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“Loved it! I have only taken one other group tour. No comparison! This tour was superior in every way. You will see me again.”

- Elaine, New York

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), and 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.



"I've traveled in Japan, Israel, and Europe, and I've lived overseas. There have been many wonderful trips, but this was the best...Dr. Mandal's extraordinary mix of personal, scholarly, and leadership gifts was central."

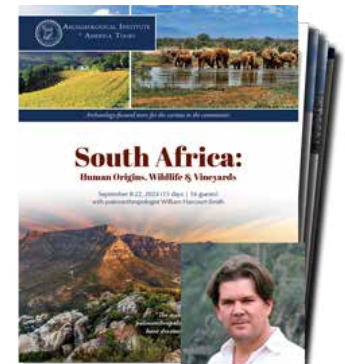
- Victoria, Kansas

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.



"The access to the world's most significant paleoanthropological sites was beyond anything I could have dreamed of...or done on my own. Bravo!"

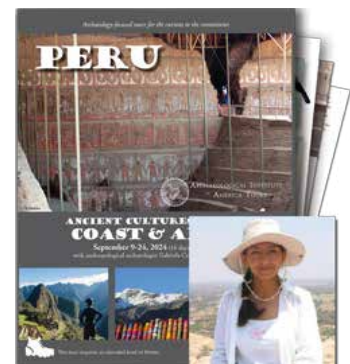
- Eve, California

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. Your AIA lecturer will provide insights to spectacular archaeological sites from Peru's many layers of ancient civilizations, plus anthropological insights to the country's diverse cultural traditions and ecosystems. Enjoy two visits to Machu Picchu; three other UNESCO World Heritage Sites; and a variety of museums, picturesque villages, and cities.



"The sites were all remarkable and impressive. The small size of the group was also great. This was our second trip with AIA, and I think you are the best."

- Tom and Cheryl, Florida

 = This tour requires an elevated level of fitness.

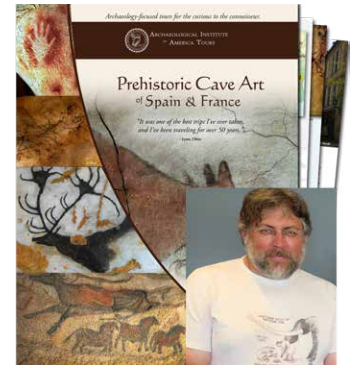
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Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France

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 food and wine. Travel with world-renowned archaeological author Paul Bahn who will enhance your understanding of the sites with lectures and informal discussions.



"It was a trip of a lifetime. Dr. Bahn was a magnificent guide, absolutely enthralling. The sites we visited were exceptional and well selected to show the great varieties of artistic expression. Overall the trip greatly exceeded my expectations."

- Viola, California

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

Sept. 21 - Oct. 2, 2024
(12 days | 12 guests)
with archaeologist
Patrick Hunt



Travel with award-winning archaeologist and author Patrick Hunt from Turin to Nice, learning how the ancient Gauls and Romans interacted with the landscapes and shaped the history of northern Italy and southern France. Visit six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Arles' Roman and Romanesque monuments, Orange's Roman theater and Arc de Triomphe, and the Pont du Gard; plus Saint-Romain-en-Gal, also called "little Pompeii," and Vaison la Romaine, France's largest archaeological site.



"The archaeological sites and sights were amazing. Dr. Hunt has a wide variety of interests and knowledge that he was pleased to share with us."

- Doris, Virginia

Sicily: Archaeology, Art & Cuisine

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



Discover impressive archaeological monuments such as Agrigento, Selinunte, Segesta, and Syracuse. Admire spectacular, sunlit landscapes of undulating vineyards and Mediterranean Sea vistas. See two of the finest examples of Norman architecture: Monreale Cathedral and the Royal Palace of Palermo (Palazzo dei Normanni). View extensive archaeological collections at several excellent museums. An optional extension is available to discover the renowned and extraordinary prehistoric monuments on the island of Malta.



"Jenifer's sense of humor coupled with her encyclopedic knowledge of sites really made the trip for me."

