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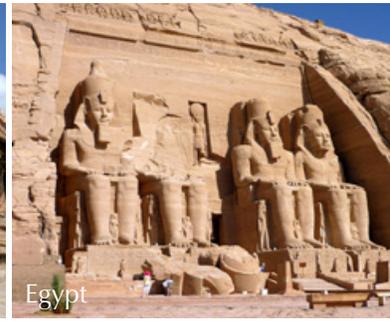
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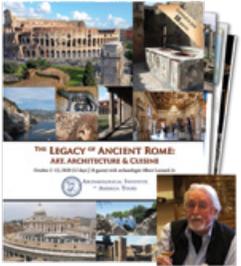
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Sicily: Archaeology, Art & Cuisine
October 2-12, 2019 (11 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist James Higginbotham

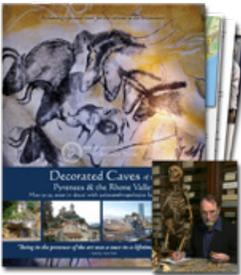
At the intersection of ancient seafaring routes, Sicily is an extraordinary melting pot of the brilliant legacies of the ancient Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, and Normans. Visit the fascinating sites and museums of Syracuse, Piazza Armerina, Morgantina, Agrigento, Selinunte, Segesta, Motya, and Palermo. A 4-day extension to Malta is also available.



The Legacy of Ancient Rome: Art, Architecture & Cuisine
October 6-17, 2019 (12 days | 18 guests)
with archaeologist Albert Leonard, Jr.

Waiting list open | See the planning section for 2020 tour

See magnificent art and architecture, including numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites plus many lesser known but splendid sites. Enjoy excellent food, wine, and 4-star hotels: five nights in central Rome, two nights in Naples, and three nights in Amalfi.



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.



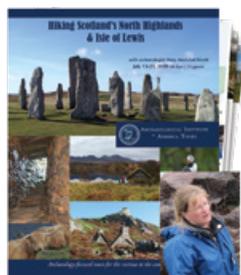
Ireland's Ancient East
May 26-June 8, 2020 (14 days | 12 guests)
with geoarchaeologist Stephen Mandal

Journey through the archaeology, history, and landscapes along the east coast of Ireland, from Dublin to Northern Ireland and then as far south as Wexford and Waterford. Highlights include the medieval town of Carrickfergus, the UNESCO World Heritage sites at the Giant's Causeway and Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange and Knowth), the medieval city of Kilkenny, and the Irish National Heritage Park with a visit to your host's ongoing excavation project.



Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Isles
June 27-July 7, 2020 (11 days | 15 guests)
with archaeologist Val Turner
Limited space, call today!

Take daily hikes on remote islands to prehistoric stone circles, burial chambers, and settlements; along the way see quaint villages, seabird colonies, and fascinating geological and archaeological sites including Maeshowe, the Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae, and Jarlshof.



Hiking Scotland's North Highlands & Isle of Lewis
July 13-23, 2020 (11 days | 15 guests)
with archaeologist Mary MacLeod Rivett

Mostly we will explore off the well-beaten Highland tourist trail, and along the way we will marvel at an abundance of archaeological and historical sites as well as striking scenery. Archaeological sites cover these landscapes, ranging from Neolithic cairns and stone circles (Callanish) to Iron Age brochs (Carloway), medieval castles, and deserted clearance villages.

Travel with engaging, personable leaders...

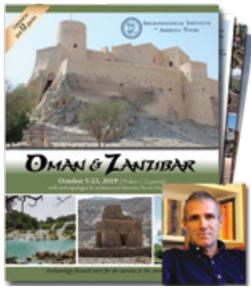
EUROPE

Expert Leaders

Enjoy sharing each adventure with an AIA lecturer and guide(s) who are chosen for their ability to provide fascinating insights and be congenial companions. Have all your arrangements taken care of from start to finish: transportation, hotels, excursions, and group meals.

“Your leaders were the best— not just the most knowledgeable, but the most likable and enjoyable.”

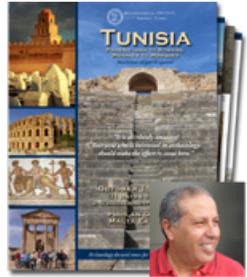
Sicily



Oman & Zanzibar

October 5-23, 2019 (19 days | 12 guests)
with anthropologist and architectural historian Trevor Marchand
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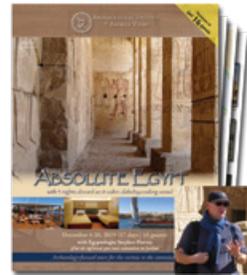
Oman was historically the link between Arabia, Africa, and south Asia, with an empire based on trading that ruled Zanzibar and others. Explore magnificent ancient and medieval ports, palaces, mosques, forts, and souqs. Discover Oman's breathtaking desert landscapes and the architecture and way of life of the beautiful island of Zanzibar.



