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Archaeology-focused tours, for all levels of interest



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“It was one of the best organized trips I have ever been on...the AIA archaeologist was amazing... I would recommend AIA [Tours] to anyone.”

- Linda, Connecticut

Dear travelers,

Tours listed throughout this schedule may be full and have a waiting list, and others may still be in the planning stages with details not yet available. Please call for availability. Upon request, you will be added to a list of those to be notified when the tour becomes available. **For a listing of all tours or to reserve your space, please call 1-800-748-6262, email aia@studytours.org, or go to AIATours.org.**

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Exquisitely Planned & Inclusive

From pre-tour planning to post-tour transfers and most everything in between, we offer you customized, archaeologically focused tours, often with special meetings and access, many meals in addition to welcome and farewell receptions, and private tastings and tours. Most land tours are exclusive to fellow AIA travelers and supporters.

A Truly Educational Experience

Designed for curious travelers with an interest in archaeology, culture, and natural history, these programs are led by AIA experts selected for their ability to offer insightful, easy-to-understand context at every site. Just as importantly, they are personable and enthusiastic, creating an atmosphere where questions and conversation are always welcome.

Small Groups

Most of our land tours have a maximum of just 12 to 16 travelers. Each group is led by your team of experts that includes your AIA lecturer/host, your professional tour manager, expert local guides, and drivers. Our co-sponsored cruises are aboard small, often yacht-like, vessels with as few as 14 cabins, and up to just 92 cabins on a small expedition ship.

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SMALL-GROUP LAND TOURS

"Val is a treasure trove of history and knowledge and we were privileged to travel with her and learn from her."

- Diana, Washington



Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Islands

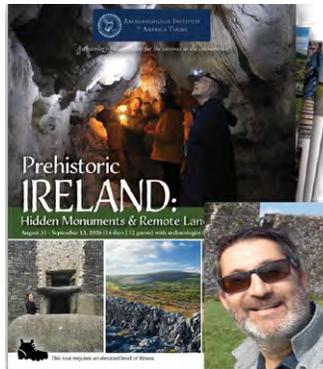
Requires an elevated level of fitness

June 29 - July 9, 2026 **AND** July 19-29, 2027
(11 days | 15 guests) with archaeologist Val Turner

Explore Scotland's Northern Isles through an archaeological lens at a relaxed pace with time for discovery. Together Orkney and Shetland hold more than 18,000 known sites dating back 5,000 years, with new discoveries made each year. Highlights include the UNESCO-listed Heart of Neolithic Orkney, Maeshowe, Skara Brae, the Stones of Stenness, and the Ring of Brodgar, plus a private virtual tour of the Ness of Brodgar excavations and exceptional Iron Age sites including Mousa Broch, Old Scatness, and Jarlshof.

"Dr. Mandal's knowledge and tour guidance were beyond expectations. Overall, this was a very well run tour!"

- Cecilia, California



Prehistoric Ireland: Hidden Monuments & Remote Landscapes

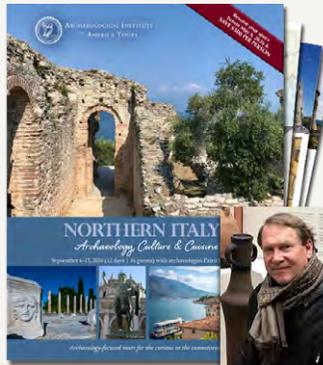
NEW TOUR!

August 31 - September 13, 2026 **AND** August 30 - September 12, 2027
(14 days | 12 guests) with archaeologist & geologist Stephen Mandal

Travel across Ireland to uncover the layers of its past, from the earliest hunter-gatherers to the great passage tomb builders and Iron Age kings. Visit Ireland's extraordinary archaeological treasures exploring megalithic tombs, Neolithic monuments, and rugged coastal landscapes shaped by geological forces. Highlights include the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne (passage tombs of Newgrange & Knowth) and Poul nabrone dolmen, Ireland's earliest dated megalithic tomb.

"A highlight was learning about and seeing Ötzi. It was also meaningful to see where Hannibal fought the Romans."

