offering a chance to enjoy its old-world charm and UNESCO World Heritage status
- A visit to Fariseu, where more art was discovered in April 2020, featuring a very large aurochs
- See the Man of Piscos, a rare human figure from the Paleolithic



Day One | Porto

Meet the group at our hotel in Porto.

Day Two | Porto - Vila Nova de Foz Côa

We make the most of our time in Porto with a guided walking tour. After an early lunch, we head to the train station, and travel to **Pocinho**. From here we will transfer to our hotel.

Day Three | Canada do Inferno - Penascosa

We venture into the Côa Valley this morning with a trip to **Canada do Inferno**. First found back in 1991, it features many Paleolithic figures and among the most notable are aurochs and horses. This afternoon, we have a special visit to **Fariseu** to see a recently excavated panel, which has one of the world's largest rock art figures, stretching a massive 3.5 meters in length. In the early evening, we will take a trip up to the **Penascosa** rock art. By visiting in the evening with artificial light, we are able to observe details that cannot be easily seen during daylight.

Day Four | Ribeira de Piscos - Foz Côa Museum - Penascosa

We venture further out to the **Ribeira de**

Piscos. We discover the Man of Piscos, a rare human figure etched into the rocks. We return to the **Foz Côa Museum** for a tour inside where we can see the full extent of the valley's artworks. Afterwards, we return to the **Penascosa** site to see it in daylight.

Day Five | Siega Verde - Castelo Rodrigo

Crossing the border into Spain, we visit **Siega Verde**. Here, a stretch of 1.5 kilometers featuring over 94 panels of artwork has been found. Next, we visit **Castelo Rodrigo**, a fortified medieval town whose castle looks over the countryside. We can explore the town at leisure before we make our way back to Vila Nova de Foz Côa.

Day Six | Foz Côa - Porto

Before our return to Porto this afternoon, we make one final visit to the **Foz Côa Museum**, where we can explore at our own pace. After lunch, we will make our way back to the train station, where we will return to Porto.

Day Seven | Porto

We transfer to the airport for our individual return flights home.



Guided by Dr Paul Bahn

Paul is the world's leading expert on rock art and has led tours since the year 2000.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hotel Eurostars Porto Centro & Vila Nova de Foz Côa or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Certain rock art can only be seen in certain light at different times of day. Although we have tried to fit the tour to match this, there may be slight variations.

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
19th - 25th Apr	\$3,000	\$535

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HIGHLIGHTS OF POMPEII

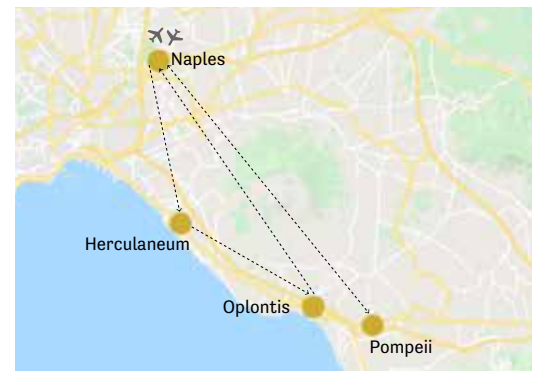
An unbeatable introduction to ordinary Roman life

5 Days From \$1,735pp **SAVE UP TO \$205** Departing February & November 2021 Activity Level ●●●○○

The sites of the Bay of Naples confront the modern visitor with a vivid, haunting immediacy like nothing else in the ancient world. Your guide lecturer will bring to life the ordinary people of Pompeii and Herculaneum, walking the ancient streets in the footsteps of gladiators, slaves, senators and citizens.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the ancient town of Herculaneum
- Spend a full day in Pompeii and wander among the ancient ruins
- Explore the villa at Oplontis, believed to belong to the wife of Nero
- Visit the Archaeological Museum in Naples, home to truly extraordinary finds from the local area



Day One | Naples

Meet the group at our hotel, arriving just in time for dinner.

Day Two | Pompeii

We devote a whole day to **Pompeii**, exploring the streets and buildings here. This is a whole Roman town, with a complete wall circuit and two thirds of the interior covering a vast area of around 67 hectares. It contains the story of a fairly ordinary Roman town in the 1st century AD, from its houses, bars and brothels to the graffiti scrawled on its walls. Traveling via the best routes to avoid the inevitable crowds, we visit villas that have only recently reopened to the public.

Day Three | Naples

The **Naples Archaeological Museum** houses extraordinary finds from the excavations not only of Pompeii but those from other towns, villas and farms in the region. Exquisite metalwork, which would normally have been melted down and recycled; marble statues, which would have been broken up to make lime for fertilizer; beautiful wall paintings, which would have decayed

or plastered over – all would have been lost had Vesuvius not exploded and buried them all. This afternoon will be spent at leisure to explore Naples – why not take a tour of underground Naples, see some of the neoclassical antiquities on exhibit or relax in a piazza?

Day Four | Herculaneum

Today we explore **Herculaneum**. This harbour town was closer to Vesuvius and was buried by a pyroclastic surge which raised the ground by 25 meters. A much smaller area has been excavated, but buildings are preserved to a greater height and carbonised organic matter survived. Walking through the tunnel to what was once the seashore, where hundreds of bodies have been found huddled in the boathouse, is an unforgettable experience. We finish the day with a visit to a splendid villa at **Oplontis**, once owned by the family of Poppea, wife of Nero. Relatively recent excavations here have allowed excellent preservation of the wall paintings.

Day Five | Naples

After breakfast, our tour ends and we catch our individual flights home.



Guided by John Shepherd

Join John in Pompeii on our February departure.



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

Join Eireann in Pompeii on our November departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hotel Forum

Culinary inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
24th - 28th Feb	\$1,940 \$1,735	\$265
3rd - 7th Nov	\$1,940 \$1,735	\$265

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/asb



POMPEII, HERCULANEUM & CLASSICAL CAMPANIA

Exclusive access to the off-site theater of Herculaneum

8 Days From \$2,790pp **SAVE UP TO \$270**

Departing March - October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Nowhere in the world gives a deeper insight into Roman life than the dramatic seaside towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Join our experts as they bring to life the ordinary people of these Vesuvian towns. Lose yourself in the past, walking the ancient streets in the very footsteps of gladiators, slaves, senators and citizens.

Tour Highlights

- Private access to the theater of Herculaneum, off-site and haunting
- Private access to the store rooms at Paestum, where Lucanian painted tombs closed to members of the public can be observed
- Visits to off-the-beaten-track villas at Stabiae
- Private access to the Cave of Sejanus (Grotta di Seiano) and the adjoining Villa of Pausilypon with its dramatic coastal views
- Explore a selection of newly-opened houses in Pompeii



Day One | Cava de' Tirreni

We meet for the first time as a group at our hotel.

Day Two | Cava de' Tirreni - Paestum

Our day begins at the site of **Paestum**, ancient Poseidonia. Long before the Romans came, this was a thriving Greek city that was part of Magna Graecia from the 6th century BC. During our time in this atmospheric and enchanting area, we will wander among its mighty temples. It is interesting to note that some of them are among the most well-preserved anywhere in the Greek world. Following a leisurely lunch, we visit the **Paestum Museum**, which houses the famous 'Tomb of the Diver', with its intact frescoes dated to around 480 BC. Here, we will have a private behind-the-scenes tour of the museum's incredible store rooms.

Day Three | Pompeii

We devote the entire day to **Pompeii**. No other site compares in revealing the proportions of a Roman town. We visit some of the most well-preserved buildings as well as an amphitheater, theater, forum, bath-houses, bars, and even brothels. Fountains in the street are worn from where countless people rested their hands to take a drink and Roman graffiti still marks the walls. Traveling via the best routes to avoid crowds, we visit some villas that are newly reopened to the public.

Day Four | Naples - Pozzuoli

Our first visit of the day is to the **National Archaeological Museum** in Naples, home to exceptional collections of artefacts. After lunch, we move on to **Pozzuoli** and visit one of the world's most impressive amphitheaters. Later, we are granted private access to the **Cave of Sejanus**, an impressive tunnel dating to the age of Augustus, which gives access to the lovely seaside villa of **Pausilypon**. Here, we visit a theater and odeon, built at a later date.

Day Five | Stabiae

Go off the beaten track to the villas of **Stabiae**, an exclusive Roman resort for the very wealthy. The vast **Villa San Marco**, with its swimming pool and bath complex, is one of the most opulent along this coast and it remains very impressive in its scale. The **Villa Arianna**, with its wonderful frescoes, is remarkably little-visited and provides fabulous views over the Bay of Naples. During our visit here, we will walk through its grand rooms, chambers and gardens – all in splendid isolation. Later in the afternoon, there will be some free time to explore at leisure.

Day Six | Vesuvius - Oplontis

Today, we ascend the great crater of **Vesuvius**. Most of our journey will be by bus, but the final part requires a short walk and it is well worth the effort. Peering into the crater, we will see fumaroles and the layers of previous eruptions, and walking around the perimeter affords magnificent views over the Bay of Naples. After lunch, we continue on to the impressive villa at **Oplontis**, which boasts sumptuous frescoes, a bath complex, a swimming pool, and interesting slave quarters.

Day Seven | Herculaneum

The town of **Herculaneum**, which perfectly complements a visit to Pompeii, is our last port of call. We start the day with a private visit to the theater of

Herculaneum, still buried under the pyroclastic flow. We continue with visits to two on-site museums, including the Antiquarium, which houses previous articles found along Herculaneum's sea front. Finally, ample time is devoted to wandering the streets, where we will find almost complete houses rising up on either side.

Day Eight | Naples

After breakfast, our tour ends and we make our independent journeys home.



Guided by Ben Kane

Join Ben in Pompeii 15th March.



Guided by Dr Simon Elliott

Join Simon in Pompeii 19th April.



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

Join Eireann in Pompeii 3rd May & 25th October.



Guided by Tony O'Connor

Join Tony in Pompeii 17th May.



Guided by John Shepherd

Join John in Pompeii 20th September.



Guided by Mark Corney

Join Mark in Pompeii 4th October.



Guided by Tony Wilmott

Join Tony in Pompeii 11th October.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Hotel Scapoliello or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 7 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
15th - 22nd Mar	\$2,750	\$180
19th - 26th Apr	\$3,145	\$180
3rd - 10th May	\$3,355	\$180
17th - 24th May	\$3,085	\$180
20th - 27th Sep	\$3,060 \$2,790	\$180
4th - 11th Oct	\$3,015	\$180
11th - 18th Oct	\$3,060 \$2,790	\$180
25th Oct - 1st Nov	\$2,990	\$180

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Image: Frescoes in Pompeii



CLASSICAL SICILY

Special access to the glittering Cappella Palatina

10 Days From \$4,290pp

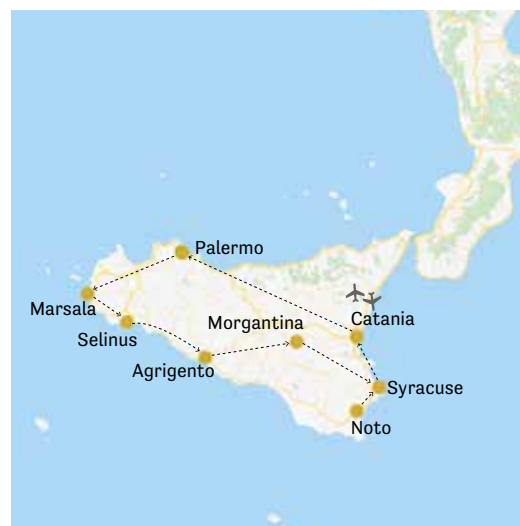
Departing April - October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The largest island in the Mediterranean, Sicily is arguably home to the richest history of any region in Italy. On this sun-soaked island, we discover wonderfully preserved Greek temples, Roman villas and even Norman cathedrals – many of which are replete with mosaics. This tour showcases monuments from all cultures that found their homes here.

Tour Highlights

- See the cathedral at Monreale, which is covered with opulent mosaics
- Gaze upon exceptional mosaics at the Villa Romana near Piazza Armerina
- Discover the legendary Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, a UNESCO site
- Visit Arab-Norman churches with their heady fusion of Byzantine and Arabic art
- Enjoy privileged special access to the Cappella Palatina during a private evening visit to marvel at its golden interior



Day One | Catania

Today we arrive in Catania and then transfer to Palermo, Sicily's vibrant capital.

Day Two | Segesta - Monreale

After breakfast, we drive out to the ancient Elymian city of **Segesta**, home to an elegant but unfinished 5th century BC Doric temple as well as the remains of a hilltop theater. This afternoon, we make our way to **Monreale**, former hunting ground of the Norman kings of Sicily. Here, we discover an opulent **Norman-Byzantine cathedral and abbey**, founded by King William II in 1174.

Day Three | Palermo

Today is ours to explore the wonders of **Palermo**. We start at the **Archaeological Museum**, which houses one of the most significant collections of Punic and ancient Greek art in all of Italy. Here, we find famous metopes from the Selinunte temples, as well as a fascinating array of artefacts discovered underwater. Later, we visit the church of **La Martorana** and the neighboring **Chiesa di San Cataldo**. After lunch, we go to **Palermo Cathedral**, a 12th century construction that replaced a Moorish mosque and houses some of the Norman Kings' tombs. This evening, we enjoy a **private visit to the Cappella Palatina**, glittering with mosaics and gold leaf.

Day Four | Marsala - Motya

We drive to the island of **Motya**, a stronghold of the Phoenicians, sacked in 397 BC by the Syracusan tyrant, Dionysius the Elder. Here, we visit the **Archeological Museum**, taking time to admire its renowned statue of the Charioteer, a sculpture from the early 5th century BC. After lunch, we visit **Marsala**, Punic Lilybaeum, and in particular its museum housing the remains of a Carthaginian warship that sunk in the first Punic War along with Punic funerary stelai.

Day Five | Selinunte

We start the day at the quarries of the **Cave di Cusa**, used by Selinus for their titanic temples. Their heavy work was abandoned in 409 BC when Carthaginians mercilessly sacked their city, a common refrain in the violent history of Sicily. We then travel on to **Selinunte** itself to see the temples of the eastern sanctuary, including the incredible **Temple G**, one of the largest temples of the Greek world. Our day ends at the **Acropolis of Selinunte**, positioned on plains that overlook the Mediterranean Sea. Here, we see remains of ancient temples and Punic housing inhabited by Carthaginians, who took over the site after the sacking.

Day Six | Agrigento

The whole day is spent exploring the magnificent remains of **Agrigento**, the site of the ancient Greek city of Akragas. We start with the world class **Archaeological Museum**, with its staggering collection of Greek vases and Roman sarcophagi. Next, we take in the **Valley of the Temples**, a World Heritage Site of seven Doric sanctuaries, including the remarkably well-preserved **Temple of Concordia**, with its elegant walls and columns. We also view the remains of the **Temple of Olympian Zeus**, another gigantic Sicilian temple, with an unusual layout characterized by enormous telemons, which bore the weight of its roof.



Image: Ortygia

Day Seven | Piazza Armerina - Morgantina

Our journey takes us through central Sicily, stopping at the **Villa Romana del Casale in Piazza Armerina**. This late antique villa is noted for its superb collection of mosaics – the largest in the world. Here, we find the famous depiction of the “Bikini Girls”, as well as images of hunting and ancient games. We proceed to **Morgantina**, a city founded by the native Sikels under their leader Ducetius.

Day Eight | Syracuse

Today is all about **Syracuse** and we discover traces of its glorious past in the exceptional **Paolo Orsi Archaeological Museum**, where we explore a staggering array of artefacts. Later, we visit the **Neapolis Archaeological Park**, home to an incredible theater where Aeschylus' tragedies were once performed in the playwright's presence. In the afternoon, we walk around **Ortygia**, the oldest part of the ancient city and the site of the remarkable 5th century BC **Temple of Athena**, which has been converted into the Cathedral of Our Lady's Nativity.

Day Nine | Ortygia - Noto

Enjoy some free time exploring the wonderful island of **Ortygia** this morning. Later, we proceed to **Noto**, a Baroque fantasy of a city that is now UNESCO-listed. After lunch, we visit the late Roman villa at **Tellaro**, which contains fine mosaics.

Day Ten | Catania

After breakfast, our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Oliver Gilkes

Join Oliver in Sicily 22nd April & 21st October.



Guided by Doru Bogdan

Join Doru in Sicily 9th September.



Guided by Dr Jamie Sewell

Join Jamie in Sicily 30th September.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa, Hotel Carmine, Hotel Costazzurra & Hotel Alla Guidecca or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
22nd Apr - 1st May	\$4,365	\$635
9th - 18th Sep	\$4,295	\$635
30th Sep - 9th Oct	\$4,295	\$635
21st - 30th Oct	\$4,290	\$635

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/asic

NEW FOR 2021



PIERO DELLA FRANCESCA & THE EARLY RENAISSANCE

Giotto, Masaccio, Fra Angelico and the dawn of the Renaissance

8 Days From \$3,020pp

Departing March & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Few artists have been as revolutionary or as influential as Piero della Francesca. This tour explores the influence exercised by della Francesca, as well as the work of his most famous contemporaries, including Giotto, Masaccio and Fra Angelico, in order to grasp the enormous strides taken in the Italian Early Renaissance.

Tour Highlights

- Gaze in wonder at Piero's masterpiece, the fresco cycle of the History of the True Cross in Arezzo
- Explore the wonderful Ducal Palace in Urbino, which houses the exceptional Galleria Nazionale delle Marche
- Examine the unique Collegio del Cambio in Perugia, which was decorated by Perugino and Raphael

Day One | Sansepolcro

Meet the group at our hotel in the medieval town of Sansepolcro.

Day Two | Sansepolcro & Monterchi

Today we explore **Sansepolcro**, Piero della Francesca's birthplace and where the artist left some of his masterpieces. Visits include the **Civic Museum** and **Piero's House**. Next, we travel to **Monterchi** to discover its most famous work of art, the Madonna del Parto.

Day Three | Urbino

In Urbino, at the **Ducal Palace**, we examine the art collection of the **Galleria Nazionale delle Marche** and admire some of Piero's most astonishing works, including the Flagellation and the Madonna di Senigallia. In the afternoon, we discover frescoes in the **Oratory of St. John the Baptist** and then finish our day with a visit to **Raphael's House**.

Day Four | Arezzo

We explore **Arezzo** today, first with a visit to the **Duomo** and Piero's Mary Magdalene fresco, then the **Church of San Domenico** to see the painted crucifix by Cimabue, and finally the **Casa di Vasari**. In the afternoon, we walk to

the **Basilica of San Francesco** to admire Piero's most astonishing frescoes.

Day Five | Perugia

In the ancient city of **Perugia**, our first visit is to the **Galleria Nazionale dell'Umbria**, where we admire the masterpieces by Piero della Francesca. Then, it's on to the **Collegio del Cambio**, with its exceptional frescoes by Perugino and young Raphael.

Day Six | Assisi

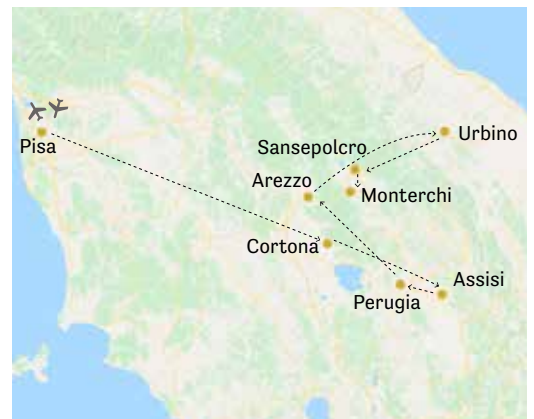
On to **Assisi**, where we explore the city's most famous churches, starting with the **Basilica of Saint Francis**, then the **Basilica of Santa Chiara**, where we discover the miraculous crucifix from the **Church of San Damiano**.

Day Seven | Cortona

In Cortona, we visit the **Etruscan Academy Museum** and then the **Diocesan Museum**, home to Fra Angelico's Annunciation and Lorenzetti's Maestà. In the afternoon, we sample the region's famous Sangiovese grapes during a wine-tasting experience.

Day Eight | Sansepolcro

After breakfast, our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Dr Agata Chrzanowska

Dr Agata Chrzanowska is an art historian specialized in both Early Modern painting and in photography studies.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Borgo Palace Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
14th - 21st Mar	\$3,020	\$390
4th - 11th Oct	\$3,020	\$390

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/apdf

NEW FOR 2021



CAMPANIAN VILLAS & GARDENS

How Roman and Bourbon elites lived in the Bay of Naples

7 Days From \$2,485pp

Departing September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The Bay of Naples is steeped in history, preserving remains of how its inhabitants cultivated open spaces for food and, importantly, for comfort and enjoyment. We explore extraordinary ancient gardens preserved by Vesuvius' eruption, along with sumptuous gardens on the Amalfi coast and those created by the Bourbon nobility around Naples.

Tour Highlights

- Visit Pompeii, including parts of the recently excavated areas as well as newly restored houses and their gardens
- Discover the Roman villa at Oplontis with its internal gardens and the majestic royal palace and park of Caserta
- Enjoy the breathtaking 18th century garden in the cloister of Santa Chiara, located in Naples

Day One | Naples - Cava de' Tirreni

Arrive into Naples and then head to the south end of the Bay of Naples to our hotel, which is situated in the mountains of the Sorrento Peninsula.

Day Two | Pompeii

A whole day in Pompeii awaits. Even if you are returning, you will see many buildings now reopened after conservation. It is not just the buildings, but the private gardens of many houses – Menander, Venus in the Shell, Golden Cupids and more – that have been restored with specimens of plants, shrubs and trees that we know were grown there in the Roman period.

Day Three | Naples

We head north to Naples to the formal Orto Botanico, then afterwards we visit the spectacular cloister of Santa Chiara, an oasis of calm in the center of Naples. In the afternoon, we head out to Capodimonte to visit the famous art galleries found there.

Day Four | Oplontis, Boscoreale & Portici

Today, we visit the villa at Oplontis – still with its fine array of wall paintings

intact, including beautiful internal gardens between rooms. In contrast, we will also visit the rural villa – in effect a farm house – at Boscoreale to see and consider the countryside around Pompeii. We end our day with a visit to the Royal Bourbon Palace at Portici.

Day Five | Ravello & Salerno

This morning we view some 18th and 19th century gardens at Villa Cimbrone and Villa Rufolo in Ravello. Facing south, this coast allows for the growing of many tropical species. After lunch, we then take a trip to the Giardino della Minerva at Salerno.

Day Six | Caserta

We drive to the region north of Naples to visit the Royal Palace and the park at Caserta. Said to have been designed by Charles VI of Naples in close collaboration with his architect Vanvitelli, this palace is one of the largest in Europe.

Day Seven | Cava de' Tirreni – Naples

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our individual flights home.



Guided by John Shepherd

An archaeologist who has worked extensively in the field throughout Europe, John is a specialist in ancient glass.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Hotel Scapolatiello

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
28th Sep - 4th Oct	\$2,485	\$155

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/avag

NEW FOR 2021



THE MEDICI & THE HIGH RENAISSANCE IN FLORENCE

Patronage, palazzi and ville in an age of splendor

7 Days From \$2,870pp

Departing April & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The extraordinary flourishing of art and learning in the height of the Renaissance in Florence remains one of the pinnacles of human achievement. This development of the arts and sciences coincided with the growth of the Medici family, who rose from humble beginnings to become the most important and wealthiest bankers in Europe.

Tour Highlights

- As guests of the Marquise Torrighiani, we will enjoy a visit to the Torrighiani Gardens, which were established in the 16th century
- Explore the incomparable Uffizi Gallery, which is home to a world-class collection of stunning Renaissance art
- Visit the extraordinary Palazzo Vecchio, once the civic hall and ultimately the Medici palace

Day One | Florence

Meet the group at our hotel in Florence. This evening includes a lecture on the history of the Medici family and their advent to power.

Day Two | Florence

In the morning, we explore the 15th century rise of the Medici family by visiting monuments associated with them – their first private palace, **Palazzo Medici Riccardi**, the **Basilica of San Lorenzo** and the **Medicean Chapels**, learning about their patronage of Filippo Brunelleschi and Michelangelo. In the afternoon, we visit the **Palazzo Vecchio**.

Day Three | Florence

We start our day at the incomparable **Uffizi Gallery**, which houses the most important collection of Renaissance art in the world, including Botticelli's Birth of Venus, Raphael's Madonna of the Gold and da Vinci's Annunciation. In the afternoon, we visit the **Cathedral Museum** containing Michelangelo's Pietà, and then it's on to the **Baptistery**.

Day Four | Florence

We first visit the **Medici's private residence**, the **Pitti Palace** and we

admire works by Raphael, Botticelli and Caravaggio. Following this, we will discover the magnificent **Boboli Gardens**, an example of a Baroque giardino all'italiana. In the afternoon, we will be guests of the Marquise Torrighiani in our visit of the Torrighiani Gardens.

Day Five | Florence

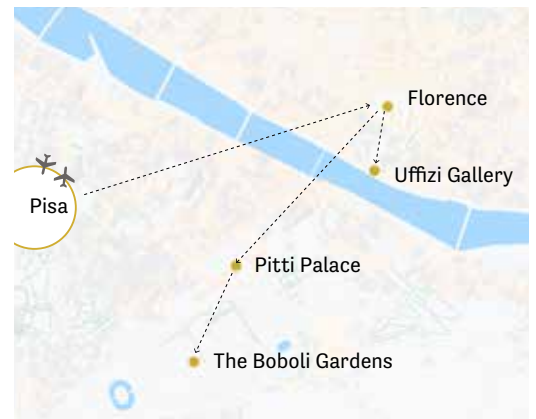
In the morning, we will visit the **Convent of San Marco** then continue to the **Galleria dell'Accademia** where we admire Michelangelo's David as well as his famous slaves. Later, we have free time to explore this unique city.

Day Six | Florence

On the outskirts of Florence, we explore some of the private residences of the Medici that have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage list – the beautiful gardens of **Villa di Castello** and the terraced gardens of **Villa la Petraia**, and later we discover the fascinating story of the **Villa di Pratolino**.

Day Seven | Florence

We visit the **Villa di Poggio a Caiano**, commissioned by Lorenzo il Magnifico and designed by Giuliano da Sangallo. Our tour then comes to an end.



Guided by Dr Agata Chrzanowska

Join Agata in Italy on our April departure.



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

Join Eireann in Italy on our October departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hotel Croce di Malta

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
12th - 18th Apr	\$2,925	\$440
11th - 17th Oct	\$2,870	\$440

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/amed

NEW FOR 2021



CARAVAGGIO & HIS FOLLOWERS

The painter and Caravaggesti: Artemisia Gentileschi, Orazio Gentileschi and Mattia Preti

8 Days From \$3,500pp

Departing March & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Rarely has an artist had such an impact on later generations as Michelangelo Merisi, known as Caravaggio. This tour not only explores this extraordinary painter both in Rome, where he made his name, and in Naples, where he had a huge influence on the art of the city, it also offers the opportunity to see some of his most spectacular paintings.

Tour Highlights

- Visit Galleria Borghese with its incredible collection of Caravaggio paintings as well as sculptures by Gian Lorenzo Bernini
- Enjoy private visits to the Collezione Odescalchi and the Casino di Villa Boncompagni Ludovisi
- Visit the Vatican Museums, including the Pinacoteca where Caravaggio's Deposition of Christ can be admired



Day One | Rome

Meet the group at our hotel in Rome.

Day Two | Rome

We start our exploration of Caravaggio at the **Galleria Doria Pamphilj** to see some of his early works, then we continue to **Galleria Spada**. After lunch, we walk to the **Corsini Gallery** to see Caravaggio's St. John the Baptist.

Day Three | Rome

Today we visit the **Vatican Museums** and see Caravaggio's Deposition of Christ in the **Pinacoteca**. In the afternoon, we visit the **Casino Ludovisi** for a private viewing of Caravaggio's only ceiling painting, a canvas of Jupiter, Neptune and Pluto, which is remarkable for its foreshortening.

Day Four | Rome

We visit the **Galleria Borghese**, to see a room full of Caravaggio paintings, then we continue to the **Church of Santa Maria del Popolo**. After lunch, we visit the **Church of San Luigi dei Francesi**. We end the day with a private visit to the **Collezione Odescalchi Balbi** for Caravaggio's Conversion of St. Paul.

Day Five | Rome - Naples

After a visit to the **Capitoline Museum** to see Caravaggio's **The Fortune Teller**, we follow in the footsteps of Caravaggio and drive to Naples, where he fled after killing Ranuccio Tomassoni. We stop en route at **Anagni** to view its extraordinary Romanesque cathedral.

Day Six | Naples

At the **Capodimonte Museum**, we see its world class art collection. After lunch, we visit the **Chiesa di Santa Maria della Stella** to see Battistello Caracciolo's Immaculate Conception and Saints, the first Caravaggesque painting of this important follower of Caravaggio.

Day Seven | Naples

We start our day at the **Pinacoteca of Pio Monte della Misericordia** and the **Palazzo Zevallos Stigliano** to see Caravaggio's Acts of Mercy and the Martyrdom of St Orsola, then end at the **Cappella Santosevero** to view Sanmartino's statue of Cristo Velato. A farewell dinner at the Locanda del Cerriglio follows later.

Day Eight | Naples

Our tour ends today.



Guided by Kate Parkinson

Since moving to Europe 20 years ago, Kate has studied art history and has worked as a guide in Rome.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Best Western Plus Hotel Universo & Starhotels Terminus

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
14th - 21st Mar	\$3,500	\$485
31st Oct - 7th Nov	\$3,580	\$485

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/acar



PUGLIA & BASILICATA

Discover the extraordinary Sassi di Matera

9 Days From \$3,835pp

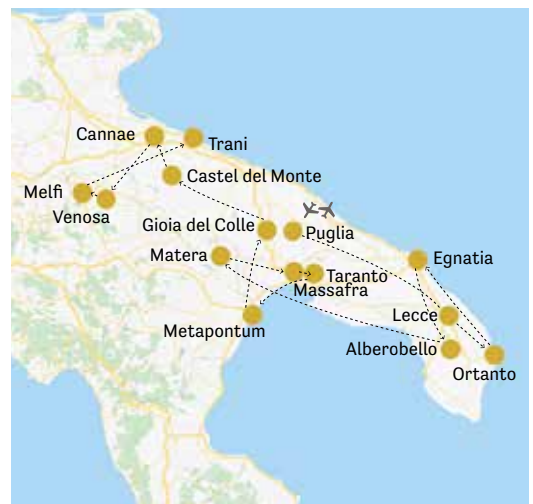
Departing April & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

With outstanding monuments that date from the Neolithic period right through to the modern age, Basilicata and Puglia offer rich histories. This area showcases fantastic troglodytic dwellings, Byzantine churches and even Norman castles, and it is also the home of Horace in addition to being the land where Hannibal won his most famous victory.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the charming white-washed trulli houses of Alberobello
- Explore ancient Matera, which was the 2019 European Capital of Culture and provided the setting for Mel Gibson’s film, “Passion of the Christ”
- Experience the wonderful Baroque city of Lecce and its many historic sites
- Pay a visit to Castel del Monte, the most spectacular castle in all of southern Italy



Day One | Lecce

We meet at our hotel in Lecce. Time permitting, we will have an introductory stroll around the city.

Day Two | Lecce - Otranto

We begin our day in **Lecce**, visiting some of the churches and the amphitheater of the Roman city of Lupiae. When Lecce became part of the Kingdom of Naples, it took on a new cultural identity, becoming the 'Apulian Athens'. Between the 16th and 18th centuries, this fostered the development of the 'Lecce Baroque' style, characterized by exuberant carving. We proceed to an off-the-beaten-track private visit to the **Roca Vecchia Archaeological Park**. We then visit the beautiful seaside city of **Otranto**, which was violently besieged by the Ottomans in 1480. Here, we visit the **cathedral** and the Byzantine **Church of San Pietro**.

Day Three | Egnatia - Alberobello

Today we drive to the ancient site of **Egnatia**, a Messapian city that was also a strategic trading center in the Roman period. We move on to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Alberobello** before enjoying some free time to explore this city with its unique architecture at our own pace.

Day Four | Matera

We spend all day in **Matera**, the European Capital of Culture for 2019. Carlo Levi, author of *Christ Stopped at Eboli*, gave a heartbreaking account of the desperate poverty he witnessed during his years of exile in Matera in the 1940s. We begin with an exploration of the extraordinary **Sassi of Matera**, a network of phenomenal rock-cut cave dwellings and frescoed Byzantine churches. In the afternoon, we have some free time for independent wandering.

Day Five | Massafra - Taranto

Today we drive to **Massafra** to explore this lesser-known city, which is home to cave dwellings and wonderful Byzantine churches replete with frescoes. We continue to **Taranto**, to explore the outstanding **National Archaeological Museum**, one of the most important in all of Italy.

Day Six | Metapontum - Gioia del Colle

This morning we head to **Metapontum**, one of the most opulent cities in Magna Graecia. We visit the **Temple of Hera** before continuing on to **Gioia del Colle** to see the wonderful castle rebuilt by Frederick II. As well as the castle itself, we will also explore the **National Archaeological Museum**.

Day Seven | Castel del Monte - Trani

We start with a visit to **Castel del Monte** to see the spectacular 13th century hunting lodge of the Emperor Frederick II. We spend the afternoon in **Trani**, where we visit the exquisite **cathedral** located on the seafront. Afterwards, there will be free time to explore at our leisure.

Day Eight | Venosa - Melfi

We travel to **Venosa** to visit the 12th century **Abbey of the Holy Trinity**, which houses an important Norman tomb. Next, we explore the Roman site of **Venusia** before continuing to **Melfi** to visit an impressive Norman castle. We also explore the **National Archaeological Museum**, home to a priceless Bronze Age statuette and the Roman sarcophagus of Rapolla.

Day Nine | Trani

Our tour ends today and we make our independent journeys home.



Guided by Dr Jamie Sewell

Join Jamie in Italy on 10th April.



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

Join Eireann in Italy on 24th April & 3rd September.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Grand Hotel di Lecce, Hotel San Domenico al Piano di Matera and the Giardino degli Ulivi Resort & Spa or the Hotel San Paolo

Culinary inclusions

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 8 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
10th - 18th Apr	\$3,835	\$410
24th Apr - 2nd May	\$3,835	\$410
3rd - 11th Sep	\$3,835	\$410

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/abap



THE ETRUSCANS

Master craftsmen of early Italy

8 Days From \$3,295pp

Departing April & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Before the rise of Rome, the Etruscans dominated much of central Italy. Their cities today are either abandoned or lost beneath the area's iconic medieval and renaissance towns, but traces of their existence remains. Discover hilltop settlements, spectacular finds, lavish painted tombs and even veritable cities of the dead on this alternative tour of Classical Italy.



Tour Highlights

- See the remarkable Banditaccia cemetery at Cerveteri, a real city of the dead
- View the unique painted tombs of Tarquinia, the earliest fresco cycle in western art
- Explore the dramatic medieval city of Orvieto and visit its great cathedral
- Admire incomparable collections of Etruscan artefacts in Rome's Villa Giulia

Day One | Colle di Val d'Elsa

Arrive in Pisa and head to our hotel.

Day Two | Volterra

Our first day is spent in Volterra and we visit the **Guarnacci Museum**, famed for its cinerary urns. After lunch, we view **Etruscan temple foundations** and the **Porta all'Arco** in the town.

Day Three | Florence

This morning, we drive to Florence to visit its **Archaeological Museum**. The afternoon is free for us to explore.

Day Four | Civita Castellana

The day is spent at **Chiusi**, the key inland city of northern Etruria. The collections in the museum are drawn from the area and include chests and tomb markers in local sandstone. Later, we have special access to the highly decorated **Tomb of the Lion** and the **Tomb of the Pilgrim**.

Day Five | Rome

We pay a visit to Veii this morning and explore the remains of the Portonaccio Temple, dedicated to Apollo. In the afternoon, we visit the Villa Giulia Museum in Rome, which houses one of the world's finest collections of Etruscan art and artefacts – including

the masterpiece 'Apollo of Veii'.

Day Six | Tarquinia

Today we explore Tarquinia, visiting the **Archaeological Museum** with its subterranean chamber tombs. Next, we visit the **Monterozzi cemetery**, where over 6,000 tombs were discovered.

Day Seven | Orvieto

Ancient Velzna – **Orvieto** – awaits us today. Etruscans established this location because of the excellent defensive opportunities offered by the spectacular volcanic citadel. We have free time to explore the town, which is home to two archaeological museums, 'underground Orvieto' and the renaissance cathedral. Later, we visit the **Belvedere Temple Podium** and the Etruscan cemetery of **Crocifisso del Tufo**, where family names are carved above the tombs.

Day Eight | Civita Castellana

Our tour culminates at the **Banditaccia cemetery at Cerveteri**, an extraordinary Etruscan site. Later, we transfer to Rome's Fiumicino airport for our individual flights home.



Guided by Prof. Tony King

Join Tony in Italy on our April departure.



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

Join Eireann in Italy on our September departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hotel Palazzo Pacini & Hotel Relais Falisco or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 7 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
25th Apr - 2nd May	\$3,320	\$480
19th - 26th Sep	\$3,295	\$515

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THE SAMNITES

Enemies of Rome

7 Days From \$2,720pp

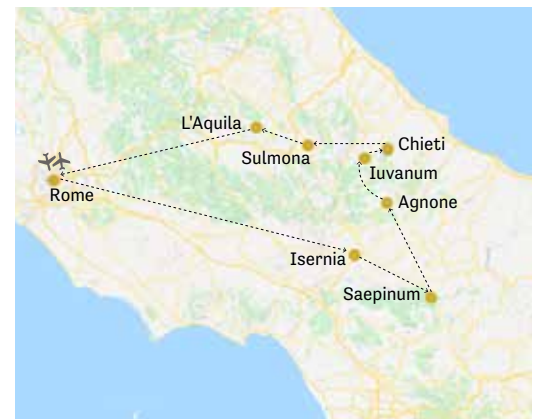
Departing May 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

For 300 years, the peoples of central Italy were Rome's most bitter enemies, humiliating Roman generals. Defeating the Samnites taught Rome how to fight and they poured in resources to pin the mountaineers in place. Set among spectacular mountains, ancient cities, castles and abbeys, this unique tour reaches the very heart of this amazing country.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the theater and sanctuary at Pietrabbondante, the Samnite religious and political center in the mountains of Molise
- Visit Saepinum, a Roman municipality built to speed Imperial flocks to Rome and home to a forum still used by shepherds
- Tour San Vincenzo al Volturno, where Emperor Charlemagne decreed a massive new abbey to dominate central Italy



Day One | Rome

Arrive in Rome and travel to Venafro. A brief afternoon visit to the **amphitheater** awaits us later on.

Day Two | Venafro

We visit the **Archaeological Museum**, which houses finds from the city and other sites, and then **Venafro Castle**. Driving along the River Volturno, we visit **San Vincenzo al Volturno** with its excavations of the Carolingian Abbey and painted crypt.

Day Three | Isernia

This morning we explore **Isernia**, the crucial Samnite and Roman city that dominated the roads across Italy. The **Santa Spirito Museum** here displays amazing Paleolithic finds and we see something of the ancient city in the **cathedral excavations** and **Civic Museum**. We drive on to **Saepinum** for a visit to this transhumance town.

Day Four | Agnone

We drive to **Agnone**, famed for its bronze casting tradition and its extraordinary Papal bell foundry, and then it's on to **Pietrabbondante**, the ritual sanctuary of the Pentri tribe. An

afternoon drive brings us to **Schiavi di Abruzzo**, a further Samnite sanctuary with two well-preserved temples.

Day Five | Iuvanum

Into the Abruzzo mountains today to **Iuvanum**, a town made for the ancient shepherds of the uplands, with a forum and temples. Across the Sangro River to Rocca Scalegna, we visit **Angevin Castle** before heading on to **Chieti** to visit the museum with its artefacts that include the Capestrano Warrior.

Day Six | Sulmona

In the wide valley of **Sulmona**, we visit the **sanctuary of Hercules Curino**, pinned to the mountainside. We also visit **Bominaco** with its famous painted abbey. After lunch, we explore **Fossa**, a unique Samnite cemetery with rows of standing stones.

Day Seven | Rome

Visit **L'Aquila** to see the Fountain of the 99 Spouts, gifted to the city by Emperor Frederick II. Then it's on to **Aminternum**, a substantial Roman city typical of the settlements encouraged by the Romans throughout Samnium. Individual flights home from Rome will follow.



Guided by Oliver Gilkes

One of Andante's longest-standing guide lecturers, Oliver has worked as both a field and museum archaeologist.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Venafro, Castelpetroso, Silvi Marina & L'Aquila

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twinn/Db Share	SS
24th - 30th May	\$2,720	\$325

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/asmn



THE VIA APPIA

Queen of roads

8 Days From \$3,005pp **SAVE UP TO \$135**

Departing September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Dubbed the *regina viarum*, the Via Appia was Rome's first major road artery and remains its most famous. The journey up this road from Benevento to Rome offers you a rare glimpse into the way in which Rome first subdued and then united Italy through roads, while taking us to a selection of spectacular sites en route.



Tour Highlights

- Visit the superbly preserved underground sanctuary of Mithras of Capua with its intact frescoes and shrine
- Explore Minturnae, a little-known archaeological site that contains a section of the Via Appia
- Walk down the Via Appia in Rome, seeing ancient remains such as the Porta San Sebastiano

Day One | Benevento

We meet at our hotel in Benevento and enjoy dinner as a group.

Day Two | Benevento

We begin with the Via Appia and Roman ruins in Benevento, including the spectacular Arch of Trajan and the Roman theater. After lunch, we visit the Museo del Sannio as well as the exquisite church of Santa Sofia and the cathedral, built using Roman spolia.

Day Three | Capua & Gaeta

Our journey takes us to the important amphitheater of Capua and the nearby Mithraeum, one of the most complete in all of Italy. We proceed to the 11th century church of Sant'Angelo in Formis with its unique Byzantine frescoes and then to the Museo Provinciale Campano before driving to our hotel in Gaeta.

Day Four | Minturnae & Formiae

We proceed along the Appian Way to the little visited site of Minturnae, where we see a wonderfully preserved section of the road. We continue to Formiae to visit the archaeological museum as well as a monumental Roman cistern.

Day Five | Terracina & Ariccia

The odyssey proceeds with a morning's visit to Terracina, where we visit the Temple of Jupiter Anxur and remains of the forum, including the Capitolium. After lunch, we visit Ariccia to see parts of the Via Appia and the Catacombs of San Senatore.

Day Six | Rome

The road has led us to Rome and we begin with the Porta San Sebastiano, where the Via Appia entered the city and where we will be visiting the Museum of the Walls. We continue down the Via Appia to see the Circus of Maxentius as well as the tomb of Caecilia Metella and the Capo di Bove complex.

Day Seven | Rome

The Appian Way was a conduit to Rome and today we visit Trajan's Markets and the Imperial Fora to view the end point for goods along the Via Appia. In the afternoon, there is free time to explore.

Day Eight | Rome

Our tour comes to an end this morning.



Guided by Dr Jamie Sewell

Jamie has 15 years' experience supervising excavations in Britain, Germany, Romania and Italy, including Pompeii.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hotel President, Hotel Mirasol & Hotel Universo

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
17th - 24th Sep	\$3,140 \$3,005	\$450

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/avap



THE VIA FLAMINIA

Venture through the stunning heart of Italy

10 Days \$3,920pp

Departing May 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The Via Flaminia, traversing the Apennines, remains the best way to navigate through central Italy. Originally built in the 3rd century BC, in order to facilitate the transport of grain to Rome, the Via Flaminia crosses through some of the most breathtaking parts of the country, from Rome to the heart of Umbria and into Rimini.

Tour Highlights

- Enjoy a private visit to the extraordinary Hypogeum of the Volumni, a tomb in the outskirts of Perugia
- Tour Assisi with its spectacular Basilica of San Francis and enjoy private visits to both the amazing Domus del Larario and the Domus di Properzio
- Visit the city of Gubbio to examine the Iguvine – rare bronze inscriptions



Day One | Rimini

Meet the group at our hotel in Rimini.

Day Two | Rimini & Pesaro

Today we explore ancient Ariminum, the end of the Via Flaminia. We see Tiberius' Bridge and Augustus' Triumphal Arch as well as the Domus of the Surgeon. After lunch, we make our way to Pesaro to explore the Domus of the Via dell'Abbondanza and the cathedral.

Day Three | Fossombrone & Gubbio

See the bridges at Fossombrone and Cagli as well as the Roman theater and unique Iguvine Tablets in Gubbio.

Day Four | Perugia

We explore Perugia, starting with a private visit to the Hypogeum of the Volumni, the superb archaeological museum and the ancient gates. Free time follows in the afternoon.

Day Five | Assisi

Travel to Assisi for private visits to the Domus del Larario and the Domus di Properzio. We continue to the ancient forum and the Temple of Minerva before viewing the Basilica of San Francesco and enjoying free time in Assisi.

Day Six | Spello & Spoleto

We visit Spello to see the Villa of the Mosaics and the Roman arch. Next, it's the Temple of Clitumnus and Spoleto. Here, we see remains of the Roman theater, the triumphal arch and the Domus of Vespasia Polla, as well as the fine Cathedral of Spoleto.

Day Seven | Carsulae & Otricoli

Discover Carsulae, which has a section of the Via Flaminia framed by the Arch of St. Damian. After lunch, we head to Otricoli before journeying to Rome, seeing the Milvian Bridge on the way.

Day Eight | Rome

We venture to the Roman Forum, where all Roman roads started. Here, we see newly opened sites such as the Aula Isiaca and Domitian's Ramp. We end our day at the Palatine.

Day Nine | Rome

Via the Pantheon and Piazza Navona, we reach the Porta del Popolo, where the Via Flaminia entered Rome. We walk down the Via Flaminia to the Ara Pacis and the Mausoleum of Augustus.

Day Ten | Rome

Visit Ostia Antica before our tour ends.



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

An Honorary Research Fellow for the Open University, Eireann is bilingual in both English and Italian.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Villa Adriatica, Hotel La Rosetta & Hotel Universo

Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 7 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twinn/DbL Share	SS
24th May - 2nd Jun	\$3,920pp	\$520

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/avfl



PREHISTORIC MALTA & GOZO

From megalithic settlements to medieval strongholds

7 Days From \$3,480pp **SAVE UP TO \$610**

Departing October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

At 5,500 years old, the megalithic temples of Malta and Gozo are among the oldest ritual structures in the world, decorated with some of the most extraordinary art to be found anywhere in the Mediterranean. We explore Malta's prehistory and take some time to explore the medieval parts of this island country in both Mdina and Valletta alike.

Tour Highlights

- Enjoy a harbour cruise to view the beautiful historic port of Valletta
- View the enigmatic cart ruts at Buskett, worn into the bedrock
- Explore the walled city of Mdina, the capital from antiquity until the medieval
- Visit Ghar Dalam cave, where the lowest layers are over 500,000 years old
- Discover the Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site



Day One | Valletta

We meet the group at our hotel in Valletta and enjoy a group dinner.

Day Two | Mdina

Beginning in the town of Mgarr, we visit the **Ta' Hagarat** and **Skorba temples**, which have made a significant contribution to our understanding of early Maltese prehistory. We spend the afternoon in **Mdina** – the 'Silent City' – which served as the island's capital from antiquity through to the medieval period. We end our day viewing some of the renowned cart ruts.

Day Three | Valletta

A day spent exploring **Valletta** on foot. Founded by the Knights Hospitaller, this UNESCO World Heritage Site occupies a commanding position over two harbours. We visit the **Archaeological Museum**, **St. John's Cathedral** and finally the **Grand Master's Palace**.

Day Four | Gozo

We take the ferry to Gozo where we visit Ggantija, a prehistoric megalithic complex of exceptional grandeur. Next, we visit the Xaghra stone circle, a significant funerary complex, and then

it's on to the ruins of **Santa Verna**, a megalithic site left to the ravages of time. Later, we visit **Cittadella** in the town of Victoria and we also visit the **Gozo Archaeology Museum**.

Day Five | Valletta

Back on Malta, we visit the **Hagar Qim** and **Mnajdra** megalithic sites. Access allowing, we also visit the **Hal Saflieni Hypogeum** – a UNESCO-listed site and funerary complex of unparalleled wonder. Nearby, we visit the **Tarxien** megalithic site. Our day ends at the **Ghar Dalam cave**, where large quantities of Pleistocene remains were found.

