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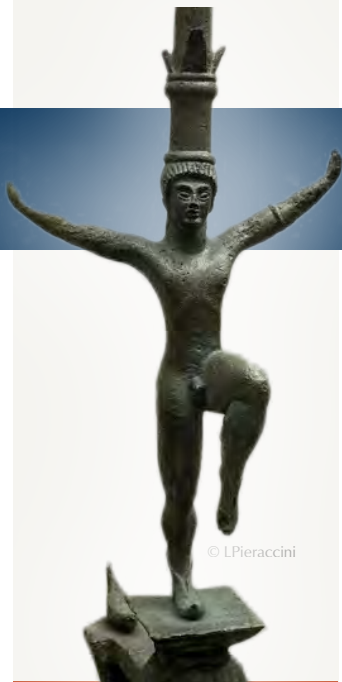
Most of our land tours have a maximum of just 12 to 16 travelers. Each group is led by your team of experts that includes your AIA lecturer/host, your professional tour manager, expert local guides, and drivers. Our co-sponsored cruises are aboard small, often yacht-like, vessels with as few as 14 cabins, and up to just 92 cabins on a small expedition ship.

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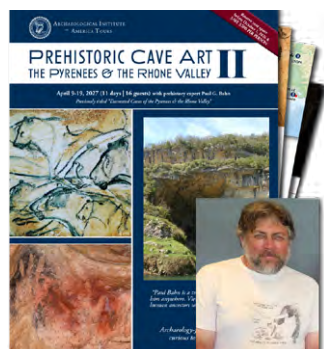
2027 SMALL-GROUP LAND TOURS

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Tours listed throughout this schedule may be full and have a waiting list, and others may still be in the planning stages with details not yet available. Please call for availability. Upon request, you will be added to a list of those to be notified when the tour becomes available.

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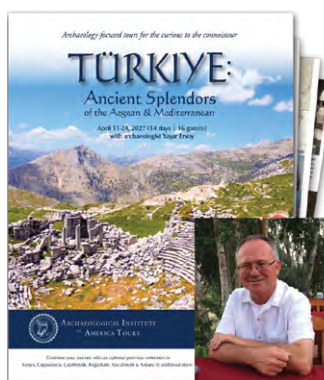


Prehistoric Cave Art II: The Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley

April 9-19, 2027 (11 days | 16 guests) with prehistory expert Paul G. Bahn

Discover a magnificent collection of Ice Age art in the company of acclaimed prehistoric cave art expert and popular AIA tour leader Dr. Paul Bahn. Highlights include the original decorated caves of Isturitz and Oxocelhaya, Niaux, and Gargas, as well as the spectacular Chauvet Cave replica at Vallon-Pont-d'Arc and the Cosquer Méditerranée. Enjoy expert lectures and discussions, regional cuisine, and delightful accommodations throughout.

This tour was previously titled "Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley."



Türkiye: Ancient Splendors of the Aegean & Mediterranean

April 11-24, 2027 (14 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Yaşar Ersoy

Marvel at many of the world's most magnificent Greco-Roman temples, theaters, and stadiums, dating back over two thousand years, visiting Ephesus, Priene, Miletus, Didyma, Aphrodisias, Sagalassos, Perge, and Aspendos, each revealing layers of ancient history and artistry. Enjoy three full days in Istanbul, taking in all of the city's major highlights, from Byzantine to Ottoman masterpieces. An optional, post-tour extension features the Neolithic settlement of Çatalhöyük, the Hittite capital of Hattusa, and the extraordinary, otherworldly landscapes of Cappadocia.



Greece's Temples, Theaters & Sacred Landscapes: An Archaeological Exploration

April 12-25, 2027 (14 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Jenifer Neils

Experience the awe-inspiring ruins of ancient Greece through the eyes of an expert. Journey from the Acropolis of Athens across the Peloponnese to Delphi and Meteora, and onward to sites linked to Alexander the Great. With your lecturer and expert local guides, explore renowned UNESCO World Heritage Sites including Epidaurus, Mycenae, Olympia, and Vergina, along with outstanding museums. Enjoy excellent accommodations, historic towns, memorable meals, and informal discussions.