- Mary, Virginia



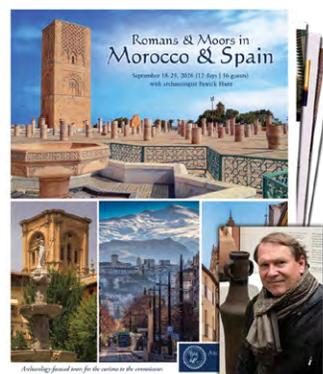
Northern Italy: Archaeology, Culture & Cuisine

September 6-17, 2026 (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Patrick Hunt

Traverse northern Italy from Milan to Verona and Trieste, with the Italian Alps and Lakes as your backdrop. Enjoy the great diversity of architecture, traditions, and gastronomy. Stop at the site of Hannibal's first major victory in Italy; see the famous mummy of Ötzi the Iceman at the Archaeology Museum in Bolzano; visit Roman villas at Sirmione, Desenzano, and Brescia; and see Valcamonica's prehistoric petroglyphs plus Roman and early Christian Aquileia.

"Patrick's extensive knowledge and ability to share his research experience and perspectives [was what I enjoyed most]."

- Terry, Maryland



Romans & Moors in Morocco & Spain

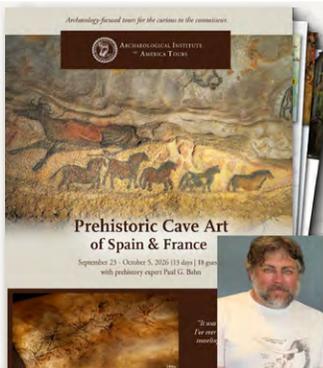
NEW TOUR!

September 18-29, 2026 (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Patrick Hunt

Trace the layered history of the western Mediterranean on a thoughtfully paced journey through Morocco and Spain. Explore Morocco's imperial cities and Roman ruins, then cross into Andalusia to experience Moorish palaces, grand cathedrals, and vibrant historic quarters. Highlights include Volubilis, Italica, the Alhambra, Córdoba's Mosque-Cathedral, Seville's Royal Alcázar, and Madrid's Prado Museum. Enjoy expert insights from our lecturer, outstanding cuisine, and 4- and 5-star accommodations.

"Each cave was different and spectacular...a privilege to be able to see them all, especially under the guidance of such an expert."

- Deborah, California



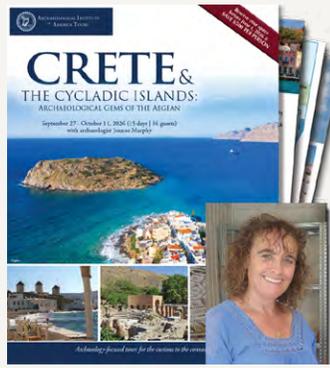
Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France

September 23 - October 5, 2026 **AND** September 22 - October 4, 2027
(13 days | 18 guests) with prehistory expert Paul G. Bahn

Investigate southwestern Europe's most extraordinary prehistoric caves on an unforgettable journey through Spain and France. Visit renowned sites including Lascaux IV, Altamira II, Atapuerca, Pech Merle, Cognac, and Cueva del Castillo, where remarkable paintings, engravings, and hand stencils span tens of thousands of years. Travel with an acclaimed leader whose lectures and discussions bring the prehistoric world to life. Enjoy museums, charming villages, fine cuisine, and comfortable hotels and inns throughout.

"[This] tour is very well designed to highlight the most interesting aspects of these areas' long history. AIA has partnered with an exceptional team of professionals [for] this superb itinerary."

- Kenneth, Illinois



Crete & the Cycladic Islands: Archaeological Gems of the Aegean

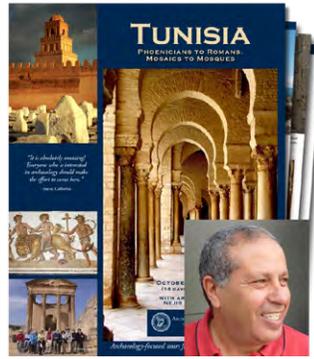
REVISED TOUR

September 27 - October 11, 2026 (15 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Joanne Murphy

Step back in time on an unforgettable journey through Crete and the Cyclades, exploring the heart of the Bronze Age Minoan world. Visit legendary palatial centers including Knossos and Phaistos, outstanding museums, and evocative sites such as Akrotiri on Santorini and sacred Delos. Enjoy time in Heraklion and charming coastal towns, plus stays on whitewashed Santorini and stylish Mykonos, savoring excellent regional cuisine along the way with expert guidance throughout.

"This program allowed me to enjoy the incredible wealth of historical sites in Tunisia, the unique flavor of its cuisine, the openness to western tourists of their people."

