



# ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA TOURS

## Land & Voyage Programs

*June 2017 - May 2018*



France



India



Greece



Scotland



Ireland



Peru

*"I can't say enough about the local staff who worked tirelessly to make everything work smoothly. Congratulations on a marvelous tour!"*

*Expert Leaders • Fascinating Sites • Memorable Journeys*

## JUNE



### IRELAND'S Ancient East

June 11 - 21, 2017  
Lecturer: Stephen Mandal  
11-day LAND tour

Starting in the southeast corner of Ireland, in the former Viking strongholds, travel northwards through the medieval city of Kilkenny, the Early Christian Monastery of Glendalough, and into the heart of the Boyne Valley to see the prehistoric passage tomb complexes at Newgrange, the seats of the High Kings at Tara and Emain Macha, and the Giant's Causeway coast. Limited to 15 participants.



### Hiking SCOTLAND'S WESTERN ISLES

June 18 - 28, 2017  
Lecturer: Mary MacLeod Rivett  
11-day LAND tour

Take daily hikes, visiting fascinating sites and remote villages on the Isles of Staffa, Iona, Mull, Skye, Harris, and Lewis. Highlights include the prehistoric standing stones of Callanish, Iron Age Dun Carloway, and Iona's monastery of St. Columba. Limited to 15 participants.

## SEPTEMBER



### Walking IRELAND'S Wild Atlantic Way

September 4 - 15, 2017  
Lecturer: Stephen Mandal  
12-day LAND tour

This archaeological hiking journey takes you along the west coast of Ireland, visiting numerous off-the-beaten-track monuments from all periods of Irish history. Explore sites throughout the breathtaking landscapes of the Dingle Peninsula and the Burren, with stunning cliff-top views out to the Atlantic; Yeats' country; and the wonderfully remote County of Donegal. Limited to 15 participants.



### NORTHERN ITALY: Cultural & Natural Treasures, with the Alps & Slovenia

September 7 - 19, 2017  
Lecturer: Patrick Hunt  
13-day LAND tour

Traverse northern Italy, appreciating the depth and diversity of its archaeology, history, architecture, traditions and gastronomy. From Milan to Trieste, visit seven UNESCO World Heritage sites (including Valcamonica's petroglyphs, Roman and early Christian Aquileia, and Slovenia's astounding Škocjan Caves); plus explore classic old towns and discover off-the-beaten-track sites. Limited to 20 participants.



### MALTA & SICILY: Islands of Intrigue

September 19 - 28, 2017  
Lecturer: Jim Higginbotham  
10-day VOYAGE

Cruise aboard an intimate, 36-cabin ship for this circumnavigation of Sicily, beginning and ending on Malta. These islands' plentiful archaeological ruins, diverse architectural styles, and delightfully fused cultural traditions have beckoned travelers for centuries. Explore Malta's capital and visit Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, Monreale's mosaics, the Greco-Roman ruins at Siracusa, and more.



### Prehistoric Cave Art of SPAIN & FRANCE

September 20 - October 2, 2017  
Lecturer: Paul Bahn  
13-day LAND tour

See the most famous prehistoric cave art in the world, including Altamira II, Lascaux IV, Atapuerca, Pech Merle, Cugnac, Las Monedas Cave and Cueva del Castillo. Experience the rich cultures of Spain and France with visits to charming medieval villages and cities, savoring fine food, wine, and accommodations. Limited to 20 participants.



### Undiscovered GREECE: MACEDONIA to EPIRUS

September 21 - October 4, 2017  
Lecturer: Nancy Wilkie  
14-day LAND tour

Admire up-close legendary Mt. Olympus, the monasteries atop karst pinnacles at Meteora, and tranquil Lake Ioannina; and savor three days at a luxury spa/resort in the rugged, remote Pindus Mountains. Explore the ancient sanctuary at Dodoni; Amphipolis, where a Macedonian tomb is being excavated; the royal tombs and golden treasures at Vergina, and more. Limited to 12 participants.