- Michael, Washington

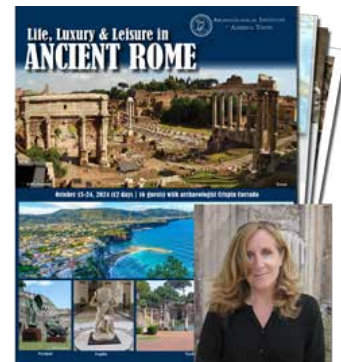
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Life, Luxury & Leisure in Ancient Rome

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.



"Archaeologist Crispin Corrado made everything even better. She was knowledgeable, generous, savvy, and good company."

- David, Michigan

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.

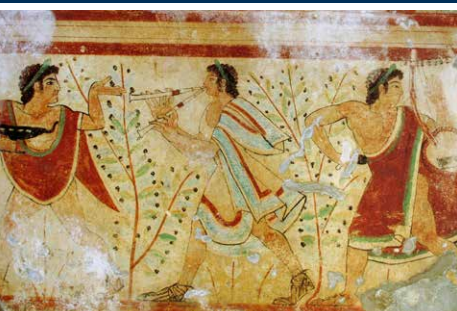


"I instantly felt confident about my choice for [the AIA] trip and our AIA lecturer's ability and professionalism...very knowledgeable and experienced."

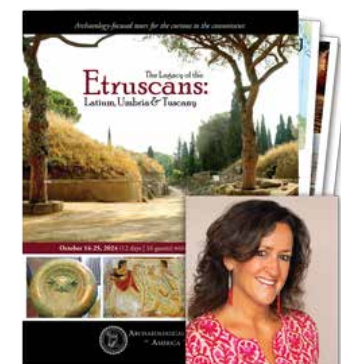
- Debra, California

The Legacy of the Etruscans: Latium, Umbria & Tuscany

October 14-25, 2024
(12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist
Lisa Pieraccini



Explore the world of the ancient Etruscans, a pre-Roman civilization that flourished in the area between Rome and Florence. Marvel at outstanding Etruscan necropolises such as Cerveteri and Tarquinia, with brightly-painted scenes of feasting and dancing covering the walls of rock-cut chamber tombs, monumental tumuli, and house tombs. Visit important Etruscan towns including Orvieto, with its striking Etruscan acropolis; and Vulci, whose tombs contain original Etruscan inscriptions.



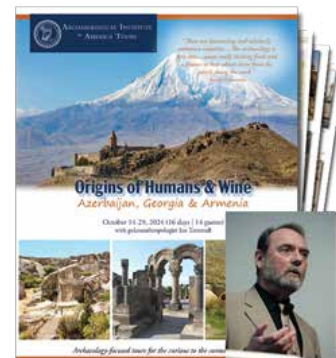
"Lisa Pieraccini made the trip extraordinary. I have never had an academic leader who was [as] interested in the participants of the trip as Lisa was. Of course her knowledge of all aspects of Etruscan studies was ultimate. But she also knew the towns we visited from digs or family trips."

- Elaine, New York

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Origins of Humans & Wine: Azerbaijan, Georgia & Armenia

October 14-29, 2024
(16 days | 14 guests)
with paleoanthropologist
Ian Tattersall



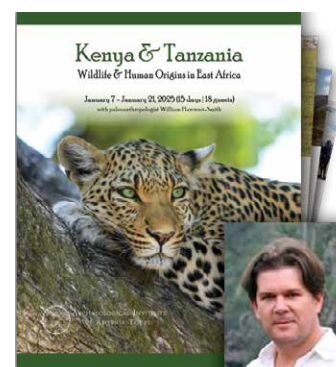
Ancient history of the Caucasus region awaits you, where *Homo* skulls were found at Dmanisi and wine-making goes back 8,000 years. UNESCO World Heritage Sites include Baku, Azerbaijan's Old Town and Gobustan's petroglyphs; Mtskheta, in Georgia; and Armenia's Echmiadzin and Zvartnots Cathedral. Sample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

"As with previous AIA expeditions, the knowledgeable, personable guides and lecturers, the cultures explored, the physical on-the-ground grasp of the geography and how it shaped those cultures are all unparalleled in my well-travelled experience...truly a remarkable trip."