Tunisia: Phoenicians to Romans, Mosaics to Mosques

October 17-27, 2019 or October 15-25, 2020
(11 days | 12 guests) with archaeologist Nejib ben Lazreg
Waiting list open for 2019 | Limited space available on 2020 tour

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.

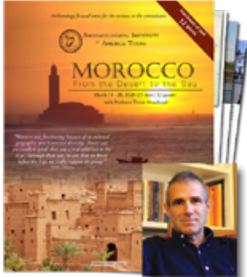


Absolute Egypt

December 4-20, 2019 (17 days | 16 guests)
with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

Our meticulously-planned itinerary features premium accommodations including a private, 3-night Nile River cruise, and all the preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan. An optional extension to Jordan is available.

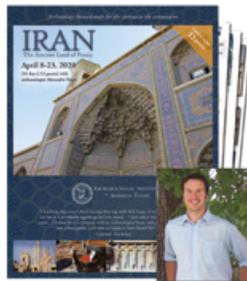
Absolute Egypt 2020 Departures:
Limited space for January 2020 | Waiting list open for February 2020



Morocco: From the Desert to the Sea

March 14-28, 2020 (15 days | 12 guests) with anthropologist and architectural historian Trevor Marchand

A unique look at the archaeology, architecture, art, and history of Morocco, visiting the country's best-known historic sites, including six UNESCO World Heritage sites, the ruins of medieval Sijilmassa and Aghmat, as well as bustling casbahs, medinas, and souqs.



Iran: The Ancient Land of Persia

April 8-23, 2020 (16 days | 12 guests)
with archaeologist Alexander Nagel

Among the dazzling cities, fascinating archaeological sites, and architectural treasures on this itinerary are 13 UNESCO World Heritage sites including Persepolis (which you will visit twice), Choga Zambil, Pasargadae, Soltaniye, Bisotun, Susa, and the historic city of Yazd, plus much more.



Israel: Treasures of the Holy Land

May 2-14, 2020 (13 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Jodi Magness

Limited space, call today!

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. Highlights include Masada, Megiddo, Beit Shearim, Bethlehem, Caesarea Maritima, Qumran, and the Sea of Galilee.

Discover fascinating sites with custom-designed itineraries...

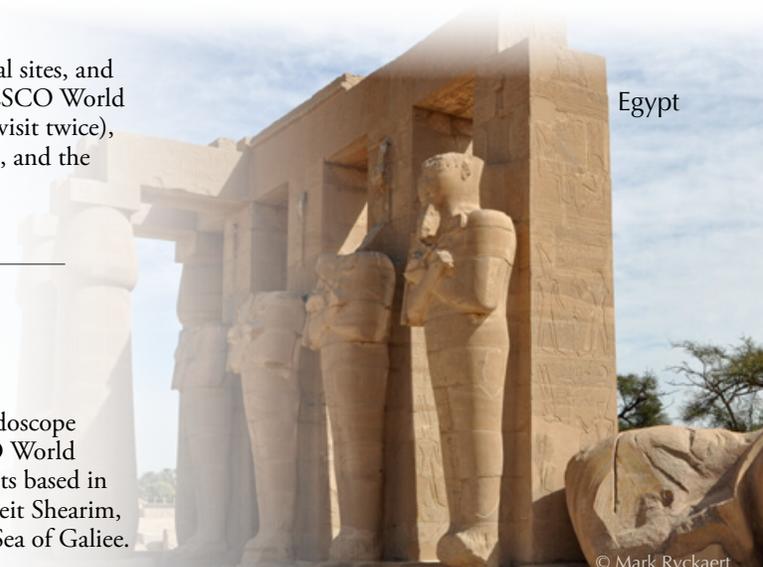


AFRICA & NEAR EAST

Unique Itineraries

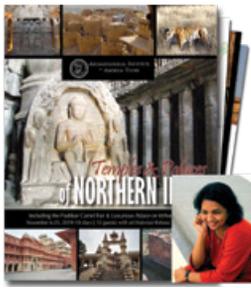
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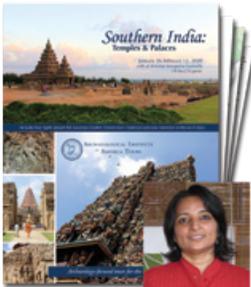
Egypt

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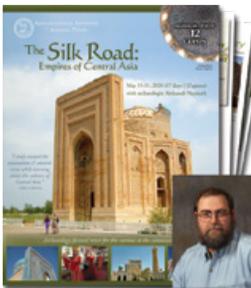
Temples & Palaces of Northern India
with the Pushkar Camel Fair & Luxurious *Palace on Wheels* train
November 6-23, 2019 (18 days | 12 guests)
with art historian **Kirtana Thangavelu**

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.