Day Six | Valletta

We enjoy a **harbour cruise** on a traditional Maltese luzzu to view the port of Valletta from the sea. One can imagine the Ottoman Turkish Armada, estimated to contain up to 45,000 men taking part in a four-month-long siege back in 1565. Free time follows.

Day Seven | Valletta

Our tour comes to an end today and we catch our individual return flights home.



Guided by Jeremy Bennett

A British archaeologist, Jeremy is currently studying for his PhD at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Valletta

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
4th - 10th Oct	\$4,090 \$3,480	\$830

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/amal

NEW FOR 2021



NETHERLANDS - AN INTRODUCTION TO DUTCH PAINTERS

Rembrandt, Van Gogh, Escher and more

6 Days From \$3,495pp

Departing July & August 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

On this tour, we are privileged to study some of the incredible paintings that were created in this wonderful country. From Rembrandt's *The Night Watch* to Vermeer's *The Milkmaid*, we get the opportunity to stand before some truly fantastic masterworks that are both known and loved around the world.

Tour Highlights

- Learn about traditional Dutch crafts in the scenic Zaanse Schans model village and museum
- Take a private boat trip along Amsterdam's scenic canals as we enjoy memorable views of the city
- Be treated to a special out of hours tour at the Rembrandt House Museum

Day One | Amsterdam

Arrive in Amsterdam and then visit the **Rembrandt House** for our exclusive out of hours tour. Rembrandt lived here between 1639 to 1648 and the interior has been reconstructed to show how it would have looked during this time.

Day Two | Amsterdam

This morning we visit the **Rijksmuseum**, which is dedicated to the vibrant arts and rich history of Amsterdam. The artworks include masterpieces by Rembrandt and Johannes Vermeer. In the afternoon, we are treated to a **private boat trip** from the museum to the 17th century canal house and museum, **Ons' Lieve Heer op Solder**, where we spend some time discovering its interesting interior.

Day Three | Amsterdam - Hague

Today we visit the Dutch capital, the Hague. Here, we explore the **Mauritshuis Museum**, with its incredible collection of Dutch paintings from the Golden Age, including *The Girl with the Pearl Earring*. After lunch, we visit the **Escher Museum**, dedicated to the works of graphic artist M. C. Escher. The

collection is housed in the 18th century Lange Voorhout Palace, which was once owned by Dutch royalty and used as a Winter Palace by Queen Mother Emma of the Netherlands.

Day Four | Amsterdam

A day of rich culture awaits, starting with visits to the **Van Gogh Museum**, which curates the largest collection of work by the artist, and the **Stedelijk Museum**, founded in 1874 and dedicated to contemporary art and design. We end our day at **Zaanse Schans**, for a workshop from one of the few remaining traditional clogmakers in the Netherlands. We will see the process of clog-making demonstrated on restored antique machines.

Day Five | Amsterdam - Delft

Today we travel to Delft, where the world-famous earthenware has been produced since the 17th century. We take a walking tour around the old town before visiting the **Vermeer Center**. We also tour a **Delft pottery factory**.

Day Six | Amsterdam

We have a free time this morning before we make our independent journeys home.



Guided by Dr Agata Chrzanowska

Dr Agata Chrzanowska is an art historian specialized in both Early Modern painting and in photography studies.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Park Centraal

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
6th - 11th Jul	\$3,495	\$810
31st Aug - 5th Sep	\$3,560	\$850

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/azan



ROMAN GERMANY

Exploring the Rhine frontier

10 Days From \$4,545pp

Departing May 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

In 9 AD, the largest army of the Roman Empire suffered unprecedented defeat along the Rhine frontier. In response, the Limes – a defense system of bank, ditch, wall and forts – was constructed. This fascinating tour explores the cities behind the defenses and the Limes themselves, all in a beautiful part of Europe often overlooked by tourists.

Tour Highlights

- Walk along the Roman sewers beneath the governor's residence in Cologne
- Explore the remains of the fort and reconstructed watchtower at the UNESCO-listed site of Zugmantel
- Admire the richly illustrated gladiatorial mosaic at Nennig, one of the most important Roman artefacts north of the Alps

Day One | Cologne

Meet the group at our hotel.

Day Two | Cologne - Xanten

Heading north, we arrive at Xanten, where the Roman town of **Colonia Ulpia Traiana** has been reconstructed.

Day Three | Cologne

Explore the remains of Roman Cologne and the excellent collections of the **Römisch-Germanisches Museum**.

Day Four | Boppard - Braubach

Visit the opulent **Ahrweiler Villa**, which has been transformed into an excellent museum. Then its on to **Boppard** before heading to our next hotel via boat.

Day Five | Zugmantel - Feldburg

We reach the **Limes** – a 500km boundary overlooked by 900 watchtowers and patrolled from 60 forts. We visit the reconstructed watchtower at **Zugmantel** and then it's on to **Saalburg** before **Feldburg**.

Day Six | Trier

A drive along the Rhine takes us to **Mainz**, the capital of Germania Superior. Next, we investigate the **Museum für Antike Schifffahrt**. After lunch, we visit

some Roman remains and the visit the Gutenberg Museum independently before we head on to Trier.

Day Seven | Trier

Today is our first day in **Imperial Roman Trier**, one of the Late Roman capital cities of the Western Empire. We begin with the **Museum am Dom** and then visit the galleries of the **Rheinisches Landesmuseum**. Later, we view **Constantine's Basilica**, which contains the largest extant hall from antiquity.

Day Eight | Trier

Today we visit the famous **Porta Nigra**, the **Kaiserthermen**, funerary monument of Igel, **Villa Nennig** and finally the reconstruction of **Villa Borg**.

Day Nine | Trier - Aachen

We drive to **Aachen** and enjoy a walking tour through the city. We visit the **Treasury**, the richest in western Europe, with gifts made by holy Roman emperors throughout the Middle Ages.

Day Ten | Aachen

We explore the **Gothic Rathaus** before our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Tony Wilmott

Senior Archaeologist with Historic England, Tony has directed many excavations across the UK.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Cologne, Trier, Braubach & Aachen

Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 9 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
30th May - 8th Jun	\$4,545	\$845

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/ager



BERLIN - BEYOND THE WALL

The highs and lows of a city divided and reunited

5 Days From \$2,155pp **SAVE UP TO \$205**

Departing June & August 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

Enjoy the rich flavor of the region's past and present, from its royal Prussian palaces to its place in Nazi fantasies, and also including its role as a hub of both socialist cultures and radical counter cultures. Berlin has been the nexus for so many pivotal moments in European history and its stories are simply fascinating.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the city with a long-term resident and experienced archaeologist
- Pay a visit to Sanssouci, Frederick the Great's Rococo summer palace
- See Berlin's iconic sites, such as the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie
- World-class museums await, home to amazing ancient-world artefacts



Day One | Berlin

Arrive in Berlin and then, in the evening, we take a stroll through the classical cultural forum of Frederick the Great in the heart of Prussian Berlin. We take in the **Opera House**, **Humboldt University** and also the memorial at **Bebelplatz**, commemorating the 22,000 books that were burned by Nazis in 1933.

Day Two | Berlin

Our morning is spent at **Museum Island**, the cultural heart of imperial Berlin. Here, we explore innumerable treasures such as the reconstruction of the Ishtar Gate, the Babylonian Processional Way at the **Pergamon Museum** and the famous bust of Nefertiti at the **Neues Museum**. After lunch, we visit the **Jewish Quarter** and have free time.

Day Three | Berlin

Today, in Potsdam, we visit **Sanssouci** – Frederick the Great's summer palace. Often described as the German Versailles, the palace itself is quite a modest affair, but is surrounded by lavish landscaped gardens. Next, we visit **Cecilienhof**, the Hohenzollern royal palace and site of the Potsdam

Conference at the end of World War II.

Day Four | Berlin

We journey to **Wittenberg** today and pay a visit to a number of World Heritage Sites associated with Luther. These include the **Lutherhaus**, originally an Augustinian monastery, and also the home of Martin Luther. We also visit the **Castle Church**, where he allegedly nailed his 95 theses to the door. A few more stops follow before the day comes to an end. These include houses of other figures of the Reformation, such as Melancthon and the painter Cranach.

Day Five | Berlin

This morning, we explore Berlin's famous sites, including the **Reichstag**. Its glass dome, designed by Norman Foster, has transformed the building into a symbol of German unity and civic transparency. We also visit **Brandenburg Gate** and '**Checkpoint Charlie**', the infamous crossing point between East and West. Our tour ends here and we make our independent journeys home.



Guided by Nick Jackson

A graduate of the Institute of Archaeology at UCL, Nick is an archaeologist and historian with over 20 years of excavation experience.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Berlin

Culinary inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
3rd - 7th Jun	\$2,360 \$2,155	\$275
26th - 30th Aug	\$2,360	\$275

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/asbb

NEW FOR 2021



BERLIN - ABOVE & BELOW

The archaeology of hidden Berlin

6 Days From \$2,595pp

Departing June 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

This innovative tour of Berlin leaves the normal tourist trail far behind, offering fascinating sites discovered by two experienced Andante Guide Lecturers with the in-depth knowledge of the city they have inhabited for a total of 50 years. You will be taken to rarely visited places, dating to pivotal moments of the city's turbulent history.

Tour Highlights

- Pay a visit to the Wehrmacht's central communications bunker complexes at Zossen-Wünsdorf
- Examine the hidden woodland homes of two notorious politicians, namely Goebbels and Erich Honecker
- Explore multiple repurposed WWII bunkers as well as the Nazi-built airport at Tempelhof on this unique tour

Day One | Berlin

After arriving in Berlin and settling into the hotel, we will have an afternoon stroll around its historic center. Before dinner, there will be a lecture expanding on themes that will be covered in the days to come.

Day Two | Berlin

This morning, we descend underground to hidden Berlin in order to explore the communications center of the Reich. We head out South East of Berlin to **Zossen-Wünsdorf**, to see the central WWII Wehrmacht communications bunkers housed there and then proceed to the **Russian Bunkers**. After lunch, we explore remains of the Berlin Wall in a tour of the subterranean city.

Day Three | Berlin

Today we encounter archaeological, architectural and artistic remains dating from the medieval period to the 20th century, which include the island fortress at **Spandau**. In the afternoon, we stop at the **Charlottenbrücke** and then proceed to the infamous site of **Spandau Prison and Barracks**, concluding with a visit to Berlin's

forgotten late 19th century bulwark, **Fort Hahneberg**.

Day Four | Berlin

Berlin is home to myriad bunkers dating to World War II and the Cold War, which together constitute a subterranean city. We start with the **Fichte Bunker** and then continue to **Feuerle Bunker**. In the afternoon, at **Tempelhof**, we explore the Nazi period industrial production areas, aerial photo archive bunker and painted civilian shelters.

Day Five | Berlin

Today we head north of Berlin to visit Goebbels' grand villa at **Bogensee** from the outside. At nearby **Wandlitz**, we will wander through a walled settlement built exclusively for East Germany's leadership. In the afternoon, we venture back to Berlin to view the epic Soviet war memorial at **Treptow**.

Day Six | Berlin

We climb the 'rubble mountain' of **Teufelsberg** (Devil's Mountain) to the spy station – a British and US Army listening post, monitoring communications into Soviet territory. After lunch, our tour ends.



Guided by Nick Jackson

A graduate of UCL's Institute of Archaeology, Nick is an experienced archaeologist, historian and guide.



Guided by Dr Jamie Sewell

Jamie has 15 years' experience supervising excavations in Italy, Romania and Germany.

Price includes

- Two Expert Guide Lecturers, who will split the tour between them
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Berlin

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
10th - 15th Jun	\$2,595	\$385

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/abab

NEW FOR 2021



LAKE CONSTANCE

A treasure trove of history: Piles, dwellings, castles and abbeys

8 Days From \$3,825pp

Departing May & July 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Lake Constance, bordering three countries, is one of the most idyllic places in Europe and is also one of the most varied, both archaeologically and historically. It is as well known for its unique archaeological remains as it is for its photogenic castles and abbeys, all of which are set among picturesque valleys.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the Federsee Museum, where over 20 Neolithic and Metal Age bog villages have been excavated
- Visit St. Gallen Library, one of the oldest in the world, with its precious collection of medieval early manuscripts
- Join Esther Unterweger, an underwater archaeologist, who has been working on pile dwellings for UNESCO in Austria

Day One | Zurich - Constance

Arrive in Zurich and then meet the group at our hotel in Constance. A lecture on the area's pile dwellings follows this evening.

Day Two | Unteruhldingen & Bad Buchau

We first visit **Pfahlbaumuseum Unteruhldingen-Muehlhofen**, which is dedicated to the region's incredibly rich Neolithic and Bronze Age finds, and then continue to the **Federsee Museum** in Bad Buchau – one of the most significant early archaeological sites in Europe.

Day Three | Constance

Our day begins at the **Archaeological State Museum Baden-Württemberg**, which contains a rich array of archaeological discoveries. After lunch, we continue to the **Rosgartenmuseum**, a medieval guild house that has now been transformed into a museum.

Day Four | Lindau & Frauenfeld

In Lindau, we first visit the **Church of St. Peter**, followed by the **Gothic Town Hall** and the **Mangturm**. After lunch, we will cross the border into Switzerland and immerse ourselves in the finds at the

Archaeological Museum in Thurgau.

Day Five | Meersburg, Salem & Heiligenberg

Today we venture to **Meersburg**, famed for its two castles, the **Altes Schloss** and **Neues Schloss**. In Salem, we have a special wine tasting lunch, which is followed by a tour of the **monastery and palace**. We conclude this day with a visit to **Heiligenberg Castle**.

Day Six | Island of Reichenau

We travel to the UNESCO-listed island of **Reichenau** to explore the **Church of St. George**. Next, we continue to the **Benedictine Abbey** and its **Minster of St. Mary and St. Mark**. After a visit to the **Reichenau Museum**, we end the day at the spectacular **Hohentwiel Fortress**.

Day Seven | Landschlacht, Arbon & St. Gallen

We cross the border into Switzerland again to **St. Gallen's Monastery Complex**, then continue to Arbon Castle for the **Arbon History Museum**. We end the day at the Romanesque **Chapel of St. Leonhard** in Landschlacht.

Day Eight | Zurich

Today, our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Esther Unterweger

Born in Austria, Esther studied Provincial Art History at the University of Graz, Austria.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hotel 47° Constance

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
3rd - 10th May	\$3,850	\$565
5th - 12th Jul	\$3,825	\$565

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/alco



FACE OF EVIL

Rise & fall of the Third Reich

9 Days From \$4,555pp

Departing June & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

We follow the story of Nazi Germany, beginning with the party's birth in 1919 and ending with the Third Reich's demise. We learn how the country elected the Nazis, the methods they used to stay in power and the perpetuation of some of the most murderous crimes in history.

Tour Highlights

- Let Hitler's lift whisk you to the summit of Kehlstein Mountain for lunch with amazing panoramic views
- Tour the remains of the Berghof, Hitler's home and the court where Nazism was condemned
- Explore a variety of notorious sites that have historic links to the Nazi regime and its downfall

Day One | Munich

Arrive in Munich and meet the group at our hotel.

Day Two | Dachau

We drive to **Dachau**, the first Nazi concentration camp. Later, we return to Munich and visit the **Documentation Center** and the city, starting at the former **Sterneckerbrau**, where Hitler first encountered the Nazi party, and ending at the **Hofbräuhaus**, where he unveiled the 25-point Nazi program.

Day Three | Munich - Berchtesgaden

Leaving Munich, we drive through the Bavarian Alps to **Berchtesgaden**, the town that Hitler and his cohorts adopted as their playground. We take the lift to the summit of the Kehlstein mountain for lunch at a restaurant that boasts spectacular views and take a guided tour of the 'Eagle's Nest'.

Day Four | Berghof - Nuremberg

Today we visit the site of **Berghof**, Hitler's home. We tour the **Documentation Center**, a museum recording Hitler's links with the area along with Nazi history. We also visit **underground tunnels** that were dug by

the SS beneath the mountain lair before heading to Nuremberg.

Day Five | Nuremberg

In Nuremberg, visit the Rally grounds where the Nazi faithful gathered en masse and tour the museum. Later we see **Courtroom 600**, where the Nazi regime was subject to a final judgment at the Nuremberg trials.

Day Six | Nuremberg - Berlin

We make the drive to Berlin, stopping at **Bayreuth** – home to Richard Wagner and the opera festival loved by Hitler.

Day Seven | Wannsee

This morning we visit **Wannsee**, the lakeside villa where the 'Final Solution' was planned by the Nazi leadership in 1942. We explore the **museum** and the **Topography of Terror** exhibition.

Day Eight | Gesundbrunnen - Humboldtthain

Today we visit the **Gesundbrunnen air raid shelter** and the **Humboldtthain Flak Tower**. In the afternoon, we explore the **Museum of the German Resistance**.

Day Nine | Berlin

A walking tour of Berlin ends at **Hitler's bunker** and then we make our way home.



Guided by Nick Jackson

A graduate of UCL's Institute of Archaeology, Nick is an experienced archaeologist, historian and guide.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Munich, Berchtesgaden, Nuremberg & Berlin

Culinary inclusions

- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
19th - 27th Jun	\$4,555	\$940
11th - 19th Sep	\$4,555	\$940

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/aqfe

NEW FOR 2021



MARITIME WONDERS

Germany's Hanseatic Cities

7 Days From \$2,770pp

Departing June & August 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The Hanseatic League, the German Hanse, was a loose confederation of merchant towns and cities in northern Europe in the Middle Ages. This tour explores several Hanseatic urban centers, enabling viewing of beautiful ancient towns, surviving monuments and archaeological discoveries, as well as opportunity for discussion with German archaeologists.

Tour Highlights

- Experience the Bremen Cog, the remarkable medieval merchant ship recovered from the River Weser
- Visit the great brick Gothic church of the Marienkirche in Lübeck and the astonishing Holstentor gateway
- View archaeological discoveries from the five-year long Gründungs Viertel Hanseatic excavations



Day One | Hamburg

After settling into our hotel in Hamburg we visit the **Hamburg History Museum** and Speicherstadt, the largest warehouse district in the world and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day Two | Bremen

In Bremen, we visit the cathedral and continue to the **Marktplatz** with its famous Roland statue, the Rathaus with its ornate 13th century façade, and **Böttcherstraße**, a medieval street in origin. After lunch, we drive to Bremerhaven to explore the **German Ship Museum**, which contains the Bremen cog, a 14th century trading vessel recovered from the River Weser.

Day Three | Stade

The day starts in the Hanseatic town of **Stade** and its ancient center, known for its timber-framed buildings and its Hanseatic harbour. Later, we visit **Lüneburg**, once the center of an important medieval salt trade. Our day ends at the port, which preserves the remains of a medieval crane.

Day Four | Lübeck

We spend all day in **Lübeck**, perhaps

the most important Hanseatic city, which has been UNESCO-listed for its brick Gothic architecture. We start at the new **Hanseatic History Museum** and continue with a walking tour of the city, where we explore the medieval splendors the city has to offer, including the dramatic **city gates**, the **Burgtor** and **Holstentor**.

Day Five | Lübeck

We start our day at the 12th century brick built **Gothic cathedral** and then continue to the **St-Annen Museum**. Afterwards, we have a viewing of archaeological discoveries from the recent Gründungs Viertel excavations with a German archaeologist.

Day Six | Wismar

This morning we venture to **Wismar**, famed for its colossal market square as well as a Hanseatic harbour. After lunch in Bad Doberan we proceed to **Rostock**, where we visit two important churches, the **Nikolaikirche** and the **Marienskirche**. We end the day with a tour of the **Cultural Museum**.

Day Seven | Hamburg

Our tour ends after breakfast.



Guided by Brian Ayers

An expert in medieval archaeology, Brian is Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of East Anglia.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the NH Hamburg Mitte & the Park Inn by Radisson, Lübeck

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
21st - 27th Jun	\$2,770	\$480
30th Aug - 5th Sep	\$2,770	\$480

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/ahan



CRUISING THE RHINE

The archaeology of Germania

8 Days From \$3,510pp **SAVE UP TO \$335**

Departing June 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

In the Roman period, the Rhine functioned as a protective barrier manned by a huge number of legions. For this reason, the Roman presence in the area was marked and the Roman remains here are plentiful. This cruise takes us on an odyssey and explores the vast remains of Germania, home to truly exceptional sites.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the Museum of Ancient Shipping and see the Roman remains in the largest city of Rhineland-Palatinate, Mainz
- Visit the excellent collections of the Romano-Germanic Museum in the 2,000-year-old city of Cologne
- Examine the archaeological site of Augusta Raurica, the largest archaeological site in Switzerland
- Immerse yourself in Strasbourg, the capital of Alsace, with its incredible Gothic cathedral and medieval churches



Day One | Cologne

Arrive in Cologne and join our A-ROSA ship, which departs in the early evening for Mainz.

Day Two | Cologne - Mainz

We arrive in Mainz, which was founded in the 1st century BC. Mogontiacum, as it was called, was the capital of Germania superior and was a military fortress on the most northerly frontier of the Roman Empire. After a day spent in this historic city, we set off for Kehl in the late afternoon.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: After breakfast, we explore ancient Mogontiacum, starting with the Museum of Ancient Shipping, which houses the remains of six Roman ships that were built to protect the Rhine from incursions. We proceed to discover the Roman ruins in the city, including the Roman theater, the Drusus Stone and remains of the Roman aqueduct.

Day Three | Kehl - Strasbourg

We enjoy cruising in the morning as the ship makes it way down the Rhine to Kehl, a medieval city opposite Strasbourg, where we dock for the day. Strasbourg, ancient Argentoratum, was the garrison for the Legio VIII Augusta. Today it is known for its historic city center with its medieval half-timbered houses and stunning cathedral.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: After lunch, we visit Strasbourg Cathedral, one of the most important Gothic cathedrals in France. We proceed to the Oeuvre Notre-Dame Museum de Strasbourg, famed for its stained glass windows and for its fine collection of Rhenish paintings. Finally, we visit to the Eglise de Saint Pierre Le Jeune, one of the most important churches in Strasbourg, which preserves a 7th century Columban church in the crypt and has a fine medieval cloister.

Day Four | Kehl - Baden-Baden

We are still docked in Kehl, a short distance from Baden-Baden.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: This morning, we make our way to Baden-Baden, an important spa town in the Roman period, frequented by soldiers stationed in Strasbourg as well as by the Emperor Caracalla who visited the springs in order to get relief for his arthritis. We start with a scenic walk down the Lichtenthal Allee to the Cistercian Abbey with its Gothic church and its 13th century Princely Chapel. We continue to the well-preserved Roman baths.

Day Five | Kehl - Basel

The ship docks in Basel, which in antiquity was inhabited by the Gaulish Raurici and later colonized by Rome. We spend all day in this city with a medieval core.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: We start the day with a visit to nearby Augusta Raurica, the oldest colony on the Rhine that became prosperous in the Roman period through the trade in pork. The archaeological site, the largest of its kind in Switzerland, has a fine theater and forum as well as a museum. We return to Basel to explore the Muenster, where the Roman oppidum was sited, and to see the nearby Gallic Walls, which testify to the city's ancient past. Finally, we have free time in the scenic Altstadt.

Day Six | Basel - Breisach

In the morning, the ship arrives in Breisach, originally a Gaulish settlement colonized by Romans. The afternoon is spent enjoying the cruise and admiring the idyllic landscape.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: We diverge from antiquity to travel a short distance to Neuf-Brisach, a UNESCO-listed fortified town built to Vauban's plans in the reign of Louis XIV as an ideal city with orthogonal streets and a central square. The system of fortification is an important example of 18th century French military architecture. The military nature of the city is reminiscent of the fortifications

erected over millennia along the Rhine.

Day Seven | Rhine Gorge – Koblenz - Cologne

We spend most of the day cruising in the spectacular Rhine Gorge, a UNESCO-listed site thanks to its historic towns, castles and outstanding beauty. A highlight of this day is Lorelei, the monumental slate rock that inspired Heine to poeticise siren-luring sailors to their deaths. Tonight, the last night of the tour, we will have a special four-course meal with wine tasting.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: In the late afternoon, we will take a cable car to the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress with its spectacular views. There has been a castle on this site since the 10th century BC and the latest incarnation is a Prussian castle that was one of the largest fortresses in Europe in the 19th century.

Day Eight | Cologne

After lunch, our journey ends in Cologne.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: We explore the remarkable and prolific remains of Roman Cologne. The city, founded as Colonia Claudia Ara Agrippinensium in AD 50, was the capital of Germania inferior. This morning we explore some of the most important remains of Roman Colonia, starting with the remains of the ancient sewage, which pays witness to Roman engineering skills. We continue to the excellent Romano-Germanic Museum, which houses a Roman villa with an extraordinary fresco as well as the tomb of a legionary called Publicius.



Guided by Esther Unterweger

Born in Austria, Esther studied Provincial Archaeology and Art History at the University of Graz, Austria.

Dates & prices per person

Cabin 5th - 12th Jun	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
Twin/Double outside A lead cabin (deck 1)	\$3,845 \$3,510	Min. 2 pers
Twin/Double outside A cabin (deck 1)	\$4,115 \$3,780	☎
Twin/Double outside C cabin with Juliette balcony (deck 2)	\$4,520 \$4,185	☎
Twin/Double outside D cabin with Juliette balcony (deck 3)	\$4,790 \$4,455	☎

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer throughout
- Archaeological excursions as stated in the itinerary
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 7 nights aboard the A-ROSA Aqua

Culinary inclusions

- All meals & specified drinks on board included
- ☎ Call for availability and price

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/arhn



CRUISING THE DANUBE

Romans, amber & Habsurg splendor

8 Days From \$3,110pp **SAVE UP TO \$335**

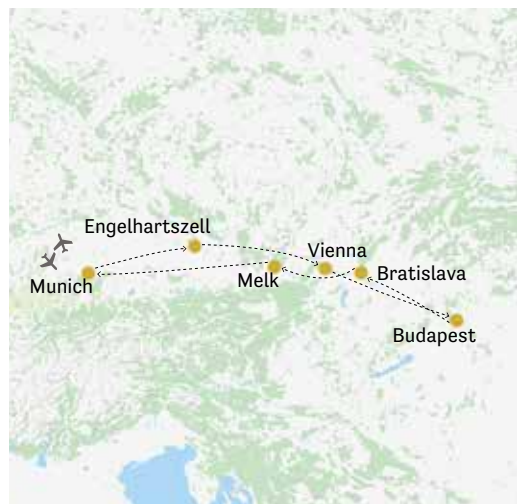
Departing April & October 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

Be enchanted by the scenic winding route of the Danube by way of grand historic cities with stories to tell. From Upper Austria's Engelhartzell to Budapest, discover an opulent palace that houses master artworks, pore over artefacts at a museum whose collection includes a 22,000-year-old iconic figurine and visit beautiful castles.

Tour Highlights

- View the impressive Roman remains of Carnuntum
- Pay a visit to the 11th century Benedictine Abbey of Melk
- Visit Aquincum, where Marcus Aurelius wrote part of his Meditations
- Explore Devin Castle, an impressive fortification whose history reaches back to the Neolithic period
- Stand before Gustav Klimt's famous work of art The Kiss at the Schloss Belvedere in Austria's vibrant capital of Vienna



Day One | Engelhartzell

Upon arrival in Munich, make your own way to Engelhartzell to join our ship, the A-ROSA Donna.

Day Two | Vienna

After lunch in Vienna, we begin our visits for the day.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: Our first visit of the trip is to the city's stunning Natural History Museum, which houses one of the most important Paleolithic works of art in the world, the 30000 BCE Venus of Willendorf figurine. Afterwards, we explore Hofburg Palace, the sumptuous heart of the Habsburg monarchy that played host to the Congress of Vienna and displayed all the pomp of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Day Three | Vienna

Still in Vienna, more cultural and archaeological discoveries await.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: We travel to the impressive Roman remains of Carnuntum today, the ancient capital of Pannonia Superior, which was vital to the amber trade. Here, we see the amphitheater and Heidentor. Later, at the Schloss Belvedere – the splendid summer residence of the military genius, Eugene of Savoy and today home to the Belvedere Museum – we can admire The Kiss by celebrated artist Gustav Klimt.

Day Four | Budapest

After a stop in Esztergom, we arrive in Budapest where we disembark and go exploring.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: Today we explore the archaeological remains of Buda, starting with a visit to Aquincum, the capital of Pannonia Inferior in which Marcus Aurelius wrote part of his *Meditations*. At this site, we visit the museum and amphitheater. We also go to Florian Square to see the Thermae Maiores, a bath complex, which bears witness to the splendor of the Roman period. Free time in Buda follows.

Day Five | Budapest

We enjoy a second day discovering Budapest's delights on land.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: Today we visit Buda Castle, the enormous 18th century Baroque palace complex of the Hungarian Kings, sumptuously rebuilt under Maria Theresa and Franz Josef, which is now home to the National Gallery and Budapest History Museum. Later, we can explore independently.

Day Six | Bratislava

The many wonders of Bratislava, Slovakia's capital, await us today.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: We start at Devin Castle, an impressive fortification whose history reaches back to the Neolithic period. View the stunning Maiden Tower which overlooks the river. Free time in this city comes later.

Day Seven | Melk

After cruising down the scenic Wachau Valley, we disembark in Melk.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: Visit the Benedictine Abbey of Melk, founded in the 11th century by Leopold II Margrave of Austria and home to a scriptorium (an important center for the production of manuscripts) as well as a famous library.

Day Eight | Engelhartzell

Our tour ends in Engelhartzell and we make our independent onwards journeys.



Guided by Esther Unterweger

Join Esther along the Danube on our April departure.



Guided by Matthias Grebien

Join Matthias along the Danube on our October departure.

Dates & prices per person

Cabin 18th - 25th Apr	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
Twin/Double outside A lead cabin (deck 1)	\$3,445 \$3,110	Min. 2 pers
Twin/Double outside A cabin (deck 1)	\$3,715 \$3,380	☎
Twin/Double outside C cabin with Juliette balcony (deck 2)	\$3,985 \$3,650	☎
Cabin 10th - 17th Oct	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
Twin/Double outside A lead cabin (deck 1)	\$3,445 \$3,110	Min. 2 pers
Twin/Double outside A cabin (deck 1)	\$3,715 \$3,380	☎
Twin/Double outside C cabin with Juliette balcony (deck 2)	\$3,985 \$3,650	☎

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer throughout
- Archaeological excursions as stated in the itinerary
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 7 nights aboard the A-ROSA Donna

Culinary inclusions

- All meals & specified drinks on board included
- ☎ Call for availability and price

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NEW FOR 2021



EXPLORING ANCIENT DALMATIA

Aboard M/S Adriatic Queen

8 Days From \$3,445pp

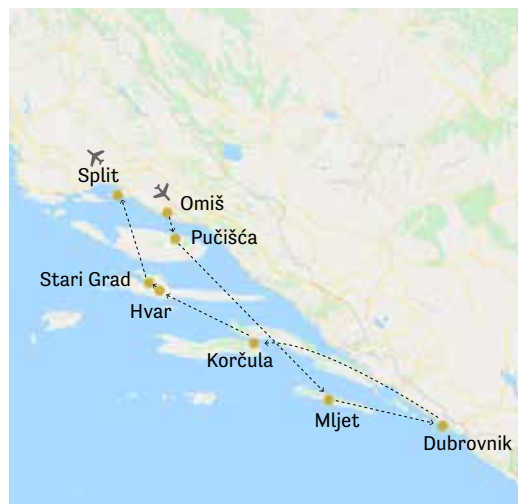
Departing May 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

This delightful cruise encompasses myriad gems of the Dalmatian Coast and islands. Ancient Dalmatia is brought to life with stops in these iconic cities, along with the historic islands of Hvar and Korčula, the gorgeous 'green island' of Mljet, beach-fringed Brač and, back on the mainland, the pirate stronghold of Omiš.

Tour Highlights

- Explore Diocletian's sprawling palace complex, now the old town of Split
- Spend time in the picturesque, verdant Mljet National Park and take a boat ride to St Mary Isle
- Enjoy a walking tour of Dubrovnik, which George Bernard Shaw once described as "paradise on earth"
- Immerse yourself in the history of the oldest town in Croatia, Stari Grad, and the beautiful architecture of Hvar



Day One | Split

Arrive into the spectacular historical city of **Split** and embark M/S Adriatic Queen early afternoon. Before our welcome reception dinner, our Guide Lecturer will give a talk on the enthralling history of Dalmatia.

Day Two | Split – Stari Grad (Hvar)

In a relaxing start to our cruise, M/S Adriatic Queen sets sail on to Hvar, the sunniest of the Dalmatian Islands. After lunch, we berth in **Stari Grad**, which justifies its translation ('old town') with a history that stretches back 2,500 years and two UNESCO World Heritage list entries. Choose one of the excellent cafés and restaurants that line the harbour here for dinner.

Day Three | Stari Grad – Hvar – Korčula

Hvar Town, another walled gem enclosing eight centuries of beautiful architecture, is a particular highlight of the Dalmatian Coast, and here we visit the oldest public theater in Europe along with the Renaissance cathedral. Then it is on to **Korčula**, reputedly the birthplace of Marco Polo. This enchanting island is home to one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe, and we explore its Gothic palaces, stone streets and fairytale towers. A wine tasting introduces delicious local vintages, and gourmet delights await this evening at whichever restaurant you choose, with fresh fish and seafood a particular pleasure.

Day Four | Korčula – Dubrovnik

M/S Adriatic Queen sails serenely on to **Dubrovnik** this morning, and after lunch we take a tour of this sublime city, jewel-like with its characteristic ruby red roofs encircled by white-gold walls. Dubrovnik's fame is well earned, but in the height of summer it can be overwhelmed with tourists. So much nicer then to visit in spring, and to remain here in the evening after the day trippers have departed. A panoramic city tour helps you gain your bearings, then there is free time to make your own discoveries – perhaps visit the elegant 15th century Rector's Palace, home to the rulers of Ragusa, as Dubrovnik was then known, the Franciscan Monastery or one of the oldest pharmacies in Europe (which is still dispensing). In terms of quality restaurants, Dubrovnik has an embarrassment of riches, and you are sure to find a memorable dining venue this evening.

Day Five | Dubrovnik – Mljet

Turning the compass back north, we continue our voyage to **Mljet**, the greenest of the Dalmatian Islands. Here we spend time in the picturesque Mljet National Park and take a boat ride to **St Mary Isle**, where we visit an ancient Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and 12th century church. The evening is free in Mljet to choose your own characterful local restaurant for dinner.

Day Six | Mljet - Pucisca

With another swim stop en route, we sail to glorious, beach-fringed **Brač**, an island which has made its own unique contribution to world culture over thousands of years – the white stone from its quarries has been used in the building of Diocletian's Palace, The White House and Budapest's Parliament. The stonemasonry tradition is still strong and, in the village of **Pučišća**, we visit the Stonemasonry School to learn more about the skills involved in sculpting Brač stone in a variety of ways. Enjoy a sumptuous Captain's Dinner back on board.

Day Seven | Pucisca – Omiš – Split

For 300 years from the 12th century to the 15th century, the pirates of **Omiš** were the masters of the Adriatic and one of the most powerful maritime forces of the entire Mediterranean. Superb shipbuilders and sailors, they crafted a fleet perfect

for stealth attacks and even preyed on the likes of the Papacy and the Crusaders. The pirate 'dukes' reigned from this mainland stronghold and, even when their hegemony fell to the mighty navy of the Venetian Republic, they still managed to hold fast in their fortresses for 24 years. Some of these great edifices still stand and may be explored on a short walking tour, before we board a small boat to explore the protected nature area of Cetina River Canyon. Following a swimming stop and lunch on M/S Adriatic Queen, we make our return to **Split**. Here, in the land of his birth, the Roman Emperor Diocletian retired, having built the most extraordinary palace complex, which now comprises much of the old town. There are Roman-era remnants to admire – not least the Temple of Jupiter (now cathedral baptistery) and the Peristyle, the city's elegant central square – along with Gothic and Renaissance buildings, which add further lustre to this UNESCO World Heritage Site. With amazing restaurants to choose from, you'll be spoilt for choice at dinner.

Day Eight | Split

We disembark M/S Adriatic Queen after enjoying breakfast and catch our individual flights home.



Guided by John Shepherd

A specialist in the study of ancient glass, John has worked extensively in the field as an archaeologist, in France, Italy and Bulgaria.

Dates & prices per person

Cabin 8th - 15th May	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
Main Deck	\$3,445	\$940

Price includes

- The services of an Andante Travels Guide Lecturer
- The services of a local Cruise Director throughout
- Entries to all sites & museums
- Excursions throughout as stated in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities
- WiFi on board
- Port tax

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 7 night aboard M/S Adriatic Queen

Culinary inclusions

- 'Half board plus' cruise - 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 2 dinners
- Tea, coffee & bottled water

Not included in the price

- Dinners other than stated in the itinerary
- Alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks

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HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF DALMATIA

Aboard the M/S Equator

8 Days From \$3,165pp

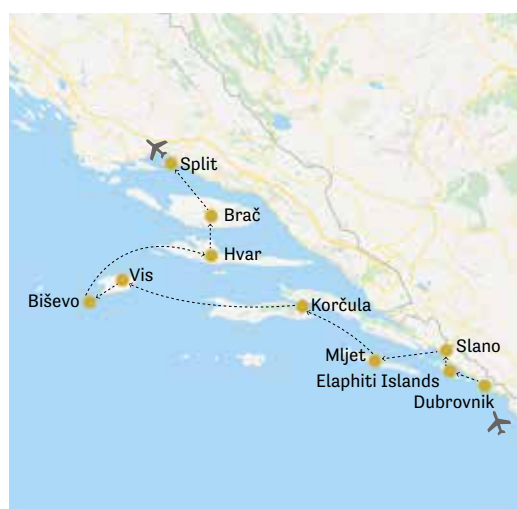
Departing October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Sailing one way between Dubrovnik and Split allows for a more leisurely discovery of the many historical, cultural and scenic highlights of the region known in ancient times as Dalmatia. Visit no fewer than seven islands and take in the medieval dukedom of Ragusa as well as the Roman Emperor Diocletian's retirement retreat.

Tour Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the history of Stari Grad
- Visit Korčula, reputedly the birthplace of Marco Polo
- Witness the luminescent natural phenomenon of the Blue Cave
- Enjoy a walking tour of Dubrovnik, which George Bernard Shaw once described as "paradise on earth"
- Spend time in the picturesque, verdant Mljet National Park and take a boat ride to St. Mary Isle to visit an ancient Benedictine monastery



Day One | Dubrovnik

Arrive in Dubrovnik and head to the port to embark M/S Equator. Before our welcome dinner, our Guide Lecturer will give an overview of the Dalmatian Coast's history as well as the tour itinerary for the days ahead.

Day Two | Dubrovnik - Elaphiti Islands - Slano

An undoubted icon of world travel, Dubrovnik is unmissable. This morning we appreciate why George Bernard Shaw described this enchanting walled medieval city as "paradise on earth". On a walking tour of Dubrovnik's gleaming stone streets, we make stops at the elegant 15th century **Rector's Palace**, home to the rulers of old Ragusa, along with the **Franciscan Monastery** and its ancient pharmacy. Enjoy magical views as M/S Equator sails around Dubrovnik's city's walls en route to one of the tranquil **Elaphiti Islands** for a swim stop. Back on the mainland, and the Peljesac peninsula noted for high quality wine production, Slano is our gateway to Ston, a once fortified village now best known for its succulent oysters, which we get to sample this evening.

Day Three | Mljet

Our voyage continues to **Mljet**, the greenest of the Dalmatian Islands. Here we spend time in the picturesque, verdant **Mljet National Park** and take a boat ride over to **St. Mary Isle** to visit an ancient Benedictine monastery, an old abbey and also a 12th century church. We berth in the port of **Pomena** this evening, a tiny village with just 50 permanent inhabitants, but which still offers a choice of restaurants for dinner.

Day Four | Korcula

Stopping for lunch at a secluded bay on the way, we sail today to **Korčula**, reputedly the birthplace of Marco Polo. The enchanting island is home to one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe, and we explore its Gothic palaces, stone streets and fairytale towers. Gourmet delights await this evening at whichever restaurant you choose, with fresh fish and seafood a particular pleasure, accompanied by the excellent local wine.

Day Five | Vis

M/S Equator sails on to **Vis**, formerly a Yugoslav naval base. As a result of decades of restricted access, Vis has a special charm – 'the Mediterranean as it once was'. We have the chance to explore the attractions of Vis, including a Roman thermal palace and a small archaeological museum displaying a 4th century BCE bronze of Artemis, along with time at leisure, during which you may sample some of the island's renowned wine. Back on board, a sumptuous Captain's Dinner is served this evening.

Day Six | Biševo - Hvar - Stari Grad (Hvar)

Following a stop at tiny **Biševo** to visit the luminescent natural phenomenon known as the Blue Cave (weather permitting), M/S Equator sails on to **Hvar**, the sunniest of the Dalmatian Islands. Hvar Town, another walled gem of Gothic buildings and marble streets, is a particular highlight, and we visit the oldest public theater in Europe and the Renaissance cathedral. We berth further along the island in **Stari Grad**, which justifies its translation ('old town') with a history that stretches back 2,500 years. Choose one of the excellent cafés and restaurants that line the harbour here for dinner.

Day Seven | Split

After a stop at the Golden Horn, a breathtaking and constantly shape-shifting beach on the island of **Brač**, M/S Equator sails on to Split. Before our arrival, our Guide Lecturer will give a talk on Diocletian and the later Roman of the 3rd and 4th centuries AD. Here, in the land of his birth, the Roman Emperor Diocletian retired,

having built the most extraordinary palace complex, which now comprises much of the old town. There are Roman-era remnants to admire – not least the Temple of Jupiter (now cathedral baptistery) and the Peristyle, the city's elegant central square – along with Gothic and Renaissance buildings, which add further lustre to this UNESCO World Heritage Site. With amazing restaurants to choose from, you'll be spoilt for choice at dinner.

Day Eight | Split

We disembark the M/S Equator after breakfast and make our independent onward journeys home.



Guided by John Shepherd

A specialist in the study of ancient glass, John has worked extensively in the field as an archaeologist, in France, Italy and Bulgaria.

Dates & prices per person

Cabin 16th - 23rd Oct	Twin/DbI Share	SS
Lower Deck	\$3,165	\$805
Upper Deck	\$3,570	\$940

Price includes

- The services of an Andante Travels Guide Lecturer
- The services of a local Cruise Director throughout
- Entries to all sites & museums
- Excursions throughout as stated in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities
- WiFi on board
- Port tax

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 7 night aboard M/S Equator

Culinary inclusions

- 'Half board plus' cruise - 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 2 dinners
- Tea, coffee and bottled water

Not included in the price

- Dinners other than stated in the itinerary
- Alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks

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NEW FOR 2021



CROATIA'S ISTRIAN AND DALMATIAN COAST

Discover Roman remains and the history of Emperor Diocletian

8 Days From \$3,910pp

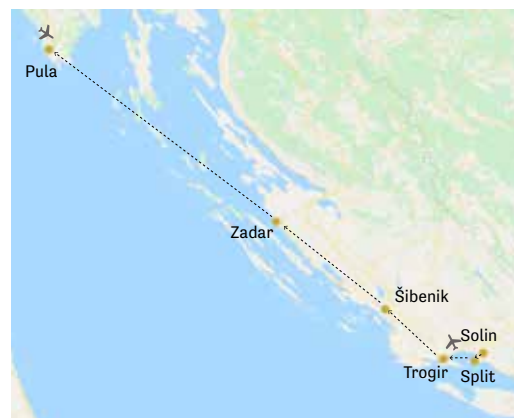
Departing April 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Explore the spectacular archaeology of Croatia set against the backdrop of the beautiful Adriatic. The region succumbed to Roman rule around 32 BC and 'Dalmatia' acquired the characteristic trappings of a Roman province. It furnished Rome with emperors, including Diocletian, who famously returned in retirement and built the magnificent palace at Split.

Tour Highlights

- Visit the palace of the Emperor Diocletian, an entire building that then became medieval Split
- See the remarkable Roman remains in Pula and Zadar as well as their amazing museum collections
- Travel down the Dalmatian coast, viewing Roman cities, red-roofed medieval towns and the sparkling clear blue waters of the Adriatic



Day One | Pula

Arrive in Pula and enjoy a leisurely walk around the **Old Town**.

Day Two | Pula

We start our day with a visit to Roman Pula, known as **Pietas Julia**. Here, we visit the amphitheater, the sixth largest in the Roman Empire and also the Archaeological Museum. After lunch we tour the city walls, taking in two well-preserved gates and the impressive **Temple of Rome and Augustus**.

Day Three | Pula - Zadar

An early start takes us to **Rijeka**, for a chance to explore to the historic center of the town, including the headquarters buildings of Roman. Drive to **Zadar**.

Day Four | Zadar

We spend the day in **Zadar**, exploring sites along the main street and Romanesque churches of the Middle Ages. After lunch, we visit the **Roman Glass museum** and the **Archaeological Museum of Zadar**, which houses finds from prehistory onwards including an amazing collection of Roman material. Later on, we pay a visit to the **church of St. Donatus**.

Day Five | Šibenik - Trogir

Journey along the coastline to **Šibenik**, unusual in that it has no Greek or Roman antecedents but was founded by the Croats in the 9th century AD. Later, we head to **Trogir**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then continue to Split, leaving time for an evening stroll around the town.

Day Six | Split

Today we explore **Diocletian's Palace**, considered to be one of the most imposing ruins of the late Roman Empire. This extraordinary residence, now the core of the town, was built in the form of fortress with temples, guardrooms and private quarters for the emperor.

Day Seven | Split

This morning, we visit the **Archaeological Museum** to view its amazing collection of artefacts, glass, inscriptions and sculptures. Later, we discover the ruins at **Salona**, said to be the birthplace of Diocletian.

Day Eight | Split

We transfer to the airport for our individual flights home.



Guided by John Shepherd

A specialist in the study of ancient glass, John has worked extensively in the field as an archaeologist, in France, Italy and Bulgaria.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hotel Scaletta, Hotel Delfin & Hotel Cornaro

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db Share	SS
27th Apr - 4th May	\$3,910	\$485

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BULGARIA

Thracians and Churches

12 Days From \$4,095pp

Departing April 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Bulgaria is, in archaeological terms, one of Europe's richest countries. In ancient times, it was located at the apex of great civilizations. From the south and west, Philip of Macedon and the Roman Emperor Trajan founded cities here. From the east came Byzantine traders and Ottoman raiders. We will introduce you to the many ages of Bulgaria on this unique tour.

Tour Highlights

- Discover spectacularly varied history and landscapes, introduced by a Bulgarian archaeologist who has excavated all over this country
- From the Neolithic houses of Stara Zagora and Roman Plovdiv, to the exuberantly painted churches in the Rila Mountains – we explore it all
- Pay visits to no fewer than six fantastic UNESCO World Heritage Sites



Day One | Sofia

Arrive in Sofia and head to **Plovdiv**. We begin at **Yunaside Tell**, an important site of the 5th millennium BC.

Day Two | Plovdiv

The sites of Plovdiv await and we visit the **Trakart mosaics**, the **Roman theater** and the **Archaeological Museum**.

Day Three | Plovdiv

We visit the **History Museum** in Hisarya. We continue to the 'Valley of the Thracian Kings' after a picnic at Kazanlak Mound, and we have special access to the **Kazanlak Tomb**. We also visit the tombs of **Golyama Kosmatka** and **Ostrusha**, and we return to Plovdiv.

Day Four | Plovdiv - Stara Zagora

Discover the 4th century **tomb of Aleksandrovo** and then continue on to **Stara Zagora**, home to Neolithic houses.

Day Five | Stara Zagora - Varna

Tour the settlement mound of **Karanovo** and drive east to **Nessebar**, founded by Thracians. Later, it's on to **Varna**.

Day Six | Varna

Pore over artefacts at the **History Museum in Varna** and then spend time

exploring the coastal city, visiting its **Roman baths** and **Marine Garden**.

