Unique Land & Voyage Programs
June 2019 - May 2020

- Archaeology focused, for all levels of interest
- Expert, personable leaders
- Fascinating sites
- Memorable journeys
- Small groups
- Hassle-free travel
- Carefully-selected accommodations
- Inclusive land tours & luxurious, small-ship voyages
- Experience world cultures & cuisine
- Relax & enjoy your journey...

"The trip was beyond our expectations."
- Henry, New York

"The whole tour was immaculately organized. All in all, a fantastic experience."
- Elizabeth, Canada

Ajanta Caves, India

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Human Origins in South Africa  
August 31-September 14, 2019 (15 days | 20 guests)  
with paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall  
Discover South Africa's sublime landscapes, early human sites, vineyards, and more, weaving together the threads that make up the rich tapestry of human evolution. Explore Sterkfontein, Pinnacle Point, and Cango Caves; view wildlife during game drives in Kapama Game Reserve; tour the historic cities of Pretoria and Cape Town; attend a wine tasting in the renowned Cape Winelands; and much more.

Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way  
June 9-23, 2019 (15 days | 12 guests)  
with archaeologist Stephen Mandal  
Discover the archaeology, history, and landscapes along the west coast of Ireland, visiting numerous off-the-beaten-track monuments from all periods of Irish history. Explore sites throughout the breathtaking Dingle Peninsula and the Burren, with stunning cliff-top views out to the Atlantic; Yeats’ country; the wonderfully remote County of Donegal; Northern Ireland; and more.

Changing Tides of History: Cruising the Baltic Sea  
June 23-July 2, 2019 (10-day voyage)  
with archaeologist Nancy Wilkie  
Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic states, the magnificent imperial riches of St. Petersburg, and the luminous “White Nights of Summer.” Cruise aboard the five-star, 92-stateroom/suite Le Dumont d’Urville from Copenhagen, Denmark, to Poland, Estonia, Russia, Finland, and Sweden.

Alaska’s Glaciers & the Inside Passage  
July 13-20, 2019 (8-day voyage)  
with archaeologist Ted Goebel  
The AIA’s first Alaska voyage explores narrow fjords and isolated coves as you cruise from Vancouver to Juneau aboard the five-star Le Soléal, with only 110 staterooms and suites (most with balconies). Marvel at glaciers, mountains, untouched coastlines, and wildlife from observation decks and during Zodiac excursions. Optional extensions in Vancouver and Denali National Park.

Hiking Scotland’s Orkney & Shetland Isles  
July 13-23, 2019 (11 days | 15 guests)  
with archaeologist Val Turner  
Take daily hikes on remote islands to prehistoric stone circles, burial chambers, and settlements; seeing along the way quaint villages, seabird colonies, and fascinating geological sites. Archaeological sites include Maeshowe, the Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae, and Jarlshof.

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Northern Italy: Cultural & Natural Treasures, with Slovenia & Croatia
September 4-17, 2019 (14 days | 15 guests)
Travel from Milan to Trieste, seeing the site of Hannibal’s first major victory in Italy; Roman villas and temples; and six UNESCO World Heritage sites that include prehistoric petroglyphs, prehistoric pile dwellings, and underground river canyons and waterfalls. Admire striking vistas of plains, lakes, mountains, and the Adriatic Sea; plus enjoy delicious cuisine.

with archaeologist Patrick Hunt

Essential Peru
July 20-31, 2019 (12 days | 17 guests)
with geographer & archaeologist James Kus
This new, value-priced adventure introduces you to ancient Inca engineering and the spectacular archaeological sites of Machu Picchu (two visits), Pisac, Ollantaytambo, Sacsayhuaman, Kenko, Tipon, and the historic centers of Cusco and Lima. Visit a textile cooperative and a school, and enjoy a gentle river rafting excursion. Optional extensions in the Amazon rain forest and Lake Titicaca.

Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France
September 18-30, 2019 (13 days | 20 guests)
with prehistorian 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 rich cultures of Spain and France with visits to charming medieval villages and cities, savoring fine food and wine, with charming accommodations.

