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# Prehistoric IRELAND:

## Hidden Monuments & Remote Landscapes

August 31 - September 13, 2026 (14 days | 12 guests) with archaeologist & geologist Stephen Mandal

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This tour requires an elevated level of fitness



## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



**Dr. Stephen Mandal** is an expert on the Irish landscape, its archaeology, history, and geology. He is the co-founder of award-winning educational organizations: the Irish Heritage School, Cultural Tourism Ireland, and Dig it Kids. Stephen has co-founded several multi-award-winning community heritage projects, including the “Blackfriary Community Heritage Project,” which was awarded funding under the AIA’s Site Preservation program; and the “Digging the Lost Town of Carrick,” “Building the Lost Town of Carrick” and, most recently, the “Monastic Midlands” Projects. He has presented academic and public talks on these projects in Ireland and internationally, including to the Smithsonian. Stephen completed his Ph.D. in Geoarchaeology (Trinity College, Dublin) in 1995, and has co-authored three academic books: *Discovering Medieval Ferns, Co. Wexford* (2023), *Carrick, Co. Wexford: Ireland’s First Anglo-Norman Stronghold* (2019), and *The Irish Stone Axe Project: Monograph I* (1998). He has served as a Director of the Discovery Programme (2019-2025), Vice Chairperson of the Royal Irish Academy Committee for Archaeology (2009-2014), and External Examiner to Sligo Institute of Technology (2012-2015). Stephen is passionate about the outdoor classroom and active, tactile learning, and has a wealth of experience in communicating geology, archaeology, and history at all levels. On this AIA tour he will assist you in viewing the Irish landscape from the perspective of the people who lived there in the past.



**T**ravel across Ireland to uncover the layers of its past, from the earliest hunter-gatherers to the great passage tomb builders and Iron Age kings. Guided by an esteemed Irish academic—who is both a geologist and an archaeologist—you will experience Ireland’s extraordinary landscapes and archaeological treasures in the company of leading experts, with the dedicated support of a professional tour manager.

### Highlights:

- Explore the **Knockroe passage tomb**, one of the most significant prehistoric sites in the country, in the company of the archaeologist who excavated it in the 1990s
- Discover for yourself **Lough Gur’s** 6,000+ years of human habitation, from an early prehistoric wedge tomb and the Great Grange Circle (Ireland’s largest stone circle), to an Early Christian crannog (man-made island/defended dwelling)
- Walk the dramatic limestone landscape of **the Burren**, including **Alice and Gwendoline Cave**, where a remarkable discovery pushed back the earliest date of human occupation in Ireland 2,500 years; and **Poul nabrone dolmen**, the earliest dated megalithic tomb in Ireland, built ca. 3800 B.C.
- Marvel at the iconic **Cliffs of Moher**, five miles long and 750 feet at their highest point—one of the most amazing views in Ireland
- Take a ferry to **Inis Mór** (Inishmore), the largest of the Aran Islands, and climb to the cliff-top **Dún Aonghasa** (Dún Aengus) stone fort, built ca. 1100 B.C.
- See the Neolithic passage tomb complexes at **Carrowkeel**, **Carrowmore**, **Loughcrew** (with its solar alignment at the spring and summer equinoxes), and **Fourknocks**
- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Brú na Bóinne** in the Boyne Valley, exploring the 4<sup>th</sup>-millennium B.C. megalithic passage tombs of **Newgrange** (the largest passage mound in Europe) and **Knowth**

Cover photos: (top) Alice and Gwendoline Cave, (bottom from left) Newgrange, The Burren, Mound of Hostages (Hill of Tara)





Photos (from top): Trinity College Library, National Museum of Ireland (Dublin), Rock of Cashel, Knockroe passage tomb

*“Diverse, interesting sites, extraordinary knowledge  
by Stephen and fellow archaeologists, gorgeous  
hotels, delicious food...”*

- Kathleen, California

## ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (R)= Reception, (D)= Dinner, 🐾 = Activity level

### Monday, August 31, 2026: Depart home

Depart home on independent flights to Dublin, Ireland.