Day Seven | Varna - Veliko Tarnovo

We visit the majestic **Madara Horseman rock relief** and the **Sveshtari Thracian tomb**, where surreal figures can be seen.

Day Eight | Veliko Tarnovo

Start our day in Veliko Tarnovo, visiting the **Tsarevets fortress**, and the **Bulgarian Orthodox Church of Saints Peter and Paul**. Later, we visit the ancient site of **Nicopolis ad Istrum**.

Day Nine | Veliko Tarnovo - Sofia

We visit the **Nativity Church** and **Folk House** and explore the **Open Air Ethnographic Museum in Etara**.

Day Ten | Sofia

Visit the **National Museum of History in Sofia**, tour **Boyana Church** and take a walking tour of this wonderful city.

Day Eleven | Sofia

Head into the foothills of the Rila Mountains to visit the **Rila Monastery**, one of Bulgaria's most famous sites.

Day Twelve | Sofia

We visit the **Archaeological Museum** and then make our journeys home.



Guided by Dr Katya Melamed

An archaeologist who recently retired from the Bulgarian Institute of Archaeology, Katya has led many tours for Andante.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hotel Ramada Trimontium, Park Hotel Stara Zagora, Modus Hotel, Meridien Bolyarsaki & Hotel Central Park

Culinary inclusions

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
17th - 28th Apr	\$4,095	\$465

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FRONTIER LANDS OF ROMANIA

From the Dacians to Dracula

10 Days From \$3,420pp **SAVE UP TO \$200**

Departing August 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Explore this fascinating part of Eastern Europe, which was the Dacian border of the Roman Empire and has continued throughout history to be a frontier land. This is a unique program that covers Greek, Saxon and Gothic archaeology.

Tour Highlights

- Adventure into the Transylvanian Mountains to the UNESCO-listed sites of Sarmizegetusa Regia and Costești
- Investigate the ruins at Histria, an ancient Milesian trading colony on the shores of the Black Sea
- Discover the 15th century Hunyad Castle at Hunedoara, a Gothic-Renaissance architectural marvel

Day One | Constanta

Arrive in Bucharest and travel to Constanta.

Day Two | Constanta

Today we explore the ancient city of Tomis – **Constanta** – situated on the western coast of the Black Sea. The museum here houses finds from all over Dobrogea. Later, we visit the former Greek colony of **Mangalia**.

Day Three | Histria

A day at **Histria** awaits, the largest excavation site in Romania. We view the later Roman monuments, which include city walls, baths and Christian basilicas.

Day Four | Bucharest

A drive to Bucharest sees us stop in Adamclisi to see the **Tropaeum Traiani** – the triumphal monument erected in celebration of Trajan's victory over the Dacians. We visit the **Adamclisi Museum**.

Day Five | Bucharest

A full day in Bucharest is ours and we visit the **National Museum of History** and the **Old Town**, where a number of 15th century churches remain in use. Later, we visit the **Philharmonia Academy**, the **House of the People** and

also the **Village Museum of Romanian Ethnography**.

Day Six | Bran Castle - Brasov

A scenic drive brings us to **Bran Castle**, linked with Dracula. Later, we continue to the Saxon medieval town, **Brasov**.

Day Seven | Brasov - Sibiu

Continuing our explorations of **Brasov**, we visit the **Archaeological Museum** and the Gothic **Black Church**. Later, we visit **Sibiu**, which was founded by Saxon settlers, and we explore the old town along with **Bruckenthal Palace**, home to one of Romania's oldest museums.

Day Eight | Costesti

We drive into the Transylvanian mountains to visit **Sarmizegetusa Regia**, capital of the Dacian kingdom. We also visit Costesti, home to one of the area's oldest forts.

Day Nine | Hunedoara

The morning is spent at **Ulpia Traiana Sarmizegetusa**, colonial capital of the Roman province. Later, we visit the 15th century **Hunyad Castle** at Hunedoara.

Day Ten | Bucharest

We transfer to Bucharest and catch our individual flights home.



Guided by Doru Bogdan

A researcher and lecturer at the University of Alba Iulia, Doru specializes in Romanian archaeology and has supervised excavations.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Constanta, Bucharest, Sibiu, Brasov & Hunedoara

Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
28th Aug - 6th Sep	\$3,620 \$3,420	\$420

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ALBANIA & MACEDONIA

The Via Egnatia

9 Days From \$2,905pp

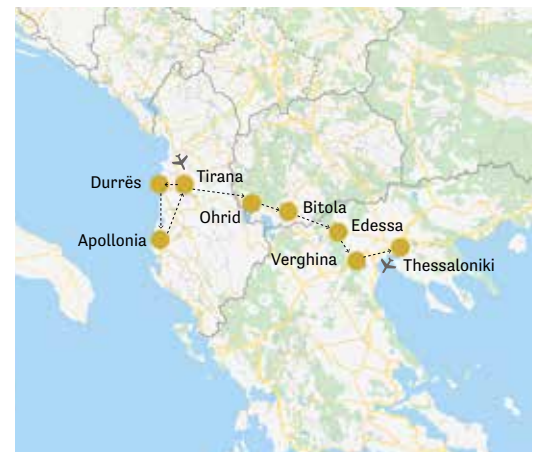
Departing October 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

This is a journey through time and civilizations, across the landscapes of southeast Europe. Our tour takes in the treasures of Philip of Macedon, the late Imperial glories of Thessaloniki and even the beautiful medieval churches on the shores of Lake Ohrid. Divided by mountains, the Balkans are united by ancient roads – the greatest of these was the Via Egnatia.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the ruins of ancient Apollonia, one of the Via Egnatia's starting points
- View the waterfalls in Edessa and experience Albania's capital, Tirana
- Discover the historic palace complex of Galerius
- Visit the UNESCO-listed site of Ohrid, the 'City of Light' on the shores of one of Europe's oldest lakes



Day One | Tirana

We meet at our hotel in Durrës, where dinner awaits us.

Day Two | Durrës - Apollonia

Our tour starts at **Durrës**, the principal terminus of the Via Egnatia. Visit the circular **Forum of Anastasius** where the road began, and then head south to **Apollonia** – a great Corinthian Greek colony which facilitated the Roman conquest of the Balkans.

Day Three | Durrës - Tirana - Ohrid

Discover the delights of Tirana today, including its **National Historical Museum**. Next, it's on to **Elbasan** – ancient Scampis. After walking through the castrum, we move into **Macedonia**.

Day Four | Ohrid

The day is spent in **Ohrid** – ancient Lychnidos. Here, we visit **St. Clement's**, the churches of **St. Panteleimon** and **St. Sofia**, and the also 9th century fortress of **Tsar Samuel**.

Day Five | Ohrid - Bitola

Along the shore of **Lake Ohrid** today to the 'Bay of Bones', where excavations revealed Bronze Age lake-shore

settlements. We travel to **Lake Prespa** and **St. Naum**, and then on to **Bitola**.

Day Six | Bitola - Edessa

We begin in **Heraklea Lyncestis**, built by Philip II of Macedon to guard Macedonia's northern border. Next, we explore **Bitola**, which was the hub of Ottoman Macedonia, and view its military garrison and market center.

Day Seven | Edessa - Thessaloniki

Cool and fresh **Edessa** has tree-lined streets and numerous streams, and here we visit the waterfalls and ancient city below. On to ancient **Aigai**, where, in the 1980s, a series of tombs were uncovered, including the tomb of the father of Alexander the Great, Philip II. From here, we journey to **Thessaloniki**.

Day Eight | Thessaloniki

Today we visit the **agora** – the ancient city's center – and the **church of St. Demetrius**. See the **Rotonda of Galerius** and the triumphal arch over the Via Egnatia. We also visit the **Archaeological Museum** and **Byzantine Museum**.

Day Nine | Thessaloniki

Our tour ends in Thessaloniki and we make our independent journeys home.



Guided by Oliver Gilkes

One of Andante's longest-standing guide lecturers, Oliver has also worked as a field and museum archaeologist.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Durrës, Ohrid, Bitola & Thessaloniki

Culinary inclusions

- 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 8 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twinn/Db Share	SS
10th - 18th Oct	\$2,905pp	\$535

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EPIRUS & MACEDONIA

Ancient kingdoms of Northern Greece

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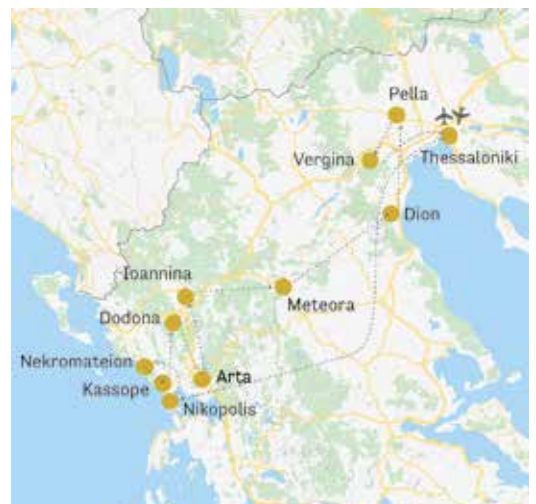
Departing April - September 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

Follow in the footsteps of conquerors and cross mountainous landscapes in the two northern kingdoms of ancient Greece. Epirus boasts famous sanctuaries and monuments to victory, while mosaics, palaces and painted tombs survive in Macedonia's Verghina and Pella. Then, we travel on to Meteora, where Byzantine monasteries perch boldly on pinnacles of rock.

Tour Highlights

- Explore ancient Pella, famous birthplace of Alexander the Great
- Visit the richest ancient burial ever found in Europe – the tomb of Philip II – and its extraordinary museum
- See the vertiginous 14th century Meteora monasteries, each perched boldly on a separate crag
- Spend time exploring the wonderful ancient sites of Thessaloniki and its important museums



Day One | Thessaloniki

Meet in Thessaloniki and travel to Ioannina over the Pindus Mountains to our first hotel.

Day Two | Nikopolis - Orraon

We drive to **Nikopolis**, once the capital of Epirus Vetus, constructed by Augustus in celebration of the Battle of Actium in 31 BC with well-preserved ruins. Here, we visit the **Actian sanctuary**, with its altar, theater and stadium, the museum and parts of the ancient city center including its walls and basilicas. In the afternoon, we visit the small Hellenistic fortified center of **Orraon**, an Epirote-Molossian city, with very well preserved houses.

Day Three | Nekromateion - Kassope

We drive to the Ionian coast to visit the **Nekromateion of the Acheron**. This is a controversial site, which might be part of the oracle of the dead known from classical sources. On to the Hellenistic city of **Kassope**. Situated high in the hills it has spectacular views of the plain below, and is a model city, with agora, theater and a regular street grid. Kassope was abandoned along with other settlements to provide the population for the new city of Nicopolis.

Day Four | Dodona - Arta

Our journey leads us to **Dodona**, the oldest oracle in Greece, to view the shrine and oracles of Zeus, where the god spoke to supplicants via the rustling of leaves in an oak tree. It was the location of huge festivals. We drive southwards to Arta, on the Ambracian Gulf. The capital of Pyrrhus of Epirus it was also an important Byzantine center and we will visit the archaeological museum, the remarkable church of Panagia Parigoritissia and the famous bridge.

Day Five | Ioannina

An opportunity to get to know **Ioannina**, one of the loveliest towns of Greece. This morning, we visit the **Archaeological Museum**, where the finds from Dodona can be seen, including pilgrim's questions and the Gods answers! We take a walking tour of the Castro and its museums. This was the medieval town and the heart of the realm of the Vezir, Ali of Tepelena whom Byron included in his poem Childe Harold's Pilgrimage. Our afternoon is free to explore the city, or why not take a boat ride across the lake?

Day Six | Ioannina - Meteora

We drive to **Meteora** and spend the whole day wandering among the spectacular, vertiginous monasteries here - home to a monastic community dating back to the 14th century. Settled for reasons of isolation and security each pinnacle of rock sustains a monastic community reached by stairs cut into the rock. We will visit several monasteries.

Day Seven | Dion - Thessaloniki

An early start and a drive across the wide plains of **Thessaly**. We will pass through the **Vale of Tempe**, a beautiful gorge which was thought to be the haunt of Apollo and the Muses in antiquity, and where Xerxes the Persian King of Kings passed during his invasion of Greece. In the afternoon we visit **Dion** at the foot of Mount Olympus, the religious capital of Macedonia. On to Thessaloniki.



Image: The ruins of ancient Kassope

Day Eight | Thessaloniki - Pella

The morning is devoted to **Thessaloniki**, founded by King Cassander as a new capital city. We explore the **agora** and **Roman forum** before heading to the **Late Roman palace complex of Galerius** to see the Rotunda and the triumphal arch of the emperor. In the afternoon we travel to the ancient city of **Pella**. This was Macedonia's administrative capital and the birthplace of Alexander the Great. We visit the monumental agora, and houses and the outstanding mosaics, now on display in the museum.

Day Nine | Thessaloniki - Verghina

This morning, we visit the **Archaeological Museum** with extraordinary finds from the city and its region, including the stunning Derveni bronze crater. Afterwards, there is a visit to the adjacent and equally superb **Byzantine Museum**, which completes our survey of the archaeology of the region. In the afternoon, we drive out to **Verghina**, the ancient capital of Macedonia to visit the tumulus, which has been identified as the tomb of King Philip II, father of Alexander the Great.

Day Ten | Thessaloniki

On our last day of this tour, we transfer to Thessaloniki airport for our individual return flights home.



Guided by Oliver Gilkes

Join Oliver in Epirus & Macedonia on our April departure.



Guided by Dr Christina Hatzimichael-Whitley

Join Christina in Epirus & Macedonia on our May departure.



Guided by Milena Melfi

Join Milena in Epirus & Macedonia on our September departure.

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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Ioannina, Meteora & Thessaloniki

Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 8 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
5th - 14th Apr	\$4,435	\$730
24th May - 2nd Jun	\$4,205	\$640
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THE PELOPONNESE

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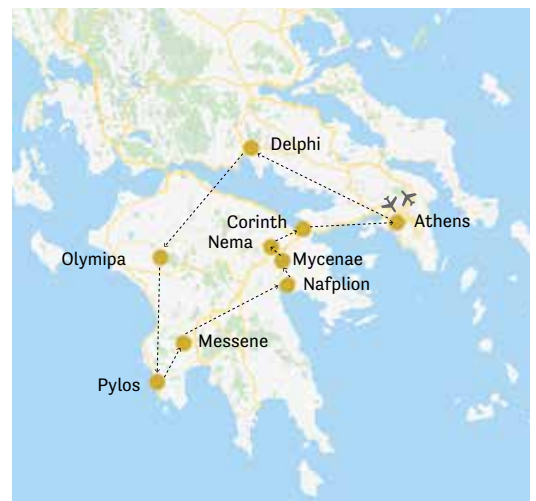
Departing April & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Embark on a modern-day odyssey to the sites of ancient Greece. Beginning in Athens, we journey into the Peloponnesian hills, joining our experts as they trace the story of Greece from the Bronze Age to Classical glory. A trip for anyone who has ever dreamed of standing at the starting line of the Olympics, debating with Socrates or following in Hercules' footsteps.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the well-preserved Mycenaean Palace of Nestor
- Visit the famous Acropolis of Athens with its unique masterpieces of ancient architecture
- Gaze upon the National Archaeological Museum of Athens' galleries, which house the most important collection of ancient Greek art
- Wander the renowned citadel of Mycenae and see the Lion Gate, the grave circles and the Treasure of Atreus



Day One | Athens

Arrive in Athens and meet the group at our hotel.

Day Two | Athens

We spend an entire day on foot in ancient **Athens**. According to legend, the city was founded by King Theseus, best known for his Minotaur slaying heroics in Crete. We climb up to the **Acropolis** to visit the **Parthenon**, **Theater of Dionysus** and **Temple of Athena**. The most important structures visible today derive from the Golden Age of Pericles. The afternoon we spend in the **Acropolis Museum**, built to house every artefact found at the Acropolis.

Day Three | Athens - Delphi

We continue our exploration of Athens with a walk through the sites of the **Agora**, the political and commercial heart of ancient Athens where Socrates stood trial and where free-born male Athenian citizens could come to cast their vote. We view finds from the area in the **Museum of the Ancient Agora**, housed in the reconstructed Stoa of Attalos. After lunch, we enjoy our first drive through the Peloponnesian hills to our hotel at Delphi.

Day Four | Delphi - Olympia

Spend a day at the **Panhellenic Sanctuary at Delphi**. The oracle was given by a priestess called the Pythia who sat on a tripod over a chasm in the inner sanctum and, inhaling the vapours which issued from it, uttered prophecies in a trance. We leave in the early afternoon, crossing the Rion-Antirion bridge, and travel to the Peloponnese peninsula at Olympia.

Day Five | Olympia

This morning we explore **Olympia**, home of the first and greatest Panhellenic Games and the most important religious center in the 8th century BC. Here we find the ruins of the ancient stadium, and temples such as the **Pelopion**, once the alleged tomb of Pelops, the mythical chariot-racing king who gave this region its name. The major festivals here provided opportunities for the meeting of representatives from the Greek states.

Day Six | Olympia - Pylos

Today starts with a visit to the **Archaeological Museum of Chora**, which houses finds from Pylos. We head on to the **Palace of Nestor**, mentioned in Homer's writings as home of the oldest and wisest among the Greeks fighting at Troy. The palace here is the best-preserved Mycenaean palatial structure excavated and includes reception areas, baths, store rooms and workshops. Enjoy a free afternoon in Pylos with an optional boat trip in the bay (not included).

Day Seven | Pylos - Messene - Nafplion

We spend the morning in **Messene**, one of the most beautiful ancient cities in Greece. Pausanias visited the city between 155 and 160 AD and described it in his 'Guide to Greece'. Excavations in the city have continued for over a century, revealing a well-preserved stadium, odeon and many other buildings. We view finds from the area in the **Archaeological Museum of ancient Messene**. After lunch, we make our way towards Nafplion.



Image: Parthenon temple

Day Eight | Nafplion - Epidaurus

This morning we journey to the lovely town of **Nafplion** where we visit the **Archaeological Museum**. Before lunch we continue with a visit to the ancient site of **Epidaurus**, a celebrated center of healing in the ancient world. Perched on the slopes of a hill, the town has both some of the finest examples of 14th and 15th century architecture in Greece, and some of the finest views. The afternoon is free to spend at your own leisure in Nafplion.

Day Nine | Nafplion - Mycenae

We explore the great Bronze Age hilltop site of **Mycenae**, another major hub of Greek civilization and, according to Greek tradition, capital of legendary King Agamemnon. Excavations support Homer's claim of a city 'well built and rich in gold'. We wander into the city with its Cyclopean walls through the famous **Lion Gate** and view the archaeological remains of the acropolis, including the palace and the grave circles where the so-called mask of Agamemnon was found.

Day Ten | Nemea - Tiryns

This morning, we visit the site of **Nemea** where, according to legend, Heracles fought the Nemean Lion. We see the **Temple of Zeus**. After lunch we will continue to the archaeological site of **Tiryns**, a Mycenaean hillfort said to have been the mythical birthplace of Heracles. We will see the citadel with its Cyclopean walls and the palace remains.

Day Eleven | Corinth - Athens

We drive to **Corinth**, which owed its prosperity to the isthmus that joins the Peloponnese to the mainland. One of the great cities of classical Greece, it was founded by Corinthos, a descendant of the god Helios, according to Hellenic myth. Upon arrival in Athens we will view the **National Archaeological Museum** in Athens with its fantastic collections.

Day Twelve | Athens

Our Peloponnesian odyssey ends today and we make our independent journeys home.



Guided by Dr Rita Roussos

A native Athenian, Rita taught Archaeology and Art History at the American University of Athens.

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- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Delphi, Olympia, Pylos, Nafplion & Athens

Culinary inclusions

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 10 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

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5th - 16th Apr	\$4,685	\$535
13th - 24th Sept	\$4,780	\$585

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CRETE & SANTORINI

Rise and fall of the Minoan civilization

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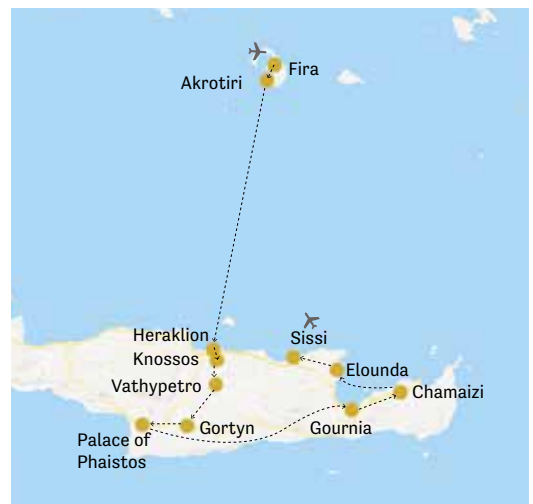
Departing April - October 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

The Minoans are known for their incredible labyrinthine palaces - the greatest of which is at Knossos, where Theseus slew the Minotaur. Our journey across these two beautiful islands will showcase the architectural and artistic skills of this Bronze Age civilization, whose writing, ambition and organization profoundly influenced ancient Greece's development.

Tour Highlights

- Tick the mighty Palace of Knossos off your bucket list
- Explore the city of Akrotiri – the “Pompeii of the Aegean” – and admire the fascinating frescoes on display in the museum
- Take a boat trip to the island of Spinalonga, a former leper colony, where we will explore the abandoned buildings
- Visit the Archaeological Museum in Heraklion and view its fascinating collections



Day One | Santorini

We meet at our hotel in Santorini and then come together for dinner later.

Day Two | Fira - Akrotiri

Our first full day begins at the **Prehistoric Museum in Fira**, home to dazzling wall paintings from the Minoan buildings at Akrotiri, as well as a large number of artefacts found in various island excavations. Don't miss jugs depicting elegant birds, dating from the Middle Cycladic period of 1800 to 2000 BC, and the statue of the golden goat, discovered in Akrotiri in 1999. This afternoon we continue to **Akrotiri** itself. Destroyed by a catastrophic volcanic eruption in around 1500 BC and buried in ash, the city is reminiscent of Pompeii, and has retained some impressively well-preserved houses. The drainage systems and complex buildings indicate a once prosperous society, with many successful trade links. We admire the delightful 'Fresco of the Monkeys' and the 'House of the Ladies', with its striking central light well.

Day Three | Thera - Heraklion

After breakfast, we journey up winding roads to the ancient city of **Thera**, located on a ridge of Messavouno Mountain, some 360 meters above sea level. The site has been under excavation since 1904, and findings from the city have contributed immensely to our understanding of Minoan culture and history. We imagine the people whose lives were centered around Thera's 800-meter long main street; who attended performances in the city's enormous theater, and who worshiped Hermes and Heracles within the walls of the sacred grotto. This afternoon we visit Panagia Episkopi, a Byzantine cathedral containing many beautiful frescoes, before a catamaran ride takes us to our next destination: historic Heraklion. We arrive in Crete's largest city in time for dinner.

Day Four | Palace of Knossos - Vathypetro

The fourth day of our vacation begins with a trip to the world-renowned **Palace of Knossos**, a majestic complex erected in Greece's Bronze Age, and the largest Bronze Age site in the country. The intricate, multi-storeyed layout of the palace has led to its connection with numerous myths and legends, including that of the Minotaur and the labyrinth. We take in the royal quarters, with their decorated Throne Room, as well as noting the axe stands within the House of the High Priest. We continue on to the Minoan country house and outbuildings of **Vathypetro**, the surviving remnants of a settlement that stretched across three hills. Here we observe an elaborate shrine as well as a wonderfully preserved wine press – one of the oldest in the world. Following this we return to Heraklion to spend time at the exceptional **Heraklion Museum**, with its exquisite jewelry and brightly-colored wall paintings. Within this peerless collection of artefacts from the Minoan age is the iconic bull's head 'rhyton', or ceremonial drinking vessel, brought here from Knossos Palace.

Day Five | Gortyn - Palace of Phaistos

We enjoy a morning at the important Greco-Roman site of **Gortyn** in the verdant Messara Valley, a gem of the archaeological world since its discovery in 1884. Thought to have once been populated by over 300,000 people, the site is best-known for its collection of 5th century stone blocks, inscribed with the law codes of classical Greece – the oldest and most complete example of coded ancient Greek laws ever found. We resume our adventures with the Minoans at the magnificent **Palace of Phaistos**. Famous finds here include thousands of documents, some inscribed with the earliest known occurrence of the still undeciphered writing of the Minoans – a script also known as 'Linear A'. We leave the columns and courtyards of Phaistos to visit **Ayia Triada**, a grand but ruinous Bronze Age villa that has yielded more examples of Linear A tablets than any other site of its kind.

Day Six | Palace of Malia - Gournia

Our day starts with a trip to the **Palace of Malia**, a huge Minoan complex just north of the Lasithi Mountains, significant not only for its size, but also its strategic port



Image: Spinalonga Island

and grand façades. We then proceed to the well-preserved late Minoan town of **Gournia**, one of the few sites in the region to have been fully excavated. The remains of Gournia cluster around cobbled streets on the side of a hill and are crowned by the now-ruined palace. Traces of some 50 houses are in evidence here, as well as a court and cemetery. This afternoon we have the option of a boat trip to the haunting and evocative island of **Spinalonga**, location of a former leper colony, which was still in use right up until 1962. It is believed that the island was cut off from the mainland by occupying Venetians in the 16th century in order to strengthen their defenses.

Day Seven | Mochlos

This morning, if the weather permits, we have the option to journey by fishing boat across the turquoise Gulf of Mirabello to the tiny island of **Mochlos**, on which an important Minoan town once stood – a hub of trade and industry. A number of pit graves and tombs have been unearthed here, and the excavations, begun in 1908, continue to this day. This afternoon is free for us to enjoy our spectacular surroundings at our leisure. Stroll along the splendid coastline, doze in the sunshine or plunge into the warm and welcoming waters near our hotel.

Day Eight | Sissi

This may well be our last morning in Crete, but the discoveries aren't over yet. Before we make our journey to the airport, we drive to stunning **Sissi** to visit the excavations on Kephali Hill, where evidence for Early Minoan mortuary activity has been found near Crete's latest Minoan palace to be discovered. Alas, it is now time to say good bye to the Minoan world, and our fabulous group, as we make our way back home.



Guided by Dr Sandy MacGillivray

Join Sandy in Crete on our April & September departures.



Guided by Dr Rita Roussos

Join Rita in Crete on our May & October departures.

Price includes

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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Santorini, Heraklion & Elounda

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
20th - 27th Apr	\$3,300	\$380
11th - 18th May	\$3,165	\$380
21st - 28th Sep	\$3,445 \$3,080	\$385
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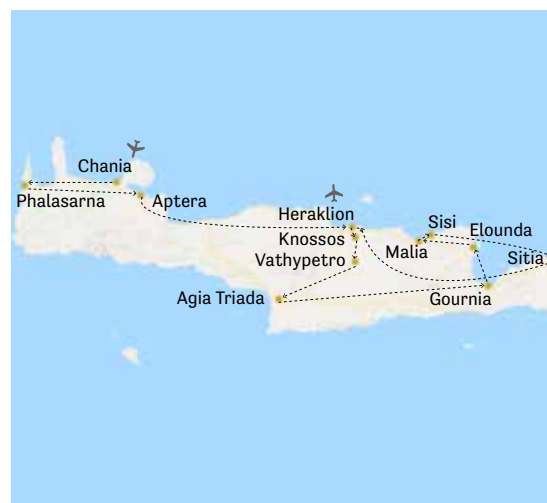
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Activity Level ●●●○○

Crete is defined by the breadth of its history, from the labyrinthine palaces of the Minoans, through Venetian control and war time resistance. We follow the coastline, exploring world-class archaeological sites and getting to grips with local history and culture as we enjoy the food, wine and dramatic landscapes of this beautiful island.

Tour Highlights

- Travel to stunning Sissi to visit the excavations on Kephali Hill
- Discover the lesser-known archaeological remains of Vathypetro and Mochlos as well as the famous Minoan palaces
- Explore Aptera, the mythological setting for the battle between the Sirens and the Muses



Day One | Chania

Meet the group at our hotel in Chania.

Day Two | Chania

Today we delight in the lovely harbour town of **Chania**, with its charming Venetian architecture. We start with the **Archaeological Museum**, housed in the Venetian Gothic former Church of San Francesco – turned into a mosque in the Ottoman period – where we see a plethora of remains dating from the Neolithic to the Roman periods. Highlights of this museum include Minoan ceramics and terracotta figures of bird faced women, as well as a 3rd century mosaic dating from the Roman period. In the afternoon, we will have a walking tour of its pretty Venetian quarter, including the narrow alleys of the Kastelli region and the wider streets of the Jewish district which dates to the 16th century when Jews, exiled from Spain and Southern Italy, made their home here.

Day Three | Kissamos - Phalasarna

Today begins at **Kissamos Archaeological Museum**, housed in a Venetian building called the Dioikitirio, which displays artefacts from the Neolithic period to Late Antiquity. Highlights include stunning mosaics from the Roman period, as well as a Hellenistic tomb. We continue to the ancient city of **Polyrhenia**; whose acropolis looking out over the Cretan sea is dominated by an imposing Byzantine fortification. We end the day at the Hellenistic town of **Phalasarna** where see impressive remains of fortifications built to protect the harbour, including five towers and a curtain wall.

Day Four | Aptera - Heraklion

Leaving Chania, we visit **Aptera**, whose stunning and strategic positioning ensured it was powerful from the Minoan to the Hellenistic periods. Here we see remains of a 12th century monastery dedicated to St. John Theologos, as well as remains of a Classical temple and an impressive Roman cistern. We continue to **Heraklion**, stopping en route to explore the excellent new **Museum of Eleutherna in Rethymnon** which displays finds from Eleutherna, including an archaic statue, the Lady of Eleutherna, reminiscent of the statue of Demeter known as the Lady of Auxerre in the Louvre, and grave goods from the Bronze Age.

Day Five | Knossos - Vathypetro

This morning, we visit the world famous site of **Knossos**, which boasted a population of 100,000 at its height in the 18th century BC and which was settled from as early as the 7th millennium. The palace, controversially reconstructed by Arthur Evans, was the civic and religious center of the settlement, as well as the residence of the King. We continue to the Minoan site at **Vathypetro**, a 16th century BC complex which includes a wine press and farmhouse. We return to Heraklion and visit the **Archaeological Museum**, where exhibits include brightly colored wall paintings from the Minoan palaces.

Day Six | Gortyn - Ayia Triadha

We start at the important Graeco-Roman site of **Gortyn**, which contains a number of impressive ruins, including a praetorium which housed the governor or Crete and Cyrene and an Odeon. It is justly famous for being the locus of the oldest and most complete Classical law code, inscribed on stones reused in the Trajanic period and how on display on site – though parts are in the Louvre. We proceed to **Phaistos**, inhabited from the 5th millennium BC, it is the site of 2 palaces from different periods which were abandoned by the Mycenaean period. Mentioned by Homer, Phaistos is described in artefacts with Linear A inscriptions found on the site. We end at **Ayia Triadha**, Middle Minoan – 16th century – small palace which has preserved a number of Linear A tablets.



Image: Bay of Chania

Day Seven | Gournia - Elounda

This morning we explore the well preserved late Minoan town of **Gournia**, whose strategic position made it the most important trading center in Minoan Crete. Here we see impressive remains of 60 houses, a so-called palace as well as a cemetery, all of which were linked by a road which still survives. After lunch we go by boat to the tiny island of **Mochlos**, which may have been connected to the island in the Minoan period. Here we see remains dating from the Minoan era up to the Hellenistic period and beyond. Notable are the hoards of metal found on the islands, as well as a Minoan necropolis.

Day Eight | Malia - Sissi

Today we visit the **Palace of Malia**, one of the largest Minoan sites, which includes a Late Minoan palace which has a large central courtyard and impressive monumental façades. We continue to the nearby site of **Sissi** which has been excavated for the last ten years, revealing settlements from the Early and Middle Minoan periods, including graves which rich finds. The afternoon is free for us to relax in Elounda, where we can simply unwind or take a boat trip out to the evocative island of **Spinalonga**.

Day Nine | Sitia

We travel east to the seaside town of **Sitia** where we visit the **Archaeological Museum**, which houses important finds from Eastern Crete including a beautiful gold and ivory Minoan statuette found in Palaikastro, along with Linear A tablets and enormous ceramic pots from the palace of Kato Zakros. We proceed to the nearby site of **Petras**, excavated as part of on going research to establish the Minoan settlement patterns in this area. Here a sizeable building once two storeys high have been found, along with Linear A tables and a drainage system.

Day Ten | Heraklion

We transfer to Heraklion airport for our independent flights home.



Guided by Dr Sandy MacGillivray

Join Sandy in Crete on our April departure.



Guided by Dr Christina Hatzimichael-Whitley

Join Christina in Crete on our September departure.

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6th - 15th Apr	\$3,800	\$450
7th - 16th Sep	\$4,175	\$545

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ISLANDS OF THE CYCLADES

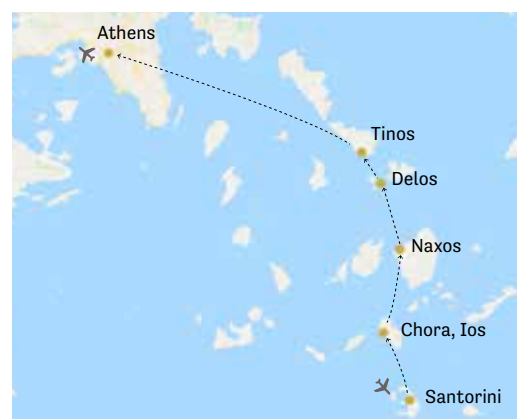
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Activity Level ●●●○○

Of all the Greek islands scattered over the Aegean sea, the Cyclades have the most evocative mythology. Traveling by land and crossing by ferry, discover atmospheric archaeological sites on these fascinating islands from beautiful Delos, the legendary birthplace of Apollo, to unassuming Tinos, well off the tourist radar.



Tour Highlights

- Sail by private charter to Delos and spend the day exploring one of the most important sites in Greece
- Visit the spectacular prehistoric settlement of Skarkos and Homer's tomb on the delightful island of Ios
- Admire the sleeping giants of Naxos, the Flerio Kourous, scattered throughout this beautiful Aegean landscape

Day One | Santorini

Meet the group at our hotel.

Day Two | Thera - Akrotiri

Today, we explore the ruins at ancient Thera and Akrotiri. Later, we visit the Prehistoric Museum where finds from the area are on display.

Day Three | Santorini - Ios

We take the early afternoon ferry to Ios and drive to the small Archaeological Museum. After lunch, we check in to our hotel and enjoy some free time.

Day Four | Ios

This morning, we visit the remains of the Paleokastro, built by the Venetians in the 15th century. We continue to Homer's tomb, allegedly one of three grave sites on the northern edge of the island. After lunch we visit Skarkos, thought to be the best preserved Cycladic prehistoric site in Greece.

Day Five | Ios - Naxos

Journey to Naxos and stop for lunch. After, we drive to the fertile valley of Livadi to visit the ruins of the Sanctuary of Iria, dedicated to the god Dionysus. A sample of the movable finds can be seen in the small on-site museum.

Day Six | Naxos

Our day starts at the Sanctuary of Apollo and Demeter in Santorini to see the remains of the marble temples constructed in the late 6th century. Later, we continue to Koronos for lunch and then it's on to the Flerio area.

Day Seven | Delos

Today, we take our private boat to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Delos. We spend a full day exploring the temples, houses and agorae of this sacred island.

Day Eight | Naxos - Tinos

We visit the underground Museum at Naxos before catching our early afternoon ferry to Tinos.

Day Nine | Tinos

Our day starts at the Archaeological Museum, which includes finds from excavations from the Sanctuary of Poseidon. We then explore the site itself before continuing to the excellent Pyrgos Museum.

Day Ten | Tinos - Athens

We take the late morning ferry to Rafina and from there we travel by coach to Athens airport for our return flights.



Guided by Dr Rita Roussos

Join Rita in Greece on our June departure.



Guided by Dr Sandy MacGillivray

Join Sandy in Greece on our October departure.

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Accommodation

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17th - 26th Jun	\$4,535	\$700
7th - 16th Oct	\$4,270	\$615

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GREECE & TURKEY

The Via Egnatia II

10 Days From \$4,760pp

Departing June & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

East from Thessaloniki, the Via Egnatia heads across Thrace to Istanbul, cutting through millennia of European history. Past Athenian Amphipolis, Roman Philippi, Phoenician and Greek Thasos, and finally into Turkey, where the imperial grandeur of Adrianople gives way to the splendor of Istanbul and the golden milestone where the road ends.

Tour Highlights

- Philippi, where Caesar's assassins were brought to bay, and where Paul of Tarsus preached
- Edirne, the first Ottoman Turkish capital, mosques embellished by the genius of Sinan Pasha
- Istanbul, capital of two empires, bedecked with Byzantine glory and Ottoman grandeur

Day One | Thessaloniki

From Thessaloniki, we drive to Kavala via the great Athenian colony of **Amphipolis**.

Day Two | Kavala

We visit the important Macedonian and Roman colony of **Philippi**. A crucial point on the road, here Augustus and Mark Anthony defeated Brutus and Cassius, the assassins of Caesar. After, we spend time in the museum in **Kavala**, we investigate the Byzantine monuments.

Day Three | Thasos

A ferry trip takes us to **Thasos** for the day. A Phoenician and Greek colony closely involved in the history of Thrace, we visit the remains of the ancient city and other sites.

Day Four | Abdera & Xanthi

Spend the day exploring the site of ancient **Abdera**, a Greek city in Thrace and then on to **Xanthi**, a major trading town in Byzantine and Ottoman eras. The city is well known in Greece for its distinctive period architecture.

Day Five | Alexandroupolis

Via the characteristic town of **Komotini** we head to **Alexandroupolis**, originally

a fishing village which developed along the Ottoman railway.

Day Six | Didymoteicho

Today, we visit the border fortress of **Didymoteicho** and the aristocratic Thracian tumulus cemetery at **Doxipara**. We then proceed to Edirne.

Day Seven | Edirne

As ancient Adrianople, **Edirne** was a hub of Roman Thrace and later the first great capital of the Ottomans in Europe. The **Selimiye Great Mosque** was the masterpiece of the architect Mimar Sinan.

Day Eight | Edirne - Istanbul

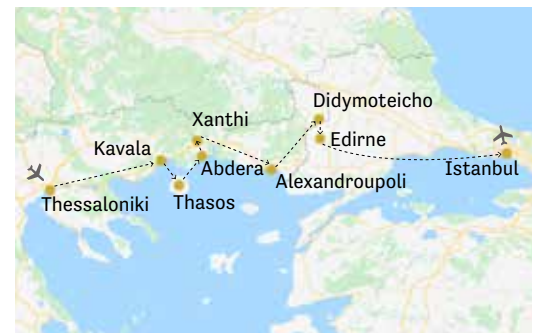
Drive to Istanbul, once the terminus of Via Egnatia and its successors. We visit the extraordinary **Blue Mosque** in the afternoon.

Day Nine | Istanbul

We follow the road to its ending today, through the Golden Gate and along the great street of the **Mese** to the **Forum of Constantine** and the **Million**. This afternoon we visit the **Hagia Sophia** and the Hippodrome.

Day Ten | Istanbul

We make our individual journeys home.



Guided by Andrew Farrington

Join Andrew in Greece on our June departure.



Guided by Dr Christina Hatzimichael-Whitley

Join Christina in Greece on our October departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Airotel Galaxy Hotel, Alexander Hotel, Margi Hotel & Yasmak Sultan Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
3rd - 12th Jun	\$4,760	\$785
19th - 28th Oct	\$4,825	\$810

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CLASSICAL HIGHLIGHTS OF GREECE

A two-night Athens stay and a seven-night cruise

10 Days From \$3,310pp **SAVE UP TO \$335**

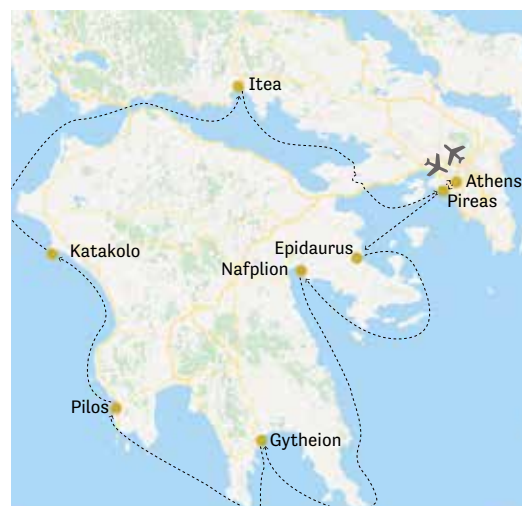
Departing March & November 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

A wonderfully laid-back introduction to the ancient highlights of Greece's mainland, this tour combines a two-night stay in the shadow of the Acropolis with an enchanting cruise, circumnavigating the Peloponnese and closing the loop with a transit of the Corinth Canal. Excursions included range from tours of Epidaurus and Delphi to museum visits.

Tour Highlights

- Visit the ancient site of Epidaurus, renowned throughout the Greek world as a healing sanctuary
- Explore the Palace of Nestor, the best-preserved complex of its kind from the late Bronze Age
- Discover Olympia and visit the ancient stadium as well as the temples of Zeus and Hera, and the excellent museum dedicated to the Olympic Games
- Enjoy a walking tour of Nafplion, wander around the remains of the Bronze Age city of Mycenae and take in the natural splendor of the Dirou Caves



Day One | Athens

Arrive into Athens and head to our hotel, located in the very heart of the Greek capital, overlooking the Acropolis.

Day Two | Athens

A walking tour takes in the ancient wonders on our doorstep as a local expert introduces the collection of temples – most famously the **Parthenon** – that comprise the **Acropolis** and the antiquities on display in the **Acropolis Museum**.

Day Three | Athens - Piraeus

This morning we head on foot to the **Agora** – once the city’s market center, seat of government, mint, trial courts, and site of the best-preserved temple of Hephaestus, as well as the beautifully reconstructed Stoa Attalos, which is now the **Agora Museum**. After a light lunch, we proceed to the port of Piraeus to join our boat. There is time to settle in before dinner and we sail onwards for Epidaurus.

Day Four | Epidaurus

Today is our included Epidaurus excursion. Early this morning, we drive to the ancient site of **Epidaurus**, renowned throughout the Greek world as a healing sanctuary. Its 4th century BCE theater is breathtaking and acoustically so perfect that even today 13,000 spectators can view performances without any amplification. After lunch on board, we sail onwards to Nafplion.

Day Five | Nafplion (Mycenae) - Monemvasia

An optional Mycenae excursion awaits today. After a walking tour of **Nafplion**, we visit the remains of the Bronze Age city of Mycenae, by legend the city of Agamemnon. Lunch on board follows, then we sail to Gythion via Monemvasia, with the chance to admire this Byzantine fortress town.

Day Six | Gythion (Mani)

There is an included Mani excursion today. **Mani** is Greece at its wildest and most beguiling. Few land tours can access this peninsula, immortalized by Patrick Leigh Fermor (and where the writer set up home), but small ships can. Our excursion takes in the natural splendor of **Cape Tenaro** and the **Dirou Caves**, along with the charming town of **Areopolis**. After lunch on board, we sail on to Pylos this evening.

Day Seven | Pylos

Today there is an optional Pylos excursion. **Pylos** is home to some fascinating ruins, including the **Palace of Nestor**. The archaeological museum in Chora is particularly strong on Mycenaean history. After lunch on board, we sail overnight to Katakolon.

Day Eight | Katakolon

An optional excursion awaits today and we drive to **Olympia**, legendary site of the original pan-Hellenic Olympic Games. Visit the ancient stadium, the temples of Zeus and Hera, and the museum dedicated to the Olympic Games of antiquity. Guests on the excursion rejoin the boat at Patras, and we sail on to Itea.

Day Nine | Itea (Delphi)

Today’s included excursion takes us to **Delphi**, one of the most sacred sites of the ancient world. There is time to explore the complex of ruins and the museum. After lunch, our boat negotiates the **Corinth Canal** as it sails back to Piraeus.

Day Ten | Piraeus - Athens

After breakfast, we disembark our boat and make our independent journeys home.



Travel with our on-board expert Guest Lecturer, **Eugenia Alexiou**



Travel with our Local Guide, **Miranda Spitha**

Dates & prices per person

Cabin 17th - 26th Mar	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
Category C Cabin (Lower Deck)	\$3,645 \$3,310	\$675
Category B Cabin (Lower Deck)	\$4,185 \$3,850	\$870
Category A Cabin (Upper or Main Deck)	\$4,860 \$4,525	\$1,155
Cabin 3rd - 12th Nov	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
Category C Cabin (Lower Deck)	\$3,645 \$3,310	\$675
Category B Cabin (Lower Deck)	\$4,185 \$3,850	\$870
Category A Cabin (Upper or Main Deck)	\$4,860 \$4,525	\$1,155

Price includes

- On board expert Guest Lecturer and the services of a Cruise Director throughout
- Expert Local Guide in Athens
- Epidaurus, Mani and Delphi shore excursions

Included travel & accommodation

- All local transport & 7 nights aboard the M/S Galileo and 2 nights in Athens
- Port tax

Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- Wine & fruit in cabins on arrival
- Tea, coffee & bottled water

Not included in the price

- Other shore excursions (see price panel below)
- Alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks with lunch and dinner
- Tips & gratuities

Optional Excursions

Optional Excursions	Price
Optional Nafplion/Mycenae excursion	\$82
Optional Pylos excursion	\$84
Optional Olympia excursion, inc. lunch	\$120

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THE AEGEAN COAST OF TURKEY

Special access to the Roman-era houses of Ephesus

11 Days From \$3,775pp

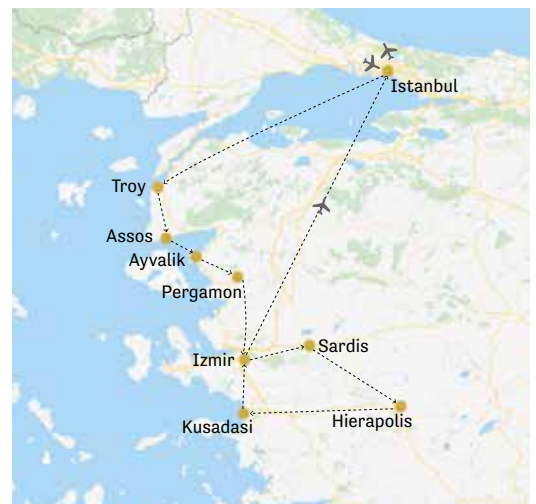
Departing April & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The Greek and Roman cities of Turkey's Aegean coast were among the most powerful in the ancient world. The remains are set in a beautiful landscape of rugged limestone peaks, plunging valleys, olive groves, pine forest and flower-studded meadows, with the startlingly blue waters of the Aegean Sea glittering in the distance.

Tour Highlights

- Gaze upon the mighty walls of Troy as everyone from Achilles to Alexander the Great has desired to do
- Explore remarkably well-preserved classical cities such as Pergamon, Miletus and Aphrodisias, and discover a range of evocative lesser-known ruins
- Enjoy the sublime scenery of the Aegean coast — secluded bays, meandering rivers, rocky headlands, and traditional villages



Day One | Istanbul

Meet at Istanbul airport or at our hotel in Tekirdag.

Day Two | Istanbul - Troy - Assos

We take the ferry to **Çanakkale** and visit the site of ancient **Troy**. Imagine the Greek army approaching across the plain, while Paris watches in trepidation from the walls of the city and Hector duels with Achilles.

Day Three | Assos

This morning, we drive from sea level up to the site of **Assos**, perched on a prominent hilltop overlooking the Aegean and Sappho's island of Lesbos. Assos is one of the most beautifully situated ancient sites in the world. We also explore the **Doric Temple of Athena** and then enjoy an afternoon of relaxing leisure time.

Day Four | Assos - Ayvalık

We travel to the ruins of **Alexandria Troas**. The site is little-known today, but was visited twice by St Paul in the first century. Surviving features include the agora temple with its columns and reliefs, a partly excavated odeon and superb section of Roman streets. This afternoon we drive to atmospheric **Ayvalık**, a wholly Greek town up until the population exchanges of 1923.