Hiking Southern Italy: Islands & Fire in the Land of the Gods

May 8-18, 2027 (11 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Crispin Corrado

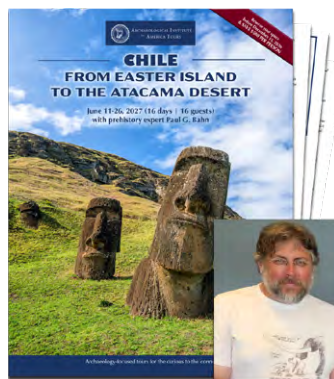
Hike southern Italy's volcanoes on a springtime journey through ancient history, dramatic landscapes, and legendary food and wine, led by archaeologist Crispin Corrado. Highlights include Pompeii, destroyed yet preserved by Vesuvius's A.D. 79 eruption, hiking to its crater above the Gulf of Naples; the "Path of the Gods" overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea; a ferry to Capri and Emperor Tiberius's Villa Jovis; the Naples Archaeological Museum; a private boat to Stromboli, Europe's most active volcano; and a hike atop Vulcano's smoking vents and mud holes.

"It was wonderful not to have to worry about hotels, meals, transportation, security and to have our wonderful tour manager to take care of any concerns... Touring with a small group definitely added to our experience."

- Annette, Ohio

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Chile: From Easter Island to the Atacama Desert

June 11-26, 2027 (16 days | 16 guests) with prehistory expert Paul G. Bahn

Explore Easter Island (Rapa Nui) and northern Chile's Atacama Desert on a journey through Polynesian and pre-Columbian archaeology and history. Highlights include four nights on Rapa Nui, viewing moai at Tahai and Ahu Akivi, Anakena Beach, and Papa Vaka's coastal petroglyphs; five nights amid Atacama's desert geoglyphs, including the Atacama Giant and Pintados; the ghost town of Humberstone; a tour and lunch at Santa Rita Winery; Chinchorro mummies at Colón 10 Museum; the otherworldly Valle de la Luna; and bohemian, art-filled Valparaíso.



Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Islands



July 19-29, 2027 (11 days | 15 guests) with archaeologist Val Turner

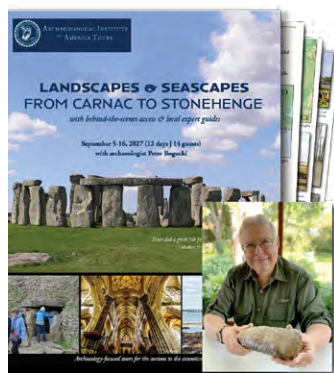
Explore Scotland's remote and windswept Northern Isles through an archaeological lens, at a relaxed pace with plenty of time for discovery. Together, Orkney and Shetland hold more than 18,000 known sites dating back over 5,000 years, with new discoveries made each and every year. Highlights include the UNESCO-listed Heart of Neolithic Orkney, Maeshowe, Skara Brae, the Stones of Stenness, and the Ring of Brodgar, plus a private virtual tour of the ongoing Ness of Brodgar excavations and exceptional Iron Age sites including Mousa Broch, Old Scatness, and Jarlshof.



Prehistoric Ireland: Hidden Monuments & Remote Landscapes

August 30 - September 12, 2027 (14 days | 12 guests) with archaeologist & geologist Stephen Mandal

Travel across Ireland to uncover the layers of its past, from the earliest hunter-gatherers to the great passage tomb builders and Iron Age kings. Visit Ireland's extraordinary archaeological treasures exploring megalithic tombs, Neolithic monuments, and rugged coastal landscapes shaped by geological forces. Highlights include the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne (passage tombs of Newgrange & Knowth) and Poul nabrone dolmen, Ireland's earliest dated megalithic tomb.

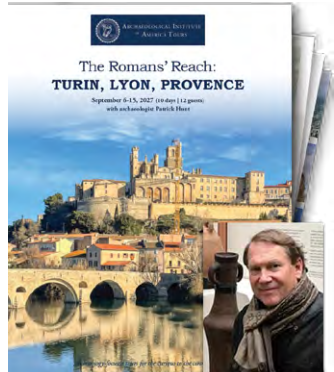


Landscapes & Seascapes: From Carnac to Stonehenge

with behind-the-scenes access & local expert guides

September 5-16, 2027 (12 days | 14 guests) with archaeologist Peter Bogucki

Traverse the ancient landscapes and dramatic coastlines of France and England on a journey through Neolithic Europe. Highlights in France include Carnac's megalithic alignments, tumulus of Gavrinis, and the tidal abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel. Highlights in England include Avebury's stone circles, West Kennet Long Barrow, a private Wiltshire Museum tour, behind-the-scenes access at Wessex Archaeology, and Stonehenge, with rare access (pending) to its inner circle after hours.



