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# France:

## The Reach of the Romans

from Turin, Italy to Nice, France

**September 18-29, 2021**

(12 days | 12 guests)

with archaeologist Patrick Hunt



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## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host

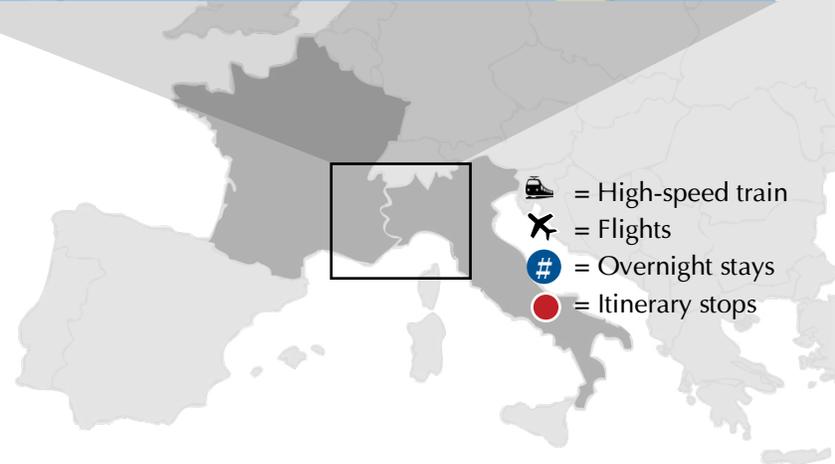
Award-winning archaeologist, author, and National Geographic grantee **Patrick Hunt**

earned his Ph.D. in Archaeology from the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, and has taught at Stanford



University for 28 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), an elected Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and a Fellow of The Explorers Club.

Patrick is the author of 22 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 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 two for the AIA since 2017.



*"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 (AIA northern Italy tour)

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



Aosta

Join archaeologist Patrick Hunt on this exciting new 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.



Amphitheater, Arles

### 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.



Palais des Papes, Avignon



Roman theater, Orange



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# Itinerary

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

**Saturday, September 18, 2021:** Depart the U.S. for Milan, Italy.

**Sunday, September 19: Arrive in Milan, ITALY | Private transfer to hotel in Turin | Welcome dinner**

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 at the hotel, followed by a

traditional Italian dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel Victoria](#) for three nights.* (R,D)

**Monday, September 20: 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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**Tuesday, September 21: Aosta | Turin**

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, 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 for the balance of the day and dinner at leisure. (B,L)



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**Wednesday, September 22: Turin: Egyptian Museum | High-speed train to Lyon, FRANCE**

In the morning we explore Turin's renowned Egyptian Museum in the company of its Director. 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 [Grand Hôtel des Terreaux](#) for two nights.* (B,D)

**Thursday, September 23: Lyon | 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,



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Photos (from top): Aosta's Roman theater; Cryptoporticus, Aosta; Egyptian Museum, Turin; Church of Saint Trophime, Arles



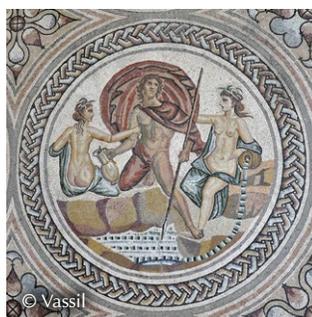
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Lugdunum's theater

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 24: Saint-Romain-en-Gal | Winery lunch | Pont du Gard | Arles**

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. After lunch at a local winery, continue south to 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 [Maison Volver Hotel](#) for four nights.* (B,L,D)



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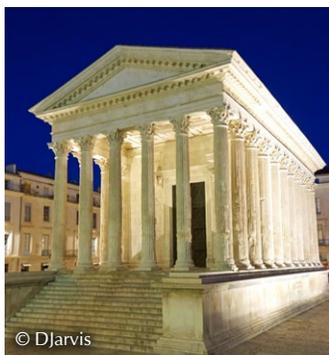
A mosaic from Saint-Romain-en-Gal

**Saturday, September 25: Arles: Musée de l'Arles Antique, Les Alyscamps**

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

**Sunday, September 26: Vaison la Romaine | Orange | Arles**

Today we 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, with its impressive castle of the Counts of Toulouse, is perched on a hill overlooking the main town. Enjoy lunch at a typical country inn and then continue on to visit Orange, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where we view the