Day Five | Ayvalık - Pergamon - Izmir

We spend the day at the great Hellenistic city of **Pergamon**, whose extensive remains range across a dramatic rocky outcrop. Our explorations include the Acropolis, the theater and the altar of Zeus. After lunch, we visit **Pergamon Museum** and the **Aesclepium**, an ancient medical center. We continue to Izmir.

Day Six | Izmir - Sardis - Pamukkale

We enjoy a brief brush with the Hittites – an ancient Bronze Age Turkish civilization - at the **Karabel rock relief**, then drive inland to **Sardis**, with its massive gymnasium and bath-house, and the finely preserved **Temple of Artemis**. We continue to **Pamukkale**, the limestone 'cotton castle'. Located in the River Menderes Valley, the Roman ruins here remain remarkably well-preserved.

Day Seven | Pamukkale - Hierapolis

We explore ancient **Hierapolis** with its extensive tombs, a 'Plutonium' (shrine to the underworld deity Pluto) and the oracular **Temple of Apollo**. The limescale formations with cascading pools and hot springs make this site very picturesque. Enjoy a free afternoon.

Day Eight | Pamukkale - Kusadasi

We travel east up the valley of the Menderes River, through magnificent scenery to the site of **Aphrodisias**. The mountains surrounding this idyllic site produce very fine white marble and the city became famous for its sculptors.



Image: Ephesus

Day Nine | Kusadasi

We spend the morning at **Priene**, which is set on a peaceful wooded hillside beneath a towering limestone peak. The Temple of Athena stands as a substantial ruin. We follow in the footsteps of the Greeks to **Didyma**, a temple that housed a shrine to Apollo. We end the day at **Miletus**, home of philosophers and scientists.

Day Ten | Kusadasi

Our tour culminates at **Ephesus**, one of western Turkey's highlights. This was one of the richest cities in Asia Minor and continued to thrive through the Roman period. We have special access to the Roman terraced houses, with painted walls and mosaics now beautifully restored, with a talk from the curator. After exploring the city, we visit the museum that houses treasures from the site. We end the day at the fortifications and **Basilica of St John at Selçuk**, the city that replaced Ephesus in medieval times.

Day Eleven | Kusadasi - Izmir

Our tour ends at Izmir airport where we catch our individual flights home.



Guided by Isabella Sjöström

Join Isabella in Turkey on our April departure.



Guided by Terry Richardson

Join Terry in Turkey on our October departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Divan Corlu Hotel, Assos
Kervansaray Hotel, Bacacan Hotel, Giritligil Hotel,
Doga Thermal Hotel & Charisma Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
3rd - 13th Apr	\$3,775	\$670
2nd - 12th Oct	\$3,820	\$670

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SOUTH WEST TURKEY - PAMPHYLIA & PISIDIA

Remarkable ruins by the Mediterranean & high in the Taurus Mountains

7 Days From \$3,260pp **SAVE UP TO \$340**

Departing May & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The great plain of Pamphylia was settled by Trojan refugees, then by Alexander the Great and his successors before succumbing to Roman control. Behind the coastal littoral the Taurus Mountains rise dramatically to heights approaching 10,000 feet, inhabited in ancient times by the hardy peoples of Pisidia.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the hidden treasures at the Archaeological Museum in Antalya
- Enjoy fantastic views, a spectacularly situated theater and decorated rock cut tombs at Termessus
- Explore the remarkably well-preserved Roman remains of Sagalassos, set high a remote stretch of the Taurus mountains
- Take a seat at the magnificent theater at Aspendos, one of the best preserved in the ancient world



Day One | Antalya

Meet the group at our hotel.

Day Two | Antalya - Perge

Our day begins at the **Archaeological Museum** in Antalya with its superb collection of statuary from Perge as well as many other treasures from the region. One of Turkey's largest museums, it includes an open air gallery and 13 exhibition halls. We then continue to **Perge**, the chief city of Pamphylia from the time of the Hittites. Here, we find a fine stadium, theater and a colonnaded street complete with a fountain, as well as many shops and baths. Since 1946, there has been numerous excavations and discoveries, including well-preserved mosaics showcasing Medusa, Oceanus, and the sacrifice of Iphigenia.

Day Three | Aspendos - Side

Today we visit **Aspendos**, which is famous for its theater and aqueduct — a remarkable example of hydraulic engineering, owing to its unique inverted siphon. The theater is known for being the best-preserved in antiquity and it once provided seating for 12,000, and in the 13th century, the building was converted into a palace by the Seljuqs of Rum. Aspendos was also one of the earliest cities to mint coins, many of which featured scenes from Olympic sports. This afternoon, we pay a visit to the easternmost city of Pamphylia — **Side**, in a lovely setting among the dunes. An ancient port city known for its Greco-Roman ruins and long beaches, the city center is home to the remains of a 2nd century theater and the Side Museum is located within a restored Roman bath complex.

Day Four | Sagalassos

We travel to **Sagalassos** this morning, an extensive site not excavated until the mid 1990s but which has been revealing wonderful architectural adornment on a grand scale ever since. A pair of superbly restored nymphaea are just some of the beautiful Roman-era buildings uncovered here, the remains evocatively set against wild mountains.

Day Five | Termessos

This morning, we explore a Pisidian stronghold, **Termessos**, which has been built on a natural platform high in the Taurus Mountains. Hidden by pine forests, this site boasts an impressive atmosphere and is one of the best preserved ancient cities in all of Turkey. Alexander the Great failed to take this 'Eagle's Nest', as he called it, during his campaigns in Asia Minor. There are tremendous views from here over the mountains, forest and even the sea. Later, we return to Antalya for some free time in Kaleici, the fascinating walled old quarter which the modern city has grown around.

Day Six | Phaselis - Chimaera

Today, we explore the two easternmost cities of the Lycian League — Phaselis and Olympos. Seaside **Phaselis**, founded in the 7th century by settlers from nearby Rhodes, has a small but picturesque theater and a well-preserved Roman harbor. The ruins at **Olympos**, largely covered by vegetation, are among the most picturesque in Turkey. The settlement was a pilgrimage center for the nearby temple of Hephaestus in Cirali. Here, we climb to the mythical **Chimaera**, where natural flames flicker from vents in the mountainside.

Day Seven | Antalya

After breakfast, our tour comes to an end.



Images left to right: Mount Chimaera, Turkish delight & remains at Side



Guided by Isabella Sjöström

Join Isabella in Turkey on our May departure.



Guided by Terry Richardson

Join Terry in Turkey on our October departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Blu Khan Hotel Antalya

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
17th - 23rd May	\$3,435 \$3,260	\$520
25th - 31st Oct	\$3,625 \$3,285	\$520

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CAPPADOCIA & SOUTH EAST TURKEY

From central Anatolia to the Euphrates

11 Days From \$4,455pp **SAVE UP TO \$270**

Departing May & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The Tigris and Euphrates both rise in the mountains of Turkey and flow south into the Persian Gulf. The Fertile Crescent saw the birth place of agriculture and the first domestication of cattle, goats, sheep and pigs. Prior to this agricultural revolution, hunter-gatherers built the remarkable temple complex at Göbekli Tepe.

Tour Highlights

- Walk up to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Nemrut Dag
- Explore the beautifully laid-out Zeugma Mosaic museum in Gaziantep
- See the excavations at Göbekli Tepe, with megaliths pre-dating Stonehenge
- Visit the volcanic landscapes in Cappadocia and the soft rock hewn out in the Byzantine-era to create underground cities



Day One | Cappadocia

Meet at the airport in Kayseri or at the hotel in Cappadocia.

Day Two | Cappadocia

We start our explorations with a visit to the **Ihlara Valley**, a beautiful, verdant gorge occupied by a fast-flowing river. The gorge is believed to have contained more than 4,000 dwellings and 100 churches cut into the rocks. We explore some of these churches before moving on to visit the impressive **Aşıklı Höyük**, a settlement mound comprised of layers dated between 8200 and 7400 BC.

Day Three | Cappadocia

This morning we begin with a visit to a local co-operative which produces traditionally made carpets, and we see how these are made. We then continue to our main visit of the day at **Goreme Open Air Museum**. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a fairytale landscape of eroded volcanic tuffs, full of rock-cut churches of the early Byzantine period.

Day Four | Cappadocia - Adana

Today we head south, stopping en route at the extraordinary underground city of **Derinkuyu**. This is one of the largest and most accessible of many such Byzantine settlements. We continue our journey south across the Anatolian plateau before crossing the formidable Taurus range and dropping down to the fertile Cilician Plain to overnight at Adana.

Day Five | Adana - Gaziantep

This morning we visit **Adana Archaeology Museum**, which houses a fine collection of Hittite artefacts. We continue east and rise into wooded mountains to visit the eight century BC fortress palace of **Karatepe**, now located in an archaeological park. The twin gateways of the fortress palace are lined with relief-carved figurative slabs.

Day Six | Gaziantep

Today we explore **Gaziantep**, named in 2015 as a UNESCO "Creative City of Gastronomy". Our main focus this morning is the **Zeugma Mosaic Museum**, which contains the very fine Roman mosaics from Zeugma, a city which stood on a crossing of the Euphrates river, and which has now been largely flooded by the construction of the Birecik Dam. We also visit the town of **Halfeti**, itself partially submerged as a result of the same project. Here we can see houses and minarets emerging from the water, and even parts of the old castle and palace.

Day Seven | Gaziantep - Adiyaman

We start the day today with a walk around historic **Gaziantep** including the **Medusa Roman Glass Museum** and **Gaziantep citadel**, largely built by Turkish Mamluks in the 13th – 16th centuries. The citadel itself lies on top of existing Roman walls and a Neolithic tell. In the afternoon we take the long but scenic road north to overnight at Adiyaman, at the foot of Mount Nemrut.

Day Eight | Adiyaman

We begin at the **Roman bridge at Cendere**, built by the Legio XVI Flavia Firma in the reign of Septimius Severus around AD 200, and the **Karakus Tumulus**, probably built to cover the burials of the mother, sister and niece of Antiochus' son and successor. After lunch we continue to the remote hilltop site of **Mount Nemrut**, where Antiochus I had a monumental sanctuary constructed to promote his rule, comprising the world's largest tumulus and a collection of huge statues of the gods and of himself.



Images left to right: Göbekli Tepe & Derinkuyu cave

Day Nine | Adiyaman - Sanliurfa

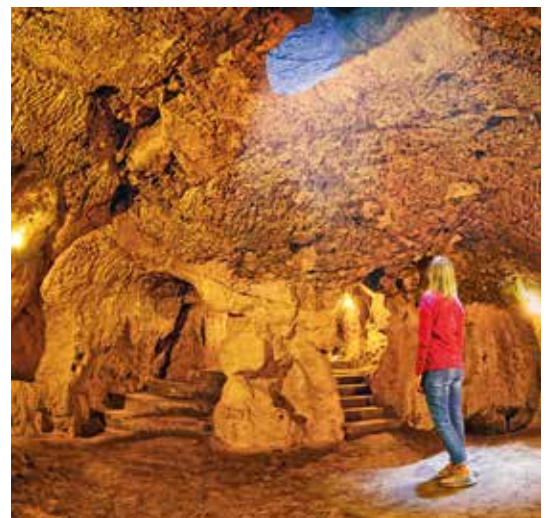
This morning we drive to **Sanliurfa** and view the Pools of Abraham, filled with sacred carp. It was here that Muslim teachings tell how Abraham was thrown into the fire by Nimrod, but upon landing in the fire the flames were turned into water and the logs into fish. Sanliurfa is Turkey's most Middle Eastern city, and we continue our exploration of this bustling place with a foray into the labyrinthine bazaar.

Day Ten | Sanliurfa - Göbekli Tepe

Our last full day is dedicated to the excavations at **Göbekli Tepe**, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2018. Situated on top of a rounded hill in the anti-Taurus mountains a few miles north of Sanliurfa and the flatlands of Mesopotamia to the south, it was closed to the public for several years. In the afternoon we return to Sanliurfa to visit **Sanliurfa Museum complex**, completed in 2015 and home to a treasure trove of finds from Göbekli and containing a life-sized reconstruction of one of the stone circles.

Day Eleven | Sanliurfa

Today, our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Terry Richardson

Terry is a specialist in ancient history and classical civilizations. He is also the author of 'Rough Guide Istanbul'.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Best Western Premier Cave Hotel, Otel Seyhan, Grand Gaziantep Hotel, Grand Isias Hotel & Manici Hotel, or similar

Culinary inclusions

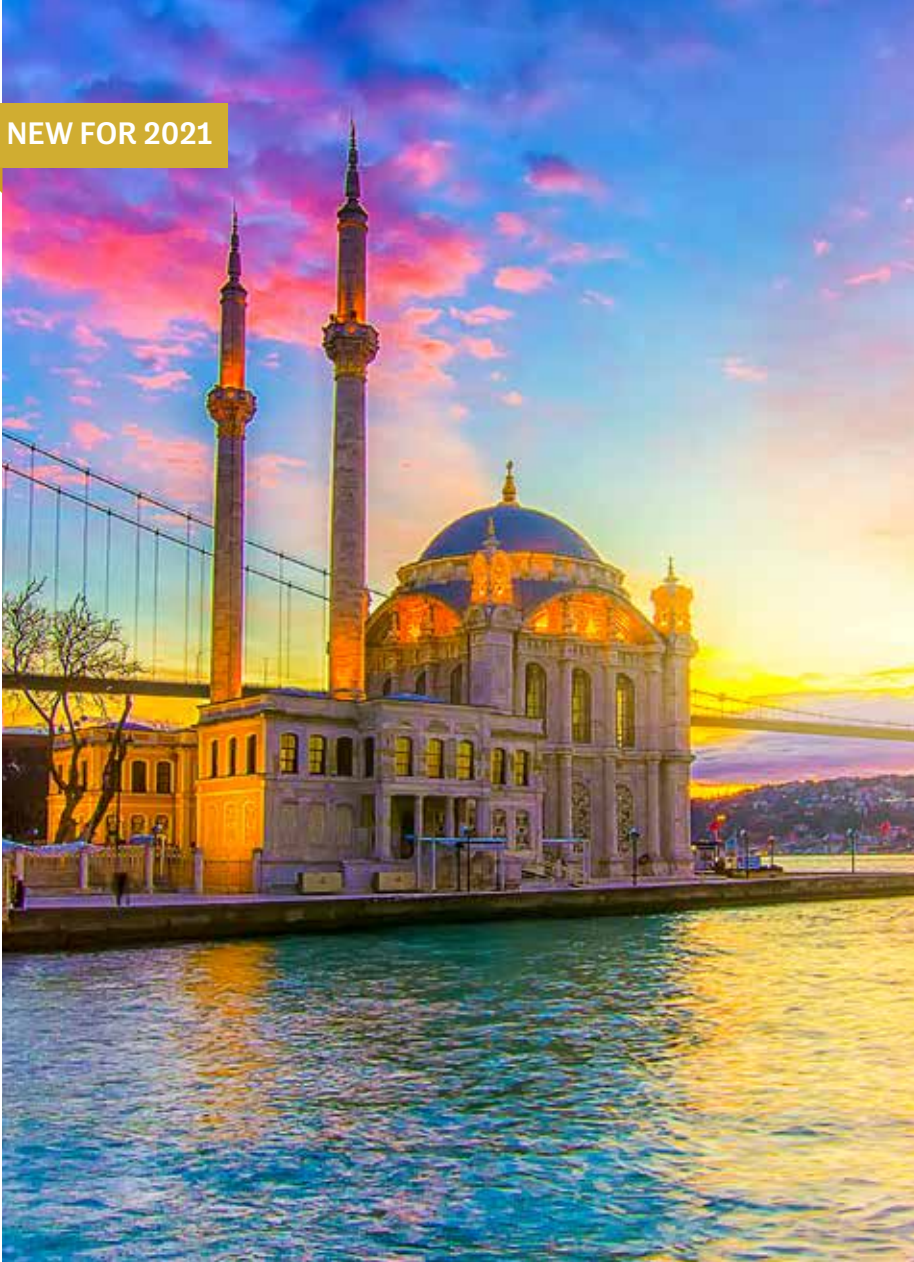
- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
24th May - 3rd Jun	\$4,770 \$4,500	\$890
21st Sep - 1st Oct	\$4,725 \$4,455	\$890

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/aeas

NEW FOR 2021



THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Exploring the architecture of the Ottoman Empire's three capital cities

8 Days From \$4,205pp

Departing March & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

At its height, the Ottoman empire was one of the largest, and it bestowed on the world a wealth of architectural gems. This tour of first Bursa, then Edirne and finally Istanbul will give us the opportunity to see how Ottoman architecture developed from its early period to its apogee under Süleyman the Magnificent, when Mimar Sinan was active.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the Topkapı Palace complex, situated on a hilltop at the tip of Istanbul's historic peninsula
- Take in the majestic Süleymaniye Mosque complex atop Istanbul's third hill, marvelling at the genius of Sinan
- Wander cobbled streets lined by beautifully-restored Ottoman houses in quaint Cumalıkızık near Bursa
- Admire the innovative design of the Selimiye Mosque, arguably the most impressive of all Sinan's 400 plus buildings



Day One | Istanbul

Today, we meet the group at our hotel, situated on the historic peninsula that forms the heart of the European side of this city which spans two continents.

Day Two | Istanbul

In the morning we head out to the line of the four-mile long, superbly-preserved **Walls of Theodosius** and visit the **Panorama 1453 Museum**. With its painted dome and diorama, it gives an incredible visual introduction to the epoch-ending Ottoman siege of Constantinople in 1453. A walk along the walls brings us to Sinan's light-filled **Mihrimah Mosque** complex. It commands the summit of the historic city's 6th hill and is one of the architect's often overlooked gems. In the afternoon, we return to the tip of the peninsula to explore the nerve-center of the Ottoman Empire, the **Topkapi Palace** complex.

Day Three | Istanbul - Bursa

A masterful architectural achievement and the embodiment in stone of the compassion at the heart of Islam, Sinan's **Süleymaniye Mosque** complex comprises an austere beautiful mosque, a hospital, soup kitchen, bath-house, caravanserai and madrasahs – as well as the tombs of Süleyman the Magnificent and Sinan himself. We spend much of the morning here, before heading down through atmospheric back alleys to the Galata waterfront to experience the heady aromas of the **Ottoman-era Spice Bazaar**. In the afternoon we cross over to Asia and travel around the Sea of Marmara to 'Green' Bursa, the Ottoman's first capital, magnificently located at the foot of the 8,000-foot high Mt. Olympus (Uludağ).

Day Four | Bursa & Cumalıkızık

Today we explore **Bursa**, an erstwhile Byzantine city which became the first Ottoman capital in 1326 and, as a result, home to many architecturally important and distinguished buildings. In the morning we will explore modern Bursa's historic core, taking in the substantial domed **Ulu Cami** (Great Mosque) and **Yeşil Cami** (Green Mosque), the busy bazaar area and the delightful **Koza Han**, which once traded in valuable silk cocoons but makes do today selling gorgeous silk scarves and black tea served in tulip-shaped glasses. After lunch we drive a short distance west of the city to the incredibly well-preserved, UNESCO-listed Ottoman village of **Cumalıkızık** to wander cobbled streets lined with superb examples of half-timbered Ottoman domestic architecture.

Day Five | Canakkale - Edirne

We drive along the attractive southern shores of the Sea of Marmara to the famous Dardanelles, the narrow strait which connects the Aegean and Black seas (via the Marmara Sea and Bosphorus) dividing Europe and Asia. An examination of **Cimenlik fortress** in **Çanakkale**, twin of a sister fortification across the strait in Europe, will give us a good idea of the state of Ottoman military engineering at the time of Mehmet the Conqueror in the mid-15th century. After lunch we follow in the wakes of Xerxes, Alexander the Great and Lord Byron in crossing the Dardanelles before driving through the fertile, rolling hills of Thrace to the second Ottoman capital city, **Edirne**, close to the border with Bulgaria.



Image: Koza Han

Day Six | Edirne

We spend the entire day in Edirne, the ancient city of Hadrianopolis which succeeded Bursa as the Ottoman capital in 1361. We start with the **Selimiye Mosque**, arguably the most impressive of all Sinan's 400-plus buildings. We'll gaze up at the soaring dome of which Sinan was so proud, as it was here that his ambition to construct a dome exceeding that of the Hagia Sophia was realized. We continue to the earlier **Eski** and **Üç Şerefeli** mosques, and wander around the multi-domed **Bedesten**, a fine Ottoman-era covered market. In the afternoon, we explore the ruins of the **Edirne Palace** a magnificent complex housing the Ottoman sultans and abandoned in the 18th century. We proceed to the twin rivers to see a pair of elegantly arched Ottoman bridges, the remains of the 14th century palace and also the **Beyazıt II Mosque** complex.

Day Seven | Lüleburgaz - Istanbul

We start the day with **Lüleburgaz** to see another major Sinan work, the **Sokullu Mehmet Pasha Mosque** complex. As we approach the Ottoman's third imperial capital, **Istanbul**, we stop to admire the impressive Sinan-designed Süleyman the Magnificent Bridge at **Büyükçekmece**, with its multi-arched, 636-meter length. Back in Istanbul, we spend the afternoon visiting the excellent **Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts**, housed in the former residence of the grand vizier Ibrahim Pasha; we, then drop down the hill to another Sinan masterpiece, the exquisite **Sokullu Mehmet Pasha Mosque**, its beauty enhanced by the careful use of prime-period Iznik tiles, its sanctity enhanced by inlaid pieces of the Kaaba from Mecca.

Day Eight | Istanbul

This morning we have a last glimpse of glorious Istanbul, time permitting, and then we transfer to the airport for our individual flights home.



Guided by Terry Richardson

Terry is a specialist in ancient history and classical civilizations. He is also the author of 'Rough Guide Istanbul'.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Armada Istanbul Old City Hotel, Hilton Bursa Convention Center & Spa & Margi Hotel Edirne

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
7th - 14th Mar	\$4,205	\$785
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ARMENIA & GEORGIA

Explore the site of Nokalakevi with Dr Ian Colvin

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Departing June & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

Between Europe and Asia, the Caspian and the Black Sea, and on the ancient Silk Roads and the Scythian invasion routes stand the republics — ancient kingdoms — of Armenia and Georgia. Their location between great civilizations guaranteed them a pivotal role in world history. Yet, their varied landscapes are reason enough to visit.

Tour Highlights

- See exquisite metalwork and jewelry from the Bronze Age
- Discover the captivating history that created both Tbilisi's and Yerevan's urban centers
- Enjoy the country's dramatic landscapes, from its lush sub-tropics to the semi-desert steppes
- Learn about the ancient Georgian wine-making tradition, which involves fermenting grapes in earthenware and has now been recognized by UNESCO



Day One | Yerevan

We meet the group at our hotel in the midst of the bustling city. There will be ample time to relax after our flight.

Day Two | Yerevan

This morning we visit the **Mother Cathedral of Echmiadzin** and the striking ruins of **Zvartnots**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon, we pay a visit to the **Mesrop Mashtots Institute of Manuscripts and its Matenadaran Museum**, which commemorates the creation of the Armenian alphabet.

Day Three | Yerevan

Today we drive east into the Gegham mountains to visit the World Heritage Site of **Geghard**. This 12th and 13th century monastery is carved out of the living rock. Nearby, perched above the gorge of the Azat, stands the fortress and summer palace of **Garni** with its Graeco-Roman temple. In the afternoon, we explore **Yerevan's History Museum**, a national treasure-house of archaeological artefacts that tell the story of Armenia's long history.

Day Four | Yerevan

We begin at **Shengavit**, a settlement that spans the Chalcolithic to the Bronze Age. We continue to the museum and fortress of **Erebuni**, the ancient Urartian capital in the Araxes valley in the first half of the 1st millennium BC. This afternoon we have free time to explore Yerevan at our own leisure, or choose to take an optional visit to the moving Genocide Museum and memorial at **Tsitsernakaberd**.

Day Five | Yerevan - Dilijan

This morning we travel towards Ararat. Beneath the mountain stands the **monastery of Khor Virap**. Here, King Artaxias I founded one of Armenia's ancient capitals, Artashat. Further south we visit **Areni Cave**, a fascinating archaeological site that has preserved organic materials from the 5th millennium BC, including an ancient winery and the world's oldest shoe. We lunch at the medieval monastery of **Noravank**, an architectural gem in a stunning valley setting. Our day ends with a drive to our hotel in Dilijan, Armenia's 'Little Switzerland'.

Day Six | Dilijan - Tbilisi

Today we visit some of Armenia's finest and best preserved monastic complexes. The 10th-13th century **Haghartsin** is hidden at the head of the wooded valley outside **Dilijan**, we then travel to the impressive 12th-13th century **Goshavank monastery** in the scenic village of Gosh and houses one of the world's finest examples of an Armenian cross-stone.

Day Seven | Tbilisi

This morning we start with a walking tour of Old Tbilisi, taking in the **Metekhi Church**, the **Narikala Fortress**, the **Baths district**, the **Great Synagogue**, the **Sioni Cathedral**, and the 6th century **Anchiskhati Basilica**. After lunch, we visit the **Georgian National Museum** with its spectacular gold rooms.

Day Eight | Tbilisi

We travel to **Kakheti**, the most important of Georgia's wine-growing regions. The monastery of **Iqalto**, was founded in the late 6th century, and in the 12th century David IV 'the Rebuilder' founded an Academy here. We continue with a visit to **Tsinandali**, the 19th century summer palace of the princely Chavchavadze family. Over lunch at a local winery, we sample the local wines and learn about the ancient Georgian 'Qvevri' wine-making tradition, which creates its unique taste.

Day Nine | Tbilisi

Our last day in Tbilisi, we start with a visit to the **Open Air Ethnographic House Museum**. This attractive museum preserves type examples of traditional architecture from Georgia's many regions. We continue to the **National Gallery**, which displays the largest Pirosmani collection in the world by famous Georgian painter Niko Pirosmani. It also exhibits collection of Georgian work from the 4th century onwards.



Image: Ruins of Zvartnots temple

Day Ten | Tbilisi - Borjomi

We start our day at **Mtskheta**, Georgia's ancient capital and religious center. After visiting the 6th century **Jvari Chuch**, we explore the excavations of **Armazistsikhe**. We finish at **Svetitskhoveli Cathedral**. After lunch, we visit Gori for the ancient rock-cut city of **Uplistsikhe** and the **Stalin Museum**. The latter preserves the museum erected by Stalin's murderous Caucasian viceroy Beria, making it a relic of the cult of Stalin and the counterpoint to the exhibition on the Soviet Occupation in Tbilisi's National Museum.

Day Eleven | Borjomi

This morning we drive past the fortress of **Khertvisi**, where we have a brief photo stop, to the medieval cave monastery of **Vardzia**. Renowned as a mustering point of Queen Tamar's armies in her wars against the Turks, the monastery is also famous for its cycle of frescoes, including a famous depiction of Queen Tamar herself. This afternoon we return to Borjomi via Akhaltsikhe and the Rabati fortress, a center for Ottoman slaving at late as the 1820s.

Day Twelve | Borjomi - Kutaisi

We drive to **Kutaisi** this morning, Georgia's second city and historic capital of Imereti. Here, we visit the royal monastery and UNESCO Site of **Gelati**. After lunch, we have free time to explore the city.

Day Thirteen | Kutaisi - Batumi

Today we visit our guide lecturer's site of **Nokalakevi**. The extensive ruins of a large Byzantine-period fortress stand atop earlier archaeological levels going back through the 1st millennium BC to at least the 3rd millennium. After a tour of the site and the small museum, we have lunch at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, we drive through the Colchian lowlands towards the Black Sea coast, arriving at **Batumi**.

Day Fourteen | Batumi

We start with a walking tour of **Batumi**, before visiting the Roman playing-card fort at **Apsarus**, with its small museum. After lunch, we enjoy free time.

Day Fifteen | Batumi

Our tour ends today and we head home independently.



Guided by Dr Ian Colvin

Ian is a researcher and historian who specializes in the Roman and Byzantine history of the Caucasus regions.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Tufenkian Historic Yerevan, Best Western Plus Paradise Hotel Dilijan, Mercure Tbilisi Old Town, Borjomi Likani Health & Spa Center, Best Western Kutaisi Hotel & Batumi World Palace, or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 13 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
3rd - 17th Jun	\$5,985	\$910
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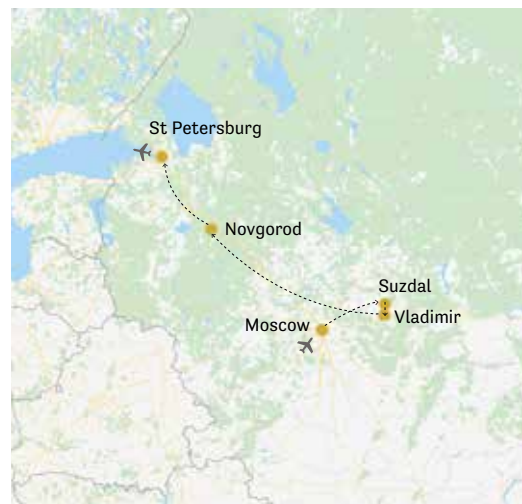
Departing May 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The vast country of Russia, once home to the Tsars, is rich in culture and history. Experience the glories of its present-day capital Moscow and its former imperial capital St. Petersburg, as well as its charming historical town of Novgorod, as we encounter prehistoric finds in the Hermitage through to its most recent Soviet past.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the remarkable capital of Russia, Moscow, its iconic St. Basil's Cathedral and the Red Square
- A full day to explore the renowned treasures of the Hermitage including the Scythian Gold artefacts
- Experience the grandeur of Russia's imperial capital St. Petersburg with its marvelous palaces of the Tsars
- Wander the halls of Catherine's Palace at Tsarskoye Selo and view the world famous reconstructed Amber Room



Day One | Moscow

After settling in to our hotel, we'll meet this evening to have our first dinner together as a group.

Day Two | Moscow

We start this morning with an introductory lecture, then afterwards, we leave the hotel for a walking tour of **Moscow**. At the famous **Red Square**, we will spend time exploring its surrounding sites visiting **St. Basil's Cathedral**, whose architects were supposedly blinded by Ivan the Terrible so that they could never again recreate such splendor, and **Lenin's Mausoleum**, the resting place of the famous Soviet leader, where his preserved body is on display and Choral Synagogue. After lunch, we pay a visit to the **State Tretyakov Gallery**, one of the largest museums of the country housing over 100,000 works of fine Russian art.

Day Three | Moscow

Our second full day exploring Moscow starts with a visit to the **Kremlin**, the fortified citadel in the heart of the city. Overlooking the Moskva River, we will tour the complex, its cathedrals and the armory Chamber, a treasure house which forms part of the Grand Kremlin's Palace. After lunch, we visit the **State Historical Museum** and the **Museum of Archaeology**.

Day Four | Moscow - Suzdal

Today, we leave Moscow and journey to Sergiev Posad to visit **Trinity Sergius Lavra**, Russia's most important monastery and spiritual center of the Russian Orthodox Church, founded in 1337. Following lunch, we travel east to Suzdal. Here, we visit the **Museum of Wooden Architecture and Peasant Life**, an open-air "living village" where traditional old houses and churches are assembled.

Day Five | Suzdal & Vladimir

We spend the morning in Suzdal, exploring the city on a walking tour including the local **Kremlin**, **Krestovaya Palata** and **St. Ephemius Monastery**. In the afternoon we drive to Vladimir, a town founded by Vladimir Monomakh in 1108 as a fort in the Rostov-Suzdal municipality. Here, we will visit the 12th century **Assumption/Dmitrievsky Cathedral** and view the Golden Gate, the ancient Russian city gate.

Day Six | Suzdal - Moscow - Novgorod

Traveling north brings us to the city of Yaroslavl. A tour here includes the **Spassky Monastery**, built in the best traditions of Russian architecture and the church of Ilya the Prophet. We'll walk through the park complex situated in the historical center, arriving at the local museum to visit the archaeological department. After lunch, we enjoy a boat trip on the Volga and then transfer back to Moscow. We have dinner in a restaurant near the train station before taking the overnight train to Novgorod.

Day Seven | Novgorod

We arrive in Novgorod in the early morning. Here, we tour the **Kremlin**, viewing the ancient Detinets-Kremlin walls and towers, visiting St. Sophia's Cathedral with its Magdeburg gates and bell tower, the bronze Monument to the 1000 Years of Russia, as well as the Chamber of Facets, an exceptional example of Gothic architecture. This afternoon, we visit the **Troitsky** excavation site.

Day Eight | Novgorod - St. Petersburg

We travel by coach to St. Petersburg and upon arrival, we will check in to our hotel. After lunch, we tour the city and visit the **Peter & Paul Fortress**, which Peter the Great built in 1703 to provide protection from the Swedes. We end the day with a visit of the historic center on **Vasilyevsky Island**.



Image: Tretyakov monument

Day Nine | St. Petersburg

This morning, we drive to Peterhof to visit the **Grand Palace** and lush parks of the imperial estate, often referred to as the Russian Versailles. After lunch, we return to **St. Petersburg** and spend the afternoon visiting **St. Nicholas Cathedral** and **Alexander-Nevesky Monastery**.

Day Ten | St. Petersburg

Today is dedicated to the world-famous **State Hermitage Museum**, the second-largest art museum in the world. An extraordinary collection of jewelry including Scythian artefacts are on display in the Gold Room. In the afternoon, we view the relics from the **Altai burials** as well as the **Pazyryk carpet**. There will be free time to explore the rest of the Hermitage before we return to our hotel.

Day Eleven | St. Petersburg

We spend the morning in **Tsarskoye Selo** or Tsar's village, the former residence of the imperial family. Here, we visit **Catherine's Palace** to marvel at the famous, reconstructed Amber Room. In the afternoon we visit **Yusupov Palace** with its sumptuous and rich interior, and the site where Grigori Rasputin was murdered. Our day ends with a canal boat ride.

Day Twelve | St. Petersburg

This morning, we return to the **Hermitage** for a specially arranged tour of the storage rooms. Upon our arrival back in the city center, there will be free time to explore more of St. Petersburg at your own leisure before our farewell dinner this evening.

Day Thirteen | St. Petersburg

After breakfast, we make our independent onward journeys.



Guided by Prof. Alexei Leporc

Alexei has worked as the Curator of the 19th and 20th century prints at the Hermitage Museum.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Radisson Collection Hotel Moscow, Pushkarskaya Sloboda Hotel, Radisson Park Inn Veliky Novgorod & Kempinski Hotel Moika 22

Culinary inclusions

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
14th - 26th May	\$7,785	\$1,345

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LEBANON

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Activity Level ●●●○○

A small country, dominated by great mountain ranges, Lebanon's impact on the history of the Mediterranean is out of all proportion to its size, for here is a rich archaeological history to explore. This is the homeland of the Canaanites/Phoenicians, whose great coastal trading supplied the known world with luxuries, including cedarwood, spices and metals.

Tour Highlights

- Explore Byblos, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world
- View the Roman remains at Tyre including the Hippodrome and monumental streets
- Visit the great temple of Jupiter Heliopolis in Baalbek, and of Eshmoun in Sidon
- Discover the sarcophagus of Ahiiram with the earliest Phoenician Inscription in the National Archaeological Museum



Day One | Beirut

We meet at our hotel in Beirut and enjoy dinner together as a group.

Day Two | Byblos

Byblos awaits today, site of one of the great trading cities of the early Bronze Age and arguably the oldest continuously inhabited sites in the world. Through its trading contacts with the Greek world, Byblos exported the alphabet to the West. Our morning includes visits to the citadel and **St. John's Church**, and in the afternoon we visit the archaeological park as well as monuments from the crusader period. We'll also stop to view the inscriptions left by ancient armies at the Nahr-el-kalb (the Dog River), between Byblos and Beirut.

Day Three | Beirut

All day in **Beirut**, a city reborn – the rebuilding program following the civil war (1975 -1990) gave the unique opportunity for an archaeological study of the city. The earliest occupation dates to the Paleolithic period, but the first urban phase belongs to the Middle Bronze Age (c. 3000BC). The Roman city of Colonia Julia Augusta Felix Berytus was famous in the 3rd century for its law school. The major surviving monuments also date from this period, including a large bath complex and one of the main thoroughfares lined with shops, luxury houses and a laundry. We visit the **National Museum** with excellent collections of Lebanon's cultural heritage and the reconstructed heart of the city and the central archaeological zone with the remains of Roman Berytus. Afterwards, we make our way to Zahle.

Day Four | Baalbek

The great temple complex of **Baalbek** in the heart of the Bekka valley awaits discovery today. It includes the vast **Temple of Jupiter Heliopolis**, once the largest in the world (22.9 m high), with peristyles and hexagonal courts. To the side, lies the **Temple of Bacchus** and the remarkable state of preservation of these temples – particularly the latter – show fine detail of their devotional purpose. We also visit the nearby quarries, which contain some of the largest monoliths ever quarried.

Day Five | Anjar & Niha

Following the Arab conquest in the 7th century, the first Islamic dynasty of the Umayyads saw themselves as heirs of Rome and Byzantium, and used the architectural and artistic language of those earlier powers to express their own ideas. This fusion between east and west is nowhere more evident than at the planned city of **Anjar**. In the afternoon we will visit the temples of the Roman period at **Niha**. The chief temple here is dedicated to the god Hadaranes and has been well restored.

Day Six | Beit Eddine

We start our day with a visit to the palace at **Beit Eddine**. Built by the Emir Bechir at the end of the 18th century in an opulent oriental style, today it also contains a museum of Byzantine mosaics. We visit the town of **Deir El Qamar** and the **Archaeological Museum of the American University** before heading back to Beirut.



Images left to right: Ancient city of Baalbek & Byblos

Day Seven | Sidon & Tyre

Sidon grew wealthy from the production of glass and textiles, and held a favoured position with the great King of Persia. In their wars with the Greeks, the Persians relied on Sidon's navy. We visit the **Temple of Eshmoun**, patron god of Sidon, and see evidence of the Crusader past with a visit to the Sea Castle. **Tyre**: "Say to Tyre, that city standing on the edge of the sea, doing business with the nations in innumerable islands" – this was Ezekiel's description of Iron Age Tyre, one of the great cities of the ancient Near East. Its wealth, through trade and manufacture, particularly of purple dye from the murex, was the benchmark from which all others were measured, and the influence of the cities colonies spread right across the Mediterranean. We also visit the two archaeological parks, which show the wealth of Tyre in the Roman period.

Day Eight | Beirut

Our tour ends in Beirut and we make our individual journeys home.



Guided by Tony O'Connor

A specialist in the Roman Empire, Tony has excavated widely across Britain, Europe and North Africa.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Four Points Sheraton, Grand Hotel Kadri & Gefinor Rotana or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
3rd - 10th Apr	\$4,545	\$515
5th - 12th Dec	\$4,410 \$4,005	\$515

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ISRAEL & PALESTINE

View incredible archaeology in the Holy Land

11 Days From \$6,290pp

Departing November 2021

Activity Level ●●○○○

There are few places on earth that can boast such a rich, varied and important archaeological heritage as both Israel and Palestine. Over the millennia, this ancient land has felt the tread of conquerors and settlers: Canaanites, Israelites, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans, Arabs, Ottomans and Imperial Britons, all of whom have left their signature.

Tour Highlights

- Pay a visit to one of the world's oldest cities, Jericho, where archaeologists have unearthed evidence of settlement as far back as 9000 BC
- Discover Armageddon or Megiddo, a city of great strategic importance in the ancient world and also the scene of many significant battles
- Ascend to Masada by cable car and explore this spectacular archaeological site while enjoying the views



Day One | Tel Aviv - Galilee

Meet at Tel Aviv airport or at our hotel in Tiberius before we have dinner as a group this evening.

Day Two | Galilee

We spend our first morning in Israel exploring the Roman and Byzantine city of **Beth She'an**, thought to have been occupied since the 6th to the 5th millennia BC. The city flourished under the Pax Romana, and continues to thrive thanks to its location as a junction between the Jezreel and Jordan Valleys. We pay a visit to the 6th century synagogue of **Beth Alpha**, which was discovered in the 1920s and features colorful wall panels depicting scenes such as the Binding of Isaac, and a beautiful Greco-Roman zodiac. After lunch, we delve into Jezreel Valley, a fertile "land of milk and honey". Here we explore the ancient city of Tel Megiddo, better known as Armageddon. Its location, on a narrow pass along a vital trade route, led to **Tel Megiddo** being of great strategic importance in the ancient world, and the site of many significant battles. Recent excavations have unearthed no less than 26 layers of ruins.

Day Three | Galilee

We begin the day at the archaeological site of **Tel Dan**, the most northerly Israelite city, where a remarkable Bronze Age mud-brick gateway still stands in place, surrounded by verdant countryside. We continue to **Tel Hazor**, once the largest fortified city in the country. Its surviving ramparts are considered to be the foremost examples of their type in the region. After lunch by the Sea of Galilee, we continue to **Belvoir Crusader Fortress**, one of the best preserved Crusader Fortresses in Israel. This site was a bastion of the Knights Hospitallers until it was eventually besieged and captured by Saladin's forces in 1189. Lastly but by no means least, we view the 'Jesus Boat' in the grounds of the Nof Ginosar Hotel. This recovered fishing boat dates from the 1st century AD, and this is the type of vessel that Jesus and his disciples may have used.

Day Four | Galilee

This morning we drive to **Tzipori**, a fortified city perched on a mound in the Netofah Valley. Thanks to extensive excavations in the area we are able to view an ancient synagogue, Jewish homes lining a cobbled street, a Roman villa, and a number of intricate 5th century mosaics, depicting images such as the famous "Mona Lisa of Galilee". In the afternoon we continue to Akko, or Acre, on the sunny shores of Haifa Bay. **Akko** features in Egyptian, Biblical, Greek and Persian mythology, and is the holiest city of the Baha'i faith. We discover striking Ottoman aqueducts, Medieval churches, and city walls established by Crusaders.

Day Five | Galilee - Jerusalem

Today we explore the national park and Roman harbour city of **Caesarea Maritima**, constructed by Herod the Great. The city was described by 1st century historian Josephus as: "adorned with the most magnificent palaces". Among the many remnants here are a well-preserved theater, a double aqueduct, and a limestone block on which the name of "Pontius Pilatus" is inscribed. We spend the afternoon at the **Israel Museum** in Jerusalem, the largest museum in the country. It is here that we encounter the **Dead Sea Scrolls**, the oldest Biblical and extra-Biblical manuscripts known to man, which were discovered in caves on the west bank of the River Jordan in the late 1940s. A thrilling glimpse into Israel's holy past.

Day Six | Jerusalem

We spend a full day today exploring many of the highlights of the old city of Jerusalem, starting with an early morning visit to the **Temple Mount** and continuing to the City of David, the oldest part of Jerusalem settled during the Canaanite period. Here we explore the ancient water system discovered by Sir Charles Warren, the British engineer who rediscovered it in 1867, and the **Pool of Siloam**. After lunch we visit the **Rockefeller Archaeological Museum** and spend some time in the Old City walking along the Via Dolorosa.

Day Seven | Jerusalem

We drive to **Jericho** this morning, one of the oldest inhabited cities in the world. Here we explore the remains of the settlement of Tel es Sultan, site of Katherine Kenyon's excavations, **Hisham's Palace**, an early Islamic construction and the **Herodian Winter Palace complex**. In the afternoon, we visit the Herodium, the palace-like fortress built by King Herod; the combination of fortress and palace is a uniquely Herodian innovation, which he repeated on several other sites, including Masada. It is here that after 35 years of archaeological research, Ehud Netzer announced he had found Herod's tomb and resting place. The news made headlines worldwide.

Day Eight | Jerusalem

Today we begin with an ascent to **Masada**, a rugged Herodian fortress high up on the isolated cliffs of the Judaean Desert. According to ancient sources, the defenders of this fortress committed mass suicide rather than surrender to the Romans in AD 73. This incredible site is one of Israel's foremost attractions, and achieved World Heritage status in 2001. After a short visit to **En Gedi National**

Park for a taste of this beautiful oasis – the biggest in Israel, we round off our day with a visit to the remote desert caves of **Qumran**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, before returning to Jerusalem.

Day Nine | Jerusalem - Dead Sea

After a hearty breakfast we travel to the archaeological site of **Tel Lachish**, a huge Near East city with commanding views over the hills and coastal plains. Tel Lachish features in the Book of Joshua and the ground here has yielded scores of LMLK seals, ancient Hebrew seals dating from the reign of King Hezekiah. We continue to the walled city of **Tel Beer Sheba**, where we enjoy a picnic lunch amid the ruins of the national park. The most important discovery here was a horned animal altar, the first unearthed in Israel. We stop at the mysterious prehistoric site of **Tel Arad**, with its altars and standing stones, before continuing to the glittering Dead Sea where, if we have time, we may "swim" atop its famous hyper-saline waters.

Day Ten | Dead Sea - Jerusalem

Today we are joined by Dr Avi Solomon, a leading Israeli archaeologist. Beginning with a visit to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, it is believed that this church is the site of Jesus's crucifixion, as well as his empty tomb, which is now encased within an 18th century shrine. After, Dr Solomon will give us a private behind the scenes tour of the excavations at the Western Wall tunnels and the Roman Odeon. After lunch, we enter Palestine for a visit to **Bethlehem**, where we take a short tour that includes a stop at the Church of the Nativity.

Day Eleven | Jerusalem

After breakfast, our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Nick Jackson

A graduate of the Institute of Archaeology at UCL, Nick is an archaeologist and historian with over 20 years of excavation experience.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Olive Mount Gilboa Hotel, Mount Zion Boutique Hotel & the Dead Sea Resort & Spa, or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
16th - 26th Nov	\$6,290	\$1,345

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Activity Level ●●●○○

A multi-center tour starting with two nights in Jordan followed by a cruise in Egypt on board the Variety Ship M/S Harmony G, and then two nights in Israel. Traveling via the Red Sea, the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean, this odyssey encompasses outstanding sites while offering the relaxing appeal of an ocean cruise.

Tour Highlights

- Marvel at the rock-cut architecture and passageways in the famous Nabatean kingdom of Petra
- Explore the enormous and monumental temple at Karnak, one of the largest remaining religious sites of the ancient world
- Gaze upon the awe-inspiring Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx, and pay a memorable visit to the new Grand Egyptian Museum
- Explore the staggering city of Jerusalem with its ancient citadel and previous Paleo-Christian churches



Day One | Amman

Our tour starts in Amman with an overnight stay.

Day Two | Amman - Petra

Today we venture to **Kerak**, the stunning and strategically located Crusader castle. One of the largest fortresses in the Levant, it is certainly the most famous. We head to Petra, stopping en route near the modern town of Shobak to visit the **Montreal Castle**, which preceded Kerak and has interesting architectural features. We end the day at Petra.

Day Three | Petra - Aqaba

Today we spend the morning in the incomparable Nabatean site of **Petra**. Famous for its rock-cut architecture and for its ingenious water-channelling system, Petra became wealthy through its strategic trading position. Its photogenic ruins are more spectacular in person because of the sheer scale of the ruins. After lunch, we travel to Aqaba ready to embark the M/S Harmony G, which will take us overnight to Sharm El Sheik.

Day Four | Sharm El Sheikh - Hurghada

This morning, we will arrive in Sharm El Sheik. From there, we venture to **St. Catherine's Monastery**. A UNESCO-listed site, it was built in the 6th century by the Emperor Justinian and houses a significant library as well as an invaluable collection of icons. We return to our ship in the afternoon.

Day Five | Hurghada - Luxor

The next two days are spent in Luxor, which includes an overnight hotel stay. We start our first day with a visit to the **Valley of the Kings**. The necropolis was reserved for royal burials from around 2100 BCE, but it was the Pharaohs of the New Kingdom who chose this once-remote desert valley site for their grand rock-cut tombs. We proceed to **Hatshepsut's Temple**, built for the famous female pharaoh, and to the **Colossi of Memnon**, two gigantic sandstone statues of Amenhotep III that date from the 14th century BCE. We continue to our hotel where we have lunch and then we spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Day Six | Luxor - Hurghada

After breakfast, we travel to the staggering **Temple of Karnak**, probably the ancient world's largest remaining religious site, with structures that date back 4,000 years. Reached via the famous Avenue of Sphinxes, lined with carved human-headed beasts, this is a dazzling maze of gateways, obelisks, pillared halls, and subsidiary shrines. We continue to the **Luxor Temple complex**, constructed over 3,000 years ago and largely served and intact. After lunch at our hotel, we make our way back to the ship where we sail overnight to Suez.

