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France: The Reach of the Romans, from Turin to Nice
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(12 days | 12 guests) with archaeologist Patrick Hunt
Discover six UNESCO World Heritage Sites in both 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 Nikolina T opiĆ
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.

Sicily: Archaeology, Art & Cuisine
September 13-25, 2022 (13 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Gerry Schaus AND October 3-15, 2023 (13 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Jenifer Neils
Discover and learn about many of the most impressive archaeological monuments found anywhere in the Mediterranean, such as Agrigento, Selinunte, Segesta, and Syracuse. Admire the 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 AND September 20-October 2, 2023 (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.

The Best of Ancient Peru
October 10-24, 2022 AND October 10-24, 2023 (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 Ancient Rome: Rome, Naples & the Amalfi Coast
October 13-24, 2022 (12 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Crispin Corrado
Admire magnificent art and architecture during five nights based in Rome, two on the Amalfi Coast, and three in Naples. Visit 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.
“Our lecturer and guide were excellent and willing to explain everything patiently.” - Vera, Virginia

**Tunisia: Phoenicians to Romans, Mosaics to Mosques**
October 13-23, 2022 AND October 12-22, 2023 (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 (pending confirmation) the Bardo Museum's renowned mosaics. An optional extension to Malta is also available.

**Egypt Revisited**
January 13-29, 2023 (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 has worked for more than 25 years. See lesser-visited sites in Luxor, such as the Ramesseum, Medinet Habu, El-Tod, and El-Mo'allà. An optional, 9-day extension to Sudan is available.

**Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya**
January 14-27, 2023 (14 days | 12 guests) with archaeologist Ben Thomas

This tropical adventure provides the best-paced itinerary available to thoroughly explore ancient Mayan sites in the 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 temple-pyramids. Explore, in-depth, the sites of Palenque, Bonampak, Yaxchilán, Tikal, Yaxhá, Copán, and Quiriguá.

**Egypt through the Ages**
January 17-February 2, 2023 (17 days | 16 guests) with Egyptologist Okasha El Daly

This unique trip combines the very best of the ancient pharaonic sites with later Coptic (early Christian) and medieval Islamic sites. Our well-paced, inclusive trip includes pyramids, temple complexes, an exploration of Medieval and Islamic Cairo, museum visits, and a three-night cruise on the Nile aboard a private, eight-cabin sail boat. An optional extension to the Siwa Oasis and Alexandria is available.

**Southern India: Temples & Palaces**
January 20-February 6, 2023 (18 days | 14 guests) with art historian Annapurna Garimella

Explore southern India's diverse cultural histories on this luxury tour featuring art and royal/religious monumental architecture, including several UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Your excellent accommodations include five nights aboard the elegant Golden Chariot train and a stay at a luxurious beach resort. An optional extension to the tropical waterways of Kerala is available.

**Absolute Egypt**
January 31-February 17, 2023 (18 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, behind-the-scenes visits when possible, and a three-night cruise on the Nile aboard a private, eight-cabin sail boat. An optional extension to the Siwa Oasis and Alexandria is available.

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

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Israel: Treasures of the Holy Land
March 10-20, 2023 (11 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. Your lecturer has excavated at sites all over the Holy Land.

Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley
April 13-24, 2023 (12 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.

Northern Greece: In the Footsteps of the Kings of Macedon
May 1-12, 2023 (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Kathleen Lynch
Travel in the footsteps of Macedonian King Philip II and his son, Alexander the Great, discovering for yourself four cities along the ancient Via Egnatia (Pella, Thessaloniki, Amphipolis, Philippi), which linked Europe with Asia. Visit Vergina, the first capital of Macedon, and Dion, where Philip and Alexander made sacrifices to Zeus at the foot of Mt. Olympus; choose to spend a day hiking on Mt. Olympus; explore the old city of Kavala; and more.

Israel Revisited
May 9-25, 2023 (17 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Jodi Magness
Revisit Israel on this active, small-group adventure to explore ancient and natural sites, many of which are off the beaten path. This tour requires an elevated level of fitness as it includes several hikes in nature reserves to see wildlife and geological wonders in addition to visiting a variety of archaeological and cultural sites. End each day at a 5-star luxury hotel/resort.

Iran: The Ancient Land of Persia
May 18-June 2, 2023 (16 days | 14 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. This itinerary includes twelve UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Morocco: From the Desert to the Sea
May 23-June 6, 2023 (15 days | 12 guests) with architectural historian & cultural anthropologist 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.

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- Linda and James, Michigan

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- Judith and Daniel, Virginia

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From Stonehenge to Carnac: Megaliths, Monuments & Tombs
May 30-June 10, 2023 (12 days | 14 guests)
with paleoanthropologist Ian Tattersall

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.

Hiking Scotland’s North Highlands & Isle of Lewis
July 17-28, 2023 (12 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 experience an abundance of archaeological and historical sites, striking scenery—including high cliffs, sea lochs, sandy and rocky bays, mountains, and glens—and excellent hiking.

Hiking Scotland’s Orkney & Shetland Isles
July 31-August 10, 2023 (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.

Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Way
September 3-16, 2023 (14 days | 12 guests)
with geoarchaeologist Stephen Mandal

Discover fascinating archaeology and history, myths, and age-old traditions amidst breathtaking landscapes. 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.

Minoan Crete & the Cycladic Islands
September 24-October 8, 2023 (15 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Joanne Murphy

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.

