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# Israel REVISITED

May 4-17, 2024 (14 days | 16 guests)  
with archaeologist Jodi Magness

Monastery of St. George of Choziba, Wadi Qelt

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*“Jodi Magness is MAGNIFICENT!  
She was the reason I went on the tour, and  
she was amazing and fun to listen to.”*

-Susan, Massachusetts



This tour requires an elevated level of fitness.

*Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur*



# Archaeological Institute of America Study Leader



**Jodi Magness** is a past President of the Archaeological Institute of America and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Since 2002, she has been the Kenan Distinguished Professor for Teaching Excellence in Early Judaism in the Department of Religious Studies at the University

of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She received her B.A. in Archaeology and History from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and her Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. For her engaging teaching, Professor Magness won the Archaeological Institute of America's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Her other honors include a Fulbright Lecturing Award from the United States-Israel Educational Foundation, and fellowships from institutions including the American Council of Learned Societies and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Professor Magness is the author of numerous scholarly books on the archaeology of the Holy Land. Among them are *The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls*, which won the 2003 Biblical Archaeology Society's Award for Best Popular Book in Archaeology; *The Archaeology of the Early Islamic Settlement in Palestine*, which won the Irene Levi-Sala Book Prize; and *Masada: From Jewish Revolt to Modern Myth* (Princeton University Press, 2019), which was selected as a finalist for the 2019 National Jewish Book Award. Her most recent book, *Jerusalem Through the Ages: From Its Beginnings to the Crusades*, is forthcoming with Oxford University Press (spring 2024). Professor Magness' research focuses on the archaeology of Palestine in the Roman, Byzantine, and early Islamic periods, and Diaspora Judaism in the Roman world. She has participated on more than 20 excavations in Israel and Greece, including co-directing the 1995 excavations in the Roman siege works at Masada. Since 2011, Professor Magness' excavations at Huqoq in Galilee have been bringing to light a Late Roman synagogue paved with stunning mosaics ([www.huqoq.org](http://www.huqoq.org)). She has accompanied five previous AIA tours of Israel since 2016.

*"The best thing about the trip was Jodi Magness. Her in-depth knowledge is extraordinary."*

- Maria, New York





Join acclaimed AIA lecturer and archaeologist Jodi Magness and revisit Israel on this **active, small-group adventure** to explore ancient and natural sites, many of which are off the beaten path. This is a more strenuous itinerary than our other Israel tour, *Treasures of the Holy Land*, as it includes **several hikes in nature reserves** to see wildlife and geological wonders in addition to visiting **a variety of archaeological and cultural sites**. Estimated distances and difficulty of the hikes are indicated in red in the itinerary's daily headings, but every day with group activities will involve walking, whether around archaeological sites or through towns and cities. End most days at a 5-star hotel/resort, where you can rest your weary but fulfilled traveler's head and perhaps refresh yourself in their luxury pools or spas.

### Highlights include:

- Two UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
  - Tel Hazor National Park with the ancient city of **Hazor** which, twice in its history, was the largest fortified city in the area
  - **Ein Avdat**, a vast canyon with caves where monks once resided, part of the "Incense Route - Desert Cities in the Negev"
- Walks and hikes in several nature reserves and national parks:
  - **Tel Dan Nature Reserve**, with the ruins of a 5,000-year-old city and the world's oldest-known gated archway
  - **Gamla Nature Reserve**, home to Israel's highest cascade (the 170-foot Gamla Waterfall), the remains of the ancient city of Gamla, and a Bronze Age field with 716 dolmens (megalithic structures of smaller vertical stones with one or more capstones)
  - **Banias Nature Reserve**, where we find Israel's largest waterfall and the ruins of a palace complex built by Agrippa II
  - A walk on **Mount Scopus**, where we will visit the burial cave of Nicanor
  - The lush oasis of **Ein Gedi National Park**, with a hike along sparkling David's Stream and the ruins of an excavated ancient synagogue with a perfectly preserved mosaic floor
- Wadi Qelt's **monastery of St. George of Choziba**, a breathtaking complex perched on the side of the valley's walls
- A well-paced itinerary with **four nights at our hotel in Tiberias**, on the western side of the Sea of Galilee, including a boat ride; and **four nights in Jerusalem**, with visits to the **Rockefeller Archaeological Museum**, the and the excavations on the southwest side of Temple Mount
- The desert town of **Nitzana**, with ancient petroglyphs and the remains of a Byzantine church, plus a chance to enjoy the **hospitality of the Negev Bedouins**.