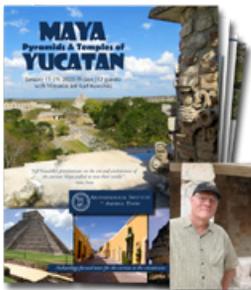
Southern India: Temples & Palaces
January 26-February 12, 2020 (18 days | 12 guests)
with art historian **Annapurna Garimella**

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.



The Silk Road: Empires of Central Asia
May 15-31, 2020 (17 days | 12 guests)
with archaeologist **Aleksandr Naymark**
Waiting list open

Follow in the footsteps of Alexander, Genghis Khan, and Marco Polo across the deserts, mountains, and steppes of Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Visit eight UNESCO World Heritage sites, remote archaeological sites, and ancient towns such as Khiva and Tashkent.



Maya Pyramids & Temples of Yucatan
January 11-19, 2020 (9 days | 12 guests)
with Mayanist **Jeff Karl Kowalski**
Limited space, call today!

This luxurious winter holiday provides a week-long adventure exploring the sun-drenched Yucatan's ancient sites, such as Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Ek Balam, Dzibilchaltun, and Labna. Bird watch, shop for crafts, and relax at comfortable resorts.



Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya
January 25-February 7, 2020 (14 days | 12 guests)
with Mayanist **Virginia Miller**

Discover Maya art and architecture on this extraordinary tropical adventure that provides the best-paced itinerary available to explore ancient sites in the lush jungles of Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. Enjoy three days each at Tikal and Copan and two nights at Palenque, plus visit less-visited sites such as Bonampak, Yaxchilan, Yaxha, and Quirigua.

Memorable journeys with a small group...



Small Groups

Most of our land tours are now limited to between 12 and 16 travelers, and never more than 20. AIA-sponsored cruises are aboard small ships with between 18 and 92 cabins.

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Mexico

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IN THE PLANNING STAGES

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Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France

September 23-October 5, 2020 (13 days)
with prehistorian Paul G. Bahn

See the most famous prehistoric cave art in the world. Experience the cultures of Spain and France with visits to charming medieval villages and cities, savoring the food and wine.



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Ethiopia: The Crown Jewel of Africa

November 2020 (15 days)

with anthropologist & architectural historian Trevor Marchand

Discover Ethiopia's diverse cultures and landscapes. Learn about the Kingdom of Axum, the Ark of the Covenant, the country's rich religious history, and its ancient trades. See churches carved out of solid rock plus mountains, lakes, waterfalls, and much more!



Cruising the Mekong River: Vietnam & Cambodia

November 2-15, 2020 (14 days) with an AIA lecturer/host

See magnificent Buddhist and Hindu temples, floating markets, rice paddies, and more. Enjoy two days in 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 Angkor.



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Badami Temple, India

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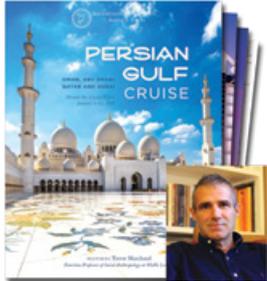
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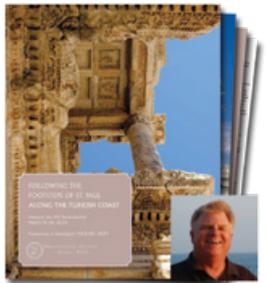


Persian Gulf Cruise: Oman, Abu Dhabi, Qatar & Dubai

January 2-12, 2020 (11 days)

with anthropologist & architectural historian Trevor Marchand

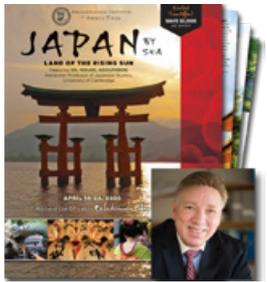
Cruise aboard the **all-suite, 31-cabin *Crystal Esprit*** and discover the Gulf region's fascinating juxtaposition of past and present. Admire the architecture of Dubai; the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar, and the new Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum on Saadiyat Island; Qatar's magnificent Inland Sea (via 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.