- Samuel, Mexico



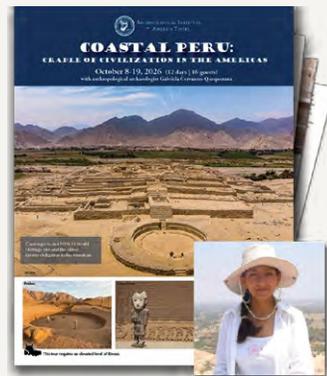
Tunisia: Phoenicians to Romans, Mosaics to Mosques

October 1-14, 2026 (14 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Nejib ben Lazreg

Enjoy an expert-led exploration of Tunisia, a country whose layered history has shaped the Mediterranean for more than three millennia. Traveling with archaeologist Nejib ben Lazreg, experience all seven of Tunisia's cultural UNESCO World Heritage Sites, from Carthage and the Bardo Museum to Dougga, Bulla Regia, Kairouan, El Djem, and Sousse. Enjoy great accommodations and in-depth insight into Phoenician, Roman, and early Islamic Tunisia through engaging lectures and on-site discussion.

"Gabriela is exceptional! She is obviously highly regarded by colleagues she has worked with, speaks with authority, and is very accessible."

- Jacqueline, Hawaii



NEW TOUR!

Coastal Peru: Cradle of Civilization in the Americas

October 8-19, 2026 (12 days | 16 guests) with cultural anthropologist & archaeologist Gabriela Cervantes-Quequezana

Join us on this archaeological journey along Peru's northern coast. Discover some of the earliest and most influential civilizations in the Americas, from Caral-Supe's monumental pyramids to the richly decorated temples of the Moche and Chimú. Highlights include Pachacamac, Sechín, Chankillo, Chan Chan, and the Royal Tombs of Sipán Museum, plus outstanding museum visits in Lima. An optional post-tour extension to Machu Picchu and Cusco is available.

"The most enjoyable part of the trip was being taken to relatively remote archaeological places of great significance, and being accompanied by Onur and Emre with their insight."

- Elizabeth, California



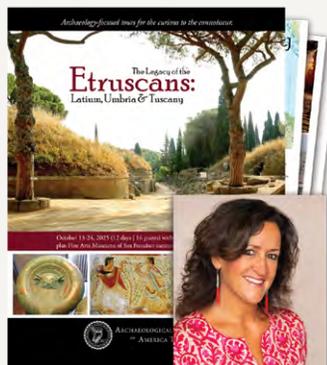
Türkiye: From Göbekli Tepe to Mount Nemrut & the Tigris River

October 9-21, 2026 (13 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Tevfik Emre Şerifoğlu

Travel with us beyond classical Türkiye, with its monumental, Greco-Roman ruins and Aegean sea backdrops. Find more history—and prehistory—amid the beauty of southeastern Türkiye, on a route less traveled. Explore prehistoric sites such as Göbekli Tepe and Karahan Tepe, marvel at Mount Nemrut's colossal statues, and visit ancient centers like Dara and Karatepe-Aslantaş. Discover world-class mosaic museums, vibrant bazaars, and regional cuisine. Enjoy an optional post-tour extension to Lake Van.

"The educational content was superb. Dr. Lisa has an encyclopedic knowledge of the Etruscan world. The museums and...towns visited made me realize that these places are real, not just in fairy tales."

- Karen, California



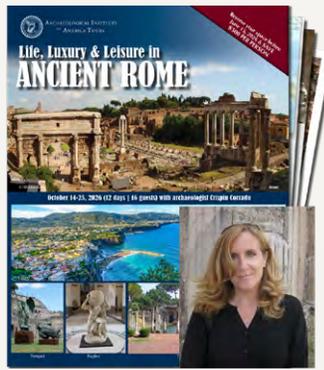
The Legacy of the Etruscans: Latium, Umbria & Tuscany

October 12-23, 2026 (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Lisa Pieraccini

Discover the world of the Etruscans, the sophisticated pre-Roman civilization of ancient Tuscany. Explore renowned cities like Rome and Florence, then venture into the countryside to visit extraordinary necropolises, acropolises, and museums. Highlights include the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Cerveteri and Tarquinia, the historic towns of Volterra and Orvieto, and remarkable collections at Villa Giulia and the Vatican. Enjoy expert lectures, 4-star hotels, and exceptional food and wine.

