

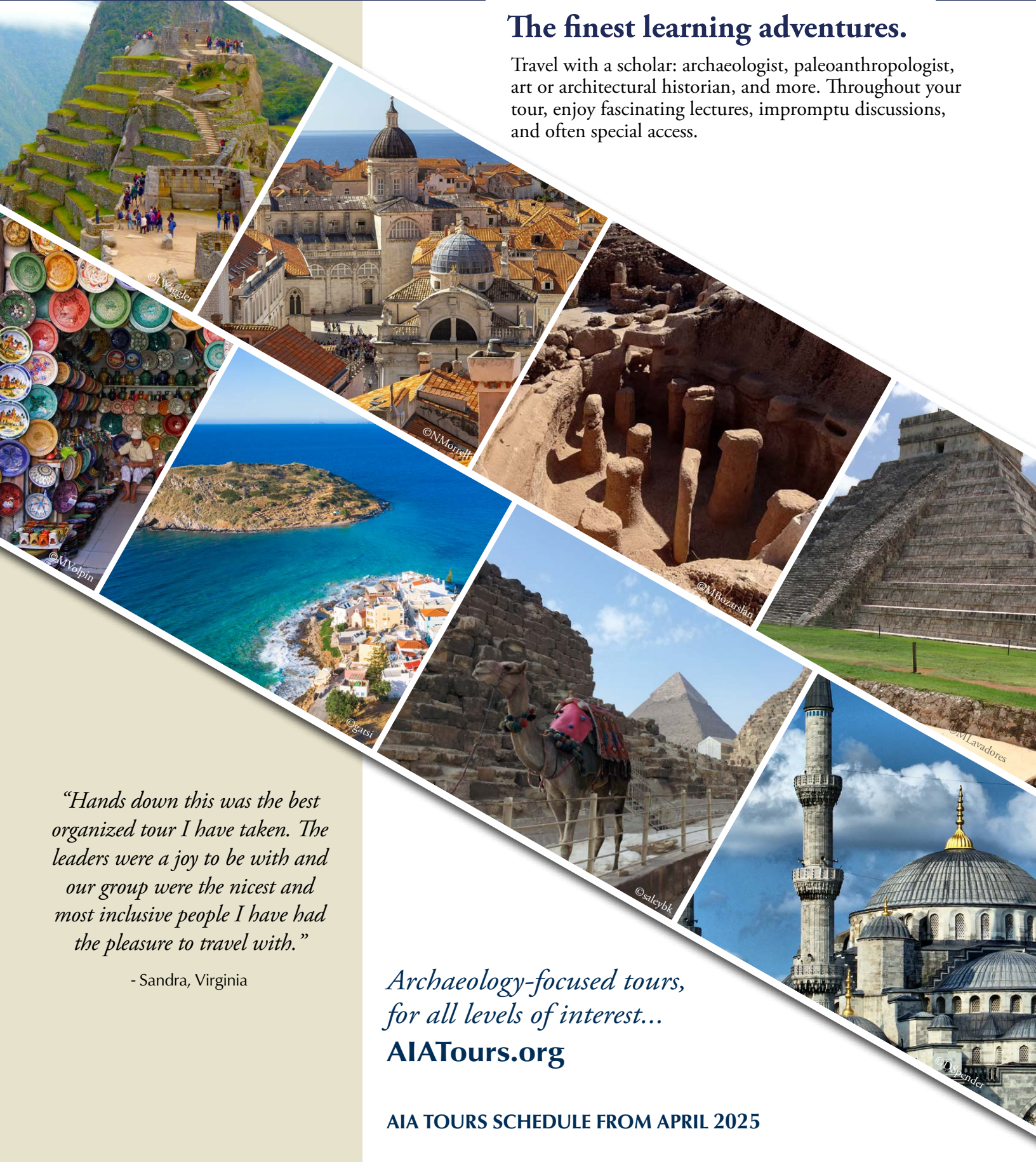


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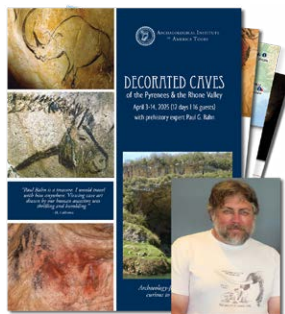
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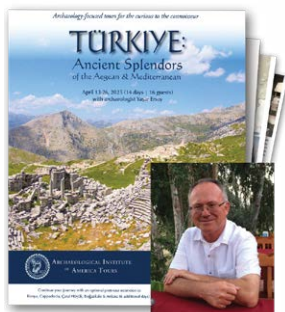
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## Decorated Caves of the Pyrenees & the Rhone Valley

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

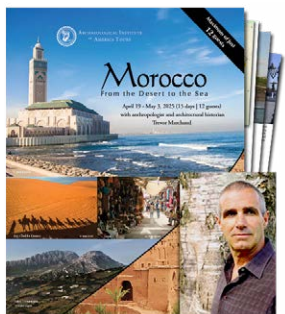
Discover for yourself a collection of magnificent examples of Ice Age art while in the company of our acclaimed prehistoric cave expert and popular AIA tour leader, Dr. Bahn. Highlights include the original decorated caves of Isturitz and Oxocelhaya, Niaux, and Gargas. Also visit the spectacular Chauvet 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

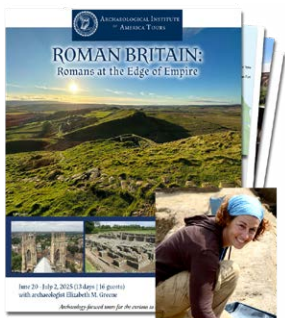
See the archaeology, architecture, art, and history of Morocco, visiting the best-known historic sites, including six UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the ruins of medieval Sijilmassa, as well as bustling casbahs, medinas, and souks. Visit all four Imperial Cities, archaeological monuments, fabulous museums,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



## Hiking Southern Italy: Archaeology, Volcanoes & Cuisine

May 11-22, 2025 (12 days | 16 guests)  
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)  
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*

## Exquisitely planned & inclusive, with expert service:

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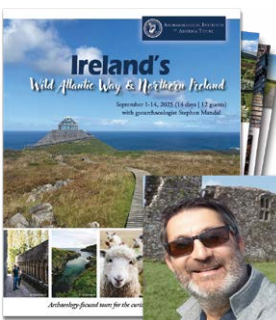
- Cecilia, California



