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# CROATIA

## PREHISTORY TO THE PRESENT

September 11-22, 2022 (12 days | 16 guests)  
with archaeologist Nikolina Topić

Optional Post-Tour Extension to Dubrovnik



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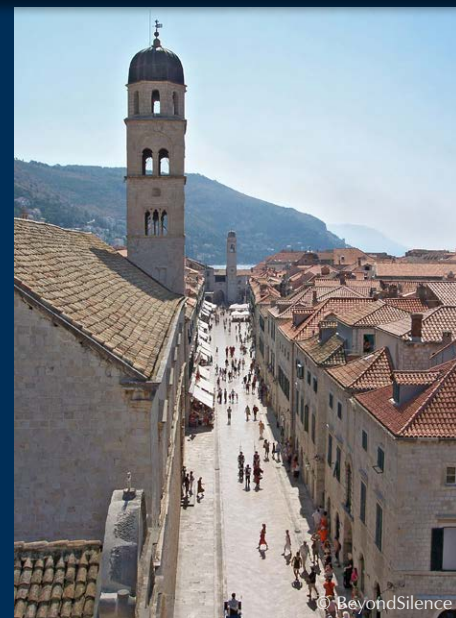


This unique archaeological and cultural tour of Croatia begins in Zagreb, Croatia's capital, with its strong Middle European personality, and ends in the lovely medieval, coastal town of Trogir. Along the way you will experience the varied scenery of this extraordinary country at the heart of southern Europe: rich meadowlands, impressive mountain ranges, and the dramatic Adriatic coast, surely among the most impressive in all of Europe. Throughout, our focus will be on the rich archaeological and historical legacy of Croatia—from Neanderthal caves, Neolithic and Bronze Age sites, imposing Roman ruins, charming medieval towns, 19<sup>th</sup>-century cities, to the modern day.



## Highlights include:

- The company and insights of AIA lecturer/host Nikolina Topić, an archaeologist who resides in Zagreb and has long been engaged in fieldwork and research in Dubrovnik.
- Three UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
  - Cathedral of St. James in Šibenik, a masterpiece of Christian art;
  - Historic City of Trogir, whose old town has retained many intact and beautiful buildings;
  - Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian, one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments embedded in the medieval town.
- Walking tours of Zagreb's picturesque Old City, including its impressive Gothic-style Cathedral; and of the fortress port of Zadar, where we will see more Roman, medieval, and Renaissance architecture.
- Two of the most important prehistoric cave sites in Europe, Krapina and Vindija, from which a vast trove of Neanderthal fossils has been recovered. These have provided the samples for much of the current DNA research on Neanderthal lineages.
- The Istrian Peninsula, a wonderland of wooded mountains and sparkling seas, where we explore a Bronze Age hillfort and admire Roman ruins in the city of Pula, notably its magnificent amphitheater—one of the best preserved in the entire Roman world.
- From our base in Šibenik we will explore a national park centered on the Krka Gorge. This wonder, little known outside Croatia, consists of a series of spectacular waterfalls and lakes. Within the park are key prehistoric and Classical remains that we will visit.
- Opportunities to meet local experts in archaeology and other fields, and to sample the delights of Croatian cuisine in all its variety on many occasions.
- A maximum of just 16 guests, plus your AIA lecturer/host and local guides. Plus, a professional tour manager handles all of the travel logistics.
- The option to extend your tour with three nights in Dubrovnik, that most evocative of walled towns, whose Old City, renowned as one of the world's finest and most perfectly-preserved medieval cities, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



## Cover

Left, from top: Clock Tower at Trogir; Krka National Park; Temple of Romae and Augustus, Pula; detail of the Cathedral of St. Jacob, Šibenik. Right, Church of Saint Donat, Zadar

## This Page

From top: Split; main street, Dubrovnik (part of the optional extension); Pula amphitheater

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## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



