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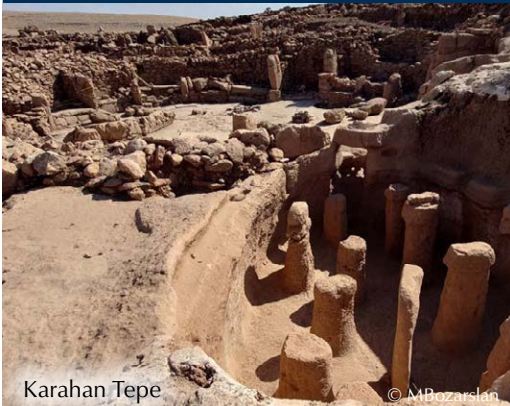
NEW TOUR

ROMAN BRITAIN:
Romans at the
Edge of Empire
with archaeologist
Elizabeth M. Greene



Hadrian's Wall, England
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NEW TOURS IN 2025



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**Türkiye: From Göbekli Tepe
to the Tigris River**
with archaeologist
Tevfik Emre Şerifoğlu

**Southern Peru: Nazca Lines, Colca
Canyon & Lake Titicaca**
with anthropological archaeologist
Gabriela Cervantes-Quequezana

**Hiking Southern Italy:
Archaeology, Volcanoes & Cuisine**
with archaeologist
Crispin Corrado

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

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Travel & Learn

The finest learning adventures:

Archaeologists, art or architectural historians, paleoanthropologists and more...AIA Tours offers travel programs with your own private lecturer, who will travel with you providing a series of fascinating lectures relevant to your tour's destinations and themes, plus impromptu discussions and, often, special visits with colleagues.

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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 ship has just 92 staterooms and suites.

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.

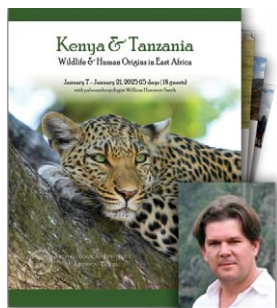
2025 LAND TOURS

“The special access that AIA has in Egypt was beyond my expectations! The experiences in Saqqara blew my mind. Since I was young I dreamt of being an archaeologist and going down into a newly discovered excavation pit. The opportunity to do so was one of the many highlights of the trip. It was wonderful to see so many parts of Egypt that are less visited. Having the opportunity to talk to the directors of many active digs was great!”

“My first trip will not be my last.”

- Deborah, Illinois
[Egypt Revisited]

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Kenya & Tanzania: Wildlife & Human Origins in East Africa

January 7-21, 2025 (15 days | 16 guests)
with paleoanthropologist William Harcourt-Smith

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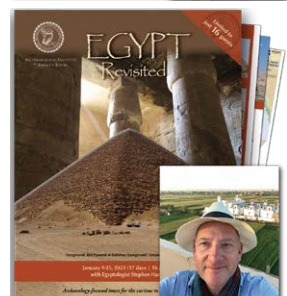
This East African adventure takes us among the wildlife and landscapes of Kenya and Tanzania. Explore four national parks and enjoy a combined eight days of safari drives. Visit Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakeys' famous discoveries indicated that hominins had evolved in Africa. Enjoy charming resorts and lodges, plus a safari camp. An optional post-tour extension to Zanzibar is available.



Archaeology in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

January 7-23, 2025 (17 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Barbara A. Porter

Experience Saudi Arabia's long history and rich culture, learn how both were influenced by its geography, and become familiar with some of the archaeological research and sites that are being uncovered and shared. Following historic trade and pilgrimage routes, we will cross vast deserts, see irrigated lands teeming with agriculture, and enjoy scenic views with mountains and landscapes.



