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# CRETE & THE CYCLADIC ISLANDS: ARCHAEOLOGICAL GEMS OF THE AEGEAN

September 27 - October 11, 2026 (15 days | 16 guests)  
with archaeologist Jenifer Neils



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## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer and Host



A professor of ancient art history and a classical archaeologist, Prof. Jenifer Neils is an expert on the ancient Mediterranean. An indefatigable lecturer and traveler, she has served as study leader for more than a dozen trips to ancient sites across the Mediterranean, from North Africa to Turkey. Prof. Neils traveled

extensively throughout Crete, the Greek islands, and mainland Greece in her role as the first woman Director of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (2017-2022).

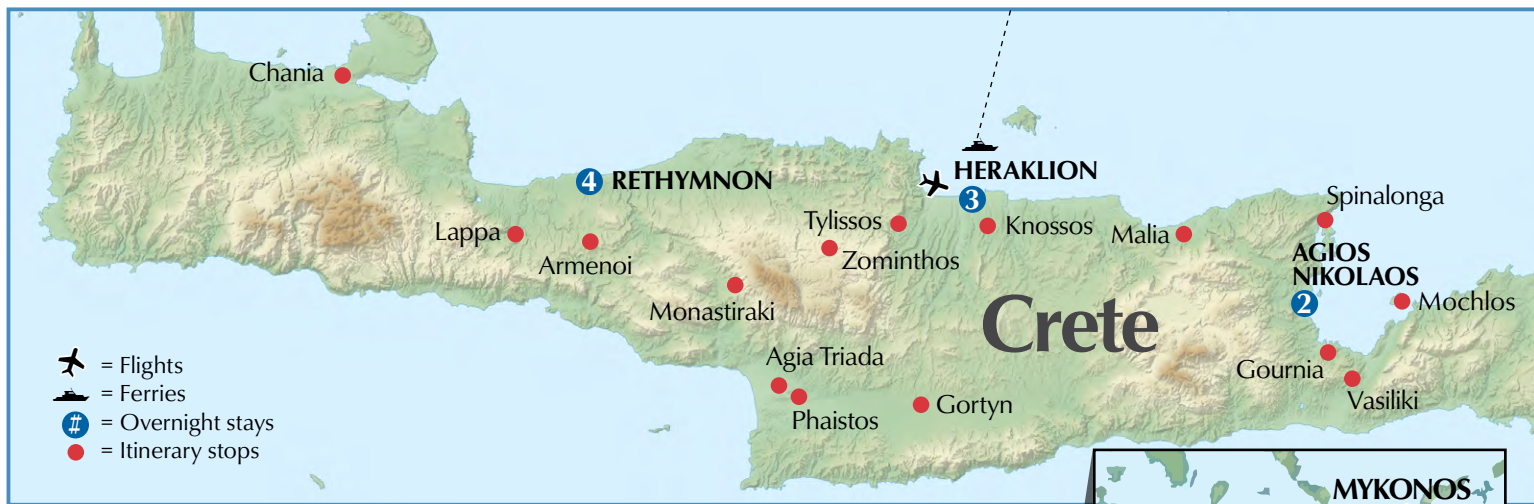
After earning her Ph.D. at Princeton, Prof. Neils regularly taught courses in ancient art and archaeology from the Bronze Age to Late Antiquity at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, where she held two endowed chairs. She has also been a visiting professor at the University of California at Berkeley and Johns Hopkins University. During the 2011-12 academic year Prof. Neils was the Joukowsky Lecturer for the AIA.

As a museum curator, Professor Neils has organized three highly acclaimed international loan exhibitions, one dealing with the worship of Athena in Athens, one on childhood in antiquity, and most recently a show on horsemanship in ancient Athens (2021). She has also published 15 books ranging from the history of ceramics to the Parthenon. Her latest are *Women in the Ancient World* (British Museum) and *HIPPOS: The Horse in Ancient Athens*, as well as a children's book entitled *AVRA: An Amazing Greek Horse*. As a field archaeologist, Prof. Neils has participated in excavations in northern Italy, Sicily, and Greece; and has been granted prestigious fellowships at the American Academy in Rome, the J. Paul Getty Research Center, and the Paul Mellon Center at Yale.