### Tuesday, September 1: Arrive Dublin | Dún Laoghaire | Welcome dinner

🐾 3 miles and steep ascent – urban footpaths and some managed and unmanaged trails

Upon arrival at Dublin Airport (DUB), meet your host and tour manager at the airport, and transfer to our hotel. After a light lunch, take an optional walk along Dún Laoghaire sea front along ‘the Metals’ – the route of the railroad built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century to transport granite from Dalkey Quarry to Dún Laoghaire to build the harbor. The views from the top across Dublin Bay and the eastern seaboard of Ireland are stunning, giving the area the deserved moniker ‘the Naples of Ireland’. In the evening, we gather for a welcome reception before dinner at our hotel. *Two nights at the 4-star [Royal Marine Hotel](#).* (L,R,D)

### Wednesday, September 2: Dublin: National Museum of Ireland, Trinity College | Dún Laoghaire

🐾 < 1 mile on level ground – urban footpaths

Today we take the short drive into Dublin city center to visit the National Museum of Ireland. A fascinating building, purpose built in 1890, the museum houses an astonishing wealth of artifacts. It is laid out chronologically, so a tour is a perfect opportunity to ground yourself in Irish prehistory (and history). Afterwards, we visit Trinity College Dublin and the Book of Kells to take a glimpse at Ireland in the historic period from the arrival of Christianity in the 5<sup>th</sup> century A.D. to the establishment of the city by the Vikings in the 9<sup>th</sup> century A.D. and, subsequently, the Anglo-Normans in the 12<sup>th</sup> century A.D. Enjoy dinner in the charming heritage town of Dalkey before returning to our hotel. (B,L,D)

### Thursday, September 3: Knockroe | Rock of Cashel | Limerick

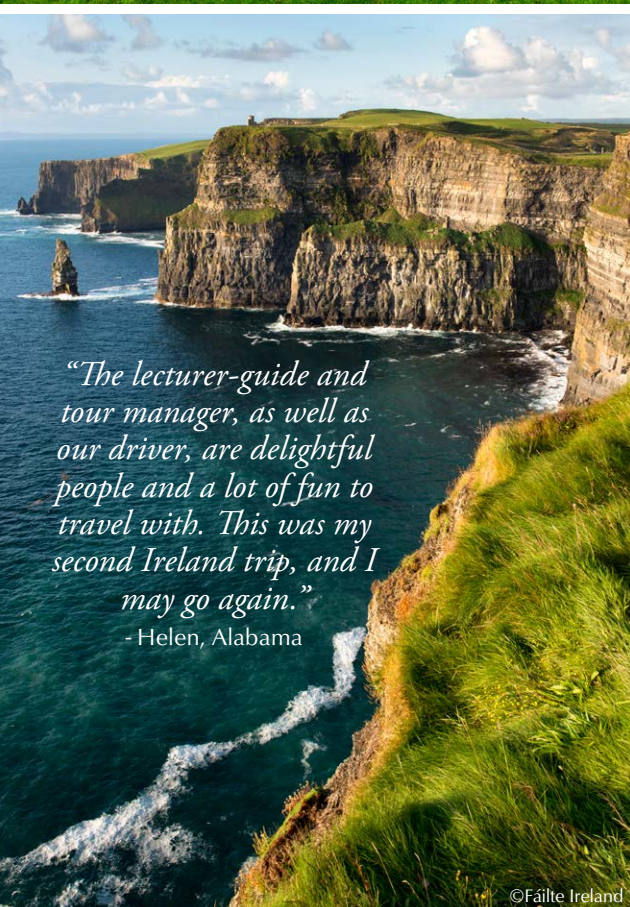
🐾 1 mile and steep ascent in places – mixed walk; roads, paths, uneven terrain in places

Depart Dublin this morning and head to rural Kilkenny, where we visit Knockroe passage tomb in the company of Professor Muiris O’Sullivan, who excavated the site in the 1990s. The construction of the monument, including the use of stone, setting, and findings of the excavation, make this one of the most significant prehistoric archaeological sites in the country. Afterwards, we continue to the Rock of Cashel, seat of the High Kings of Munster, and the only royal inauguration site in Ireland that was supplanted by Christianity. Continue westward to our hotel in Limerick, where we enjoy a pre-dinner lecture on the Burren landscape. *Two nights at the 4-star [Strand Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)





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*"The lecturer-guide and tour manager, as well as our driver, are delightful people and a lot of fun to travel with. This was my second Ireland trip, and I may go again."*

- Helen, Alabama


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Photos (from top): Great Grange Stone Circle (Lough Gur), Cliffs of Moher, Dún Aonghasa

#### Friday, September 4: Lough Gur | King John's Castle | Limerick

 Overall 2.5 miles and some (optional) steep ascent – in a parkland setting with some rough pathways


