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**Exclusive land tours &
luxurious, small-ship voyages**

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Small groups

Fascinating sites

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positive things about
the tour. We had superb
leaders and experts.
The sites were fabulous."*

- Don, California

**Archaeology-focused tours,
for all levels of interest...**

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Angkor Wat, Cambodia

"I instantly felt confident about my choice for this trip and our AIA lecturer's ability and professionalism... very knowledgeable and experienced."

- Debra, California

Travel & Learn

The finest learning adventures:

Each trip is accompanied by a fascinating scholar and expert local guides who are 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

Small groups & superior leaders-to-guest ratio:

Most AIA land tours have a maximum of just 12 to 16 guests, plus your engaging AIA lecturer/host and a professional tour manager/guide.

Our largest ships have just 92 staterooms and suites.

"Our lecturer, tour manager, and guide were all superb— knowledgeable, professional, gracious, warm, and fun."

- Lynn and Roger, New York

Exquisitely planned & inclusive, with expert service:

Our customized, archaeologically-focused land tours often feature special meetings and access. We monitor and plan for any necessary itinerary changes and travel restrictions or 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

AIA Tours



We offer no more than one departure of each itinerary per year.

To receive detailed brochures, call or email us, go online to download them, or fill in the brochure request form found on our website to have them emailed/mailed to you.

If you request a brochure that is not yet complete, we will send you the finalized brochure before the tour is announced to the public.

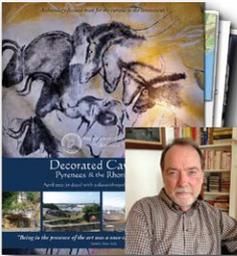
2023 Land Tours



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.



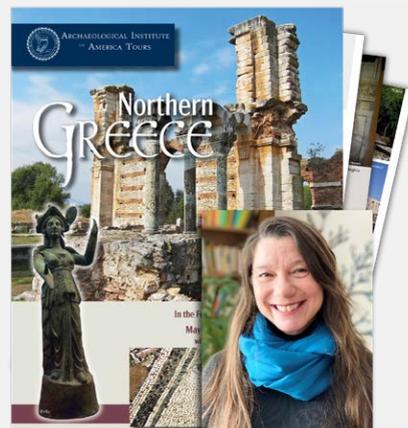
Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley

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.

"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



Northern Greece: In the Footsteps of the Kings of Macedon

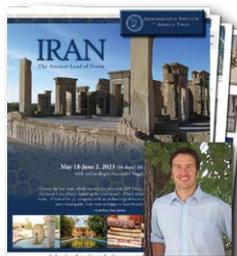
May 1-12, 2023 (12 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Kathleen Lynch

Travel in the footsteps of Alexander the Great, exploring UNESCO World Heritage Sites and outstanding museums. Admire lovely seascapes and mountain vistas with

visits to Thessaloniki, Vergina, Pella, Dion, Philippi, and more. Stay at three fabulous, 5-star hotels, including a spa resort at the foot of Mt. Olympus and an 1813 Ottoman school converted to a boutique hotel.



"The amount of historical sites we were able to see and the added feature of having Dr. Lynch as our own private archaeologist was just amazing." - Cassandra, TX

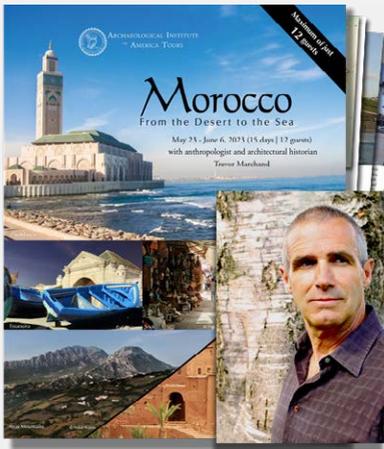


Iran: The Ancient Land of Persia

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.

- # Overnight stays
- Itinerary stops
- ✈ Flights



Morocco: From the Desert to the Sea

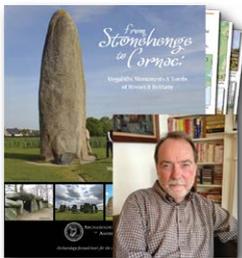
May 23-June 6, 2023 (15 days | 12 guests)

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 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.