*"Over the years in my visits to 40 plus countries, I have been on only four trips that were at this level."*

- Jim, Virginia



Kfar Bar'am

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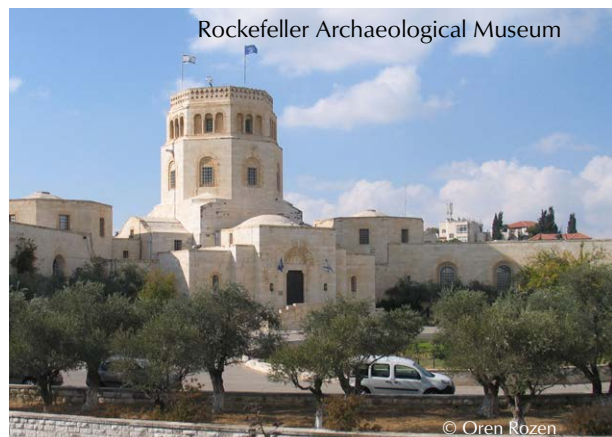
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Rockefeller Archaeological Museum

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Chalcolithic (Copper Age) site overlooking the oasis of Ein Gedi National Park, where we hike on May 14<sup>th</sup>.



Take a walk through Tel Dan Nature Reserve, with the remains of a 5,000-year-old city.

## The AIA & 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.

## ITINERARY

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

### Saturday, May 4, 2024: Depart home for Tel Aviv, Israel

### Sunday, May 5: Arrive in Tel Aviv | Private transfer to hotel

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport (TLV), you will be met and transferred to our luxurious hotel on Tel Aviv's waterfront. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure to relax, explore the city by foot, or perhaps stroll along the oceanside Shlomo Lahat Promenade. *Overnight at the 5-star [Carlton Tel Aviv](#) hotel (deluxe full sea view rooms).*

### Monday, May 6: Kfar Bar'am | Tel Hazor National Park | Tiberias | Welcome dinner

Today we visit the ancient village of Kfar Bar'am, home to a partially-restored synagogue dating to approximately the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> century A.D. We then continue to Tel Hazor National Park to tour the ancient city and the tell, or mound, of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hazor. During the Middle Bronze Age (circa. 1750 B.C.) and the Israelite period (9<sup>th</sup> century B.C.), Hazor was the largest fortified city in the area. Enjoy a guided tour of the site, including Solomon's gate, the Canaanite palace from the 13<sup>th</sup> century B.C., and the water system. View ancient relics recovered from excavations of the city at the museum in the nearby Kibbutz Ayelet HaShahar. Continue on to our hotel in Tiberias, on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee (Lake Kinneret). Gather for a welcome dinner at our hotel. *Overnight at the 5-star [Scots Hotel](#) (deluxe rooms) for four nights.* (B,L,D)

### Tuesday, May 7: Tel Dan Nature Reserve | Banias Nature Reserve | Tiberias

*Moderate walks for 2 hours in Tel Dan and 2 hours in Banias Nature Reserves* 🐾

Today we explore the Tel Dan Nature Reserve, which contains the remains of a 5,000-year-old city. Among the ancient treasures found at Tel Dan are a sacred Israelite precinct, a complete Bronze Age gateway, and a stone with an inscription referring to the House of David—the oldest inscription to mention King David. The original inscription is on display at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, which we will visit on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We stop for an independent lunch, then continue on to the Banias Nature Reserve located at the foot of Mount Hermon, north of Golan Heights. We will enjoy a moderate walk to see ancient Hellenistic and Roman period temples and shrines along the steep cliff face overlooking the springs. Return to Tiberias and gather to have dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (B,D)





The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hazor, which was home to the area's largest fortified settlement in both the 18<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> centuries B.C.



The ancient synagogue at Umm el-Kanatir, also known as Ein Keshatot, which was destroyed by an earthquake in the 8<sup>th</sup> century and restored in the 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Wednesday, May 8: Umm el-Kanatir | Qazrin | Tiberias

*Walk for 1.5 hours with a moderate ascent/descent in Umm el-Kanatir* 🐾

After breakfast, we drive to Umm el-Kanatir in the Golan Heights. Originally a Roman town, it later became one of three dozen Jewish villages founded in the Golan Heights after Jews were banned from Jerusalem following their unsuccessful rebellion against the Romans in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century A.D. The residents built a magnificent synagogue in the 6<sup>th</sup> century A.D., which was destroyed along with the entire village during an earthquake in A.D. 749. Enjoy a walking tour to the village spring and the reconstructed synagogue. Next we drive to the open-air museum at Qazrin, another of the Jewish villages founded in the Golan Heights. After an independent lunch we re-group for a tour through the restored village, with original ruins of the synagogue and its arched entrance, as well as restorations of several buildings with replicas of household tools, including a functioning wine press. Return to Tiberias and gather this evening for dinner at our hotel. (B,D)