This morning we drive the short distance to Lough Gur, a lake that has seen more than 6,000 years of human activity and habitation, from the Stone Age through to the post-medieval period. Highlights of our gentle walk here include the Early Christian 'crannog' (a man-made island that served as a defended dwelling); ringforts; an early prehistoric wedge tomb; and the Great Grange Stone Circle, Ireland's largest stone circle, comprising 113 standing stones. After lunch, take the opportunity to rest a while, or go on a short walk through Limerick and visit the 13<sup>th</sup>-century A.D. King John's Castle. Enjoy the evening and dinner at leisure in Limerick. (B,L)

#### Saturday, September 5: Alice & Gwendoline Cave | The Burren | Cliffs of Moher | Ballyvaughn

 Up to 5 miles with some ascent – mixed walking, on country roads and pathways, and over some uneven, unmarked terrain

Today we depart Limerick and head into the karst limestone landscape of the Burren. Along the way, we stop at Alice and Gwendoline Cave, scene of a remarkable archaeological discovery that established the earliest date of human occupation of Ireland to be 2,500 years earlier than previously thought. After lunch in Ennis, we continue through the Burren National Park, a dramatic landscape renowned for its unusual geology and unique mixture of Arctic-Alpine and Mediterranean flora. This limestone wonderland boasts archaeology from the Neolithic, early Christian, and early medieval periods. After lunch we visit the iconic Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most spectacular sights. Five miles long and 750 feet at their highest point, the Cliffs of Moher offer one of the most amazing views in Ireland. On a clear day, the Aran Islands are visible in Galway Bay, as are the valleys and hills of Connemara. Continue on to Ballyvaughn, where we check-in to our hotel and then gather for dinner. *Three nights at the 4-star [Monks Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

#### Sunday, September 6: Doolin | Ferry to Inis Mór | Dún Aonghasa | Return ferry to Doolin | Ballyvaughn

 3 miles with ascent in places – mixed walks along boardwalks, rough paths, rocky and grassy terrain

This morning we travel the short distance to the fishing port of Doolin, where (weather-permitting) we catch a ferry to Inis Mór (Inishmore), the largest of the Aran Islands. With a population of about 800, the island is famous for its strong Irish culture, loyalty to the Irish language, and a wealth of Iron Age and Christian ancient sites. Perhaps its most notable monument is Dún Aonghasa (Dún Aengus), a semi-circular stone fort built ca. 1100 B.C. at the edge of a 300-foot-high cliff, offering spectacular views out over the Atlantic. The route to the fort is a partly steep and uneven rough limestone pathway. Boots that have ankle support are advised. This walk is unsuitable for those with less-than-optimal stability, and requires a good level of fitness. Our taxi will take us on a tour of the island, and we will spend some time in Kilronan village before returning by ferry to Doolin, where we enjoy dinner in a local pub before returning to our hotel in Ballyvaughan. (B,D)

#### Monday, September 7: The Burren: Poul nabrone, Cahercommaun, Parknabinnia | Ballyvaughn

 Combined 2 miles with one steep ascent – on footpaths and some rough, unmarked terrain

Today we explore the dramatic Burren, which translates in Irish as either 'the rocky place' or, more intriguingly, 'the fertile rock'. Our first aim will be to understand the formation of this other-worldly landscape, shaped also by human settlement from the time of the first Neolithic farmers



who arrived in this area some 6,000 years ago. Visit the iconic Poul nabrone dolmen, a dramatic Neolithic portal tomb and the earliest dated megalithic tomb in Ireland, built ca. 3800 B.C. Also explore Park nabinnia wedge tomb and hike to Cahercommaun hill fort, which was excavated by Hugh O'Neill Hencken of the 1934 Harvard expedition and which he believed dated to the 9<sup>th</sup> century A.D., but more recent research suggests was established many centuries earlier in prehistory. Enjoy a pub lunch in Lisdoonvarna, home to the annual match-making festival (which will be underway during the tour!), while dinner this evening will be on your own back in Ballyvaughn. (B,L)

## **Tuesday, September 8: Rathcroghan | Carrowkeel | Sligo**

 *3 miles walking with steep ascent in places – uneven paths and rocky, uneven terrain; waterproof footwear is crucial*