Day Seven | Suez

Today, we spend the day at sea where we will relax and enjoy lectures from our on-board Egyptologist. We arrive in Suez this afternoon and overnight in the port.

Day Eight | Suez - Cairo

From Suez, we make our way to Giza to visit the only surviving Ancient Wonder of the World, the awesome **Great Pyramid of Khufu**, along with the neighboring **Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure**. We also stop at the **Great Sphinx**, carved out of the bedrock standing on the Giza Plateau. We continue to the **Egyptian Museum**, home of the world's most extensive collection of ancient Egyptian artefacts, many of which have never been on display before. After lunch we return to our ship.

Day Nine | Suez Canal Crossing - Port Said

Today we relax on the M/S Harmony while crossing the most famous canal in the world, the **Suez Canal**, constructed in the end of the 19th century to provide access from the Red to the Mediterranean Sea. While admiring the views from the ship, we will have lecturers from the on board Egyptologist. We arrive in Port Said in the late afternoon and we sail overnight towards Tel Aviv.

Day Ten | Jerusalem & Bethlehem

We disembark in the morning and head to Jerusalem where we visit the **Western Wall** and explore the City of David, paying visits to the **Pool of Siloam**, a rock-cut pool fed by the Gihon Spring in use at the time of Jesus, and the excavation at the **Givati Parking lot**. After lunch, we venture to Bethlehem where we visit the UNESCO-listed **Church of the Nativity**, originally commissioned by the Emperor Constantine, rebuilt by Justinian and repaired in the Crusader period. We end the day with a visit to **Solomon's Pools**, three Hellenistic reservoirs which fed water to Jerusalem.

Day Eleven | Jerusalem

Spend all day in Jerusalem, exploring the most important religious center in the world. We start with the **Tower of David Museum**, housed in the ancient citadel. We proceed to the Paleo-Christian Church of the **Holy Sepulchre**. The tour takes in the **Cardo Maximus** of the Roman city, as well as the **Damascus Gate**. After lunch, we visit the Ecce Homo Church and pass by the **Ecce Homo Gate** on our way to **St. Anne's Church**, which is at the start of the Via Dolorosa. A short walk away, we see Gethsemane, a site of incomparable history. The day ends with a visit to the nearby church of **Dominus Fleuit**, which has a Byzantine mosaic floor.

Day Twelve | Jerusalem

Our tour finishes after breakfast and we make our individual journeys home.

We also have a cruise on the M/S Harmony V 3rd - 14th December 2021, which is similar in its content but the reverse of this itinerary so Israel/Egypt/Jordan. Price From \$6,335 single supplement \$755. For more details visit andantetravels.co.uk/ajej



Travel with Egyptologist Tarmin Darwish



Travel with Mohammad Abdalnabi as a local guide in Jordan



Travel with Yonatan Zilbersheid as a local guide in Israel

Dates & prices per person

Cabin 15th - 26th Jan	Twin/DbI Share	SS
Twin/Double C cabin Lower Deck	\$6,335	\$755
Twin B cabin Main Deck	\$7,010	\$905
Twin A cabin Main Deck	\$7,685	\$980
Twin/Double P cabin Upper Deck	\$8,430	Min 2 pers.

Price includes

- On-board Egyptologist
- Expert Local Guide in Jordan
- Expert Local Guide in Israel
- Tour Manager
- Archaeological excursions as stated in the itinerary
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 1 night in Amman at the Al Qasr Metropole
- 1 night in Petra at the Petra Guest House, or similar
- 6 nights aboard M/S Harmony
- 1 night in Luxor at the Steigenberger Nile Palace Hotel, or similar
- 2 nights in Jerusalem at the Mount Zion Boutique Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 10 dinners, plus a snack in our hotel room due to late arrival on day one
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

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JORDAN - PETRA & THE DESERT FORTRESSES

Spend two days in the evocative rock-cut city of Petra

10 Days From \$4,385pp

Departing March & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

Nothing can prepare you for Petra – the scale, the colors, the grandeur. Lively, cosmopolitan and rich, with goods from every corner of the world, ancient Petra was an extraordinary city. Its streets were swathed in a fusion of Nabataean and Classical architecture – elaborate tombs, colonnaded streets, and temples carved into the rose-red rock.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the mighty crusader castle at Kerak, built in the 12th century and one of the largest in the Levant region
- Visit Jerash, the best preserved (and Jordan's largest) Roman town in the east, a site that is home to the Oval Plaza and the Corinthian columns of the Temple of Artemis
- Admire the almost lunar-like desert scenery of Wadi Rum – which has been immortalized on film in 'Lawrence of Arabia' and 'Star Wars: Rogue One' – aboard a fleet of 4x4s



Day One | Amman

Meet the group at our hotel in Amman. Tonight, we have dinner together for the first time.

Day Two | Wadi Seer - Dead Sea - Amman

After a leisurely start, we head to the valley of Wadi Seer. Here we find the remains of **Qasr-al-Abd**, a well-preserved Hasmonean and rare Hellenistic period Palace. Hyrcanus of Jerusalem built the palace around 200BC as part of a much larger estate, that is now covered by the village of Iraq al-Emir. We then spend time both at and in the **Dead Sea**. The lowest place on earth is also the deepest hyper-saline lake in the world, over nine times saltier than the ocean. This salinity has created a harsh environment so it is unsuitable for any plants or wildlife, hence its name. It is however, a unique experience to be able to 'float' on the Dead Sea, so we make the most of this opportunity. After our time spent here, we return to Amman.

Day Three | Gadara - Jerash

We explore two Roman Decapolis cities today as our adventure continues. We start off at the ancient city of **Gadara** (known today as Umm Qais), which offers views over the Golan Heights and Sea of Galilee. After lunch we continue to **Jerash** (ancient Gerasa) for the afternoon, which is set in the pine valleys of the biblical land of Gilead, and is one of the best-preserved Roman cities in the east. The architecture is particularly fine, and includes the impressive 2nd century **Hadrian's Arch**, the Corinthian columns of the **Temple of Artemis** and the Oval Plaza - framed by a magnificent colonnade - a unique feature of the Forum.

Day Four | Amman

The morning is spent in Jordan's modern capital Amman. Here we visit the **Archaeological Museum** and the citadel. The museum is home to artefacts from archaeological sites from across the country, including the Dead Sea bronze scroll written in Aramaic characters. The citadel is one of the oldest continuously inhabited places in the world, and we visit the ruins of the **Roman Temple of Hercules** and the **palace of the Omayyad Caliphs**. Before lunch we visit the **Memorial Church at Mount Nebo**. In the afternoon, we make a short drive to the early Byzantine **Church of St George in Madaba**, where we view the amazing 6th century mosaic map of the Holy Land depicting biblical sites of the Middle East from Egypt to Palestine. Afterwards we spend a little time in the **Madaba Archaeological Park** before heading back to our hotel.

Day Five | Umm al-Jimal

Today we head into the eastern desert to explore the dramatic basalt city at **Umm al-Jimal**, even the doors are made of huge black slabs and some of them still operate! After lunch we travel on to the desert castles, **Qasr Azraq**, **Amra** and **al-Kharanah**, with far-reaching views over the surrounding landscape. Jordan's desert castles were so called due to their imposing stature, but they served mainly as agriculture and trade centers, and caravan stations.

Day Six | Umm al-Rasas - Kerak

We visit the church and spectacular mosaics at **Umm al-Rasas**. A Roman and Byzantine site, the mosaics of the churches have fine depictions of the principal cities of the region. Before lunch, we have a stop at a viewpoint at Wadi Mujib. On next to the mighty crusader castle of Kerak, one of the largest in the Levantine region. Overlooking the Dead Sea, it was built in 1132 as the first line of defense for the Crusader kingdom of Jerusalem. Its position gave control of important trade routes between Damascus, Egypt and Mecca, and of the region's Bedouin herders.



Image: The Treasury at Petra

Days Seven & Eight | Petra

Today is the first of two full days in **Petra**, and with the archaeological park spread across 200 square kilometers, we will easily fill out time spent here as there is much to explore. Located among mountains and rugged desert canyons, this ancient capital of the Nabatean Arabs is carved directly into a mixture of sandstone cliff face, its colors a mixture of red, white and pink hence it is also known as the "Rose City". We walk into the site each day, both for the sense of discovery, and to experience the famous entrance to the ravine site, the Siq. As we wander along the colonnaded streets, we take in some of the ancient city's most significant structures, such as the world-renowned "**Treasury**" (Al-Khazneh), a temple over 40 meters in height with a truly impressive ornate façade. The Nabateans, though essentially nomadic, developed a sophisticated water technology, the remains of which we will also see here during our extensive visit. Led by our expert guide, there are optional climbs on both days to Nabatean '**Monastery**' and the '**High Place**'.

Day Nine | Little Petra - Wadi Rum

This morning we will visit the Neolithic site of **Beidha**, where 8th Millennium BC houses can still be seen, and the painted tomb at "Little Petra" (Siq al-Bahrid). Thought to have been an important suburb of Petra the site includes temples, tombs, water channels and cisterns carved out of rock. We drive to **Wadi Rum**, home of the largest Roman copper mine in the empire. Here we take 4x4s through spectacular scenery, made famous by the filming of "Lawrence of Arabia". There are also several rock art sites to be explored here. Afterwards, we head back to Amman for a farewell group dinner.

Day Ten | Amman

Our tour ends in Amman and we make our individual journeys home.



Guided by Nick Jackson

A graduate of the Institute of Archaeology at UCL, Nick is an archaeologist and historian with over 20 years of excavation experience.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Amman, Petra & the Dead Sea

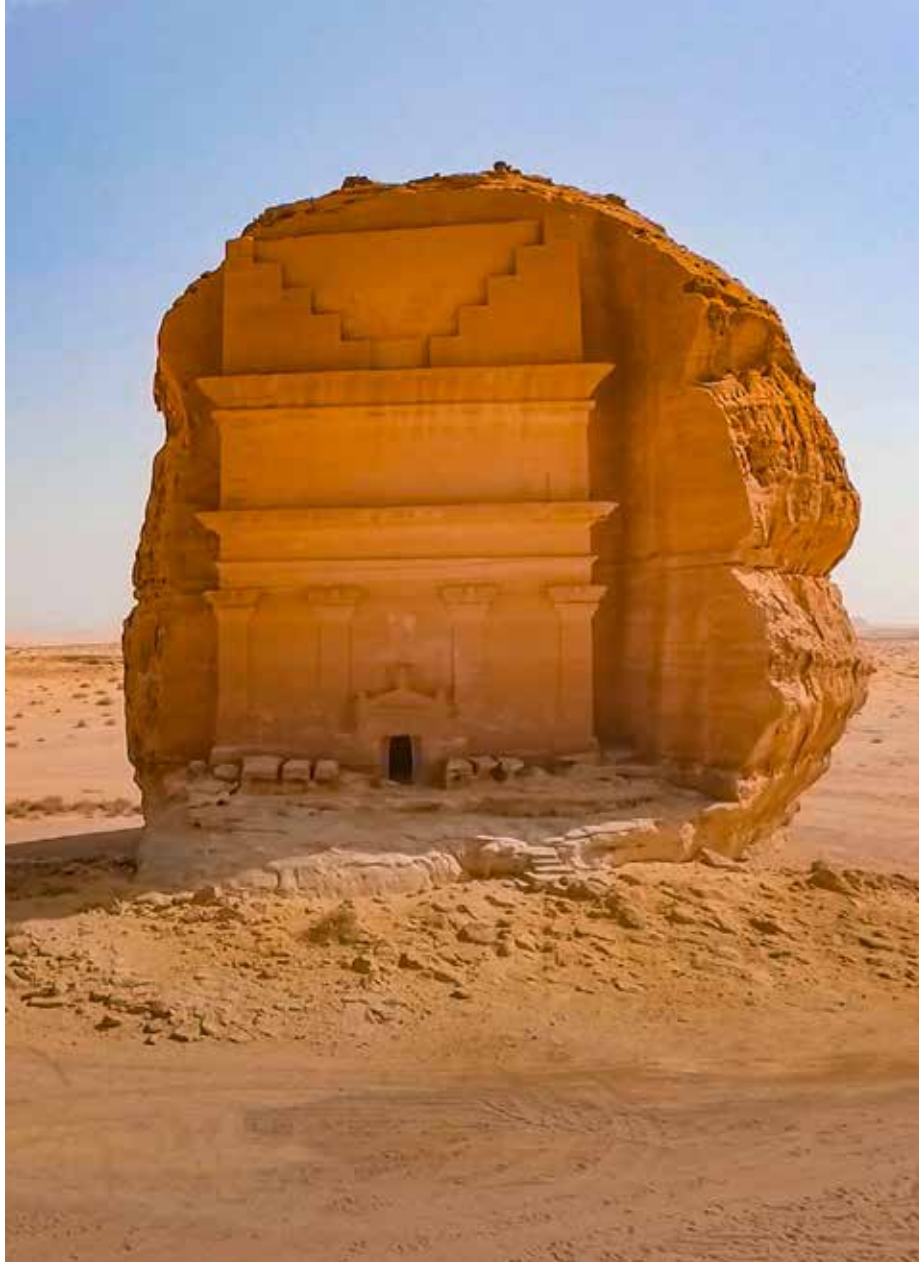
Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
23rd Mar - 1st Apr	\$4,385	\$785
5th - 14th Oct	\$4,385	\$785

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SAUDI ARABIA - NABATEANS & ROCK ART

Hegra, Ha'il, Al-'Ula & other unspoilt sites

12 Days From \$11,615pp

Departing January 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

Associated more with oil than history, Saudi Arabia is opening up to the world. This tour explores its incredible history from the ancient petroglyphs at AL-'Ula to the Nabatean Rock cut tombs at Hegra and the historic Roshan in Jeddah. Alongside its history, we will be exploring Saudi's spectacular desert environments.

Tour Highlights

- Gaze in awe at the UNESCO-listed Nabatean rock-cut tombs at Hegra, reminiscent of Petra
- Discover the extraordinary UNESCO-listed rock art at Jubbah, dating back as far as the 10th millennium
- Explore AL-'Ula Old Town, which was inhabited from the 13th century AD and later abandoned
- Visit Rub' al-Khali desert, also known as the Empty Quarter, the world's largest area of continuous sand



Day One | Riyadh

Meet the group at the hotel and enjoy dinner together.

Day Two | Riyadh – Empty Quarter

Our first morning is in Riyadh exploring their archaeological history. We begin with the stunning **National Museum of Saudi Arabia** which has an outstanding array of artefacts dating from the Paleolithic to the Arabic periods, including a section on petroglyphs. We continue to the King Saud University to meet Dr. Samer from the Antiquities Department who will speak to us about recent excavations. After lunch, we fly to **Wadi al Dawasir** to venture into the Empty Quarter, where we enjoy an overnight stay beneath the Saharan sky.

Day Three | Empty Quarter - Riyadh

Most of today is spent in one of the world's most evocative deserts, the **Empty Quarter**. The Rub' al Khali, as it is known in Arabic, is a 1,000 kilometers long desert which covers the southern part of the Arabian Peninsula. Here, we will see sand dunes that rise up to 250 meters high and will be immersed in the classic desert landscape of our collective imagination.

Day Four | Riyadh - Ha'il

We leave Riyadh and take a scenic train journey in business class to **Ha'il**, once ruled by the Rashid dynasty, formidable enemies of the Saud family. In the afternoon, we arrive in Ha'il, once the center of the Ha'il Empire made prosperous from being on the route to Mecca. Here we visit some of the city's characteristic adobe forts, including the **Qislah Fort**, used as a garrison and prison, as well as the **A'arif Fort**, located in the citadel of Ha'il.

Day Five | Jubbah

Today we spend the whole day at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Jubbah**, which contains some of the best petroglyphs in the Middle East. Produced from the 10th to the 6th millennium when Jubbah was a lake, the rock carvings provide precious testimony of the Middle East from the Middle Paleolithic to the Neolithic periods. Some of the best petroglyphs are at **Ghouwtah**, which depict a variety of animals and humans fighting.

Day Six | Ha'il – Shuwaymis - Al-'Ula

We continue our exploration of the wonderful petroglyphs in Saudi Arabia as we venture on 4x4s to **Shuwaymis**, which offers a wonderful contrast to Jubbah. This rock art was produced by pastoralists from the Neolithic period onwards who adorned whole sections of rock face with hunting scenes, as well as depictions of wild animals such as leopards and cheetahs, as well as a memorable lion. Afterwards we drive to our camp in **Al-'Ula** where we stay for the next four nights.

Day Seven | Al-'Ula

Al-'Ula, the erstwhile capital of the ancient Dedanites was a powerful kingdom from the Northwestern Arabian Peninsula which dominated the area and trade routes for centuries. This afternoon, we visit the **Antiquities and Heritage Museum** which has interesting remains from the Dedanite and Nabatean past, as well as remains of the **Old Town**, including the Al-'Ula fort.

Day Eight | Hegra

The day begins with a journey to the **Elephant Rock**, a strangely shaped rock outcrop, before venturing to **Hegra**, where we spend the rest of the day. Located in **Mada'in Saleh**, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hegra is remarkable for its Nabatean rock cut monuments, though there are also remains from the Dedanite as well as Roman period. The second most important Nabatean city after Petra,



Image: Elephant Rock

Hegra monopolised the trade of incense and myrrh. There are a staggering 131 monumental tombs on the site, along with 2,000 non-monumental tombs.

Day Nine | Jebel Ekma & Dedan

Today we explore more petroglyphs in **Jebel Ekma**, before traveling to **Dedan**, one of the oases in the North Western part of the Arabian Peninsula which had a flourishing frankincense and spice trade. Dedan, which thrived from the 6th to the 2nd century BC developed its own culture, influenced by the many peoples with whom they came into contact. Here there are monumental remains of a necropolis of the side of Jebel Dedan.

Day Ten | Al 'Ula - Jeddah

This morning we fly to **Jeddah**, a city important in the Nabatean frankincense trade, which became the gateway of the Mecca in the Islamic period. After lunch we visit the **Regional Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology**, which explores the history of this city from the Paleolithic period to the Islamic period.

Day Eleven | Jeddah

Today we spend time in the old city of **Jeddah** to explore its Red Sea architectural traditions, which made it a UNESCO-listed site. Key to this architectural style are the 19th century mercantile houses which have imposing tower houses decorated with wooden casements or roshans. We will be exploring some, including **Nassif House** and **Dar Al Banaja**, as well as traditional mosques such as **Al Qabal Mosque** and **Al Shafi'i Mosque**. There will be free time in the afternoon to further explore Jeddah.

Day Twelve | Jeddah

Our tour ends in Jeddah and we make our individual journeys home.



Guided by Roger Harrison

Widely traveled in Africa and the Middle East, Roger has worked in Rhodesia as a Fairbridge Scholar.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport, including internal flight & train

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Four Points by Sheraton, Camp at Wadi al Dawasir, Millenium Hotel Ha'il, Camp at Al-'Ula, Prime Hotel Al Hamra, or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
13th - 24th Jan	\$11,615	\$1,215

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OMAN

Explore Bronze Age tombs at the UNESCO-listed site of Bat

11 Days From \$5,545pp

Departing December 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Oman has been a crossroads of commerce for millennia. Passing through spectacular landscapes, we travel through the rugged peaks of the northern mountains to the southern and eastern coast through desert, and groves of frankincense trees in Salalah, home to green wadis, waterfalls and date-palm groves.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the once lost city of Ubar in the Empty Quarter
- Explore the striking Bronze Age conical tombs at Bat, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Follow in the footsteps of the ancient caravans on this unique tour as we explore a range of rock art as well as classical era and Islamic sites
- Travel through contrasting landscapes, from the dunes of the Empty Quarter and rugged mountains to the sparkling sea



Day One | Muscat

We meet at our hotel in Muscat before enjoying dinner together as a group.

Day Two | Muscat

Spend a full day in Muscat, an ancient trading city. Visits in the morning include the **Grand Mosque**, the **Bawshar Iron Age archaeological site** with examples of late Lizq and early Samad period honeycomb tombs, and take time to wander through the labyrinthine alleyways of **Muttrah Souq**. In the afternoon we take a short drive to the **Al Alam Palace** followed by a visit to the **National Museum of the Sultanate of Oman**, which showcases the nation's heritage from the earliest human settlement through to the present day.

Day Three | Muscat - Nizwa

Today we travel in 4x4s through date palm orchards to **Al Hazm fort Al Ayn** and the UNESCO-listed site of **Bat** where we discover the extraordinary Bronze Age beehive tombs. The distinctive 'beehive' dry stone tombs form an enormous necropolis. We continue to the historic walled town of Nizwa for the night.

Day Four | Nizwa

We drive to the quaint village of **Al Hamra**, nestled in the foothills of the Jabel Ahkdar. Its old multi-storied mud houses are surrounded by a vast expanse of lush green date plantations. We visit nearby **Has't Ben Sult**, a large rock covered with engravings of men, women and children. On to **Wadi Ghul**, home of the traditional weavers of Oman, and then on to **Wadi Nakher**, Oman's deepest canyon, where we see rock art and Bronze Age tombs. Our next stop is Misfah, a lovely village with stone houses precariously clinging to the side of the mountain cliff, where we enjoy a picnic lunch. Afterwards, we'll explore the Falaj irrigation system.

Day Five | Nizwa

Today we make our way to **Wadi Tanuf**, set against the backdrop of the Al Hajar mountains. Here we'll enjoy a short walk to see rock art and Hafit tombs. In Nizwa, we visit the famous **Round Tower Fort** and its souq, renowned for its intricately hand-carved khanjars (daggers). After lunch in Al Mandi we drive to Jabrin with its beautiful painted murals. More of a fortified palace than a fort, it was built in the 17th century by Bil'arub bin Sultan. We conclude our day in **Iron Age Salut** near Bisyah, an archaeological site home to an ancient fortified collection of ruins and fortifications, some of which date to over 3,000 years ago.

Day Six | Nizwa - Ras al Jinz

The archaeological site of **Lizq** in Ash Sharqiyah is our first visit today. Discovered in 1979, the hill fort here has pottery similar to Early Iron Age sites. An interesting change from site visits, the traditional weavers in **Akhdar** is an opportunity to see a small family-run business with fascinating makeshift tools (a bicycle wheel for spinning the wool and parts of a syringe for holding the thread in place for example) - the only manufacturers of the Sultan's turbans. We continue to Samad for a picnic lunch, before traveling to Ras al Jinz for an overnight stay at the turtle conservation center where if we are fortunate, we may see nesting turtles.

Day Seven | Ras al Jinz - Salalah

Today we make our way back to Muscat, stopping at **Sur**, one of Oman's prime trading ports where we will see the only surviving dhow shipyard. Owned by the same family for many generations, the wooden ships are built without sketches or blueprints using the knowledge accrued over hundreds of year. We then return to Muscat airport for our flight to Salalah.



Image: Beehive tombs at Bat

Day Eight | Salalah

Today starts at Khor Rori Creek and the ruined city of **Sumhuram**. We visit the museum here before heading to the nature park of **Wadi Darbat** for lunch while we enjoy majestic views of waterfalls, mountains, wildlife and lush vegetation. Afterwards in **Mirbat**, an important town as early as the 9th century for its trade in frankincense, horses and slaves, we explore old houses famous for their woodcarvings. We'll also reflect here on the 1972 military campaign in Oman, in particular the legendary battle at Mirbat. We stop at Bin Ali's Tomb, a fine example of medieval architecture, on our return to Salalah.

Day Nine | Hanun

We start today at **Hanun**, a depot along the frankincense routes, and the nearby, 5th century BC triliths. Driving into Rub Al Khali, the Empty Quarter we reach the fabled city of Ubar - Iram of the Pillars at Shisr. Once a crossroads of the frankincense trade across Arabia, Ubar vanished beneath the sands around AD 300 and became a place of myth and Koranic legend. An expedition and excavation in 1992 found an ancient fortified spring which, while clearly not the 'Atlantis of the Sands', might well be the origin of the myth. En route back to Salalah, we visit a Frankincense tree plantation.

Day Ten | Salalah

Today we explore **Al Balid**. It is the site of the first archaeological park in Oman, and is today part of the UNESCO World Heritage Land of Frankincense. Walking around the ruins, we see remains of watchtowers, pylons of a bridge, and foundations of houses, souqs, and mosques. The site museum houses an excellent collection of finds and frankincense. In the afternoon we travel through a spectacular landscape of plains, mountains, and pasture-land to visit the biblical "Nabi Ayoub" Prophet Job's Tomb, perched high in the mountains.

Day Eleven | Salalah

Our tour ends in Salalah and we make our individual journeys home.



Guided by Nick Jackson

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Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Al Falaj Muscat, The View, Raz al Djin Scientific Center & Juweira Boutique Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
3rd - 13th Dec	\$5,545	\$1,325

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TURKMENISTAN & UZBEKISTAN

Jewels of the Silk Road

17 Days From \$7,175pp

Departing September 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

The Silk Road has long captured our imaginations and this tour offers the best of two Khanate states whose vast wealth was ploughed into splendid architecture. We will explore shimmering monuments in Khiva and Bukhara, as well as deserted, once splendid sites, such as those in Merv and Kunya-Urgench.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the legendary Silk Road city of Samarkand, one of the oldest cities in Central Asia
- Admire the UNESCO-listed site of Khiva with its ornate palaces, mosques and crenelated walls
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kunya-Urgench, a deserted city with 11th-16th century ruins
- Spend two days at the incredible Turkmen site of Merv, with its vast ruins that span over many centuries



Days One | Ashgabat

After lunch together as a group, we visit the **Museum of Fine Arts** with its impressive collection of archaeological finds from Turkmenistan.

Day Two | Ashgabat & Nissa

Today we visit a farm that breeds the famous Akhal Teke horses, before exploring the UNESCO-listed site of **Nissa**, the capital of the Parthian Empire that boasts exceptional fortresses. After lunch, we visit the **National Archaeological Museum** in Ashgabat with its unique collection of drinking cups known as *rhytons*.

Day Three | Ashgabat - Mary

This morning, we explore the **Turkmen Carpet Museum** to appreciate the importance of handicrafts to the region, as well as the lively bazaar, in particular, the **Russian Bazaar and Textiles Shop**. Later, we travel to Mary.

Day Four | Mary & Merv

Our first port of call today is **Mary Regional Museum** and then, in the afternoon, we begin our exploration of the remarkable site of **Merv**, the capital of the Parthian province of Margiana. Highlights include the **Gäwürgala**, with its stunning defensive structures, and **Erk-Gala**, the oldest fortress.

Day Five | Merv - Ashgabat

We continue our exploration of **Merv**, where we explore the **Soltangala**, the Abbasid core of the medieval city where we see the **Sultan Sanjar** and *kushks*, such as the **Greater Guzgala**. We also explore Seljuk remains such as an ice house, **Sanjar's Palace** and the **kepderihana**, a dovecote.

Day Six | Ashgabat - Nukus

This morning, we fly to Dasoguz and then drive on to **Kunya-Urgench**, capital of Khorezm and abandoned in the 17th century. In this vast site, we see the striking **Kutlug Timur Minaret**, as well as the **Turabeg Khanym Mausoleum**. We cross the border into Uzbekistan and proceed to Nukus.

Day Seven | Nukus - Khiva

We visit the **Savitsky Museum**, which has a unique collection including Khorezm antiquities and Karakalpak folk art. After lunch, we visit **Chilpik Dakhma**, a 1st century BC tower which might be the earliest *dakhma* constructed for Zoroastrian exorcism funerary rites. We proceed to Khiva.

Day Eight | Khiva

We start our day by exploring the newer parts of the UNESCO-listed site of **Khiva**. Among the most prominent monuments seen is the **Khovli Palace**, with its 18th century harem. Next, we visit **Ichan-Kala**, the old part of the city which includes 54 archaeological monuments, of which 16 operate as museums. Among the host of sites to visit, the most famous is the 9th century **Djuma Mosque**.

Day Nine | Ayaz Kala & Toprak Kala

The day takes us to amazing abandoned cities in Karakalpakstan, starting with **Ayaz Kala**, whose 4th century fortress dominates the landscape. It was inhabited for more than a millennium on different mounds in the area. We continue to **Toprak Kala** with an extended line of crumbling walls that is visible for miles around.

Day Ten | Khiva - Bukhara

Time permitting, we have free time in Khiva before traveling to Bukhara.

Day Eleven | Bukhara

This morning we tour the historic center of **Bukhara**, including the **Ark Citadel** and the **Samanid Mausoleum**. The visits include the **Chashma-Ayub Mausoleum**, the **Kalyan Minaret/Mosque** as well as the **Bala-Hauz Mosque**. In the afternoon, we explore the Po-i-Kalyan and, in particular, the 12th century **Kalan minaret** and the **Lyabi-Hauz Fountain** before having some free time.



Image: Chorsu bazaar

Day Twelve | Poykent & Bukhara

We continue to **Poykent**, an amazing archaeological city which flourished in the Silk Trade and which contains remains of a mosque and a Zoroastrian temple. On our return to **Bukhara**, we visit the shrine of **Baha-ud-Din Naqshband**, the 14th century founder of the ancient Sufic order of the Naqshbandis.

Day Thirteen | Bukhara - Samarkand

This morning, we travel to the much awaited Samarkand. After arriving in the city, we pay a visit to Timur's tomb, the **Gur-e-Amir Mausoleum**. We continue to **Registan Square**, the heart of Timurid Samarkand.

Day Fourteen | Shahrisabz & Samarkand

Today we venture to the UNESCO site of **Shahrisabz**, the ancient Silk Road city where Timur built the fabulous **Ak-Sarai Palace** to celebrate his victory against Khorezm. We also visit the **Dorus Sadoat Complex**, the funerary monument that Timur built for his dynasty.

Day Fifteen | Samarkand - Tashkent

The day starts with the **Afrasiab Archaeological Site and Museum** located in the site of the ancient part of the city. We continue to the **Timurid Ulugh-Beg Observatory**. After lunch, we visit the necropolis **Shah-i-Zhinda**, shaped between the 11th-19th centuries and including more than 20 buildings. After a visit to the Timurid **Bibi-Khanym Mosque**, we travel to Tashkent.

Day Sixteen | Tashkent

We acquaint ourselves with **Tashkent** with a visit to the **State Museum of History of Uzbekistan**, which contains a number of important Buddhist artefacts. In the afternoon, there will be a walking tour during which we see the **Barak Khana Madrassa**, the **Kukeldash Madrassa** and the **Chorsu Bazaar**.

Day Seventeen | Tashkent

After breakfast, our tour comes to an end and we make our independent journeys home.



Guided by Dr Gai Jorayev

Raised in Turkmenistan, but now living in London, Gai works at the Institute of Archaeology, UCL.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Yldyz Hotel, Mary Hotel, Hotel Asia Khiva, Hotel Zargaron, Konstantin Hotel & International Hotel Tashkent

Culinary inclusions

- 16 breakfasts, 16 lunches & 16 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
4th - 20th Sep	\$7,175	\$885

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UZBEKISTAN

Visit the UNESCO-listed sites of Bukhara & Samarkand

14 Days From \$5,340pp

Departing March & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Follow in the footsteps of history as we explore the sites and cities of the Silk Road, which once ran from China to Europe, with Uzbekistan right as its heart. The steppes, deserts, mountains and blue-tiled cities tell stories of trade and conquest, and this is a journey across the country that traces the paths of those who've passed by for thousands of years.

Tour Highlights

- Discover a total of four incredible UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Khiva, Samarkand, Shahrukhiyah, and Bukhara
- Get a taste of the avant garde at the renowned Savitsky Art Museum, home to the world's second-largest collection of Russian art pieces
- Travel to the ancient trade routes, where caravans of silk, spice and textiles once crossed the landscape
- Enter the magnificent Bibi-Khanym Mosque and admire the many ornate palaces in the mesmerising Silk Road city of Khiva



Days One | Tashkent

We meet at our hotel in Tashkent before paying a visit to the **State Museum of History of Uzbekistan**. Highlights here include the remains of a prehistoric man dating from 1.5 million years BC as well as significant statues and reliefs from the country's Buddhist period. This evening, we enjoy a group dinner together.

Day Two | Tashkent

We spend the day in **Tashkent** for a walking tour of the **Old Town**, exploring ancient mausoleums and beautiful mosques, including **Tilya Sheikh**. We will also take in remnants of the city's Soviet past.

Day Three | Tashkent - Nukus

Fly to **Nukus**, located in the Karakalpakstan Republic. Upon arrival, we head to **Gyaur Kala**, the "Fortress of Infidels", a settlement established at the time of the First Persian Empire. After lunch, we continue to the medieval city of **Mizdakh**, site of Uzbekistan's oldest necropolis, first founded some 2,000 years ago. Still a place of pilgrimage and mysticism, the legends surrounding this settlement include that of the "World Clock", a building that is said to shed just one brick a year. According to legend, when the last brick falls, the end of the world begins.

Day Four | Nukus - Khiva

Our day starts at the world-renowned **Savitsky Art Museum**, which hosts the world's second largest collection of Russian avant-garde art that hangs alongside that of Socialist Realism. There are also archaeological and ethnographic objects on display. Next we travel south along the Amu River to the remote ruined tepe of **Chilpik Dakhma**, a Zoroastrian "Tower of Silence" used in funerary "sky burial" rituals until the Arab invasion of the 7th century AD. Our final destination for the day is **Khiva**, an important Silk Road city famous for its role as a slave trading post.

Day Five | Khiva

We begin with an excursion to the mighty fortresses of **Ayaz Kala**. Dramatically situated on a hilltop overlooking the Kyzylkum Desert, and erected to protect local inhabitants against nomadic attacks, these ancient strongholds were largely destroyed at the time of the Arab invasions. We continue to the abandoned city of **Toprak Kala**, a complex built by the slave-owning Khorezm, with an extended line of crumbling walls that is visible for miles around. Built in the 3rd century AD, its remains include the residences of Khorezm governors, workshops which formerly manufactured bows, and a palace with three imposing towers.

Day Six | Khiva

Today we step into a world of "Arabian Nights", spending a whole day exploring **Khiva** on foot to enjoy its narrow alleys, graceful minarets and thriving markets. Although it was virtually destroyed by Genghis Khan, much of what was subsequently rebuilt is impressive. The first of Uzbekistan's sites to achieve World Heritage status, the city still boasts its original defensive walls and gates, as well as a wealth of ornate mosques and mausoleums.

Day Seven | Khiva - Bukhara

We take a long drive through the **Karakum Desert**, with a brief stop en route at the widest expanse of the **Amu Darya** (River Oxus) to see how its waters have been diverted by the Soviets, causing the Aral Sea to dramatically recede. We arrive at **Bukhara** mid-afternoon, allowing time to visit the beautifully located **Samani** and **Chashma Ayub** mausoleums, and the **Bolo Khauz Mosque**.

Day Eight | Bukhara

Wander brilliant **Bukhara**, long a great oasis of Central Asia. Formerly part of the Persian Empire, the city was seized by the Samanids in AD 903 and went on to become a significant center for intellectualism in the Islamic world. As part of our tour we visit the **Po-i-Kalyan** religious complex, an impressive collection of sacred buildings, so transcendent that not even Ghengis Khan could not bring himself to destroy it. Tonight we enjoy a **traditional folk show** before having dinner.



Image: Traditional bazaar in Tashkent

Day Nine | Bukhara

We visit the site of one of Bukhara's predecessors today – the ruined city of **Poykent**. After a picnic lunch at the **Poykent Museum**, we return to Bukhara to visit the **Mausoleum of Ismail Samani**, a fine example of Samanid architecture, and the **Bolo Haus Mosque**, as well as other places of interest.

Day Ten | Bukhara - Samarkand

Today we follow the Silk Road route to **Samarkand**, on a drive east across the scenic plains of central Uzbekistan. En route, we stop at **Rabat-i Malik**, an 11th century caravanserai with a Persian façade matching those found on palace walls at Persepolis.

Day Eleven | Samarkand

After breakfast, we head out for a day of discoveries in Samarkand. Highlights include the **Ulugh Beg Observatory**, the necropolis at **Shah i Zinda**, Uzbekistan's oldest archaeological site at **Afrasiyab**, and finally the renowned **Registan Square**.

Day Twelve | Samarkand

Switching to smaller vehicles, we travel to the turquoise-domed city of **Shakhrisayb**, ancient birthplace of Amir Temur (Tamerlane). Here, we find the remains of the 14th century **Ak-Saray Palace** and the **Dorus Saodat**, an outstanding example of Khwarezmian architecture.

Day Thirteen | Samarkand - Tashkent

Our last full day begins in central Samarkand, visiting the restored **Gur-i-Amir Mausoleum** complex where Tamerlane was buried. We then visit the **Bibi-Khanym Mosque**, with its magnificent columns, portals and minarets. After lunch, we return to Tashkent by high-speed train and a farewell dinner awaits.

Day Fourteen | Tashkent

Our tour ends in Tashkent and we make our individual journeys home.



Guided by Dr Gai Jorayev

Join Gai in Uzbekistan on our March departure.



Guided by Francois Desset

Join Francois in Uzbekistan on our September departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Tashkent, Khiva, Bukhara & Samarkand

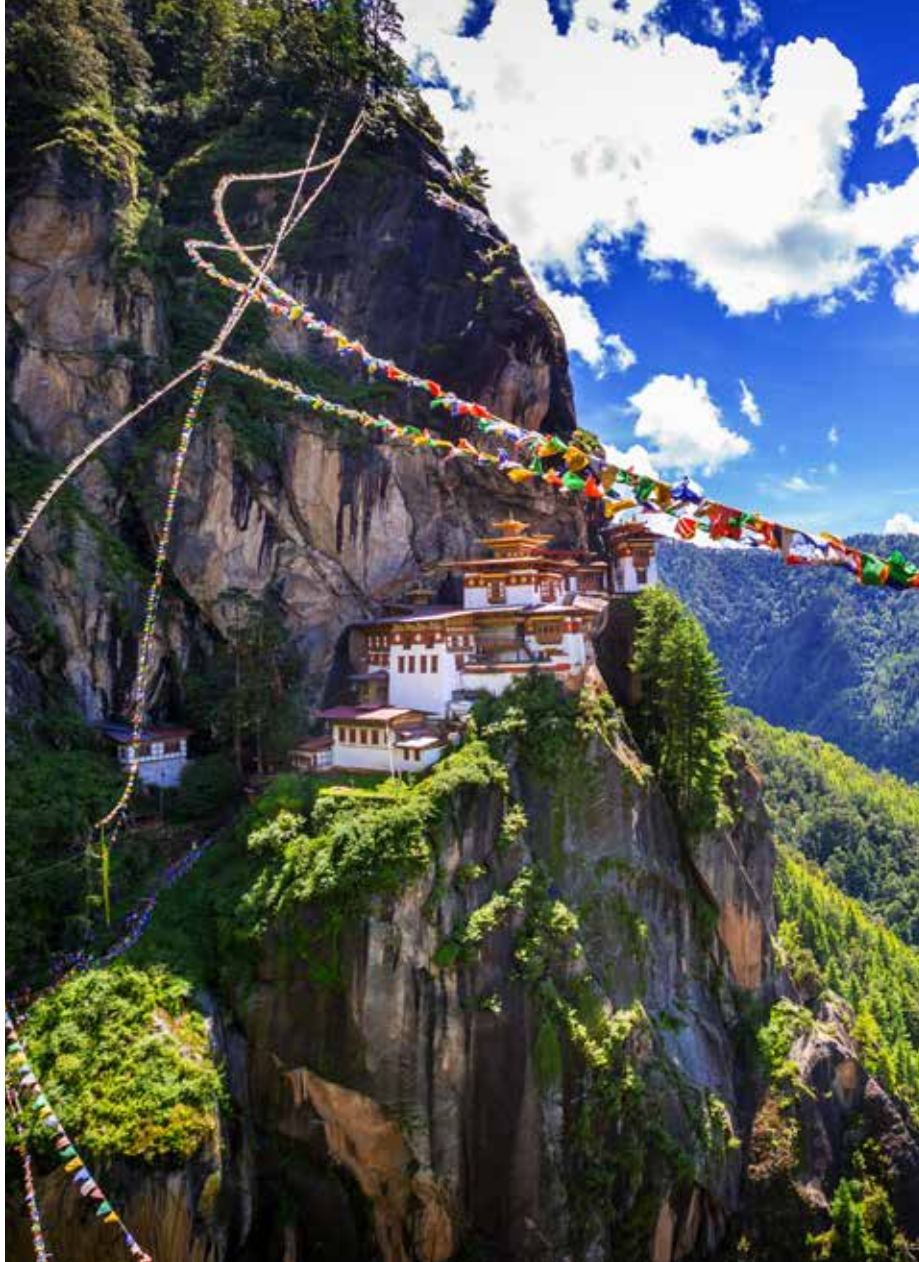
Culinary inclusions

- 13 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 13 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
26th Mar - 8th Apr	\$5,375	\$525
18th Sep - 1st Oct	\$5,340	\$525

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BHUTAN & LADAKH

The Himalayan kingdoms

18 Days From \$9,155pp

Departing September 2021

Activity Level ●●●●●

The Himalayas have captured imaginations for decades as an almost supernatural realm imbued with magic and mystery. Our journey takes us to two remote Himalayan Buddhist kingdoms, each possessing their own unique identities. Marvel at Bhutan's distinctive architecture and Ladakh's well-preserved sites, which date back to the start of Buddhism.

Tour Highlights

- Discover both Bhutan, considered the happiest country on earth, and Ladakh, where picturesque beauty and unique culture await
- Hike to the incredible Tiger's Nest in Paro, a real must-do for any visitor to Bhutan, as unparalleled views are a most welcome reward
- Witness traditional Buddhist rituals and even take part in a sacred blessing ceremony at a working monastery
- Be welcomed into the home of a local Ladakhi family for tea and then attend a memorable prayer ceremony in Ladakh



Days One | Delhi

We meet at our hotel in Delhi and then enjoy our first dinner together as a group.

Day Two | Delhi - Thimphu

This morning we board a scenic flight to **Paro**. Upon arrival, we drive to **Thimphu** – the ‘soul of Bhutan’ – and walk around the main market area. We also have an introductory lecture during our time here and an evening meal together.

Day Three | Thimphu

We visit the weekend market this morning before watching **mask and folk dance performances** by the Royal Dance Troupe at the Royal Academy of Performing Arts. After lunch, we visit the **Tashichho Dzong** – meaning ‘fortress of the glorious religion’. Later, we are welcomed by a monk at Changangkha Monastery.

Day Four | Thimphu

Today we visit the **Tanka Painting School**, where students are trained in the various art forms of Bhutan, with the intent of keeping centuries-old traditions alive. Next, we visit the **Memorial Chorten**, built in memory of Bhutan’s third king. Lunch is followed by a visit to **Simtokha Dzong**, the place of profound tantric teaching, which now houses a school for the study of the Dzongkha language.

Day Five | Thimphu - Punakha

After breakfast, we visit the **National Library** and then drive on to Punakha via Dochula Pass. In Bhutan, the passes are marked by large Bhutanese chortens and prayer flags. At the pass, we join a **ceremony of hanging prayer flags** for happiness, prosperity and luck. Upon arrival in Punakha, we visit the **Punakha Dzong**, a structure built at the junction of two rivers. An afternoon hike takes us to **Khamsum Yulley Namgyal Chorten**.

Day Six | Punakha

Our first visit of the day is to the temple and nunnery, **Sangchen Dorji Lhuendrup Lhakhang**. The temple complex houses a permanent higher learning and meditation center for nuns. Later, we walk through the paddy fields to **Chimi Lhakhang**.

Day Seven | Punakha - Paro

A drive back to **Paro** awaits this morning. This town has not yet been spoiled by commercialisation and the painted wooden restaurants along with characterful shops are the trademark attractions. We visit **Ta Dzong**, originally built as a watchtower and now home to the National Museum. We also stop at **Rinpung Dzong**, which has a long and fascinating history.

Day Eight | Paro

Today offers a chance to hike to the **Taktshang Monastery**, also known as the Tiger’s Nest. It takes around five hours in total, but is immensely rewarding. This is one of Bhutan’s most well-known monasteries, perched on the side of a cliff over half a mile above the Paro Valley floor. In the afternoon, we visit **Drukgyel Dzong**, a ruined fortress where Bhutanese warriors fought Tibetan invaders centuries ago.

Day Nine | Paro - Delhi

We transfer to the airport in Paro, where we board our flight for Delhi.

Day Ten | Delhi - Leh

Early this morning, we make our way to the airport in Delhi and fly to **Leh**. Upon arrival, we have some free time in order to acclimatize to the altitude. This afternoon, we regroup for a leisurely stroll through the bazaars of the old town.

Day Eleven | Leh

The day begins with the **museum at Stok Palace**, which is around 200 years old and is still occupied by the widow of the last king. We return to Leh for a walking

tour of the dramatic Tsemo Hill, where the **Maitreya Temple** and remains of the **Royal Palace** can be seen.

Day Twelve | Leh

This morning we head to **Spituk Gompa**, a 15th century monastery. The Gompa has three chapels and the highest, Paldan Lumo temple, is the most impressive. We also visit **Phyang Monastery**.

Day Thirteen | Leh

We attend a prayer ceremony early this morning at **Thiskey Monastery**, where we meet with a senior monk for a brief discourse on Buddhism. After breakfast, it’s on to **Hemis Monastery**, the largest and richest of the Ladakhi gompas. We also visit the palace of **Shey**.

Day Fourteen | Leh - Alchi

A drive along the Indus River gets our day off to a scenic start. We continue on to the fortified monastery of **Basgo**, which was the capital during the 15th and 17th centuries. Later, we make our way to **Likir**. From here, we continue towards Uletokpo and visit the **Alchi Monastery**.

Day Fifteen | Alchi

We drive to **Lamayuru** this morning to visit the 11th century monastery. After lunch, we visit the **Rizong Gompa**. Rizong is among the few monasteries in Ladakh that houses female monks called ‘Chomos’. This evening, we accept an invitation to have **tea with a Ladakhi family** in their home.

Day Sixteen | Alchi - Leh

This morning we drive back to **Leh** for some time to relax or to do some last-minute shopping before we gather together for our evening meal.

Day Seventeen | Leh - Delhi

Today we board our flight to Delhi and then, in the evening, we will enjoy a farewell dinner together.

Day Eighteen | Delhi

We depart from Delhi and catch our individual flights home.

We have yet to confirm an expert Guide Lecturer for this tour. Please check our website for the latest updates.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Hotel Novotel Aerocity, Hotel Druk, RKPO Green Resort, Naksel Boutique Resort, The Abduz & the Uley Ethnic Resort

Culinary inclusions

- 17 breakfasts, 16 lunches & 17 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
2nd - 19th Sep	\$9,155	\$1,790

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Image: Punakha Dzong Monastery



VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

Journey through the heart of Indochina on this unique and immersive tour

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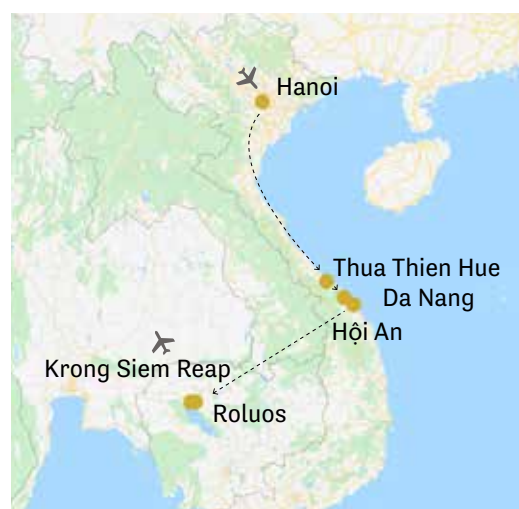
Departing December 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Mysterious cities, atmospheric forests and colonial grandeur await in these evocative parts of southeast Asia. Home to some of the world's most iconic archaeological sites, journey back to the past as we wander ruined temple sites, explore collections housed in great museums and discover breath-taking architecture.

