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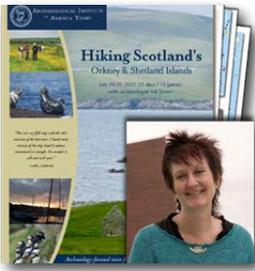
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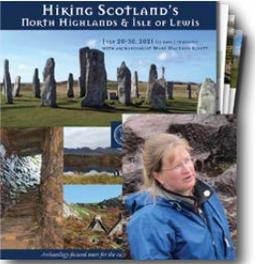
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Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Isles

July 10-20, 2021 or July 18-28, 2022 (11 days | 15 guests)
with archaeologist Val Turner

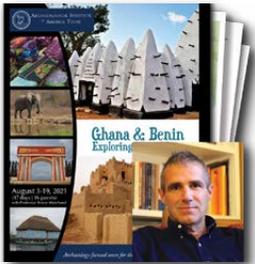
Explore all that Scotland's Northern Isles have to offer: prehistoric stone circles, burial chambers, and settlements; quaint villages; huge seabird colonies; and remarkable plant life—all amidst dramatic landscapes. This will be Scotland seen slowly, with time for in-depth exploration at each site. The Orkney and Shetland islands have an amazing wealth of archaeological sites dating back 5,000 years.



Hiking Scotland's North Highlands & Isle of Lewis

July 20-30, 2021 or July 8-18, 2022 (11 days | 15 guests)
with archaeologist Mary MacLeod Rivett

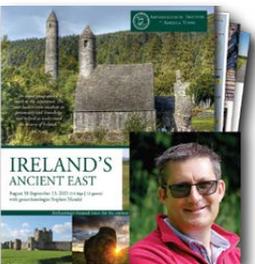
Join us on this exploration of Scotland's remote north Highlands and the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides. Explore off the well-beaten Highland trail, and along the way we will be treated to an abundance of archaeological and historical sites, striking scenery – including high cliffs, sea lochs, sandy and rocky bays, mountains, and glens – and, of course, excellent hiking.



Ghana & Benin: Exploring West Africa

August 3-19, 2021 or August 2022 -TBA (17 days | 16 guests)
with anthropologist/architectural historian Trevor Marchand

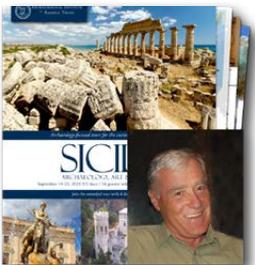
Learn about the effects of the former Atlantic slave trade on West Africa and the resilience of the people, towns, and cultures. Explore the dramatic landscapes that helped shape the different tribes and kingdoms, from the rugged coastlines to the southern forests of Ghana. Rich in culture and history, the people are enthusiastic about sharing their histories, cultures, and traditions.



Ireland's Ancient East

August 31-September 13, 2021 (14 days | 12 guests)
with geoarchaeologist Stephen Mandal
(June 2022 "Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way"- TBA)

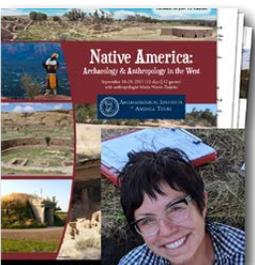
Journey through the archaeology, history, and landscapes along the east coast of Ireland, from Dublin to Northern Ireland and then as far south as Wexford and Waterford. See the medieval town of Carrickfergus, the UNESCO World Heritage Sites at the Giant's Causeway and Brú na Bóinne (Newgrange), the medieval city of Kilkenny, and visit your host's ongoing excavation project.



Sicily: Archaeology, Art & Cuisine

September 14-25, 2021 or September 2022 -TBA (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Gerry Schaus

Discover and learn about many of the most impressive archaeological monuments found anywhere in the Mediterranean, such as Agrigento, Selinunte, Segesta, and Syracuse. Admire spectacular landscapes, and see two of the finest examples of Norman architecture: Monreale Cathedral and the Royal Palace of Palermo. View extensive archaeological collections at several excellent museums. Savor fine cuisine and local wines.



