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France: The Reach of the Romans

September 21 - October 2, 2024
(12 days | 12 guests)
with archaeologist Patrick Hunt

“Patrick’s enthusiasm was contagious and went a long way in helping us understand and appreciate the sites and how truly special and unique it was for us...”

- Martha, Michigan



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Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



Award-winning archaeologist, author, and National Geographic grantee **Patrick Hunt** earned his Ph.D. in Archaeology from the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, and has taught at Stanford University for more than 30 years. Patrick directed

the Stanford Alpine Archaeology Project from 1994-2012, and has continued project-related fieldwork in the region in the years since. His Alps research has been sponsored by the National Geographic Society's Expeditions Council. Patrick frequently lectures for National Geographic and others on Hannibal and the European mummy nicknamed Ötzi the Iceman. He is also a National Lecturer for the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), including the prestigious AIA Norton Lectureship in 2022-23; an elected Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society; and an elected National Fellow of The Explorers Club.

Patrick is the author of 26 published books, including the best-seller *Hannibal* (Simon & Schuster, 2017), the Penguin best-seller *Ten Discoveries That Rewrote History*, and *Alpine Archaeology*. He has also published more than 100 articles, including more than a dozen for *Encyclopedia Britannica*, mostly on Hannibal. Patrick has been featured in many National Geographic and NOVA documentaries, and has consulted for BBC and been featured in BBC radio interviews. He has a lifelong love of the Alps, having lived annually for several months in the Alps since 1994 when not in the classroom or on the lecture circuit. Patrick is also Co-President of the Stanford Chapter of the AIA and has been a member of the AIA since graduate school in 1984. A regular study leader on educational tours since the early 1990s, he has led four prior tours in southern France and at least twelve prior tours in northern Italy, including three for the AIA since 2017.

Cover: (top) The Roman amphitheater in Nîmes, France, with a modern statue of bull fighter Christian Montcouquiol (1954-1991) in the foreground; (bottom) Turin, Italy, at sunset



- = High-speed train
- = Flights
- = Overnight stays
- = Itinerary stops

Join archaeologist Patrick Hunt on this exciting itinerary from Turin to Nice and discover how the ancient Gauls and Romans interacted with the landscapes and shaped the history and cultures of northern Italy and southern France. Together we will cross the Alps by high-speed train, from Turin to Lyon.

Highlights:

- Travel with **award-winning archaeologist and author Patrick Hunt**, who has been doing fieldwork in the Alps since 1994
- Visit several outstanding museums, including the **Egyptian Museum** in Turin, the only museum outside of Cairo solely dedicated to Egyptian art and culture; and the new **Musée de l'Arles Antique**, housing the world's second finest collection of sarcophagi after the Vatican's
- Marvel at six UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the Roman and Romanesque monuments of **Arles**, the Roman theater and Arc de Triomphe of **Orange**, the Roman aqueduct at **Pont du Gard**, the historic center of **Avignon**, the historic city of **Lyon**, and the **Residences of the Royal House of Savoy** in Turin
- Explore the archaeological site of **Saint-Romain-en-Gal**, also called "little Pompeii," and take a guided tour of its museum with the curator in charge of the mosaic restoration
- See the village of **Vaison la Romaine**, the largest archaeological site in France; and take a behind-the-scenes tour inside the aqueduct at **Pont du Gard** (pending confirmation)
- You will be accompanied by **excellent local guides plus an expert tour manager** who will handle all of the logistics so you can relax, enjoy, and learn
- **Savor fine cuisine** at carefully-chosen restaurants for included lunches and dinners, and enjoy the flexibility of independent meals as well. Your tour manager can assist you with restaurant recommendations and reservations



Photos (from top): Aosta, Amphitheater in Arles, Cryptoporticus in Aosta, Egyptian Museum in Turin

Itinerary

B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • R= Reception • D= Dinner

Saturday, September 21, 2024: Depart home for Milan, Italy.