Tour Highlights

- Walk through the imposing 'tomb' of Emperor Tu Duc which he designed himself before his death
- Visit the UNESCO site of My Son, believed to be the longest inhabited archaeological site in Indochina
- Discover Banteay Srei, an exquisite 10th century temple of pink sandstone with exceptional carvings
- Explore the iconic Angkor Wat temple complex, the largest religious monument in the world and an architectural marvel



Days One | Hanoi

Arrive in Hanoi and enjoy lunch as a group. This afternoon, we explore some of the city with our Guide Lecturer, taking in **Ma May Ancient House**, **Bach Ma Temple**, and **Chuong Gate**, the only remaining city gate, with its famous watchtower.

Day Two | Hanoi

We explore more of this city today, first visiting the **National Museum of Vietnamese History**, which contains bronzes from the Dong Son culture of 3 BC. In the afternoon we visit Ho Chi Minh's simple traditional Stilt House, his **Mausoleum**. We take a walk past the walls of the Imperial Citadel of Thang Long, a UNESCO World Heritage Site built in the 11th century, to the **Temple of Literature**.

Day Three | Hanoi - Hue

We hop on a flight south to Hue this morning. Upon arrival, we view the **Nam Giao esplanade**, once a site where Nguyen Kings offered sacrifices to heaven and earth and now inscribed on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list as part of the **Hue Monuments Complex**. Before dinner, we enjoy a welcome reception at the former garden house of Princess Ngoc Son.

Day Four | Hue

This morning we travel to the **Thien Mu Pagoda**, a seven-storey symbol of the city, built in 1601. We enter the 19th century Imperial City of the Nguyen Dynasty, where the remains of the **Forbidden Purple City** lie. Before lunch, we have a short transfer by buggy to the renowned **Museum of Royal Antiquities**, then in the afternoon, we visit the **Royal Tomb of Thieu Tri**, the only royal tomb not enclosed by physical walls.

Day Five | Hue - Da Nang - Hoi An

We start the day with a visit to **Tu Duc's Mausoleum** — one of the most beautiful works of royal architecture of the Nguyen Dynasty designed by the Emperor himself. We depart Hue by heading south along the coast, via the spectacular **Hai Van Pass**. Arriving in the city of Da Nang, we follow lunch by the river with a visit to the **Cham Museum**. Our journey continues to the well-preserved trading port and World Heritage Site of Hoi An.

Day Six | Hoi An

Today, we make our way inland to **My Son**, the religious center of the Cham people, stopping at the Champa empire's first capital, **Tra Kieu**, along the way. My Son is believed to be the longest inhabited archaeological site in Indochina. We spend a full day exploring these romantic ruins before returning to the sea breezes and bustle of Hoi An in the late afternoon.

Day Seven | Hoi An - Siem Reap

This morning is free to discover Hoi An at our leisure. Browse the shops for local arts and crafts, stroll past the creaking old merchant houses, cross the famous covered bridge, or breathe in the city's ambience with a local coffee in hand. This afternoon we return to Da Nang for a flight to **Siem Reap** in north western Cambodia.

Day Eight | Roulous

Our journey this morning takes us to the **Roluos** group of 9th century temples — some of the earliest Khmer structures ever found. Following lunch, we continue to the remote temple complex of **Banteay Srei** ('Citadel of Beauty') where exquisite Angkorian reliefs shine out from pink sandstone, many as detailed and precise as if they had been carved only yesterday, not several centuries ago.



Image: Angkor Wat

Day Nine | Siem Reap

We rise early and delve into the fortified city of **Angkor Thom**. An astounding location dominated by giant stone heads of the Buddha, and which features the stunningly carved ceremonial Terrace of Elephants and the Leper King, the temples of Phimeanakas, Baphoun and Bayon, and the Royal Palace. If time permits, we discover some of Cambodia's lesser-known temples, including **Ta Prohm**.

Day Ten | Siem Reap

An early start brings us to Cambodia's most famous wonder: the outstanding **Angkor Wat**. We cross the moat into the site just after sunrise to avoid the crowds, and maximise our time exploring this enormous complex. As well as taking in the site's best-known monuments, we also visit the smaller temples of **Ta Som**, **Preah Khan** and **Baray Reach Dak**, which are rarely visited by Western tourists.

Day Eleven | Siem Reap

We spend the day at the **Kulen National Park**, the site of the first capital, founded by King Jayavarman II. We visit the famed River of the Lingas, the bed of which is carved with 1000 carved lingas, dedicated to the god Shiva, and the giant reclining Buddha at Preah Ang Thom.

Day Twelve | Siem Reap

Today we visit the large **Angkor National Museum**. The museum's eight galleries cover the history of Khmer civilization and it is particularly noted for its fine collection of sculpture from the Angkor period and later. Enjoy free time this afternoon in Siem Reap.

Day Thirteen | Siem Reap

After breakfast, we transfer to Siem Reap airport for our individual flights home.



Guided by Miranda Bruce-Mitford

A specialist in social anthropology, Buddhist art and architecture, Miranda has escorted numerous groups around Southeast Asia.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at The Chi Boutique Hotel, Eldora Hotel, Vinh Hung Riverside Resort & Shinta Mani Shack

Culinary inclusions

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 12 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
6th - 18th Dec	\$5,785	\$1,135

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THAILAND & LAOS

Ancient Buddhist kingdoms

17 Days From \$7,335pp

Departing November 2021 & February 2022

Activity Level ●●●●○

The only country in Southeast Asia never to have been colonized by the West, Thailand has a long, independent history and a rich Buddhist heritage. Our tour takes us through spectacular scenery to magnificent temples and peaceful stupas, and it includes a Laotian cruise down the Mekong River, visiting wonderful historical sites and riverside villages.

Tour Highlights

- Spend a day exploring the great Khmer temples of Phimai, Prasat Hin Phanom Rung and Muang Tham
- Explore Sukhothai, the capital of the first kingdom of Siam in the 13th and 14th centuries containing over 190 ruins
- Discover the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Luang Prabang with its intricately carved monasteries, unique and well-preserved
- Reach the remote and mysterious Plain of Jars, a megalithic archaeological landscape in Laos



Days One | Bangkok

Today, we meet the group at our hotel and take some time to relax and settle in before our welcome dinner.

Day Two | Bangkok

Our first full day in Bangkok begins at the **National Museum** then on to the **Grand Palace**, including the most famous building on the palace grounds, **Wat Phra Kaew**. We end the day at the **Suan Pakkad Palace**.

Day Three | Bangkok - Ayutthaya - Korat

A visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Ayutthaya** provides a look at one of the most important landmarks in Thailand. We'll visit the monastery, **Wat Phra Si Sanphet**, the large chedi at **Wat Yai Chaimongkhon** and **Wat Mahathat**, one of Thailand's most photographed sites. In the afternoon, we travel to the city of **Nakhon Ratchasima**, also known as Korat.

Day Four | Korat

Phimai Historical Park is the largest of all Khmer temples in Thailand and it contains some of the finest examples of Khmer architecture. We spend the morning here and then, in the afternoon, we explore **Phanom Rung**, which was constructed in the Angkor style. Finally, we reach the temple of **Muang Tham**.

Day Five | Korat - Phitsanulok

We make a long journey today from Korat to Phitsanulok, stopping at the lesser known temple of **Wat Pha Sorn Kaew** along the way. On arrival in **Phitsanulok**, we explore **Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat**, a royal temple on the banks of the Nan river, dating to the 14th century.

Day Six | Phitsanulok - Sukhothai & Si Satchanalai - Chiang Mai

We start the morning in Sukhothai at the **Sukhothai Historical Park**, which covers 70km² and contains over 190 ruins spread out in five zones, then on to the historical site of the ancient sister city of **Si Satchanalai**. This evening, we arrive in **Chiang Mai**, also known as the "Rose of the North".

Day Seven | Chiang Mai

This morning we visit the temples of **Chiang Mai**, including **Wat Phra That Doi Suthep**. On our return to the city, we visit the temples of **Wat Chedi Luang** and **Wat Phra Singh**. After lunch, we head to **San Kamphaeng** and learn about local crafts.

Day Eight | Chiang Mai - Chiang Rai

Today we discover the lost city of **Wiang Kum Kam** – "The Underground Empire" – a unique ancient ancestral and archaeological site that was rediscovered in 1974. We continue on the winding road to our hotel, located in the Chiang Rai mountains.

Day Nine | Chiang Rai - Pakbeng

We have an early start this morning to arrive at the border at **Chiang Khong**, where we cross into Laos to embark on a short cruise on the Mekong River. We travel downstream, stopping along the way at the Khmu village of **Ban Houy Phalam**. The boat arrives at **Pakbeng** this afternoon, where we spend the night in a local hotel.

Day Ten | Pakbeng - Luang Prabang

We board our boat again in the morning and later, after lunch, we stop at Pak Ou to visit the famous limestone **Pak Ou Caves (Tham Ting)** with their thousands of Buddha images. The next stop is at **Ban Xang Hai village**, where local Lao people make whisky from sticky rice. The boat arrives in Luang Prabang this afternoon.

Day Eleven | Luang Prabang

We spend the day in **Luang Prabang** and explore its numerous sites, including the stupa at **Wat Visoun**, **Wat Aham** tutelary shrine, and **Wat Xieng Thong**. In the afternoon, we continue to the **National Museum**. Afterwards, we visit **Wat Mai** before returning to our hotel and taking the remainder of the day at leisure.



Image: Ban Houy Phalam

Day Twelve | Luang Prabang

We drive out of town to the **Kuang Si Waterfalls**, stopping at the Hmong minority village of **Ban Na Ouan**. We also visit the butterfly park and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant near the waterfall. On the way back to Luang Prabang, we stop at **Laos Buffalo Dairy**.

Day Thirteen | Luang Prabang – Phonsavanh

Today we make the long journey from Luang Prabang to **Phonsavanh**, taking the road over the highlands through the countryside. On the way, we stop at **Ban Kioukacham**, a Hmong village where we learn about local life.

Day Fourteen | Phonsavanh

Today we explore the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Plain of Jars**, the largest cultural site in Laos and containing thousands of stone jars. Archaeologists believe that the jars were used 1,500 to 2,000 years ago. Most of the day will be dedicated to site No. 1, 2, & 3, but we also have a chance to visit **Muang Khoun**, the ancient Tai Phouan capital city that was destroyed during the second Indochina war.

Day Fifteen | Phonsavanh – Vientiane

Before we leave Phonsavanh, we visit the **morning market** followed by the **Lao Sericulture Company** silk farm. We then transfer to the airport for our flight to **Vientiane**, a quiet but endearing capital city.

Day Sixteen | Phonsavanh – Vientiane

The day begins with the **Talat Sao** (morning market), home to an abundance of local handicrafts. We also visit numerous temples, including **Wat Si Saket** and **Wat Ho Phra Kaew**, the former home of the Emerald Buddha. Then it's on to the **Patuxay Monument**. In the afternoon we drive out of town to the **Buddha Park** (Wat Xieng Khuan).

Day Seventeen | Vientiane

Today, our tour comes to an end.



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Accommodation

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Culinary inclusions

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 15 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
9th - 25th Nov 2021	\$7,335	\$1,965
8th - 24th Feb 2022	\$7,460	\$1,965

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JAPAN - A LAND OF CONTRASTS

Discover imperial cities by bullet train

15 Days From \$12,735pp

Departing November 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

The closed society of pre-19th century Japan was the last major civilization to engage with the rest of the world. Accessing remarkable monuments, from Jomon Neolithic ceramics to temples and Shoguns' castles, we traverse the astonishingly diverse landscapes in search of the unique archaeology, history and culture of Japan.

Tour Highlights

- A comprehensive itinerary taking you way beyond the 'T-shirt tour' to discover a deeper understanding of Japan's enthralling history and unique culture
- View one of Japan's greatest landmarks, Osaka Castle
- Pay a visit to the sobering Atomic Bomb Museum in Nagasaki
- Remarkable monuments, from Jomon Neolithic to temples and castles
- See the world-famous Itsukushima Shrine and its iconic "floating gate" on Miyajima Island



Day One | Tokyo

Arrive in the metropolis of Tokyo and meet the group at our hotel. Free time follows and then we enjoy our first group dinner in the evening.

Day Two | Tokyo

Tokyo will wow us, starting with a visit to the **Fukagawa Downtown Museum** – an intriguing glimpse of life in the Edo era, with reconstructed streets and authentic interiors. The larger **Edo-Tokyo Museum** is next. This eye-catching building, modelled on an old storehouse, features impressive exhibitions on the history of Tokyo, and includes life-sized replicas of the wooden Nihonbashi bridge, as well as a traditional Kabuki theater.

Day Three | Tokyo - Aomori

The bullet train carries us north to **Aomori**. Here, we visit the well-preserved settlement, the largest and most famous site of **Sannai Maruyama**, which was occupied by hunter-gatherers between 3900 and 2300 BC. The site was only discovered in 1992, when it was surveyed in preparation for a new baseball stadium – the local baseball games are now played elsewhere.

Day Four | Aomori - Hachinohe - Akita

Today we travel to **Hachinohe**, home to the **Korekawa Archaeological Museum**. Within this striking modern building are hundreds of artifacts from the Jomon period of 3000 - 1000 BC. Afterwards, we drive to **Lake Towada**. Later, ancient civilization beckons us to the mysterious **Oyu stone circles**, which give us a little insight into the people who constructed and used them.

Day Five | Akita - Nagaoka

We return to the train for a coastal ride to **Nagaoka**. Our first stop here is the **Niigata Prefectural Museum of History**. A highly informative resource on regional anthropology, history and general local folklore, the museum documents the history of rice-making in Niigata as well as showcasing samples of the weird and wonderful Jomon Flame Pottery.

Day Six | Nagaoka - Obuse - Suwa

This morning we visit the **Umadaka Site Museum**, to see the flame pots for which the area is known. Following the path of the Shinano River, our journey leads up into the Tsunan mountains, where we stop at the **Tsunan Agriculture and Jomon Experience Museum "Najomon"**. We then continue through the Japanese Alps.

Day Seven | Suwa

We begin at the **Togariishi Jomon site and Archaeological Museum** and visit the **Suwa Grand Shrine** complex, thought to be one of the oldest shrines in existence. After lunch, we see more sculpted marvels at the **Shakado Jomon** site museum.

Day Eight | Suwa - Nara - Osaka

We return to the railway for a scenic ride to **Nara**. This city boasts eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites. We visit **Nara Park**, with its herds of wild deer, and the splendid **Todai-ji Temple** – home to the famous Great Buddha. We will also pay visits to both the **Kohfuku-ji** and **Shin-Yakushi-ji Temples**.

Day Nine | Osaka - Kyoto

Firstly, we will visit the ancient tumulus clusters of **Mozu-Furuichi**. This concentration of rounded keyhole-shaped mounds consists of graves measuring up to 500 meters in length. After lunch, we will go to the amazing **Osaka Castle**, one of Japan's mightiest landmarks and site of many a vital battle.



Image: Sannai Maruyama archaeological site

Day Ten | Kyoto - Arashiyama

On the way to **Arashiyama Bamboo Grove**, we will take part in an authentic **tea ceremony**. After our ceremony, we will take a walk through the magnificent **Bamboo Forest** to the **Tenryu-ji Temple**, surrounded by its well-kept gardens. Next, we visit the **Kinkaku-ji Temple**, one of Kyoto's main attractions, where we admire the exteriors lacquered with gold leaf.

Day Eleven | Kyoto

We explore **Kyoto** today. We head first for **Nijo Castle**, an enormous complex that boasts multiple moats and fortifications. Don't miss the famous nightingale floors, so named for the bird-like noise that potential assassins may have made while attempting to sneak their way across them. We have free time this afternoon to explore at our leisure.

Day Twelve | Kyoto - Hiroshima - Miyami

We travel first to the hilltop **Himeji Castle** complex, which has stood intact on this site for several hundred years. We explore the castle's sprawling site, including its maze-like paths. Over lunch, we take the train to Hiroshima, catch a ferry to Miyajima Island, and visit the **Itsukushima Shrine**.

Day Thirteen | Yoshinogari - Kyushu - Nagasaki

This morning's train takes us to **Kyushu**, the seaside starting point for a scenic drive to **Yoshinogari**. Here we find a huge Yayoi period site in **Saga**, dating from the 3rd century BC to the 3rd century AD. We visit the **Kyushu Ceramics Museum** to view its extensive collection of old Imari and Arita wares.

Day Fourteen | Nagasaki - Dejima - Tokyo

We spend a day in **Nagasaki**, known for its destruction by an atomic bomb. The city's **Atomic Bomb Museum**, built on the explosion's epicenter, is a harrowing reminder of this terrible event. We also visit **Dejima**, an important site as it represented the only contact with a European country during the Isolation of the Edo period from 1621 -1868. We return to Tokyo for our final night.

Day Fifteen | Tokyo

After breakfast, our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Ilona Bausch

A lecturer in East Asian archaeology at Leiden University in the Netherlands, Ilona also speaks fluent Japanese.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Tokyo, Aomori, Akita, Nagaoka, Suwa, Osaka, Kyoto, Hiroshima & Nagasaki

Culinary inclusions

- 14 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 14 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
7th - 21st Nov	\$12,735	\$1,315

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MOROCCO & ANDALUCIA

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Activity Level ●●●●○

Separated by only a narrow body of water, Morocco and Andalucía have exchanged peoples and cultural ideas for millennia. On this tour of a lifetime, you will explore the nexus between Africa and Europe, starting in the Roman period and continuing to the expulsion of Muslims and Jews in the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the extensive ruins of Volubilis, one of the most important archaeological sites in North Africa
- Visit Fez with its UNESCO-listed Medina, its historic buildings and its fine medieval museum
- Examine the site of Gadir, which includes remains from both the Phoenician and Roman periods
- View the extraordinary site of Granada, the last bastion of Muslim culture in Andalucía



Day One | Marrakech

Arrive into vibrant Marrakech and settle into our hotel and – time permitting – we'll have a brief walk around the city before dinner together later.

Day Two | Marrakech

We start our exploration of Marrakech with the **Kutubiyya Minaret**, then we proceed to the 16th century **Saadian Tombs** and the **Dar Si Said Museum**. Later on, we venture to the 16th century **Baddi Palace** and the famous **Yves Saint Laurent Museum** in the Jardin Majorelle.

Day Three | Rabat

This morning, we travel to Rabat. Upon arrival, we visit the **Museum of History and Civilization**. Afterwards, we will take a walk around the thriving metropolis of Rabat and then settle into our hotel.

Day Four | Rabat & Chellah

Founded by the Almohad dynasty in the 12th century, our exploration of Rabat includes the **Hassan Tower** and the UNESCO-listed **Medina and Kasbah of Rabat**. The afternoon is spent in **Chellah**.

Day Five | Meknes

Today we venture to Meknes and visit the UNESCO-listed **Medina**. Here, we will see the **Bab al-Mansour**, constructed in the 17th century using zellij tilework, and Roman columns. There will be free time this afternoon to explore at our leisure.

Day Six | Volubilis

We spend the majority of our day in the most famous archaeological site in Morocco, **Volubilis**. The ancient city developed from the 3rd century BC, but really came to its own in the 1st century AD, when it became capital of the kingdom of Mauretania. On our return to Meknes, we stop at **Moulay Idriss Zerhoun**.

Day Seven | Fez

In Fez, we start at the UNESCO-listed **Medina**, whose twisting streets are dotted with historic monuments and mosques. These include the **Bou Inania Madrasa**, the **Andalusian Mosque** and **Qarawiyyin University**. The afternoon is free for us to explore this iconic Moroccan city independently.

Day Eight | Banasa & Lixus

Today we explore two little-visited archaeological sites, starting with **Banasa**, known in antiquity as Colonia Iulia Valentia, and then **Lixus**, whose material remains suggest it may have been a Carthaginian site. Next, it's on to Tangiers.

Day Nine | Tetouan & Tangiers

The tour has reached the northern tip of Morocco, where Spanish influence is most felt. We start at **Tetouan**, where we will admire the Andalusian flavor of this city in the UNESCO-listed **Medina**. Back in Tangiers, we visit the **Kasbah Museum**.

Day Ten | Tangiers - Cadiz

We spend our morning crossing the straits of Gibraltar on a ferry from Tangiers. After lunch, we venture to the archaeological site of **Baelo Claudia**, **Bolonia** then we transfer to Cadiz, known in antiquity as Gadir or Gades.

Day Eleven | Cadiz

Cadiz has been settled since at least the 2nd millennium, and we will explore the panoply of this city's history. We begin with the **Cadiz Museum**, then continue to the **Roman theater** and end the morning at the **cathedral**. After lunch, we explore the archaeological site of **Gadir** then travel onwards to Seville.

Day Twelve | Seville

This morning we explore the city's famously rich history. We start with the **Seville**

Archaeological Museum then proceed to the **Palacio de Lebrija**, which contains an important collection of Roman mosaics. After lunch, we visit **Seville Cathedral** then end the day at the **Real Alcazar**.

Day Thirteen | Seville - Ronda

Today we explore the most important and impressive archaeological site in Spain, **Italica**, the birthplace of Trajan, Hadrian and Theodosius. After lunch, we continue to **Ronda** to explore the city's melange of architecture, including the **Puerta de Almocabar**, the **Iglesia del Espiritu Santo** and the **Iglesia de Santa Maria la Mayor**.

Day Fourteen | Ronda - Malaga

Ronda awaits this morning. We visit the **Mondragon Palace Museum**, then continue to **La Casa del Rey Moro**, a 14th century residence, and then the **Arabic Baths**. Next, we travel to Malaga to visit the **Alcazaba**.

Day Fifteen | Malaga

We explore **Malaga**, first founded by Phoenicians. Our visits include the **Malaga Museum**, the **Roman theater** and the **Church of Santiago Apostol**.

Day Sixteen | Cordoba

We spend the day in extraordinary Cordoba, which exemplifies perhaps more than any other city the blend of cultures found in Andalucía. We start with the **Cordoba Mosque-Cathedral** then continue to the **Alcázar de los Reyes Cristianos**, ending our exploration with the stunning **Medina Azahara**.

Day Seventeen | Granada

Granada, Muslim until its defeat in 1485, was the last bastion of Moorish history and culture in Andalucía. Our visits here include the **cathedral** and **El Banuelo**, the site of Arabic baths dating from the 11th century. A visit to the **Alhambra** is a fitting end to this day.

Day Eighteen | Malaga

After breakfast, our tour comes to an end.



Guided by Farès Moussa

Join Farès in Morocco & Spain on our November 2021 departure.



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

Join Eireann in Morocco & Spain on our March 2022 departure.

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Included travel

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Accommodation

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Culinary inclusions

- 17 breakfasts, 16 lunches & 15 dinners
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Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
2nd - 19th Nov 2021	\$6,325	\$880
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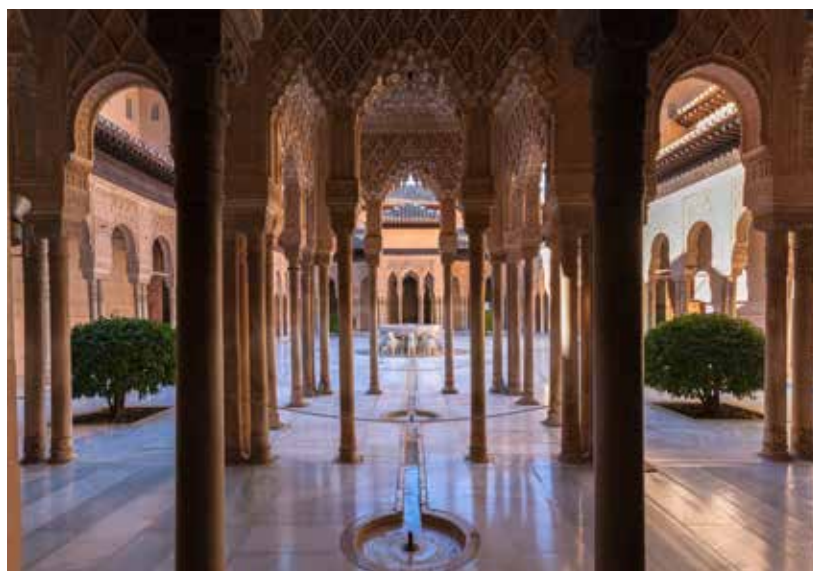


Image: Alhambra Palace



ALGERIA

Roman Mauretania

10 Days From \$4,950pp

Departing March - November 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

Algeria is still one of the least-visited countries in the world, but access to its ruinous Classical cities is now easier than it has been for some years. The sites are a palimpsest of Numidian, Roman and Byzantine remains, and include probably the best-preserved colonia anywhere in the Empire – Timgad.

Tour Highlights

- Wander perfectly preserved streets at the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Roman Djémila and Timgad, the latter with its immaculate gridded plan
- In Sétif, gaze upon one of the most exquisite mosaics in all the Roman world – the fantastic ‘Triumph of Dionysus’
- Explore the Roman ‘City of Bridges’ – Constantine – and visit the evocative ruins of Hippo Regius
- Visit museums that have been little publicised, and which contain truly outstanding artefacts that are displayed with great simplicity



Day One | Algiers

We meet at our hotel in Sétif. A group dinner follows later on.

Day Two | Sétif - Constantine

Our day begins at the **Sétif Archaeological Museum**, home to some unusual artefacts as well as some exceptional Roman mosaics, including the 'Triumph of Dionysus'. After, we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Djémila**, our first ancient city, which has been described as "one of the most perfect expressions of the meeting of Roman power and African beauty". We continue to Constantine, one of the splendors of ancient North Africa.

Day Three | Tiddis - Constantine

The beautifully situated ruined city of **Tiddis**, wonderfully preserved with remains of baths, tanneries and a museum, awaits this morning. Next, we visit **Constantine**, which has always been a natural fortress, dramatically located on a plateau by a deep ravine. Here, we will see its museum, kasbah, suspension bridge and the **Palace of Ahmed Bey**, one of the finest Ottoman-era buildings in the country.

Day Four | Constantine - Annaba

St. Augustine ended his days at **Hippo Regius** and we visit this splendid city along with the basilica that was dedicated to him in the 19th century. This was once a port, situated on an inlet that has since silted over, leaving the ruins isolated and complete. We continue via the hot springs at **Hamam D'Bagh** to visit the theater and museum at **Guelma**. The Numidian Jugurtha won an important battle against the Romans here.

Day Five | Annaba - Batna

We travel north into the foothills of the Atlas Mountains to **Madaure**. This was the birthplace of Apuleius in the 2nd century AD, and later, where the 4th century churchman St. Augustine was educated. The impressive ruins reflect this mixed Numidian, Roman and Christian history. **Khemissa** is a huge ancient city set in glorious surroundings. We also travel through **Souk Ahras**, Augustine's birthplace.

Day Six | Timgad - Lambaesis

Timgad is the textbook Roman town - the entire layout survives, retaining its playing-card shape and strict grid of streets. The World Heritage list of sites describes it as "an excellent example of Roman town planning". Trajan ordered its construction in 100 AD for veterans of the Third Legion Augusta. After, we visit the Roman garrison town of **Lambaesis**, the main military base of the legion that held the whole of North Africa at the beginning of the 2nd century AD.

Day Seven | Biskra

We spend our day traveling southwards through the spectacular scenery of the Aurès Mountains to the **Biskra province**, which lies on the northern edge of the Sahara. In the town of **El Kantara**, visits include the **mosque and tomb of Sidi Okba**, the abandoned mud-brick village of **Thouda**, the canyon village of **Rhoufi** and, lastly, the **Gorge of Tighanimine**.



Image: UNESCO-listed Timgad

Day Eight | Batna - Algiers

This morning, we fly to Algiers, but before lunch we visit the **Bardo Museum**, which is housed in a neo-Moorish villa, and then the **Museum of Antiquities and Islamic Arts**. Following lunch in a private home in the **Casbah** – a unique kind of medina or Islamic city yet also listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site – we end our day with a visit to a local **mosque** and an **Arts and Crafts Museum**.

Day Nine | Algiers

We spend our day along the Mediterranean west of Algiers. Driving west, we reach **Cherchell**, Phoenician Iol and Roman Caesarea, which was once the capital of the Numidian client King Juba II and his wife, Cleopatra Selene – daughter of Mark Anthony and Cleopatra. Our afternoon is then spent at the Roman city of **Tipasa**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that overlooks the sea, with impressive remains both of the high Roman Empire of the early Christian period. We also stop at the **huge cylindrical tomb**, variously called the Royal Mausoleum of Mauretania or the Tomb of the Christian Woman.

Day Ten | Algiers

Our tour comes to an end today, so we return to the airport and catch our individual flights home.



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

Join Eireann in Algeria on our March & November departures.



Guided by Steve Roskams

Join Steve in Algeria on our October departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Novotel Setif, Novotel Constantine, Sheraton Annaba Hotel, Timgad Hotel Hazem, Sidi Yahia Biskra & Lamaraz Arts Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
14th - 23rd Mar	\$5,150	\$845
3rd - 12th Oct	\$4,950	\$845
21st - 30th Nov	\$4,950	\$845

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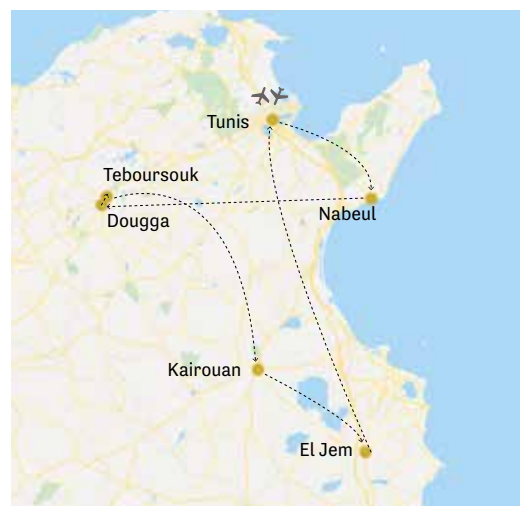
Departing April & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

A land where dramatic events shaped ancient history – the superpowers of Carthage and Rome clashed in three Punic Wars, which determined the course of Western history. Lasting over 100 years, this conflict resulted in the destruction of Carthage and assured Roman ascendancy. Surprising landscapes, ruins and great monuments await.

Tour Highlights

- Visit the incredible El Djem amphitheater, Africa's largest and best preserved, which was originally designed to seat up to 35,000 spectators
- Gaze upon some of the world's most impressive mosaics at the Bardo, Sousse and El Djem museums respectively
- Tour a selection of little-known sites, including Mustis and Ain Tounga as well as the Bulla Regia
- Explore the UNESCO-listed sites of Dougga and Kairouan, and discover the beautifully preserved Phoenician site of Kerkouane



Day One | Tunis

Meet at our hotel in Tunis, where we enjoy dinner together later.

Day Two | Carthage

This morning we begin with a visit to the famous **Bardo Museum**, situated in an old Beylical palace. It houses one of the most important collections of mosaics anywhere in the world. Highlights include the Virgil mosaic and the Odysseus mosaic, as well as many others depicting beast hunts. There is a wonderful collection of Carthaginian artefacts and Paleo-Christian baptisteries. In the afternoon, we explore **Carthage**, now a wealthy suburb of Tunis, but scattered with the ancient remains of a once mighty Phoenician city. We start at **Byrsa Hill**, once the citadel and central feature of the Punic settlement. There are fantastic views over the modern city from here. Next, we continue with the disquieting **Salambo Tophet**, a cemetery that contained the remains of children who were sacrificed to Tanit after they were already dead, or – more likely – as live victims. We also visit the **Cothon**, or harbour, testament to Carthage's famous maritime might, and we explore the **Roman Antonine Baths** – one of the largest in the Roman Empire.

Day Three | Kairouan

We journey south to the delightful and little-visited site of **Thuburbo Majus**. Originally Punic (though it has the characteristic "th" sound associated with Numidian cities), the city was later refounded as a Roman veteran colony in the Augustan period. Here, we explore the forum, dominated by the Capitolium, before moving on to the Winter Baths and Summer Baths. In between the two, there is the well-preserved Palaestra of Petronius, which belonged to the Summer Baths, along with a memorable latrine. We walk up to view some temples with a Punic flavor: the Temple of Baalit and Temple of Caelestis, both Romanised names of Punic goddesses. Later, we travel to **Kairouan**, Tunisia's most important religious city, which was founded by the Umayyads in the 7th century AD.

Day Four | El Djem - Kairouan

Today we make our way south east to **El Djem**. Originally a Numidian city called Thysdrus, El Djem was particularly wealthy in the 2nd century AD and into the late antique period, when it was an olive oil production center. On the back of this wealth, the city built several amphitheatres, the most important of which was constructed in the 3rd century AD and is one of the largest in the Empire. We explore this huge structure, visible for miles, and then visit the **museum of El Djem**, which has a wonderful collection of mosaics as well as in situ houses, which share glimpses into the city's wealth. This afternoon, we return to Kairouan to visit the **Great Mosque**, which has a plethora of reused Roman pillars and lintels, and we also explore the city's medina.

Day Five | Kairouan - Sousse - Hammamet

We begin our day continuing our exploration of Tunisia's most important religious city, **Kairouan**. Founded by the Umayyads in the 7th century AD, the city quickly became important as a center of Islamic scholarship as a pilgrimage site. We explore the city by foot, starting at our hotel, which used to be part of the city's kasbah or fortress. Later, we travel to **Sousse** to visit its museum, located in the city's 12th century kasbah, and which has the second-largest collection of mosaics in the world after the Bardo. The earliest artefacts in the museum date from the city's Punic period, when it was called Hadrumetus. The most splendid, however, date from the prosperous Roman period, when the citizens of Hadrumetus, made rich from trade, could afford the best mosaics in the Roman Empire. Here, we see mosaics that testify to this maritime background, the most famous of which is the



Image: El Djem Amphitheater

large mosaic of Neptune on his chariot. From here, we continue north to Hammamet.

Day Six | Kerkouane - Nabeul

Today we drive along the Cap Bon Peninsula, the point of Tunisia that is closest to Sicily. Our morning will be spent at **Kerkouane**, a UNESCO site overlooking the sea. Kerkouane was inhabited from the 7th to the 3rd century BC and it was abandoned after the first Punic War, making it the only purely Punic site in Africa. The highlights of this site are the houses that typically contain bathtubs waterproofed with a pinkish mortar. After, we visit the **site museum**, which has interesting remains from the nearby necropolis. We have a picnic on site here before traveling to **Nabeul** – today famed for its ceramics, but in antiquity a trading port founded by Cyrene. On arrival, we visit the small **museum** to view its intriguing mosaics and to read about the production of garum in the area.

Day Seven | Dougga

We drive west to **Dougga**, one of the best preserved and most famous ancient sites in North Africa. Here, we visit the theater and famous Capitolium. We also explore bath complexes, houses and sanctuaries, all in the kind of peace no longer found at European sites. Dougga is one of the Roman world's best sites and a visit here is always a memorable one.

Day Eight | Bulla Regia

We begin at the unique city of **Bulla Regia**, made the Numidian capital by Massinissa. Here, we explore a bath complex and series of houses replete with mosaics, which have underground rooms that offered their elite owners protection from the blistering African heat. We also tour two largely unexcavated sites, namely **Mustis** and **Ain Tounga**.

Day Nine | Tunis

We make the short drive to Tunis airport for our individual flights home.



Guided by Dr Andy Fear

Join Andy in Tunisia on our April departure.



Guided by Farès Moussa

Join Fares in Tunisia on our October departure.

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Accommodation

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Culinary inclusions

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2nd - 10th Apr	\$2,920	\$340
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Activity Level ●●●○○

The partially excavated towns and cities of Carthaginian and Roman Tunisia are world famous. Many are in a remarkable state of preservation and stand in dramatic or deserted surroundings, so you can still walk the streets and gaze up at the huge public buildings that once proclaimed the power of Rome.

Tour Highlights

- Discover the impressive remains to be found at Carthage
- Explore Dougga, the fabulous UNESCO-listed Roman town
- Admire the view from one of the world's biggest amphitheatres
- Examine many examples of rich and varied mosaics – everyday ancient life captured in tiny tesserae



Day One | Tunis

Meet the group at our city center hotel.

Day Two | Carthage

The exploration of **Carthage** begins with a visit to the site of **Byrsa Hill**. Here, we see remains of the 2nd century BC Punic city covered over in the Roman period. Here, we see the tantalising remains of Punic houses and streets, where a plethora of Roman catapult balls, which destroyed the city in 146 BC, have been found. We continue to the **Salambo Tophet**, the haunting children's cemetery that housed the remains of more than 20,000 children, who appear to have been ritually sacrificed to the Punic gods Ba'al and Tanit. We walk a short distance to the **Cothon**, the military and commercial harbours built in the Punic period and refurbished in the Roman age. We end the day with a visit to the colossal **Antonine Baths**, whose scale can be gauged by the fact they were fed by the Bordj Djedi cistern, which held 25-30 million liters of water.

Day Three | Dougga

Today we journey to **Dougga**, the superb Numidian-Roman city whose well-preserved streets and houses are terraced into a steep hillside, with sweeping views over the surrounding countryside. We explore stunning public monuments, such as the **theater**, **Licinian Baths** and the **Capitolium**, built in characteristic opus Africanum, as well as imposing elite houses such as the House of the Trifolium. The state of preservation of the site gives us a fantastic grasp of the day to day life of the city, the scale of its wealth, the prosopography of its elite, as well as the harrowing last days of its Byzantine phase, when the population withdrew into a small fortified section of the city in order to protect themselves from Arab invaders. The joy of this site is greatly enhanced by its isolated environment and the fact that the ruins can be enjoyed unencumbered by other tourists.

Day Four | Tunis

We spend our morning at the **Bardo Museum**, a Beylical palace that houses one of the best collections of Roman mosaics in the world. In addition to the common mythological scenes depicted on mosaics throughout the Roman Empire, North African mosaics are distinctive for their motifs, their vegetal borders and – above all – their quality. Today, we see typically North African beast-hunting scenes, depictions of everyday life in the Tunisian hinterland and fishermen drawing their nets, exquisitely crafted in Tunisian marble tesserae. In the afternoon, we explore the **Medina of Tunis**, a UNESCO-listed site first begun in the end of the 7th century and developed in the 13th century Almohad caliphate, when Tunis became the capital of Ifriqiya. We are guided around the medieval, winding streets that host bewildering numbers of madrasas, shops and mosques. We end our day in **Hammamet** at our beach-side hotel.



Images: Carthage & mosaic detail in Bardo Museum

Day Five | El Djem

This morning, we take a drive south to the spectacular **amphitheater of El Djem** – one of the largest in the Roman world and a physical expression of the wealth of the region gained from its wheat and olive oil production. Visible from miles away, the amphitheater has atmospheric service rooms in the basement, where animals and gladiators were pulleyed up to the arena floor. The third amphitheater built in El Djem, it was constructed in the 3rd century just before the proconsul Gordian was claimed emperor in the city. We continue on to the **Sousse Museum**, which hosts a smaller yet perhaps better quality collection of mosaics, including a stunning Paleo-Christian baptismal font from Bqalta and several vast mosaics depicting beast-hunting scenes. We return to our hotel in Hammamet later.

Day Six | Tunis

After breakfast, our tour comes to an end and we catch our individual flights home.



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

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Accommodation

- Accommodation at El Mouradi Hotel Africa & the Sindbad Hotel

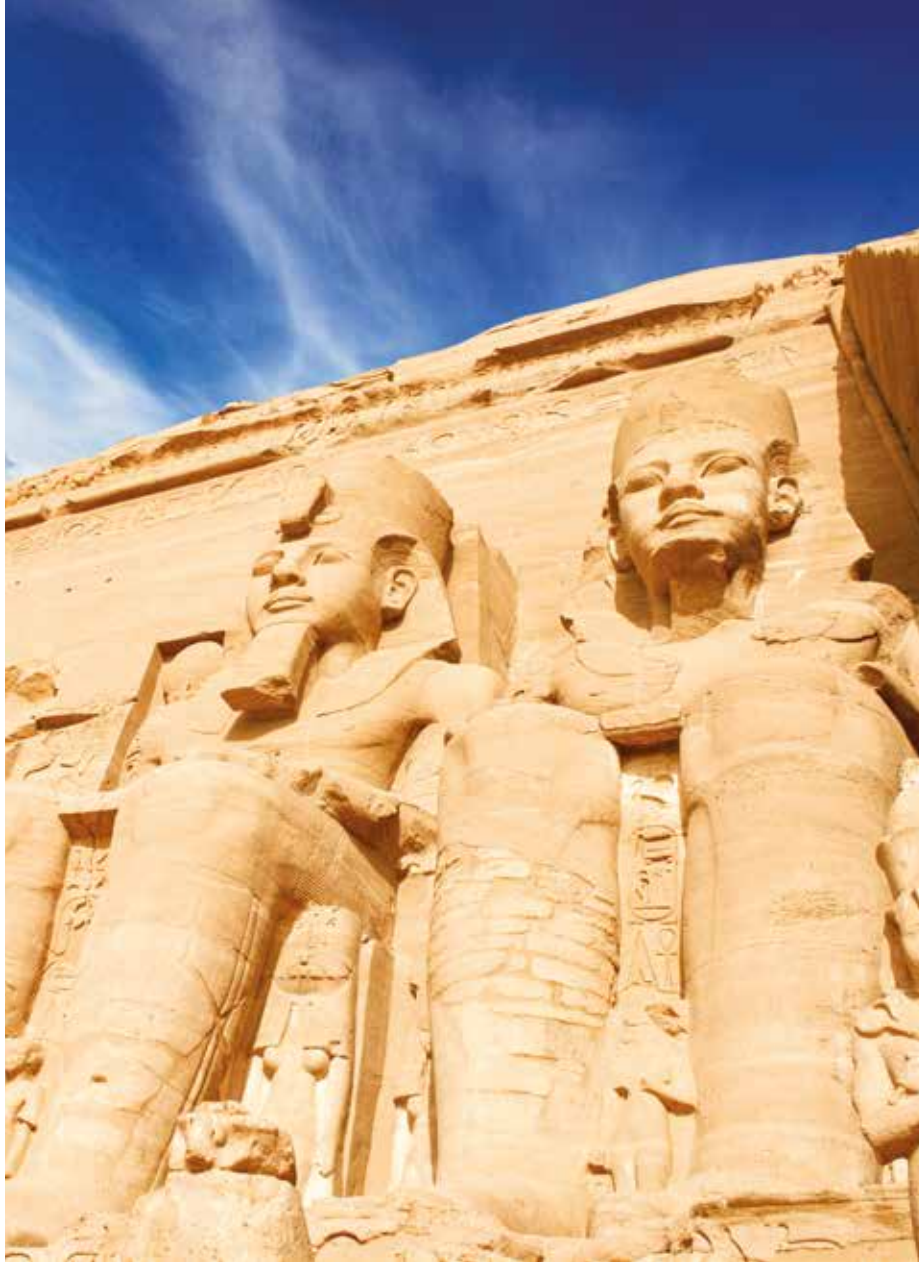
Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
4th - 9th Mar	\$2,140	\$230
15th - 20th Nov	\$2,275 \$2,250	\$245

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EGYPT

Highlights & discoveries

12 Days From \$7,250pp

Departing March & September 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The archaeology of ancient Egypt is one of the most instantly recognizable of all the great civilizations. This is a narrative of power, vision and ambition. The monuments of Egypt are much more than dry and dusty stones – through the expertise of our Guide Lecturers, we get to ‘meet’ the real ancient Egyptians.

Tour Highlights

- Experience the delights of cruising the famous River Nile
- Discover the impressive temple site of Abu Simbel
- See the grand gallery as well as the royal burial chamber of the Great Pyramid of Khufu
- Explore the enigmatic Valleys of the Kings and Queens, and pay a visit to the exceptionally well-preserved tomb of Nefertari



Day One | Cairo

Arrive in Cairo – this buzzing, energetic metropolis that is Egypt’s extraordinary capital – a city that Egyptians admiringly refer to as ‘the Mother of the World’.

Day Two | Cairo

We start our day with a visit to **Saqqara**, a vast necropolis to the ancient Egyptian capital of Memphis. We discover the incredible **Step Pyramid of Djoser**, the smooth-sided **Pyramids of Unas**, the **Mastaba of Mereruka**, and the Imhotep Museum. After lunch we visit Memphis and its open-air museum, its highlight being the extraordinary fallen colossus of Ramesses II.

Day Three | Cairo

This morning, we pay a visit to the pyramid complex on the **Giza Plateau**, including the Great Pyramid – a true wonder of ancient world, where atmospheric passageways lead to the breathtaking grand gallery and royal burial chamber. We also explore the **Solar Boat Museum**, the **Valley Temple of Khafra** and the enigmatic **Great Sphinx**. In the afternoon, we enjoy a visit to the **Egyptian Museum in Cairo**, where the world’s most extensive exhibition in pharaonic artefacts can be seen. Among the treasure on display are the solid gold mask of Tutankhamun and the Narmer Palette.

Day Four | Cairo - Luxor

Today, we fly to Luxor. After checking in to our hotel, we take a boat across the river to have lunch, and then afterwards proceed to the **Memorial Temple of Hatshepsut** at Deir el-Bahri, a stunning collection of shrines that have been largely restored to their former glory.

Day Five | Luxor

This morning we lose ourselves in the captivating complex of **Karnak**. Here, we encounter the cult temple of Amun-Ra, chief of the deities of the New Kingdom. This is a spectacular multi-period location with a wealth of religious and historical inscriptions at every turn. In the afternoon, we visit the famous **Colossi of Memnon** on the West Bank at Thebes. These two enormous statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III stand at a towering 18-meters high, and were erected to guard the entrance of the pharaoh’s memorial temple. Afterwards, we visit the **Qurna tombs of Rekhmire and Sennefer**.

Day Six | Luxor

The **Valley of the Kings** awaits us today. This was the final resting place of royal and nobility for almost 500 years, with excavations dating the site back as far as the 16th century BC. Its most notable occupant is, of course, King Tutankhamun, so famously discovered by Howard Carter in 1922, and since returned to his original burial place where he now lies undisturbed. After lunch, we visit the **Valley of the Queens**, which includes the exceptionally preserved Tomb of Nefertari, who was the wife of Pharaoh Ramesses II.

Day Seven | Luxor

Our first visit today is at the **Ramesseum**, with its fallen colossus of Ramesses II, an astounding testament to the Pharaoh’s reign. Afterwards, we make our way to **Medinet Habu**, arguably the best-preserved temple of the New Kingdom. On the East Bank we check in to our Nile cruise boat. After lunch on board, we explore **Luxor Temple**, with its avenue of sphinxes, military reliefs and gorgeous papyrus columns. Our afternoon continues with a visit to the new Aboudi’s Bookshop, the world’s best English language Egyptological bookshop.



Image: Feluccas on the River Nile

Day Eight | Luxor

The fantastic **Luxor Museum** is a real treat - a masterfully arranged collection of archaeological artefacts and home to celebrated works of art, including the famous statue of Tuthmosis III, an extraordinary figure carved from greywacke. We return to our boat and enjoy lunch before we set sail to **Edfu**.

Day Nine | Luxor - West Bank

We make our way to the temples of the gods of Upper Egypt, starting with the **Temple of Horus at Edfu**. Towering at a jaw-dropping 37 meters, it’s decorated with vivid scenes of King Ptolemy VIII destroying his enemies before Horus. The complex even houses an Nilometer, a structure made to measure the depth and clarity of flooding Nile water. This afternoon, we explore the **Temple of Sobek** and **Horus the Elder** at Kom Ombo and the site’s Crocodile Museum.

Day Ten | West Bank

Today we disembark and make our way to ancient Egypt’s southern border and visit the impressive **Temple of Isis** in Philae. The flooding of Lake Nasser caused the whole complex to be moved from its original location. After a stop at **Aswan (High) Dam**, we visit the **Unfinished Obelisk Quarry**. After lunch on the boat, we visit **Elephantine Island** to take in various important temples and the museum there.

Day Eleven | West Bank - Abu Simbel

It’s an early morning start as we transfer to Aswan airport and fly to Abu Simbel. Here, we make the most of our last day exploring what is considered to be Egypt’s most impressive temple site, home to temples of Ramesses II and Nefertari. After lunch, we fly to Cairo, where a farewell dinner awaits this evening.

Day Twelve | Cairo

Our tour ends after breakfast.