- Anna, New York

Kenya & Tanzania: Wildlife & Human Origins in East Africa

January 7-21, 2025
(15 days | 16 guests)
with paleoanthropologist
William Harcourt-Smith



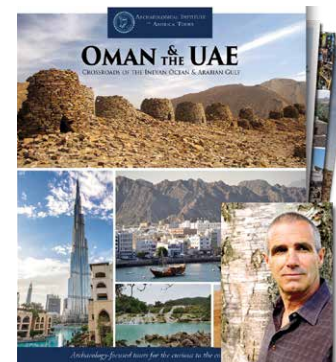
This East African adventure takes us among the wildlife and landscapes of Kenya and Tanzania. Explore four national parks and enjoy a combined eight days of safari drives. Visit Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakeys' famous discoveries indicated that hominins had evolved in Africa. Throughout our adventure you will enjoy generous comfort and exceptional service at charming resorts and lodges, plus two nights at a memorable safari camp. An optional extension to Zanzibar is available.

"[I have taken] my 5th AIA tour and I keep coming back because the experience is always excellent and the groups congenial."

- Susan, Virginia

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 while showing how influential the region's geography has been on its history and how its maritime history has linked it to elsewhere in Arabia. Learn about these countries' histories, cultures, art, and architecture while traveling from spectacular deserts and wadis to pristine coastlines, including a reserve for the endangered green sea turtle. An optional extension to Qatar is available.

"Trevor is a real find. His enthusiasm is contagious, and when he talks you can see his (knowledgeable, insightful) mind at work."

- Stanley, California

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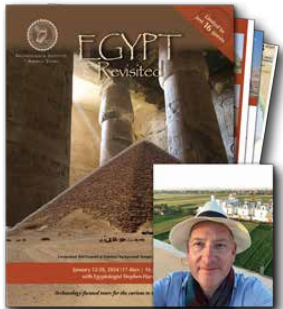
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Archaeology in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

January 7-23, 2025 (17 days)
with archaeologist Barbara A. Porter

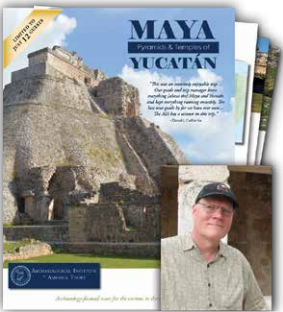
Experience the long history and rich culture of this region, learn how both were influenced by its geography, and become familiar with some of the archaeological research and sites that are being uncovered and shared with the world.



Egypt Revisited

January 9-25, 2025 (17 days)
with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

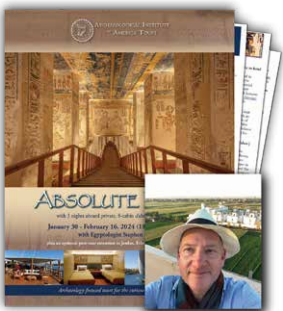
Go behind-the-scenes at the ancient necropolis of Saqqara; see the Red and Collapsed Pyramids, and the necropolis of Beni Hasan and Tuna el-Gebel; visit Tel el-Amarna; make two in-depth visits to Abydos; and see lesser-visited sites in Luxor.



Maya Pyramids & Temples of Yucatán

January 18-26, 2025 (9 days)
with Mayanist Jeff Karl Kowalski

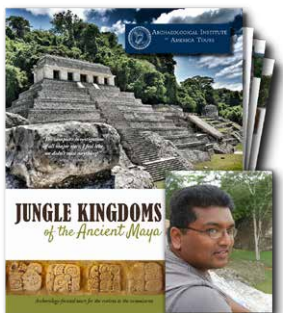
Explore the Yucatán peninsula's ancient sites, Maya villages, and colonial architecture. Maya art and architecture abound, with visits to Chichén Itzá and Uxmal, plus Ek Balam, Dzibilchaltun, and more: iconic as well as off-the-beaten-path sites with pyramids, temple complexes, and sculptures.