“Archaeologist Crispin Corrado made everything even better. She was knowledgeable, generous, savvy, and good company.”

- David, Michigan



Life, Luxury & Leisure in Ancient Rome

October 14-25, 2026 (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Crispin (Cris) Corrado

Immerse yourself in the grandeur of ancient Rome while uncovering secrets of its daily life, traveling from Rome to Naples and Sorrento. Visit Rome’s House of Augustus, Baths of Caracalla, Pantheon, and more, and marvel at Hadrian’s Villa in Tivoli and the haunting ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Explore Roman engineering, leisure, and luxury through frescoes, artifacts, and architecture, while enjoying expert lectures, engaging discussions, 4- and 5-star hotels, and exceptional regional cuisine throughout this unforgettable journey.

Tanzania Safari: Human Origins & the Great Migration

January 2-13, 2027 (12 days | 16 guests)
with paleoanthropologist & naturalist William Harcourt-Smith

Explore world-renowned human origin fossil sites plus experience Tanzania’s Great Migration at its peak calving season. Enjoy expertly guided safari drives in spacious four-seater Land Cruisers and luxurious, exclusive tented camps. Visit the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater, Lake Natron, and Oldupai Gorge. Experience breathtaking savannah and volcanic landscapes, abundant wildlife, and exclusive small-group access to firsthand insights into the story of human origins. An optional, independent, post-tour extension to Zanzibar is available.

Archaeology in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

January 5-21, 2027 (17 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Barbara A. Porter

Discover Saudi Arabia through an exceptional collection of archaeological sites, UNESCO World Heritage landmarks, and dramatic desert landscapes. Highlights include Jubba’s petroglyphs, the carved Nabataean tombs at Hegra, Al Balad in historic Jeddah, and Diriyah’s restored Al Turaif District. Marvel at the 6,000-year-old Rajajil Standing Stones, the recently discovered Sakaka Rock Carvings, and the Nabataean necropolis at Mughair Shuwayb. Explore Al Ula’s Old Town, experience Medina and Riyadh, and browse markets from Buraydah’s camel market to Riyadh’s Dira Souq.

Egypt’s Hidden Gems with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

January 8-24, 2027 (17 days | 16 guests)

Explore Egypt on a custom-designed itinerary featuring extraordinary access to major sites and lesser-visited archaeological treasures. Highlights include two full days at the Grand Egyptian Museum; inside visits to the Red Pyramid at Dahshur, the burial chamber at Meidum, and pyramids in the Fayoum Oasis; and behind-the-scenes exploration at Saqqara’s newest excavations. Discover the remarkable tombs of Beni Hasan and the catacombs of Tuna el-Gebel, visit Tell el-Amarna, and enjoy two visits to Abydos—including the Temple of Seti I and special access to the subterranean Osireion. Enjoy best-available accommodations throughout.

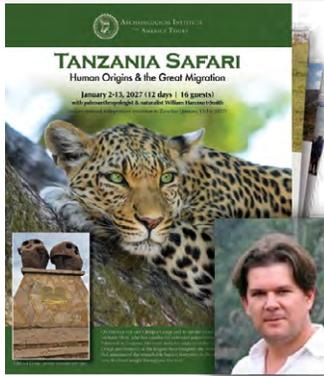
Absolute Egypt with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

January 26 - February 13, 2027 (19 days | 16 guests) **AND**
February 16 - March 6, 2027 (19 days | 16 guests)

Experience the finest Egypt tour available on this expertly designed journey: an in-depth, well-paced exploration of the country’s greatest sites. Highlights include two days at the Grand Egyptian Museum; the Giza pyramids and Sphinx; Saqqara’s Step Pyramid and the rarely visited Tomb of Wah Ti; Karnak and Luxor Temples; and the royal tombs and mortuary temples of the Valley of the Kings. Enjoy exceptional accommodations and a four-night Nile cruise aboard an eight-cabin dahabiya, plus visits to remarkable temples at Dendera and Esna, and a flight to Abu Simbel.

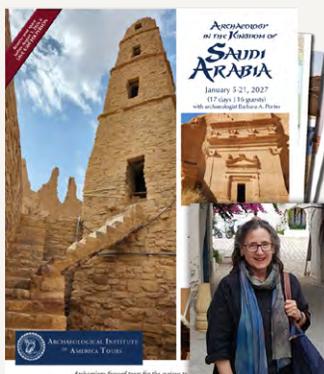
“The whole trip was excellent! The best part though was definitely Will as our leader and educator. I have loved all of my travel experiences with the AIA!”

