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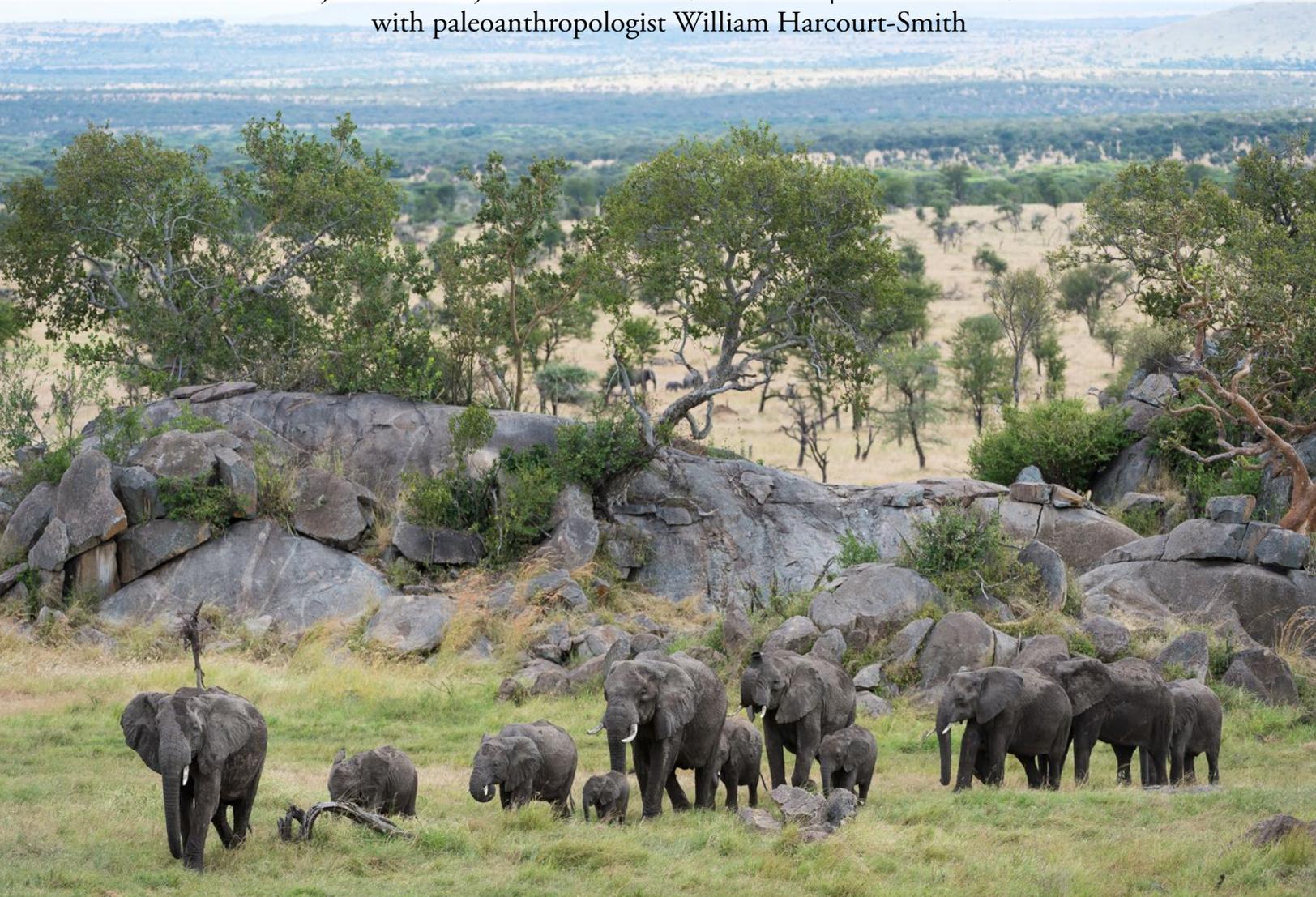


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HUMAN ORIGINS IN TANZANIA:

A Unique Safari through Prehistory

JUNE 28 - JULY 16, 2022 (19 DAYS | 16 GUESTS)
with paleoanthropologist William Harcourt-Smith