Native America: Archaeology & Anthropology in the West

September 18-29, 2021 or September 2022 - TBA (12 days | 12 guests)
with anthropologist Maria Nieves Zedeño

Join us on an American adventure, from the plains of North Dakota to the Pueblos of New Mexico, as we explore Native American archaeological and historical sites as well as spectacular National Parks. Experience this part of the country in a different way, gaining new perspectives and learning about the histories of indigenous peoples, in the company of a North American archaeologist.

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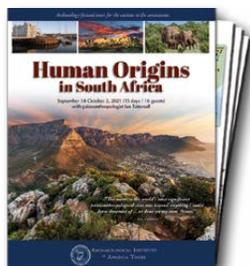
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Human Origins in South Africa

September 18-October 2, 2021 with paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall or September 4-18, 2022 with William Harcourt-Smith (15 days | 16 guests)

Explore fascinating paleontological localities, including Sterkfontein Caves, Makapansgat Valley, West Coast Fossil Park, Blombos Museum of Archaeology, and Pinnacle Point Caves; plus evocative historical sites and modern cities. Enjoy sublime mountain, veld, and coastal scenery; wildlife viewing and photography opportunities; and delicious cuisine and wines.



France: The Reach of the Romans, From Turin to Nice

September 18-29, 2021 or September 2022 - TBA (12 days | 12 guests) with archaeologist Patrick Hunt

Discover six UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Arles, Orange, Pont du Gard, Avignon, Lyon, and Turin. Explore Saint-Romain-en-Gal, Vaison la Romaine, Turin's Egyptian Museum, and Musée de l'Arles Antique. Enjoy fine cuisine and wine, and stay at distinctive, 4-star hotels.



Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France

September 22-October 4, 2021 or September 21-October 3, 2022 (13 days | 20 guests) with prehistory expert Paul G. Bahn

See the most famous prehistoric cave art in the world, including Altamira II, Lascaux IV, Niaux, Pech Merle, Cognac, Rouffignac, Font-de-Gaume, and Cueva del Castillo. Experience the cultures of Spain and France with visits to charming medieval villages and cities, savoring local foods and wines.



Minoan Crete & the Cycladic Islands

September 26-October 10, 2021 with archaeologist Joanne Murphy or May 1-15, 2022 with archaeologist Gerry Schaus (15 days | 16 guests)

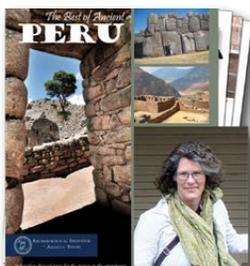
Step back in time to explore the island of Crete, center of the Minoan civilization during the Bronze Age, as well as the nearby Cycladic Islands of Santorini, Mykonos, and Delos. Marvel at the physical evidence of this first advanced civilization in Europe, which created palace complexes, stunning works of art, a unique writing system, and an extensive trade network.



Origins of Humans & Wine: Azerbaijan, Georgia & Armenia

October 10-25, 2021 or October 9-24, 2022 (16 days | 14 guests) with paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall

Delve into the ancient history of the Caucasus region, where *Homo erectus* skulls were found at Dmanisi, and wine-making goes back 8,000 years. UNESCO World Heritage Sites include Baku, Azerbaijan's Old Town and Gobustan's petroglyphs; Mtskheta, in Georgia; and Armenia's Haghbat monastery, Echmiadzin, and Zvartnots Cathedral. Sample wines at five wineries, and visit the cave complex of Areni-1, with remains of a 6,000-year-old winery.



The Best of Ancient Peru

October 11-25, 2021 or October 10-24, 2022 (15 days | 15 guests) with archaeologist Jo Burkholder

Experience the best of ancient Peru, with the convenience of spending three nights each in Chiclayo, the Sacred Valley, and Cuzco. Explore fabulous archaeological sites (including two visits to Machu Picchu; visits to three other UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Chan Chan, Lima, Cuzco; and many others), a variety of museums, and picturesque villages and cities.

Unique Itineraries

Each land tour is custom-designed and most AIA Tours have just one departure per year. Every aspect has been planned to maximize your time and experience.