Today, we depart the Burren and head north. In the morning, visit the Royal Site of Rathcroghan, seat of the High Kings of Connaught from at least the Iron Age (Celtic Period). The landscape is as remarkable as the other royal sites of Ireland, with over 200 identified archaeological sites spanning over five millennia of human history. After lunch in the visitor's center, we will head to county Sligo and be joined by Sam Moore, local archaeologist and lecturer at Atlantic University Sligo (ATU). Together we will climb to the summit of Carrowkeel, a complex of 14 megalithic passage tombs which are one of the foci of Sam's Ph.D. research. The hike is on steep and uneven ground and boots with ankle support are advised. The hike is unsuitable for those with less-than-optimal stability and requires a good level of fitness. Afterwards, we will drive the short distance to our hotel in Sligo, where we will be joined by another ATU lecturer, Dr. Marion Dowd, who will lead a talk before dinner. *Two nights at the 4-star [Glasshouse Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)

## **Wednesday, September 9: Carrowmore | Glencar Waterfall | Creevykeel | Sligo**

 *3 miles walking – Carrowmore has grassy paths; waterproof footwear is crucial*

This morning we drive to Carrowmore, one of the four large passage tomb complexes in Ireland, to discuss their siting, construction, purpose, and extent in this breathtaking landscape, with Sam Moore. After lunch in a local pub, we visit Glencar Waterfall, made famous by William Butler Yeats as it features in his poem "The Stolen Child." From here, we visit Creevykeel court tomb, completing our quartet of megalithic tombs as classified by De Valera and Ó Nualláin in the 1960s. Time and energy permitting, we may sneak in a few hidden gems along the way! Dinner in Sligo is under your own arrangements this evening. (B,L)

## **Thursday, September 10: Corlea Trackway | Hill of Uisneach | Loughcrew | Trim**

 *4 miles and some steep ascent – The walk at Uisneach is along gravel and grassy paths and at Loughcrew is grassy, uneven, and steep in places*

This morning we depart Sligo and commence our journey eastward to the Boyne Valley. En route we stop at Corlea Trackway, an Iron Age road built in 148 B.C. Known locally as the Danes' Road, it is the largest of its kind to have been uncovered in Europe. From here, we drive the short distance to the virtual and spiritual center of Ireland at the Hill of Uisneach, the great meeting place of the ancient chieftains of Ireland. Enjoy a fabulous private tour drawing together the archaeology and mythology of this magical place. After a picnic lunch at the visitors' center, we will set out for county Meath and the Loughcrew passage tomb complex. This stunning site, with its solar alignment to the spring and autumn equinoxes, is also steeped in Irish mythology. From here, we drive to our hotel in Trim. *Three nights at the 4-star [Knightsbrook Hotel](#).* (B,L,D)



Photos from top: Carrowkeel, Sligo, Hill of Uisneach

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## Friday, September 11: Brú na Bóinne: Newgrange, Knowth | Boyne Valley Wools | Trim

 1.5 miles – gentle walks around the monuments on gravel paths

This morning we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne and explore the exhibits at the Visitor Centre. We then visit the 4<sup>th</sup>-millennium B.C. megalithic passage tombs at Newgrange and Knowth. Newgrange is the largest passage mound in Europe, and encloses an astronomically aligned, 20-yard-long inner passage leading to a cruciform chamber with a corbelled roof. The illumination of the passage and chamber at the winter solstice sunrise is world famous. The Great Mound at Knowth is similar in size to Newgrange and surrounded by 18 smaller satellite mounds; both sites contain the finest megalithic art in Europe. After lunch at the center, we set out for Boyne Valley Wools, a traditional wool craft shop with a flock of Jacob sheep where one can experience the process of spinning wool. We then return to Trim for an evening and dinner at leisure. (B,L)

## Saturday, September 12: Fourknocks | Hill of Tara | Trim | Farewell dinner

 1.5 miles – gentle walks on grass and rough tracks, hilly in places at the Hill of Tara

This morning we drive to visit a hidden gem of a site: the passage tomb at Fourknocks. The tomb, accessible by borrowing a key from a local custodian, features a short passage that opens into a spacious, pear-shaped chamber, with three smaller, offset chambers. Excavated from 1952-54, it was concluded that the structure probably had a wooden roof supported by a central pole. The excavations revealed more than 60 burials (cremated and not cremated, adult and child) as well as numerous artifacts, but perhaps the most impressive aspect of the site is the quantity and quality of the megalithic art on display. From Fourknocks, we head west to the seat of the High Kings of Ireland, the Hill of Tara. Its earliest visible monument, the Mound of the Hostages (a passage tomb), was constructed ca. 3000-2500 B.C. Records indicate that more than 140 kings were coronated on the Hill of Tara from the Iron Age through to the arrival of the Anglo-Normans in the late 12<sup>th</sup> century A.D. From here, we will return to our hotel for a farewell reception and dinner. (B,L,R,D)

## Sunday, September 13: Fly home

Transfer as a group (time TBD) to Dublin Airport (DUB) for independent flights homeward. (B)



Knowth Passage Tomb

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## What to Expect



**HIGHLY ACTIVE:** Must be able to walk or be on your feet for most of the day; keep a steady group pace; and navigate uneven terrain, and up and down inclines and steps.