Egypt Revisited

January 9-25, 2025 (17 days | 16 guests)
with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

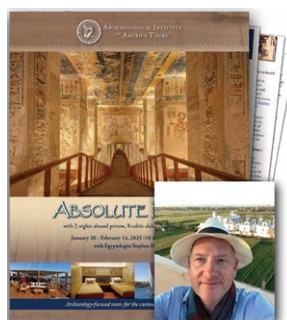
Go behind-the-scenes at the ancient necropolis of Saqqara; see the Red and Collapsed Pyramids, and the necropoli of Beni Hasan and Tuna el-Gebel; visit Tel el-Amarna; and make two in-depth visits to Abydos, where your lecturer has worked for more than 25 years. Also see lesser-visited sites in Luxor, such as the Ramesseum and Medinet Habu.



Maya Pyramids & Temples of Yucatán

January 18-26, 2025 (9 days | 12 guests)
with Mayanist Jeff Karl Kowalski

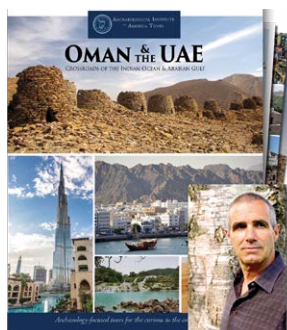
Explore the sun-drenched Yucatán peninsula's ancient sites, traditional Maya villages, and colonial architecture on this well-paced tour. Maya art and architecture abound, with visits to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Chichén Itzá and Uxmal, plus Ek Balam, Dzibilchaltun, and more: iconic as well as off-the-beaten-path sites with soaring pyramids, distinctive temple complexes, and wonderful sculpture.



Absolute Egypt

January 28 - February 14, 2025 (18 days | 16 guests) AND
February 18 - March 7, 2025 (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.



Oman & the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

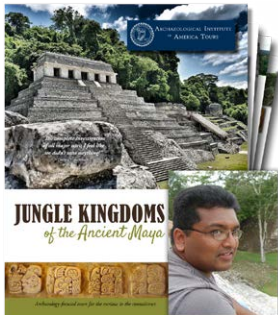
February 6-24, 2025 (19 days | 16 guests)
with cultural anthropologist/architectural historian Trevor Marchand

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Delve into the cultural and geographical diversity of Oman and the UAE, highlighting ancient sites and historical monuments while showing how influential the region's geography has been on its history and how its maritime history has linked it to elsewhere in Arabia. Learn about these countries' histories, cultures, art, and architecture while traveling from spectacular deserts and wadis to pristine coastlines, including a reserve for the endangered green sea turtle. An optional pre-tour extension to Qatar is available.

"I feel that 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 and their contents have been preserved."

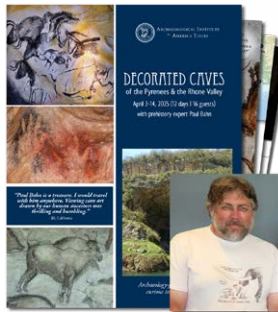
- Constance, Florida
[Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & Rhone Valley]



Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya

February 14-27, 2025 (14 days | 12 guests)
with Mayanist Ben Thomas

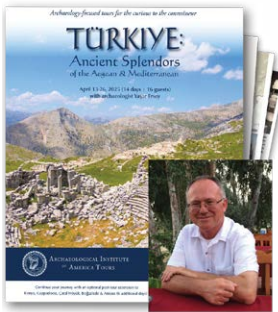
This tropical adventure provides the best-paced itinerary available to thoroughly explore ancient Maya sites in the jungles of Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. Maya art and architecture will “come alive” as you encounter enormous stelae (carved monoliths), painted frescoes, stucco friezes, carved lintels, and temple-pyramids. Explore, in-depth, the sites of Palenque, Bonampak, Yaxchilán, Tikal, Copán, and Quiriguá.



Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley

April 3-14, 2025 (12 days | 16 guests)
with prehistory expert Paul G. Bahn

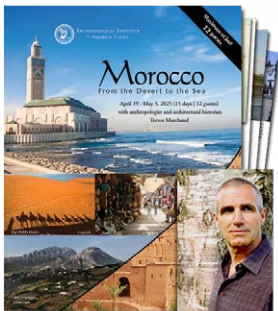
Discover for yourself a collection of magnificent examples of Ice Age art while in the company of our acclaimed prehistoric cave expert and popular AIA tour leader, Dr. Bahn. Highlights include the original decorated caves of Isturitz and Oxocelhaya, Niaux, and Gargas. Also visit the spectacular Chauvet cave replica at Vallon-Pont-d’Arc and the recently opened Cosquer Méditerranée. Enjoy fine food and delightful accommodations.