**Nikolina Topić** is an archaeologist and glass specialist with 17 years of experience. She received her first degree in Archaeology from the University of Zagreb. After several years of fieldwork, Nikolina enrolled at the University of Zadar where she

received her Ph.D. in medieval and post-medieval glass, within the postgraduate study "Archaeology of the Eastern Adriatic." She attended "Study days on Venetian glass" courses at Istituto Veneto di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti in Venice in 2015, 2017, and 2019. Nikolina published many papers in international and Croatian journals (available at Academia.edu), and presented two solo exhibitions on glass material in Dubrovnik and Zadar. She has presented at international conferences and public lectures as well. As an excavation leader Nikolina worked on diverse projects in the historic center of Dubrovnik (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and in the surrounding region. As a team member she also participated in various excavations in Croatia and the United Kingdom. Currently, Nikolina is collaborating on the project "Discovering of Old Dubrovnik Cathedrals" (Department of Art History, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Zagreb and the City Parish of Our Lady the Great in Dubrovnik). Her book on glass in the Dubrovnik Republic will be published soon.



Roški Slap, Krka National Park

# CROATIA



- # Overnight stays
- Itinerary stops
- # Optional extension
- ✈ Flights

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# ITINERARY

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



The Croatian National Theatre, Zagreb

**Sunday, September 11, 2022:**

**Depart home for Zagreb, Croatia**

**Monday, September 12: Arrive Zagreb | Private transfer to hotel | Welcome dinner**

Upon arrival at Zagreb Airport (ZAG), you will be met for a private transfer to our hotel. After some time to relax, gather for a welcome reception and a short walking tour of sites near the hotel, followed by dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel Dubrovnik](#) for three nights.* (R,D)

**Tuesday, September 13: Zagreb: Old City walking tour, Natural History and Archaeological Museums**

In the morning, enjoy a walking tour of Zagreb's Old City, including the monumental and impressive Gothic-style Cathedral plus visits (pending permission) to the Natural History Museum, whose displays outline Croatia's human fossil record; and/or the striking Archaeological Museum, consisting of more than 450,000 varied artifacts and monuments gathered over the years from many different sources. Alternatively, we may visit the City Museum to discover Zagreb's past, from prehistory to the present day. The balance of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

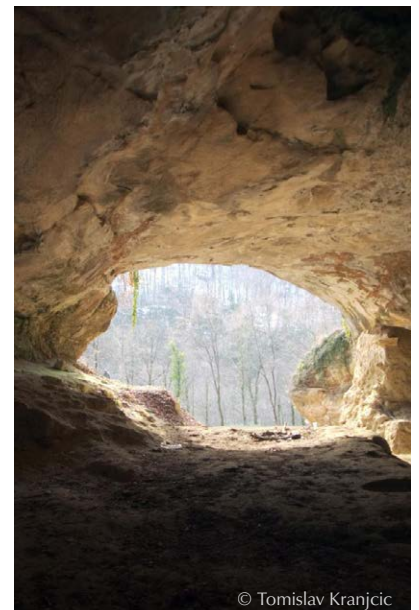
**Wednesday, September 14: Krapina Neanderthal Museum | Vindija Cave | Zagreb**

Visit the unique Krapina Neanderthal Museum, located near one of Europe's most important paleontological sites. The museum features exhibitions about the Neanderthals and about the history of the Earth, from its origins to modern times. With lunch en route, drive to Rijeka Voćanska and visit Vindija Cave, a stratified paleontological and archaeological site associated with both Neanderthals and Anatomically Modern Humans (AMH). Return to Zagreb for dinner. (B,L,D)



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Zagreb Archaeological Museum



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Vindija Cave

**Thursday, September 15: Rovinj | Monkodonja | Rovinj**

In the morning, drive to the Istrian peninsula and reach Rovinj, the "Blue Pearl of the Adriatic Sea." After an independent lunch, visit Monkodonja, an impressive Bronze Age hillfort. Return to Rovinj and stroll down the streets of this charming fishing village. The balance of the day is at leisure. *Overnight at the 5-star [Grand Park Hotel Rovinj](#) for two nights.* (B)

**Friday, September 16: Pula | Rovinj**

Drive to Pula and discover one of Croatia's architectural gems: the Roman amphitheater, the only one in the world with a complete outer wall, dating from the first century A.D. and originally designed for gladiatorial combat. Pula