Step back in time to explore the island of Crete, center of the Minoan civilization during the Bronze Age, as well as the nearby Cycladic Islands of Santorini, Mykonos, and Delos. Marvel at the physical evidence of this first advanced civilization in Europe, which created palace complexes, stunning works of art, a unique writing system called Linear A, and an extensive trade network. You will stay in comfortable, four- and five-star hotels, perfect for exploring or just relaxing, with nine nights on Crete in the capital city of Heraklion and in the lovely coastal towns of Agios Nikolaos and Rethymnon, plus two nights on whitewashed Santorini and two nights on chic Mykonos.

### Highlights include:

- Four of the six sites on Crete that comprise the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Minoan Palatial Centers”: **Knossos, Phaistos, Malia, and Zominthos.**
- Santorini’s ancient Minoan town of **Akrotiri**, which was well-preserved for millennia under volcanic ash and today paints a picture of life before the island’s 2<sup>nd</sup>-millennium B.C. eruption.
- The island of **Delos**, most sacred of the islands in the ancient Aegean, which grew from a sanctuary of Apollo into a major hub of commerce.
- Crete’s nearby islands of **Mochlos**, with a long archaeological past including a Minoan town; and **Spinalonga**, a former leper colony with a 16<sup>th</sup>-century Venetian fortress.
- A variety of Minoan villas, houses, and towns, including the “royal villa” of **Agia Triada**, the houses at **Tylissos**, and the vast town of **Gournia.**
- The Venetian port towns of **Chania** and **Rethymnon**, with their charming old towns, and Rethymnon’s 16<sup>th</sup>-century Fortezza, a grand fortress built to defend the city against the Ottomans.
- Several excellent museums, including the **Heraklion Archaeological Museum**, housing the world’s finest collection of Minoan art and artifacts; and the **Museum of Prehistoric Thera**, with a stunning collection of artifacts and wall paintings from the ancient site of Akrotiri.
- The beauty of the cliffside, whitewashed town of **Fira, Santorini**; and the chic shops and narrow lanes of **Chora, Mykonos.**
- In addition to your **knowledgeable and congenial AIA study leader**, you will be accompanied by **local guides** and a **professional tour manager** who will handle all of the logistics so you can relax, enjoy, and learn.



## ITINERARY

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

**Sunday, September 27, 2026: Depart home for Heraklion, Crete, Greece**

**Monday, September 28: Arrive Heraklion | Transfer to hotel | PM at leisure | Welcome reception**

Upon arrival at Heraklion's Nikos Kazantzakis International Airport (HER), you are met for a private transfer to our hotel. Enjoy some time to relax and settle in. Gather this evening for a welcome reception with your lecturer. Dinner is on your own. *Three nights at the 5-star [Megaron Hotel](#).* (R)

