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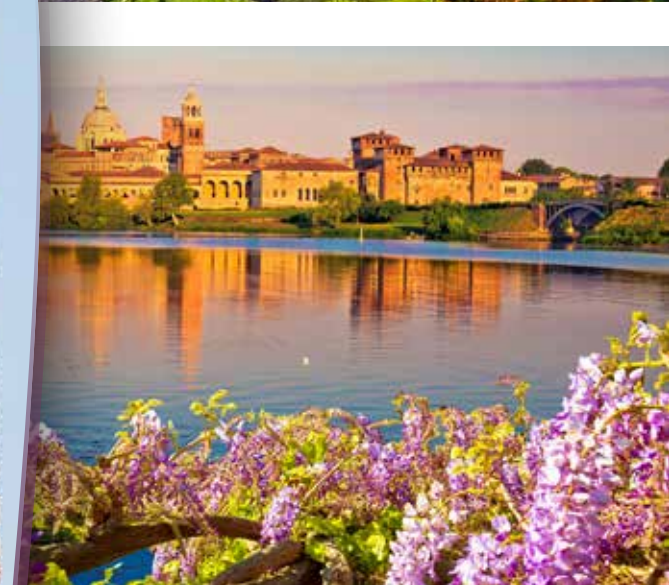


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BRAND NEW TOUR JUST LAUNCHED!

BRAZIL - ROCK ART & THE PANTANAL

We are very excited to announce our brand new tour - **BRAZIL - ROCK ART & THE PANTANAL** - departing on 11th November 2024.

Led by Dr Paul Bahn, this is a very special tour indeed, taking us to prehistoric sites seldom seen by foreign travellers. We will meet site archaeologists who will bring us up to date on the latest developments connected with these amazing discoveries and travel into the park by off road vehicle to see as much of the area as possible. We may catch sight of some of the animals depicted so beautifully in the rock art – armadillos, anteaters, ocelots, guans, agoutis, lizards, red deer, wild pigs, as well as a variety of birdlife.

Spaces on this tour are going fast, so call our Specialist Travel Executives on 01722 713 843 to secure your place.

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Autumn/Winter Saver offers

SAVE UP TO £650*

Enjoy a saving of up to £650 per person on selected tours departing in October & November 2024. See our tour pages for the savings on each departure date.
Offer ends 31st July 2024.

5% PAY IN FULL DISCOUNT

If you pay in full at the time you book you can take advantage of a further 5% discount. This could be a total saving of £1,326 per person!**
Offer ends 31st July 2024.

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PLACES

Here at Andante Travels we do not believe that solo travellers should be disadvantaged for travelling alone and we try to minimise single supplements wherever possible. We have some places left on selected tour departures in 2024 with no single supplement to pay, but when they are gone, they are gone so look out for these on the tour pages.

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

We reserve the right to withdraw special offers on any tour at any time and they are not valid for any bookings on private group tours, travel agent bookings or Study Days.

AUTUMN/WINTER SAVER OFFER: The discounts for each tour are off the full selling price. Valid for new bookings made up until 31st July 2024, on tours departing in October & November 2024. *The discount of £650 per person applies to our Egypt Encompassed tour. These discounts can only be combined with the other offers detailed on this page.

5% PAY IN FULL DISCOUNT: The 5% discount is applied to the remaining balance after any discounts, customer holiday vouchers or credit notes have been applied. Valid for new bookings made up until the 31st July 2024, on tours departing in October & November 2024. ** The total saving of £1,326 per person applies to our Egypt Encompassed tour, which is the total amount when our Autumn/Winter Saver Offer and 5% Pay in Full Discount are combined. This discount can only be combined with the other offers detailed on this page.

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PLACES: There are a limited number of no single supplement places on selected departures. These places are also subject to hotel availability. This discount can only be combined with the other offers detailed on this page.

How to book

If you are already interested in joining one of our tours and want to know more, please do give our Specialist Travel Executives a call today. They are ready to help with all of your questions.

If you have already booked a place on one of our tours and require further information, please get in touch with our experienced Customer Care team.

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Often imitated, never matched

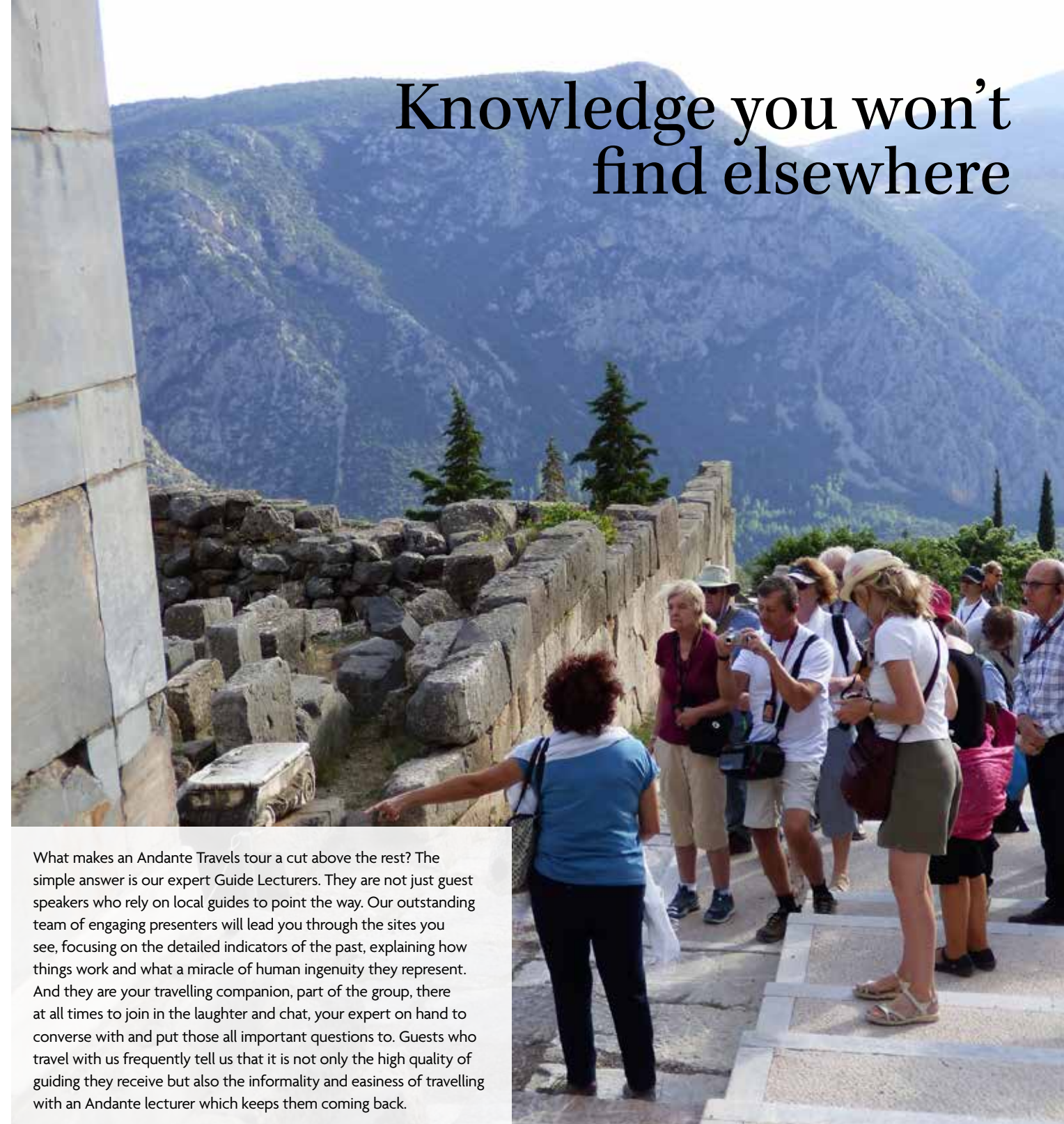
Unearth history's treasures with Andante, the pioneering British authority on in-depth archaeological travels. Venturing beyond mere cultural excursions, we craft extraordinary journeys, granting you access to the world's most significant historical sites. With 24-hour support from our dedicated team and meticulously planned itineraries, rely on Andante for an unparalleled odyssey into antiquity.

WHY CHOOSE ANDANTE TRAVELS?

