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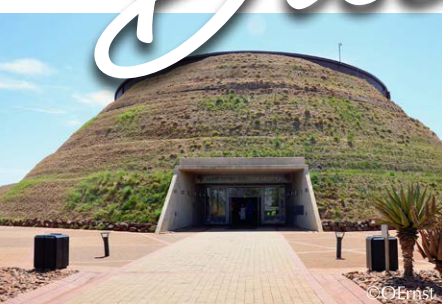


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Archaeology-focused tours, for all levels of interest

*"I cannot say enough positive things about the tour.
We had superb leaders and experts.
The sites were fabulous."* - Don, California



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The finest learning adventures:

Each trip is accompanied by a fascinating scholar and expert local guides who are congenial, accessible, and understandable.

"I instantly felt confident about my choice for this trip and our AIA lecturer's ability and professionalism...very knowledgeable and experienced."

- Debra, California

Small groups & superior leaders-to-guest ratio:

Most AIA land tours have a maximum of just 12 to 16 guests, plus your engaging AIA lecturer/host and a professional tour manager/guide. Our largest ships have just 59 staterooms and suites.

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- Linda, Connecticut

Exquisitely planned & inclusive, with expert service:

Our customized, archaeologically-focused land tours often feature special meetings and access. We monitor and plan for any necessary itinerary changes and travel restrictions or requirements, keeping you informed along the way.

"All the tour arrangements were remarkably good, from the preparatory mailings to the excellent bus drivers to the knowledge and good humor of the tour staff."

- Linn, Ohio



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2024 LAND TOURS

From April 2024

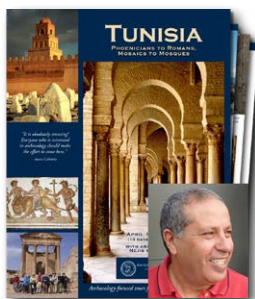


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"Our tour manager and archaeologist [lecturer] were fantastic! They were the very best I have ever had in my 65 years of extensive traveling."

- Janie, California

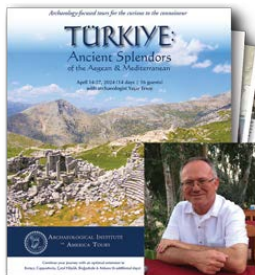


Tunisia: Phoenicians to Romans, Mosaics to Mosques

April 11-23, 2024 (13 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Nejb ben Lazreg

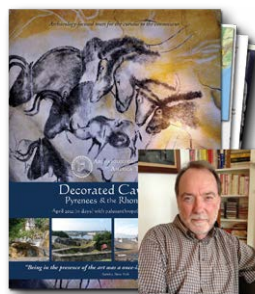
Visit seven of Tunisia's UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including fabled Carthage, Dougga, Kairouan, and El Djem. Other highlights include Bulla Regia's underground Roman villas, the Roman city of Sbeitla (Sufetula), Thuburbo Majus's sunken winter baths, and the newly re-opened Bardo Museum with its renowned mosaics.



Türkiye: Ancient Splendors of the Aegean & Mediterranean

April 14-27, 2024 (14 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Yasar Ersoy

Learn about many of the world's most magnificent Greco-Roman temples, theaters, and stadiums, visiting Ephesus, Priene, Miletus, Didyma, Aphrodisias, Sagalassos, Perge, and Aspendos. Three full days in Istanbul include all of the major highlights. An optional post-tour extension features the Neolithic settlement of Çatalhöyük, the Hittite capital of Hattusa, and the Cappadocia region.

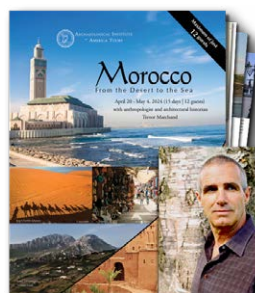


Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley

April 18-29, 2024 (12 days | 16 guests)

with paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall

Discover many unheralded examples of Ice Age art in Spain and France. Highlights include the original decorated caves of Isturitz and Oxocelhaya, Niaux, and Gargas. Also visit the spectacular Chauvet cave replica and recently-opened Cosquer Cave replica, referred to as an "underwater Lascaux." Enjoy fine food and delightful accommodations.

