Megaliths, Monuments & Tombs of Wessex & Brittany

May 30-June 10, 2023 (12 days | 14 guests) with paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall

from Stonehenge to Carnac!
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.

Highlights:

- **Stonehenge**, the world’s most famous megalithic site, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site together with **Avebury**, a unique Neolithic henge that includes Europe’s largest prehistoric stone circle.
- Enigmatic chambered tombs such as **West Kennet Long Barrow**.
- **Carnac**, with more than 3,000 prehistoric standing stones, the world’s largest collection of megalithic monuments.
- The uninhabited island of **Gavrinis**, with a magnificent passage tomb that is lined with elaborately engraved, vertical stones.
- Several outstanding museum collections including prehistoric necklaces, pendants, polished stone axes, and more.
- The UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Mont-Saint-Michel**, an imposing abbey built on a tidal island.
- Charming villages, medieval churches, and beautiful landscapes of coastlines and rolling hills.
- The tour begins in London and ends in Paris! Arrive early and/or stay longer to explore these cities independently.

**Ian Tattersall**, American Museum of Natural History curator emeritus, is a renowned expert on biological anthropology and human evolution. He has lectured to acclaim on numerous expeditions throughout the world.

Trained in geology as well as in archaeology and anthropology, Dr. Tattersall’s field research on living primates and his fossil and other studies have taken him around the globe. His recent research has focused on the origins and early expressions of human creativity. Dr. Tattersall co-curated the American Museum of Natural History’s Spitzer Hall of Human Origins, and he has written many books for a general audience, including most recently *Masters of the Planet: The Search for Our Human Origins; The Strange Case of the Rickety Cossack, and Other Cautionary Tales from Human Evolution; and Understanding Human Evolution*. Of special relevance to this trip, he is the author of the introductory volume to Oxford University Press’s multi-volume *History of the World* series, *Beginnings to 4000 BCE*. Dr. Tattersall has led a variety of AIA Tours to excellent traveler reviews.

“**Ian’s commentary and overall presence could not have been more engaging. He was both an archaeological authority and an excellent traveling companion.**”

- Richard, New York

Cover: Champ Dolent menhir; (bottom, from left) La Roche aux Fées, Stonehenge, Salisbury Cathedral, Carnac

Left: Stonehenge
“I liked that I did not have to worry about anything during the trip. Even when unforeseen events occurred, the tour moved on without a hitch.”

- Dean, Washington

Northwestern France

Southern England

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Tuesday, May 30, 2023: Depart HOME

Wednesday, May 31: Arrive London, ENGLAND | Transfer to Salisbury, Wessex | Salisbury walking tour | Welcome dinner

Arrive at London’s Heathrow Airport (LHR), where you will be met and transferred as a group (time TBD) to our hotel in the historic city of Salisbury. The hotel’s main building is a 13th-century riverside coaching inn, and it is a short walk across the meadows to Salisbury Cathedral. This afternoon, take a guided walking tour of Salisbury, including a tour of the Salisbury Museum with its Director. In the evening, enjoy a welcome drink and dinner at our hotel.

Overnight at the 4-star Legacy Rose and Crown Hotel for three nights. (D)

Thursday, June 1: Devizes | Old Sarum | Salisbury

Take a morning drive to Devizes, where we will take a guided tour of the Wiltshire Heritage Museum with its Director. Its archaeological collections span the Neolithic through medieval periods, and include finds from Stonehenge and Avebury (which we visit on June 2nd and June 3rd, respectively). After an independent lunch in Devizes we return to Salisbury. En route, stop to visit Old Sarum, site of the ruins of an Iron Age hill fort, William the Conqueror’s 11th-century castle, and Salisbury’s original cathedral. The balance of the day is at leisure. (B)

Friday, June 2: Salisbury Cathedral | Durrington Walls | Woodhenge | Walk to Stonehenge | Salisbury