- Keeping it small with a maximum group size of 18
- Insider knowledge garnered from nearly 40 years of touring
- Quality time on site – we don't cut corners
- We only see the very best on tour and only add free time when it is in the best interests of guests to do so
- Tour Managers as well as Guide Lecturers so they can focus on informing
- Calibre of our Guide Lecturers - highly sought after for their in-depth knowledge
- Carefully thought-out programmes that follow a theme
- Excellent value – inclusive of meals and on most tours wine at dinner, no passing around a hat for tips as these are all included
- 24hr practical assistance
- Individuality - we never treat you like a number, make you wear a badge or wave an umbrella at you



Knowledge you won't find elsewhere



What makes an Andante Travels tour a cut above the rest? The simple answer is our expert Guide Lecturers. They are not just guest speakers who rely on local guides to point the way. Our outstanding team of engaging presenters will lead you through the sites you see, focusing on the detailed indicators of the past, explaining how things work and what a miracle of human ingenuity they represent. And they are your travelling companion, part of the group, there at all times to join in the laughter and chat, your expert on hand to converse with and put those all important questions to. Guests who travel with us frequently tell us that it is not only the high quality of guiding they receive but also the informality and easiness of travelling with an Andante lecturer which keeps them coming back.

OUR AWARDS & ACCOLADES

The past year has been a tremendous one for us here at Andante. Not only did we win a Feefo 2023 Gold Trusted Service Award for excellence in customer service, but we also won a silver for the Best Travel Company to Italy/Western Mediterranean Islands. Plus of course, our very own John Shepherd won the Wanderlust World Guide Award - History & Culture 2023. Historically, we have also seen our tours included in National Geographic's 'Trips of a Lifetime' feature. Here's to continued success throughout the year!





Outstanding value with everything included

The price you pay for your Andante Travels tour represents excellent value for money. With most aspects of your tour included, from return flights and entry to all sites as per the itinerary, from tips to treats and – more often than not – wine with dinner, there is very little you will need to budget for on holiday except souvenirs and drinks at the bar.



Keeping it small

As a small 'in house' team we are able to exercise personal control over the many aspects of our intricate tour arrangements. Thoughtful attention is given to the itinerary, from the places we stop for refreshments to the possible addition of a special site known only to archaeologists. And now with a maximum group size of 18, we can travel with more flexibility and enjoy more of those spontaneous encounters which are simply not available to travellers on a typical group tour of 40 or more.

With us, travel solo but not alone

Travel takes us out of our comfort zones and inspires us to see, taste and try new things. It constantly challenges us, not only to adapt to and explore new surroundings, but also to engage with different people, to embrace adventures as they come and to share new and meaningful experiences. It can be daunting when travelling alone but with Andante Travels, you are never alone unless you choose to be.



Classical Sicily

Rich archaeological sites and impressive artistic achievements

12 DAYS From £5,350pp SAVE £350pp Departing October

Some of the richest archaeological sites and the most impressive artistic achievements of European culture are to be found in Sicily, the largest island in a sea which was itself thought to lie at the centre of the ancient world, the Mediterranean. Controlling the trade routes between east and west and the pivot of power between the 'superpowers' of antiquity, Sicily was fought over and repeatedly won throughout the history of western civilisation. As part of Magna Graecia, the city of Syracuse was second only to Athens and Carthaginians wrestled with Rome for control here during the first Punic War. This tour presents an extraordinary panorama of changing identities – Phoenician, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Arab and Norman.

- Tour Highlights**
- Admire truly exceptional mosaics at the Villa Romana, Piazza Armerina
 - Discover the unique landscape around Marsala with its shallow water, windmills and glistening pyramids of salt
 - Discover the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
 - Enjoy a special access evening visit to view the stunning mosaics at Cappella Palatina

- Day One | London - Catania
Day Two | Segesta & Monreale
Day Three | Palermo
Day Four | Cefalù & Himara
Day Five | Palermo – Motya - Marsala
Day Six | Selinus
Day Seven | Agrigento
Day Eight | Piazza Armerina – Morgantina - Ortygia
Day Nine | Syracuse
Day Ten | Ortygia & Noto
Day Eleven | Ortygia – Catania - Taormina
Day Twelve | Catania - London



"The tour surpassed my expectations. Every aspect, from the tour guide to the sites chosen, to the food to the other guests, was outstanding. It was clear that much thought and care was given to every detail. Jamie Sewell is an excellent tour guide, clear and engaging. He went out of his way to answer questions and to establish rapport with the guests."

Guest, October 2023



Guided by Dr Jamie Sewell
Join Jamie on our 15th October departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Palermo, Marsala, Agrigento, Ortygia, Taormina

Culinary inclusions

- 11 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 9 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
15th - 26th Oct	£5,700	£5,350 £1,45

Includes £350 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/ascy

Image: The church of La Martorana & Palermo's stunning cathedral



Romans on the Bay of Naples

New discoveries and highlights in the shadow of Vesuvius

8 DAYS From £2,690pp SAVE £200pp Departing October & November

The extraordinary Roman sites in the Bay of Naples have undergone an incredible regeneration in recent years. This beautiful stretch of coast, which was developed in the Roman era by elites and emperors in search of leisure, has witnessed exciting new archaeological activities, as well as an unprecedented number of newly opened sites. While much attention has been given to the wonderful new excavations of Pompeii, much less has been said about the opening of new sections of Herculaneum, the opening of Roman sites in Positano and Boscoreale, and the excavations taking place in Terzigno and Somma Vesuviana. This tour offers a fresh take of Romans in the Bay of Naples, taking into consideration these new discoveries and sites, and offering an up-to-date examination of this prosperous and beautiful part of the ancient world. There has never been a better time to visit the towns in the shadow of Vesuvius with the advantage of it being a less crowded time of year.

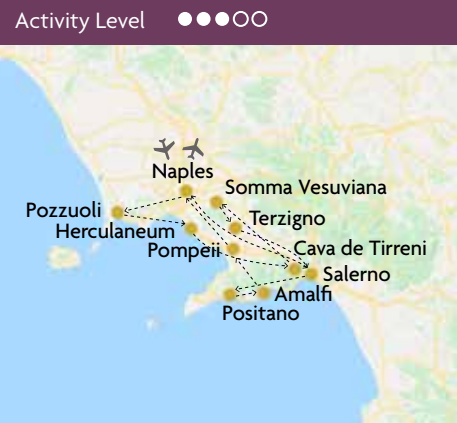
- Tour Highlights**
- Examine the newly opened Regio V in Pompeii
 - Explore the newly opened Roman Villa at Positano, with its wonderful frescoes
 - Visit the newly opened Museum at Terzigno, which houses incredible remains of newly excavated villas
 - A private visit to the Villa Augustea in Somma Vesuviana, which was destroyed in the eruption of AD 472 and is still being excavated

- Day One | London - Naples - Salerno
Day Two | Positano & Amalfi
Day Three | Pompeii
Day Four | Naples
Day Five | Baia & Pozzuoli
Day Six | Herculaneum, Boscoreale & Terzigno
Day Seven | Villa Sora & Somma Vesuviana
Day Eight | Cava de Tirreni - Naples - London



Image: A mosaic in Herculaneum & Flavian Amphitheatre

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PLACES AVAILABLE



Guided by John Shepherd
Join John on our 21st October departure.

Guided by Tony Wilmott
Join Tony on our 4th November departure.

- Price includes**
- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
 - Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
 - Field notes
 - All taxes & gratuities
- Included travel**
- Return flights from London & all local transport
- Accommodation**
- Accommodation in the Hotel Scapolatiello or similar
- Culinary inclusions**
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 7 dinners
 - Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
21st - 28th Oct	£3,140	£2,940 £0
4th - 11th Nov	£2,890	£2,690 £0

Includes £200 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/arnb



Lake Garda & the Cities of Veneto

Romans to the Renaissance

8 DAYS From £3,210pp **SAVE £250pp** Departing October

From Roman Province to Doge Republic, the Veneto has a long and illustrious history. We take a closer look at the intriguing area around Lake Garda and explore a truly unique mix of archaeology, art and architecture. From a prehistoric cave site adjacent to a 15th century 'Roman' villa, to a medieval monastery perched on the steps of an ancient Roman theatre, there is a great deal to unpick here. Visiting in the quieter months of spring and early autumn, we enjoy the undulating landscapes of vineyards and olive groves which surround the southern shores of Lake Garda and explore the pretty piazzas, medieval market places and tangled streets of Verona, Vicenza, Mantua and Padua. We're sure this tour will hold your imagination and, to cap it all, we will be in the region of the Valpolicella wine villas – noted for their products and histories.