Featuring the prehistoric sites of Engare Sero, Olduvai Gorge, and Laetoli; the wildebeest crossing of the Serengeti's Mara River; and the migration of 3,000+ elephants in Tarangire National Park

Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



William Harcourt-Smith is a paleoanthropologist based at the American Museum of Natural History and the City University of New York. He was born in Great Britain and raised across Europe. Will

has extensively published on his research in both scientific and popular formats, including articles in *Nature*, *eLife*, and *Natural History Magazine*. His work is often highlighted by the media, including *National Geographic*, the *New York Times*, and *NOVA*. Will has conducted paleontological and archaeological fieldwork across Africa, Eurasia, and North America for over 20 years, including projects in South Africa, Kenya, Israel, and Sudan. His work in Tanzania has focused on analyzing both the iconic fossils from Olduvai Gorge and the Laetoli footprints. More recently he has conducted fieldwork at the new human footprint site of Engare Sero in northern Tanzania, and was part of the team that announced the footprints to the world in 2020. Will regularly lectures to the public about human origins around the globe, and has helped curate numerous exhibits, including the current *Hall of Human Origins* at the American Museum of Natural History.



- ✈ = Flights
- 📍 = Overnight stays
- = Itinerary stops
- 🏠 = Day Room

“When you are exploring...sites that document the story of human evolution, there is nobody better to have at your side than Will Harcourt-Smith. He is highly companionable, has a great sense of humor, and, best of all, a huge fund of first-hand knowledge about human evolution and Africa itself: knowledge that he accessibly and entertainingly shares.”

- Dr. Ian Tattersall



Cover: Elephants in the northern Serengeti;
Left: Fossil hominin footprints at Engare Sero, with Ol Doinyo Lengai, the only active volcano in Tanzania, in the distance

Join paleoanthropologist William Harcourt-Smith on this safari through prehistory, experiencing the wildlife and landscapes of Tanzania while learning about the hominins who evolved and survived on those very plains eons ago. In July (and August) Tanzania is at its coolest, sunniest, and driest, and the dry season attracts abundant animals to the region's life sustaining rivers. We have timed our visit to **witness the renowned wildebeest crossing of the Mara River** with lurking Nile crocodiles—an extraordinary predator/prey spectacle—and our time in Tarangire National Park will include the **migration of some 3,000 elephants**.

Along the way we will learn about human origins at several physical sites, but also through a **series of lectures and discussions with Dr. Harcourt-Smith**. Spend two nights at **Lake Natron**, well known for being near Ol Doinyo Lengai – the only active volcano in Tanzania – and a number of archaeological sites, including Dr. Harcourt-Smith's most recent project at **Engare Sero**, where was found the largest collection of footprints currently known from Africa's human fossil record. We will also visit **Olduvai Gorge**, the site of Louis and Mary Leakey's famous, mid-20th-century paleoanthropological discoveries that indicated that hominins had evolved in Africa; as well as **Laetoli**, site of the renowned, nearly 90-foot-long "Laetoli Footprints" made by early humans as they walked in wet volcanic ash.

Throughout our adventure you will **enjoy generous comfort and exceptional service at several charming lodges and memorable safari camps**. Camping (in great comfort) near the herds and away from the tourist lodges will leave you with unforgettable memories. All of our game drives will be led by expert driver-guides, and we will enjoy extra room for gear and to move about with **no more than four guests per six-seater, stretch Land Rover and Land Cruiser**, specially adapted for photography and unrestricted game viewing. Journeying through the impressive wildlife, beauty, and diversity of this African terrain highlights the privilege of exploring and learning from the world around us.



Wildebeest crossing the Mara River



ITINERARY

B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • D= Dinner

Tuesday, June 28, 2022: Depart home

Depart home on flights to Tanzania.