Sunday, September 22: Arrive in Milan, ITALY | Private transfer to hotel in Turin | Welcome reception

Upon arrival at Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) you are met for a private transfer to our hotel in the city center of Turin, which was an ancient Roman *castrum* (military garrison town) and the first capital of Italy. The balance of the day is at leisure to relax and perhaps stroll around the neighborhood. We gather this evening for a welcome reception and introductory lecture. Dinner is at leisure. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel Victoria](#) for three nights.* (R)

Monday, September 23: Aosta | Turin | Welcome dinner

Today we drive to Aosta, a picturesque mountain town nestled in the folds of the western Alps. Explore Aosta's imposing Roman ruins with a local archaeologist (schedule permitting), visiting Porta Praetoria, a stone gateway dating to 25 B.C.; the remains of a striking Roman theater; and the Cryptoporticus, a semi-subterranean network of passageways whose original purpose remains a mystery. After a lunch of Italian fondue, made with local fontina cheese, return to Turin. Gather for a welcome dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, September 24: Turin: Walking tour, Museum of Antiquities

This morning we delve into the elegant city of Turin with a local art historian as our guide, tracing its glorious, 2,000-year history. During our walking tour we will see the ancient Roman Quarter, dating back to when the Roman city was called Augusta Taurinorum; pass by some of the many stunning Residences of the Royal House of Savoy (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), such as Palazzo Carignano, Palazzo Madama, and Palazzo Reale; and see medieval churches and stately squares. After lunch at a historical café we visit the Museum of Antiquities, which has a section dedicated to the region's Roman cities and especially Augusta Taurinorum. The museum is housed on the grounds of the Royal Palace of Turin, also part of the aforementioned Residences of the Royal House of Savoy. The balance of the day and dinner are at leisure. (B,L)



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Wednesday, September 25: Turin: Egyptian Museum | High-speed train to Lyon, FRANCE

In the morning we explore Turin's renowned Egyptian Museum in the company of one of the curators (schedule permitting). This is the only museum other than Egypt's Cairo Museum that is solely dedicated to Egyptian art and culture. The collections that make up today's Museum, which once were property of the Royal House of Savoy, were enlarged by excavations conducted in Egypt by the Museum's archaeological mission between 1900 and 1935. After lunch at leisure in Turin, we board a high-speed train that will take us across the Alps to Lyon, France, in less than three hours. Enjoy dinner tonight at a local restaurant. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hôtel Le Royal Lyon MGallery](#) for two nights.* (B,D)

Thursday, September 26: Lyon walking tour | Lugdunum | Lyon

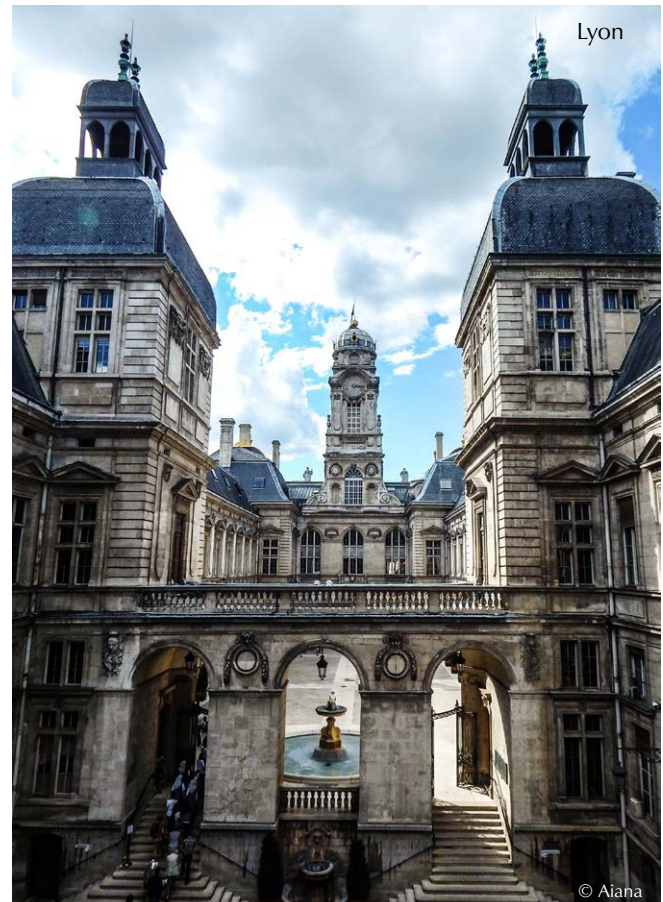
Enjoy a guided stroll this morning through the old town of Lyon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We then board our motor coach for Lugdunum, the Roman city built two millennia ago on Fourvière Hill. Visit the well-preserved theater, the oldest in France, as well as the smaller odeon. After an independent lunch we visit the Gallo-Roman Museum, which displays numerous artifacts from nearby excavations. Cap off the afternoon at the Gothic Cathedral of Saint Jean, which features a giant, working medieval clock. The balance of the day and dinner are at leisure in Lyon. (B)