“Trevor was excellent and I would happily go with him again. He was knowledgeable, cheerful, friendly, upbeat no matter the circumstances.” - Rae, Canada

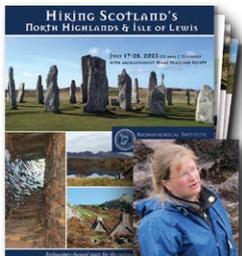


From Stonehenge to Carnac: Megaliths, Monuments & Tombs

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 Islands

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.



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

September 16-27, 2023 (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, 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.

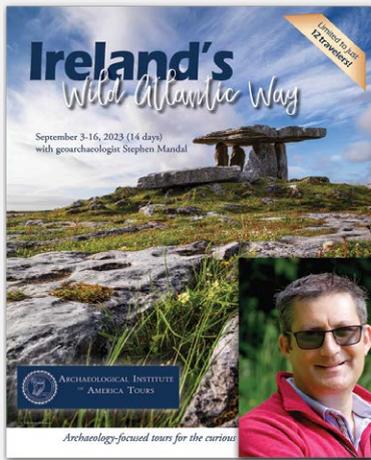


“The trip overall far exceeded any expectations I might have imagined...the wonderful continuous interaction of our small group with the tour manager, guide, and our lecturer/host.”

- Deborah, Virginia

= This tour requires an elevated level of fitness.

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Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way

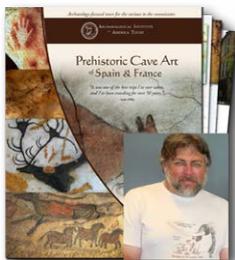
September 3-16, 2023 (14 days | 12 guests) 
with geoaarchaeologist Stephen Mandal

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.

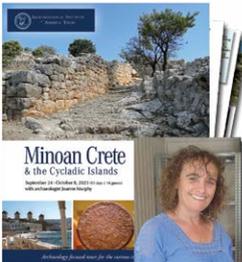


"I've traveled in Japan, Israel, and Europe, and I've lived overseas. There have been many wonderful trips, but this was the best...Dr. Mandal's extraordinary mix of personal, scholarly, and leadership gifts was central." - Victoria, Kansas



Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France
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.



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. Highlights include Crete's four known Minoan palaces (Phaistos, Malia, Zakros, Knossos), Agia Triada, Palaikastro, and Gournia; Akrotiri on Santorini; and much more.

"The trip certainly far exceeded our expectations."

- Judith and Daniel, Virginia

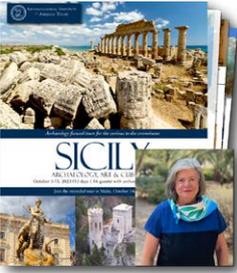


NEW PREMIUM TOUR: SILK ROAD BY PRIVATE AIR

Venice • Tbilisi • Tashkent • Samarkand • Bukhara • Ashgabat • Merv • Istanbul
September 18-October 5, 2023 (18 days) with archaeologist Betty Hensellek

Trace the paths of explorers and emperors along the ancient Silk Road from Venice to Istanbul by way of Georgia, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan. This co-sponsored program, limited to only 32 guests plus a team of lecturers and a tour manager, takes advantage of a private aircraft (Canadian-built De Havilland Dash 8-400, the world's most advanced turboprop) to maximize our time and visit fabled, far-flung outposts including Samarkand, Bukhara, Khiva, Nisa, and Merv. Stay in every hotel except one for a total of two or three nights, allowing for ample time in each important place. The eight on-tour flights average just one hour and 45 minutes in duration.

For printed brochures, questions, and reservations call 800-748-6262 or email aia@studytours.org.

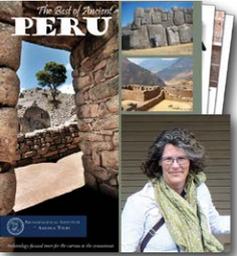


Sicily: Archaeology, Art & Cuisine

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. An optional extension to Malta is available.