- Tour Highlights**
- Discover the extraordinary cave site of Fumane, one of the major prehistoric archaeological sites in Europe
 - Enjoy the picture-perfect setting and cobalt blue waters of Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake
 - Explore the beautiful cities of Verona and Vicenza, Padua and Mantua and their plethora of UNESCO World Heritage Sites

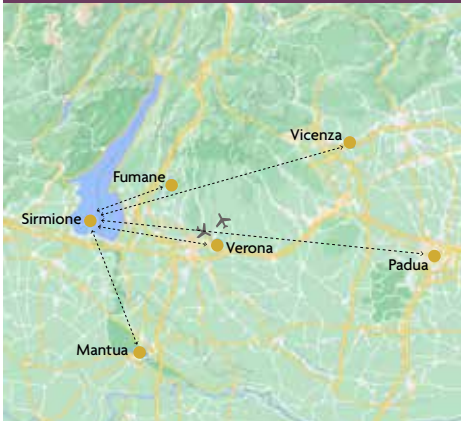
- Day One | London - Verona - Sirmione**
Day Two | Verona
Day Three | Verona
Day Four | Mantua
Day Five | Fumane & Villa della Torre
Day Six | Vicenza
Day Seven | Padua
Day Eight | Sirmione - Verona - London




"I particularly enjoyed this tour because of the wide variety of sites visited, from Roman Villas to the Fumane Cave excavations and of course all the wonderful Medieval Architecture and art of the Veneto cities. The hotel was superb, with excellent staff in all departments."

Guest, October 2023

Activity Level ●●●○○



 **Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall**
Join Eireann on our October departure.

- Price includes**
- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
 - Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
 - Field notes
 - All taxes & gratuities
- Included travel**
- Return flights from London & all local transport
- Accommodation**
- Accommodation in Sirmione
- Culinary inclusions**
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
 - Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
21st - 28th Oct	£3,460 £3,210	£445

Includes £250 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/alga

Images: Grottoes of Catullus & Prato della Valle



Imperial Majesty in Ravenna & Venice

Last bastions of the Byzantine Empire in northern Italy

8 DAYS From £3,760pp **SAVE £300pp** Departing October

The last capital of the western Roman Empire, Ravenna was reconquered by Justinian and became the seat of an Exarchate, which also included Venice, whose connection to the east made it powerful. The result was an unparalleled collection of Byzantine art, with its unique domed architecture and shimmering mosaics.

- Tour Highlights**
- Enjoy two exclusive private evening visits to the Byzantine Basilicas of San Vitale and San Marco
 - An exclusive private visit to the Biblioteca Marciana, famed for its collection of Byzantine manuscripts
 - Explore the unique Basilicas of Santa Maria Assunta in Torcello and Santa Maria e Donato in Murano

- Day One | London - Bologna - Ravenna**
Day Two | Ravenna
Day Three | Ravenna
Day Four | Ravenna
Day Five | Ravenna - Venice
Day Six | Venice
Day Seven | Venice
Day Eight | Venice - London




Images top to bottom: The Basilica di San Marco, Venice & Mausoleum of Theodori

"Excellent tour all went like clockwork good choice of sites."

Guest, November 2023

Activity Level ●●●○○



 **Guided by Oliver Gilkes**
Join Oliver on our 30th October departure.

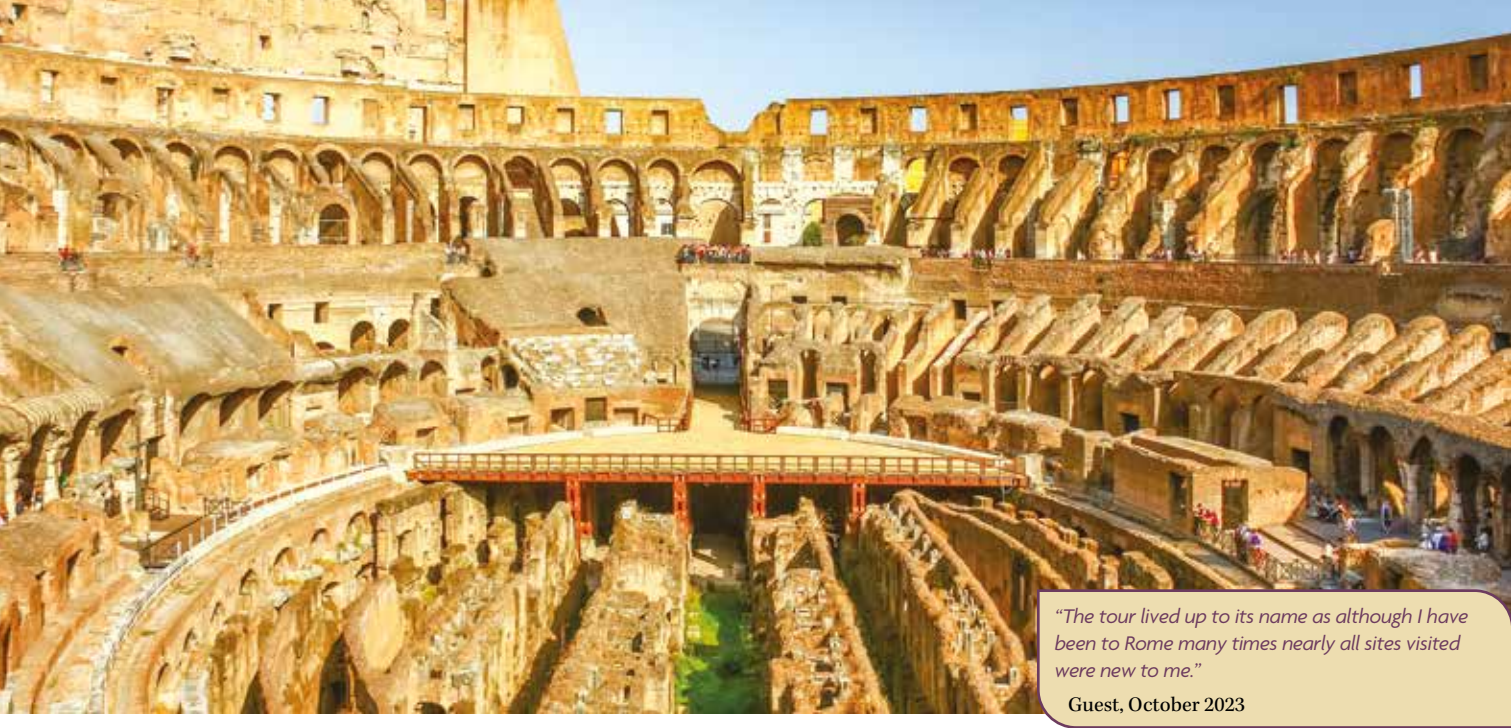
- Price includes**
- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
 - Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
 - Field notes
 - All taxes & gratuities
- Included travel**
- Return flights from London & all local transport
- Accommodation**
- Accommodation in Ravenna & Venice
- Culinary inclusions**
- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 4 dinners
 - Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
30th Oct - 6th Nov	£4,060 £3,760	£660

Includes £300 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/arvv



"The tour lived up to its name as although I have been to Rome many times nearly all sites visited were new to me."

Guest, October 2023

Hidden Rome

Special visit to the Mithraeum of the Circus Maximus

7 DAYS	From £3,690pp SAVE £250pp	Departing October
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Rome is the pivotal city of Europe, a capital that has dominated the history of the last two millennia. This tour will take you to some of Rome's greatest monuments and also to some of its most secret, from catacombs to tombs and from temples to villas. It offers a rare chance to see the Imperial City from a whole new point of view – one that most visitors will never get to see.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the underground ruins of Nero's infamous Golden House, a revolution in architecture and luxurious design
- Pay a visit to the wonderfully preserved port city of Ostia Antica, which kept the capital of an Empire both fed and supplied
- Drive along the Appian Way, visiting the Villa of the Quintili and also the Circus of Maxentius

Day One | London - Rome

We fly to Rome and transfer to our hotel.

Day Two | Domus Romane of Palazzo Valentini

Today we admire two hidden gems of Rome's underground. We start at the **Domus Romane of Palazzo Valentini**, where we admire and relive, thanks to multimedia and computer graphics, the rooms, baths and decorations of the Imperial Rome. We will then head to visit **Vicus Caprarius - the Water City**, which showcases the remains of an aqueduct and Roman House.

Day Three | Golden House - Colosseum

This morning we visit the legendary **Golden House**. Built by Emperor Nero after the great fire of Rome, it included artificial lakes, fountains and vineyards. More underground surprises will follow at the church of **San Clemente**, and then an afternoon visit to the **Colosseum**.

Day Four | The Field of Mars

This morning we walk through part of the **Field of Mars**, visiting well-known sites that include the Pantheon. We will also visit the **Ara Pacis**, an altar commissioned by the Roman Senate to honour the return of Augustus after his campaigns in Gaul.

Day Five | Aventine Hill

Our day begins on the Via Nomentana at **Santa Constanza**, built as a mausoleum for the sister of Constantine the Great. Later we will visit the early Christian catacombs that lie below the adjacent **church of Sant'Agnese**. We then head to visit the **Forum Boarium**, to see the temples of **Portunus and Hercules**, and visit the churches of **Santa Maria in Cosmedin** and **San Giorgio in Velabro**. After lunch we go to the **Mithraeum of the Circus Maximus** and later, we ascend the Aventine Hill to visit **Santa Sabina**.