### Thursday, May 9: Gamla Nature Reserve | Sea of Galilee boat ride | Tiberias

*Hike for 3 to 4 hours in Gamla (one section of sharp ascent/descent)* 🐾

This morning we hike in the Gamla Nature Reserve, home to numerous natural and archaeological wonders. Start out with the most challenging part of the hike, to visit Gamla. Jewish inhabitants reportedly committed mass suicide by throwing themselves over the steep cliffs in A.D. 67, when Gamla was besieged by the Romans during the First Jewish Revolt. Keep a lookout for griffon vultures, though with their 10-foot wingspan these birds should not be hard to spot. Next we have a short hike to the 170-foot Gamla Waterfall, Israel's highest cascade. Enjoy a restful lunch, and then return to Tiberias for a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Dinner is at a local restaurant this evening. (B,L,D)

### Friday, May 10: Wadi Qelt | Museum of the Good Samaritan | Jerusalem

*Walk for 1 hour with sharp ascent/descent in Wadi Qelt; modest attire* 🐾

Today we head to Jerusalem. On the way, we spend some time exploring the Monastery of St. George of Choziba in Wadi Qelt, a valley in the eastern West Bank thought by some to be "the valley of the shadow of death" referenced in Psalm 23. The breathtaking monastery complex hangs from the side of one of the valley's walls, and we cross a pedestrian bridge to reach it. Established during

## Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Individual VIP transfers on arrival to, and a group transfer for departure from, Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) will be provided on program dates. Once you have received your final payment invoice from our office you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

Ibex at Mitzpe Ramon





the Byzantine period, it has been destroyed and rebuilt several times, most recently by Greek monks at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. We make one other stop on our drive to Jerusalem, at the Museum (Inn) of the Good Samaritan, an indoor/outdoor museum of ancient mosaics, some of which date to the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. Enjoy dinner together in Jerusalem. *Overnight at the 5-star [Inbal Jerusalem Hotel](#) (deluxe rooms) for four nights.* (B,L,D)



Ein Gedi National Park

**Saturday, May 11: Jerusalem: Mount Scopus, Israel Museum**

We begin today with a walk on Mount Scopus, where we visit the burial cave of Nicanor. After lunch we spend the afternoon taking in the extensive collection of both ancient and modern art at the Israel Museum. Dinner and the evening are on your own in Jerusalem. (B,L)

**Sunday, May 12: Jerusalem walking tour: St. Anne's Church, Church of the Redeemer, David's Citadel, Rockefeller Archaeological Museum**

*Walk approximately 2 miles in the Old City; modest attire* 🐾

Today we visit three sites that reflect the multiple religions that call Jerusalem home. First, we take in St. Anne's Church, currently a Roman Catholic church. Next, we explore the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and climb its tower for a splendid view of the Old City. Finally, we tour David's Citadel, a fortified medieval enclosure that contains the remains of earlier periods. Take some time to explore the museum housed in the original citadel to learn about Jerusalem's history from its beginnings to the current day. After an independent lunch we re-group to explore the Rockefeller Archaeological Museum, which houses thousands of artifacts arranged in chronological order. Dinner is on your own this evening. (B)

**Monday, May 13: Jerusalem: Southern Wall Excavations, PM at leisure**

After breakfast we tour the extensive excavations on the southwest side of Temple Mount, which have uncovered important remains dating from the Iron Age to the Islamic and Crusader periods. After lunch, the rest of the day is yours to explore the city on your own. (B,L)

**Tuesday, May 14: Ein Gedi National Park | Ein Boqeq**

*Hike for 2 to 3 hours with a sharp slope in Ein Gedi* 🐾

This morning, we leave the city behind and head to the lush oasis of Ein Gedi. We hike through this national park, seeking the resident ibex and birds of prey. Walk along the sparkling Nahal David, or David's stream; visit the Chalcolithic temple overlooking the oasis; and see an excavated ancient synagogue with a perfectly preserved mosaic floor featuring a central square of exotic birds surrounded by a precise pattern of intersecting circles. After the hike we continue on to our hotel in Ein Boqeq, on the Dead Sea, and then gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4.5-star [Herbert Samuel Hod Dead Sea Hotel](#) (superior sea view rooms).* (B,L,D)