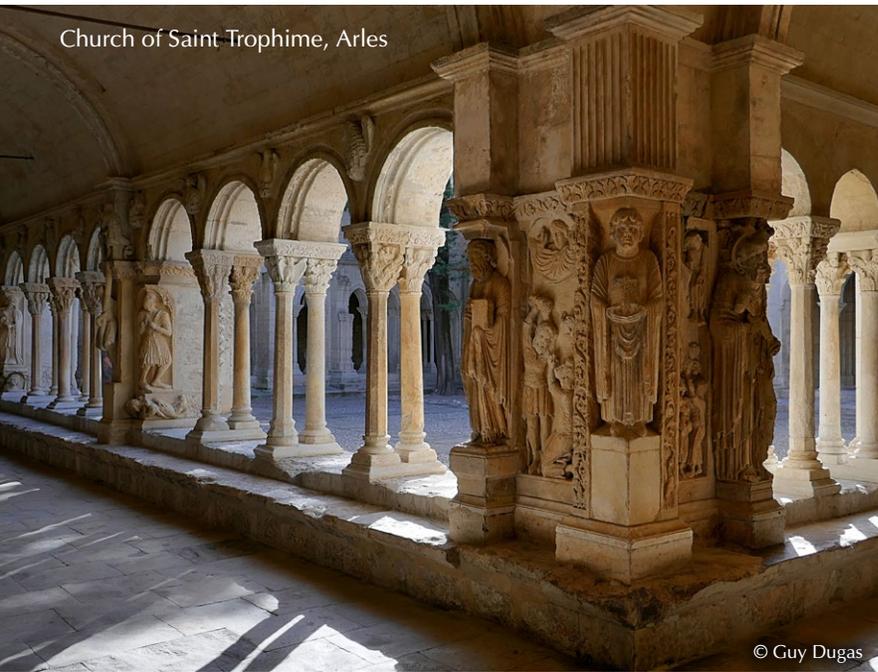
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Maison Carrée, Nîmes

## 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. 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. In September, 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.*

Church of Saint Trophime, Arles



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iconic Arc de Triomphe and one of the world's best-preserved Roman theaters. Return to Arles in the late afternoon, for the balance of the day and dinner at leisure. (B,L)

### **Monday, September 27: Nîmes | Arles**

Begin the day with a walking tour of Nîmes, which became part of the Roman Empire in the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D., including 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, and then time for lunch at leisure in Nîmes, return to Arles for some free time to explore on your own. Gather for dinner this evening. (B,D)

### **Tuesday, September 28: 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, 14<sup>th</sup>-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. Enjoy lunch in the old town and then re-group for our drive onward to Nice. After settling in to our hotel with ocean views, we gather for a festive farewell dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star [Westminster Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

### **Wednesday, September 29: Private transfer to airport | Fly home**

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

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- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading guide, travel guide, and packing list

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Saint-Romain-en-Gal

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

- Steven, Milwaukee, WI

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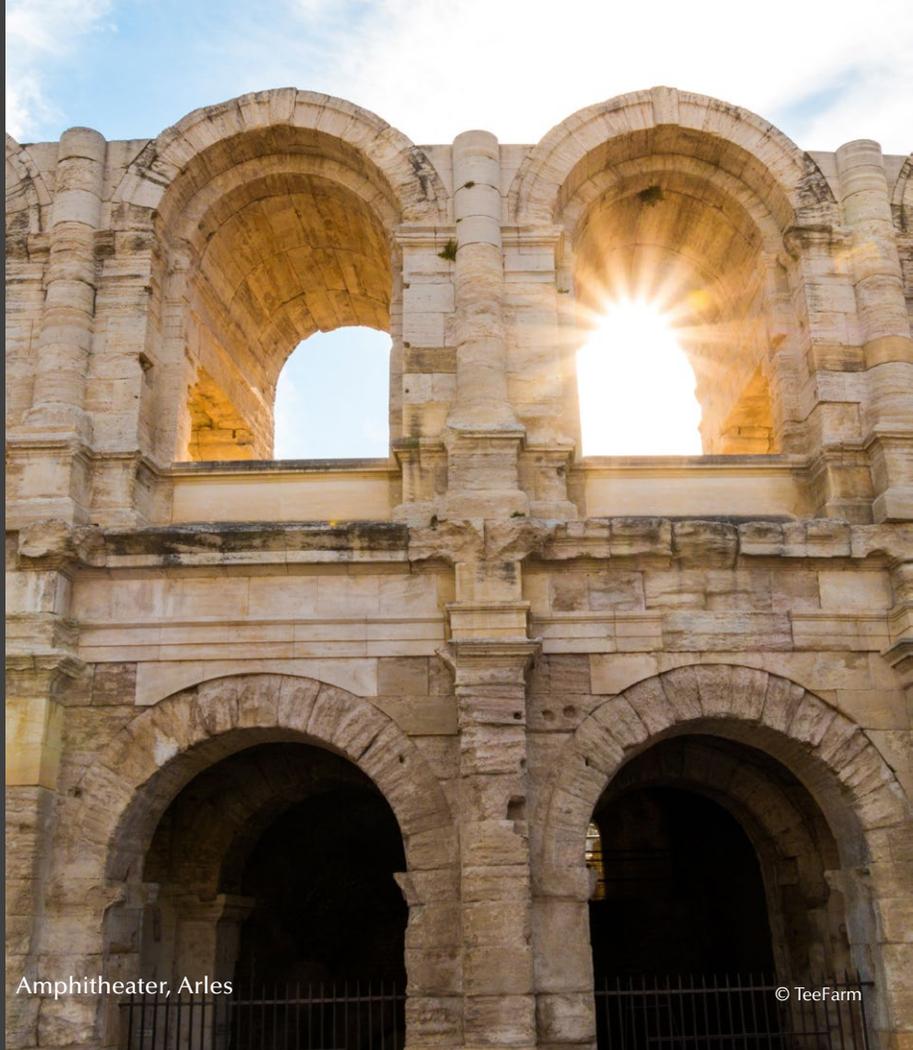
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Amphitheater, Arles

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