Türkiye: Ancient Splendors of the Aegean & Mediterranean

April 13-26, 2025 (14 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Yaşar Ersoy

Explore many of the world’s most magnificent Greco-Roman temples, theaters, and stadiums, visiting Ephesus, Priene, Miletus, Didyma, Aphrodisias, Sagalassos, Perge, and Aspendos. Three full days in Istanbul include all of the major highlights. An optional, post-tour extension features the Neolithic settlement of Çatalhöyük, the Hittite capital of Hattusa, and the Cappadocia region.



Morocco: From the Desert to the Sea

April 19 - May 3, 2025 (15 days | 12 guests)
with cultural anthropologist/architectural historian Trevor Marchand

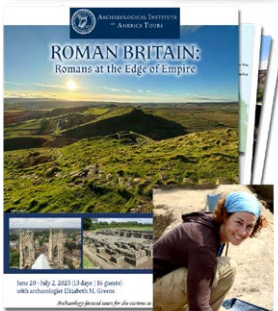
See the archaeology, architecture, art, and history of Morocco, visiting the best-known historic sites, including six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the ruins of medieval Sijilmasa, as well as bustling casbahs, medinas, and souks. Visit all four Imperial Cities, archaeological monuments, fabulous museums, natural landscapes, an ancient oasis, and idyllic rural settlements.



Hiking Southern Italy: Archaeology, Volcanoes & Cuisine

May 11-22, 2025 (12 days | 16 guests) **NEW TOUR!**
with archaeologist Crispin (Cris) Corrado 


Join us on this springtime journey through rich ancient history, breathtaking volcanic landscapes, and the legendary food and wine culture of southern Italy and Sicily. Travel and hike among active and dormant volcanoes, with picturesque landscapes and sea views; and explore fascinating archaeological sites. Italy is home to mainland Europe’s only active volcanoes—Mount Vesuvius, Stromboli, and Mount Etna—and we will hike on all three of them.



Roman Britain: Romans at the Edge of Empire

June 20 - July 2, 2025 (13 days | 16 guests) **NEW TOUR!**
with archaeologist Elizabeth (Beth) M. Greene

Travel in the footsteps of the ancient Romans as you venture north from Chester, England, to Edinburgh, Scotland, with a foray along Hadrian’s Wall at the northwest frontier of the Roman Empire. Experience the natural beauty of old medieval towns, verdant countryside, and the scenic Lake District; and see the remains of formerly vibrant Roman forts and towns, museum collections, and ancient Rome’s influence on the Britain of today.

 = This tour requires an elevated level of fitness



Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Islands

June 30 - July 10, 2025 (11 days | 15 guests)
with archaeologist Val Turner

Explore Scotland's Northern Isles: 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.

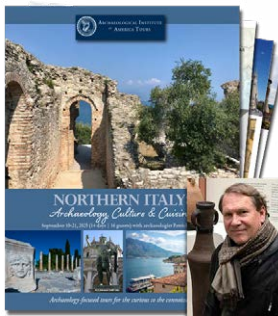


Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way & Northern Ireland

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September 1-14, 2025 (14 days | 12 guests)
with geoarchaeologist Stephen Mandal

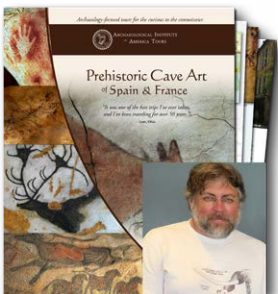
Explore hidden archaeological sites from earliest prehistory to the Iron Age (Celtic Period), through early Christian sites to the later medieval period and Ireland's more recent history. See several different types of prehistoric tombs, medieval castles, and fortresses, all amidst breathtaking landscapes. Highlights include Poulnabrone dolmen, the Aran Islands, Ballinubber Abbey, Céide Fields, the Giant's Causeway, Sligo, Derry, Carlingford, Belfast, and more.



