Archaeology-focused tours, for all levels of interest

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AIA LAND Tours 2022

Let us handle all of the details while you relax, enjoy, and learn.

⇒ **The finest learning adventures:** All are led by fascinating scholars plus expert local guides, who are all congenial, accessible, and understandable.

  “It was an amazing experience to see such wonderful sites enhanced by our lecturer’s knowledge…A fabulous experience.” - Barbara, Maryland

⇒ **Superior leaders-to-guest ratio:** Your engaging AIA lecturer/host travels with you throughout your tour, accompanied by a professional tour manager plus expert local guide(s), who all provide the utmost attention to your enjoyment.

  “Our lecturer, tour manager, and guide were all superb—knowledgeable, professional, gracious, warm, and fun.” - Lynn and Roger, New York

⇒ **Smallest groups:** Most AIA land tours have a maximum of just 12 to 16 guests.

  “The trip met all my expectations and then some—lecturers, food, sites, and small group size.” - Tom and Betty, California

⇒ **Exquisitely planned and inclusive:** Customized, archaeologically-focused tours with an accompanying lecture series, often with special meetings and access.

  “Itinerary was excellent—one of the reasons my wife and I chose this tour over others. All expectations exceeded.” - Lewis and Rose, Virginia

⇒ **Like-minded travelers:** Join travelers who are also interested in learning about archaeology, ancient art and history, the evolution of humankind, and related themes, plus local traditions and culinary specialties.

  “Enjoyed the congenial and like-minded fellow travelers.” - James, Ohio

⇒ **Expert service:** We monitor and plan for any necessary itinerary changes, travel restrictions, or entry/exit requirements, keeping you informed along the way.

  “The tour was superbly organized and your AIA Tours staff were prompt, efficient, and provided very useful information.” - Raphael, Arizona
Two Departures! Absolute Egypt
(with 3 nights aboard a private, 8-cabin dahabiya)

January 12-28, 2022 (17 days | 16 guests)
with Egyptologist Peter Brand

January 18-February 3, 2022 (17 days | 16 guests)
with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

This meticulously-planned, in-depth Egypt itinerary is longer than most, for a well-paced experience. Visit 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. An option extension to Siwa and Alexandria is available.

Egypt Revisited
February 12-27, 2022 (16 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 has worked for more than 25 years. See lesser-visited sites in Luxor, such as the Ramesseum, Medinet Habu, El-Tod, and El-Mo‘alla. An optional extension to Sudan is available.

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 best-known historic sites, including six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the ruins of medieval Sijilmassa 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 | 16 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.

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.

The Finest Learning Adventures

“I didn’t expect an archaeologist who was not only an expert in his subject but would provide so many additional ‘perks.’ Instead of listening to a dry academic, our lecturer was informative and entertaining with a sense of wonder, humor, insight.”

- Helen, New York

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Minoan Crete & the Cycladic Islands
May 1-15, 2022 (15 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Gerry Schaus
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.

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.

Iran: The Ancient Land of Persia
May 10-25, 2022 (16 days | 16 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.

The Legacy of Ancient Greece: Athens, Delphi & the Peloponnese
May 18-30, 2022 (13 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Gerry Schaus
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 Peloponnesian 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 Silk Road: Empires of Central Asia
May 22-June 7, 2022 (17 days | 12 guests)
with archaeologist Aleksandr Naymark
Journey through Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, tracing the ancient Silk Road across vast deserts, mountains, and plains. Highlights include the archaeological sites of Anau, Gonur-Depe, and Paikent; as well as eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Merv, Nisa, Kunya Urgench, old Khiva, Desert Castles of Ancient Khorezm, Bukhara, Shahrisabz, and Samarkand.

Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way
May 29-June 11, 2022 (14 days | TBD)
with geoarchaeologist Stephen Mandal
Discover fascinating archaeology and history, myths, and age-old traditions amidst breathtaking landscapes along Ireland’s wild Atlantic coast. Explore prehistoric tombs, stone circles and fortresses; early Christian churches and monastic complexes; quaint villages and towns such as Limerick, Galway, and Sligo; the Dingle Peninsula; the Burren’s cliff-top seascapes; remote Inishmore; Yeats’ country; and more.

Superior Leaders-to-Guest Ratio

“The trip overall far exceeded any expectations I might have imagined… What I enjoyed most about the trip was the wonderful continuous interaction of our small group with the tour manager, guide, and our lecturer/host.”
- Deborah, Virginia

“I cannot say enough positive things about the tour. We had superb leaders and experts. The sites were fabulous.”
- Don, California

View detailed itineraries and download brochures at www.aiatours.org.
Sicily: Archaeology, Art & Cuisine
September 13-24, 2022 (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. Savor fine cuisine and local wines. An optional extension to Malta is available.

Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France
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, Cougnac, 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.

Oman: Crossroads of the Indian Ocean & Arabian Gulf
October 6-19, 2022 (14 days | TBD)
with anthropologist/architectural historian Trevor Marchand
Oman was historically the link between Arabia, Africa, and south Asia, with an empire based on trading frankincense, myrrh, silk, gold, spices, and coffee. Explore six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including magnificent ancient and medieval ports, palaces, mosques, forts, and souqs. Discover Oman's spectacular desert landscapes of oases and wadis plus a reserve for the endangered green sea turtle.

Origins of Humans & Wine: Azerbaijan, Georgia & Armenia
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.

The Best of Ancient Peru
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 a variety of museums, picturesque villages, and cities.