Day Six | The Appian Way

Today we visit some of the villas on the **Appian Way**. We see the vast suburban estate of the **Quintili**, so sumptuous that the emperor Commodus executed its owners and confiscated it. We proceed to the equally extensive **Villa of the Emperor Maxentius** built in order to be a dynastic centre for his family. In the afternoon we visit the **Baths of Caracalla**.

Day Seven | Ostia Antica - London

A morning drive brings us to **Ostia Antica**, which was Rome's great harbour centre. Its level of preservation is comparable to Pompeii. From here, we return to the airport for our flight to London.



**Guided by Prof. Valerie Higgins**

Join Valerie on our 19th October departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Albergo Santa Chiara or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person			
Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.	
19th - 25th Oct	£3,940	£3,690	£355
Includes £250 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024			

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/ahro



Athens

A short break to this ancient capital, unimpeded by the usual crowds

4 DAYS	From £1,770pp SAVE £100pp	Departing November
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An informed, in-depth visit to this ancient capital awaits. In winter, the city belongs to the locals. The queues for the Parthenon melt away, there is space to gaze at museums' treasures and the paths through the Agora grow greenery again. Wrap up warm and explore the city where democracy, architecture, classical art and literature both germinated and flourished.

Tour Highlights

- Ascend the Acropolis to the Parthenon, the universal symbol of the classical world and the quintessential classical ruin
- Explore two fabulous world-class museums, housing between them some of the greatest collections of antiquities in the world
- Soak up the atmosphere of ancient Athens, exploring the quieter corners and monuments which have survived here for 2,500 years

Day One | London - Athens

We fly from London to Athens and settle in to our hotel.

Day Two | Athens

Our first full day will be dedicated to the **Acropolis** and its museum. We will walk through ancient Athens and then climb to the incomparable Acropolis, which still dominates the city with a complex of religious sanctuaries, most famous of which is the Parthenon – 'Chamber of the Maiden' built in the 5th century to house a colossal statue of Athena, patron goddess of the city. The views from here are stunning. After lunch in the Plaka, we visit the fabulous **Acropolis Museum**, which is consistently rated as one of the best museums in the world.

Day Three | Athens

We continue our exploration of Athens, visiting its ancient economic centre, the **Agora**, where a wide range of goods were shipped in from the nearby port of Piraeus and members of the elected democracy assembled to discuss affairs of state. Next, we visit **Kerameikos**, named in ancient times after the hero Keramos, son of Dionysus

and Ariadne, where an extensive cemetery was excavated during the 19th and early 20th centuries. After lunch we visit the **National Museum of Athens**. Now somewhat overlooked by visitors flocking to the Acropolis Museum, it is worth remembering that this older museum is still home to one of the greatest collections of antiquities in the world.

Day Four | Athens - London

In the morning, we travel to **Piraeus** which once consisted of three separate harbours - Kantharos, Zea, and Munichia. All three harbours are still used today but since the sea level has risen two metres since antiquity many of the ancient installations of Piraeus are now underwater. Excavations still continue, however, and notable finds have included several bronze statues, perhaps the most famous being of Apollo now in the **Piraeus Archaeological Museum**. Later today we board our return flight home to London.



**Guided by Dr Rita Roussos**

A native Athenian, Rita taught archaeology and art history at the American University of Athens.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites & museums
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Herodian Hotel or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person			
Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.	
7th - 10th Nov	£1,870	£1,770	£155
Includes £100 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024			

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/asat



The Peloponnese

Homer and beyond

12 DAYS

From £4,520pp **SAVE £300pp**

Departing October

Embark on a modern-day odyssey to the sites of ancient Greece. Beginning in Athens, journey into the Peloponnesian hills, joining our expert Guide Lecturer as we trace the story of Greece from the Bronze Age to Classical glory. This will be a memorable trip for anyone who has ever dreamed of standing at the starting line of the Olympics, debating with Socrates or following in the footsteps of Hercules.

- Tour Highlights**

 - Explore the well-preserved Mycenaean Palace of Nestor
 - Visit the famous Acropolis of Athens with its unique masterpieces of ancient architecture
 - Gaze upon the National Archaeological Museum of Athens' galleries, which house the most important collection of ancient Greek art
 - Wander around the renowned citadel of Mycenae and see the Lion Gate, the grave circles and the Treasure of Atreus

- Day One | London - Athens

Day Two | Athens

Day Three | Athens - Delphi

Day Four | Delphi - Olympia

Day Five | Olympia

Day Six | Olympia - Pylos

Day Seven | Pylos - Messene - Nafplion

Day Eight | Nafplion & Epidaurus

Day Nine | Nafplion - Mycenae

Day Ten | Nemea - Tiryns

Day Eleven | Corinth - Athens

Day Twelve | Athens - London



Activity Level ●●●○○

Map showing the tour route connecting Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Pylos, Messene, Nafplion, Mycenae, Corinth, and Tiryns.

Guided Dr Christina Hatzimichael-Whitley
Join Christina on our 7th October departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Delphi, Olympia, Pylos, Nafplion & Athens

Culinary inclusions

- 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches & 10 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
7th - 18th Oct	£4,820 £4,520	£595

Includes £300 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/apel

Image: Ruins at ancient Corinth & Mycenae



Crete & Santorini

Rise and fall of the Minoan civilisation

8 DAYS

From £3,460pp **SAVE £250pp**

Departing October

The Minoans are known for their incredible labyrinthine palaces - the greatest of which is at Knossos, where Theseus defeated the Minotaur. Our journey across these two beautiful islands will showcase the architectural and artistic skills of this Bronze Age civilisation, whose writing, ambition and organisation profoundly influenced ancient Greece's development.

- Tour Highlights**

 - Tick the mighty Palace of Knossos off your archaeological wish-list
 - Explore the city of Akrotiri – the “Pompeii of the Aegean” – and admire the fascinating frescoes on display in the museum
 - Take a boat trip to the island of Spinalonga, a leper colony that was in use right up until the 60s, where we will explore the abandoned buildings and its history
 - Visit the vast Archaeological Museum in Heraklion and view its fascinating collections

- Day One | London - Santorini

Day Two | Fira & Akrotiri

Day Three | Thera - Heraklion

Day Four | Palace of Knossos & Vathypetro

Day Five | Palace of Phaistos - Gortyn

Day Six | Palace of Malia - Gournia

Day Seven | Mochlos

Day Eight | Sissi - Heraklion - London



Image: Gournia & Knossos Palace

“Our guide and lecturer were always on hand friendly and fun. The places we ate were generally well-chosen, timing considerate, hotel comfortable. We found the new information we gained stimulating.”

Guest, September 2023

Activity Level ●●○○○

Map showing the tour route connecting London, Santorini, Fira, Akrotiri, Heraklion, Knossos, Vathypetro, Palace of Phaistos, Gortyn, Sissi, Gournia, and London.

Guided by Dr Rita Roussos
A native Athenian, Rita taught archaeology and art history at the American University of Athens.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Santorini, Heraklion & Elounda

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
7th - 14th Oct	£3,710 £3,460	£545

Includes £250 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

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Discover the Dodecanese

Following in the footsteps of Herakles

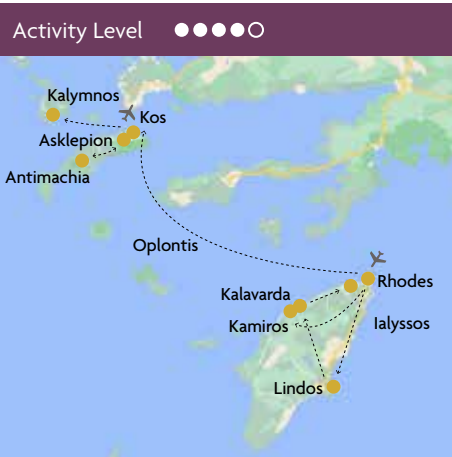
9 DAYS	From £4,290pp SAVE £300pp	Departing October
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See another side of the lovely islands of Rhodes and Kos and rediscover their ancient origins. Long beloved by British travellers, there is more to appreciate here than their lovely beaches and sheltered bays. Hugging the coastline in the south-eastern corner of the Aegean, these islands were in the midst of a crucial sea lane in antiquity and served as a bridge between east and west during their long and eventful history. From Hellenistic sanctuaries, Roman villas and Crusader fortresses to Byzantine churches and stylish Italian architecture, characteristics of both worlds can be found here. And venturing inland, the landscape swiftly changes from urban dwellings to juniper and thyme-clad hills where broom, myrtle and laurel grow in profusion.

Tour Highlights

- Enjoy a day spent on the lovely island of Kalymnos, where we discover the Castle of Chrysocheria
- Admire the fabulous collection of statuary at Rhodes Archaeological Museum
- Soak up the stunning views at Lindos and Kalavarda
- Discover the Asklepieion, one of the pre-eminent healing centres in the ancient world

- Day One | London - Rhodes
- Day Two | Rhodes
- Day Three | Lindos & Kalavarda
- Day Four | Kamiros & Ialysos
- Day Five | Rhodes - Kos
- Day Six | Asklepieion & Antimachia
- Day Seven | Kalymnos
- Day Eight | Kos
- Day Nine | Kos - London



Guided by Dr Rita Roussos
A native Athenian, Rita taught archaeology and art history at the American University of Athens.