This morning we take a guided visit of the “new” (13th-century) Salisbury Cathedral. After an independent lunch, we drive to Durrington Walls, site of a henge (circular structure) and the largest Neolithic settlement in northern Europe, where a local expert will join us for the rest of the day. After visiting
the adjacent Neolithic site of Woodhenge, we embark on a walk through the Stonehenge landscape, including a view of the burial mounds of King Barrow Ridge. Our journey culminates at the Stonehenge Visitor Centre, where the exhibition includes almost 300 artifacts and human remains from the site. From there we will be driven to Stonehenge itself, a ring of standing stones dating from 3000–2500 B.C., a UNESCO World Heritage Site (together with Avebury and associated sites), and one of the most iconic of all archaeological monuments. Permission for special access has been requested and, if granted, our guide will lead us through the stones themselves after the Centre has closed. Return to Salisbury, having a light supper en route to our hotel. (B,D)

Saturday, June 3: Avebury | West Kennet Long Barrow | Silbury Hill |
Ferry from Portsmouth to France
Check out of our hotel this morning and drive to the village of Avebury, where we meet up again with our local expert to visit Avebury's unique Neolithic henge, comprising three circles around the village, including the largest prehistoric stone circle in Europe. Continue on to the West Kennet Long Barrow, one of Britain's largest and most accessible Neolithic chambered tombs, before taking the short walk to Silbury Hill, Europe's tallest, manmade, prehistoric mound. After an independent lunch in the area, drive to Portsmouth to embark our overnight ferry to Brittany, France. Dinner tonight will be aboard the ferry in the highly-rated, French-inspired dining room. Overnight aboard the ferry. (B,D)

Sunday, June 4: Arrive Saint-Malo, Brittany, FRANCE | Champ Dolent menhir | Tressé | Saint-Malo walking tour, PM at leisure
Disembark the ferry this morning and drive to the nearly 30-foot-tall Champ Dolent menhir (single, prehistoric standing stone), the largest in Brittany; and to the megalithic burial chamber at Tressé. Take a walking tour of the walled port city of Saint-Malo, followed by an independent lunch and afternoon at leisure to enjoy the town. Gather this evening for dinner at our hotel. Overnight at the 5-star Le Grand Hôtel des Thermes. (B,D)

Monday, June 5: Mont-Saint-Michel | Vannes
Check out of our hotel this morning and drive to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mont-Saint-Michel. After a guided visit of this imposing,
Tuesday, June 6: Locmariaquer | Vannes: Archaeological Museum of Morbihan
Today, a local expert will accompany us on our site visits. Drive to Locmariaquer and see the heavily engraved dolmen of Mané-Lud. After an independent lunch in Locmariaquer, we return to Vannes for a short orientation tour of this splendid, medieval town followed by a visit to the Archaeological Museum of Morbihan, housed in the 15th-century Gaillard Castle. The evening and dinner are at leisure. (B)

Wednesday, June 7: Gavrinis | Carnac: Museum of Prehistory, Kermario, Kerlescan, Mané-Kerioned | Vannes
Meet our local expert again for today’s site visits. Drive to Larmor-Baden from where we take a boat to visit the impressive tumulus of Gavrinis, a cairn of large stones in a stepped pattern that resembles a squat pyramid. Return by boat and drive to Carnac, where lunch is on your own. Carnac is home to some of the world’s most famous megalithic sites, dating to the Neolithic period (ca. 4500–2000 B.C.). Visit Carnac’s Museum of Prehistory and then its famous alignments of Kermario, a huge field with dolmens (megalithic tombs) and more than 1,000 menhirs in ten lines; and Kerlescan, the smallest but best preserved of these sites; plus the dolmen of Mané-Kerioned, with its spectacular carvings. Return to Vannes and gather this evening for dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Thursday, June 8: Essé | Chartres
Check out of our hotel this morning and drive to Essé, where we visit the impressive dolmen at La Roche aux Fées (Fairies’ Rock). Continue on to Chartres, stopping en route for lunch at a local restaurant. Upon arrival in Chartres we check-in to our hotel and have the balance of the day at leisure. Overnight at the 4-star Best Western Premier Grand Monarque Hôtel. (B,L)

Friday, June 9: Chartres Cathedral | St.-Germain-en-Laye: National Archaeology Museum | Farewell dinner
Make a morning visit to 12th-century Chartres Cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and masterpiece of French Gothic art. Drive to St.-Germain-en-Laye, and enjoy lunch on your own. This afternoon we explore St.-Germain-en-Laye’s National Archaeology Museum, whose vast collection ranges from the Paleolithic to the Merovingian Gaul (11th century A.D.) eras, and then check-in to our hotel. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner in our hotel’s restaurant. Overnight at the 4-star Maison du Val. (B,D)