Guided by Lucia Gahlin

A specialist in the archaeology of ancient Egypt, Lucia has been leading tours to this country for over 20 years.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Le Méridien Pyramids Hotel & Spa, Pavillon Winter Luxor Hotel, the MS Tulip (or similar) & Le Meridien Cairo Airport Hotel

Culinary inclusions

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 11 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
16th - 27th Mar	\$7,275	\$1,285
14th - 25th Sep	\$7,250	\$1,285

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EGYPT - OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

An archaeological road trip from Cairo to Aswan

12 Days From \$6,930pp

Departing September & October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The monuments of ancient Egypt are unmissable, but the best known can be teeming with visitors. This tour goes off the beaten track to rarely visited sites. Still spectacular, these sites are of the utmost archaeological importance. Geographically, culturally and historically comprehensive, this tour travels all the way from Cairo to Aswan.

Tour Highlights

- Explore Pharaonic, Graeco-Roman, Coptic and Islamic Egypt, ideal for a first visit to the country or for a returning guest
- A rarely done road trip, stopping off at fascinating sites such as Tuna el-Gebel, El-Tod and Gebel el-Silsila
- Visit the remains of the ancient capital city of the intriguing 'heretic' Pharaoh Akhenaten at Amarna
- Discover the finest art of ancient Egypt, created during the reign of Seti I, which is showcased in his temples and glorious tomb



Day One | Cairo

Arrive in Cairo, Egypt's buzzing capital, which will be our base for the next three nights.

Day Two | Saqqara - Abusir

Our day begins with a visit to **Saqqara**, where we walk through the Step Pyramid complex of Djoser. However, our focus is on the lesser-visited parts of this sprawling necropolis. Discover the recently opened tomb of the nobleman Mehu, the mastaba tomb of Ti and the New Kingdom temple tombs of Tutankhamun's treasurer Maya and general Horemheb. We also visit the **Serapeum**, catacombs for the sacred Apis bulls. After lunch, we have a special permit to visit **Abusir**, the pyramids of the 5th dynasty pharaohs, and the tomb of Ptahshepses. Tonight, there is an optional Sound & Light Show at the Sphinx and Pyramids of Giza.

Day Three | Cairo

This morning, we discover the rich Islamic culture and history of Egypt at the Museum of Islamic Art and then the spectacular **Sultan Hassan Mosque**. After lunch, we explore the Coptic culture and history of Egypt at the **Museum of Coptic Art**. We also visit one of Cairo's oldest churches, the '**Hanging Church**'.

Day Four | Cairo - Minya

We drive south to **Beni Hasan**. After a picnic lunch, we visit the painted Middle Kingdom tombs of four of the region's governors at a fascinating period of ancient Egyptian history. Afterwards, we make our way to **Minya**.

Day Five | Tell el-Amarna

Our day is spent at the site of **Tell el-Amarna**, visiting the mudbrick remains of Akhenaten and Nefertiti's ancient capital, their temples, palace and tomb; and also the decorated rock-cut tombs and mudbrick houses of their priests and officials. We take a break during this busy day for a picnic lunch.

Day Six | Minya - Abydos

Today we start at the rich and varied archaeological site of **Tuna el-Gebel**, home to one of Akhenaten and Nefertiti's 'boundary stelae', carved into the limestone cliff. We also visit the vast **catcombs** for ibis and baboons, associated with the god Thoth, and impressive tombs such as that of a High Priest of Thoth c300 BC – Petosiris, whose reliefs combine Greek and Egyptian artistic styles. After a picnic lunch, we drive south to Abydos.

Day Seven | Abydos - Luxor

Abydos is one of Egypt's most important archaeological sites. This morning, we visit its most impressive monument – the temple built by the great Pharaoh Seti I and completed by his son Ramesses II. We eat a picnic lunch en route to Dendera. This afternoon, we visit the **Temple of Hathor**. Its astronomical ceilings combine Greek, Roman and Egyptian ideas, and they have recently been cleaned to reveal vibrant colors. Afterwards, we travel onwards to Luxor.

Day Eight | Luxor

This morning we begin with the **Valley of the Kings**, home to the decorated rock-cut tombs of the New Kingdom pharaohs, exploring three of the lesser-visited of these tombs and then enjoying a special visit to the **Tomb of Seti I**, which is regarded as the area's most impressive. After a local lunch, we complement our visit to the tomb of Seti I with a visit to his memorial temple (the '**Qurna Temple**') nearby. Before heading back, we visit two of the **Tombs of the Nobles** – the vibrantly painted burial chamber of Sennefer and the intricately decorated funerary chapel of Rekhmire.



Image: Tomb at Gebel el-Silsila

Day Nine | Luxor

A visit to Luxor would not be complete without exploring **Karnak**. Here, we discover the lesser-visited parts of this vast site, including the **Open Air Museum** and **Temple of Mut**. After lunch, we visit **El Tod**, where we find the remains of the rarely visited **Temple of Montu** – the falcon-headed god of warfare. Tonight, there is an optional stroll to Luxor Temple.

Day Ten | Luxor - Aswan

Today, we take a drive south to **Aswan**, stopping at two sites en route. In the morning, we visit the nobles' tombs at **El Kab**, including that of Ahmose, son of Abana, whose tomb inscription is the key primary source for the Theban expulsion of the Hyksos from Egypt in c1550 BC. We eat our picnic lunch en route to **Gebel el-Silsila**, a site rich in tombs and shrines, and evidence for ancient quarrying. The highlight here is a rock-cut temple known as the '**Speos of Horemheb**'.

Day Eleven | Aswan

We explore the lives of ancient inhabitants of this frontier town, their houses, temples and tombs. In the morning, we visit the richly inscribed rock-cut tombs at **Qubbet el-Hawa**. The important local inhabitants buried here include Harkhuf, who was so proud of a letter sent to him by the boy-king Pepi II that he had it inscribed on the façade of his tomb. After lunch, we visit the settlement and temple site of **Elephantine**. This evening, there is an optional Sound & Light Show at the Temple of Philae.

Day Twelve | Aswan

We bid farewell to Egypt and make our independent journeys home.



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Culinary inclusions

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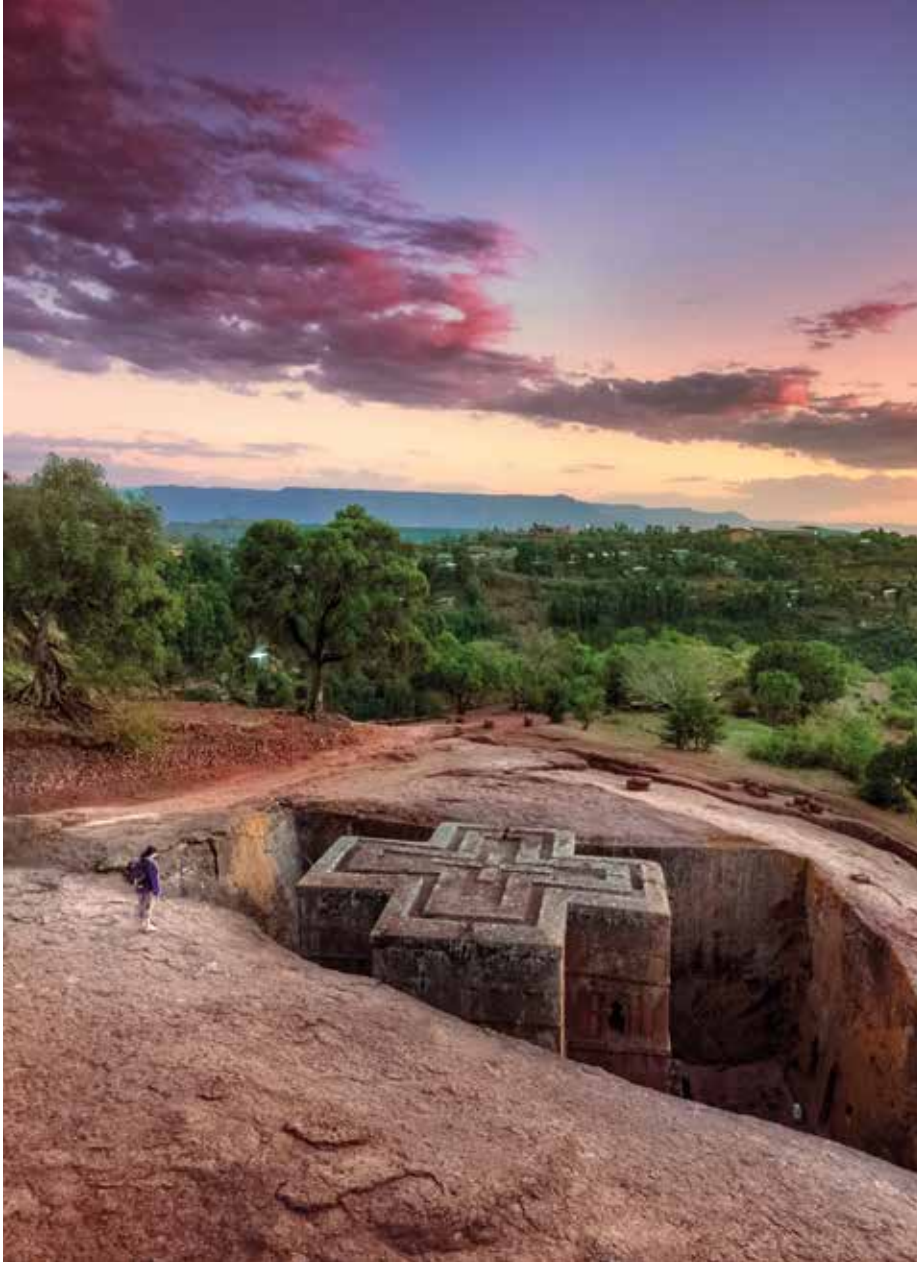
Not included in the price

- Sound and Light Show at the Pyramids of Giza
- Sound and Light Show at the Temple of Philae

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
26th Sep - 7th Oct	\$6,930	\$1,150
9th - 20th Oct	\$6,930	\$1,150

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ETHIOPIA

The African Empire

13 Days From \$7,280pp

Departing October 2021

Activity Level ●●●●●

Ethiopia is a land of striking contrasts, defined by the peaks of the Simien mountain plateau and the depths of the Rift Valley, home to the modern city of Addis Ababa and the granite stelae of Aksum, landlocked and yet refreshed by the waters of the Blue Nile. This ancient land, source of fables and stories since antiquity, is full of rich archaeology to explore.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the labyrinthine churches and palaces of Aksum, Lalibela and Gondar, Ethiopia's great imperial cities
- Visit the site of Yeha and the prehistoric Tiya burial complex with its enigmatic symbols
- Pore over fascinating artefacts at a range of museums, including the National Museum of Ethiopia
- Stand before the majestic Blue Nile Fall waterfall and visit Emperor Fasiladas' atmospheric Eiphany Pool



Day One | Addis Ababa

After checking in to our hotel and having lunch, we can either take time to relax and acclimatize, or visit the National Museum. As the capital of the African Union, Addis Ababa is as you might expect – the country’s commercial and cultural hub – but it is also a sprawling city of extraordinary contrasts.

Day Two | Addis Ababa

This morning, we travel to the Paleolithic site of Melka Kunture, where finds dating back over 1.7 million years have been unearthed. We continue to the 600-year-old rock-hewn church with an extraordinary story, **Adadi Mariam**. Then, it’s on to the prehistoric burial complex at **Tiya**, noted for its remarkable stone stelae, many of which bear mysterious symbols and some of swords and knives.

Day Three | Addis Ababa - Lalibela

An early morning flight takes us to Lalibela, center of the Zagwe dynasty of medieval kings. Here, we visit the **Cultural Center** and its exhibits include ancient manuscripts, cultural artefacts and archaeological finds from local sites. After lunch, we drive to the medieval cave monastery of **Yimrehanne Kristos**, with its preserved church and royal lodge of the 12th century.

Day Four | Lalibela

A day in **Lalibela** to visit the iconic medieval rock-hewn churches and monasteries. The city is a work of art almost completely carved from rock. The Zagwe ruled at a time when the pilgrimage to Jerusalem was impossible, so they built their own. We visit a whole series connected by dark tunnels, wide plazas and steep, worn steps.

Day Five | Lalibela - Bahir Dar

A day-long drive awaits today as we cut through the Ethiopian countryside on dirt roads to **Bahir Dar**, modern capital of the Amhara region of Ethiopia. This area was the focal point of the medieval Christian empire, resulting in a wide variety of archaeological sites from the pivotal period in Ethiopian history. Bahir Dar is a lakeside city known for its wide avenues lined with palm trees, its variety of colorful flowers. It is located on the south shore of Lake Tana.

Day Six | Bahir Dar

This morning, we travel across **Lake Tana** by boat, to explore some of the lake’s islands and churches. There are more than 20 churches scattered across the islands of the lake, the oldest dating to the 14th century, although some may have pre-Christian origins. After lunch, we visit to the spectacular **Blue Nile Falls**.

Day Seven | Bahir Dar - Gondar

We journey north today, passing Guzara Castle, where the emperor Susenyos tried to introduce Catholicism. Our destination is the imperial splendor of **Gondar**, the first capital city of the Ethiopian empire. This afternoon, we visit **Emperor Fasiladas’ Epiphanay Pool**, where the populace were converted to Orthodoxy, still used today for huge ceremonies of baptism and cleansing.

Day Eight | Gondar

Our destination this morning is the **Church of Debre Berhan Selassie**, with its remarkable painted walls and ceiling. After lunch, we visit the **Imperial Palace complex at Gondar**. The palace consists of six castles, built by emperors and empresses in the 17th and 18th centuries, with help from Portuguese engineers.



Image: Castle at Gondar

Day Nine | Gondar - Aksum

Fly to **Aksum**, a city founded as early as the 10th century BC and reputed as the one-time home to the Queen of Sheba. Following the pathways of the Stelae Park, we will visit the **stela of King Ezana** and the **Mai Shum reservoir**. After lunch we will visit the **Archaeological Museum**, which hosts a wide range of artefacts dating to the Aksumite Empire that flourished until the 7th century AD. Later we explore the **tombs of King Kaleb** and **Gebre Meskel**.

Day Ten | Aksum

We begin at the **Lioness of Gobedra**, a fascinating rock sculpture carved into the relief a few miles outside Aksum. We also see the neighboring quarry, from which it is believed that the stone used to fashion the city’s renowned stelae was sourced. We then explore the palace complex at **Dungur**. This excavated site, of 16th century AD date, was undoubtedly the semi-fortified residence of one of the great nobles of Aksum though it is better known as the **Queen of Sheba’s Palace**.

Day Eleven | Aksum - Mek’ele

We drive to the site of **Yeha** to see the Pre-Aksumite **Saba’an Temple of the Moon**. Dating back to the 8th century BC, the Temple is believed to be the oldest standing structure in Ethiopia. Nearby lies a palace complex, and royal tombs. In the afternoon, we visit the **Wukro Archaeological Museum**, which opened in 2015 and is home to hundreds of artefacts.

Day Twelve | Mek’ele - Addis Ababa

On our final full day, we fly back to Addis Ababa, where we explore some more of the city. We visit **Menelik’s Palace**, **Mount Entoto** and the **Ethnological Museum**.

Day Thirteen | Addis Ababa

We take our leave from Ethiopia and catch our individual flights home.



Guided by Dr Jacke Phillips

A Research and Teaching Fellow at the SOAS in London, Jacke is a specialist in the archaeology of Ethiopia.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Golden Tulip Hotel, Mizena Lodge, Avanti Blue Nile Resort, Goha Hotel, Sabeen Hotel & Wukro Lodge, or similar

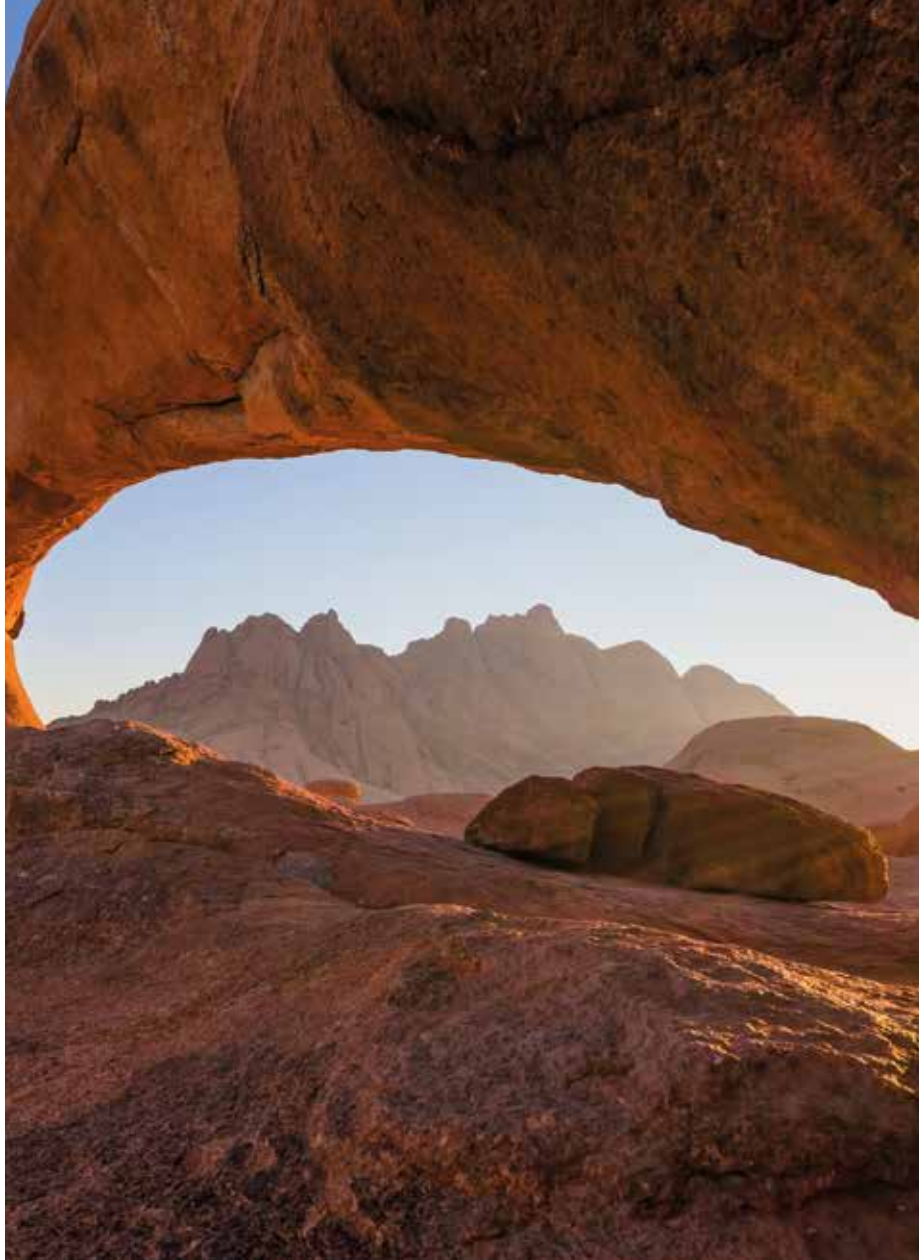
Culinary inclusions

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 12 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
11th - 23rd Oct	\$7,280	\$785

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NAMIBIA - ROCK ART & THE NATURAL WORLD

Follow in the footsteps of our early ancestors

14 Days From \$10,835pp

Departing October 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

The rock art of the Khoisan people is a tradition that has continued over thousands of years. This aspect of an ancient culture is brought to life with exciting immediacy by stunning surroundings. Landscapes almost unchanged by humanity are still populated by the same wild creatures depicted in the earliest art.

Tour Highlights

- View incomparable ancient rock art sites along incredible landscapes
- Enjoy game drives in the amazing Etosha National Park
- Visit and get involved in the AfriCat Foundation in Okonjima
- Treat yourself to a memorable experience on this immersive tour of Namibia



Days One | Swakopmund

Meet the group at the hotel. We'll enjoy dinner together as a group this evening.

Day Two | Swakopmund

Today we explore the area of the **Moonlandscape** and the **Welwitschia Plains**, where we will see some amazingly desolate views as well as examples of the extraordinary millennia-old plants. On the way back, we will visit the area of the Swakop river, which reaches the sea on the southern edge of **Swakopmund**. The area around the river mouth and the surrounding dunes are rich in both bird life and unusual plant species. In the afternoon, choose to book an optional flights over the dramatic landscape of Soussevelei or take some time to explore the charming town of Swakopmund.

Day Three | Swakopmund - Spitzkoppe

This morning we drive to the **Spitzkoppe** range, often called the 'Matterhorn' of Namibia, to explore its impressive granite rock formations. One of the most photographed mountains in Namibia, the Inselberg stands 1728m above sea level and can be spotted from many miles away. All around the Spitzkoppe, hunter-gatherer settlements and subsistence the occurred in the area until the introduction of farming practise.

Day Four | Ai Aiba

This morning we visit the "**Living Museum**" of the **Ju/Hoanssi-San** (also called Bushman) at Omandumba. Here, we gain an insight into the ancient hunter-gatherer culture. After lunch, we continue to the rock shelter of **Ekuta**. Considered to be one of the best rock art sites in the whole region, it contains detailed depictions of animals and people carrying equipment such as bows and arrows.

Day Five | Ai Aiba

The lodge at **Ai Aiba** is dramatically set against imposing granite boulders in the foothills of the mountain range. Steeped in history, these ancient rock formations are the eroded remains of a volcanic complex about 130 million years old. We spend our entire day on guided walks to thoroughly explore the local rock art.

Day Six | Ai Aiba - Brandberg

We spend our morning in **Omandumba West**. The rock art in this area includes rare and valuable paintings, such as the Swarm of the Bees and Torch. After lunch, we travel to our next overnight venue and once we have checked in, we explore areas along the **Ugab River**, which provides water for the rare desert elephants as well as giraffes, mountain zebras and the elusive, desert-adapted black rhinoceros.

Day Seven | Brandberg - Twyfelfontein

We start our morning with a visit to the famous "White Lady" rock painting on the north-eastern side of the Brandberg, where the peak – which is called **Königstein** – is the highest point in Namibia. This area is famous for its numerous rock paintings, although many of those higher up on the mountain can be difficult to access. This afternoon, we drive on up to the **Twyfelfontein** area, one of the largest and most important concentrations of rock art in Africa, which was approved as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2007.

Day Eight | Twyfelfontein

Our day begins with a game drive along the **Aba Huab River Valley** to view the local fauna and the native wildlife. We then go on to visit **Twyfelfontein Country Lodge**, where we view the fascinating late Stone Age petroglyphs that depict native fauna and hunter-gatherer activities. Afterwards, we spend time exploring the large number of prehistoric rock engravings in the Twyfelfontein site, and we can also go on to visit the other local attractions, namely **Burnt Mountain** and the **Organ Pipes**.



Image: Etosha National Park

Day Nine | Twyfelfontein - Etosha National Park

After driving to Kamanjab, we arrive at the rock art site of **Peet Alberts Koppie**. As the second-largest rock art engraving site in Namibia, we see the giraffe – the largest engraving in the country. After lunch, we journey onwards to **Etosha National Park**.

Day Ten | Etosha National Park

Today offers a full day of exciting game drives in Etosha National Park as we make our way across via **Okaukuejo** and **Halali** to the eastern gate of the park beyond Namutoni. The unique feature of Etosha is huge salt pan that can be seen from space and game sightings here are almost guaranteed.

Day Eleven | Etosha National Park

The second day in **Etosha National Park** will be spent exploring the eastern side of the park. Time permitting, we may return to the area around Halali or head north to explore Fischer's Pan.

Day Twelve | Okonjima

Today we drive south to the reserve at **Okonjima**, famous for its **AfriCat charity program**. Founded in the 1990s, the foundation focuses on ensuring a sustainable future for Namibia's large carnivores, such as leopards and cheetahs, through their conservation efforts. This afternoon, we have a chance to track some of these magnificent animals.

Day Thirteen | Okonjima

More time is spent today on activities offered by the AfriCat program, with further opportunities to track these animals in the wild. In addition to the leopards and cheetahs, we may also have the chance to go out and look for hyenas. In the evening, we enjoy our last dinner together and take time to look back, recounting the many highlights of our time here.

Day Fourteen | Windhoek

We leave Okonjima today and drive to Windhoek for our individual flights home.



Guided by John Kinahan

An archaeologist with more than 40 years in the field, John has a broad range of interests.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Swakopmund, Spitzkoppe, Ai Aiba, Etosha & Okonjima

Culinary inclusions

- 13 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 13 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
6th - 19th Oct	\$10,835	\$1,025

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/anam



MEXICO

The Maya

15 Days From \$6,340pp **SAVE UP TO \$675**

Departing November 2021

Activity Level ●●●●●

Of all the Mesoamerican civilizations, the Maya have enjoyed the most enduring hold on the imagination. For years, their jungle-clad ruins remained intriguing, yet shrouded in mystery. An adventurous trip, this tour starts with museums in Mexico City, travels via the uplands of Chiapas, along the river of Usumacinta, and on to the Yucatán peninsula.

Tour Highlights

- View the Aztec Templo Mayor
- Encounter enduring Maya traditions among the Chiapas communities
- Discover Palenque, considered as the most beautiful of all the Maya cities
- Travel in 4x4s and then by motor launch boat to the remote site of Yaxchilán, famous for its remarkable architecture
- Explore the ball court, observatory, sacred well, and the great pyramid of Kukulcan at the awe-inspiring city of Chichén Itzá



Day One | Mexico City

Arrive in Mexico City and meet the group at our hotel, where dinner awaits us later.

Day Two | Mexico City

Our day begins with an exploration of the remains of the **Templo Mayor**, once the sacred heart of Tenochtitlan – the Aztec capital. We also combine this with a visit to the **excellent museum**. In the afternoon, we walk to the **National Palace**, where we can stand before Diego Rivera's magnificent murals.

Day Three | Mexico City

The majority of our day will be spent at the **National Museum of Anthropology**, with collections spanning every era of Mexico's richly-textured past. Lunch will be at the museum, which allows us to get the most out of our visit here. Later in the afternoon, we return to the hotel with free time to relax ahead of our group dinner.

Day Four | Mexico City - San Cristóbal de Las Casas

Today we fly south to **Tuxtla Gutiérrez**, on the edge of the Chiapas Highlands. Stopping for lunch in Chiapa de Corzo, we drive on to the Colonial town of **San Cristóbal de Las Casas** – the great center of traditional Maya culture. In the afternoon, we take a look at products made by local weavers from nearby villages.

Day Five | San Cristóbal de Las Casas

A full day of visits await and we begin in **Chamula**, one of the most fiercely independent of all Maya towns. Here, the local community have famously been left to largely run their own affairs. The use of the Church of San Juan is a symbol of this – the Catholic clergy are absent most of the year and, instead, traditional Maya priests or shamans minister to the local population. On most days, the church's interior is filled with chanting priests and their clients. Candles flicker, pine needles coat the floor and, on occasion, a chicken is sacrificed. We return to San Cristóbal for lunch with free time to enter **Santo Domingo Church**, stroll along the cobbled streets of the local market or visit the new museum devoted to Maya textiles. In the evening, we visit the museum at **Casa Na Bolom** and have dinner.

Day Six | Toniná - Palenque

We drive east to **Toniná**, in the hills above the fertile Ocosingo Valley. On the periphery of the Maya area, it seems to have been one of the longest lasting Maya cities, possessing the very latest Maya 'Long Count' date known, from 15th January 909 AD. Other hieroglyphic evidence points to Toniná having engaged in sporadic warfare with Palenque, some 100 kilometers to the north.

Day Seven | Palenque

A full day among the ruins of **Palenque** awaits, positioned on the lower slopes of a range of jungle-clad hills and with broad views across the floodplain of the Usumacinta River. The city possesses art and architecture of remarkable quality, most famously in the well-preserved 'Palace' complex and the 'Temple of the Inscriptions', where Palenque's greatest king – Pacal – lies buried in a huge sarcophagus. Hieroglyphic texts here have been crucial in piecing together the story of Palenque's rulers – a dynasty that lasted from c. 430 to 800 AD.

Day Eight | Bonampak - Yaxchilán

This morning, we travel in 4x4s first to the famous Maya site of **Bonampak**, known for the remarkable preservation of its vividly painted murals. From Bonampak, we continue to the **Usumacinta River** and journey by motor launch downriver to the jungle site of **Yaxchilán**, constructed within a horseshoe bend in the river. It is a remote, atmospheric place, with many of the buildings being well-preserved though devoid of some of the famous carved lintels. A number of these were removed by the British explorer Alfred Maudslay in the 1880s and can now be seen on display in the 'Mexican Gallery' of the British Museum in London.



Image: The Pyramid of the Magician at Uxmal

Day Nine | Palenque - Campeche

A drive north brings us to the coastal city of **Campeche**, founded by Spanish settlers in 1540 and with a fine Colonial center that we explore later.

Day Ten | Campeche - Uxmal

Our day begins at the remote site of **Edzná**, which has a grand plaza, a five-storey main temple complex or acropolis, and it also originally possessed a system of dams and canals that were constructed as early as 150 BC. The next stop is **Sayil**, a ruined Late Classic city, whose population peaked at around 12,000 during the city's height around 850 AD. Before traveling on to Uxmal, we end the day at **Kabah** – a small site known for its 'House of the Masks'.

Day Eleven | Uxmal - Mérida

We devote our morning to **Uxmal**, renowned for the elegance of its architecture and the exceptional state of preservation its buildings show. The tallest structure is the **Pyramid of the Magician**, built in five separate stages. Later, we continue to **Mérida**, Yucatán's cultural capital, where free time awaits.

Day Twelve | Mérida - Chichén Itzá

Remaining in **Mérida**, we visit the new **Mundo Maya Museum**, which covers the history of the Yucatán, from the earliest times to the Colonial period. Later, we head to **Izamal** and visit the **Franciscan Monastery**, which is built on top of a Maya pyramid.

Day Thirteen | Chichén Itzá

Today we encounter one of the most visited and impressive of all Maya cities – **Chichén Itzá**. Entering early in the day, we tour the immense Ball Court and Temple Pyramid. After lunch, we visit the lesser-known walled city of **Ek Balam** and can climb the steps of its largest pyramid for views of the jungle.

Day Fourteen | Chichén Itzá - Tulum

Our morning is spent at the ruins of **Cobá**, where over 30 carved stelae have been found. Next, we make our way to the small coastal site of **Tulum**.

Day Fifteen | Tulum - Cancún

Our tour comes to an end in Cancún.



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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at Hampton Inn & Suites Mexico City, Hotel Casa Mexicana, Hotel Villa Mercedes, Hotel Plaza Campeche, Hotel Hacienda Uxmal, Gamma Mérida El Castellano, Hotel Villas Arqueológicas Chichén Itzá & Hotel Dreams Tulum

Culinary inclusions

- 14 breakfasts, 14 lunches & 14 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
1st - 15th Nov	£7,015 \$6,340	\$1,095

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NEW FOR 2021



CONQUERING THE AZTECS

Quincentenary of the Spanish Conquest & Bicentenary of Mexican Independence

13 Days From \$6,725pp

Departing September 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

2021 is the 500th anniversary of the Spanish Conquest of the Aztecs. Although Mexico became a cornerstone of the Spanish Empire, its peoples and their ways of life, both colonial and indigenous, took on characters of their own and, in 1821, Mexico seized its independence. Explore both the Aztecs' antecedents and the rise of their own empire.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the Aztecs' Great Temple set among the Colonial towers and surging crowds of today's metropolis
- Boating amongst the Aztecs' 'floating gardens' at Xochimilco
- Visit the rock-cut Aztec shrine at Malinalco and the 'paradise' murals in the monastery below
- Admire lovely Guanajuato, gem of a Colonial city surrounded by the mines and farms that made it so affluent



Day One | Mexico City

Arrive in Mexico City and meet the group at our hotel, our base for the first five nights of our tour.

Day Two | Mexico City

After a restful morning we enjoy lunch together and then afterwards stroll around the **Zocalo**, the Americas' biggest square, presided over by the vast Colonial cathedral. We shall have a first glimpse of the Aztecs' ruined **Great Temple** before visiting the **National Palace** to admire Diego Rivera's vivid murals about the Aztecs, the Spanish Conquest and its consequences.

Day Three | Mexico City

Our exploration continues as we explore the sprawling **Great Temple**, the very heart of the Aztec empire and scene of mass human sacrifice. We then drive to the **National Museum of Anthropology**, one of the world's great collections of archaeology and traditional crafts, and the first museum to express Mexico's thrilling Modernist tradition of design. After lunch here, we shall explore the galleries for a general introduction to the history of the indigenous peoples from Ice Age to today.

Day Four | Teotihuacan & Acolman

Today, we travel to **Teotihuacan**, known as the Place of the Gods by the Aztecs, awestruck as they were by the ruins. In the afternoon, we shall visit **Acolman** for its monastery of St. Augustine, where layout and decoration express clearly the challenge that faced the early missionaries.

Day Five | Zultepec & Texcotzingo

This morning, we cross the mountains to **Zultepec**, an Aztec site where archaeologists have unearthed the gory remains of probably the very first column of Spanish colonists, captured and then gradually treated to the traditional fate of enemies. We proceed to **Texcotzingo**, a water garden attributed to the 15th century wise warrior-ruler and poet, Nezahualcoyotl.

Day Six | Tula - Guanajuato

Our day starts with a tour of the extensive ruins of **Tula**, long held to be the capital of the Toltecs, whom the Aztecs saw as lords of a Golden Age. The afternoon takes us across the great plain to **Guanajuato**, a colonial city established in the 1540s in order to exploit the gold and silver found here.

Day Seven | Guanajuato

Today we explore colonial **Guanajuato** and its surroundings which were central to the world's production of silver and gold. We shall explore both the bitter industry and the art. La Valenciana boasts one of Mexico's finest Baroque churches and nearby, we shall find the surface remains of one of the mines.

Day Eight | Morelia & Pátzcuaro

Traveling further west than the Aztecs ever dared, we head into the land of the **Tarascans or Purépecha**, their deadliest foes. We shall pause, on the way, in Mexico's elegant pink city, **Morelia**, before we end the day in **Pátzcuaro**, which was founded in the 14th century as the capital of the Tarascans after their leader Tariácuri, subdued the indigenous peoples living in the area.



Image: Teotihuacan

Day Nine | Ihuatzio & Tzintzuntzan

Today we explore two later capitals of the ancient Tarascans. We start the day with a visit to **Tzintzuntzan** whose distinctive ruins are sited with a view that would have looked auspicious to any ancient Mexican. We proceed to **Ihuatzio**, first inhabited by people apparently related to the Aztecs before it became a capital of the Tarascans in the 13th century.

Day Ten | Cuernavaca

Our journey today is a grand transect of country back to the Aztec world. It brings us to **Cuernavaca**, whose climate beckoned centuries of elites to make their homes here, from Mexico City's wealthy today to the Spanish Conqueror himself and the Aztecs before him. We shall visit **Cortés's Palace**, with its murals by Diego Rivera, and admire the cathedral too, where one wall painting mourns the martyrdom of Mexico's pioneering mission to Japan.

Day Eleven | Malinalco & Cuernavaca

We start with a visit to **Malinalco**, said by the Aztecs to be founded by Malinalxóchitl, goddess of witchcraft. We continue to the 16th century **Temple and Monastery of the Divine Savior**, celebrated for its Plateresque façade and, above all, for its murals.

Day Twelve | Xochicalco - Taxco

Today encapsulates the whole tour. We start with the ancient ruins at **Xochicalco**, where we see pyramids and ball courts dating from between the era of Teotihuacan and the Aztecs and then end the day at **Taxco**, where we find a small but important colonial mining town very carefully restored and with one of Mexico's most striking church façades.

Days Thirteen | Xochimilco

This morning we return to the Valley of Mexico and visit the UNESCO-listed site of **Xochimilco**, which preserves some of the canals and prolific wetland farms of the Aztec capital. We explore the shady waterways as the Aztecs would have, by boat. Afterwards, we proceed to the airport for our individual flights home.



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Accommodation

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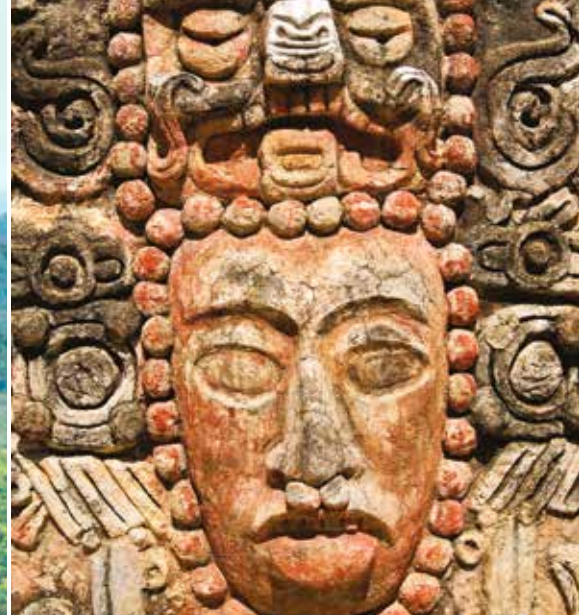
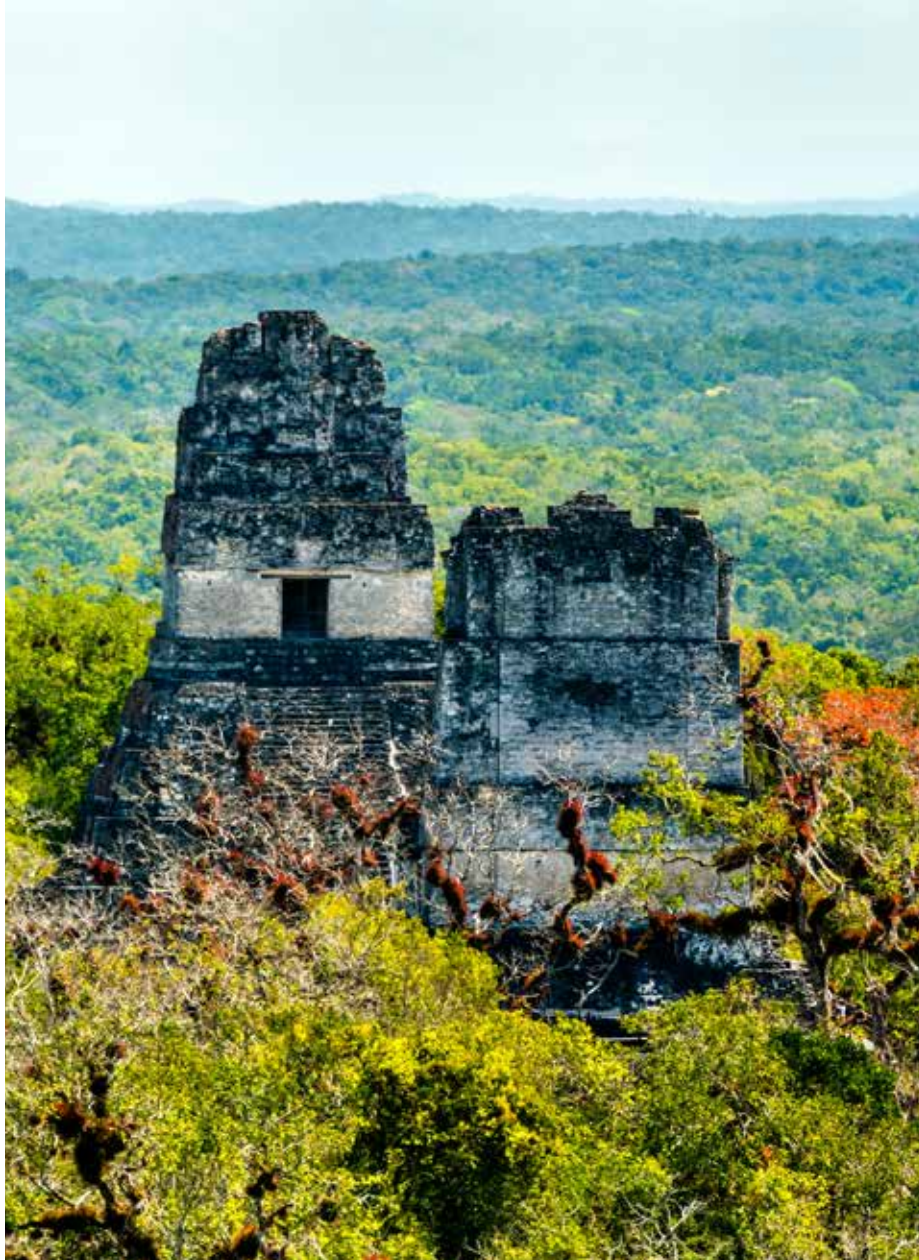
Culinary inclusions

- 12 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 12 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
6th - 18th Sep	\$6,725	\$1,230

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GUATEMALA, HONDURAS & BELIZE

Discover archaeological treasures and a dramatic history

13 Days From \$8,670pp

Departing November 2021

Activity Level ●●●●○

Explore the enduring mysteries of a magnificent civilization, which arose from the impenetrable jungles of Central America. A diverse range of landscapes await us in this mysterious part of the world. From lush jungles to the prolific soils of soaring volcanoes – discover the stories found among the ancient remains along with archaeological treasures.

Tour Highlights

- At daybreak, walk among Tikal's magnificent ancient temples and climb their steps as the sun rises over the horizon
- Observe endemic wildlife, from howler monkeys and macaws to eagles
- Tour the well-preserved buildings of Antigua, a UNESCO-listed city that was largely destroyed by an earthquake in 1773
- Examine an array of ancient artefacts at fascinating regional museums throughout the trip



Day One | Guatemala City

We meet at our hotel in Antigua and enjoy dinner together as a group.

Day Two | Antigua

Today is ours to explore the city of **Antigua**, Guatemala's vibrant capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, we receive an introduction to the region – in a city both renowned for its Spanish colonial buildings and encircled by volcanoes. Today's Antigua is the third incarnation of the city, established on this land in the 16th century after the first incarnation was uprooted by native uprisings, and the second devastated by volcanic mudflow. From markets to churches, with tales of ground-breaking earthquakes in between, learn about Antigua's colorful past.

Day Three | Antigua - Copán

We leave Antigua this morning for a short and scenic drive east to the **National Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology** in Guatemala City. This museum was first founded in the late 19th century, and houses one of the most important collections of pre-Hispanic Mesoamerican artefacts in the world – over 20,000 pieces in total, which offer an unparalleled glimpse into Guatemalan history. Next, we drive to **Rio Hondo** for lunch and then cross the border into Honduras to arrive in Copán.

Day Four | Copán

Today we explore the extensive ruined city of **Copán**. Though initially discovered in 1570, the ruins of Copán were not excavated until the 19th century. They are now a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site and are much admired for their Hieroglyphic Stairway, upon which the longest inscribed Maya text can still be viewed. We wander the stone ruins, viewing ancient tombs, the grand Monument Plaza, and the magnificent ball court, where an early precursor to the modern game of basketball was played – a site of great cultural and spiritual significance.

Day Five | Copán - Petén

Today we head back across the border for a tour of the city of **Quirigua**, a Maya archaeological site in southwestern Guatemala, best-known for its gigantic carved stelae. The Great Plaza here is the largest known public space in the entire Maya region. The reason behind the city's decline remains a subject of much speculation. Later, we drive to Flores and then continue on to Petén.

Day Six | Petén - Tikal

Our focus for today is nothing less than the mighty **Tikal**, an incomparable Maya metropolis that was occupied continuously from 800 BC to AD 900. The Tikal National Park is an enormous site – its central section alone contains over 3,000 buildings – and we cover many of the park's prized features and also pay a visit to the museum, which offers plenty of extra historical and archaeological insight that will bring this ancient civilization vividly to life.

Day Seven | Tikal

Today, we continue our discovery of **Tikal**. Toucans and parrots caw from hanging vines, wild turkeys scrub around the bush, monkeys howl from the tropical canopy, and crickets vibrate in unison. We take ourselves to the heart of this enchanting spectacle, climbing the highest jungle temple. We have the afternoon at our hotel.

Day Eight | Yaxhá - Belize

This morning we drive to the once thriving city of **Yaxhá**, a former ceremonial center of the pre-Columbian Maya. After a picnic lunch, we enjoy a boat trip to the important Maya site of **Topoxte**, first discovered in 1904. We visit the archaeological ruins here, for a Middle Preclassic encounter. After our full day of exploration, we travel across the border into Belize.



Image: Copán Ruins

Day Nine | Caracol

Today we venture deep into the forests to the **Vacau Plateau**, where the impressive Maya city of **Caracol** invites more ancient exploration. Caracol is home to some truly awe-inspiring temples, including the 'Canaa' or 'Sky Palace', the tallest man-made structure in Belize. We get up close to a number of palaces and tombs, and learn about the city's turbulent history as a rival to Tikal. After a light lunch, we take the scenic route back to our hotel.

Day Ten | Xunantunich - Belize City

Following breakfast, we travel to **Xunantunich** – a destination where well-known Maya stucco friezes depict dancing figures and ropes thought to signify those held by women in labor. Our next visit of the day is to the Classic period site of **Cahal Pech**, by the banks of the Macal River. We continue on to **Belize City** and visit the **National Museum of Belize**.

Day Eleven | Belize City - Lamanai

Our action-packed day begins at **Altun Ha**, just a few miles from the Caribbean Sea, for a tour of the temples where sacrifices and blood-letting rituals were performed long ago. Next, we board a motor-launch to **Lamanai** (also known as the 'Place of the Submerged Crocodile'), and cruise through acres of luxurious vegetation, teeming with birds and jungle creatures. Tonight we stay in eco jungle lodges.

Day Twelve | Lamanai

We're in for a treat today as we wander the remote jungle remains of **Lamanai**, which spread along the shores of the New River lagoon. Highlights here include the extraordinary Mask Temple, decorated by a 13-foot high stone mask of a Maya king, and the High Temple. Later, we enjoy free time in our lodge.

Days Thirteen | Belize

We start our day with a last boat ride from Lamanai to **Belize City** and then we return to the airport for our individual flights home.



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Accommodation

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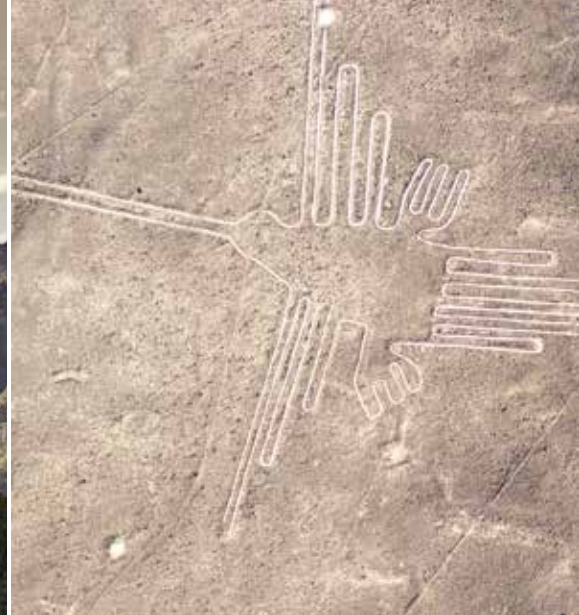
Culinary inclusions

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Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
17th - 29th Nov	\$8,670	\$1,285

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PERU

The Incas & their Ancestors

17 Days From \$10,000pp

Departing April 2021

Activity Level ●●●●●

Machu Picchu, Cuzco, the Colonial jewel of Arequipa, and the enigmatic Nazca Lines – this is a tour of Peru’s major archaeological and cultural attractions. Explore world-famous Inca sites and the intriguing remains of both their lesser-known predecessors and immediate descendants as we move from the Pacific to the ancient heartland of the Inca Empire.

Tour Highlights

- Experience the world-renowned Machu Picchu after the crowds start to disperse and again at daybreak, before it gets busy
- Discover the Inca heartland around their capital of Cuzco, a location that is also home to the Incas’ most sacred shrine – the Temple of the Sun
- Grasp the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take a thrilling flight over the mysterious Nazca Lines



Day One | Lima

Arrive in Lima and – subject to flight arrival times – we will meet this evening for our first meal together as a group.

Day Two | Lima

Our day is spent in **Lima**, with the morning starting off at the **National Museum of Anthropology and Archaeology**. After lunch by the sea, we have a walking tour of some of the highlights of the Spanish Colonial capital.

