



ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA TOURS

Land & Voyage Programs

2018



“The sites we visited were well-chosen to give an overview of ancient times to the 20th century, I learned a great deal!”

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JANUARY



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



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.



Absolute Egypt

February 17 - March 5, 2018
Lecturer: Stephen Harvey
17-day LAND tour

Our meticulously-planned itinerary, featuring premium accommodations and a deluxe, 3-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 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 13 - 26, 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.

APRIL



Iran: The Ancient Land of Persia

April 4 - 19, 2018
Lecturers: Andrew & Barbara Moore
16-day LAND tour

In addition to the dazzling cities of Tehran, Shiraz, and Isfahan, visit (twice) ancient Persepolis, one of the world's most spectacular surviving archaeological sites; discover the Sasanian religious center of Takht-e Soleiman; Pasargadae, location of the first Persian capital; Yazd, one of the last strongholds of Zoroastrianism; and much more.



Japan by Sea: Land of the Rising Sun

April 15 - 28, 2018
Lecturer: Mikael Adolphson
14-day VOYAGE

Embark the luxurious, all-suite, **57-cabin Caledonian Sky** and explore lesser-visited areas of Japan. Experience ancient traditions and cultural performances; and visit sacred temples and shrines, celebrated gardens and castles, artists' studios, and museums. Tokyo and Kyoto are also included, as is a day in South Korea for the National Museum and a UNESCO temple.



Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley

April 19 - 29, 2018
Lecturer: Ian Tattersall
11-day LAND tour

Discover with acclaimed paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall many unheralded examples of Ice Age art in Spain and France. Highlights include the original decorated caves of Isturitz and Oxocelhaya, Niaux, Bédouilhac, and Gargas; plus the newly-opened Chauvet cave replica.

MAY



Prehistoric Tombs & Standing Stones of Wessex & Brittany

May 8 - 19, 2018
Lecturer: Paul Bahn
12-day LAND tour

Delve into the mysteries of the extraordinary prehistoric sites of Wessex, England, and Brittany, France. Amidst beautiful landscapes see world renowned, as well as lesser known, Neolithic and Bronze Age megaliths and monuments such as enigmatic rings of giant standing stones and remarkable chambered tombs. Explore medieval churches, charming villages, museum collections, and more.



Scottish Isles and Norwegian Fjords

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

Book by October 16th and save \$2,000 per couple! Cruise from Bergen, Norway, to Glasgow, Scotland, aboard the luxurious, 110-cabin *Le Boreal*. Highlights include the Neolithic standing stones of Stennes and village of Skara Brae; Jarlshof; and specially-arranged rail journeys in the Scottish Highlands and on Norway's Flam Railway. Pre- and post-cruise extensions in Copenhagen/Norway and in Glasgow/Edinburgh are available.



Israel: Treasures of the Holy Land

May 17 - 29, 2018
Lecturer: Eric Cline
13-day LAND tour

This custom-designed itinerary highlights the kaleidoscope of Israel's archaeological riches. Visit five UNESCO World Heritage sites on this well-paced tour, with six nights based in Jerusalem. Highlights include Masada, Megiddo, Beit Shearim, Bethlehem, Caesarea Maritima, Qumran, the Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem's Israel Museum. Limited to 14 participants.



Adriatic Sea Voyage: Croatia & Montenegro

May 18 - 26, 2018
Lecturer: Ivancica Schrunk
9-day VOYAGE

Travel aboard the elegant, 18-cabin *Running on Waves*, a motorized sailing yacht, on a late spring cruise along the beautiful coasts of Croatia and Montenegro. Discover and learn about spectacular architectural and cultural treasures from the Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, Venetian and Renaissance eras. Highlights include Dubrovnik, Split, Kotor and its Bay, and Hvar.



Undiscovered Greece: Macedonia to Epirus

May 19 - June 1, 2018
Lecturer: Kathleen Lynch
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.