Absolute Egypt (two departures!)

January 28-February 14, 2025 AND
February 17-March 6, 2025
(18 days each)

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.



Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya

February 14-27, 2025 (14 days)
with Mayanist Ben Thomas

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

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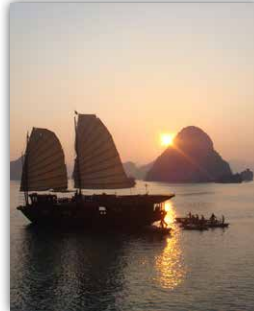
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Athens to Rome: Cruising the Mediterranean

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



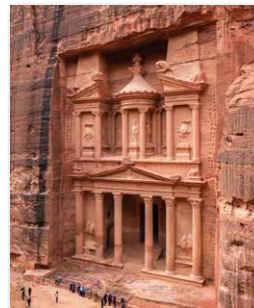
Athens to Naples: Cruising the Mediterranean

April 28 - May 7, 2025 (10 days)
aboard the 59-cabin
Hebridean Sky
with AIA Lecturer TBA



Highlands, Islands & Fjords: Scotland & Norway

May 29 - June 8, 2025 (11 days)
aboard the 72-cabin *Exploris One*
with archaeologist Elizabeth Pierce



From the Parthenon to Petra: Greece, Egypt, Saudi Arabia & Jordan

Oct. 19 - Nov. 2, 2025 (15 days)
aboard the 59-cabin *Island Sky*
with archaeologist Jenifer Neils




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"We had researched well over 20 companies and individual tours before selecting this one from AIA. We don't think we could have made a better selection."

- Linda and James, Michigan

Looking Ahead to 2025 = Voyage

2025 Tours

	Departure Date	# Days	# Guests	AIA Lecturer/Host
Kenya & Tanzania: Wildlife & Human Origins in East Africa	January 7	15 days	16 guests	William Harcourt-Smith
Archaeology in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	January 7	17 days	TBA	Barbara A. Porter
Egypt Revisited	January 9	17 days	16 guests	Stephen Harvey
Maya Pyramids & Temples of Yucatán	January 18	09 days	12 guests	Jeff Karl Kowalski
Absolute Egypt	January 28	18 days	16 guests	Stephen Harvey
Vietnam & Cambodia: Cruising the Mekong River 	February 3	14 days	14 cabins	Joyce White
Oman & the UAE: Crossroads of the Indian Ocean & Arabian Gulf	February 6	19 days	16 guests	Trevor Marchand
Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya	February 14	14 days	12 guests	Ben Thomas
Absolute Egypt	February 17	18 days	16 guests	Stephen Harvey
Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley	April 3	12 days	TBA	Paul G. Bahn
Athens to Naples: Cruising the Mediterranean 	April 28	10 days	59 cabins	TBA
Morocco: From the Desert to the Sea	April	15 days	12 guests	Trevor Marchand
Highlands, Islands & Fjords: Scotland & Norway 	May 29	11 days	72 cabins	Elizabeth Pierce
Hiking Southern Italy: Archaeology, Volcanoes & Cuisine	May	12 days	TBA	TBA
Croatia & Slovenia: Prehistory to the Present	May	TBA	TBA	TBA
Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Islands	June 30	11 days	15 guests	Val Turner
Roman Britain: Romans at the Edge of Empire	June	TBA	TBA	Elizabeth M. Greene
Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way plus Northern Ireland	September 1	14 days	12 guests	Stephen Mandal
Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France	September 17	13 days	20 guests	Paul G. Bahn
Minoan Crete & the Cycladic Islands	September 28	15 days	TBA	Joanne Murphy
Northern Italy: Cultural & Natural Treasures	September	TBA	TBA	Patrick Hunt
France: The Reach of the Romans from Turin to Nice	September	12 days	12 guests	Patrick Hunt
Peru: Ancient Cultures of the Coast & Andes	October 6	16 days	15 guests	Gabriela Cervantes-Quequezana
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Life, Luxury & Leisure in Ancient Rome	October	12 days	16 guests	Crispin (Cris) Corrado