- Price includes**
- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
 - Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
 - Field notes
 - All taxes & gratuities

- Included travel**
- Return flights from London & all local transport

- Accommodation**
- Accommodation in Rhodes, Kos

- Culinary inclusions**
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 8 dinners
 - Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
17th - 25th Oct	£4,590 £4,290	£620

Includes £300 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/adod

Image: Lindos & Asklepieion



Classical Turkey: The Aegean Coast

Powerful city states of ancient history

11 DAYS	From £4,560pp SAVE £300pp	Departing October
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The ruined cities of the famously beautiful Aegean coast of Turkey were once some of the most powerful in the ancient world. From, if Homer is to be believed, the site of the legendary conflict between Greeks and Trojans, Troy, to the World Heritage Site of Hierapolis. The remains of these splendid cities are set in a breath-taking landscape of rugged limestone peaks, plunging valleys, olive groves, pine forests and flower-dotted meadows, with the glittering blue waters of the Aegean Sea as a constant backdrop. We travel widely along the littoral of the Aegean and occasionally towards the interior in search of these evocative sites. Our journey ranges through time, too, reaching back to the early Bronze Age kingdoms, the time of the Hittite Empire and the Homeric period.

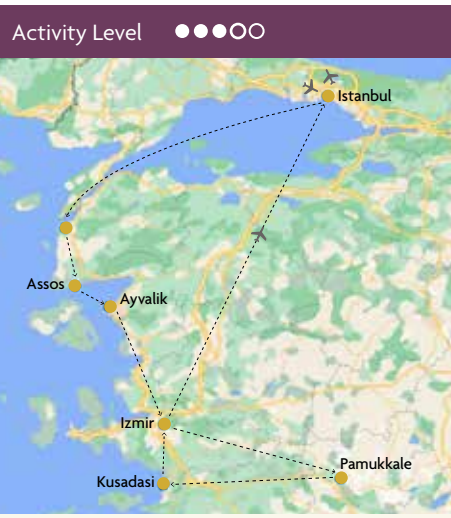
- Tour Highlights**
- Gaze upon the mighty walls of Troy as everyone from Achilles to Alexander the Great has desired to do
 - Explore remarkably well-preserved classical cities such as Pergamon, Miletus and Aphrodisias, and discover a range of evocative lesser-known ruins
 - Discover the Hagia Sophia, one of the most remarkable ancient structures in the world

- Day One | London - Istanbul
- Day Two | Istanbul
- Day Three | Istanbul - Assos
- Day Four | Assos - Ayvalik
- Day Five | Ayvalik - Izmir
- Day Six | Izmir - Pamukkale
- Day Seven | Hierapolis & Laodicea
- Day Eight | Pamukkale - Kusadasi
- Day Nine | Priene, Didyma & Miletus
- Day Ten | Ephesus & Selçuk
- Day Eleven | Kusadasi - Izmir - London



Image: Pamukkale & Smyrna Agora

"Very enjoyable. Excellent expert lecturer, Isabella. Friendly and helpful local guide. A lovely group to be part of."
Guest, October 2023



Guided by Isabella Sjöström
An archaeologist who has excavated in the UK, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Libya, Isabella works as a pottery specialist with the Sudan Archaeological Research Society.

- Price includes**
- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
 - Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
 - Field notes
 - All taxes & gratuities

- Included travel**
- Return flights from London & all local transport

- Accommodation**
- Accommodation in Istanbul, Assos, Ayvalik, Izmir, Pamukkale, Kusadasi

- Culinary inclusions**
- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners
 - Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
26th Oct - 5th Nov	£4,860 £4,560	£825

Includes £300 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/aaeg

BRAND NEW TOUR



Byzantium & Ottoman Istanbul

Glittering Jewell on the Bosphorus

7 DAYS From £3,545pp SAVE £250pp Departing November

Founded as Byzantium, famed as Constantinople, the city we know today as Istanbul straddles two continents and has played a pivotal role in world history. It is one of the most delightful and complex cities in the world. We explore the major monuments of the city centre but also take a boat ride on the Bosphorus, which affords views back over the unmistakable skyline of the city broken by hundreds of slender soaring minarets. The bustle, good natured hustle, scents and sounds of this city are unforgettable.


We are based in Sultanahmet, the site of old Constantinople. This historic and compact area is largely pedestrianised and is home to four of the city's major historic monuments: the Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace, Blue Mosque and Grand Bazaar. Guide Lecturer Terry Richardson, author of the Rough Guide to the city, provides invaluable 'insider' knowledge of a city he knows and loves so well and travelling out of season, we enjoy this wonderful city when the summer crowds have departed.

- Tour Highlights**
- Explore the vast and rambling Topkapi Palace, a palace like none you will ever have seen
 - Enjoy an afternoon on the waters of the Bosphorus to put the city in its geographical context
 - Soak up stunning panoramic views from the viewing platform of the Galata Tower
 - Discover the history behind the unforgettable skyline of graceful minarets and monuments

- Day One | London - Istanbul**
- Day Two | Hagia Sophia & Spice Bazaar**
- Day Three | Taksim Square & Galata**
- Day Four | Walls of Theodosius & Palace of Porphyrogenitus**
- Day Five | Hagia Eirene & Bosphorus**
- Day Six | Topkapi Palace & Blue Mosque**
- Day Seven | Istanbul - London**



Activity Level ●●●○○



Guided by Terry Richardson

Terry Richardson has a university background in ancient history and classical civilisation. Terry is the author of numerous renowned guide books on the country, including Rough Guide Istanbul, Pocket Rough Guide Istanbul and Rough Guide Turkey.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Hotel Eresin Sultanhamet

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunch & 6 dinners
- Water, tea and coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
4th - 10th Nov	£3,795	£3,545 £690

Includes £250 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/aboi



Romans, Visigoths & Viziers

Pay a memorable visit to the legendary Alhambra Palace

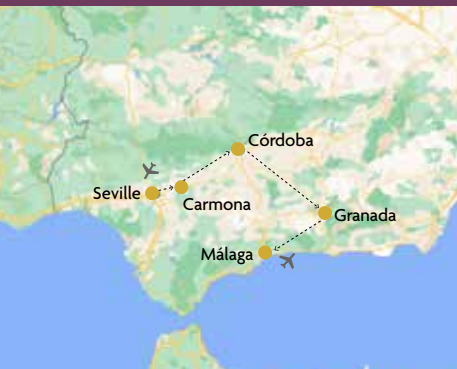
8 DAYS From £4,040pp SAVE £300pp Departing October

Southern Spain, rich in precious metals, wine and olive oil, has attracted the attention of many would-be conquerors over the centuries. From North Africa came the Carthaginians, then came the Romans and then followed the Visigoths, who were vanquished by the Moors. From prehistory to the Renaissance, this tour progresses through the myriad ages of the region.

- Tour Highlights**
- Follow the scenic route of the Roman Via Augusta, an ancient road built to link Spain with Italy
 - Tour the ruined Moorish palace of Medina Azahara, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site
 - Explore vibrant Seville, Moorish Córdoba and historic Granada – cities that offer unique insight into life in this Spanish region
 - Indulge in the traditional flavours of the country at each stop and see how the cuisine changes as we travel around
- Day One | London - Seville**
- Day Two | Seville**
- Day Three | Seville**
- Day Four | Seville - Córdoba**
- Day Five | Córdoba**
- Day Six | Córdoba - Granada**
- Day Seven | Granada**
- Day Eight | Granada - Málaga - London**



Activity Level ●●●○○



Guided by Dr Doru Bogdan

Join Doru in Spain on our 1st October departure.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Seville, Córdoba & Granada

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Please note, the order of visits may vary due to seasonal ferias and opening times.

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
1st - 8th Oct	£4,340	£4,040 £790

Includes £300 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/avis



Carthage & Roman Tunisia

Stand before the mighty ancient amphitheatre of El Djem

10 DAYS	From £3,360pp SAVE £250pp	Departing October
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A land where dramatic events shaped ancient history – the superpowers of Carthage and Rome clashed in three Punic Wars, which determined the course of Western history. Lasting over 100 years, this conflict resulted in the destruction of Carthage and assured Roman ascendancy. Superb sites and changing landscapes, from rolling hills and olive groves to sparkling sea, makes this an excellent tour.