The Silk Road: Empires of Central Asia

May 21 - June 6, 2018
Lecturer: Matthew Canepa
17-day LAND tour

Follow in the footsteps of Alexander, Genghis Khan, and Marco Polo across the deserts, mountains, and steppes of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Visit seven UNESCO World Heritage sites (including Merv, Bukhara, and Samarkand), remote archaeological sites, and ancient towns such as Khiva and Tashkent. Limited to 16 participants.

JUNE



Ireland's Ancient East

June 9 - 24, 2018
Lecturer: Stephen Mandal
16-day LAND tour

Amid the natural beauty of Ireland's landscapes in June, experience a comprehensive tour of eastern Ireland, plus two nights in Northern Ireland, with a charming and informative Irish archaeologist. Meet special guest experts along the way, and visit such highlights as the monastery of Glendalough, the medieval city of Kilkenny, prehistoric Newgrange and Knowth, and the Giant's Causeway. Limited to 15 participants.



Changing Tides of History: Cruising the Baltic Sea

June 11 - 19, 2018
Lecturer: Elizabeth Pierce
9-day VOYAGE

Book by November 17th and save \$2,000 per couple! Cruise from Stockholm, Sweden, to Copenhagen, Denmark, aboard the all-suite, 106-cabin *Star Breeze*. Visit five Baltic countries and six UNESCO World Heritage sites, including charming medieval towns and two full days in St. Petersburg. Guest lecturers will be Lech Walesa and Sergei Khrushchev.

AUGUST



Hiking Scotland's Inner & Outer Hebrides

August 1 - 11, 2018
Lecturer: Rod McCullagh
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.



Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Isles

August 16 - 26, 2018
Lecturer: Mary MacLeod Rivett
11-day LAND tour

Take daily hikes on remote islands to prehistoric stone circles, burial chambers, and settlements; seeing along the way quaint villages, seabird colonies, and fascinating geological sites. Archaeological sites include Maeshowe, the Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae, and Jarlshof. Limited to 15 participants.

SEPTEMBER



The Aegean Islands, Athens, Delphi, Meteora & Ephesus

September 1 - 16, 2018
Lecturer: Nancy Wilkie
16-day VOYAGE/LAND tour

Round-trip airfare from five North American gateways is included! Explore Greece's treasures during a seven-night Aegean cruise aboard the private, **26-cabin M/V Athena** plus seven nights on the mainland to visit Delphi, the Meteora monasteries, and Athens. Cruise to the islands of Syros, Mykonos, Delos, Patmos, Naxos, and Santorini plus visit Greco-Roman Ephesus, Turkey. An optional extension in Athens and the Peloponnese is available.



Human Origins in South Africa

September 8 - 22, 2018
Lecturer: Ian Tattersall
15-day LAND tour

Discover South Africa's sublime landscapes, early human sites, beautiful wildlife parks, Cape Town, vineyards, and more, weaving together the threads that make up the rich tapestry of human evolution. Explore Sterkfontein and Mapungubwe Caves, Kapama Game Reserve, Pretoria, Johannesburg, and much more.



Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France

September 19 - October 1, 2018
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.

OCTOBER



Georgia & Armenia: Beyond the Golden Fleece

October 3 - 19, 2018
Lecturer: Gocha Tsatskhladze
17-day LAND tour

Immerse yourself in the history, cultures, and landscapes of the beautiful Caucasus region, with visits to the site of Europe's earliest unearthed hominid bones; ancient settlements and fortresses; early churches, cathedrals, and monasteries; and intriguing cave towns; including five UNESCO World Heritage sites. An optional extension to Azerbaijan is available. Limited to 16 participants.



The Best of Ancient Peru

October 12 - 26, 2018
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.

NOVEMBER



Vietnam, Cambodia & the Mekong River

November 5 - 18, 2018
Lecturer: Joyce White
14-day VOYAGE/LAND tour

See magnificent Buddhist and Hindu temples, floating markets, rice paddies, and more. Enjoy two days exploring bustling Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon); savor a seven-night cruise on the Mekong aboard the luxurious, **12-suite Mekong Princess**; and end with two days in the world famous Khmer temples and monuments of legendary Angkor.

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Smaller Groups

"I enjoyed our small, congenial and stimulating group."

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