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**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  
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.

**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.

**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.  
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Oman & Zanzibar
October 5-23, 2019 (19 days | 12 guests)
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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 souks.

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 Zanbil, 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
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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.

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Temple & 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  
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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.
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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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.

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