### Hiking Scotland's Orkney & Shetland Islands

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

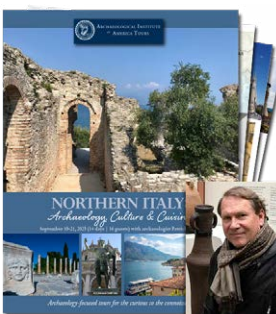
Explore Scotland's Northern Isles: prehistoric stone circles, burial chambers, and settlements; quaint villages; huge seabird colonies; and remarkable plant life—all amidst dramatic landscapes. This will be Scotland seen slowly, with time for in-depth exploration at each site. The Orkney and Shetland islands have an amazing wealth of archaeological sites dating back 5,000 years.



### Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way & Northern Ireland

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

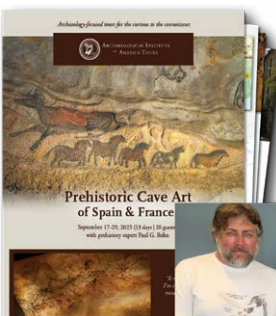
Explore hidden archaeological sites from earliest prehistory to the Iron Age (Celtic Period), through early Christian sites to the later medieval period and Ireland's more recent history. See several different types of prehistoric tombs, medieval castles, and fortresses, all amidst breathtaking landscapes. Highlights include Poul nabrone 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

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; 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 Sebastián, savoring local foods and wines, and enjoying excellent accommodations at fine hotels and charming inns.



### Croatia & Slovenia: Ancient Treasures along the Dalmatian Coast

September 20-30, 2025 (11 days | 15 guests)  
with archaeologist Ivančica (Vanča) Schrunk

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 meadows, 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.