**Tuesday, September 29: Heraklion: AM walking tour, PM Archaeological Museum | Welcome dinner**

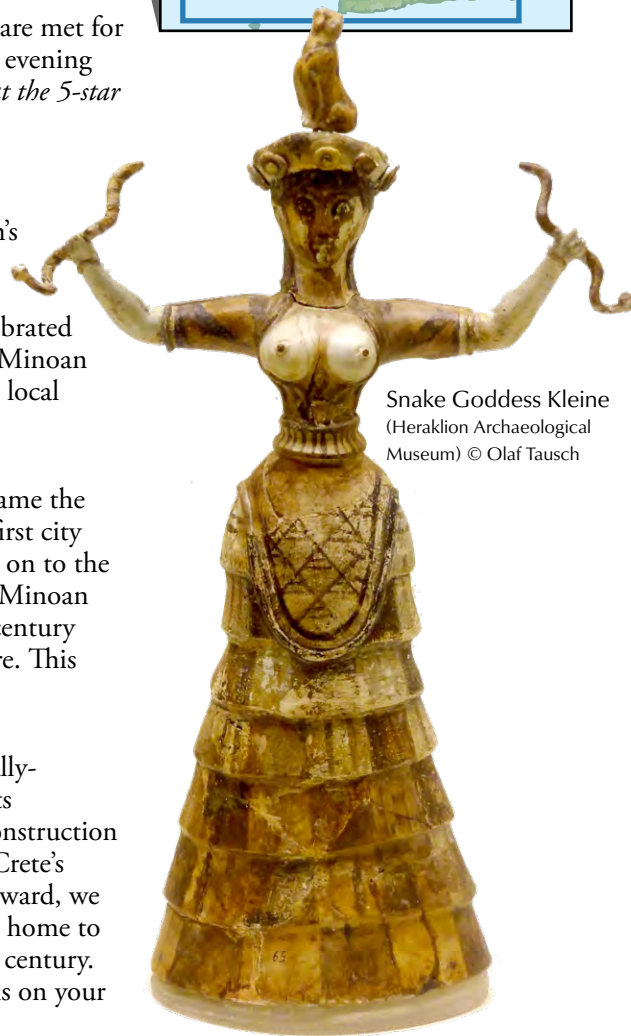
After an introductory lecture, we take a morning walking tour through Heraklion's "old city," surrounded by fortification walls initially built by the Arabs and later reinforced in the 15<sup>th</sup> century by the Venetians. Along the way, enjoy a tasting of *bougatsa* (a Greek breakfast pastry) and Greek coffee. After lunch, tour the celebrated Heraklion Archaeological Museum, which houses the world's finest collection of Minoan art and artifacts. Return to our hotel and gather this evening for a short walk to a local restaurant for our welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, September 30: Gortyn | Agia Triada | Phaistos | Heraklion**

Begin the day with a visit to the famous Greco-Roman site of Gortyn, which became the dominant city in the region after Phaistos fell, later became Roman and was the first city on Crete to accept Christianity, and persisted into the 9<sup>th</sup> century A.D. Continue on to the nearby Minoan "royal villa" of Agia Triada, followed by a visit to the ruins of the Minoan palace at Phaistos, a center of Minoan civilization that was destroyed in the 15<sup>th</sup> century B.C. After lunch we return to Heraklion for the balance of the afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather to have dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

**Thursday, October 1: Knossos | Malia | Spinalonga | Agios Nikolaos**

Check out of our hotel this morning and set out for a visit to the legendary, partially-reconstructed Minoan palace at Knossos, rich in imagination thanks not only to its associated myth of the Minotaur and labyrinth but also to the excavation and reconstruction efforts of Sir Arthur Evans in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Set out for a drive east along Crete's northern coast, stopping to explore the ruins of the Minoan palace at Malia. Afterward, we take a short boat ride from Plaka to the picturesque island of Spinalonga, which is home to a 16<sup>th</sup>-century Venetian fortress and was a leper colony for the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Return by boat to Elounda, and check-in to our hotel in Agios Nikolaos. Dinner is on your own this evening. *Two nights at the 5-star [InterContinental Crete](#) hotel.* (B,L)



Snake Goddess Kleia  
(Heraklion Archaeological  
Museum) © Olaf Tausch

**Friday, October 2: Agios Nikolaos: Archaeological Museum | Gournia | Mochlos | Vasiliki | Agios Nikolaos**

This morning we visit the archaeological museum of Agios Nikolaos and then drive to the well-excavated and -preserved Minoan town of Gournia, where we may best envision life in a Late Bronze Age (c. 1500 B.C.) town as we stroll cobbled streets among the ruins of some 50 houses, a small Minoan palace, and a cemetery. We then take a short boat ride (weather permitting) to the island of Mochlos, where complex archaeological remains ranging from 3000 B.C. to the 10<sup>th</sup> century A.D. have been found, including a Minoan town (c. 1700-1430 B.C.) and a Mycenaean village and cemetery (c. 1400-1250 B.C.). We return by boat to Crete proper and, after lunch, we explore the ruins of Vasiliki, one of the first Minoan settlements with town planning. Return to our hotel in Agios Nikolaos, and gather this evening for dinner at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)