Ein Avdat National Park

*"Jodi Magness is truly a phenomenal lecturer. Her knowledge of Biblical Archaeology is deep and she makes it fascinating even for non archaeological buffs. Jodi was unflappable, unfailingly friendly, and an amazing resource. I particularly loved going to off beat places..."*

- Michael, California





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Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem

### **Wednesday, May 15: Sde Boker | Ein Avdat National Park | Mitzpe Ramon**

*Moderate hike for 1 hour in Ein Avdat* 🚶

This morning we head into the desert of southern Israel. We make a brief stop at Midreshet Sde Boker, an educational complex founded by the country's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, and today the location of his tomb. Hike in Ein Avdat National Park, a vast canyon with a spring-fed oasis on the valley floor. Gaze up at the sheer walls to see caves where monks once resided. Continue on to our hotel in Mitzpe Ramon, and then gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 5-star [Beresheet Hotel](#) (desert view with pool or crater view with balcony rooms) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

### **Thursday, May 16: Nitzana | Mitzpe Ramon | Farewell dinner**

We spend the day in the well-preserved desert town of Nitzana (formerly Nessana). Explore its ancient churches and other remains of the various peoples who lived here. This afternoon we enjoy the hospitality of the Negev Bedouins. Return to our hotel in Mitzpe Ramon, where we gather this evening for a farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

### **Friday, May 17: Transfer to airport in Tel Aviv | Fly home**

Transfer as a group (time TBD; it is approximately a two-hour drive) to Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion Airport (TLV) for flights homeward. (B)



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

## What to Expect

This unique tour is more active than our usual land tours, featuring several hikes that are easy to moderate in difficulty with moderate to steep ascents/descents, and several days with lengthy walks, some at archaeological sites that require navigating uneven terrain. To fully enjoy and visit all the sites on this itinerary one should be in good walking condition. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, and you may need to walk up and down stairs that may be steep and/or without handrails. 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. 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. 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. Daytime temperatures can range from the low 70s to high 90s Fahrenheit, while overnight temperatures can dip to the low 60s. In May, rain (other than a quick shower) is rare. For visits to religious sites, such as the Monastery of St. George of Choziba in Wadi Qelt and sites on our walking tour of Old Jerusalem, modest attire (e.g., no shorts or sleeveless shirts) is required. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*



# Accommodations



Scots Hotel



**Tiberias:** *Four nights at the 5-star Scots Hotel*



**Tel Aviv:** *One night at the 5-star Carlton Tel Aviv hotel*



**Jerusalem:** *Four nights at the 5-star Inbal Jerusalem Hotel*



**Ein Boqueq:** *One night at the 4.5-star Herbert Samuel Hod Dead Sea Hotel*



Beresheet Hotel



**Mitzpe Ramon:** *Two nights at the 5-star Beresheet Hotel*





## Tour Prices Per Person (12 nights)

DOUBLE Occupancy (15 to 16 participants).....\$11,895

DOUBLE Occupancy (10 to 14 participants) .....\$12,495

SINGLE Supplement (limited availability) .....\$3,995

*With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.  
Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.*

## Prices Include:

- **AIA study leader Jodi Magness** and an expert local guide/tour manager
- Twelve nights in mostly **5-star hotels and resorts** as per the itinerary
- Breakfast daily; eight lunches; and eight dinners with wine, including welcome and farewell dinners
- **Individual VIP arrival transfers and a group departure transfer** on program dates
- Surface transportation by **air-conditioned motor coach**, with bottled water, and a **boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee
- **All excursions, guided hikes, and entrance fees** as per the itinerary
- Local taxes and service charges
- **All gratuities** to local guide/tour manager, restaurant staff for included meals, drivers, and porters
- Baggage handling at the hotels and airports
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

**Prices Do Not Include:** Any airfare; passport and visa fees; airport fees and departure taxes; private airport transfers not on program dates; hotel VAT for Israeli citizens; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; beverages and meals except as noted; transportation of excess baggage; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, medical expenses, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or anything not indicated as included.

**Payments:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “EOS AIA-IsraelRevisited5/24.” Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit, you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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View of the Dead Sea from Ein Gedi



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*"[I went on] my 5<sup>th</sup> AIA tour and I keep coming back because the experience is always excellent and the groups congenial."*

- Susan, Virginia

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Ein Avdat National Park

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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, \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)

Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

### RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

### DEPOSIT TYPE (please check one):

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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, 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 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.