- Tour Highlights
- Visit the incredible El Djem amphitheatre, Africa's largest and best preserved
 - Gaze upon some of the world's most impressive mosaics at the Bardo, Sousse and El Djem museums
 - Tour a selection of little-known sites, including Mustis and Ain Touna as well as the Bulla Regia
 - Explore the UNESCO-listed sites of Dougga and Kairouan, and the beautifully preserved site of Kerkouane

- Day One | London - Tunis
- Day Two | Carthage
- Day Three | Tunis
- Day Four | Tunis - Dougga
- Day Five | Bulla Regia
- Day Six | Dougga - Kairouan
- Day Seven | El Djem
- Day Eight | Kairouan - Hammamet
- Day Nine | Kerkouane
- Day Ten | Hammamet - Tunis - London



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Guided by Tony O'Connor

A specialist in the Roman Empire, Tony has excavated widely across Britain, Europe and North Africa.

- Price includes
- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
 - Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
 - Field notes
 - All taxes & gratuities
- Included travel
- Return flights from London & all local transport
- Accommodation
- Accommodation in the Hotel Dar Said, La Kasbah Hotel, The Sindbad & Hotel Thugga or similar
- Culinary inclusions
- 8 breakfasts, 7 lunch & 8 dinners
 - Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person			
Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.	
17th - 26th Oct	£3,610	£3,360	£455
Includes £250 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024			

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/acrt



Tunisia - North & South

Carthage to the edge of the Sahara

15 DAYS	From £4,350pp SAVE £300pp	Departing November
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Tunisia has some of the best preserved Roman cities in the world and many retain the romance of ruins in the countryside unspoiled by mass tourism. Starting with Carthage, we travel south through ruined towns of the high Roman Empire before continuing to the landscapes of the salt chotts, palm oases and dunes of the south.

- Tour Highlights
- Explore Tunisia's historical sites from Carthage and Rome to fortified Berber villages
 - Traverse the vivid white landscape of the chotts, its salt structures shaped by the desert wind
 - View the mosques and medinas of Kairouan's rich architectural and historical heritage
 - Discover a treasure trove of Roman mosaics remarkable for the intricate beauty of their design

- Day One | London - Tunis
- Day Two | Carthage
- Day Three | Oudna & Thuburbo Majus
- Day Four | Tunis - Dougga - Teboursouk
- Day Five | Teboursouk - Musti - Kairouan
- Day Six | Kairouan
- Day Seven | Kairouan - Tozeur
- Day Eight | Tozeur
- Day Nine | Tozeur - Douz
- Day Ten | Douz & Matmata
- Day Eleven | Douz - El Djem - Kairouan
- Day Twelve | Kairouan - Sousse - Hammamet
- Day Thirteen | Kerkouane & Nabeul
- Day Fourteen | Tunis
- Day Fifteen | Hammamet - Tunis - London



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- Price includes
- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
 - Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
 - Field notes
 - All taxes & gratuities
- Included travel
- Return flights from London & all local transport
- Accommodation
- Accommodation in the Hotel Dar Said, Hotel Thugga, Hotel Kasbah, Hotel Dar Horchani, a hotel in Douz & Hotel Sindbad or similar
- Culinary inclusions
- 14 breakfasts, 13 lunch & 14 dinners
 - Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person			
Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.	
18th Nov - 2nd Dec	£4,650	£4,350	£595
Includes £300 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024			

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/anst



Brazil - Rock Art & The Pantanal

Unveiling the mysteries of the Serra da Capivara

16 DAYS	From £11,995pp SAVE £550pp	Departing November
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In a remote corner of northeast Brazil, amongst the sandstone cliffs, rocky canyons and deep valleys of the Serra da Capivara, there are hundreds of prehistoric sites. Pedra Furada meaning 'perforated rock' was the first site to be excavated here by Brazilian archaeologist, Niède Guidon and her findings caused uproar, challenging the Clovis theory that Homo sapiens arrived in the Americas 12,000 years ago. According to UNESCO, in light of these findings, the region represents one of the most significant archaeological sites in the world, and an outstanding testimony to one of the oldest human communities in South America.

Led by Dr Paul Bahn, this is a very special tour indeed, taking us to prehistoric sites seldom seen by foreign travellers. We will meet site archaeologists who will bring us up to date on the latest developments connected with these amazing discoveries and travel into the park by off road vehicle to see as much of the area as possible. We may catch sight of some of the animals depicted so beautifully in the rock art—armadillos, anteaters, ocelots, guans, agoutis, lizards, red deer, wild pigs, as well as a variety of birdlife.

After our brush with prehistory, we will journey from one remote region to another flying south and travelling into the Pantanal, one of the most biologically rich environments on the planet, saturated with wildlife and an absolute gem for photographers and naturalists alike. Here we search for jaguar, giant otter, anteaters, capybara and a hyacinth macaw.

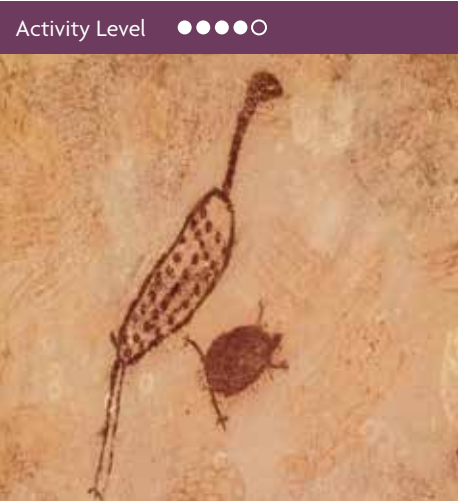
Tour Highlights

- Visit two remote regions only just opening up to mainstream tourism and enjoy them whilst they remain unsullied by crowds
- Enjoy the wonder and fascination of prehistoric rock art in situ precisely where the artist intended it to be
- Examine a remarkable assemblage of prehistoric art depicting wild animals, human figures skirmishing, dancing and hunting
- Discover the rich flora and fauna of the Pantanal, the world's largest inland wetland area

Day One | London - Rio de Janeiro
We fly overnight from London to Rio de Janeiro.

Day Two | Rio de Janeiro
Arriving this morning we check into our hotel, have lunch, and then after some time to rest, we will take a trip to iconic **Sugarloaf Mountain** which towers above Guanabara Bay. Travelling to the top by cable car, there are breathtaking 360 degree views over Rio.

Day Three | Rio de Janeiro
We spend today exploring Rio. We will visit its historic centre where modern skyscrapers mingle with colonial and Belle Epoque-era architecture and explore two of its museums: the **Museu Historico** housed in a former arsenal and by contrast the ultra-modern **Museum of Tomorrow**. In the afternoon we take a stroll in the **Jardim Botanico** which along with its stately rows of palms, ornamental ponds and orchid greenhouses, is teeming with over 9,000 different plant species



and some of the most endangered flora in Brazil. Rio, sheltering between two mountains can be viewed from both and this evening we view it from Corcovado Mountain, home to the iconic art deco monument of **Christ the Redeemer**.

Day Four | Rio de Janeiro - São Raimundo Nonato

This morning we transfer to the airport to start our journey north. We fly to Recife and then on São Raimundo Nonato, a small airport recently built to improve access to the Serra da Capivara national park. We arrive late afternoon and drive the short distance to the **Museum of American Man** which showcases the work of decades of research alongside precious finds. Tonight, we spend the first of five nights at the Hotel Serra di Capivara, newly constructed at the edge of the park to accommodate visitors to the sites.

Day Five | Serra da Capivara
We spend the next five days exploring the extraordinary sites of the **Serra da Capivara**. Over 300 archaeological sites have been found within the park, the majority decorated with paintings,



some more than 25,000 years old. Numerous circuits and trails have been created in order to access them and we start our exploration with the site of **Boqueirão Pedra Furada**, a huge geological structure discovered by Niède Guidon. An extremely important site surprising in the unique chronological range it covers: a stratigraphy of, at least 60,000 years of human occupation, in addition to traces of animals such as sabre-toothed tigers and giant sloths. During the 10 years of initial excavation of the site, several lithic artifacts were found (spearheads, half-moon axes, flaked stone blades, etc.), structured bonfires, cropoliths, cave paintings and various marks of human occupation. Our rock art circuit for the day will also include the sites of **Toca do Sítio do Meio** and **Toca da Fumaça**. We end our day with a visit to the **Serra da Capivara Ceramics Project**, created in 1994 to support the local economy with the artisanal production of pottery decorated with rock art paintings found on the sandstone cliffs of the archaeological sites.

Day Six | Serra da Capivara
After breakfast we travel into the park to walk the **Cicuito Serra Branca route**. This is an area where the maniçobeiros lived, extracting latex from the manicoba tree during the rubber boom of the late 19th century. Here we will view the rock art at numerous sites including Toca do Vento, Toca do Mulungu, Toca do Caboclo da Serra Branca, Toca da Extrema, Toca do João Arsenia, Toca do Veado, Toca Pingo de Boi and Sítio Andorinhas. Towards the end of the day we will make our way to **Canyon Andorinhas** to take in the panoramic view and if we are very lucky see a murmuration of swallows, for which the canyon is named, as they gather to roost for the night.