Friday, September 27: Saint-Romain-en-Gal | Pont du Gard | Fontvieille

Check out of our hotel this morning and drive to the archaeological site of Saint Romain-en-Gal, also called "little Pompeii," where we tour the site and its museum with the curator in charge of the mosaic restoration (schedule permitting). After lunch at a local restaurant, continue south to Fontvieille, just outside the Roman city of Arles, our home for the next four nights. En route, stop at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pont du Gard, the aqueduct built by the Roman leader Agrippa that also served as a bridge over the Gardon River, for a behind-the-scenes walk inside the aqueduct (pending confirmation). *Overnight at the 4-star [La Régalido](#) hotel for four nights.* (B,L,D)

"The enthusiasm of Patrick, the professionalism of [the tour manager], and the group itself were excellent!"

- Steven, Wisconsin



Lyon

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Saturday, September 28: Arles: Walking tour, Musée de l'Arles Antique, Les Alyscamps | Fontvieille

This morning is dedicated to exploring the ancient city center of Arles, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, whose earliest Roman monuments date to the 1st century B.C., including its amphitheater, theater, and cryptoportico (subterranean galleries). This afternoon we visit the Musée de l'Arles Antique, which houses the world's second finest collection of sarcophagi after the Vatican's; as well as the 4th-century Roman necropolis of Alyscamps. Dinner tonight is at leisure. (B,L)

Sunday, September 29: AM at leisure | Orange | Wine tasting | Fontvieille

After breakfast, we gather for a lecture followed by some time at leisure to relax at our hotel or explore Fontvieille on your own. After an independent lunch we drive to Orange, where we view the Arc de Triomphe and one of the best-preserved ancient theaters in the world. Return to our hotel in Fontvieille, stopping along the way at a local winery for a tasting of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, one of France's most acclaimed wines, named for the palace built by Pope John XXII that we will visit on October 1st. Enjoy an independent dinner in Fontvieille. (B)

Monday, September 30: Vaison la Romaine | Nîmes: Walking tour | Fontvieille

Explore towns and sites near Avignon, beginning with the charming village of Vaison la Romaine, whose Gallo-Roman remains, spread over several sites, make this the largest archaeological site in France. The medieval town is perched on a hill overlooking the main town, with its impressive castle of the Counts of Toulouse. After lunch at a local restaurant we continue on to Nîmes, where we will take a walking tour. Nîmes became part of the Roman Empire in the 1st century A.D., and we will see its ancient Maison Carrée temple and amphitheater. After a visit to the high-tech Roman World Museum, which displays 5,000 artifacts from the ancient city, return to Fontvieille and gather for dinner this evening. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, October 1: Avignon | Nice | Farewell dinner

On our way to Nice we stop in Avignon, whose historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Explore the Palais des Papes, a fortified, 14th-century palace that (with 49,000 square feet of floor space) is the largest Gothic palace in all of Europe. Its priceless frescoes still remain in the private chapels and apartments used by the popes. After lunch in the old town we drive onward to Nice. Settle in to our centrally located hotel, and then gather for a festive farewell dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [BW Plus Hôtel Brice Garden Nice](#)*. (B,L,D)

Wednesday, October 2: Private transfer to airport | Fly home

You are met at our hotel for private transfers to Nice International Airport (NCE) for flights homeward. (B)

*"The archaeological sites and sights were amazing.
Dr. Hunt has a wide variety of interests and
knowledge that he was pleased to share with us."*

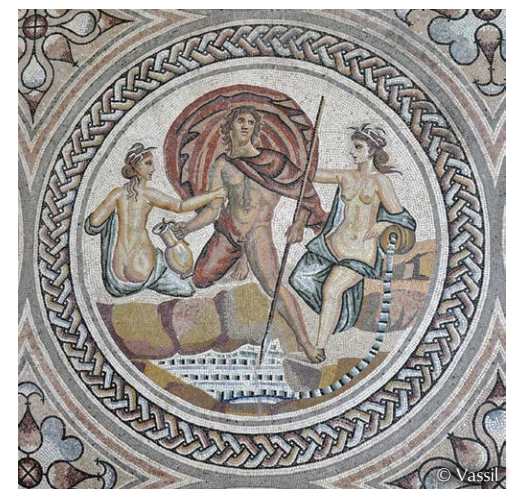
- Doris, Virginia



Lugdunum's theater



Old town Lyon



A mosaic from Saint-Romain-en-Gal



Roman theater, Orange

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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