The Legacy of the Etruscans: Latium, Umbria & Tuscany
October 12-23, 2022 (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.
Human Origins in Tanzania: A Unique Safari through Prehistory
June 28 - July 16, 2022 (19 days | 16 guests)
with paleoanthropologist William Harcourt-Smith
Experience the wildlife and landscapes of Tanzania while learning about the hominins at the paleoanthropological sites of Engare Sero, Olduvai Gorge, and Laetoli. We have timed our visit to witness the renowned wildebeest crossing of the Mara River with lurking Nile crocodiles and our time in Tarangire National Park will include the migration of the elephants.

Hiking Scotland’s North Highlands & Isle of Lewis
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.

Hiking Scotland’s Orkney & Shetland Isles
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.

Human Origins in South Africa
September 4-18, 2022 (15 days | 16 guests)
with paleoanthropologist William Harcourt-Smith
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 10-21, 2022 (12 days | 12 guests)
with archaeologist Patrick Hunt
Discover six UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Turin, Italy; and in Arles, Orange, Avignon, and Lyon, plus the iconic Pont du Gard, in France. 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.

Croatia: Prehistory to the Present
September 11-22, 2022 (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Andrew Moore
Discover the natural and cultural diversity of Croatia. Explore prehistoric cave sites, a Bronze Age hillfort, and a magnificent Roman amphitheater and imperial palace. Admire spectacular Krka National Park’s waterfalls, lakes, and gorges. Drive along the dramatic Adriatic coast, and enjoy luxury hotels and fine cuisine. An optional extension in Dubrovnik is available.

Smallest Groups
“Our AIA lecturer and guide were excellent and willing to explain everything patiently.”
- Vera, Virginia

Greece

“...Our lecturer and guide were the best I’ve ever seen. The sites were all remarkable and impressive. The small size of the group was also great. This was our second trip with AIA, and I think you are the best.”
- Tom and Cheryl, Florida
PRIVATE DEPARTURES

AIA Tours is now offering Private Departures featuring the same meticulous attention to detail as our scheduled tours while allowing you to choose your companions and travel dates.

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Southern Greece - 10 nights
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Choose one, two, or all three - Generous multi-tour discounts!

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Ancient Rome & the Renaissance
10-night tour:
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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.

Tunisia: Phoenicians to Romans, Mosaics to Mosques
October 13-23, 2022 (11 days | 16 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 13-24, 2022 (12 days | 16 guests)
with lecturer TBD

Admire magnificent art and architecture during five nights based in Rome, two on the Amalfi Coast, and three in Naples. Visit Tivoli’s Ville d’Este and Hadrian’s Villa; Pompeii and Herculaneum, which were both destroyed and yet preserved by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius; and the Doric Greek temples at Paestum; plus take day trips to Vatican City and the island of Capri.

Like-Minded Travelers

“I particularly enjoyed the experience of sharing two weeks together in a new and fascinating land...with 14 fellow travelers who were all congenial, intellectually curious, adventurous, cross-culturally astute, and interested in learning at a much deeper level about the new land and people around them.”

- Robert, Hawaii

Peru

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AIA lecturer/host Dr. Ian Tattersall (left) stands with Professor Henry de Lumley, excavator of the Arago cave and founder of the Tautavel museum, who is displaying the Arago 21 skull to AIA travelers in the museum’s strong room during the 2018 Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees and the Rhone Valley tour.

“I liked that I did not have to worry about anything during the trip. Even when unforeseen events occurred, the tour moved on without a hitch.” - Dean, Washington

Greece

2022 AIA Tours Schedule

Archaeology-focused tours for the curious to the connoisseur.
2022 Cruises

**Expedition to Antarctica**
January 27-February 8, 2022 (13 days) with archaeologist James Delgado aboard the 76-cabin *Minerva*

**Treasures of the Arabian Gulf**
January 27-February 6, 2022 (11 days) with anthropologist & architectural historian Trevor Marchand aboard the 92-stateroom/suite *Le Jacques-Cartier*

**Greece & Magna Graecia: A Voyage from Athens to Southern Italy & Sicily**
April 27-May 9, 2022 (13 days) with archaeologist Kathleen Lynch aboard the 17-cabin *Callisto*

**Sicily: A Circumnavigation**
June 4-15, 2022 (10 days) with archaeologist Laetitia La Follette aboard the 47-cabin *Sea Cloud II*

**Cruising the Adriatic: Best of Slovenia & Croatia**
June 9-20, 2022 (12 days) with archaeologist Ivančica Schrunk aboard the 18-cabin *Queen Eleganza*

**Alaska to Russia: Beyond the Bering Strait**
July 2-19, 2022 (18 days) with archaeologist Ted Goebel aboard the 76-cabin *Minerva*

**Cruising the Baltic Sea**
August 9-19, 2022 (11 days) with archaeologist Elizabeth Pierce aboard the 57-suite *Hebridean Sky*

**Voyage on the Black Sea**
September 22-October 3, 2022 (12 days) with archaeologist Michael Brennan aboard the 59-suite *Island Sky*

**Ancient Wonders of the Turkish Coast**
October 1-11, 2022 (11 days) with archaeologist Brian Rose aboard the 59-suite *Island Sky*

**Cruising the Mekong River: Vietnam & Cambodia**
October 17-30, 2022 (14 days) with archaeologists Joyce White and 7 days aboard the 14-suite *Mekong Princess*

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**Generous Comfort**
Enjoy minimal unpacking and dock in the heart of smaller, historic ports not available to larger cruise ships and close to each extraordinary site.

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“*I enjoyed the ease of travel, the care for our comfort & the excellence of the educational experience.*”

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