Day Seven | Serra da Cpaivara
Our visits today include Toca da Entrada do Pajaú I and II, small shelters with dozens of paintings portraying the daily activities of prehistoric people. We will also see Toca do Barro, Sítio Desfiladeiro and Toca do Papagaio, the first site to be catalogued by researchers and where two skeletons were found, dating to over 7,000 years old.

Day Eight | Serra da Capivara
On our last full day in the reserve, we will walk up to Toca da Entrada do Baixão da Vaca, a 100m long

shelter where there are hundreds of cave paintings, many of them clearly visible. We will also take in two sites on the Hombu Trail (Hombu means 'come see') – Toca da Ema do Sítio do Brás I and II.

Day Nine | Serra da Capivara - Recife - Brasília
This morning we take the **Serra Vermelha Circuit** and visit **Sítio Três Perna**. After lunch we start our long journey south, returning to São Raimundo Nonato airport where we fly to Brasília International Airport via Recife. Arriving late that day, we overnight near the airport ready for onward travel to the Pantanal the following morning.

Day Ten | Brasília - Cuiabá - Pantanal
We begin the second part of our tour and fly to Cuiabá this morning. Founded by gold prospectors in the 18th century, the city sits on the Cuiabá River, a tributary of the mighty Paraguay and the gateway to the northern Pantanal, the world's largest freshwater wetland. From here we will drive along the Transpantaneira deep into the **Pantanal**. The wetlands are comprised of a patchwork of different ecosystems – dense woodland, open savannah and rainforest. Our destination is the Pousada Puival, a 2-3hr drive from Cuiabá and where we will stay the next 2 nights. From here we will enjoy a mix of safari drives and gentle walks in easy terrain.

Day Eleven | Pantanal
Our day is spent hunting for wildlife, walking from the lodge or adventuring out by vehicle. There is no shortage of wildlife viewing opportunities here from the brightly coloured macaws which dart amongst the tree canopy to the comical capybara who frequent the wetlands. Other wildlife highlights include giant anteaters, giant otters, tapirs and jabiru storks and a vast range of other tropical birds.

Day Twelve | Pantanal
We make a sunrise safari, our best chance of seeing the giant anteater as it searches for food before returning to the lodge for our own breakfast later in the morning. We leave this region today and set off for Porto Jofre where we transfer to our houseboat permanently moored on the Piquiri river bank. We will spend two nights here.

Day Thirteen | Pantanal
The Pantanal is best known for its incredible jaguar viewing. This is best achieved by manoeuvrable

boat in the northern part of the wetlands, where the cats have the habit of hunting along the riverbanks. We will take morning and afternoon boat trips out on the wetland searching for Jaguars and spotting other wildlife.

Day Forteen | Pantanal - Cuiabá
Our adventures in the wild come to an end and we travel back along the Transpantaniera to Cuiabá airport. The journey will take us most of the day as we travel back through this incredible wilderness to the tarmacked road which will speed us to Cuiabá airport.

Day Fifteen | Cuiabá - Sao Paulo - London
We take our flight home today connecting in Sau Paolo and flying overnight to London.

Day Sixteen | London
We arrive back in London.

Guided by Dr. Paul Bahn

Led by Dr Paul Bahn, we will meet site archaeologists who will bring us up to date on the latest developments connected with these amazing discoveries and travel into the park by off road vehicle.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Orla Copacabana Hotel, Rio de Janeiro; Hotel Serra da Capivara; San Marco Hotel, Brasília; Pousada Piuvai, Pantanal; Transpantanal Houseboat, Pantanal; Hotel in Cuiabá airport

Culinary inclusions

- 13 breakfasts, 13 lunches & 13 dinners
- Water with all meals & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
11th – 26th Nov	£12,545	£11,995
Includes £550 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024		

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/abra

Egypt Encompassed

From Pharaohs to Caesars

19 DAYS From £13,520pp SAVE £650pp Departs November

Howard Carter's description of his first sight into Tutankhamen's tomb is also a fitting description of Andante's exploration of the archaeology of this amazing country. Egypt is indeed a land of 'wonderful things', a country where adjectives are insufficient to describe the monuments and experiences which are not to be found anywhere else in the world. While certain images of Egypt have become familiar, there is no substitute for witnessing at first hand the glittering treasures of Tutankhamen's tomb, the quiet intrigue of the hypostyle hall at Karnack, the beautiful setting of the Temple of Isis at Philae or standing over-awed at the feet of the colossal statues of Ramesses II at Abu Simbel. This epic tour encompasses all of these iconic sites and so much more. Starting with the Old Kingdom and the 'Age of the Pyramids' and ending with the Ptolemaic Dynasty and the Romans, we take a journey of a lifetime as we explore Upper and Lower Egypt travelling through the millennia.

Tour Highlights

- Journey to the Middle Nile and discover the city of the heretic pharaoh Akhenaten at Tell el-Amarna
- Admire the exquisite artistry of the special tombs of Nefetari, Seti I, Sennefer and Rekhmire
- Enjoy privileged access at Tapaposiris, conjectured to be the site of Cleopatra's burial
- Spend a whole day at Saqqara where we discover sites seldom viewed by the casual visitor

Day One | London - Cairo

We depart from London and arrive in Cairo – this buzzing, energetic metropolis that is Egypt's extraordinary capital.

Day Two | Saqqara

We dedicate today to one of the most archaeologically important sites in Egypt - **Saqqara**. Here were buried some of the most important officials of Memphis and it was also the place of Egypt's first pyramid. We will discover the 3rd Dynasty Pharaoh Djoser's distinctive **Step Pyramid** complex and the smooth-sided **Pyramid of Unas** as well as the Imhotep Museum (due to reopen late 2023 after extensive renovation). After lunch we return to focus on the lesser-visited parts of this huge site and visit the **mastaba of Mereruka**, a large and complex tomb of the Vizier to King Teti, and the superb **mastaba tomb of Ti** as well as the **Serapeum**, burial place of the sacred Apis bulls in the northern part of the Saqqara complex.

Day Three | Giza

This morning we visit the best preserved of the Seven Wonders of the World, the **Great Pyramid of Khufu** (Cheops) which towers some 481 feet (147 meters) above the plateau, its estimated 2.3 million stone blocks each weighing an average of 2.5 to 15 tons. We will discover the **Pyramids of Khafre and Menkaure** as well as the enigmatic **Sphinx**. In the afternoon, we visit the **Great Egyptian Museum*** where the world's most extensive exhibitions in pharaonic artefacts can be seen. Among the many treasures on display are the solid gold mask of Tutankhamun, and the Narmer Palette, thought to depict the unification of Upper and Lower Egypt.

Day Four | Cairo - Beni Hassan - Minya

We set off early this morning, winding our way out of the traffic heavy roads of Cairo and onto the fast highway to Minya. Our goal is the site of **Beni Hassan**, just south of Minya. These rock cut tombs high in the desert cliff overlooking the Nile



take a little effort to reach but the view from the top is breath-taking and the tombs are fabulous. The tombs are painted, rather than decorated in carved reliefs and covered in scenes of daily life in extraordinary detail. We overnight in Minya, now a small city mostly overlooked by tourists but once a powerful regional capital within Egypt.

Day Five | Tell el-Amarna

Today we visit **Tell el-Amarna**, one of the most important archaeological sites in Egypt. It is also one of those which is usually ignored or given scant attention by tour operators because there are no monumental structures here. Amarna is, however, the most significant surviving city site from ancient Egypt; the majority having been built over by later settlements. The city itself was abandoned after the Pharaoh's death, only 20 years or so after its creation. Here, we visit the tombs of important priests Meryre and Panehesy as well as the Royal Tomb of Akhenaten, Nefertiti's Palace, and the Temple of Aten.

Day Six | Minya - Tuna el-Gebel - Abydos

Our day starts at the rich and varied archaeological site of **Tuna el-Gebel** which functioned as the necropolis for the ancient town of Khemnu/ Hermopolis at the edge of the western desert. It marks the boundary of Akhenaten's city some 11kms from the centre of Tell el- Amarna and is home to one of Akhenaten and Nefertiti's 'boundary stelae' carved into the limestone cliff. We also visit vast catacombs for ibis and baboons, associated with the god Thoth, and impressive tombs, including that of a High Priest of Thoth c300 BC – Petosiris, whose reliefs combine Greek and Egyptian artistic styles. In the afternoon, we continue our drive south to Abydos.