Northern Italy: Archaeology, Culture & Cuisine

September 10-21, 2025 (12 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Patrick Hunt

Travel 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; visit Roman villas at Sirmione, Desenzano, and Brescia; and see Valcamonica's prehistoric petroglyphs, prehistoric pile dwellings, and Roman and early Christian Aquileia. Enjoy delicious cuisine at an ideal touring pace.



Prehistoric Cave Art of Spain & France

September 17-29, 2025 (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, including Santillana del Mar and San Sebastian, savoring local foods and wines, and enjoying excellent accommodations at fine hotels and charming inns.



Croatia & Slovenia

NEW TOUR!

September 20-29, 2025 (10 days | 15 guests)
with archaeologist Ivančica (Vanča) Schrunck

This unique archaeological and cultural tour begins in Ljubljana, Slovenia, which is surrounded by the high peaks of the Julian Alps. As we continue south, along the Croatian coast, experience the varied scenery of these extraordinary countries: rich meadowlands, impressive mountain ranges, and the dramatic coastline. Throughout, our focus will be on the rich archaeology and history from ancient times to the modern day.



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

September 21-30, 2025 (10 days | 12 guests)
with archaeologist Patrick Hunt

Visit a total of six UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 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 tour was excellent... The quality of the experts was uniformly high, as were the two tour leaders."

- David, New York
[Croatia: Prehistory to the Present]

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“The tour was a fabulous experience. Dr. [Joanne] Murphy gave great background lectures that helped give the sites we visited context. The trip was wonderfully organized. The meals and hotels were amazing.”

- Joan, New Jersey
[Minoan Crete & the Cycladic Islands]

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Crete, Santorini, Mykonos & Delos

September 28 - October 12, 2025 (15 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Joanne Murphy

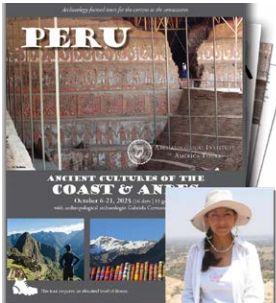
Step back in time on the island of Crete, the center of the Minoan Civilization during the Bronze Age, as well as on the nearby Cycladic Islands of Santorini, Mykonos, and Delos. Marvel at the physical evidence of this first advanced civilization in Europe, which created palace complexes, stunning works of art, and an extensive trade network. Stay in comfortable, conveniently located hotels perfect for exploring or just relaxing.



Life, Luxury & Leisure in Ancient Rome

October 5-16, 2025 (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. Marvel at the opulent Hadrian's Villa in Tivoli and at the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum. See the submerged ruins of the coastal resort of Baiae on a boat excursion, Cuma Archaeological Park with its Cave of the Sibyl, and Paestum's Greek temples.



Peru: Ancient Cultures of the Coast & Andes

October 6-21, 2025 (16 days | 15 guests) with cultural anthropologist/archaeologist Gabriela Cervantes-Quequezana

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; and a variety of museums, picturesque villages, and cities.

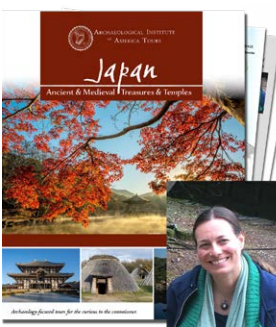


Türkiye: From Göbekli Tepe to the Tigris River

NEW TOUR!

October 7-21, 2025 (15 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Tevfik Emre Şerifoğlu

See the world's earliest monumental temples dating back over 10,000 years. Marvel at exquisite and enormous mosaics at the world's largest mosaic museum. See diverse architecture from beehive-style mud houses to rock tombs, early monasteries to mosques. Gaze at 8,000-year-old gardens along the Tigris River plus giant Hellenistic sculptures atop a mountain. An optional post-tour extension to central Türkiye is available.