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Monkodonja, a Bronze Age hillfort





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Krka National Park



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Šibenik Cathedral



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Burnum Roman military camp, Krka National Park

also boasts several of the best-preserved Roman ruins outside of Italy, including the impressive Temple of Romae and Augustus, the Arch of the Sergii, and the city walls. End the day with a visit (pending permission) to the Pula Museum of Archaeology. Return to Rovinj for dinner. (B,L,D)

**Saturday, September 17: Drive to Zadar | Zadar: Walking tour, Archaeological Museum**

Leaving Rovinj, we drive to Zadar (approx. 4.5 hours), stopping for lunch en route. Upon arrival in Zadar, enjoy a walking tour of the walled city and a visit to the Archaeological Museum, which displays archaeological material from the Paleolithic and Neolithic, the Bronze and Iron Ages, and the Roman and Byzantine periods, as well as from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> centuries A.D. Gather for dinner this evening. *Overnight at the 4-star [Falkensteiner Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

**Sunday, September 18: Zadar: Museum of Ancient Glass | Šibenik: City Museum and Cathedral**

In the morning we visit the Museum of Ancient Glass, housing an outstanding collection of ancient glass from this part of Europe. After some time to explore and have lunch on your own, we drive to Šibenik. Explore this lovely medieval town, located in the bay of the Krka River, including the City Museum and St. James Cathedral, a masterpiece of Christian art and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Gather this evening for dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel Bellevue](#) for three nights.* (B,D)

**Monday, September 19: Krka National Park: Burnum, Puljane Eco Campus, Roški slap, Skradinski buk | Šibenik**

Drive to Krka National Park, a vast and primarily unaltered area of natural value. Enjoy a visit to the Burnum Roman military camp, with its unique military amphitheater and wonderful views of the Krka River gorge. Reach Puljane and visit the Puljane Eco Campus, housing archaeological artifacts (weapons, tools, daily use items) from Burnum. Then visit the amazing Neolithic cave site above Roški slap. After lunch at Roški slap waterfalls, take a boat ride along the Krka River gorge and stop at the island monastery of Visovac. Visit the outstanding Skradinski buk waterfall, the longest one on the Krka River. Also visit the associated museum and mills with craft demonstrations before we return to Šibenik for an evening at leisure. (B,L)





Pula amphitheater

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## **Tuesday, September 20: Danilo Gornje | Pokrovnik and Danilo Bitinj | Šibenik**

Drive to the village of Danilo Gornje to visit the Roman villa complex. Continue on to the Neolithic settlements of Pokrovnik and Danilo Bitinj. After a coffee break at Café Dvori, we enjoy a celebratory lunch in the countryside with music provided by a *klapa* (traditional a cappella) ensemble. Return to Šibenik for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

## **Wednesday, September 21: Trogir walking tour | Split: Diocletian's Palace, Archaeological Museum | Trogir | Farewell dinner**

Drive to Trogir along a coastal road and enjoy a walking tour of this lovely town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, set within medieval walls on a tiny island linked by bridges to both the mainland and to the far larger Čiovo Island. The old town has retained many intact and beautiful buildings, such as the Venetian St. Lawrence Cathedral. After lunch we drive to Split, a great place to see Dalmatian life as it is really lived. Step inside Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the world's most impressive Roman monuments; and explore the Archaeological Museum, a treasure trove of classical sculpture and mosaics from the surrounding ancient Roman settlements. Return to Trogir where we check-in to our hotel and then gather for a farewell dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Heritage Hotel Pasike](#)*. (B,L,D)

## **Thursday, September 22: Fly home OR begin Dubrovnik extension**

You are met at the hotel for a private transfer to Split Airport (SPU) for flights homeward, or set out on our three-night extension in Dubrovnik. (B)

*"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."*

- James & Linda, Michigan

## **Flights & Transfers**

Airfare from/to home is not included. Complimentary individual transfers will be provided upon arrival at Zagreb Airport (ZAG) and for departure from Split Airport (SPU) or from Dubrovnik (DBV) for those on the extension. Flight itineraries must be provided to our office prior to 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. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*



