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PREHISTORIC TOMBS & STANDING STONES

OF WESSEX & BRITTANY

*JUST ANNOUNCED:
After-hours, inner circle access to Stonehenge
has been granted for this tour!*



May 7 - 18, 2019 (12 days) with prehistorian Paul G. Bahn

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.

Explore medieval churches, charming villages, museum collections, and more.

Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- **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.

ITINERARY

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

Tuesday, May 7, 2019: Depart HOME

Wednesday, May 8: Arrive London, ENGLAND | Salisbury, Wessex | Welcome Dinner

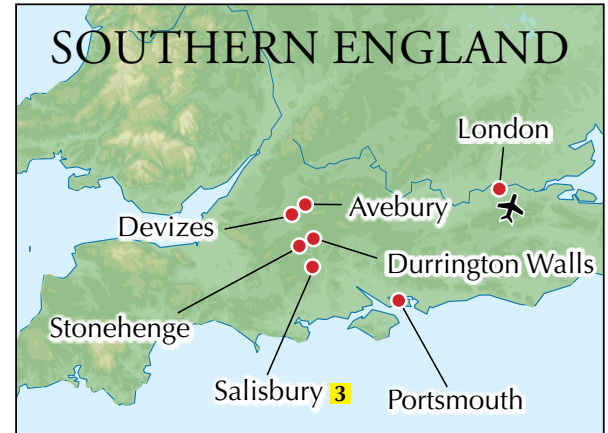
Arrive at London's Heathrow Airport (LHR), where you will be met and transferred to our hotel in the historic city of Salisbury. The hotel's main building is a 13th-century riverside coaching inn, and it is a short walk across the meadows to Salisbury Cathedral. This afternoon, take a guided walking 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 [Legacy Rose and Crown Hotel](#) for three nights.* (D)

Thursday, May 9: Salisbury | Devizes | 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 10th and May 11th, 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 10: Salisbury | Durrington Walls | Woodhenge | Stonehenge

This morning we take a guided visit of the "new" (13th-century) Salisbury Cathedral. In early afternoon, 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, and one of the most iconic of all archaeological monuments. (We have received special access to the inner circle so, our guide will lead us through the stones themselves after the Centre has closed.) Return to Salisbury for a late, light dinner at our hotel. (B,D)



of Hotel Nights

"The special tour of Stonehenge was a highlight, as well as visiting the best of the best of prehistoric sites with an immensely knowledgeable guide like Paul Bahn."

- Grant, Ontario



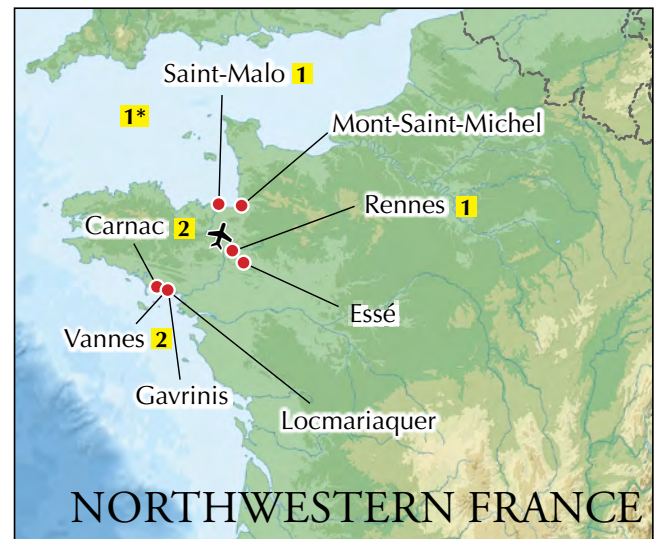
Salisbury Cathedral

Saturday, May 11: Salisbury | Avebury | Portsmouth

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. *Overnight aboard the ferry.* (B,D)

Sunday, May 12: Saint-Malo, Brittany, FRANCE

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 St.-Malo, followed by an independent lunch and afternoon at leisure to enjoy the town. Gather this evening for dinner at our hotel. *Overnight at [Le Grand Hôtel des Thermes](#).* (B,D)



*Overnight aboard the Portsmouth/Brittany ferry # of Hotel Nights

“Dr. Paul Bahn was just superb. He is such an expert in his field. It was obvious he loves what he does. His presentations were fresh and kept us entertained, he was patient about answering our questions, and in general, top notch!”