Wednesday, June 29: Arrive Arusha, Tanzania | Transfer to hotel

Arrive at Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) near Arusha, Tanzania, likely in the early evening. Upon arrival, you will be met by a local representative, helped through customs, and transferred to our inn, approximately 30 minutes from the airport. *Overnight at the 5-star [Country Inn & Resort](#) for two nights.* (D)

Thursday, June 30: At leisure

Enjoy this day at leisure, to rest up and explore our inn's 30 acres in a private community. The main house has 10 rooms and stunning gardens with views of Mount Meru to the west and Mount Kilimanjaro to the east. Relax on the balcony of your room and/or enjoy amenities such as the pool, a tour of the coffee plantation and vegetable gardens, and bird watching. Before dinner we will gather for an introductory lecture by Dr. Harcourt-Smith. (B,L,D)

Friday, July 1 to Sunday, July 3: Tarangire National Park

Depart Arusha after an early breakfast and drive approximately 2.5 hours to Tarangire National Park. This is a peak time of the year in the Park, when it hosts a large elephant migration. The park has 3,000 resident elephants that are joined by another 3,000 migratory elephants that come into the park for water in the Tarangire River and surrounding wetlands. Other herd animals such as wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, and antelope of all kinds also migrate into the park between July and the end of October. Tarangire is also famous for its beautiful baobab trees, variety of habitats, and large numbers of baboon and impala. The park's lion often climb trees, just as they do in the Serengeti.

On July 1st we arrive at the lodge in time for a hot lunch and an afternoon game drive. On July 2nd and 3rd we will continue our explorations of the park on morning and afternoon game drives. In addition, we will arrange time with one of the elephant field researchers for a field talk (schedule permitting). *Overnight at the 3-star [Tarangire Sopa Lodge](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D each day)



Monday, July 4 & Tuesday, July 5: Lake Natron & Engare Sero

After an early breakfast at our lodge we check out and game drive out of Tarangire to Lake Natron, enjoying a picnic lunch along the way. We drive to the colorful village of Mto wa Mbu before turning off the main road onto the unpaved road to Lake Natron. We will be driving through the Gregory Rift, an offshoot of Africa's Great Rift Valley, and while there will not be much wildlife we will enjoy the splendor of the Valley and pass small villages along the way. Our destination, Lake Natron, is famous for its mineral-rich soda lake which attracts 75% of the lesser flamingo population for breeding season between October and February. The very high alkalinity of the lake discourages predators from living in the area and allows abundant growth of the spirulina algae that is the main food for lesser flamingo. Lake Natron is also well known for being near Ol Doinyo Lengai, the only active volcano in Tanzania.

July 4th will be a long day of driving to our camp, and we expect to arrive in the late afternoon. In the morning of July 5th we visit Engare Sero, site of the more than 400 fossil hominin footprints, dated to the Late Pleistocene (6,000 to 19,000 years ago) and preserved in volcanic ash, that were recently excavated and studied by Dr. Harcourt-Smith and his colleagues. For the afternoon you may choose from a selection of activities offered by our camp, such as swimming, birding, and hiking. *Overnight at the 4-star Lake Natron Camp for two nights.* (B,L,D each day)

Wednesday, July 6: Northeast Serengeti National Park

Depart our camp this morning and drive north in the Loliondo Game Management Area to the Klein's Ranger Gate to enter the northeast Serengeti, arriving at *Migration Camp* in the mid-afternoon (depending on unpaved road conditions). Enjoy an optional guided walk on the property or a refreshing dip in the pool before we gather for a private sundowner before dinner. *Migration Camp* is built close to a bend in the Grumeti River, with lovely sunsets and the sound of hippos enjoying their time in the river. *Overnight at the 5-star Migration Camp.* (B,L,D)

Thursday, July 7 to Saturday, July 9: Game drive to NW Serengeti and Mara River

Depart the lodge at 6am on July 7th to enjoy a leisurely game drive through the areas of Lobo Valley, Bologonja, Nyamalumbwa Hills, and to the famous Mara River during a peak time for river crossings. July 8th and 9th will be full days of exploring the northwestern Serengeti in anticipation of witnessing portions of the wildebeest herd cross the river. The herd has actually experienced a significant change in their movements over the past eight to ten years, primarily due to the loss of habitat in the northernmost area of the Serengeti ecosystem, which is also Kenya's Maasai



Maasai warriors

Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. A suggested flight schedule will be sent to you prior to departure. VIP arrival services and airport transfers are provided in conjunction with the suggested flights on the group arrival and departure dates. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact AIA Tours first. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. If you have any questions about flight arrangements, please contact Alex Lineham at US Corporate Traveler at alex.lineham@corporatetraveler.us. *We are not liable for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*





Flamingos at Lake Natron

The AIA & AIA Tours

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.