Exploring the Aegean & Adriatic Seas
Dalmatia & Ancient Greece: Sept. 18-Oct. 1, 2019 (14-day voyage)
Classical Greece & Islands of the Aegean: Sept. 24-Oct. 7, 2019 (14-day land/voyage)
Grand Voyage: Sept. 18-Oct. 7, 2019 (20-day voyage)
with archaeologist Nancy Wilkie aboard ship
Choose one or combine both of these value-priced voyage/land programs. Enjoy generous comfort aboard the 216-cabin Aegean Odyssey. Cruise from Venice to Athens, stopping to explore Urbino, Split, Dubrovnik, Butrint, Olympia, Pylos, and Monemvasia. And/or cruise round-trip from Athens visiting Delphi, Mycenae, and Epidaurus before cruising to Santorini, Crete, Rhodes, Karpathos, Nisyros, Mykonos, and Delos.

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Sicily: Archaeology, Art & Cuisine  
October 2-12, 2019 (11 days | 16 guests)  
with archaeologist Carla Antonaccio

At the intersection of ancient seafaring routes, Sicily is an extraordinary melting pot of the brilliant legacies of the ancient Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, and Normans. Visit the fascinating sites and museums of Syracuse, Piazza Armerina, Morgantina, Agrigento, Selinunte, Segesta, Motya, and Palermo. Stay in 4- and 5-star hotels and savor wonderful Italian cuisine. An optional, 4-day extension to Malta is also available.

Tunisia: Phoenicians to Romans, Mosaics to Mosques  
October 17-27, 2019 (11 days | 12 guests)  
with archaeologist Nejib ben Lazreg

Visit all seven of Tunisia’s cultural World Heritage sites, including fabled Carthage, Dougga, Kairouan, and El Jem. Other highlights include Bulla Regia's underground Roman villas, Thuburbo Majus's sunken winter baths, and the Bardo Museum’s renowned mosaics. An optional, 4-day extension to Malta is also available.  

Sold out for 2019; contact us to receive advance notice of this tour in 2020.

Cruising the Mekong River: Vietnam & Cambodia  
December 2-15, 2019 (14-day voyage | 22 guests)  
with archaeologist Joyce White

See magnificent Buddhist and Hindu temples, floating markets, rice paddies, and more. Enjoy two days exploring bustling Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon); savor a seven-night cruise on the Mekong aboard a luxurious, 12-suite riverboat; and end with two days in the world famous Khmer temples and monuments of legendary Angkor.

Persian Gulf Cruise: Dubai, Qatar, Abu Dhabi & Oman  
January 2-12, 2020 (11-day voyage)  
with anthropologist & architectural historian Trevor Marchand

Cruise aboard the all-suite, 31-cabin Crystal Esprit and discover the Gulf region’s fascinating juxtaposition of past and present. Admire the stunning architecture of Dubai; the I.M. Pei-designed Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar, and the new Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum on Saadiyat Island; Qatar’s magnificent Inland Sea (via 4-wheel drive vehicles); and the fjord-like waterways of Oman’s Musandam Peninsula. Pre- and post-cruise extensions in Dubai and Oman are available.
Oman & Zanzibar
October 5-23, 2019 (19 days | 12 guests)
Oman was historically the link between Arabia, Africa, and south Asia, with an empire based on trading frankincense, myrrh, silk, gold, spices, and coffee that ruled Zanzibar and parts of modern-day Iran and Pakistan. Explore magnificent ancient and medieval ports, palaces, mosques, forts, and souqs. Discover Oman's breathtaking desert landscapes of oases and wadis, plus the architecture and way of life of the beautiful island of Zanzibar.

with anthropologist and architectural historian
Trevor Marchand

Absolute Egypt (Two Departures)
January 18-February 3, 2020 or February 15-March 2, 2020
(17 days | 12 guests) with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey
Our meticulously-planned itinerary, featuring premium accommodations and a deluxe, 3-night Nile River cruise, includes all the preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan. Highlights include the stunning tombs of Seti I and Nefertari, and a day trip to Abu Simbel. An optional extension to Jordan is available.