Šibenik

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## Optional Post-Tour Extension

# DUBROVNIK

September 22-25, 2022 with archaeologist Nikolina Topić

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### Thursday, September 22: Makarska | Mali Ston | Ston | Dubrovnik

Take a scenic drive to Dubrovnik (approx. 4 hours) along the coastal road, enjoying spectacular views. Along the way, stop in the seaside resort town of Makarska for a coffee break. After lunch in the village of Mali Ston, we stop at the little medieval town of Ston to see its famous walls, one of the longest defensive structures in Europe, with three fortresses and a number of towers. Continue on to Dubrovnik, where we check-in to our hotel and enjoy the balance of the day at leisure. *Overnight at the 5-star [Grand Villa Argentina](#) for three nights.* (B,L)

### Friday, September 23: Dubrovnik: Walking tour and Gornji Ugao Tower Medieval Foundry tour, PM at leisure

In the morning, enjoy a walking tour of Dubrovnik's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, renowned as one of the world's finest and most perfectly-preserved medieval cities. The main attraction of Old Town Dubrovnik, apart from its old monasteries and beautiful palaces, is the ancient city walls with their intricate and complex system of forts, bastions, casemates, towers, and detached forts. Also visit the Gornji Ugao Tower Medieval Foundry. Lunch and the balance of the day are at leisure, perhaps to walk the city wall circuit, visit the Ethnographic and/or Maritime Museums, relax, or go shopping. (B)

### Saturday, September 24: Cavtat | Sokol Grad | Dubrovnik | Farewell dinner

Set out this morning on a scenic drive to Cavtat, a fishing port south of Dubrovnik. Walk through the remains of the Greek colony and Roman port of Epidaurum, and visit the charming house museum of one of Croatia's most famous artists, painter Vlaho Bukovac. Continue on to Sokol Grad, a recently-restored medieval fortress overlooking the Konavle valley. After lunch at a traditional restaurant in Dubravka, beside a mountain stream, we return to Dubrovnik. Gather for a farewell dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

### Sunday, September 25: Fly home

You are met at the hotel for a private transfer to Dubrovnik Airport (DBV) for flights homeward. (B)

## Optional Post-Tour Extension

(3 nights) Double Occupancy Prices Per Person

13-16 participants..... \$1,195

8-12 participants..... \$2,245

6-7 participants ..... \$2,645

Single Supplement ..... \$545

*With fewer than 6 participants, a small group surcharge may be applied.*

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).*



Cavtat

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# Accommodations



Zagreb: *Three nights at the 4-star [Hotel Dubrovnik](#)*



Rovinj: *Two nights at the 5-star [Grand Park Hotel Rovinj](#)*



Zadar: *One night at the 4-star [Falkensteiner Hotel](#)*



Šibenik: *Three nights at the 4-star [Hotel Bellevue](#)*



Trogir: *One night at the 4-star [Heritage Hotel Pasike](#)*



Optional Post-Tour Extension  
Dubrovnik: *Three nights at the 5-star [Grand Villa Argentina](#)*

## What to Expect

This unique tour program features an insider's look into archaeological discoveries and exploring the rich culture of the region. We will be staying in 4- and 5-star accommodations and enjoy a variety of local dishes along the way. The itinerary involves a significant amount of walking, with many streets of packed dirt, and some attractions are only accessible via steep staircases with tall, uneven steps. 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. 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. 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. In September, the weather in Croatia is usually sunny and warm. Daytime temperatures range from the mid-70s to the low 80s (F), while night time temperatures can dip into the low 50s (F). *Complete pre-departure details, including up-to-date COVID-related protocols, will be sent to participants.*







## Main Tour Prices Per Person (10 nights)

Double Occupancy (14-16 participants) .....	\$6,945
Double Occupancy (11-13 participants) .....	\$7,445
Double Occupancy (8-10 participants) .....	\$8,445
Single Supplement .....	\$1,145