The Romans' Reach: Turin, Lyon, Provence

September 6-15, 2027 (10 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Patrick Hunt

Trace Rome's northern reach through Turin, Lyon, and Provence on this archaeologically focused journey. Highlights include Turin's Roman castrum, Archaeological Museum, and renowned Egyptian Museum; Lugdunum and the Gallo-Roman Museum in Lyon; Avignon's fortified Palais des Papes; Arles's amphitheater, theater, and Alyscamps necropolis; and Nîmes's Pont du Gard aqueduct, Maison Carrée temple, and amphitheater. The journey concludes in Aix-en-Provence and the ancient port city of Marseille, gateway to the Mediterranean.

"I am a different person having witnessed the creations of the very first 'people' who lived on Earth so long ago. We are so lucky that these caves... have been preserved."

- Constance, Florida

"Excellent trip, exceeded my expectations—well orchestrated, highly educational, very enjoyable..."

- Elaine, Rhode Island

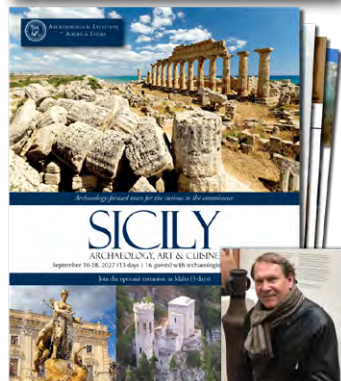


Croatia: Prehistory to the Present

September 12-23, 2027 (12 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Nikolina Topic

Journey through Croatia's rich archaeological and cultural landscape, from Zagreb's Gothic-style cathedral to the medieval coastal town of Trogir, taking in meadowlands, mountains, and the dramatic Adriatic coast. Highlights include the Neanderthal cave sites of Krapina and Vindija, Pula's magnificent Roman amphitheater on the Istrian Peninsula, Split's UNESCO-listed Palace of Diocletian, Šibenik's Cathedral of St. James, the cascading waterfalls of Krka Gorge, and fortress-port Zadar. An optional extension adds three nights in walled, medieval Dubrovnik.

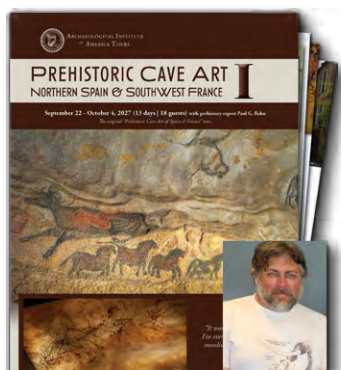


Sicily: Greco-Roman Treasures to Norman Splendor

September 16-28, 2027 (13 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Patrick Hunt

Explore Sicily's archaeological treasures and artistic riches, from Palermo's Norman Palace and mosaic-filled Cappella Palatina to Monreale's Norman cathedral, hilltop Erice, and the Greek temples of Segesta, Selinunte, and Agrigento's Valley of the Temples. Highlights include Marsala's Phoenician site of Mozia, the mosaic-filled Villa Romana del Casale, ancient Morgantina, and Syracuse's Neapolis Archaeological Park and historic Ortigia. An optional extension explores Malta and Gozo's megalithic temples and prehistoric Hypogeum.



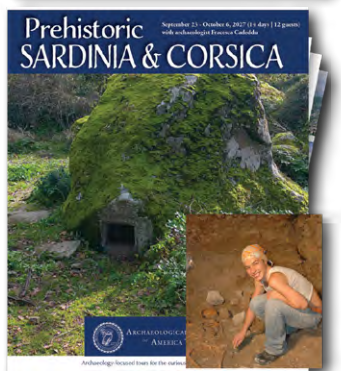
Prehistoric Cave Art I: Northern Spain & Southwest France

September 22 - October 4, 2027 (13 days | 18 guests)

with prehistory expert Paul G. Bahn

Investigate some of the most extraordinary prehistoric caves on a journey through Spain and France. Visit renowned sites including Lascaux IV, Altamira II, Atapuerca, Pech Merle, Cougnac, and Cueva del Castillo, where remarkable paintings, engravings, and hand stencils span tens of thousands of years. Travel with an acclaimed leader whose discussions bring the prehistoric world to life. Enjoy museums, charming villages, fine cuisine, and comfortable hotels and inns throughout.