- Katherine, Canada



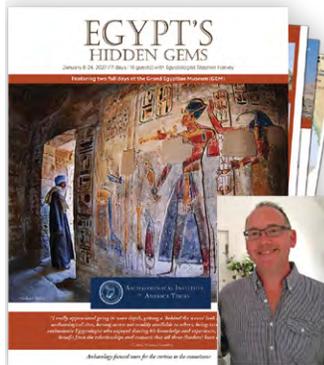
“Dr. Barbara Porter was superb. An essential part of this tour, as she is so passionate about her work and this area in particular.”

- Nadia, Jordan



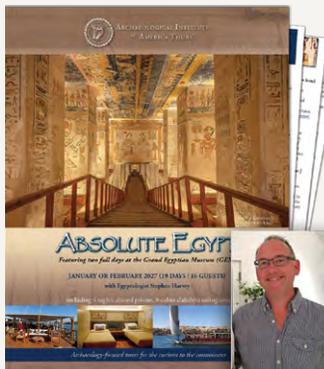
“My favorite aspect was having Dr. Harvey with us throughout the trip. His scholarship and experience gave everything we saw so much more depth.”

- Mark, Massachusetts



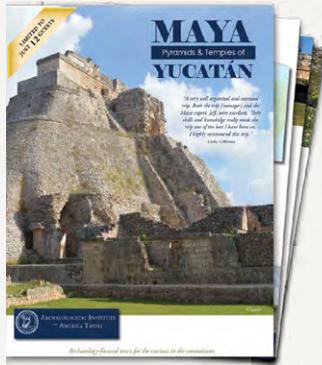
“We never could have seen so much or had such an enjoyable trip traveling in Egypt on our own.”

- John, Massachusetts



“The Yucatán trip was very successful, well organized and informative. The number of sites visited and the pace of the tour was just about right...”

- Lynn, California



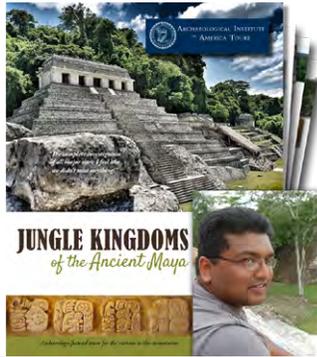
Maya Pyramids & Temples of Yucatán

February 2027 (9 days | 12 guests) with AIA Lecturer/Host TBA

This exciting nine-day holiday offers the best-paced itinerary to experience the sun-drenched Yucatán Peninsula's ancient Maya sites, traditional villages, and colonial architecture. Explore iconic and lesser-visited places—including Chichén Itzá, Ek Balam, Uxmal, and Dzibilchaltun—featuring soaring pyramids, distinctive temple complexes, and superb sculpture. Enjoy free time to birdwatch, shop for crafts, or simply relax in excellent accommodations including the Mayaland Hotel beside Chichén Itzá and Hacienda Uxmal.

“A superb tour. Ben Thomas was the ideal tour leader, a true expert about Maya history, culture, archaeology, and language.”

- Fred, Connecticut



Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya

February 18 - March 3, 2027 (14 days | 16 guests)

with Mayanist Ben Thomas

Join us on this tropical winter getaway for the most comprehensive and best-paced exploration of the ancient Maya world. Marvel at stucco friezes, towering pyramids, and painted frescoes exploring iconic sites in Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras, and experience Maya civilization through the dual lenses of architectural history and archaeology.

This tour is co-sponsored by the Society of Architectural Historians.

“Small-group, educational travel at its finest.”

- Marjorie, Illinois



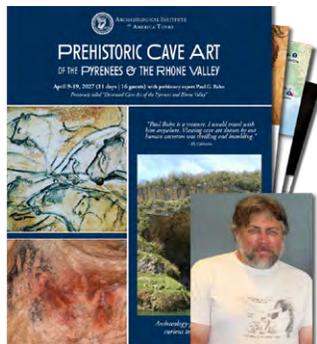
Greece's Temples, Theaters & Sacred Landscapes: An Archaeological Exploration

April 2027 (14 days | 16 guests) with AIA Lecturer/Host TBA

Experience the awe-inspiring ruins of ancient Greece through the eyes of an expert. Journey from the Acropolis of Athens across the Peloponnese to Delphi and Meteora, and onward to sites linked to Alexander the Great. With your lecturer and expert local guides, explore renowned UNESCO World Heritage Sites including Epidaurus, Mycenae, Olympia, and Vergina, along with outstanding museums. Enjoy excellent accommodations, historic towns, memorable meals, and informal discussions.