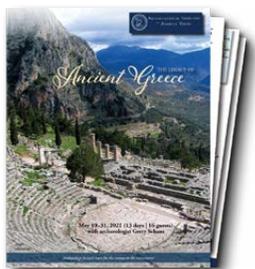
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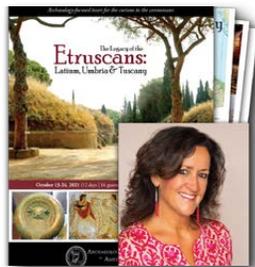
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The Legacy of Ancient Greece

October 13-25, 2021 with archaeologist Kathleen Lynch or
May 18-30, 2022 with archaeologist Gerry Schaus
(13 days | 16 guests)

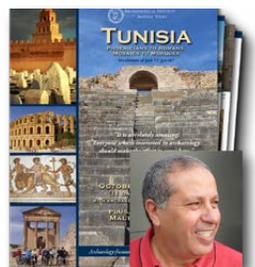
Marvel at the glories of Greece, from the Bronze Age to the Classical era and beyond, amid the variety of landscapes of the mainland and the Peloponnese peninsula. This is a superb opportunity to ignite, or reignite, your passion for the wonders of Greek archaeology, art, and ancient history and to witness how integral are mythology, religion, drama, and literature.



The Legacy of the Etruscans: Latium, Umbria & Tuscany

October 13-24, 2021 or October 2022 -TBA (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Lisa Pieraccini

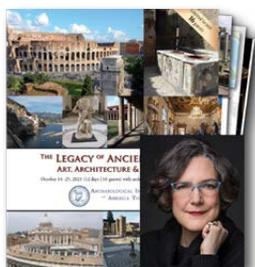
Discover the world of the ancient Etruscans. Visit their necropolises, whose tombs feature brightly-painted scenes of feasting and dancing, including Cerveteri, Tarquinia, and Sovana; the important Etruscan towns of Veii, Fiesole, Volterra, Orvieto, and Vulci; many splendid museums with unparalleled Etruscan collections, including Rome's Villa Giulia and Vatican City's Etruscan Gregorian Museum; and more.



Tunisia: Phoenicians to Romans, Mosaics to Mosques

October 14-24, 2021 or October 13-23, 2022 (11 days | 12 guests)
with archaeologist Nejib ben Lazreg

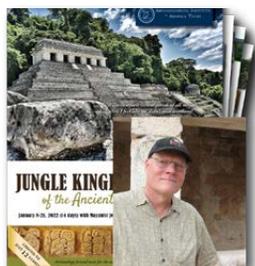
Visit all seven of Tunisia's cultural World Heritage Sites, including fabled Carthage, Dougga, Kairouan, and El Jem. Other highlights include Bulla Regia's underground Roman villas, Thuburbo Majus's sunken winter baths, and the Bardo Museum's renowned mosaics. An optional, 4-day extension to Malta is also available.



The Legacy of Ancient Rome: Art, Architecture & Cuisine

October 14-25, 2021 or October 2022 - TBA (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Ingrid Rowland

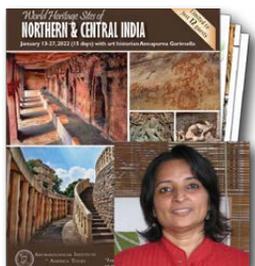
See magnificent art and architecture, including highlights such as Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este; Pompeii and Herculaneum, which were both destroyed and yet preserved by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius; the Doric Greek temples at Paestum; the isle of Capri's Villa Jovis; and Rome's Capitoline Museums and Borghese Gallery. Enjoy excellent food and wine, spending five nights in central Rome, three nights in Naples, and two nights in Amalfi.



Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya

January 8-21, 2022 (14 days | 12 guests) with Mayanist Jeff Karl Kowalski

This tropical adventure provides the best-paced itinerary available to thoroughly explore ancient Maya sites in the lush jungles of Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. Maya art and architecture will "come alive" as you encounter enormous stelae (carved monoliths), painted frescoes, stucco friezes, carved lintels, and huge temple-pyramids. Explore, in-depth, the sites of Palenque, Bonampak, Yaxchilán, Tikal, Yaxhá, Copán, and Quiriguá.