This exclusive tour has been designed for active travelers who wish to explore Ireland's rich archaeological and cultural heritage on foot. Walks through some of the country's most beautiful landscapes are paired with expert-led visits to remarkable historic sites.

The enclosed itinerary provides estimated walking times for each day. Walks will generally take place on rough pathways, quiet country roads, and uneven terrain, with occasional steps or steep ascents. Surfaces may be wet, and some sites—such as Dún Aonghasa on Inis Mór and the Carrowkeel megalithic passage tombs—can only be reached on foot.

As with all travel, the itinerary is subject to adjustment based on weather conditions and the abilities and interests of the group. Participants are expected to be physically fit, able to keep pace with the group, and ready to enjoy the camaraderie of traveling together. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. Any participant showing signs of illness will be asked to wear a mask when in close proximity to others. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. 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 the program is appropriate for you. Average temperatures in September range from the mid-60s F during the day to the mid-40s F at night, with a fair chance of precipitation. *Complete pre-departure details will be sent to participants.*



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Double Occupancy (10-12 participants) .....	\$10,745
Double Occupancy (8-9 participants) .....	\$11,545
Single Supplement ( <i>limited availability</i> ) .....	\$1,745

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required.  
With fewer than 8 participants, a small group surcharge may be applied.*

## Prices Include:

- **Leadership of AIA lecturer/host Dr. Stephen Mandal** and services of a professional tour manager/guide throughout
- **12 nights' accommodations** in ideally located, 4-star hotels as indicated
- **Most meals:** Breakfast daily; 11 lunches; and 8 dinners, including welcome and farewell receptions and dinners with beer or wine
- **Group airport transfers** (times TBD) on program arrival and departure dates
- **All sightseeing, entrance fees, and excursions** as indicated in the itinerary
- **All gratuities** to tour manager/guide, drivers, hotel staff, restaurant staff at included meals, and porters where available
- **Surface transportation** by air-conditioned vehicle, including bottled water, parking fees, highway tolls, and local taxes
- **Round-trip ferry** between Doolin and Inis Mór
- **Complete pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide and packing suggestions

## Flights & Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included in the tour cost. Group transfers (times TBD) are provided on program arrival and departure dates from/to Dublin Airport (DUB). Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact AIA Tours first. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. can assist with flight arrangements for this tour. You may contact them directly at 866-200-6172 or email [studytours@vwti.com](mailto:studytours@vwti.com). Alternatively, you are welcome to book your flights independently or through your preferred travel agent. Your flight itinerary must be provided to AIA Tours prior to departure. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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- Victoria, Kansas



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### ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

☐ Double (one bed) ☐ Twin (two beds) ☐ Single

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Signature (participant #2) Date



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reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Sponsors/Operator and others and covers certain expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident and damaged or lost luggage. Sponsors/Operator will send participants an application upon receipt of their reservation. **PRICES:** Prices quoted are based on fares in effect at the time of publication and are subject to changes at any time. On all programs, even after full payment, Sponsors/Operator reserve the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in supplier costs, tax increases, currency fluctuations, or fuel and energy surcharges, and all such increases are to be paid to Sponsors/Operator upon notice to the participant. **FORUM AND METHODOLOGY FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** Any dispute or claim which refers or relates to this contract, any literature related to the trip, or the trip itself shall be litigated solely and exclusively in and for courts in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive and procedural New Hampshire law, and for this limited purpose, the parties agree to exclusive venue and personal jurisdiction therein. At the participant's option, however, in lieu of litigation, Sponsors/Operator will agree to binding arbitration in Keene, New Hampshire, subject to substantive, but not procedural, New Hampshire law, pursuant to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. In any such arbitration, the arbitrator, and not any federal, state, or local court or agency, shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL:** Both the Centers for Disease Control and U.S. State Department publish and update important country-specific information for travelers. We strongly recommend that you review them. 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 weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, such as those related to customs and immigration, require you to spend (an) additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfer, and meal costs. 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 Dispute Resolution Agreement. The participant affirms that he/she has not received or relied upon any oral representation of Sponsors/Operator as a basis for executing this Release.