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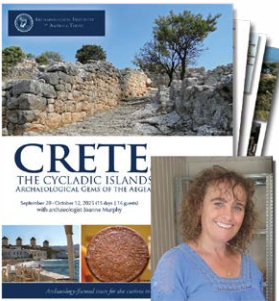
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### France: The Reach of the Romans

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

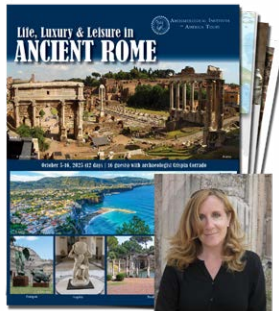
Visit a total of six UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Turin, Italy, and in Arles, Orange, Avignon, and Lyon, plus the iconic Pont du Gard, France. Explore Saint-Romain-en-Gal, Vaison la Romaine, Turin's Egyptian Museum, and Musée de l'Arles Antique. Enjoy fine cuisine and wine, and stay at distinctive, 4-star hotels.



### Crete & the Cycladic Islands: Archaeological Gems of the Aegean

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

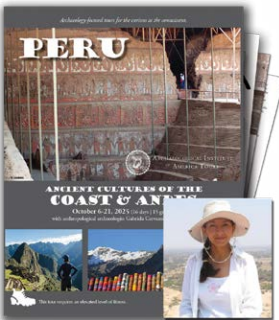
Step back in time on the island of Crete, the center of the Minoan civilization during the Bronze Age, as well as on the nearby Cycladic Islands of Santorini, Mykonos, and Delos. Marvel at the physical evidence of this first advanced civilization in Europe, which created palace complexes, stunning works 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, and Cuma Archaeological Park with its Cave of the Sibyl.



### 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 Mount Nemrut & the Tigris River

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, and early monasteries to mosques. Gaze at 8,000-year-old gardens along the Tigris River plus giant Hellenistic sculptures atop a mountain.

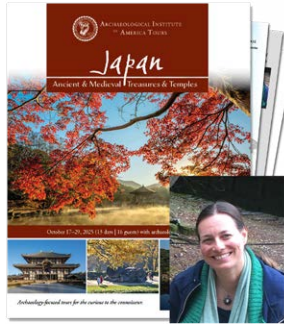
*"[Tour manager] Erika and [lecturer] Lisa were both excellent — they made the trip easy & high-quality. The tour was well-planned — the learning peaked at the end in fantastic style. A great tour!"*

- Patricia, California

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*“This trip was more than just sightseeing; it was an adventure filled with wonder, awe, and unforgettable moments. We’re still pinching ourselves!”*

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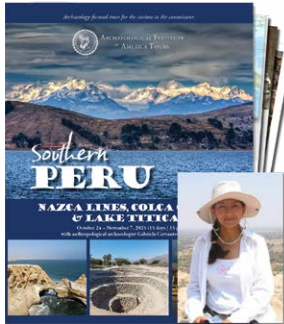


### Japan: Ancient & Medieval Treasures & Temples

October 17-29, 2025 (13 days | 16 guests)

with archaeologist Ilona Bausch

Join us in Japan during the autumn season for this comprehensive tour exploring the many elements that make Japan’s cultural and natural heritage exceptional. Visit several UNESCO World Heritage Sites and Japan-designated “National Treasures.” Together with our AIA lecturer/host, Dr. Ilona Bausch, and expert local guides you will learn about Japan’s prehistory, history, and culture from early Jōmon culture to the present. An optional, post-tour extension to northern Japan is available.



### Southern Peru: Nazca Lines, Colca Canyon & Lake Titicaca

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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### Cruising the Western Mediterranean: Gibraltar to Naples

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Set out from the Straits of Gibraltar, cruising from Spain along the Southern 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.



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May 30 - June 9, 2026 (11 days) with AIA lecturer TBA 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 12<sup>th</sup>-century Hopperstad Stave Church, the pagan Moahaugane Burial Mounds, Sognefjord, Nærøfjord, and more.



