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From Stonehenge to Carnac!

Megaliths, Monuments & Tombs
of Wessex & Brittany

May 28 - June 8, 2024 (12 days | 14 guests)
with archaeologist Peter Bogucki

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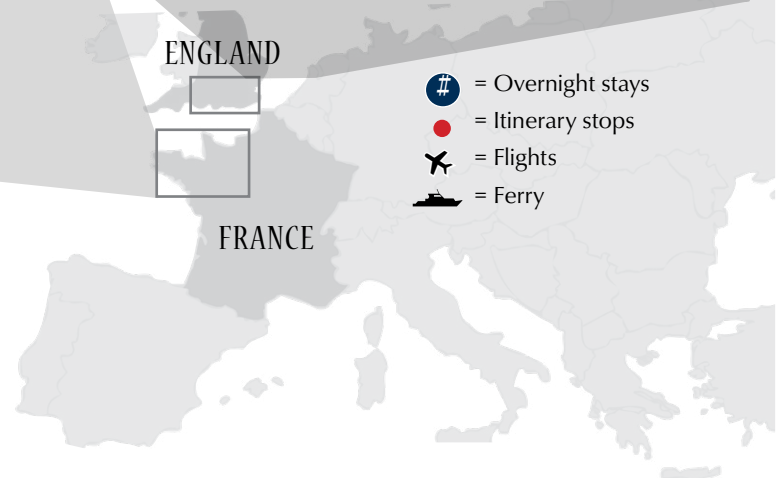


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Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur



Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



Peter Bogucki (Ph.D., Harvard University) studies the prehistoric societies of Europe and has a particular interest in the spread of farming and its consequences. In addition to many visits to sites and museums throughout Europe, Dr. Bogucki has conducted

excavations at Neolithic sites in Poland and participated in research that identified the earliest evidence for cheese production. He has written several books, including *Forest Farmers and Stockherders: Early Agriculture and its Consequences in North-Central Europe* (Cambridge University Press, 1988), *The Origins of Human Society* (Blackwell, 1999), and *Lost Civilizations: The Barbarians* (Reaktion Books, 2017), along with many articles and chapters in both scholarly and popular books and journals. *Lost Civilizations: The Barbarians* was recognized with the 2018 Society for American Archaeology book prize in the Popular category and the 2021 Felicia A. Holton Award from the Archaeological Institute of America. Dr. Bogucki is a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London. At Princeton University, as Associate Dean for Undergraduate Affairs, he has executive oversight of the academic progress and professional development of over 1,500 candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree.

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.

Cover: Stonehenge; (bottom, from left) Gavrinis, Salisbury Cathedral, Saint-Malo



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About the AIA & the AIA Tours Program

The Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) is the oldest and largest archaeological organization in North America. The AIA seeks to educate people of all ages about the significance of archaeological discovery. For more than a century the AIA has been dedicated to the encouragement and support of archaeological research and publication, and to the protection of the world's archaeological resources and cultural heritage. By traveling on an AIA Tour you directly support the AIA while personally gaining the benefit of the AIA's network of scholars and worldwide contacts.



Stonehenge's inner circle

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ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (R)= Reception, (D)= Dinner

Tuesday, May 28, 2024: Depart HOME

Wednesday, May 29: Arrive London, ENGLAND | Transfer to Salisbury, Wessex | Salisbury walking tour | Salisbury Museum | Welcome dinner
Arrive at London's Heathrow Airport (LHR), where you will be met and transferred as a group at 12:30pm 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.* (R,D)

Thursday, May 30: 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 May 31st and June 1st, 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, May 31: Salisbury Cathedral | Durrington Walls | Woodhenge | Walk to Stonehenge | Salisbury

This morning we take a guided visit of the 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



Vannes

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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 1: 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)



AIA travelers at Champ Dolent menhir

Sunday, June 2: 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 3: 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, Gothic-style Benedictine abbey and an independent lunch, continue on to the village of Vannes and check-in to our hotel. This evening we have dinner at the hotel restaurant. *Overnight at the 4-star [Best Western Plus Vannes Centre Ville](#) for three nights.* (B,D)



