



ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE
OF AMERICA TOURS

ANCIENT WONDERS OF THE TURKISH COAST

Aboard *Island Sky* • September 21–October 1, 2022

With archaeologist **Brian Rose**



DEAR TRAVELER,

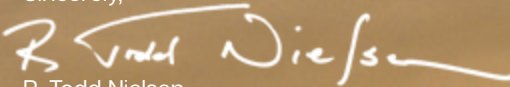
I invite you to join **Archaeological Institute of America** lecturer and host **C. Brian Rose** to visit extraordinary ancient Greek, Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman sites. Brian Rose is a supremely engaging lecturer who has been excavating in Turkey for decades, and is former co-director of the excavations of Troy.

Your journey begins with one hotel night in Istanbul and visits to some of the city's highlights; followed by an **eight-night cruise aboard the lovely, 59-cabin, all-suite *Island Sky***. Cruise along the Aegean coast of Turkey toward Cyprus, calling en route at **Troy**, of *Iliad* fame; and the fabulous archaeological sites of **Pergamon, Ephesus, Didyma, Priene, and Miletus**. Along Turkey's Mediterranean coast, explore the Lycian Peninsula sites of **Xanthos** and **Patara**, and the spectacular Roman theater at **Aspendos**.

Also available are a two-night, **pre-trip extension in Istanbul**, the incredible city that bridges the Eastern and Western worlds and was an imperial capital for nearly 1,600 years; and a two-night, **post-trip extension in Cyprus**, including time in Limassol and Larnaca.

This program is limited to only 95 travelers and is co-sponsored by other organizations, so I urge you to reserve your preferred cabin today by calling AIA Tours at **(800) 748-6262** or emailing aia@studytours.org.

Sincerely,



R. Todd Nielsen

Director, AIA Tours

Archaeological Institute of America

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA AND 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.

STUDY LEADER



Archaeological Institute of America and University of Pennsylvania lecturer and host C. Brian Rose (Ph.D., Columbia) is an expert on ancient Rome who has earned rave reviews on previous AIA Tours for both his engaging lectures and congenial manner. He is currently the James B. Pritchard Professor of Mediterranean Archaeology at the University of Pennsylvania, and Curator-in-Charge of the Mediterranean Section of the Penn Museum. For 25 years he served as co-director of the excavations at Troy, and is now director of the Gordion excavations in central Turkey.

In addition to his extensive teaching and fieldwork, Dr. Rose has received many awards such as the Rome Prize of the American Academy in Rome; the Berlin Prize of the American Academy in Berlin; the Max Planck Prize of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation; and grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, the American Research Institute in Turkey, and the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. He was a Trustee and Vice-Chair of the board of trustees of the American Academy in Rome, and is now president of the American Research Institute in Turkey, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC). Dr. Rose was President of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) from 2007-2011, and received the AIA Gold Medal for Distinguished Archaeological Achievement in 2015. He has been lecturing on the AIA's national lecture circuit since 1992, and has lectured on eight previous AIA Tours throughout the Mediterranean and Black Seas.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Begin by touring some of the major sites of **Istanbul**, one of the most fascinating and historically rich cities in the region.
- ◆ Walk among the incredible archaeological ruins of **Troy**, associated with the sagas of the Trojan War and Homer's *Iliad*.
- ◆ Experience **Ephesus**, where the Greco-Roman world comes alive at Europe's most complete classical metropolis, and where St. Paul preached on his second missionary journey.
- ◆ Marvel at the beauty of the Lycian town of **Xanthos**, built on a cliff overlooking a river and boasting several significant ruins including the Nereid Monument, whose figure friezes are in the British Museum.
- ◆ Travel by gondola to the **Pergamon** acropolis, one of Turkey's finest archaeological sites, and explore the remains of the citadel, the Zeus Altar, and the Royal Palace.
- ◆ Walk through narrow streets lined with typical stone and wooden houses in the spiritual town of **Tarsus**, the birthplace of St. Paul, and visit the fantastic Tarsus Museum, boasting a wealth of relics from the Gözlükule excavations.

THIS PHOTO: **ISTANBUL AT SUNSET**

ON THE COVER: **TEMPLE RUINS AT PRIENE; ROMAN ROAD AT EPHESUS; XANTHOS THEATER AND TOWER TOMB; MEDUSA HEAD AT DIDYMA**

BACK COVER: **LIBRARY OF CELSUS AT EPHESUS**



PERGAMON



MILETUS



SPICE MARKET



EPHESUS

ITINERARY

**Wednesday & Thursday,
September 21 & 22**

Home / Istanbul, Turkey

Depart home on international overnight flights to Istanbul. Arrive September 22 and transfer to the historic Pera Palace Hotel, known for its art-nouveau façade and elegant oriental ballroom. Enjoy a restful evening at leisure.

PERA PALACE HOTEL

Friday, September 23

Istanbul

After breakfast, attend a brief orientation followed by the first lecture on the program, then witness the magnificent Hagia Sophia and royal Topkapi Palace. After a sumptuous local lunch, see the iconic Blue Mosque and nearby Hippodrome. In the late afternoon, embark *Island Sky*, our home for the next eight nights. Enjoy a festive welcome reception and dinner on board.