Southern India: Temples & Palaces
January 26-February 12, 2020 (18 days | 12 guests)
with art historian Annapurna Garimella
Explore southern India's diverse cultural histories on this luxury tour featuring art and royal/religious monumental architecture, including several UNESCO World Heritage sites. Your excellent accommodations include four nights aboard the elegant Golden Chariot train and four nights at luxurious beach resorts. An optional extension to the tropical waterways of Kerala is available.

Madagascar to Mauritius: Islands of the Indian Ocean
January 15-31, 2020 (17-day voyage)
with paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall
Explore Madagascar in depth from the convenience and comfort of the 53-cabin MS Serenissima. Discover spectacular landscapes, from pristine coral reefs and coastal mangroves to virgin rain forests and groves of Baobab trees. Stop at Reunion Island and discover its white-sand beaches and dormant volcanoes. Disembark on the island of Mauritius. Optional extensions in Mauritius and in Kruger National Park, South Africa, are available.

Private Departure: Ancient Rome & the Renaissance
Choose your dates, your travel companions, and 3-, 4-, or 5-star accommodations!
(12 days) with expert local guides
See magnificent ancient and Renaissance art and architecture, including numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites plus many lesser known but splendid sites. Enjoy excellent food, wine and five nights in central Rome, two nights in Naples overlooking the Bay of Naples, and three nights in Amalfi overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea.

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Egypt Revisited
October 19-November 3, 2019 (16 days | 16 guests)
Discover lesser-visited sites in Egypt, including the Bent, Red, and Meidum Pyramids; Tell el-Amarna, established by heretic pharaoh Akhenaton; the necropoli of Beni Hasan and Tuna el-Gebel; and the Fayoum Oasis. Make two visits to Abydos, where your AIA lecturer has been working for more than 25 years, and go behind-the-scenes at Saqqara. Optional extensions to Siwa Oasis and Alexandria, and/or to Jordan, are available.

with Egyptologist
Stephen Harvey

Egypt Revisited

Japanese by Sea: Land of the Rising Sun
April 14-28, 2020 (15-day voyage)
with an expert AIA lecturer/host
Embark the luxurious, all-suite, 57-cabin Caledonian Sky and explore lesser-visited areas of Japan. Experience ancient traditions and cultural performances; and visit sacred temples and shrines, celebrated gardens and castles, artists’ studios, and museums.

Israel: Treasures of the Holy Land
May 2-14, 2020 (13 days | 15 guests)
with archaeologist Jodi Magness
This custom-designed itinerary highlights the kaleidoscope of Israel’s archaeological riches. Visit five UNESCO World Heritage sites on this well-paced tour, with six nights based in Jerusalem.

Morocco: From the Desert to the Sea
March 2020 (14 days | 12 guests)
with anthropologist and architectural historian Trevor Marchand
A unique look at the archaeology, architecture, and history of Morocco, visiting six UNESCO World Heritage sites and the ruins of medieval Sijilmassa and Aghmat.

Greek Isles & Norwegian Fjords
May 23-31, 2020 (9-day voyage)
with archaeologist Elizabeth Pierce
Cruise from Bergen, Norway, to Glasgow, Scotland, aboard the five-star, 92-stateroom/suite Le Champlain, visiting stunning ancient and medieval sites in the Hebrides, Orkney, and Shetland Islands. Optional extensions in Norway and Edinburgh are available.

Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya
January 25-February 7, 2020
(14 days | 12 guests)
with Mayanist Virginia Miller
This extraordinary tropical adventure provides the best-paced itinerary available to explore ancient Maya sites in the lush jungles of Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras.

Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley
May 21-31, 2020 (11 days | 20 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 newly-opened Chauvet cave replica at Vallon-Pont-d’Arc.

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### Temples & Palaces of Northern India

with the Pushkar Camel Fair & Luxurious *Palace on Wheels* train

**November 6-23, 2019 (18 days | 12 guests)**

Visit eleven extraordinary UNESCO World Heritage sites, including amazing rock-cut cave temples, spectacular fortress/palaces, splendid royal garden-tombs, wildlife parks for tigers and birds, plus the Pushkar Camel Fair, great art collections, and craft shops. Enjoy luxurious accommodations including five nights aboard the *Palace on Wheels* train.

- **with art historian**
  - Kirtana Thangavelu

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