Saturday, June 10: Fly home
Transfer this morning to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) for flights homeward. (B)
What to Expect

This program involves extensive walking, often on uneven terrain or up and down stairs that may be steep and without handrails. **Note that there is no porterage service on the overnight ferry**, and you will have to trundle your own luggage up and down a zigzag gangway, so we advise you not to travel with more than you can handle independently under such conditions. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort, and included meals are of a very high quality. Average temperatures at the time of our visit range from the low 70s during the day to the high 40s F overnight, with a fair chance of some precipitation. **Complete pre-departure details, including up-to-date COVID-related protocols, will be sent to participants.**

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“Dr. T. was straight out of Central Casting – urbane, articulate, humorous, witty, gracious. His knowledge was vast and deep, without being showy. He had enchanting anecdotes up his sleeve for every occasion, and could explain any and everything with the charming turn of phrase and originality that is his hallmark.”
- Eve, California

Photos (from top): Salisbury Cathedral, Gavrinis, Saint-Malo

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Accommodations

**Salisbury** Three nights at the 4-star Legacy Rose and Crown Hotel

**Saint-Malo** One night at the 5-star Le Grand Hôtel des Thermes

**Ferry** One night aboard the ferry from Portsmouth, England to Saint-Malo, France

**Vannes** Three nights at the 4-star Best Western Plus Vannes Centre Ville

**Chartres** One night at the 4-star Best Western Premier Grand Monarque Hôtel

**St.-Germain-en-Laye** One night at the 4-star Maison du Val
Tour Prices per person (10 nights)
Double Occupancy (11 to 14 participants) .......... $9,595
Double Occupancy (9 to 10 participants) .......... $10,595
Single Supplement (limited availability) ............. $975

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.
With fewer than 9 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.

Prices Include:
- Leadership of AIA lecturer and host Ian Tattersall, a professional tour manager, and local experts
- Ten nights’ accommodations as outlined in the itinerary, including an overnight onboard the ferry in Club class cabins
- Daily breakfast; one lunch; and seven dinners, two of which are special welcome and farewell dinners. All meals include mineral water and coffee; dinners will include house wine.
- Group arrival transfer and individual taxi transfers for departure
- All entrance fees to sites included in the itinerary
- Surface transportation via air-conditioned motor coach with bottled water provided, plus the Gavrinis boat ride
- Local taxes and service charges
- All gratuities to the tour manager, local experts, drivers, waiters for included meals, and porters
- Handling of two pieces of luggage per person at hotels
- Practical and cultural information, suggested reading/media guide, name badge/passport wallet, and luggage tags

Prices Do Not Include: Any airfare; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; portage on ferry crossing; meals or beverages except as indicated; excess baggage charges; personal, baggage, and trip cancellation insurance; any activities not specified in the itinerary; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, and room service; deviations from scheduled tour; other items not listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “EOS-Passenger Account-AIA Megaliths5/23.” Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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Note: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices. Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leader are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions will be sent upon confirmation or upon request, and can be viewed online at www.aiatours.org.

Flights & Transfers
Airfare from home to London, England (Heathrow-LHR), and returning from Paris, France (CDG), is not included. A group transfer is provided on arrival, as are individual taxi transfers for departure. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.
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“It was so well organized and the travelers so interested in the subject. One of the best tours I have ever taken part in.”

- Penelope, California

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To fill out an online reservation form, click here. Or, print and mail or fax this form to the address below.

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(as it appears on passport)

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Email(s)

- I/We have read the ‘What to Expect’ section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____________________________________________________

How did you hear about this tour?
- eNewsletter
- mailing
- website
- friends/family
- other ___________________________

ACCOMMODATIONS:
(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

- Double (one bed)
- Twin (two beds)
- Single

- I will be sharing with: ________________________________

- Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

- Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:
A deposit of $1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. You will receive an invoice for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (please check one):
- Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account–AIA Megaliths5/23
- Visa
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Exp. Date       3- or 4-Digit Code

Name on Card

Please complete this reservation form and sign the release statement below. Mail or fax to:

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By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to all Terms & Conditions delineated throughout.

Signature (participant #1)                  Date

Signature (participant #2)                  Date
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