World Heritage Sites of Northern & Central India

January 13-27, 2022 (15 days | 12 guests)
with art historian Annapurna Garimella

This uniquely-crafted, perfectly-paced tour features 15 UNESCO World Heritage Sites! Discover amazing rock-cut cave temples, spectacular fortress/palaces, splendid royal garden-tombs, a Neolithic cave art site, a wildlife park, and great museum collections. Most everything is included: meals, accommodations, and three flights within India to maximize your time.

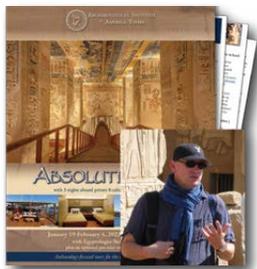
Small Groups

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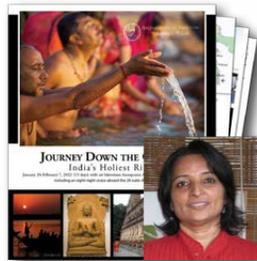
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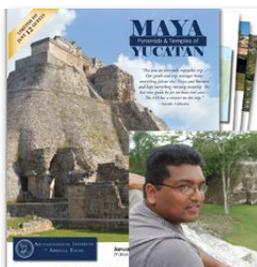
Absolute Egypt (with 3 nights aboard a private, 8-cabin dahabiya)
January 18-February 3, 2022 (17 days | 16 guests)
with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

This 15-night itinerary is longer than most Egypt tours, so that your experience is in-depth and not rushed. It is meticulously-planned, visiting all the preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan. Special arrangements are planned for meetings with excavators and conservators, and behind-the-scenes visits when possible. Stay in premium accommodations, including a 3-night Nile River cruise.



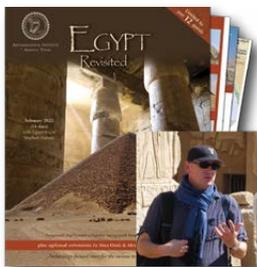
Journey Down the Ganges: India's Holiest River
January 24-February 7, 2022 (15 days | Riverboat/Land Tour)
with art historians Annapurna Garimella and Santhosh Sakhinala

Begin with five hotel nights and time to explore Delhi and the fascinating holy sites of Varanasi, Sarnath, and Bodhgaya, plus the ancient learning center of Nalanda Mahavihara. Then embark the *R.V. Bengal Ganga*, a classic 28-suite riverboat, for an eight-night cruise. Take daily excursions to visit famous Buddhist sites, Hindu temples, Mughal mosques, fortresses, palaces, and much more.



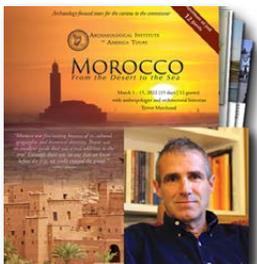
Maya Pyramids & Temples of Yucatan
January 29-February 6, 2022 (9 days | 12 guests)
with Mayanist Ben Thomas

This incredible tour provides the best-paced itinerary available to see the Yucatan peninsula's ancient sites, traditional Maya villages, and colonial architecture. Maya art and architecture abound, with visits to Chichén Itzá, Ek Balam, Uxmal, Dzibilchaltun, and more: iconic as well as off-the-beaten-path sites with pyramids, temple complexes, and sculpture. There is free time to bird watch, shop, or relax and enjoy our accommodations.



Egypt Revisited
February 12-28, 2022 (17 days | 16 guests)
with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

Go behind-the-scenes at the ancient necropolis of Saqqara; see the Red and Collapsed Pyramids, and the necropoli of Beni Hasan and Tuna el-Gebel; visit Tel el-Amarna; and make two in-depth visits to Abydos, where your lecturer worked for more than 25 years. See lesser-visited sites in Luxor, such as the Ramesseum, Medinet Habu, El-Tod, and El-Mo'alla. Enjoy the best accommodations available, usually luxurious.