**Saturday, October 3: Tyliossos | Zominthos | Rethymnon**

Check out of our hotel this morning and drive to the archaeological site at Tyliossos, where we find the ruins of three luxurious Minoan houses decorated with frescoes and tablets, and outfitted with a water supply system that attests to the city's importance at one time. We then continue on to the site of Zominthos, one of the six sites on Crete that comprise the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Minoan Palatial Centers." (We have seen three others on this tour: Knossos, Phaistos, and Malia.) Zominthos is the only mountaintop Minoan settlement that has been excavated to date, and among many other structures there was found an almost-intact, 16<sup>th</sup>-century B.C. pottery workshop. After lunch, we continue on to our hotel in Rethymnon and check-in. Gather for a short orientation tour of Rethymnon by foot, before dinner. *Four nights at the 4-star [GrecoTel Plaza Beach House](#) resort.* (B,L,D)



**Sunday, October 4: Armenoi | Monastiraki | Museum of Ancient Eleutherna | Rethymnon**

After breakfast we drive to the Late Minoan cemetery at Armenoi, where there are more than 200 rock-cut tombs. Some of the artifacts from this site are housed at the archaeological museum in Rethymnon, which we visit in a couple of days. Continue on to the Minoan building complex of Monastiraki (2000–1700 B.C.), where pottery has been found that bears resemblance to pottery from the Minoan palace at Phaistos. Also visit the Museum of Ancient Eleutherna, the first archaeological site museum on Crete, built to house the finds from the excavations carried out at Eleutherna, one of Crete's most important cities in the Geometric and Archaic periods. After what might be a late lunch, we return to our hotel in Rethymnon for the balance of the day and dinner at leisure. (B,L)



**Monday, October 5: Chania: AM walking tour of the Venetian port, PM Archaeological Museum | Rethymnon**

Set out this morning on a drive west to Crete's delightful capital city of Chania, and take a walking tour of its Venetian port followed by a visit to the old market (schedule permitting). After lunch, take a guided tour of the Archaeological Museum of Chania. Return to Rethymnon for the balance of the afternoon at leisure. Gather for dinner. (B,L,D)



**Tuesday, October 6: Rethymnon: AM Fortezza, Archaeological Museum; PM Historical and Folklore Museum | Lappa | Rethymnon**

Today will be a full day to enjoy Rethymnon. In the morning we drive a short distance in town to the Venetian castle known as the Fortezza, a grand fortress built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century to defend the city from pirates and the Ottomans. Just outside the Fortezza we visit the Archaeological Museum of Rethymnon,

Photos (from top): Fortezza at Rethymnon, Tyliossos, chest from Armenoi at the Archaeological Museum in Rethymnon, Spinalonga



Mykonos

which displays local artifacts from the Neolithic to the Roman periods. After lunch, we visit the Historical and Folklore Museum of Rethymnon, located in a beautiful, 17<sup>th</sup>-century house, whose exhibits include traditional folk art, weaving, ceramics, metalwork, and other art forms, as well as displays about the modern history of Rethymnon and the island of Crete. Take a short drive to the site of ancient Lappa, where have been excavated Roman baths, mosaics, tombs, and a cemetery. Many of the site's artifacts, mostly dating from the Hellenistic and early Roman periods, are housed in the Archaeological Museum of Rethymnon that we visited this morning. Return to Rethymnon, where we have dinner. (B,L,D)

**Wednesday, October 7: Heraklion | Ferry to Santorini | Fira: Archaeological Museum of Thera**

This morning we return to Heraklion to catch a high-speed ferry to Santorini (a.k.a. Thera), one of the world's most breathtaking islands, dotted with whitewashed houses and churches perched on cliffs nearly 1,000 feet above the sea and its huge, drowned volcanic crater (caldera). After arriving at our hotel on the outskirts of the capital, Fira, we visit the Archaeological Museum of Thera for a guided tour. Lunch and the balance of the afternoon are at leisure; explore independently the town center's narrow, cobbled streets lined with shops and/or enjoy our hotel's amenities and views. We dine together at a local restaurant this evening. *Two nights at the 5-star [Orama Hotel & Spa](#).* (B,D)