Japan: Ancient & Medieval Treasures & Temples

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October 13-25, 2025 (13 days | 16 guests)
with archaeologist Ilona Bausch

This tour includes three UNESCO World Heritage Sites and two Japan-designated "National Treasures." From Tokyo in the south to Oirase in the north, discover ruins and reconstructions of ancient buildings, impressive tumuli, evocative shrines, and iconic temples. Learn about the Neolithic Jōmon period, with its extraordinary pottery tradition. Admire natural wonders set among autumn colors. An optional post-tour extension will be available.



Southern Peru: Nazca Lines, Colca Canyon & Lake Titicaca

NEW TOUR!

October 24 - November 7, 2025 (15 days | 15 guests) with cultural anthropologist/archaeologist Gabriela Cervantes-Quequezana

Travel far off the tourist route exploring coastal and Andean landscapes and cultures, visiting several UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Visit ancient Pachacamac, Paracas National Reserve, Cantaloc Aqueducts, Colca Canyon, Lake Titicaca, and the Sillustani funerary towers; and fly over the Nazca Lines. Discover several museums containing famous mummies, distinctive pottery, musical instruments, and much more.

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Most of our cruises have pre- and/or post-tour extension options available.



Vietnam & Cambodia: Cruising the Mekong River

February 3-16, 2025 (14 days) with archaeologist Joyce White aboard the 14-cabin *Mekong Princess*

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. Conclude with three nights based in Siem Reap to explore Angkor's world-famous Khmer temples.



Aegean Sea Odyssey: Cruise the Greek Isles & Historic Türkiye

April 7-15, 2025 (9 days) with archaeologist Joanne Murphy aboard the 92-cabin *Le Dumont-d'Urville*

Journey among the coastal and island gems of Greece and Türkiye, cruising from Athens' port of Piraeus to deeply historical Istanbul. Along the way we will call at sacred, uninhabited Delos; iconic, whitewashed Santorini, where we visit Akrotiri; Rhodes, with its stunning, medieval Old Town; the vast Greco-Roman city of Ephesus; and legendary Troy.



Cruising the Mediterranean: Gibraltar to Naples

NEW CRUISE!

April 27 - May 7, 2025 (11 days) with an AIA lecturer (TBA) aboard the 59-cabin *Hebridean Sky*

Set out from the Straits of Gibraltar, cruising from Spain along the northern Mediterranean to Naples, Italy, visiting six UNESCO World Heritage Sites along the way (among other wonderful sites): Gibraltar, Granada's Alhambra Palace, prehistoric sites of Talayotic Menorca, Sardinia's Su Nuraxi, smoldering Mount Etna, and the Greek temples of Paestum.



Highlands, Islands & Fjords: Scotland, Orkney Islands & Norway

May 29 - June 8, 2025 (11 days) with archaeologist Elizabeth Pierce aboard the 72-cabin *Exploris One*

Cruise from Inverness, Scotland, along the Norwegian coast above the Arctic Circle to the Lofoten Islands. Visit ancient settlements, remote islands, and idyllic villages amid magnificent landscapes. Visit the Bronze Age burial mounds of Clava Cairns, the Neolithic Ring of Brodgar and the village of Skara Brae, the 12th-century Hopperstad Stave Church, the pagan Moahaugane Burial Mounds, Sognefjord, Nærøyfjord, and more.



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

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October 19 - November 3, 2025 (16 days) with archaeologist Jenifer Neils aboard the 59-cabin *Island Sky*

Depart from Athens, Greece, for Amman, Jordan, visiting ancient and modern marvels along the way, including Crete's Palace at Knossos; Egypt's iconic Giza pyramids, Valley of the Kings, and Karnak Temple; and the fascinating Nabataean sites of Mada'in Saleh (Saudi Arabia) and Petra (Jordan). Transit the Suez Canal, and snorkel at Sharm el Sheikh.

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- Sandra, Virginia



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 Archaeology-focused tours, for all levels of interest