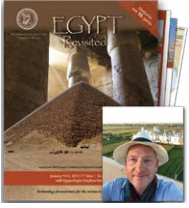
### Circumnavigating the Peloponnese by Private Luxury Yacht

September 17-26, 2026 (10 days) with archaeologists Jack Davis and Shari Stocker aboard the 50-cabin *Emerald Azzurra*

After a night in historic Athens, embark on a seven-night cruise around the Peloponnese peninsula. In addition to stunning natural beauty, marvel at five UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the citadel of Mycenae, the spectacular theater at Epidaurus, the fortified Byzantine settlement of Mystras, ancient Olympia, and the Oracle at Delphi. Also enjoy a special visit to the Bronze Age Palace of Nestor at Pylos, where our AIA lecturers have worked; and cruise through the Diros Caves.

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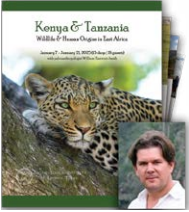
# 2026 IN THE PLANNING STAGES



## **Egypt Revisited**

January 9-25, 2026 (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; make two in-depth visits to Abydos; and see lesser-visited sites in Luxor.



## **Kenya & Tanzania: Wildlife & Human Origins in East Africa**

January 2026 (16 days | 16 guests) with paleoanthropologist William Harcourt-Smith

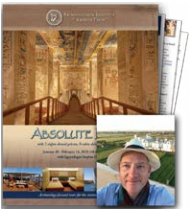
This East African adventure takes us among the wildlife and landscapes of Kenya and Tanzania. Explore four national parks and take many safari drives. Visit Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakeys' famous discoveries indicated that hominins had evolved in Africa. An optional, post-tour extension to Zanzibar is available.



## **Maya Pyramids & Temples of Yucatán**

January 2026 (9 days | 12 guests) with AIA lecturer TBA

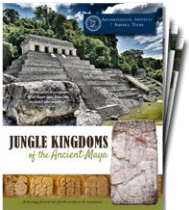
Explore the sun-drenched Yucatán peninsula's ancient sites, traditional Maya villages, and colonial architecture on this well-paced tour. Maya art and architecture abound, with visits to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Chichén Itzá and Uxmal, plus Ek Balam and Dzibilchaltun. This tour includes visits to iconic as well as lesser-known sites.



## **Absolute Egypt**

January 27 - February 14, 2026 AND February 17 - March 7, 2026 (19 days | 16 guests) with Egyptologist Stephen Harvey

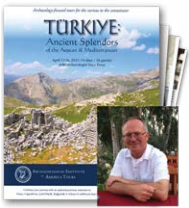
This meticulously-planned, in-depth Egypt itinerary is longer than most, for a well-paced experience. Visit all the preeminent sites of the pharaohs from Cairo to Luxor and Aswan. Special arrangements are planned for meetings with excavators and conservators, behind-the-scenes visits when possible, and a four-night private sailboat cruise on the Nile.



## **Jungle Kingdoms of the Ancient Maya**

February 2026 (14 days | 12 guests) with AIA lecturer TBA

This tropical adventure provides the best-paced itinerary available to thoroughly explore ancient Maya sites in the jungles of Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. Explore, in-depth, the sites of Palenque, Bonampak, Yaxchilán, Tikal, Copán, and Quiriguá, where Maya art and architecture will come alive.



## **Türkiye: Ancient Splendors of the Aegean & Mediterranean**

April 12-25, 2026 (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.



## **Northern & Central Greece: Athens to Thessaloniki**

April 13-26, 2026 (14 days | 16 guests) with archaeologist Kathleen Lynch

Enjoy a luxurious and fascinating journey from Athens to the Peloponnese, then north to Thessaloniki and Greek Macedonia. Explore the lands of Agamemnon and Alexander the Great, Pericles and Plato, Delphic priestesses and Byzantine monks. See extraordinary classical architecture, superb art collections, and splendid vistas such as the monasteries atop the towering pinnacles of Meteora, and the peaks of Mt. Olympus.

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