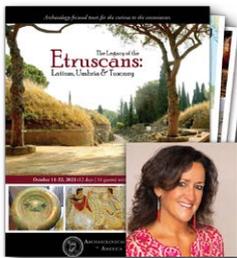


The Best of Ancient Peru

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 the Etruscans: Latium, Umbria & Tuscany

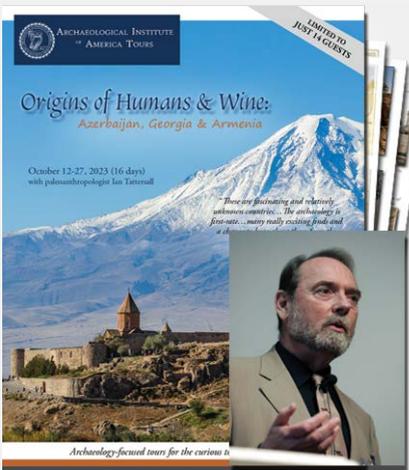
October 11-22, 2023 (12 days | 16 guests)

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.

"We had researched well over 20 companies and individual tours before selecting this one from AIA. We don't think we could have made a better selection."

- Linda and James, Michigan



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 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. This is a region of extraordinary contrasts, deep history, and cultural diversity.



"Ian's commentary and overall presence could not have been more engaging. He was both an archaeological authority and an excellent traveling companion."

- Richard, New York

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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.



Cruising 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

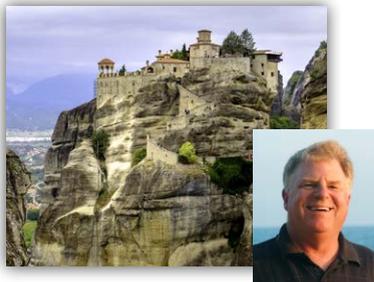
Discover the legacies of the Vikings and Celts on this spectacular cruise from Glasgow, Scotland, to Bergen, Norway. Highlights include the Neolithic sites of Scotland's Orkney and Shetland Islands, an excursion into the Scottish Highlands, and a ride on Norway's legendary Flåm Railway.



Vietnam & Cambodia: Cruising the Mekong River

October 2-15, 2023 (14 days) featuring 7 nights aboard the 14-suite *Mekong Princess* riverboat with archaeologist Joyce White

Explore the wonders of tropical Indochina. Spend two nights in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) and then embark your luxurious riverboat for a seven-day cruise on the Mekong, exploring Buddhist and Hindu temples and delving into the everyday lives of those who call the river home. Conclude with three nights based in Siem Reap to explore Angkor's world-famous Khmer temples.



Island Life® in Ancient Greece & Turkey

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 monasteries at Meteora, the sacred and uninhabited island of Delos, the sprawling 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. 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.

Generous Comfort

Travel aboard small, private, yacht-like vessels. Unpack less and travel with ease, docking in the heart of smaller, historic ports, close to each extraordinary site.

IN THE PLANNING STAGES



Oman & United Arab Emirates

November 2023

with anthropologist/architectural historian Trevor Marchand



The Archaeology of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

January 2024

with archaeologist Barbara Porter



Egypt Revisited

January 2024

with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey



Southern India: Temples & Palaces

January 2024

with art historian Annapurna Garimella



Egypt through the Ages

January 2024

with Egyptologist Okasha El Daly



Absolute Egypt

January 2024

with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey



Maya Pyramids & Temples of Yucatán

January 2024

with Mayanist Jeff Karl Kowalski

IN THE PLANNING STAGES



Petra to the Parthenon: Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt & Greece

March 2024

with Egyptologist Okasha El Daly

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Morocco: From the Desert to the Sea

April 2024

with architectural historian & cultural anthropologist Trevor Marchand



Israel Revisited

May 2024

with archaeologist Jodi Magness



Western Turkey

May 2024

with AIA Lecturer TBD



Sailing the Adriatic by Luxury Yacht: Dubrovnik to Venice

June 2024

with AIA Lecturer TBD

A co-sponsored, small-ship cruise



Sicily Circumnavigation, with Malta

June 2024

with archaeologist Laetitia La Follette

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Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Islands

July 2024

with archaeologist Val Turner

"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

"The whole tour was immaculately organized. All in all, a fantastic experience."

- Elizabeth, Canada



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Chauvet, France

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"It was wonderful not to have to worry about hotels, meals, transportation, security and to have our wonderful tour manager to take care of any concerns... Touring with a small group definitely added to our experience." - Annette, Ohio



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