*With fewer than 8 participants, a small group surcharge may be applied.*

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).*

## Main Tour Prices Include:

- **8 nights in well-located 4-star hotels and 2 nights in a luxurious 5-star hotel**
- **Delicious meals:** 10 breakfasts; 7 lunches and 6 dinners with bottled water or soft drinks, plus coffee/tea and wine with dinners; including a **welcome reception and a farewell dinner** with beer and wine

## Extension Prices Include:

- **3 nights in a luxurious 5-star hotel**
- **Delicious meals:** 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and a farewell dinner with beer and wine. Meals include a choice of bottled water or soft drinks, plus coffee/tea

## Main Tour & Extension Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer and host Nikolina Topić**, plus a **professional tour manager** and expert **local guides**
- **Individual airport transfers** on arrival and departure
- **All excursions** and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Transportation by private, modern, **air-conditioned coach**, including bottled water on all excursions
- **All gratuities** to the tour manager, local guides, drivers, hotel staff, waiters (for included meals), and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels, where available
- VAT, local taxes, and service charges for all included activities
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list.

**Prices Do Not Include:** Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; meals other than those listed in the itinerary; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; alcoholic or other beverages except as noted; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; and other items not listed as included.

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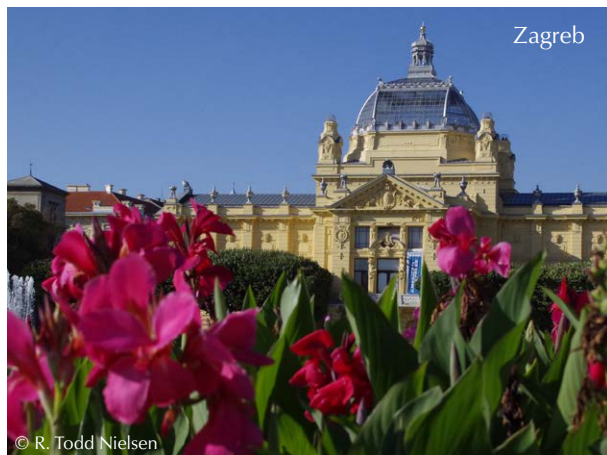






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Zagreb



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## CROATIA: PREHISTORY TO THE PRESENT

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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, \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please sign me/us up for the optional post-tour extension to Dubrovnik, September 22-25, 2022 (additional fee)

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:

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### DEPOSIT TYPE (please check one):

☐ Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account-AIA Croatia9/22 ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ American Express ☐ Already paid by phone

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Signature (participant #1) Date

Signature (participant #2) Date



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At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. They can presently be found at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices> and <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings.html>. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** Participants agree to fully accept all known and unknown risks, including the potential risk of exposure to respiratory illnesses or other illnesses, viruses, diseases, or conditions. Participants understand and agree to hold Sponsors/Operator, their officers, vendors and suppliers harmless and not liable for any real or perceived symptoms of any disease, virus, illness, or condition, nor for exacerbating any existing symptoms of any illness, virus, disease or condition, quarantine requirements, disability, and other short-term and long-term health effects, including death. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Participants should not purchase airline tickets prior to receiving their final payment invoice so as to avoid airline cancellation penalties if a tour is canceled or otherwise modified subsequent to the participant's purchase of those tickets. Baggage and personal effects are at all times the sole responsibility of the participant. If, due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers, and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any participant at any time. The right is reserved to decline to accept as a participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person it judges to be incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in the activities, or who is abusive to other trip participants, leaders, or third parties, or who is determined to detract from the enjoyment of the trip by others. Specific room assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel. **APPEARING IN PHOTOS:** Photos from AIA Tours' trips may be posted on photo-sharing web sites or on social networking sites. Your likeness may appear in some photos or videos, posted either by other travelers or tour lecturers/guides, and the circulation of the materials could be worldwide. Trip photos may also be selected to appear in future AIA Tours promotions; no compensation is available for appearing in a trip photo used for promotional purposes. **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she agrees with these terms and conditions, and accepts the terms contained in these Terms and Conditions, Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Binding Arbitration Agreement.