This tour was previously titled "Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France."



Prehistoric Sardinia & Corsica

September 23 - October 6, 2027 (14 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Francesca Cadeddu

Traverse the island landscapes of Sardinia and Corsica, witnessing their millennia of layered archaeological heritage. Sites range from Neolithic megaliths and Nuragic settlements through Punic and Roman sites, medieval villages, and modern towns and cities. Marvel at the enigmatic "giant" statue of Mont'e Prama; the Necropolis of Anghelu Ruju, Sardinia's largest prehistoric cemetery, with 38 tombs; the UNESCO-listed Su Nuraxi di Barumini, the finest and most complete nuraghe complex in Sardinia; plus medieval Bonifacio and historic Cagliari.



Türkiye: From Göbekli Tepe to Mount Nemrut & the Tigris River

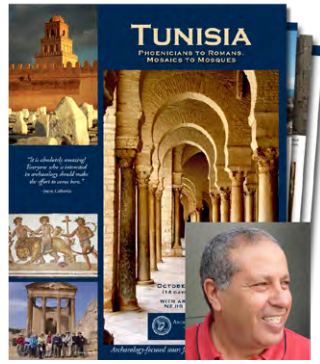
October 2027 (13 days | 16 guests)

with AIA lecturer/host TBA

Travel with us beyond classical Türkiye, with its monumental, Greco-Roman ruins and Aegean sea backdrops. Find more history—and prehistory—amid the beauty of southeastern Türkiye, on a route less traveled. Explore prehistoric sites such as Göbekli Tepe and Karahan Tepe, marvel at Mount Nemrut's colossal statues, and visit ancient centers like Dara and Karatepe-Aslantaş. Discover world-class mosaic museums, vibrant bazaars, and regional cuisine. Enjoy an optional post-tour extension to Lake Van.

"This program allowed me to enjoy the incredible wealth of historical sites in Tunisia, the unique flavor of its cuisine, the openness to western tourists of their people."

- Samuel, Mexico

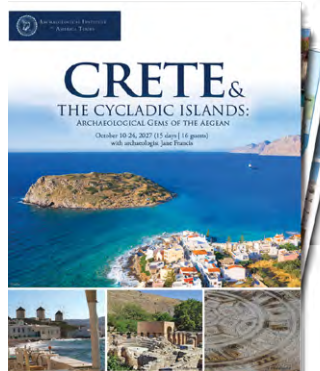


Tunisia: Phoenicians to Romans, Mosaics to Mosques

October 7-20, 2027 (14 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Nejib ben Lazreg

Enjoy an expert-led exploration of Tunisia, a country whose layered history has shaped the Mediterranean for more than three millennia. Traveling with archaeologist Nejib ben Lazreg, experience all seven of Tunisia's cultural UNESCO World Heritage Sites, from Carthage and the Bardo Museum to Dougga, Bulla Regia, Kairouan, El Djem, and Sousse. Enjoy great accommodations and in-depth insight into Phoenician, Roman, and early Islamic Tunisia through engaging lectures and on-site discussion.



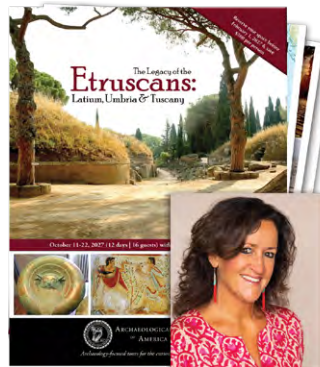
Crete & the Cycladic Islands:

Archaeological Gems of the Aegean

October 10-24, 2027 (15 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Jane Francis

Step back in time on an unforgettable journey through Crete and the Cyclades, exploring the heart of the Bronze Age Minoan world. Visit legendary palatial centers including Knossos and Phaistos, outstanding museums, and evocative sites such as Akrotiri on Santorini and sacred Delos. Enjoy time in Heraklion and charming coastal towns, plus stays on whitewashed Santorini and stylish Mykonos, savoring excellent regional cuisine along the way with expert guidance throughout.