“I am a different person having witnessed the creations of the very first ‘people’ who lived on Earth so long ago. We are so lucky that these caves... have been preserved.”

- Constance, Florida



Prehistoric Cave Art of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley

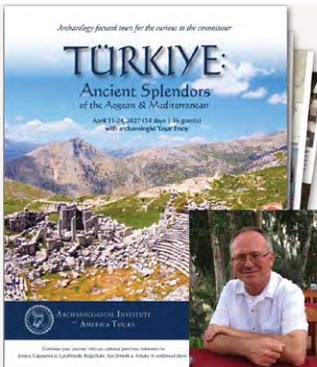
April 9-19, 2027 (11 days | 16 guests) with prehistory expert Paul G. Bahn

Discover a magnificent collection of Ice Age art in the company of acclaimed prehistoric cave art expert and popular AIA tour leader Dr. Paul Bahn. Highlights include the original decorated caves of Isturitz and Oxocelhaya, Niaux, and Gargas, as well as the spectacular Chauvet Cave replica at Vallon-Pont-d'Arc and the Cosquer Méditerranée. Enjoy expert lectures and discussions, regional cuisine, and delightful accommodations throughout.

This tour was previously titled “Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley.”

“A whirling tour like no other! This meticulously crafted itinerary allowed my fellow travelers and me to better understand the ancient sites we visited.”

- Susan, New Hampshire



Türkiye: Ancient Splendors of the Aegean & Mediterranean

April 11-24, 2027 (14 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Yaşar Ersoy

Marvel at many of the world's most magnificent Greco-Roman temples, theaters, and stadiums, visiting Ephesus, Priene, Miletus, Didyma, Aphrodisias, Sagalassos, Perge, and Aspendos, each revealing layers of ancient history and artistry. Three full days in Istanbul include all of the major highlights, from Byzantine to Ottoman masterpieces. An optional, post-tour extension features the Neolithic settlement of Çatalhöyük, the Hittite capital of Hattusa, and the extraordinary landscapes of Cappadocia.

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Essential Greece by Land & Sea

September 22-30, 2026 (9 days) with expert local guides including a 4-night Aegean Cruise with archaeologists Jack Davis and Shari Stocker aboard the 50-cabin *Emerald Azzurra*

Step into the heart of the ancient world on a journey through Greece and the Aegean. Spend three nights in Athens with expert-led visits to the Acropolis and Acropolis Museum, plus a full-day excursion to Delphi. Then cruise for four nights aboard the luxurious *Emerald Azzurra* to Delos, Mykonos, Ephesus, and Crete. An optional Peloponnese extension is available.



Cruising the Mekong River: Vietnam & Cambodia

March 1-14, 2027 (14 days) with archaeologist Miriam Stark including a 7-night cruise aboard the 14-suite *Mekong Princess*

Discover the timeless beauty of Vietnam and Cambodia on a journey along the Mekong River. Experience the vibrant energy of Ho Chi Minh City, the tranquility of life along the river, and the awe-inspiring grandeur of Angkor Wat. Explore floating villages, local markets, and lush landscapes rich with culture and history. An optional pre-tour extension to Hanoi and Ha Long Bay is available for a deeper look at Southeast Asia's enduring charm.



Grand Mediterranean Voyage: Malta to Türkiye

April 11-25, 2027 (15 days) with archaeologist Michael Hoff aboard the 92-cabin *Le Dumont d'Urville*

Experience an extraordinary variety of sites throughout Malta, Sicily and Italy's "heel," the island of Corfu and mainland Greece, and Türkiye. Highlights include Malta's prehistoric temples; Syracuse's archaeological park; the ancient oracle at Delphi; Cape Sounion's Temple of Poseidon; Meteora's monasteries, perched atop rock pillars; and Türkiye's fascinating Greco-Roman sites of Ephesus, Aspendos, and Perge. Unpack once and enjoy 5-star shipboard food, amenities, and service, plus lectures and discussions.