Morocco: From the Desert to the Sea
March 1-15, 2022 (15 days | 12 guests)
with anthropologist/architectural historian Trevor Marchand

Take a unique look at the archaeology, architecture, art, and history of Morocco, visiting the country's best-known historic sites, including six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the ruins of medieval Sijilmasa and Aghmat, as well as bustling casbahs, medinas, and souks. Visit all four Imperial Cities, archaeological monuments, fabulous museums, natural landscapes, an ancient oasis, and idyllic rural settlements.



Israel: Treasures of the Holy Land
March 5-16, 2022 (12 days | 12 guests)
with archaeologist Jodi Magness

This custom-designed itinerary highlights the kaleidoscope of Israel's archaeological riches. Visit five UNESCO World Heritage Sites on this well-paced tour, with five nights based in Jerusalem. Highlights include Masada, Megiddo, Beit Shearim, Bethlehem, Caesarea Maritima, Qumran, and the Sea of Galilee.

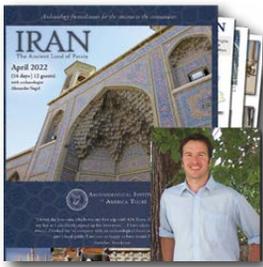
Expert Leaders

AIA lecturers and guides are chosen for their ability to provide fascinating insights and be congenial companions. Have all your arrangements taken care of from start to finish: transportation, hotels, excursions, and group meals.

"Your leaders were the best—not just the most knowledgeable, but the most likable and enjoyable."

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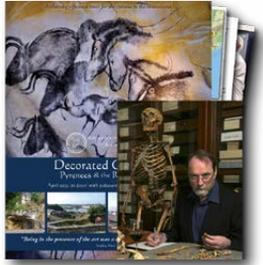
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Iran: The Ancient Land of Persia
 April 2022 - TBA (16 days | 12 guests)
 with archaeologist Alexander Nagel

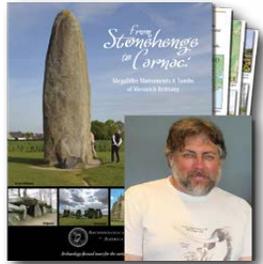
In addition to the dazzling cities of Tehran, Shiraz, and Isfahan, visit (twice) ancient Persepolis, one of the most spectacular surviving archaeological sites; discover the Sasanian religious center of Takht-e Soleiman; Pasargadae, location of the first Persian capital; Yazd, one of the last strongholds of Zoroastrianism; and much more.

"It was all wonderful - exactly what we expected - our lecturers and guides were super and our traveling companions were so exceptional."
 - Bob and Mary, Indiana



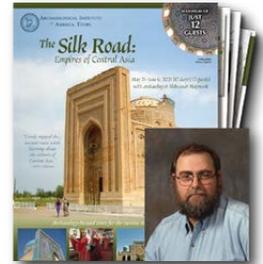
Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley
 April 21-May 1, 2022 (11 days | 20 guests)
 with paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall

Discover many unheralded examples of Ice Age art in Spain and France. Highlights include the original decorated caves of Isturitz and Oxocelhaya, Niaux, and Gargas. Also visit the spectacular, recently-opened Chauvet cave replica at Vallon-Pont-d'Arc. Enjoy fine food and delightful accommodations.



From Stonehenge to Carnac: Megaliths, Monuments & Tombs of Wessex & Brittany
 May 10-21, 2022 (12 days | 14 guests)
 with prehistory expert Paul G. Bahn

Explore the extraordinary prehistoric sites of Wessex, England, and Brittany, France. Amidst beautiful landscapes see world renowned, as well as lesser known, Neolithic and Bronze Age megaliths and monuments such as enigmatic rings of giant standing stones and remarkable chambered tombs.



The Silk Road: Empires of Central Asia
 May 22-June 7, 2022 (17 days | 12 guests)
 with archaeologist Aleksandr Naymark

Retrace the fabled Silk Road through Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan with archaeologist Aleksandr Naymark, following in the footsteps of silk traders who left China as early as 200 B.C. in great camel caravans for the 5,000-mile trek to the Mediterranean. Experience breathtaking sights and a lively exchange of ideas and cultures along our route.



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 Even when unforeseen events occurred, the tour moved on without a hitch.”*

- Dean, Washington



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Mexico - Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya - January 2022

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