The Legacy of the Etruscans: Latium, Umbria & Tuscany
October 11-22, 2023 (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.

Origins of Humans & Wine: Azerbaijan, Georgia & Armenia
October 12-27, 2023 (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 Gabustan’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.
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“Our lecturer, tour manager, and guide were all superb—knowledgeable, professional, gracious, warm, and fun.” - Lynn and Roger, New York

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

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

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- Debra, California

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**Ancient Wonders of the Turkish Coast**
*September 21-October 1, 2022 (11 days)*
aboard the 59-cabin *Island Sky* with archaeologist Brian Rose

Cruise from Istanbul along the Aegean coast of Türkiye to Cyprus, calling en route at Troy, of *Iliad* fame; and the fabulous archaeological sites of Pergamon, Ephesus, Didyma, Priene, and Miletus. Along Türkiye’s Mediterranean coast, explore the Lycian Peninsula sites of Xanthos and Patara, and the spectacular Roman theater at Aspendos. Also available are optional extensions: pre-cruise in Istanbul and post-cruise in Cyprus.

**Cruising the Mekong River: Vietnam & Cambodia**
*October 17-30, 2022 AND October 2-15, 2023 (14 days)*
aboard the 14-cabin *Mekong Princess* with archaeologist Joyce White

See magnificent Buddhist and Hindu temples, floating markets, rice paddies, and more. Enjoy two days exploring bustling Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon); savor a seven-night cruise on the Mekong aboard a luxurious, 14-suite riverboat; and end with two days in the world famous Khmer temples and monuments of legendary Angkor.

**Cycladic, Minoan, Mycenaean & Classical Greece**
*October 21-31, 2022 (11 days)* aboard the 17-cabin yacht *Callisto* with archaeologist Cynthia Shelmerdine

Join us to explore the long legacy of Greece, beginning in storied Athens. Fly to the island of Crete to explore Heraklion and ancient sites nearby (such as the Minoan palaces of Phaestos and Knossos), and then embark *Callisto* for a seven-night cruise to the islands of Santorini (for Akrotiri), Amorgos, uninhabited Despotiko, Paros, and Sifnos, before calling at Nauplion on the Peloponnese peninsula for visits to Mycenae and Epidaurus.

**Cruising the Arabian Gulf**
*January 4-14, 2023 (11 days)* aboard the 92-cabin *Le Bougainville* with anthropologist & architectural historian Trevor Marchand

Embark on this journey starting in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE), and then take a full-day excursion to Sharjah. Cruise to Abu Dhabi where we visit the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, the heritage site/museum of Qasr Al Hosn, and Masdar City. See a nature reserve on the island of Sir Bani Yas. Visit Doha, Qatar, and stop in Khasab before arriving in the Gulf of Oman.

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Antiquities of the Southern Mediterranean
May 10-18, 2023 (9 days) aboard the 92-cabin Le Bougainville with archaeologist Lisa Pieraccini
Set out from the island of Malta for a cruise around Sicily, including stops in mainland Italy and Tunisia. Visit Sicily’s ancient Greco-Roman sites at Agrigento, Taormina, and Syracuse; and a Norman masterpiece, Monreale Cathedral. Marvel at centuries-old cities, medieval ports, and scenic landscapes throughout. An optional extension on Malta is available.

Scotland to the Faroe Islands & Iceland
May 26-June 4, 2023 (10 days) aboard the 92-cabin Le Bellot with archaeologist Mary MacLeod Rivett
Cruise from Glasgow to Reykjavik visiting evocative ancient sites and tiny ports amidst breathtaking landscapes. Visit Scotland’s Iona Abbey and Standing Stones of Callanish; the Faroes’ Tvøroyri and Sumba village; Iceland’s Jökulsárlón Glacier Lagoon and the Westman Islands of Heimaey and Surtsey.

Scottish Isles & Norwegian Fjords
June 9-17, 2023 (9 days) aboard the 92-cabin Le Dumont-D’Urville with archaeologist Colleen Batey
Discover the legacies of the Vikings and Celts on this spectacular cruise from Glasgow, Scotland, to Bergen, Norway. Highlights include the Neolithic sites of Scotland’s Orkney and Shetland Islands, an excursion into the Scottish Highlands, and a ride on Norway’s legendary Flåm Railway. Optional extensions to Edinburgh/Glasgow and in Norway/Copenhagen are available.

Island Life in Ancient Greece
October 3-11, 2023 (9 days) aboard the 92-cabin Le Bougainville with archaeologist Michael Hoff
Cruise from mainland Greece to iconic Greek islands, including visits to five unforgettable UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the breathtaking monasteries at Meteora, the sacred and uninhabited island of Delos, the sprawling Greco-Roman site of Ephesus (Türkiye), the medieval city of Rhodes, and the Monastery of St. John on Patmos; plus visits to Santorini and Mykonos.

Cruising the Adriatic: The Best of Slovenia & Croatia
October 7-18, 2023 (12 days) aboard the 18-cabin Queen Eleganza with archaeologist Ivančica Schrunk
See Slovenia’s capital city of Ljubljana and scenic Lake Bled before embarking on a seven-night cruise along the spectacular coast of Croatia, which is dotted with over 1,000 islands. Visit fascinating archaeological sites, impressive cathedrals, and ancient city centers, including the Roman ruins at Pula, the charming city of Zadar, Emperor Diocletian’s Palace in Split, and picture-perfect Dubrovnik.