Day Seven | Abydos – Dendera - Luxor

This morning we visit **Abydos**, one of the most sacred sites in Egypt. The main focus of our visit is the important cult **temple of Seti I** with its fabulous wall decorations, some of the finest of the New Kingdom. The temple is also the home of the only King List still to remain in situ. After a picnic lunch we continue to **Dendera** once the capital of the Sixth Upper Egyptian nome. Like Saqqara it was the site of burials of sacred animals, particularly cows associated with the cult of the local goddess Hathor. The roof of the temple includes a number of chapels, symbolic mortuary chapels for Osiris.

Day Eight | West Bank

This morning we cross the river by motorboat and then travel by coach, to visit the famous **Colossi of Memnon** on the West Bank at Thebes. These two enormous statues of the Pharaoh Amenhotep III stand at a towering 18-metres high. Next, we visit the **Valley of the Kings**. Of over 60 tombs discovered in the Valley of the Kings, only a small number are open to the public and we enter a selection of these, including the elaborately decorated **tomb of Seti I**, which details the opening of the mouth ceremony. In the afternoon we visit **Deir el-Medina**.

Day Nine | West Bank

This morning we return to the west bank and the **Valley of the Queens** where we visit its most famous tomb, Queen Nefetari. The tomb has vividly painted reliefs with inscriptions describing the queen's beauty, sweetness and charm and the decoration is exquisite. We continue to the **Ramesseum**, with its fallen colossus of Ramesses II, an astounding testament to the Pharaohs reign. Later we make our way to **Medinet Habu**, arguably the best-preserved temple of the New Kingdom, filled with a wealth of exemplary paintings, carvings and sculptures.

Day Ten | West Bank & Luxor

We start today at the Memorial Temple of Hatshepsut at **Deir el-Bahri**, a stunning shrine cradled by the dramatic natural sculptures of neighbouring cliffs. It is famous for its scenes showing a trading expedition to the land of Punt where the Egyptians traded with the local people for exotic products, including incense trees. Next we visit **Howard Carter's House** – the property used by the archaeologist during his search for the tomb of Tutankhamun and eventual discovery and to round off the day we will visit to the excellent **Luxor Museum**, where we see a masterfully

arranged collection of archaeological artefacts and celebrated works of art, including the famous statue of Tuthmosis III, an extraordinary figure carved out of greywacke.

Day Eleven | Karnak & Luxor

We spend the morning at **Karnak**, exploring the largest temple complex in Egypt, and some have argued, the largest religious complex in the world. Added to by generation after generation of pharaohs over a period of 1500 years, it's a dazzling maze of monumental gateways, obelisks, pillared halls and subsidiary shrines. In the afternoon, we visit **Luxor Temple**, linked to the Karnak complex by an avenue of sphinxes, processions would travel along this 1.5k mile route on a regular basis. At the end of the day, we embark on our Nile cruise and the first of our 4 nights on board.

Day Twelve | West Bank - Edfu

Before we set sail today, we make one last visit to the west bank and the **Tombs of the Nobles**. Here we see two of the most splendid non-royal tombs dating to the New Kingdom period, the vibrantly painted burial chamber of **Sennefer** and the intricately decorated funerary chapel of **Rekhmire**. After lunch on board, we start our journey to Aswan, slipping anchor and sailing up the Nile towards Edfu.

Day Thirteen | Edfu - Kom Ombo - Aswan

Today we discover the temples of the gods of Upper Egypt, starting with the **Temple of Horus at Edfu**. One of the country's most magnificently preserved shrines, towering at a jaw-dropping 37 metres, its pylon - or gateway - is the highest among all of Egypt's surviving temples and is decorated with vivid scenes of King Ptolemy VIII destroying his enemies before Horus. This afternoon we explore the **Temple of Sobek** and **Horus the Elder** at Kom Ombo and the site's **Crocodile Museum**. The partially restored remains of Kom Ombo's Ptolemaic temple stand dramatically above the Nile and its situation overlooking the river, is particularly picturesque.

Day Fourteen | Aswan

Arriving in Aswan, we make our way to ancient Egypt's southern border to visit the atmospheric ruins of the Ptolemaic **Temple of Isis** in Philae. To nineteenth century travellers Philae was 'the pearl of the Nile' set on its own island, with just enough vegetation to make this the archetypal romantic ruin. After a stop at the High Dam, we continue to the **Quarries** at Aswan. We see the spectacular 'Unfinished Obelisk, some 42 metres long and weighing approximately 1,197 tons. After lunch on board our ship, we will visit **Elephantine Island**, the location of the ancient town and temple in Aswan.

Day Fifteen | Aswan - Abu Simbel - Cairo

Today we fly from Aswan to the world-renowned Nubian site at **Abu Simbel**, 140 miles south-west of Aswan at the edge of the desert. The two massive rock temples of Ramesses II and his favourite queen, Nefertari, were originally carved into the mountainside in 1244 BCE to honour the deified royal pair. After our site visit, we fly to Cairo.

Day Sixteen | Cairo - Alexandria

Our day starts at the **National Museum of Egyptian**

Civilisation. The NMEC opened in 2017 and is the first of its kind to display the richness and diversity of Egyptian civilization throughout the ages, from prehistoric times to the present day. After lunch we leave Cairo on the desert road and travel to Alexandria.

Day Seventeen | Alexandria

We spend the day in Alexandria exploring the major monuments of the ancient city. We visit the **Catacombs of Kom el-Shoqafa** an underground labyrinth of decorated tombs from the Roman period, we also visit **Pompeys Pillar**, the site of the **Serapeum**. We explore part of the civic centre of Roman Alexandria at **Kom al Dikka**, with its major monuments including an Odeon type building and a fine house, the **Villa of the Birds**. In the afternoon we visit the **Bibliotheca Alexandrina**, the modern Library, here we will see superb mosaics recovered from the royal palace of the Ptolemies and, hopefully, the Greco Romano Museum due to reopen after 20 years 'under wraps'.

Day Eighteen | Alexandria - Cairo

This morning we explore the **National Museum** of Alexandria, located in a beautifully restored Italianate palace and contains galleries containing artefacts from the Pharaonic, Greco Roman, Coptic and Islamic periods. Afterwards we travel on to Abu Sir, ancient Tapaposiris where the Ptolemaic temple and a funerary monument modelled on the Pharos were built on a ridge between lake Mareotis and the Mediterranean. Recently there has been much speculation that it may contain Cleopatra's tomb which as yet, remains undiscovered.

Day Nineteen | Cairo - London

At the end of our epic journey, we return to Cairo airport for our onward flight home.

Guided by Lucia Gahlin
A specialist in the archaeology of ancient Egypt, Lucia has been leading tours to this country for over 20 years.

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- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
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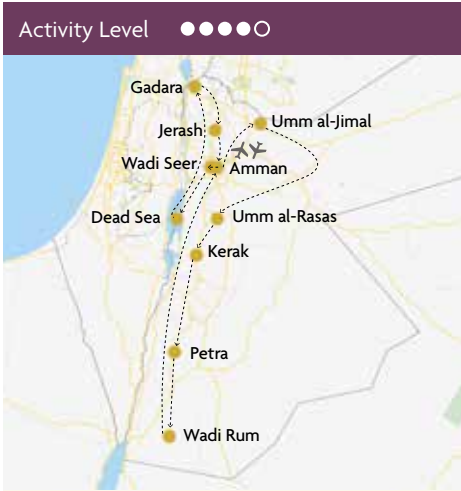
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- Day One | London - Amman
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- Day Three | Gadara - Jerash
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- Day Six | Umm al-Rasas - Kerak
- Days Seven & Eight | Petra
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- Culinary inclusions**
- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunch & 8 dinners (plus 1 snack in hotel room due to late arrival)
 - Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

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Image: Petra & Wadi Rum



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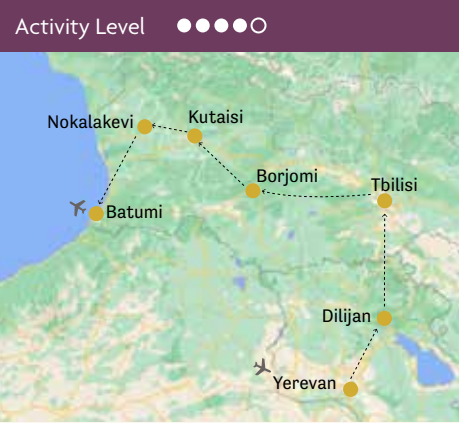
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- Day One | London - Yerevan
- Day Two | Yerevan
- Day Three | Yerevan
- Day Four | Yerevan
- Day Five | Yerevan - Dilijan
- Day Six | Dilijan - Tbilisi
- Day Seven | Tbilisi
- Day Eight | Tbilisi
- Day Nine | Tbilisi
- Day Ten | Tbilisi - Borjomi
- Day Eleven | Borjomi
- Day Twelve | Borjomi - Kutaisi
- Day Thirteen | Kutaisi - Batumi
- Day Fourteen | Batumi
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Image: Zvartnots temple ruins & Monastery of Vardzia



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