Akrotiri (Santorini)

**Thursday, October 8: Santorini: AM Akrotiri, PM Museum of Prehistoric Thera**

Spend the morning exploring Santorini's "Pompeii," the haunting Minoan town of Akrotiri, preserved for millennia under volcanic ash, now excavated and protected with a roof. Navigate the town via wooden walkways among three-story buildings and traces of life from before the eruption. Drive to Fira for lunch and to explore the superb Museum of Prehistoric Thera, which displays striking frescoes and various artifacts from Akrotiri. The balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy Fira and/or our hotel's amenities. (B,L)



Delos

**Friday, October 9: Ferry to Mykonos | PM at leisure**

After a relaxed morning (pending the ferry schedule) at our hotel, we take a high-speed ferry from Santorini to the island of Mykonos. Our hotel is located in the center of the island's capital of Chora. The balance of the day is at leisure to enjoy our hotel's amenities and/or explore independently Chora's many upscale shops, art galleries, and seaside cafés. *Two nights at the 5-star [Semeli Hotel - Mykonos Town](#).* (B)

**Saturday, October 10: Delos | Mykonos: PM at leisure | Farewell dinner**

Take a short ferry ride to the nearby sacred island of Delos, legendary birthplace of the twin gods Apollo and Artemis and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Delos was considered the most sacred island in the ancient Aegean, and the entire, albeit small, island is an archaeological site. After a thorough walk around the ruins of the sanctuary of Apollo and the town, as well as a visit to the small site museum, we return to Mykonos by ferry. Enjoy lunch and the afternoon at leisure. In the evening, we gather one last time for a farewell dinner. (B,D)

*"[The] intensive educational experience in the company of a fantastic [leadership] team...and interesting fellow tour members was a fantastic experience."*

- Susan, Virginia

**Sunday, October 11: Transfer to Mykonos Airport | Fly home**

You are met at the hotel for a private transfer to Mykonos Airport (JMK) for your flights homeward. (B)

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## Accommodations



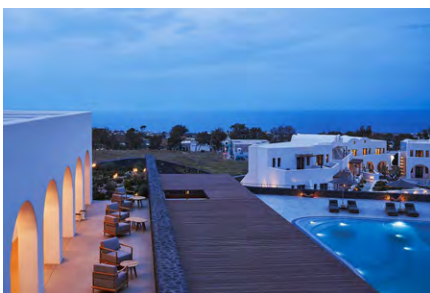
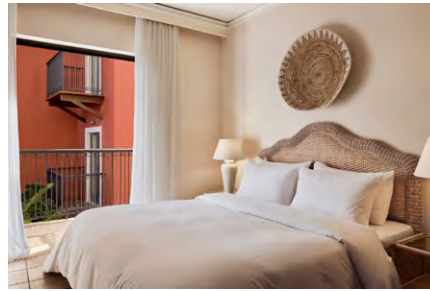
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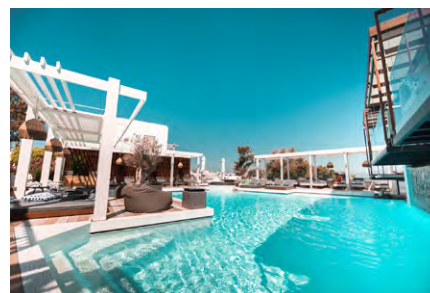
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Santorini: *Two nights at the 5-star [Orama Hotel & Spa](#)*



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## What to Expect



ACTIVE: Must be able to walk three or more miles per day on mostly uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. 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. **Note that there is no portage service on the two high-speed ferries and you will have to trundle your own luggage**, so we advise you not to travel with more than you can handle independently under such conditions. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. 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. 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 this program is appropriate for you. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. Included meals are of a very high quality. Average temperatures in early autumn range from the low 60s F at night to the mid-70s F during the day. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*