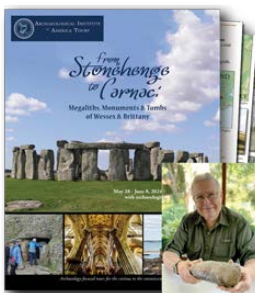


Morocco: From the Desert to the Sea

April 20 - May 4, 2024 (15 days | 12 guests)

with cultural anthropologist/architectural historian Trevor Marchand

See the archaeology, architecture, art, and history of Morocco, visiting the best-known historic sites, including six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the ruins of medieval Sijilmasa and Aghmat, as well as bustling casbahs, medinas, and souks. Visit all four Imperial Cities, archaeological monuments, fabulous museums, natural landscapes, an ancient oasis, and idyllic rural settlements.

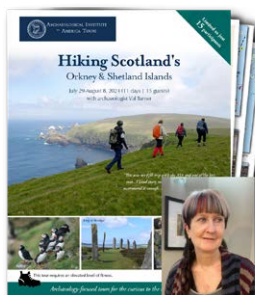


From Stonehenge to Carnac: Megaliths, Monuments & Tombs

May 28 - June 8, 2024 (12 days | 14 guests)

with archaeologist Peter Bogucki

Explore 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.



Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Islands

July 29 - August 8, 2024 (11 days | 15 guests)

with archaeologist Val Turner



Explore Scotland's Northern Isles: prehistoric stone circles, burial chambers, and settlements; quaint villages; huge seabird colonies; and remarkable plant life—all amidst dramatic landscapes. This will be Scotland seen slowly, with time for in-depth exploration at each site. The Orkney and Shetland islands have an amazing wealth of archaeological sites dating back 5,000 years.



= This tour requires an elevated level of fitness.

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- Annette, Ohio

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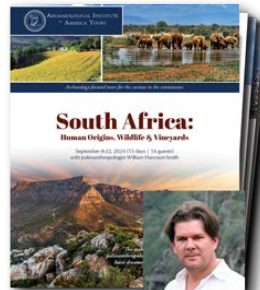
Italy



Ireland's Southern Coast

September 3-16, 2024 (14 days | 12 guests)
with geoarchaeologist Stephen Mandal

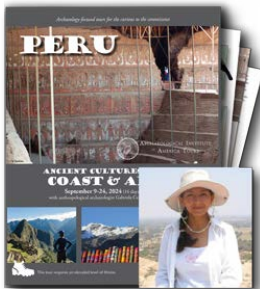
Admire dramatic seascapes and sites from earliest prehistory to the Iron Age (Celtic Period), through early Christian sites to the medieval period. Start out in Dublin and then drive to the southern coast, stopping in Wexford, Cork, Baltimore, and Killarney. Highlights include The Irish National Heritage Park, Hook Peninsula, Tintern Abbey, Ardmore, Drombeg Stone Circle, Sherkin Island, Ring of Kerry, and Rock of Cashel.



South Africa: Human Origins, Wildlife & Vineyards

September 8-22, 2024 (15 days | 16 guests)
with paleoanthropologist William Harcourt-Smith

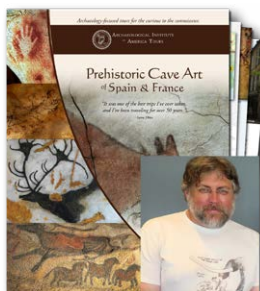
Join this journey where history, nature, science, and culture converge. Visit early human and fossil sites, such as Gladysvale and Malapa, the Makapansgat Valley, and Pinnacle Point Caves; spend two nights at a luxurious camp in Kapama Game Reserve, with game drives for wildlife viewing; spend a day in the Cape Winelands sampling wines among stunning landscapes; and visit historic Johannesburg and Cape Town.



Peru: Ancient Cultures of the Coast & Andes

September 9-24, 2024 (16 days | 15 guests) with cultural anthropologist/archaeologist Gabriela Cervantes-Quequezana

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; and a variety of museums, picturesque villages, and cities.



Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France

September 18-30, 2024 (13 days | 20 guests)
with prehistory expert Paul G. Bahn

See the most famous prehistoric cave art in the world, including Altamira II, Lascaux IV, Niaux, Pech Merle, Cougnac, Rouffignac, Font-de-Gaume, and Cueva del Castillo. Experience the cultures of Spain and France with visits to charming medieval villages and cities, savoring local foods and wines.