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West Kennet Long Barrow



Tuesday, June 4: Vannes | Kernours | Locmariaquier | Vannes

Today, a local expert will accompany us on our site visits. After an orientation tour of the splendid medieval town of Vannes, we take our motorcoach to Kernours and visit its extremely impressive tumulus and “elbow”-shaped dolmen, followed by the tumulus of Mané er Hroeck. Then we drive to the megalithic site of Locmariaquier where, after an independent lunch, we see the fully restored Table des Marchands and the fragmented Grand Menhir Brisé, unique for what would have been its original height of 59 feet. We return to Vannes, where the evening and dinner are at leisure. (B)

Wednesday, June 5: Gavrinis | Carnac: Museum of Prehistory, Le Menec, Kermario, Kerlescan | 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 Le Menec and 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. Return to Vannes and gather this evening for dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

Thursday, June 6: 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 7: 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, the vast collection of which ranges from the Paleolithic to the Merovingian Gaul (11th century A.D.) periods. Here, we also take a guided tour of the famous Salle Piette collection of prehistoric artifacts. Afterwards, we check-in to our hotel and gather later this evening for a farewell dinner in our hotel’s restaurant. *Overnight at the 4-star [Maison du Val](#)*. (B,D)

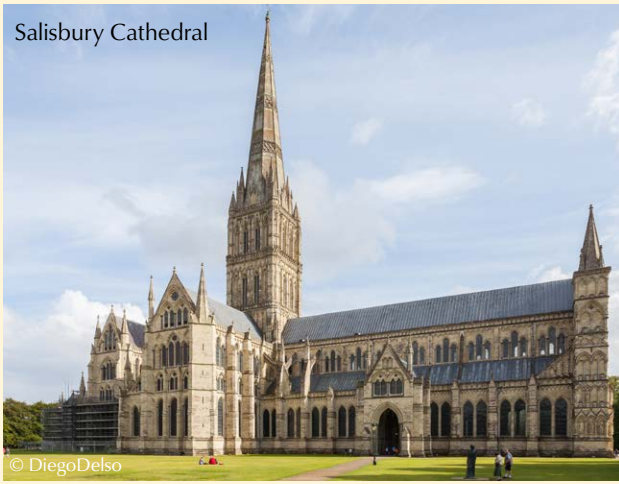
Saturday, June 8: Fly home

Transfer this morning to Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) for flights homeward. (B)



A jadeite axe found near Breamore, Hampshire, at the Wiltshire Heritage Museum

Salisbury Cathedral



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ACTIVE: Must be able to walk three or more miles per day on mostly uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

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 portering 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. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask while in close proximity to others. 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 F during the day to the high 40s F overnight, with a fair chance of some precipitation. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*

Accommodations



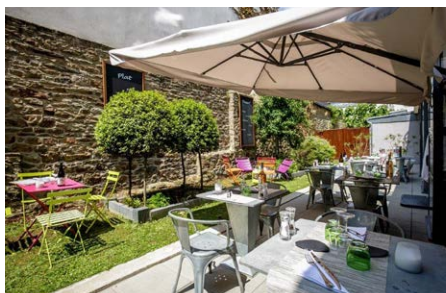
Salisbury *Three nights at the 4-star [Legacy Rose and Crown Hotel](#)*



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



Saint-Malo *One night at the 5-star [Le Grand Hôtel des Thermes](#)*



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](#)*



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Tour Prices per person (10 nights)

Double Occupancy (11 to 14 participants) \$9,645

Double Occupancy (9 to 10 participants) \$10,545

Single Supplement (limited availability) \$1,145

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/host Peter Bogucki**, 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 motorcoach**, 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

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.*

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 AIA-Megaliths5/24." 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.



For questions, and to reserve your space, please contact AIA Tours at:

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- Penelope, California

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RESERVATION FORM
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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-748-6262 or aia@studytours.org.

Name 1 _____

(as it appears on passport)

Name 2 _____

(as it appears on passport)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (cell) _____

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. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (please check one):

Check payable to: Eos AIA-Megaliths5/24 Visa Master Card American Express Already paid by phone

CC# _____

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Please complete this reservation form, choose/enclose your method of deposit, and sign the release statement below.

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Signature (participant #1) _____ Date _____

Signature (participant #2) _____ Date _____

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