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## Tour Prices Per Person (13 nights)

	Early Booking Savings of \$500 per person until June 1, 2026	After June 1, 2026 call for availability
Double Occupancy (15-16 participants) .....	\$11,495 .....	\$11,995
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Single Supplement .....	\$2,445	

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).  
With fewer than 12 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

## Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer/host Jenifer Neils**, a professional **tour manager, and local guides throughout**
- **Thirteen nights at comfortable, well-located, 4- and 5-star hotels**
- **Delicious meals:** breakfast daily; 9 lunches; and 8 dinners, including welcome and farewell dinners. All meals include bottled water or soft drinks plus coffee/tea, and wine is included with group dinners
- **Excursions and sightseeing** as per itinerary
- Ground transportation by **modern, air-conditioned vehicle**, including bottled water; and **high-speed, business class ferry tickets** between Heraklion and Santorini, and Santorini and Mykonos
- **Private arrival and departure airport transfers**
- **All gratuities** to the tour manager, local guides, drivers, waitstaff for included meals, and hotel porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels
- **VAT, local taxes, and service charges**
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

## Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Private transfers are included on your arrival at Heraklion International Airport (HER) and for departure from Mykonos Airport (JMK). Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can assist with flight arrangements for this tour. You may contact them directly at 866-200-6172 or email [studytours@vwti.com](mailto:studytours@vwti.com). Alternatively, you are welcome to book your flights independently or through your preferred travel agent. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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- Joan, New Jersey

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Signature (participant #2) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESPONSIBILITY:** The Archaeological Institute of America and its agent, Eos Study Tours, and its and their employees, shareholders, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors or trustees, successors, and assigns (hereinafter "Sponsors"), and the tour operator and/or its agents (collectively "Sponsors/Operator") do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip including, for example, lodging facilities; airline, vessel, or other transportation companies; guides or guide services; local ground operators; providers or organizers of optional excursions; food service or entertainment providers; etc. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Sponsors/Operator are not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or of any other third party. In addition and without limitation, Sponsors/Operator are not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of force majeure; acts of God; acts of government; acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection, or revolt; bites from or attacks by animals, insects, or pests; strikes or other labor activities; criminal or terrorist activities of any kind or the threat thereof; sickness, illness, epidemics, pandemics, or the threat thereof; the lack of availability of or access to medical attention or the quality thereof; overbooking or downgrading of accommodations; mechanical or other failure of airplanes, vessels, or other means of transportation; or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely. In addition, Sponsors/Operator are not liable for their own negligence, and participant assumes all risk thereof. **CHANGES IN ITINERARY OR FEATURES:** Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Sponsors/Operator shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Sponsors/Operator are not required to cancel any trip for any reason including, without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization, or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Sponsors/Operator are not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Sponsors/Operator make the flight arrangements or cancel the trip. Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to substitute hotels or attractions of a similar category for those listed in this brochure. **LUGGAGE:** Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. **PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY:** All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Participants must be able to embark or disembark transportation vehicles, stand for extended periods, climb stairs, and step over raised thresholds all without assistance. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws, and any participant who refuses to follow protocols may be asked to leave the program with no refunds provided. **REFUNDS:** Prices quoted are based on group participation. No refunds will be made for any part of the program in which a participant chooses not to participate. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for any reason, nor to participants whose entry into any country or aboard any transportation vehicle, including airplanes and cruise ships, is delayed or denied. **TOUR CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to cancel this tour prior to departure, in which case payment will be refunded without further obligation on our part unless trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, in which case 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 Sponsors/Operator, or else receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as Sponsors/Operator are able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Sponsors/Operator, however, shall not have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing. **TRIP INSURANCE:** Sponsors/Operator strongly recommend that participants purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of

reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **PRICES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. 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 weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, such as those related to customs and immigration, require you to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfer, and meal costs. 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 Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.