Mara. Tanzania has a committed policy to conduct controlled burning of grassland to increase the nutritious quality of the grass, but Kenya does not conduct the same policy, so grasses are higher quality and more abundant in the northwestern Serengeti and approximately 70% of the wildebeest herd now remains inside the Serengeti during the dry season. *Overnight at the 4-star [Karibu Serengeti River Camp](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D each day)

Sunday, July 10 & Monday, July 11: Central Serengeti

On the morning of July 10th we depart our camp and game drive to the central Serengeti to spend two days in this cat-rich area of the Park. Game drives on both days focus on cats hunting and the resident wildlife of the vast central Serengeti. Although the large herds are not present at this time of year, the resident wildlife is excellent. Since cats do not migrate with the herds, they are left to defend their territories and search for dwindling prey. Lions and leopards now have to hunt both day and night to secure enough food for survival. *Overnight at the 5-star [Karibu Serengeti Sametu Camp](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D each day)

Tuesday, July 12 to Thursday, July 14: Olduvai Gorge | Laetoli | Ngorongoro Crater

Depart the central Serengeti on the morning of the 12th and drive to the Ngorongoro Crater, stopping along the way for an extended visit to Olduvai Gorge, all part of the UNESCO World Heritage (mixed natural/cultural) Site of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. Olduvai Gorge was the site of Louis and Mary Leakey's famous hominin fossil discoveries that put East Africa on the paleoanthropological map. The first discovery was in 1959, when Mary Leakey found a hominin skull fragment (dated to about 1.75 million years ago) that was eventually classified as *Paranthropus boisei*. *Homo habilis* and *Homo erectus* specimens were also found in the Gorge, as were Oldowan stone tools and animal bones and teeth that had been manipulated by hominins. Our visit will also include the newly-renovated site museum, dedicated to the Leakeys' discoveries and the archaeology and geology of this area. Continue to the

Ngorongoro Crater and drive down to the floor of the caldera for a game drive as we travel to our camp on the eastern rim.

On July 13th we will leave the camp very early and drive down to the Crater floor to take a “short-cut” on our drive to Laetoli, which is about 3 hours from the western rim. Laetoli is the site of the famous, nearly 90-foot-long “Laetoli Footprints,” a 3.6-million-year old trail made by early humans, most likely *Australopithecus afarensis*, as they walked in wet volcanic ash. Dr. Harcourt-Smith will be at his best discussing this important area for human origins. (Please note that the footprints themselves are not visible.) Drive around the rim road to return to our camp for dinner.

On July 14th we will enjoy a full day down in the Crater for wildlife viewing, including a special bush lunch. In the Crater are thousands of wildebeest; still many black rhino, cheetah, and gazelle; abundant birdlife; and, arguably, the highest density of hyena anywhere in Africa. Enjoy a farewell dinner our last evening at the camp.

Overnight at the 5-star [Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Camp](#) for three nights. (B,L,D each day)

Friday, July 15 & Saturday, July 16: Arusha | Transfer to airport | Fly home

After breakfast we drive back to Arusha, stopping along the way at the Cultural Heritage Center for lunch and some shopping. Continue to *The Country Inn & Resort* where you have a day room with time to relax, shower, and pack. Transfer to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) in time for homeward flights that depart on the 15th, and arrive in the U.S. the next day. (B,L,D on July 15th)



What to Expect

You must be in good physical condition to participate on this safari and able to walk, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Participants who are not able to sit comfortably, and walk and stand unassisted, for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. That said, there are limited opportunities, if any, for daily exercise. Most accommodations will have some steps or elevation to walk; if you have mobility restrictions please inform us as soon as possible and we can request rooms/tents closest to reception (not guaranteed) and assistance if needed. Hotels, lodges, and camps have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. The tented camps have spacious sleeping quarters, flush toilets, hot and cold running water, and 24-hour electricity. They are built on stable platforms and have wooden or tile flooring.