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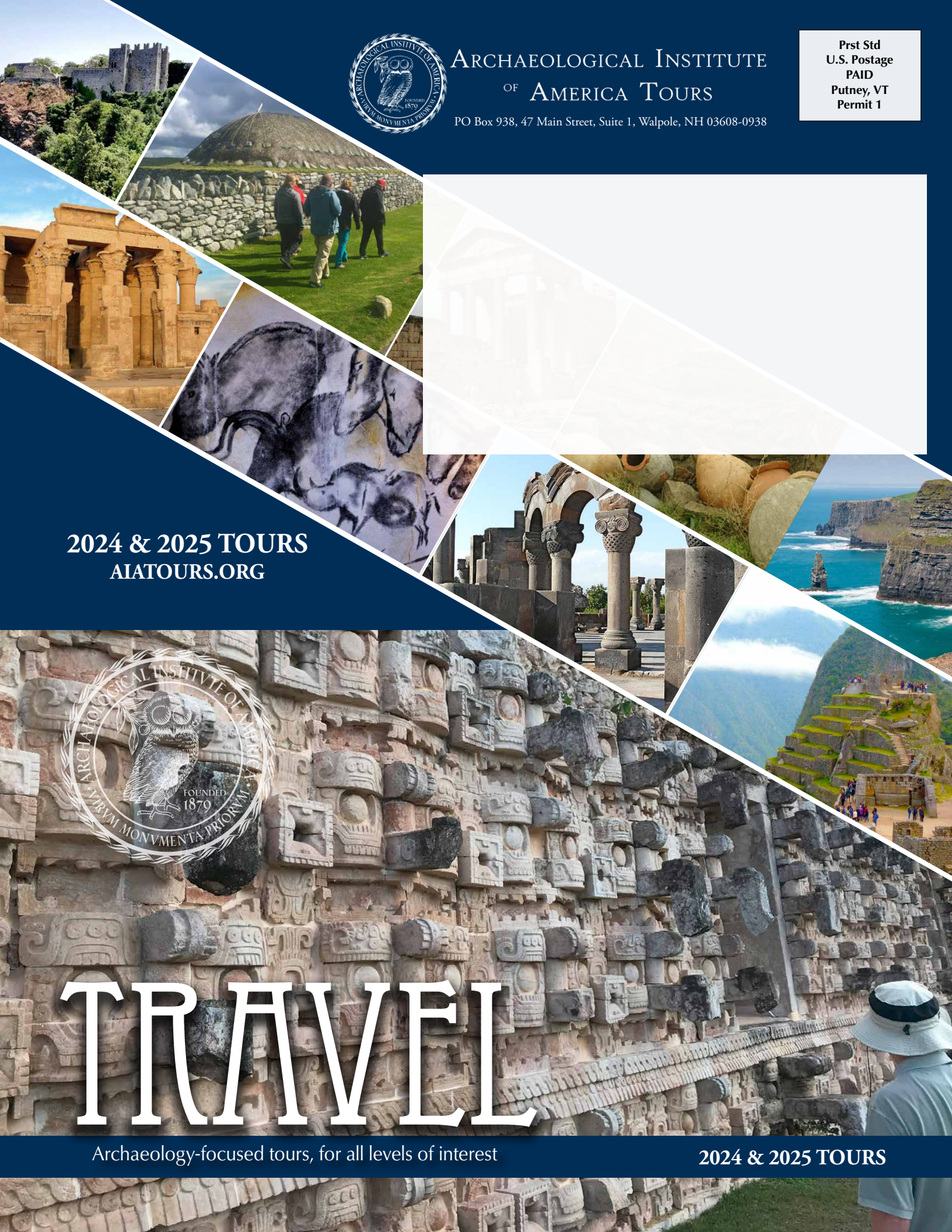
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