ISLAND SKY (B,L,R,D)

Saturday, September 24

Çanakkale / Troy

The morning is spent cruising with an opportunity to continue the lecture series. After lunch, disembark for the world-renowned site known as Troy, the historic city of the Trojan War as described in Homer's epic poem, the *Iliad*. Visit the ancient site of Troia and its

layered ruins that are still being actively excavated, including a stop at the nearby museum.

ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

Sunday, September 25

Pergamon

Spend the day exploring the ancient Greek site of Pergamon, once a powerful and thriving cultural center, now one of Turkey's finest archaeological destinations. Ascend by gondola to the acropolis to explore the ruins of a powerful Hellenistic city perched high on the hillside. Explore the 10,000-seat theater; Temples of Athena, and Trajan; Altar of Zeus; and the foundations of the meticulously planned city. Also see the Asclepion, an ancient healing center which thrived during the 2nd century A.D. Continue to the modern town of Bergama to visit its archaeological museum before returning to the ship.

ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

Monday, September 26

Kuşadası / Ephesus

Call at the bustling port city of Kuşadası for the short drive to Ephesus. An important port city and trading and intellectual center from archaic to Roman times, Ephesus is one of the more complete ancient sites

in the region, where more than 150 years of excavating have revealed broad streets, impressive buildings, intricate mosaics, towering temples, and possibly the largest theater in the ancient world. Today's excursion options are: (1) Spend the day exploring Ephesus, including a local lunch and a folkloric demonstration of dance and weaving; (2) Tour Ephesus in the morning and visit the museum before returning to the ship for lunch and an afternoon at leisure.

ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 27

Didim

Explore Priene, known for its high-quality Hellenistic art and architecture, and stunning location overlooking the Meander River. Also stop at Miletus, an ancient Greek city and the birthplace of "the father of European urban planning," Hippodamus. After lunch, wander the spectacular ruins of Didyma, an ancient Greek sanctuary renowned for its famed oracle. Didyma, which means "twin" in Greek, is also home to the well-preserved temples dedicated to the twins Apollo and Artemis.

ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)



DIDYMA



AIA TOURS GROUP AT THE EAST GATE OF TROY WHERE BRIAN ROSE SERVED AS CO-DIRECTOR OF THE EXCAVATIONS FOR 25 YEARS.



PRIENE

Wednesday, September 28

Fethiye

From our berth at Fethiye travel southeast to discover the rich Lycian towns of Xanthos, built on a great cliff overlooking the river, and one of the most important religious centers of its time, Patara. Set amidst sand dunes by the beach, Patara is known as the birthplace of St. Nicholas, and where St. Paul stopped in A.D. 60. Return to the ship for lunch and an afternoon of cruising and lectures.

ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

Thursday, September 29

Antalya

Arrive in bustling Antalya and join one of two excursions: (1) A full-day tour to the ruins of ancient Perge, a settlement dating back to the Bronze Age, visited at least twice by St. Paul and his companion St. Barnabas; Aspendos, whose 2nd-century theater is one of the best-preserved in the Mediterranean; and the Antalya Archaeological Museum; (2) A short morning hike through the

pinelands to wander the ancient mountaintop city of Termessos, another site mentioned in the *Iliad*, and legendarily difficult to defeat (Alexander the Great never could, though Bellerophon managed it by dropping boulders from Pegasus!), followed by a free afternoon in Antalya.

ISLAND SKY (B,L,D)

Friday, September 30

Mersin

Call at Mersin, a short drive from Tarsus, birthplace of St. Paul. Walk the narrow 16th-century streets and Roman roads, and visit St. Paul's Well. Explore the artifact-rich Tarsus Museum and visit the decorative Grand Mosque. Enjoy a final lecture this afternoon and a farewell reception and dinner.

ISLAND SKY (B,L,R,D)

Saturday, October 1

Limassol, Cyprus / Home

Disembark and transfer to the airport for flights home or continue on the optional Cyprus extension. (B)

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BLUE MOSQUE IN ISTANBUL

Optional Extensions

A two-night pre-tour extension in Istanbul and a two-night post-tour extension in Cyprus will be available.

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.



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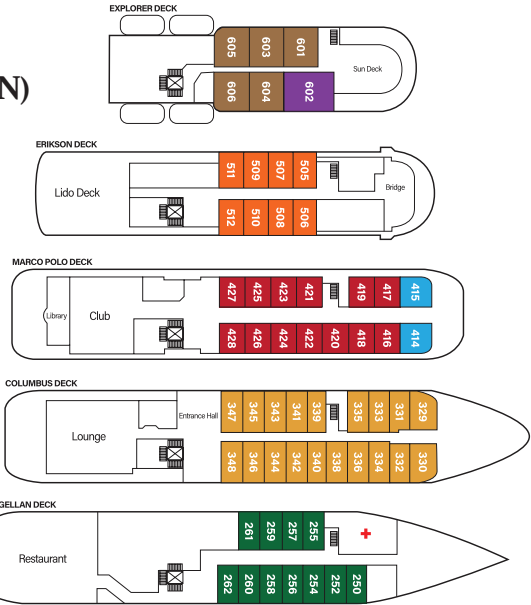
ISLAND SKY