- Jackie, California

Monday, May 13: Saint-Malo | Mont-Saint-Michel | Carnac

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 Carnac and check in to our hotel. Following a short orientation tour of the village, we will dine at the hotel. *Overnight at the [Hôtel le Tumulus Carnac](#) for two nights.* (B,D)

Tuesday, May 14: Carnac

Today, a local expert will accompany us on our site visits. Carnac is home to some of the world's most famous megalithic sites, dating to the Neolithic period (ca. 4500–2000 B.C.). Visit the massive Saint-Michel tumulus and Carnac's famous alignments of Le Menec, with 1,100 menhirs up to 22 feet tall; 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. After an independent lunch in Carnac, visit the Museum of Prehistory and the dolmen of Mané-Kerioned, with its spectacular carvings. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B)

Wednesday, May 15: Carnac | Locmariaquer | Gavrinis | Vannes

Check out of our hotel and meet our local expert again for today's site visits. Drive to Locmariaquer and take a boat ride to visit the impressive tumulus of Gavrinis, a cairn of large stones in a stepped pattern that resembles a squat pyramid. After an independent lunch at the harbor, visit the Table des Marchands, a 98-foot-long dolmen; the Neolithic Grand Menhir Brisé (“great broken standing stone”); and the heavily engraved dolmen of Mané-Lud. Drive to Vannes, where we check-in to our hotel and have dinner. *Overnight at the [Best Western Plus](#) for two nights.* (B,D)



Above, West Kennet Long Barrow. Below, Champ Dolent menhir.



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“Paul’s knowledge is amazing and he shares this in a delightful manner on site, bus rides and during lectures. He was available all the time.”

- Alan and Sara, Massachusetts

Thursday, May 16: Vannes

Take a morning walking tour of the splendid, medieval town of Vannes, followed by a visit to the Archaeological Museum, housed in the 15th-century Gaillard Castle. The balance of the day is at leisure. (B)

Friday, May 17: Vannes | Essé | Rennes | Farewell Dinner

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 Rennes, where we check-in to our hotel and have an independent lunch. This afternoon we visit the Brittany Museum, which houses more than 600,000 regional artifacts that date from prehistory to modern times. Gather this evening for a farewell dinner in the hotel’s restaurant. *Overnight at the [Balthazar Hotel & Spa](#)*. (B,D)

Saturday, May 18: Rennes | HOME

Transfer this morning to Rennes Bretagne Airport (RNS) for flights homeward. (B)



Above, Vannes, France. Below, La Roche aux Fées (Fairies’ Rock), Essé. Bottom left, Mont-Saint-Michel. Bottom right, the tumulus of Gavrinis.



Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer and Host



Dr. Paul G. Bahn is a leading archaeological writer, translator, and broadcaster in the field of archaeology. He is a Contributing Editor of the AIA’s *Archaeology* magazine, and has written extensively on prehistoric art, including the books *Images of the Ice Age*, *The Cambridge Illustrated History of Prehistoric Art* and *Cave Art: A Guide to the Decorated Ice Age Caves of Europe*. Dr. Bahn has also authored and/or edited many books on more general archaeological subjects, bringing a broad perspective to understanding the sites and museums that we will visit. Such titles include *The Cambridge World Prehistory*, *The Cambridge Illustrated History of Archaeology*; *Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice*; *Archaeology: The Essential Guide to Our Human Past*; and *The Penguin Archaeology Guide*. Born in Kingston-upon-Hull, Britain, he holds a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, and is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, a Corresponding Member of the AIA, and a member of numerous international professional organizations, including the Prehistoric Society and the Société Préhistorique Française.

Dr. Bahn has been involved in bringing the field of archaeology to television in various capacities. He was an advisor in the Dordogne and Pyrenees on the BBC production of *The Making of Mankind*, a consultant on a segment of WGBH’s Nova trilogy *Human Origins*, filmed in France, and he is currently filming a series of television documentaries on world rock art. His research and lecturing on archaeological study tours have taken him to important archaeological sites around the world in Europe, North America, Africa, and Polynesia. He is a gifted and popular lecturer who regularly leads AIA tours to study the prehistory of western Europe. Dr. Bahn’s broad expertise in the area of prehistoric art, combined with fluency in French and a deep regard for the regions we will visit, uniquely qualify him as a lecturer *par excellence*.

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 portage service on the overnight ferry (May 11th-12th),** 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 unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour unless accompanied by a companion who will be available to assist you at all times. 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 the program is appropriate for you. Average daytime temperatures in May range from the 50s to 60s F, with a fair chance of some precipitation. *Complete pre-departure details and what to pack will be sent to participants.*

Air Arrangements

Airfare from home to London (Heathrow-LHR), England, and returning from Rennes, France (RNS), is not included. Individual transfers are provided on arrival and departure. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should contact your preferred Travel Agent or airline to book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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Tour Price per person (10 nights)

DOUBLE Occupancy (15 to 20 participants) \$8,445

DOUBLE Occupancy (10 to 14 participants)..... \$9,445

SINGLE Supplement (limited availability)..... \$1,185

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.
With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer and host Paul Bahn**; a professional, **English-speaking Tour Manager**; and local experts;
- **Ten nights' accommodations** as outlined in the itinerary, including an **overnight onboard the ferry** (May 11th);
- **Daily breakfast** and **seven dinners** including house wine, mineral water, or coffee;
- Individual arrival and departure **transfers**;
- **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, and porters;
- Handling of two pieces of checked luggage per person at hotels;
- Practical and cultural information, suggested reading 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; beverages (except as indicated above); 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.

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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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Old Sarum, Salisbury

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

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single
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RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure. You will receive an invoice for final payment. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

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