Following the Footsteps of St. Paul along the Turkish Coast

March 15-25, 2020 (11 days) with archaeologist Michael Hoff

Cruise from Cyprus to Istanbul aboard the **53-cabin *MS Serenissima***, visiting stunning ancient sites along the way. Highlights include Choirokoitia on Cyprus; the 2nd-century Roman theater at Aspendos; the Greek island of Patmos; the lesser-visited Lycian Peninsula sites of Xanthos, Letoon, and Patara; the vast Greco-Roman ruins of Ephesus and Pergamon; and Troy, where at least nine ancient cities were built atop one another.



Japan by Sea: Land of the Rising Sun

April 14-28, 2020 (15 days) with historian Mikael Adolphson

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. Tokyo and Kyoto are also included, as is a day in South Korea for the National Museum and a UNESCO temple.



Scottish Isles & Norwegian Fjords

May 23-31, 2020 (9 days)

with archaeologist Elizabeth Pierce

Cruise from Bergen, Norway, to Glasgow, Scotland, aboard the **five-star, 92-stateroom/suite *Le Champlain***, visiting scenic, remote ports along the way. Explore ancient and medieval sites in the Hebrides, Orkney, and Shetland Islands. Optional extensions in Norway and Edinburgh are available.



Changing Tides of History: Cruising the Baltic Sea

June 29-July 8, 2020 (10 days)

with archaeologist Elizabeth Pierce

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.

Generous Comfort

Travel aboard small, private, yacht-like vessels. Unpack just once and travel with ease, docking in the heart of smaller, historic ports, close to each extraordinary site.

"I enjoyed the ease of travel, the care for our comfort & the excellence of the educational experience."



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2019 Tours

August/September

Human Origins in South Africa
Croatia: Prehistory to the Present (*limited space*)
Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France (*waiting list open*)

October

Sicily: Archaeology, Art & Cuisine
Oman & Zanzibar (*limited space*)
The Legacy of Ancient Rome (*waiting list open*)
Tunisia: Phoenicians to Romans (*waiting list open*)
Egypt Revisited (*limited space*)

November/December

Temples & Palaces of Northern India
Cruising the Mekong River (*waiting list open*)
Absolute Egypt

2020 Tours

January

Persian Gulf Cruise
Pyramids & Temples of Yucatan (*limited space*)
Madagascar to Mauritius cruise (*waiting list open*)
Absolute Egypt (*limited space*)
Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya
Southern India: Temples & Palaces

February/March

Absolute Egypt (*waiting list open*)
Morocco: From the Desert to the Sea
Turkish Coast cruise: Cyprus to Istanbul

April

Iran: The Ancient Land of Persia
Japan by Sea: Land of the Rising Sun

May

Israel: Treasures of the Holy Land (*limited space*)
The Silk Road: Empires of Central Asia (*waiting list open*)
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Departure	Days/Max. Guests	Lecturer
August 31	(15 days 20 guests)	Ian Tattersall
September 15	(14 days 20 guests)	Andrew Moore
September 18	(13 days 20 guests)	Paul G. Bahn
October 2	(11 days 16 guests)	Carla Antonaccio
October 5	(19 days 12 guests)	Trevor Marchand
October 6	(12 days 18 guests)	Albert Leonard, Jr.
October 17	(11 days 12 guests)	Nejib ben Lazreg
October 19	(16 days 16 guests)	Stephen Harvey
November 6	(18 days 12 guests)	Kirtana Thangavelu
December 2	(14 days) 	Joyce C. White
December 4	(17 days 16 guests)	Stephen Harvey
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January 2	(11 days) 	Trevor Marchand
January 11	(9 days 12 guests)	Jeff Karl Kowalski
January 15	(17 days) 	Ian Tattersall
January 18	(17 days 12 guests)	Stephen Harvey
January 25	(14 days 12 guests)	Virginia Miller
January 26	(18 days 12 guests)	Annapurna Garimella
February 15	(17 days 12 guests)	Stephen Harvey
March 14	(15 days 12 guests)	Trevor Marchand
March 15	(11 days) 	Michael Hoff
April 8	(16 days 12 guests)	Alexander Nagel
April 14	(15 days) 	Mikael Adolphson
May 2	(13 days 16 guests)	Jodi Magness
May 15	(17 days 12 guests)	Aleksandr Naymark
May 21	(11 days 20 guests)	Ian Tattersall
May 23	(9 days) 	Elizabeth Pierce
May 26	(14 days 12 guests)	Stephen Mandal
June 27	(11 days 15 guests)	Val Turner
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July 13	(10 days 15 guests)	Mary MacLeod Rivett
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- Dean, Washington

Travel

Dunluce Castle, Ireland

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