The *Island Sky* is a 59-cabin, all-suite expedition ship. All cabins have an ocean view, en-suite bathroom with marble-topped vanity unit and walk-in shower, sitting area, spacious wardrobe, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air-conditioning, flat-screen television and dressing table. The ship's amenities include complimentary WiFi, a dining room, two lounges with bar service, a small library, an observation deck with comfortable lounge chairs, a hairdresser and laundry service. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The *Island Sky's* chefs prepare quality international meals, predominantly Western-style, served at a single open seating. A friendly crew provides exceptional, personalized service, with more than a 1:2 crew-to-passenger ratio. The ship features advanced satellite navigation and communication equipment, roll stabilizers and a fleet of Zodiac landing craft.

PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON)

CATEGORY		DOUBLE	SINGLE
A	STANDARD SUITE two, three, or four portholes; 226 sq. ft.	\$8,990	\$13,490
B	SUPERIOR SUITE picture window; 205–264 sq. ft.	\$10,490	\$15,740
C	PREMIUM SUITE tinted sliding glass door; 226 sq. ft.	\$11,990	—
D	CORNER SUITE tinted sliding glass door; 237 sq. ft.	\$12,490	—
E	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE sliding glass door; 225 sq. ft. plus 45 sq. ft. balcony	\$12,990	—
F	OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE sliding glass door; 237 sq. ft. plus 86 sq. ft. balcony	\$13,990	—
G	ISLAND SUITE sliding glass door; 344 sq. ft. plus 100 sq. ft. balcony	\$14,990	—



GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including nine breakfasts, eight lunches, eight dinners, one hotel night, and **eight nights aboard *Island Sky*** • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • **All gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers and shipboard personnel for all group activities** • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • **House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners** • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Comprehensive packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately active trip for travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling with a group, and can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Navigating uneven terrain, walking on cobblestone pavement, and standing for up to two hours in museums or other sites are the most strenuous activities. Travelers must be able to board the ship via a metal gangplank with rope handrails. 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. SARS-COV-2 (COVID 19) vaccinations are required for all participants as well as tour staff and shipboard crew. Up-to-date COVID-related protocols and procedures will be communicated in pre-trip documents. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by AIA Tours or Criterion Travel, local staff, and host country laws.

INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

**PROGRAM RATES
DO NOT INCLUDE**
U.S. domestic and international airfare · Passport/visa expenses · Medical expenses and immunizations · Travel and trip cancellation insurance · Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days · Personal excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour · Airline baggage charges · Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted · Laundry or dry cleaning · Telephone, fax, internet, and email charges · Room service · Other items of a personal nature

GROUP SIZE
This program can accommodate 95 participants, including travelers from the Archaeological Institute of America, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Penn Alumni Travel, and Yale Alumni Academy.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES
Our rates are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS
To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: AIA Tours, P.O. Box 938, 47 Main St., Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 or fax to 603-756-2922. Balance of payment is due 120 days prior to departure (May 24, 2022). We accept checks, payable to 'Eos Passenger Account – AIA TurkishCoastCRI9/22' as well as VISA, MasterCard and American Express for deposits. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt. Credit cards are NOT accepted for final payment.

PASSENGER CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Cancellations must be received in writing by AIA Tours. All payments are fully refundable if your cancellation is received by May 24, 2022 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations received after May 24, 2022 are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not participate in any part of the program, who do not complete the tour for whatever reason, or whose entry into any country or hotel or aboard any cruise vessel on the itinerary is delayed or denied.

TRIP CANCELLATION & REFUNDS
If the program is cancelled by AIA Tours or Criterion Travel, our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. However, if trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by AIA Tours or Criterion, or else receiving a

refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as AIA Tours and Criterion are able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Neither AIA Tours nor Criterion shall have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing.

HEALTH
All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

ITINERARY CHANGES
The itinerary and study leader presented for this tour are subject to modification and change by AIA Tours and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, AIA Tours and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

RESPONSIBILITY
By submitting your deposit, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure. Due to space limitations these are not AIA Tours' complete Terms & Conditions, which are available upon request, can be viewed on-line at www.aiatours.org, and will be sent to you along with a Release of Liability requiring your signature.

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NAME #1 (as it appears on passport) BIRTHDATE

NAME #2 (as it appears on passport) BIRTHDATE

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HOME PHONE MOBILE PHONE

E-MAIL 1

E-MAIL 2

PAYMENT

☐ Please charge the deposit to my credit card (circle one):

VISA MC AMEX

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CARD # EXP. DATE SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD DATE

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to “Eos Passenger Account – AIA TurkishCoastCRI9/22”) to reserve _____ place(s) on **Ancient Wonders of the Turkish Coast**

SINGLE TRAVELERS

☐ I prefer to have single accommodations (*limited availability*) or ☐ I plan to share accommodations with:

or ☐ I'd like to know about roommates

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of May 24, 2022, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): ☐ One bed ☐ Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

SIGNATURE DATE

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