Sicily Circumnavigation: Sailing Around Sicily & Malta

May 24 - June 2, 2027 (10 days) with AIA Lecturer/Host TBA aboard the 47-cabin *Sea Cloud II*

Sail around Sicily for eight nights aboard the iconic *Sea Cloud II*, beginning and ending in Malta. Our journey includes one night in Valletta, one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world. Marvel at archaeological and architectural wonders on Sicily, including the ancient city of Segesta, Palermo's Norman Palace, and the Greek theater at Taormina, plus a full day in the Aeolian Islands. An optional extension to Malta and Gozo is available.



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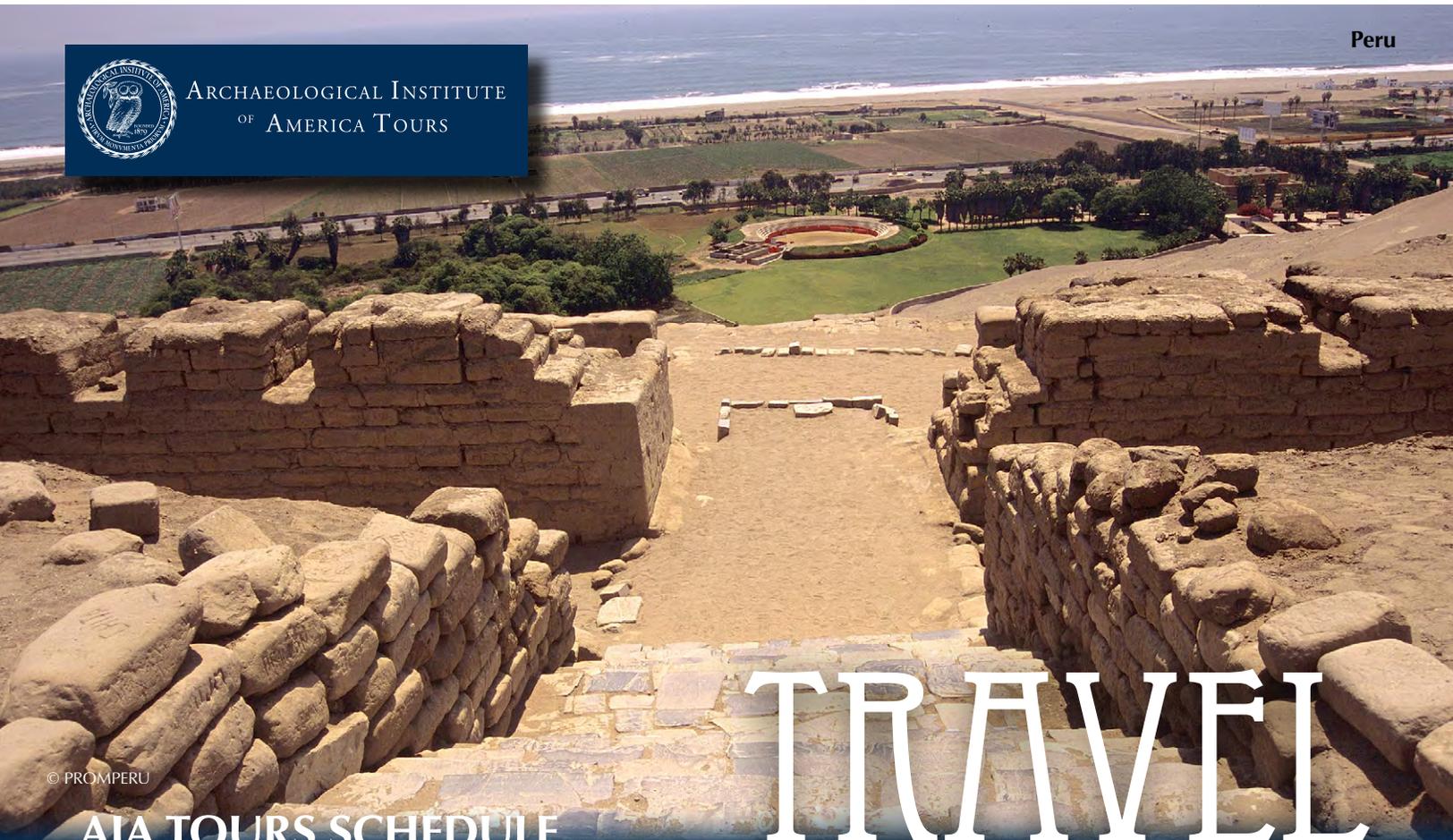


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