The international flights are long, and we will spend many hours in 4WD vehicles on game drives. Land travel, especially on game drives, will be over very bumpy roads. Participants with back issues should consult with their physician and consider traveling with appropriate back support. There may be considerable dust in the air during game drives. Participants with allergies or breathing issues are encouraged to travel with a dust mask or bandana to inhibit dust inhalation. 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. 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 participate in a game drive or visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. All participants are expected to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences.

Although as a trip participant you are a member of the AMREF Flying Doctors, which provides emergency medical evacuation to Nairobi for travelers, you should also be aware that medical services or facilities may not be readily available during all or part of your trip. Each participant must be covered by medical insurance that is valid overseas. Our visit is during the dry season, so the chance of rain will be low. Generally, the weather will be pleasant with clear skies and daytime temperatures averaging 77°F. Equatorial sun is very intense and we recommend using strong sunblock and drinking plenty of water. Toilet facilities may be primitive during game drives. The maximum altitude on this trip is just under 8,000 feet above sea level. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*



Olduvai Gorge, site of hominin fossil discoveries



Unique & Luxurious Accommodations



Northeast Serengeti - One night at the 5-star [Migration Camp](#)



Arusha - Two nights and one day room at the 5-star [Country Inn & Resort](#)



Northwest Serengeti - Three nights at the 4-star [Karibu Serengeti River Camp](#)



Tarangire - Three nights at the 3-star [Tarangire Sopa Lodge](#)



Central Serengeti - Two nights at the 5-star [Karibu Serengeti Sametu Camp](#)



Lake Natron - Two nights at the 4-star [Lake Natron Camp](#)



Ngorongoro Crater - Three nights at the 5-star [Ngorongoro Lion's Paw Camp](#)

Tour Prices Per Person (16 nights)

Double Occupancy (15 to 16 participants)	\$16,945
Double Occupancy (11 to 14 participants)	\$17,795
Double Occupancy (8 to 10 participants)	\$18,145
Single Supplement (limited availability)	\$1,645

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.

With fewer than 8 participants, a small group surcharge may be applied.

Price Includes:

- Leadership of AIA lecturer/host **William Harcourt-Smith and expert driver/guides**
- **All group transportation in Tanzania**, with only 4 guests per 3-row, 6-seater, 4-wheel-drive, stretch safari vehicles, providing window seats and extra room for everyone. Bottled water, soft drinks, and snacks available at all times during game drives
- **Sixteen nights and one day room** in unique hotel, lodge, and deluxe tented camp accommodations as per itinerary
- **All meals included**, from dinner upon arrival to dinner on the day of departure, with bottled water/soft drinks, plus coffee or tea with dinners. A special farewell dinner includes local beer and/or wine, and house wines and non-specialty spirits are included at Lake Natron Camp and Migration Camp
- **Transfers** from/to Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO) in conjunction with suggested group flights
- **VIP Arrival Services**, including assistance through customs, and access to a private, air-conditioned lounge
- **All excursions** as listed in the itinerary
- All portage fees and group meal tips, service charges, government VAT, hotel taxes, and park entrance fees
- **Gratuities** to driver/guides and camp and lodge staff
- Pre-departure information on all aspects of the safari, plus cultural information and a suggested reading/media guide
- Membership in AMREF Flying Doctors



Price Does Not Include: Any airfare; airfare tax and foreign airport taxes; independent airport transfers; any costs associated with flight cancellations or delays; passport and visa fees; excess baggage charges; personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, and room service; beverages except as noted; any activities not specified in the itinerary.

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-Passenger Account-AIA Tanzania6/22." 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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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, _____

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How did you hear about this tour? eNewsletter mailing website friends/family other _____

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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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Signature (participant #1) _____ Date _____

Signature (participant #2) _____ Date _____

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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 Binding Arbitration Agreement.