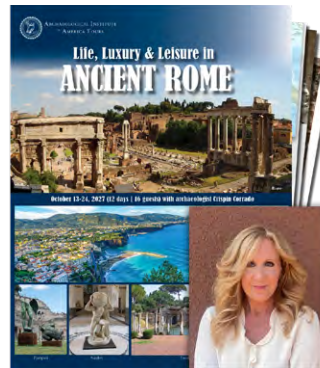


The Legacy of the Etruscans: Latium, Umbria & Tuscany

October 11-22, 2027 (12 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Lisa Pieraccini

Discover the world of the Etruscans, the sophisticated pre-Roman civilization of ancient Tuscany. Explore renowned cities like Rome and Florence, then venture into the countryside to visit extraordinary necropolises, acropolises, and museums. Highlights include the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Cerveteri and Tarquinia, the historic towns of Volterra and Orvieto, and remarkable collections at Villa Giulia and the Vatican. Enjoy expert lectures, 4-star hotels, and exceptional food and wine.



Life, Luxury & Leisure in Ancient Rome

October 13-24, 2027 (12 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Crispin Corrado

Immerse yourself in the grandeur of ancient Rome while uncovering secrets of its daily life, traveling from Rome to Naples and Sorrento. Visit Rome's House of Augustus, Baths of Caracalla, Pantheon, and more, and marvel at Hadrian's Villa in Tivoli and the haunting ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Explore Roman engineering, leisure, and luxury through frescoes, artifacts, and architecture, while enjoying expert lectures, engaging discussions, 4- and 5-star hotels, and exceptional regional cuisine throughout this unforgettable journey.

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- Jeffrey, California

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Grand Mediterranean Voyage: Malta to Türkiye

April 11-24, 2027 (14 days) aboard the 92-cabin *Le Dumont d'Urville* with archaeologist Michael Hoff

Experience an extraordinary variety of sites throughout Malta, Sicily and Italy's "heel," the island of Corfu and mainland Greece, and Türkiye. Highlights include Malta's prehistoric temples; Syracuse's archaeological park; the ancient oracle at Delphi; Cape Sounion's Temple of Poseidon; Meteora's monasteries, perched atop rock pillars; and Türkiye's fascinating Greco-Roman sites of Ephesus, Aspendos, and Perge.



Sicily Circumnavigation: Sailing Around Sicily & Malta

May 24 - June 2, 2027 (10 days) aboard the 47-cabin *Sea Cloud II* with archaeologist James Higginbotham

Sail around Sicily for eight nights aboard *Sea Cloud II*, beginning and ending in Malta. Our journey includes one night in Valletta, one of the world's most concentrated historic areas. See archaeological and architectural wonders on Sicily, including the ancient city of Segesta, Palermo's Norman Palace, and the Greek theater at Taormina, plus a full day in the Aeolian Islands. An optional extension to Malta and Gozo is available.



Highlands, Islands & Fjords: From the Scottish Highlands to Norway's Coastal Splendor

June 29 - July 11, 2027 (13 days) aboard the 59-cabin *Hebridean Sky* with archaeologist Colleen Batey

Cruise from Scotland to Norway under the Midnight Sun, past snowcapped peaks, glittering glaciers, and dramatic fjords. Highlights: Shetland's Pictish stones and Jarlshof; Stavanger's Archaeological Museum; Sognefjord and Lysefjord's Pulpit Rock; Art Nouveau Ålesund; and abundant wildlife, including puffins.



In Search of Odysseus: Istanbul to Naples

October 8-19, 2027 (12 days) aboard the 59-cabin *Hebridean Sky* with archaeologist Laetitia LaFollette

Retrace Odysseus' mythic ten-year voyage across the Aegean and Mediterranean, from Istanbul to Naples, calling at windswept Troy, where his long journey began; the sacred island of Delos and Delphi's sunlit ruins, perched high above the valley; Nestor's Palace at Pylos; Ithaca, Odysseus' long-sought home; Cyclops-haunted Sicily; and Malta, said to be Calypso's legendary isle of captivity.



PLANNING FOR 2028!

Cruising the Mekong River: Vietnam & Cambodia

Early 2028 (14 days) including a 7-night cruise aboard the 14-suite *Mekong Princess* with AIA Lecturer/Host TBA

Discover the timeless beauty of Vietnam and Cambodia on a journey along the Mekong River. Experience the vibrant energy of Ho Chi Minh City, the tranquility of life along the river, and the awe-inspiring grandeur of Angkor Wat. Explore floating villages, local markets, and lush landscapes rich with culture and history. An optional pre-tour extension to Hanoi and Ha Long Bay is available.



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