## OCTOBER



### Ancient Wonders of PERU

October 19 - November 2, 2017  
Lecturer: Jo Burkholder  
15-day LAND tour

Experience the best of ancient Peru, with the convenience of spending three nights each in Chiclayo, the Sacred Valley, and Cuzco. Explore fabulous archaeological sites (including two visits to Machu Picchu; visits to three other UNESCO World Heritage sites: Chan Chan, Lima, Cuzco; and many others), a variety of museums, and picturesque villages and cities. Limited to 15 participants.





**Journey Down the GANGES:  
INDIA'S Holiest River**

January 1 - 14, 2018  
Lecturer: Nancy Wilkie  
**14-day VOYAGE/LAND tour**

Spend five days exploring India's capital, Delhi; Varanasi, Hinduism's holiest city; and the Buddhist sanctuary of Bodhgaya. Then embark a luxurious, 28-cabin riverboat for an incredible eight-night journey down the Ganges River to Kolkata (Calcutta). An optional, pre-tour extension in Agra and Jaipur is available.



**Absolute EGYPT**

January 2018  
Lecturer: TBA  
**16-day LAND tour**

Our meticulously-planned itinerary, featuring premium accommodations and a deluxe, 4-night Nile River cruise, includes all the preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan. Highlights include the stunning tombs of Seti I and Nefertari, and a day trip to Abu Simbel. Limited to 14 participants.



**Jungle Kingdoms of the  
ANCIENT MAYA**

January 27 - February 9, 2018  
Lecturer: Jeff Karl Kowalski  
**14-day LAND tour**

This extraordinary tropical adventure provides the best-paced itinerary available to explore ancient Maya sites in the lush jungles of Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. Explore the sites of Palenque, Bonampak, Yaxchilan, Tikal, Copan, Yaxha and Quirigua; with free time to bird watch or relax and enjoy our comfortable hotels and remote jungle lodges. Limited to 12 participants.

FEBRUARY



**HAWAII**

February 2018  
Lecturer: TBA  
**LAND tour**

Discover the history and culture behind Hawaii's iconic volcanoes, rainforests, and beaches. Enjoy a special behind-the-scenes visit to the Bishop Museum (State Museum of Natural and Cultural History) and visits to a variety of significant sites on O'ahu, Moloka'i, and the Big Island. An optional extension to Hawaii'i Volcanoes National Park is available.



**Pyramids & Temples  
of YUCATAN**

February 17-25, 2018  
Lecturer: Virginia Miller  
**9-day LAND tour**

This luxurious winter holiday provides a week-long adventure exploring the sun-drenched Yucatan's ancient sites such as Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Ek Balam, Dzibilchaltun, and Labna. Bird watch, shop for crafts, and relax at our comfortable resorts (two nights at Chichen Itza and three nights each at Merida and Uxmal). Limited to 12 participants.

MARCH



**SRI LANKA: South Asia's  
Multicultural Isle**

March 11 - 26, 2018  
Lecturer: Nancy Wilkie  
**16-day LAND tour**

Explore Sri Lanka's archaeology, history, and culture with visits to all six of its cultural World Heritage Sites: sacred Kandy and Anuradhapura, ancient Sigiriya and Polonnaruwa, the Old Town of Galle, and the cave-temple of Dambulla. Also explore nature reserves and a national park to see monkeys, elephants, various birds and, possibly, a leopard. Limited to 12 participants.



**MOROCCO: From the Desert  
to the Sea**

March 2018  
Lecturer: Trevor Marchand  
**14-day LAND tour**

Join us for a unique look at the archaeology, architecture, and history of Morocco, visiting six UNESCO World Heritage sites (Volubilis, Marrakech's Medina, Rabat, Meknes, Fes, Ait ben Haddou casbah) and the ruins of medieval Sijilmasa and Aghmat (recipient of an AIA Site Preservation Grant), meeting with locals from all walks of life, and much more. Limited to 15 participants.

MAY



**SCOTTISH ISLES and  
NORWEGIAN FJORDS**

May 17 - 25, 2018  
Lecturer: Colleen Batey  
**9-day VOYAGE**

Cruise aboard a luxurious, 110-stateroom/suite ship along the coasts of Denmark, Norway, and Scotland, visiting remote ports and villages. Embark in Copenhagen and cruise to Bergen, the majestic Sognefjord, and the North Sea en route to ancient and medieval sites in Scotland's Shetland, Orkney, and Hebrides Islands, disembarking at Glasgow.