France: The Reach of the Romans, from Turin to Nice

September 21-October 2, 2024 (12 days | 12 guests)
with archaeologist Patrick Hunt

Discover six UNESCO World Heritage Sites in both Turin, Italy; and in Arles, Orange, Avignon, and Lyon, plus the iconic Pont du Gard, France. Explore Saint-Romain-en-Gal, Vaison la Romaine, Turin's Egyptian Museum, and Musée de l'Arles Antique. Enjoy fine cuisine and wine, and stay at distinctive, 4-star hotels.



Sicily: Archaeology, Art & Cuisine

October 12-24, 2024 (13 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Jenifer Neils

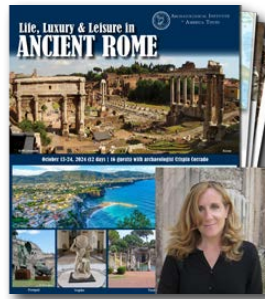
Join us and learn about many of the most impressive archaeological monuments in the Mediterranean, such as Agrigento, Selinunte, Segesta, and Syracuse. Admire the landscapes, and see two of the finest examples of Norman architecture: Monreale Cathedral and the Royal Palace of Palermo. An optional post-tour extension to Malta is available.

"This is one of the best tours we've ever done. Well organized, excellent educational component, hit the important points, and attracted a compatible group of fellow travelers."

- Jacqueline, Hawaii

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Life, Luxury & Leisure in Ancient Rome

October 13-24, 2024 (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. Marvel at opulent Hadrian's Villa in Tivoli and at the fascinating ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum. See the submerged ruins of the coastal resort of Baiae on a boat excursion, Cuma Archaeological Park with its Cave of the Sibyl, and Paestum's magnificent Greek temples.

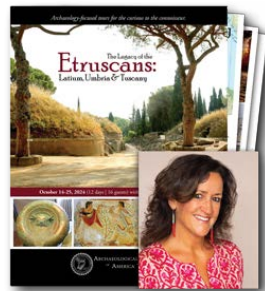


Japan: Ancient & Medieval Treasures & Temples

October 14-30, 2024 (17 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Ilona Bausch

This comprehensive tour includes five UNESCO World Heritage Sites and four of Japan's "National Treasures." From Tokyo to Kyoto, discover ruins and reconstructions of ancient buildings, impressive tumuli, evocative shrines, and iconic temples. Learn about the Neolithic Jōmon period, with its extraordinary pottery tradition. Admire natural wonders set among autumn colors, such as at Mt. Fuji, a crater lake, and waterfalls. Explore collections of ancient artifacts, exquisite lacquerware, and kimonos.

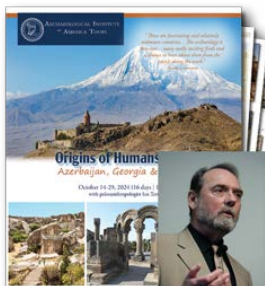


The Legacy of the Etruscans: Latium, Umbria & Tuscany

October 14-25, 2024 (12 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Lisa Pieraccini

Travel to the world of the ancient Etruscans. Visit their necropolises, whose tombs feature brightly-painted scenes of feasting and dancing, including Cerveteri, Tarquinia, and Sovana; the important Etruscan towns of Veii, Fiesole, Volterra, Orvieto, and Vulci; many museums with unparalleled Etruscan collections, including Rome's Villa Giulia and Vatican City's Etruscan Gregorian Museum; and more.



Origins of Humans & Wine:

Azerbaijan, Georgia & Armenia

October 14-29, 2024 (16 days | 14 guests)

with paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall

Ancient history of the Caucasus region awaits you, where *Homo* skulls were found at Dmanisi and wine-making goes back 8,000 years. UNESCO World Heritage Sites include Baku, Azerbaijan's Old Town and Gobustan's petroglyphs; Mtskheta, in Georgia; and Armenia's Echmiadzin and Zvartnots Cathedral. Sample wines and visit the cave complex of Areni-1.