Day Three | Lima - Nazca

Departing from Lima, we drive south along the desert coast to the city of **Ica**. Here, we tour the **Regional Museum**, which is home to a wealth of ancient coastal artefacts – notably some fine pots from both the Paracas and Nazca cultures. Ica is a fertile agricultural area and it produces some of Peru's best wine. Later in the afternoon, we continue south to the modern town of **Nazca**.

Day Four | Nazca

A drive across the desert to the extensive Nazca ceremonial center of **Cahuachi** is how our day begins. Featuring some 40 mounds that originally formed the bases to mud brick structures, Cahuachi is thought to have been a pilgrimage site, maintained by a small, permanent population, but visited at ritually important times of the year by people from throughout the Nazca area. After lunch in town, we visit the **Antonini Archaeological Museum**, home to an extensive collection of Nazca material that includes pots, intriguing architectural models and mummies.

Day Five | Nazca - Puerto Inka

First thing this morning, we have a chance to fly over the **Nazca Lines** in a small plane. This optional activity is pre-bookable with the price available on request. It is a truly remarkable experience and the best way to gain an appreciation of the scale and extent of these pre-Columbian geoglyphs. Breakfast follows at the hotel and then we head to the coastal site of **Puerto Inka**, a little-visited yet extensive ancient port, from where products in the Inca times were shipped to Cuzco along a road that is still visible heading off into the interior.

Day Six | Puerto Inka - Arequipa

With scenic stops along the way, we drive on further south and then inland to the city of **Arequipa**, at a height of 2,300m and dramatically surrounded by volcanoes. Arequipa's Spanish Colonial center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and not only is there much to see here, it also possesses a famous regional cuisine.

Day Seven | Arequipa

Our day in Arequipa begins with viewing the well-preserved **Santa Catalina Monastery**, which has long been Arequipa's most famous attraction. Founded in 1575, the convent is a small town within a city, enclosed by lofty protective walls. It has its own streets, tiny individual houses, kitchens, storerooms, a refectory, cloisters, and a number of chapels – most of the fabrics of all these structures are vividly painted. We continue to the **'Museo Santuarios Andinos'**. The museum houses archaeological material from the region, but it is most famously home to some well-preserved mummies of the Inca period, found among the glaciers of nearby mountains. After, there is time to explore other parts of Colonial Arequipa, to visit the Jesuit and other churches, and some of the impressive Colonial houses.

Day Eight | Arequipa - Cuzco

In the morning, we fly to **Cuzco**. Upon arrival, there is time to relax and acclimatize to the altitude before taking an optional walk through the Inca capital.

Day Nine | Cuzco

We start out with a walking tour of **Cuzco**, during which we see the **Coricancha** – or Temple of the Sun – the Incas' most sacred shrine. After this, we make our way to the extensive **Inca Museum**, very close to Cuzco's main plaza. This afternoon, we explore the great fortress of **Sacsayhuaman**, its massive walls constructed from huge blocks of limestone that were dragged from nearby quarries by thousands of workers, paying their labor tax to the Inca state. From Sacsayhuaman, we travel a short distance to the site of **Q'enqo**, built of comparably worked stone, but a smaller, sacred site from where observations of planets and stars were made.

Day Ten | Cuzco

We make our way to **Tipon** to see this beautifully positioned archaeological site, which has Inca terrace systems. After lunch, we see the **Temple of Viracocha** at Raqchi, built largely from mud brick on stone foundations. This is Inca in date, but is surrounded by other structures, notably a large series of storehouses that have recently been discovered to be much earlier.

Day Eleven | Cuzco

In the morning, we travel to **Chinchoero**. Originally the private estate of the ruler Topa Inca, it possesses carved rock outcrops, sweeping Inca terraces and a painted early Colonial church that incorporates a large Inca hall. We also make a specially arranged visit to a local family to witness a **demonstration of traditional weaving**. We continue to **Moray** with its extraordinary circular terrace systems. Here, we have a boxed lunch before visiting the **Urubamba Valley** and **Ollantaytambo**, where we walk through more finely constructed Inca terracing.

Day Twelve | Cuzco

Today we explore the **Ollantaytambo ruins**, which enjoy views across the Urubamba Valley to the ancient quarry site. From here, we drive up through the Patacancha Valley past a number of settlements to the Inca site and Colonial church located at **Marcacocha**. Here, we have a picnic lunch before returning to **Ollantaytambo**, where we visit other parts of this uniquely well-preserved Inca town.

Day Thirteen | Cuzco - Machu Picchu

We board the train in Ollantaytambo for **Machu Picchu** and travel along the Urubamba River to Aguas Calientes. In the afternoon, we catch a bus up to the legendary site to spend the rest of our day here.

Day Fourteen | Machu Picchu - Cuzco

We set off early this morning to finish touring **Machu Picchu** before returning to **Aguas Calientes**. Later, we return by train to Ollantaytambo and on to Cuzco.

Day Fifteen | Cuzco

A further day to explore **Cuzco**. We take a walking tour that visits the cathedral, the church of San Blas, the Casa Cabrera and the Plaza Nazarenas. After lunch, we visit the **Casa Concha Machu Picchu Museum**. The rest of the day is left for us to spend as we wish.

Day Sixteen | Cuzco

This morning, we drive to the small Colonial village of **Pisac**, where we experience its lively market. We also view part of the extensive **Pisac ruins** after lunch.

Days Seventeen | Cuzco - Lima

This morning we take a flight to Lima, where we visit the **Larco Herrera Museum**. Collections here include objects from all the ancient cultures we have encountered on this tour. After lunch, we return to Lima's airport for our individual flights home.



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Accommodation

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Culinary inclusions

- 16 breakfasts, 16 lunches & 16 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
28th Apr - 14th May	\$10,000	\$1,345

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CHILE & EASTER ISLAND

Discover some of the world's most enigmatic rock art

15 Days From \$12,415pp

Departing November 2021

Activity Level ●●●○○

An adventure awaits, traveling across the globe with an international expert to see some of the most enigmatic rock art in the world – situated in vast and often remote landscapes. Venture down the coast of northern Chile into the Atacama desert before flying back over the Pacific to the iconic site of Easter Island to discover places seldom visited.

Tour Highlights

- Discover extraordinary geoglyphs and petroglyphs amid unforgettable lunar-like landscapes
- Explore Easter Island, the most remote piece of land inhabited on the planet, and visit an array of sites where the curious moai can be seen in situ
- Visit a selection of fascinating regional museums, which house exhibitions that showcase the likes of wooden carvings and the Chichorro Mummies
- Journey through the striking Atacama Desert, declared the world's driest by NASA after a series of in-depth studies



Days One | Santiago

Upon independent arrival in Santiago, we meet as a group for the first time. After lunch, the remainder of the afternoon is free to relax and recover from our flight, or we can join a **guided walk around Santiago**, Chile's capital city since the Colonial era. During the orientation tour, we will visit the **Museo de Arte Precolombino**, which houses a world-class collection of Latin American antiquities.

Day Two | Santiago - Arica

We catch an early flight to **Arica**, a seaside port and town in northern Chile, a few miles south of the Peruvian border. Here, we visit the **San Miguel Archaeological Museum**, home to the famous **Chinchorro Mummies**, preserved for several millennia by the dry heat of the desert. Astonishingly, the oldest body pre-dates the Egyptian mummies by some 3,000 years. Later, we cross the **Azapa Valley** to see rock art visible on the hillsides — an assortment of human figures and animals.

Day Three | Arica - Iquique

This morning, our journey takes us through the **Atacama Desert**, the driest desert in the world according to NASA. We stop at **Chiza** and **Tiliviche** to see the sprawling human and llama geoglyphs, thought to have been created as a guide to caravans descending from the mountains to the coast. We also visit the **Cerro Rosita and Ex Aura geoglyphs**. Finally, we travel to our hotel in Iquique, stopping to see **El Gigante del Atacama**, the world's largest prehistoric depiction of a human.

Day Four | Iquique

Our day begins with a **boat trip into the Pacific** from Iquique harbor, with the opportunity to spot pelicans, sea-lions and endangered Humboldt penguins. After lunch, there is an atmospheric tour of the 'ghost town' of **Humberstone**, a former saltpetre mining town that was abandoned in 1960 and has since been declared a UNESCO site. This is a unique opportunity to peer back through the sands of time.

Day Five | Iquique - San Pedro de Atacama

After breakfast, we drive to **Cerros Pintados** to view geoglyphs scattered for miles on the hillsides. Over 450 figures have been discovered here, the largest collection of its kind in South America. We continue to **San Pedro de Atacama**, an oasis village surrounded by volcanic scenery — one of Chile's most beloved destinations.

Day Six | San Pedro de Atacama

Today we drive to the petroglyphs at **Yerbas Buenas**. More than 1,000 images are visible here, all left by the Atacameno people. Free time follows, but we can join an optional excursion, such as the Atacama Salt Flat tour. Taking us through natural landscapes, including part of the largest salt flat in Chile, we will see native fauna and flora, visit the Flamencos National Reserve, Lake Chaxa and Toconao village.

Day Seven | San Pedro de Atacama

Our morning is spent among the lunar landscapes of the **Valle de la Luna**, which is a colorful and textured valley that contains unusual wind-carved formations and dry lakes that gleam with salt. This afternoon, we catch a flight back to Santiago.

Day Eight | Santiago

We make our way over to **Viña del Mar** to visit the **Museo de Arqueología e Historia Francisco Fonck**. The museum boasts a collection of wooden carvings and striking displays of archaeological material from other parts of Chile. After lunch, we embark on an informative walking tour of **Valparaíso**, a quirky city famed for its maze-like streets, vibrant Colonial architecture and richly artistic heritage. This lively place has earned itself the nickname of the 'Jewel of the Pacific'.

Day Nine | Santiago - Easter Island

The next part of our adventure begins today as we fly over the ocean to enigmatic **Easter Island**, one of the most isolated locations on the planet. Our explorations start with a walk around **Hanga Roa**, the island's capital and harbour. This calm and compact settlement is home to most of the island's 5,000 inhabitants.

Day Ten | Easter Island

Our first full day on **Easter Island** begins with a trip to see our first moai at **Ahu Tahai**, where these monolithic human figures stand — one with its giant coral eyes replaced. Three ceremonial platforms remain on this site, which were restored by the late American archaeologist, Dr. William Mulloy. We continue on to the nearby **Museo Antropologico Sebastian Englert** to learn the story behind the moai and their discoverers. Here, we see the only female moai to have been discovered, as well as an original moai eye. This afternoon is spent at leisure.

Day Eleven | Easter Island

After breakfast, we visit the quarry at **Rano Raraku**, where many unfinished moai stand in situ. The site was in use until the 18th century, supplying stone for around 97% of the island's moai over a time frame of approximately 500 years. The biggest moai in existence lies here incomplete and measures a staggering 21.6 meters from end to end. Following this, we visit the longest line of standing statues at **Tongariki**, where we find the world's heaviest re-erected moai, weighing in at 86 tons. After lunch, our day ends with a viewing of the rock carvings at **Papa Vaka**. Here, we see marine petroglyphs carved into the basalt, including a remarkable depiction of a squid.

Day Twelve | Easter Island

We continue to explore further moai sites today. There is **Ahu Vaihu**, where the moai lie face down with broken necks; **Akahanga**, an unrestored platform near which the island's first king is said to be buried; **Hanga Tetenga**, where tumbled statues rest among scattered rocks; **Te Pito te Kura**, the site of a bizarre magnetic stone as well as the largest moai to be transported from Rano Raraku; and, finally, the carved figures of the royal platform of **Ahu Nau Nau**. After a barbecue lunch, we make our way to **Anakena Beach** with its white coral sands, with time to relax.

Day Thirteen | Easter Island

Discover restored moai in the harbour of **Hanga Piko** and then move on to **Ana Kai Tangata** ('cannibal cave') on the seafront. We continue to **Rano Kau**, a wide volcano within which lies a crater lake. Here, we visit the **Orongo ceremonial village**, perched on the crater's edge, beside a sheer 300-meter cliff. We then head out to the ruined platforms of **Vinapu**, which feature the finest stonework on the island. After lunch, we visit the lava cave at **Te Pahu** and move on to **Ahu Akivi**, whose seven identical statues seem to have been placed to mark spring and autumn equinoxes. Next, we visit **Ahu Huri a Urenga**, an inland platform with an astronomical orientation and a single moai with four hands. We visit the quarry at **Puna Pau**, an extinct volcano and source of the huge red cylindrical stone top-knots seen on the heads of many moai.

Day Fourteen | Easter Island - Santiago

After free time in the morning, we transfer to the airport and catch our return flight to Santiago.

Days Fifteen | Santiago

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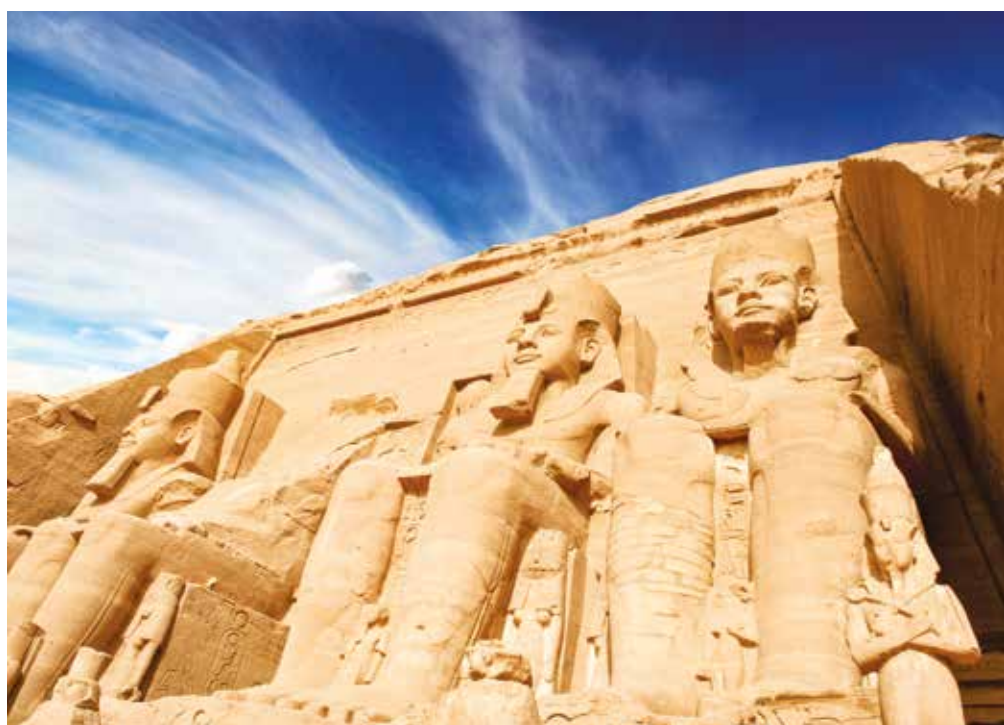
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In these booking conditions, "you" and "your" includes all persons named on the booking (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date). "We", "us" and "our" means Andante Travels. Andante Travels is a subsidiary of Specialist Tours Limited (company number 08395250). Except where otherwise stated, these booking conditions only apply to vacation arrangements which you book with us and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. All references in these booking conditions to "vacation", "booking", "contract" or "arrangements" mean such vacation arrangements unless otherwise stated.

KEY POINTS

You enter into a booking with us when we issue our booking confirmation/invoice. If you then cancel, there will be cancellation charges. Initially as a minimum this may only be a deposit, but can go up to 100%. In certain circumstances you may be able to make changes to your booking however charges will apply. We can change and cancel your booking. We'll pay you compensation in certain circumstances. It is a condition of booking that all travelers are covered by comprehensive travel insurance. We are responsible to you for providing your vacation but there are legal limits.

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1. BOOKING

All information provided in the brochure/website is, to the best of our knowledge or belief, correct at the time of publication. We will advise you of any changes that are fundamental to the contract, or which we believe will affect your enjoyment of the vacation. Please advise us if there is any requirement, which you believe is fundamental to your vacation so that we can give you the latest information at time of booking.

When you ask us to proceed with a booking you will be required to make a (minimum) deposit payment which will vary dependent on the specific vacation you are booking. This will be advised at the time of booking and confirmed in your booking confirmation. It may also be necessary to collect payment at the time of booking for other (non-refundable) costs e.g. flight tickets, transfers etc. In the case of bookings made after the balance due date, we will require full payment for the vacation.

You must be at least 18 years old to make a booking and you guarantee that you have the authority to accept, and do accept, these terms and conditions for all members of the party (including anyone who is added or substituted at a later date), and in particular payment for all the persons on the booking. We reserve the right in our absolute discretion to refuse to accept any booking without necessarily specifying a reason.

A contract is made when we accept your booking and issue our written booking confirmation/invoice. If we cannot accept or confirm the booking, any money paid will be promptly refunded. On receipt of the booking confirmation/invoice it is important to check the details and if there is any inaccuracy this must be notified to us immediately. It may not be possible to make changes or corrections later, or additional costs may be incurred which we will have to pass on to you.

Many of our vacations are based on specially negotiated airfares booked in a specific airline booking class. At the time of booking if these fares are not available, we will endeavor to secure an alternative air fare and advise you of any additional cost. Please note that most special air fares are non-refundable and non-changeable.

2. PAYMENT

We hold your deposit (and any additional payment required at the time of booking) towards the full cost of the vacation. The balance must be received by us no later than the final payment due date shown on your booking confirmation/invoice, as appropriate to your vacation. If you do not pay the full cost within the time specified we may treat your vacation as cancelled by you in which case the cancellation charges shown in point 4 - Cancellation by You, will apply.

Deposit Payments:

UK Guests: £250 for tours up to £1,000; £500 for tours over £1,000

£99 deposit terms: £99 per person payable on booking, with the balance of the deposit (ie £151 for tours up to £1,000 & £401 for tours over £1,000) payable 24 weeks prior to tour departure date

Final Balance payment: 10 weeks prior to tour departure date

US Guests: \$250 for tours up to \$1,500; \$750 for tours costing \$1501-\$4,500; \$1,250 for tours costing over \$4,500

\$149 deposit terms: \$149 per person payable on booking, with the balance of the deposit (ie \$101 for tours up to \$1,500, \$601 for tours \$1,501-\$4,500 & \$1,101 for tours over \$4,500) payable 24 weeks prior to tour departure date

Final Balance payment: 10 weeks prior to tour departure date

Flexible balance payment dates: As part of our Covid-19 policy, we will never take a balance payment from you if we know that a tour is unlikely to go ahead as a result of Covid-19 presence or restrictions. In those circumstances, we will flex the balance payment date later until we are confident that the tour can be safely operated.

Ways to Pay - we accept payment by Visa, MasterCard, (American Express in the US only), cheque or bank transfer for which no levy is charged by us. Your bank or credit card provider may charge an additional financial processing charge and we cannot be responsible for any such charges.

Please Note: if you are paying from an overseas bank account we will charge an additional £10 for overseas bank charges incurred by us. A surcharge of 2.5% will be applied for card payments made with cards registered outside the EEA and USA.

3. YOUR Vacation PRICE

a) Prior to booking you will receive a verbal quote based on your specific vacation requirements and travel dates.

b) We reserve the right to notify you of any alteration in the advertised or quoted price and any changes in vacation arrangements before accepting your booking.

Note: We make every effort to ensure that the most up to date and correct prices are shown on our website. We operate a pricing policy which means that the earlier you book the cheaper the vacation will be. Our very best prices are reserved for those who book early. We also commit that we will not offer the same vacation at a lower price to anyone that has booked after you (or we will refund you the difference between your price and the price they pay). If you do not wish to accept the corrected and actual price of the vacation, we will cancel the booking and provide a full refund of any monies you have already paid. Alternatively you may amend your booking or select an alternative vacation at the applicable and correct price.

c) Subject to these conditions, once we have confirmed your booking, the price is fully guaranteed and will not be subject to any additional 'surcharges', which means any increase due to changes in the price of the carriage of passengers resulting from changes to the cost of fuel or other

power sources, the level of taxes or fees imposed by third parties, including tourist taxes, landing taxes or embarkation or disembarkation fees at port and airports or exchange rates.

- d) Prices in our brochures and/or on our website are calculated on rates of exchange linked to those available to us; either based on rates previously secured or our view of currency exchange rates applicable at the time payments are due. Single, Double, Twin Bedded Rooms

Single supplements are payable for sole occupancy of a twin/double room. A 'double' bed is often two single beds pushed together, sometimes with double bed base linen (although it is not unusual for single duvets to be provided in some hotels for doubles).

What's Included

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Tour Manager (as specified by tour)
- 3-5* Accommodation
- Meals as per the itinerary, tea or coffee with dinner
- Entries to all sites and local transport as per the itinerary
- All taxes & gratuities (as specified by tour)

4. CANCELTION & VARIATION BY YOU

Cancelation by You

If you or any member of your party wish to cancel your vacation, or if you fail to pay the full cost of the vacation within the specified time you will be liable, as a minimum, to pay the charges detailed below up to the point of cancelation, in addition to any non-refundable items*. Or in the case of failure to pay, at the date that we deem your booking to have been cancelled. Notification from the person who made the booking must be received at our offices. This can be by phone, or in writing, either by email or letter. The cancelation charge will be calculated according to the date this is received, or the date upon which your cancelation is treated as occurring because of non-payment.

*Non-refundable vacation costs charged including upgraded air tickets, hotel upgrades, extensions, extra nights, transfers etc., will be charged at 100% and the charges shown below will then apply to the remainder of the vacation cost and any amendment charges are not refundable. Additional accommodation costs for reduced occupancy or other components, may be payable in the event that one or more passengers cancels but where remaining passengers still wish to travel.

Group Bookings - cancelation charges will apply to any guests in the group who may wish to cancel in the unlikely event of cancelation by the lead passenger.

Note: If your cancelation falls within the provisions of your travel insurance policy you may be able to make a claim which must be made direct to your insurance company.

Cancelation Charges - if you cancel your vacation

Up to 70 days: deposit | **69-56 days:** deposit and 35% | **55-43 days:** deposit and 55% | **42-29 days:** deposit and 75% | **From 28 days to departure:** deposit and 100%

Covid-19 cancelation: We strongly recommend insurance cover for pre-departure cancelation and return from tour in the event of Covid-19 symptoms. However, if you are not able to claim for pre-tour cancelation for Covid-19, we will endeavor to limit cancelation charges to cover only those service costs which we are unable to recover.

We will observe travel advice provided by the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office. Should circumstances dictate, you can cancel your booking without paying cancelation charges if the performance of your vacation, or the carriage of passengers to your destination, is significantly affected by unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances. In such circumstances, we will arrange for your booking to be cancelled and for you to receive a full refund.

Variation by You

Booking alterations: If, after our booking confirmation/invoice has been issued, you wish to change your travel arrangements in any way, for example your chosen departure date or accommodation, we will do our utmost to make these changes (subject to agreement by our suppliers) but it may not always be possible. Any associated costs of the changes imposed by our suppliers and any extra arrangements will be payable by you and are non-refundable. Quotes normally have a 24 hour time frame before they expire and the price is therefore subject to change. You should be aware that these costs could increase as the departure dates become closer and you should contact us as soon as possible.

Booking transfer to another person: You can transfer your existing booking to another person suggested by you (subject to agreement by our suppliers)*. Notice be made must be received at our offices, this can be by phone, or in writing, either by email or letter from the person who made the booking at least 25 days before departure. The replacement traveler must satisfy and fulfil any conditions that apply to the vacation, and all costs of the original booking, and both you and the new traveler are responsible for paying all costs we incur before the transfer can be made by us. The cost of the transfer will consist of both an administration charge of £50 and any costs which our suppliers impose. * If you are unable to travel, you may wish to check whether cover is provided for your cancelation within the terms of your travel insurance policy as this may incur less cost to you.

Note: Certain travel arrangements may not be transferable after a reservation has been made, for example, some airlines may require payment of 100% cancelation charges and the cost of a new ticket for ANY variation that is made, and changes to other arrangements may incur a cancelation charge of up to 100%.

* If you are unable to travel, you may wish to check whether cover is provided for your cancelation within the terms of your travel insurance policy as this may incur less cost to you.

Booking transfer to an alternative vacation: It may be possible at our discretion for you to transfer to another vacation, however this is subject to availability and time frame of departure. You must transfer within 24 hours of notifying Andante Travels and the new departure must be within 1 year of notification. A payment of an administration fee of £50 per person, any associated costs of the change imposed by our suppliers and any extra arrangements (ie flight/room upgrades) will be payable by you.

While on vacation: If you decide to cut short your vacation for your own reasons, or not stay at accommodation that has been booked for you, take any pre-booked meals, excursions or other vacation components, then we are unable to offer you any refund or cover any costs. Depending on the circumstances, your travel insurance may offer cover for such curtailment, so we suggest that you check the conditions and requirements of your policy.

5. CANCELTION & VARIATION BY US

We start planning the vacations we offer many months in advance. Occasionally, we have to make changes to and correct errors and other details both before and after bookings have been confirmed or cancel confirmed bookings, events or activities. Vacations to remote and in some cases, underdeveloped parts of the world carry the risk that parts of the vacation may be subject to alterations beyond our control, sometimes at short notice. While we always endeavor to avoid changes and cancelations, we must reserve the right to do so.

Cancelation by Us:

We reserve the right to cancel your booking. We will not cancel your confirmed booking after the final 'balance due' payment date, except for unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances (see point 6) or failure by you to pay the final balance of your vacation.

Minimum Numbers - some of our vacations require a minimum number of participants to enable us to operate them. If the minimum number of bookings required for a particular vacation or flight have not been received, we are entitled to cancel it and will notify you prior to the final 'balance due' payment date. Please note that in such cases we are not able to accept responsibility for any costs you may have incurred, including costs of other travel arrangements made in association with the cancelled vacation, unless booked through Andante Travels. We are happy to give you an indication at any time of the current number of passengers booked on a trip, but this should not be taken as any guarantee whether the vacation will or will not go ahead as booking numbers can fluctuate. There may be certain circumstances when a vacation may operate with less than the minimum number than the advertised group size.

If your vacation is cancelled you can either have a refund of all monies paid or accept an alternative vacation of comparable standard from us if we offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of a lower value).

In the event a refund is paid to you, we will pay compensation as detailed below, as a minimum, except where the significant change is due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, which means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken.

Cancelation as a result of global travel disruption

If it becomes necessary to cancel your tour as a result of global travel disruption, we reserve the right to refund the cost of your tour in the form of credit for a limited amount of time, to be used against any other tour in the Specialist Journeys portfolio. If you do not use this credit within that time, a refund would be payable. This change to the standard booking conditions would only apply if approved by the UK Government and enshrined in the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations (PTRs) as an emergency measure to support tour operators in extraordinary circumstances such as the 2020 Covid-19 outbreak. The exact credit terms and timeframe would be defined by the PTRs.

Variation by Us:

It is a term of your booking that we are able to make changes to any aspect of your booking. If the change is insignificant, we will ensure that you are notified about it. Examples of insignificant changes include a change of airline or aircraft type, alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, change of airports and/or local connecting transport, Tour Manager and changes to supplementary arrangements such as site visit, or change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard.

Occasionally, we may have to make a significant change. If we are constrained by circumstances beyond our control to alter significantly any of the main characterizes of the travel services that make up your package, you will have rights set out below.

- We will contact you and you will have the choice of accepting the change or having a refund of all monies paid. You can also accept an alternative vacation, where we offer one (we will refund any price difference if the alternative is of lower value) or purchase an alternative vacation subject to availability and applicable cost. We will tell you the procedure for making your choice. Please read any notification of changes carefully and respond promptly as if you do not respond to us within the timescale given, your booking may be cancelled.
- If you choose to accept a refund, we will:
 - a) pay compensation as detailed below, as a minimum, except where the significant change is due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, which means a situation beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all reasonable measures had been taken.

Period before departure when a significant change or cancelation is notified to you (compensation per person):

More than 60 days before departure:: Nil | 60-22 days: £20 | 21-15 days: £30 | 14-8 days: £40 | 7-0 days: £50

Very rarely, we may be forced by 'circumstances beyond our control' (see point 6) to change or terminate your vacation after departure but before the scheduled end of your time away. This is extremely rare, if this situation does occur, we regret we will be unable to make any refunds (unless we obtain these from our suppliers), pay you any compensation or meet any costs or expenses you incur as a result.

We do not control the day to day management of your accommodation, and in exceptional cases it is possible that we may be advised that the reserved accommodation has been overbooked. If this happens before your departure or on arrival in a location, we will endeavor to provide accommodation of at least the same standard in the same area. If only accommodation of a lower standard is available we will refund the difference of the vacation price between the accommodation booked and that available, and will pay up to £50 per person for any inconvenience.

6. CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation, reimburse expenses, or cover losses where the performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by, or you otherwise suffer any damage, loss or expense of any nature as a result of 'circumstances beyond our control'. In these booking conditions, 'circumstances beyond our control' means any event which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include actual or threatened war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity and its consequences (including suspected terrorist activity and all action taken during any "terror alert"), industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, epidemics and pandemics, unavoidable technical problems with transport, airport or airspace closures, as well as other air traffic management decisions (that may result in long or overnight delays or cancelations), fire, concert/event changes or cancelation and all similar events outside our control. This list is not exhaustive. BREXIT – at this current time and until negotiations are completed and full details known, it is not possible to foresee any impact, changes or restrictions there may be on flight operations between the EU and the UK or the effect this may have on booked vacation arrangements.

Group based vacations and activities - worldwide weather patterns are becoming ever more erratic and unpredictable. If it is not possible to operate certain excursions for this reason, we will endeavor to offer alternatives if this is possible. Such circumstances are totally beyond our control and you therefore should proceed with your booking on this basis.

Public Vacations, Sporting & Local Events - in addition to public vacations, many countries host other national or international events or there may be local festivals, which may impact on local/tourist services or travel arrangements, including the reduction or closure of facilities, route diversions etc. during your visit. We have no control over these events, and as dates and details of arrangements are often changeable year on year, it is not possible for us to guarantee to forewarn you of specific details that may be relevant to your vacation, or accept any responsibility for disruption that may be caused. During public vacations, shops, restaurants and tourist attractions may also be closed.

Third-Party Information & Websites - your booking is based on the information supplied to you by Andante Travels. We understand you may conduct additional research into your vacation through other third parties and associated websites, but as we have no control over such information this does not form any basis of our contract with you.

WiFi - where the provision of Wi-Fi may be indicated in a property description, no guarantee is given or implied that it will be operative during your vacation and its availability is outside our control. Some properties may charge for this service and the areas where it is available may be limited and not necessarily available in guest rooms. In all cases, no compensation or refund will be paid in the event that it is not available for whatever reason.

Dietary Requests & Allergies - even nowadays, in some destinations, basic well-known dietary requirements (such as vegetarian, gluten free etc.) are often misunderstood and seldom catered for

adequately, despite the best intentions and assurances from hoteliers and restaurateurs. While we are happy to pass on any such requests, we cannot guarantee choice or availability - especially with any airline meal options. We cannot accept detailed lists of specific dietary or food preparation requests and are unable to accept any other requests (eg. personal preferences) that are not for medical or religious reasons. Note: While on tour it is your responsibility to double check and reconfirm any allergy or dietary requirements directly with the various vacation suppliers.

Other Hotel Guests - it is not unusual for hotels or other accommodation to receive group bookings (sometimes with large numbers) from guests participating in conventions and conferences or other gatherings. At certain times of the year, there may be an influx of groups such as students on organized educational visits (popular during school vacations), associations or clubs. This may result in hotel facilities being much busier than usual or additional demands on hotel staff and services, but we are unable to accept any responsibility for any inconvenience caused by such groups or their activities.

Guides - we reserve the right to substitute any named guide, guest lecturer or other escort with an alternative qualified person and this will not be deemed as any significant change to your arrangements.

7. FOREIGN & COMMONWEALTH TRAVEL ADVICE, HEALTH, VISAS & DOCUMENTS

- a) Your specific passport and visa requirements, and other immigration requirements including, inoculations and health certificates are your responsibility and you should confirm these for all countries to, or through which you are intending to travel and cover all costs for this. Requirements should be checked well in advance of travel and we do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements.
- b) Essential information for British citizens (only), including health, passport and visa requirements along with up to date Foreign Office travel, safety and security advice can be obtained from <https://www.gov.uk/travelaware>. We also strongly recommend that you sign up for the latest email updates as travel and safety information can change at any point without notice.
- c) If you or any member of your party is not a British citizen or holds a non-British passport, you must check passport and visa requirements with the Embassy or Consulate of the country or countries to, or through which, you are intending to travel and consult the relevant authority for the latest travel and safety advice for the destinations you are visiting.
- d) We recommend that you consult your doctor well in advance of travel for the latest advice on inoculations and health certificates. You can also obtain the latest health information ahead of travel by visiting the National Travel Health Network and Center (NaTHNaC) website <https://www.travelhealthpro.org.uk>.

8. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Our vacations are not designed for party members to undertake special projects or research whether in connection with study, employment or otherwise. We cannot accept any liability for any losses or damages arising out of such use or planned use nor for any loss or damage which has special financial consequences. Please note if you do intend to use one of our vacations for such purposes you should obtain adequate insurance in respect of it and any special equipment you decide to bring with you on such vacations.

9. VACATION PARTICIPATION

It is a condition of participation on our vacations that you agree to accept the authority and decisions of our employees, tour leaders and agents while on vacation with us. If in the opinion of such a person your health or conduct at any time, before or after departure, appears likely to endanger the safe, comfortable or happy progress of a vacation, you may be excluded from all or part of the vacation and/or we may terminate your vacation, and any additional costs incurred by you as a result of such exclusion will be your responsibility. In the case of ill health we may make such arrangements as we see fit and recover any resulting costs from you.

Note: While there are no age limits or health requirements on our vacations, please note that for certain destinations require a degree of mobility and fitness to get the most out of the vacation, for example getting in and out of boats, ascending/descending steps and standing for a degree of time.

10. OUR LIABILITY TO YOU

We make every effort to ensure that the vacation arrangements we have agreed to provide as part of our contract with you are delivered with reasonable skill and care. It is the laws and regulations of the country in which the services are actually provided which apply to your vacation arrangements and not those of the UK or your home country and any resulting complaint or claim will be judged on this basis. If the particular services which gave rise to the claim or complaint complied with local laws and regulations applicable to those services at the time, the services will be treated as being properly provided. Please note, it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care have not been used if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers). Also bear in mind that standards of, for example, safety, hygiene, and quality may vary and services and transport your vacation involves may differ to the stringent standards we are accustomed to in the UK or your home country. Including for example, the absence of seatbelts on coaches contracted outside the UK as this is not always a legal requirement elsewhere.

Certain vacations involve risks and hazards of travel to and in remote and/or uninhabited areas where injury, illness, death, delay, or unanticipated events may occur as a result of forces of nature, wildlife and adverse weather conditions. Medical services or facilities may not be readily available or accessible in some parts, and the medical facilities that do exist could be of inferior quality compared to what is available at home. In remote regions risks may include but are not limited to: mechanical breakdown of expedition vehicle(s); becoming stranded in remote and/or uninhabited areas; being subjected to rugged terrain and a harsh climate; encounters with wild animals, insects and pests, and the possibility of illness, injury or death therefrom; the uncontrollable and unpredictable behavior of wild animals in their natural habitat; the possibility of not seeing certain animals; and dangerous weather and climate conditions.

You must inform us without undue delay of any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services included in this package. If any of the travel services included in your package are not performed in accordance with the contract, or improperly performed, by us or the travel service suppliers, and this has affected the enjoyment of your travel arrangements, you may be entitled to an appropriate price reduction or compensation or both. We will not be liable where any failure to perform or improper performance of the travel services is due to: you or another member of your party; or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel services in the package and is unforeseeable or unavoidable.

Our liability, except in cases involving death, injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of three times the cost of your travel arrangements (excluding amendment charges). Our liability (if we are found liable to you on any basis) will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to:

- a) The contractual terms of the companies that provide the travel services that made up your package.

These terms are incorporated into this booking contract; and

- b) Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of and conditions under which compensation can be claimed for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage (there are strict Conditions of Carriage obligations for making claims for missing or damaged baggage that must be followed). We are regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of the extent of or the conditions under which compensation is to be paid under these or any conventions.

You can ask for copies of the travel service contractual terms, or the international conventions from Andante Travels. Where a carrier or hotelier would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable international convention or regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. Under EU law (Regulation 261/2004) you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights – see point 11 below.

If it is impossible to ensure your return as scheduled due to unavoidable and extraordinary circumstances, we will bear the cost of necessary accommodation, if possible of equivalent category, for a maximum of three nights if this is not provided by your airline, in accordance with Regulation

261/2004. The limit doesn't apply to persons with reduced mobility and any person accompanying them, pregnant women and unaccompanied minors, or persons in need of specific medical assistance, provided that you notified us of these needs at least 48 hours before the start of your vacation.

Note: this entire clause does not apply to any services which do not form part of your contract with us ie. 'own arrangements'. This includes for example, any additional services, including excursions, that you organize independently, or services which your hotel or any other supplier agrees to provide for you where these are not organized by us as part of our contract with you. We recommend that sufficient and appropriate insurance is taken out. In addition, we cannot accept any liability for any damage, loss, expense or other sum(s) of any description (1) which on the basis of the information given to us by you concerning your booking prior to our accepting it, we could not have foreseen you would suffer or incur if we breached our contract with you or (2) which did not result from any breach of contract or other fault by ourselves or our employees, or where we are responsible for them, our suppliers or (3) arises out of use of our services for special projects or research whether in connection with study, employment or otherwise or (4) is connected with any business. We further advise you, and you agree that in the event of any claim against us, that such claim shall be governed by English Law and Jurisdiction shall lie in any Court of Competent Jurisdiction in the United Kingdom and you further acknowledge these requirements and waive any objection(s) thereto.

11. TRAVEL DELAYS & CARRIAGE BY AIR

Should delays due to weather conditions disrupt your itinerary, additional costs may be incurred and these would be the responsibility of you, the client. You will be assisted by the airlines in accordance with the airlines' policy on delay. We cannot accept liability for any delay which is due to any of the reasons set out in point 6 of these booking conditions (which includes the behavior of any passenger(s) on the flight who, for example, fails to check in or board a flight on time).

Under EU law (Regulation 261/2004) you have rights in some circumstances to refunds and/or compensation from your airline in cases of denied boarding, cancellation or delay to flights. Full details of these rights will be publicised at EU airports and will also be available from airlines. However reimbursement in such cases will not automatically entitle you to a refund of your vacation cost from us. Your right to a refund and/or compensation from us is set out in these booking conditions. If any payments to you are due from us, any payment made to you by the airline will be deducted from this amount. You are required to make any claim under this regulation directly with the airline, but if your airline does not comply with these rules you should complain to the Civil Aviation Authority on 0207 453 6424 <https://www.caa.co.uk>.

Where long flight delays result in lost vacation time, we are unable to offer any refunds for unused accommodation or other services as reimbursement will not be made by our suppliers in these circumstances, and hotel rooms are held for delayed arrivals and not re-let. We strongly recommend you have adequate insurance provisions in place to fully cover such eventualities.

We are unable to guarantee that all parties will be seated together. With some airlines it is possible to request, or in some cases, reserve certain preferred seats on the aircraft (most airlines will make an additional charge for this). We are happy to assist with this but this is an additional service over and above your contractual arrangement for 'carriage by air' with the airline. Airlines reserve the right to make changes to any specific seat numbers for operational or safety reasons either before, or on the day of departure and you will be notified of any such change upon check-in. Where applicable, any additional charge made for pre-booking specific seats, will be refunded.

In accordance with EU Directive (EC) No 2111/2005 Article 9, we are required to bring to your attention the existence of a "Community list" which contains details of air carriers who are subject to an operating ban within the EU. The Community list is available for inspection at https://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban_en.

In accordance with EU Regulations we are required to advise you of the actual carrier(s) (or, if the actual carrier(s) is not known, the likely carrier(s)) that will operate your flight(s) at the time of booking. Where we are only able to inform you of the likely carrier(s) at the time of booking, we shall inform you of the identity of the actual carrier(s) as soon as we become aware of this. Any change to the operating carrier(s) after your booking has been confirmed will be notified to you as soon as possible. If the carrier with whom you have a confirmed reservation becomes subject to an operating ban as above as a result of which we/the carrier are unable to offer you a suitable alternative, the provisions of point 5, "Cancellation and Variation by us" will apply.

We are not always in a position at the time of booking to confirm the flight timings, which will be used in connection with your flight. The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and/or detailed on your booking confirmation/invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration. Flight timings are outside our control. They are set by airlines and are subject to various factors including air traffic control restrictions, weather conditions, potential technical problems and the ability of passengers to check in on time. Specific instructions relating to departure and travel arrangements will be sent with your air or other travel tickets approximately 2 weeks before departure. You must check your tickets very carefully immediately on receipt to ensure you have the correct and up to date flight times. It is possible that flight times may be changed even after tickets have been despatched - we will contact you as soon as possible if this occurs. Any change in the identity of the carrier, flight timings, and/or aircraft type (if advised) will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying our normal charges except where specified in these conditions. We advise that you keep check on your flights departure information on the day of departure in case of any late flight changes.

In accordance with EU legislation, we are required to draw your attention to restrictions concerning the import of food items which cannot be brought into the EU (including the UK), from outside the EU. For details please see <http://ww2.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/food/personal-imports/> or contact this office.12. **INSURANCE**

It is a condition of booking with us that you and all members of your party obtain travel insurance for all overseas vacations and we strongly recommend insurance cover for all other vacations and that you do not travel against medical advice. The cost of repatriation, medical and other treatment overseas can be high and we are unable to assist in meeting those costs. You should organize it immediately when you book to ensure you have cover against possible cancellation charges, medical treatment and repatriation. Should you have your travel insurance in place we will need to know the details of your policy 6 weeks before departure at the latest. It is a requirement of booking that you provide us with an emergency contact number while you are on vacation stating your relationship (e.g. family member, neighbor, workplace). This is purely for your benefit in the unlikely event of you becoming ill or incapacitated on tour.

13. SPECIAL REQUESTS & MEDICAL CONDITIONS / DISABILITIES

If you or any member of your party have any special requests, you must advise us at the time of booking. Although we will endeavor to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your booking confirmation/invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability. For your own protection, you should obtain confirmation in writing that a special request will be provided (where it is possible to give this) where it is important to you.

We regret we cannot accept any conditional bookings, i.e. any booking which is specified to be conditional on the fulfilment of a particular request. All such bookings will be treated as "standard" bookings subject to the above provisions on special requests.

If you or any member of your party has any medical condition or disability which may affect your vacation or has any special requirements as a result of any medical condition or disability (including any which affect the booking process), you must tell us before you confirm your booking so that we can assist you in considering the suitability of the arrangements and/or making the booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. You must also promptly advise us if any medical condition or disability which may affect your vacation develops or worsens after your booking has been confirmed.

Andante Travels cannot provide individual assistance with boarding coaches or other forms of transport, baggage handling, walking or other personal requirements, etc. and guests should be confident that they can do these tasks unaided. We are happy to give advice and assistance with the choice of your vacation which will be dependent upon the nature of any disability. Our brochures also give a simple guide per tour regarding how active the tour is. In

order to ensure your enjoyment of the vacation, we ask all clients to provide full details of any disability or special requirements at the time of booking. Some suppliers such as airlines and cruise lines may request certification from your GP to confirm that you are fit to travel. We regret that we cannot be held liable for any costs you may incur as a result. You are urged to contact our Sales department for further information if you have any difficulty in walking or mobility problems and they will be pleased to advise you on the suitability of any particular vacation.

14. CLIENT BEHAVIOR

When you book a vacation with Andante Travels you accept responsibility for the proper conduct of you and your party. Andante Travels reserves the right in its reasonable discretion to terminate the vacation of any member of your party whose conduct is disruptive or detrimental to the enjoyment of other clients, or whose conduct may prejudice the reputation of Andante Travels with our suppliers or hotel owners. In that situation Andante Travels shall have no further responsibility or liability to you. The departure of a coach, ship train, plane or other modes of transport will be not be delayed for passengers who are not on board by the stated boarding time.

15. COMPLAINTS & ASSISTANCE ON Vacation

If you have any reason to be unhappy with any element of your vacation, we would ask you first to bring this to the attention of the person in charge of the relevant service, on the spot. If this is not possible please either contact our local representative or our UK office, using the number provided with your travel documents. It is essential that you do this to enable us to try and put matters right where possible. If a problem remains unresolved during your vacation you should make a complaint which must be received at our offices within 28 days of the completion of your vacation giving your booking reference and all other relevant information. This can be in writing, either by email or letter from the person who made the booking. We will reply to you within 28 days of receipt of your complaint. Please keep your complaint concise and to the point. If you fail to follow the requirement to report your complaint while on vacation we will have been deprived of the opportunity to investigate and rectify it and this may affect your rights under this booking. If you're in difficulty while on vacation and ask us to help, we will provide appropriate assistance, in particular by providing information on health services, local authorities and consular assistance; and helping you to find alternative arrangements and any necessary phone calls/emails. You must pay any costs we incur, if the difficulty is your fault.

The terms of this contract are exclusively governed by English Law and the jurisdiction of the English Courts.

16. PROTECTING YOUR MONEY

We provide full financial protection for our package vacations.

1. Flight inclusive tours: we hold an Air Travel Organizer's License issued by the CAA (ATOL No. 3552) which provides for your protection in the event of Andante Travels Ltd insolvency. The price of your air vacation packages includes the ATOL Protection Contribution (APC) we pay to the CAA. This charge is included in our advertised prices. When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive vacation from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong.

Not all vacation or travel services offered and sold by us will be protected by the ATOL scheme as explained below.

1. Tours without flights arranged by us: The Association of Bonded Travel Organizers Trust Limited (ABTOT) provides financial protection under The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 for Andante Travels Ltd, and in the event of their insolvency, protection is provided for the following:
 - a) non-flight packages and
 - b) flight inclusive packages that commence outside of the EU, which are sold to customers outside of the EU.

ABTOT cover provides for a refund in the event you have not yet traveled or repatriation if you are abroad. Please note that bookings made outside the EU are only protected by ABTOT when purchased directly with Andante Travels Ltd.

In the unlikely event that you require assistance while abroad due to our financial failure, please call the ABTOT 24/7 helpline on 01702 811397 and advise you are a customer of an ABTOT protected travel company.

You can access the The Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangements Regulations 2018 here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2018/9780111168479/contents>

17. AITO QUALITY CHARTER

Andante Travels Ltd is a member of the Association of Independent Tour Operators. The Association represents Britain's leading independent tour operators and encourages high standards of quality and service. Andante travels Ltd abides by the Association's Code of Conduct and adheres to the AITO Quality Charter which can be viewed on www.aito.com. Visit the AITO website to find out more about the Association or call 020 8744 9280.

18. DATA PROTECTION

To process your booking and to ensure that your travel arrangements run smoothly and meet your requirements we need to use the information you provide (such as name, address, passport information, email address, mobile number, any special needs/dietary requirements, etc.).

Any such personal data that you provide will be held securely and for the purpose you have provided it, in accordance with both the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679.

We take full responsibility for ensuring that proper security measures are in place to protect your information. We must pass the information on to the relevant suppliers of your travel arrangements such as airlines, hotels, transport companies, etc. We will not however, pass any information on to any person not responsible for part of your travel arrangements. This applies to any sensitive information that you give to us such as details of any disabilities, or dietary/religious requirements. In making a booking, you consent to this information being passed on to the relevant persons only.

We may need to disclose personal data to a third party within countries outside the European Economic Area (EEA) for the purpose of providing your vacation. Controls on data protection in your destination may not be as stringent as in the UK. In addition, your data may be disclosed to regulatory bodies or public authorities such as customs or immigration for the purposes of monitoring and/or enforcing compliance with any regulatory rules/codes.

We will only send you information about special offers, brochures, new vacations and competitions if you have 'opted in' to receive news from Andante Travels Ltd. If you do not wish to receive this information, you can use the 'unsubscribe' function at the bottom of any email communication or just let us know.

For full details of how we may use your personal information and your rights in relation to your personal information, please see our Privacy Policy on our website: <https://andantetravels.com/privacy>. By booking online, or over the phone, you are stating that you have read and agreed to our Privacy Policy.

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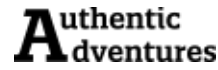
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