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. 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. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. 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, and 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. At the time of our visit, the average temperatures in this region range from the low 50s F at night to the high 70s F during the day. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*

The Archaeological Institute of America & AIA Tours

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Accommodations



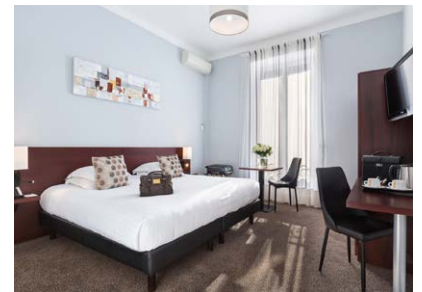
Turin: Three nights at the 4-star [Hotel Victoria](#)



Lyon: Two nights at the 4-star [Hôtel Le Royal Lyon MGallery](#)



Fontvieille: Four nights at the 4-star [La Régalido hotel](#)



Nice: One night at the 4-star [BW Plus Hôtel Brice Garden Nice](#)

Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Private transfers are included on your arrival at Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) and for your departure from Nice International Airport (NCE). Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to the tour. 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. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*



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Sarcophagus, Musée de l'Arles Antique

Tour Prices Per Person (10 nights)

Double Occupancy (9-12 participants)	\$9,695
Double Occupancy (7-8 participants)	\$10,895
Single Supplement	\$1,585

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).
With fewer than 7 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

Prices Include:

- **Leadership of AIA lecturer/host Patrick Hunt**, plus a professional **tour manager and expert local guides**
- **Ten nights at elegant, well-located, 4-star hotels**
- **Delicious meals:** 10 breakfasts; 6 lunches; and 5 dinners, including special welcome and farewell dinners with wine/beer. Meals include bottled water or a soft drink plus coffee/tea, and wine with dinners
- **All excursions, entrance fees, and sightseeing, including a private wine tasting**, as per itinerary
- Transportation by **spacious, modern, air-conditioned coach**, including bottled water available at all times
- **High-speed train ticket** from Turin to Lyon
- **Individual arrival and departure airport transfers**
- **All gratuities** to the tour manager, guides, drivers, waiters at included meals, and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels
- **VAT, local taxes, and service charges**
- **Personal listening audio devices** during excursions
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of or fees for excess baggage; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry, medical expenses, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; meals or beverages except as noted; deviations from scheduled tour; other items not listed as included.

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Note: Prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of publication and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, and the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

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Due to space limitations, this is abbreviated information. Complete terms and conditions are available upon request and can be viewed online at www.aiatours.org.



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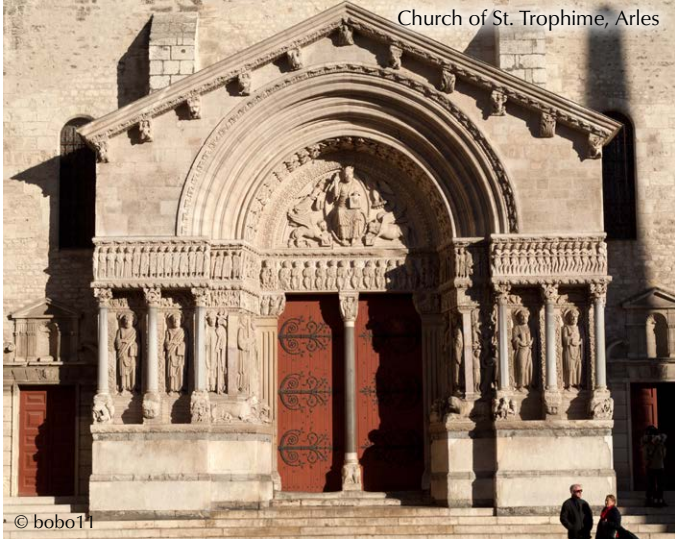
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"I enjoyed the archaeological sites in France and the associated modern site museums. I speak highly of AIA Tours to others...there are not a lot of people who have such specialized interests."

- Susan, Virginia

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RESERVATION FORM

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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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

I will be sharing with: _____

Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed).

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

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A deposit of \$2,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 130 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):

Check payable to: Eos AIA-FranceITS9/24 Visa Master Card American Express Already paid by phone

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