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with Egyptologist Okasha El Daly



Dubrovnik to Venice: Cruising the Adriatic

June 13-22, 2024 (10 days)
aboard the 50-cabin *Emerald Sakara*
with archaeologist Ivančica Schrunck



Sicily Circumnavigation: Sailing around Sicily & Malta

June 15-24, 2024 (10 days)
aboard the 47-cabin *Sea Cloud II*
with archaeologist Laetitia La Follette



Athens to Rome: Mediterranean Sea Adventure

Sept. 26 - Oct. 5, 2024 (10 days)
aboard the 50-cabin *Emerald Sakara*
with archaeologist Laetitia La Follette



Vietnam & Cambodia: Cruising the Mekong River

February 3-16, 2025 (14 days),
including 7 nights aboard
the 14-suite *Mekong Princess*,
with archaeologist Joyce White

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gave a more intimate feel
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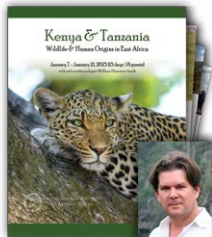
- Elaine, Indiana



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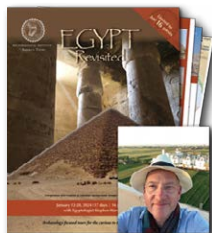


Kenya & Tanzania: Wildlife & Human Origins in East Africa

January 7-21, 2025 (15 days | 16 guests)

with paleoanthropologist William Harcourt-Smith

Learn about the origins of humanity as you drive among unforgettable landscapes and wildlife. Visit Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakeys' famous discoveries indicated that hominins had evolved in Africa; view wildlife in Ngorongoro Crater and four national parks; and ponder how early humans survived and thrived in this natural environment.

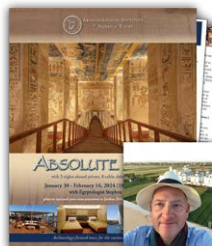


Egypt Revisited

January 9-25, 2025 (17 days | 16 guests)

with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

Go behind-the-scenes at the ancient necropolis of Saqqara; see the Red and Collapsed Pyramids, and the necropolis of Beni Hasan and Tuna el-Gebel; visit Tel el-Amarna; make two in-depth visits to Abydos; and see lesser-visited sites in Luxor.

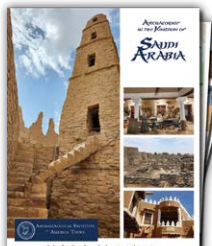


Absolute Egypt (Two departures!)

January 28-February 14, 2025 AND February 17-March 6, 2025

(18 days | 16 guests) with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

Visit all the preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan. Special arrangements are planned for meetings with excavators and conservators, behind-the-scenes visits when possible, and a three-night cruise on the Nile.



Archaeology in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

January 2025 (17 days | 16 guests) with AIA Tours lecturer TBD

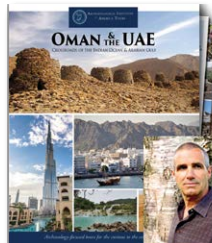
Experience the long history and rich culture of this region, learn how both were influenced by its dramatic geography, and become familiar with some of the archaeological research and sites that are being uncovered and shared with the world. Cross vast deserts, see irrigated lands, and enjoy the scenic mountains and landscapes.



Maya Pyramids & Temples of Yucatán

January 2025 (9 days | 12 guests) with AIA Tours lecturer TBD

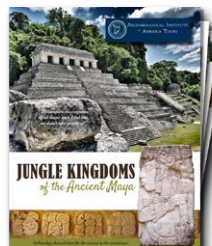
Explore the Yucatán peninsula's ancient sites, Maya villages, and colonial architecture. Maya art and architecture abound, with visits to Chichén Itzá and Uxmal, plus Ek Balam, Dzibilchaltun, and more: iconic as well as off-the-beaten-path sites with pyramids, temple complexes, and sculpture.



Oman & the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

February 6-24, 2025 (19 days | 16 guests) with cultural anthropologist/architectural historian Trevor Marchand

Delve into the cultural and geographical diversity of Oman and the UAE, highlighting ancient sites and historical monuments, how influential geography has been on the region's history, and how the region's maritime history has linked it to elsewhere in Arabia. An extension to Qatar is available.



Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya

February 2025 (14 days | 12 guests) with AIA Tours lecturer TBD

This tropical adventure takes you to ancient Maya sites in the jungles of Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. Maya art and architecture will "come alive" as you encounter enormous stelae (carved monoliths), painted frescoes, stucco friezes, carved lintels, and temple-pyramids. Explore, in-depth, the sites of Palenque, Bonampak, Yaxchilán, Tikal, Copán, and Quiriguá.



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- Elaine, New York



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