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Dear Traveller,

We are pleased to present an inspiring range of tours for summer, a wonderful time of year to travel, allowing you to enjoy the outdoors and make the most of the warm, sunny days. Let us take you on a journey, as we step back in time and experience ancient civilisations and historical attractions and take advantage of Andante's access to a world of hidden treasures.

Take a sea safari through some of the richest water for wildlife off the coast of the British Isle and walk to the Iron Age hill fort of Foel Drigarn with wonderful views from the summit over the surrounding countryside on the *Archaeology and Wildlife of the Pembrokeshire Coast*. Or immerse yourself in the *Highlights of Orkney* and admire the megalithic Standing Stones of Stenness. Slightly further afield, there's the chance to explore the most remarkable open-air ensemble of Palaeolithic art on the Iberian Peninsula, on *Rock Art of Portugal and Spain* or enjoy the beauty of scenic Italian shores as we study the well-preserved remains of a Bronze Age village on *Prehistoric Italy*.

Join other like-minded travellers who appreciate culture, history and immersive travel as you embark on your tour together, safe in the knowledge that your itineraries are well-researched and offer excellent quality. What's more, our tours are led by specialist archaeologists who carry a wealth of knowledge and experience. Expert Guide Lecturers accompany us throughout our exploration, including during mealtimes and are only too happy to answer any questions you have about the sites you've discovered.

Be sure not to miss out on our discount offers on selected tours within this collection, with unmissable savings of up to £450 – take a look and see how much you could save on your next adventure.

Whichever tour you choose, you can be assured of an unforgettable travel experience, with precious memories to treasure.

We hope to see you soon.



Jackie Willis
CEO



So much included...



NO STONE IS LEFT UNTURNED TO ENSURE YOU RECEIVE THE MOST INCLUSIVE HOLIDAY

We make sure that we have included as much as possible in the cost of your holiday. From group flights and transfers, guides and entrance fees, tips for local staff, domestic flights where appropriate and, on most of our tours, all meals which often include wine with dinner. It's all covered so you can simply relax and enjoy your tour.



DINE WITH US

We know how important a good meal is whilst you are enjoying your holiday, so we have made sure that the majority of your meals are included in the price. Dinner is often taken at a local restaurant and most evening meals include wine.



SMALL GROUPS MEAN MORE ATTENTION

Most of our tours are limited to 18 guests, which means that you get the chance to get up close and personal to those things you've only ever read about or seen on TV or film.



THE BEST GUIDE LECTURERS, TOUR MANAGERS AND LOCAL GUIDES

Every tour with Andante Travels is accompanied by a Guide Lecturer and a Tour Manager. Often you will be further joined by a local guide who adds an element of local flavour to the expertise from your Guide Lecturer. This means that you are never short of someone who will help you satisfy your curiosity.



KEEPING CLOSE TO OUR SITES

All our accommodation is carefully chosen to help you get the most out of your tour. Location is key as we want to be close to the sites we visit and keep travelling between them to a minimum. Your accommodation costs are all included in the price of your holiday; however if you do fancy that extra bit of luxury, do contact us and we will be pleased to advise on room upgrades.



AND THE ESSENTIALS...

Of course, all your group flights to and from the UK are included as well as all overseas group transfers.



OF EXPERTISE & EXPERIENCE

We are thrilled to celebrate our 40th anniversary, marking four decades of innovation, dedication, and growth.

Founded in 1985, Andante Travels started as a small group with a big vision. Over the years, we have expanded our horizons to deliver exceptional tours to our valued customers and create immersive experiences that uncover the rich tapestry of the ancient world. Today we are proud to be one of the foremost providers of archaeological tours.

Trust Andante Travels to deliver exceptional tours backed up by our expertise and experience.

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Enjoy a saving on selected tour departures featured in this brochure. To secure your discount book as soon as possible as there are a limited number of discounted places on each tour.

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PLACES

We still have some places on our Pembrokeshire Coast tour (pg 6), Rock Art of Portugal & Spain tour (pg8) and Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania tour (pg 12) with no single supplement to pay.



Temple of Castor and Pollux, Agrigento

Travel through time to uncover the secrets of Ancient civilisations, set against breathtaking landscapes this summer...

DISCOVER THE ANCIENT HERITAGE OF THE UK & EUROPE

The United Kingdom and Europe are rich in ancient heritage, offering a treasure trove of historical sites and cultural landmarks. From the Iron Age hill fort of Foel Drigarn and the megalithic Standing Stones of Stenness in Orkney to the architectural marvels of ancient Rome, these regions are spectacular places to explore, walk in the footsteps of the people who once lived here and achieve a greater understanding of the past.

THE MEDITERRANEAN & AEGEAN LEGENDS

The Mediterranean and Aegean regions are blessed with a wonderful array of archaeological that provide insight into ancient civilisations and their legends. These areas have been the cradle of the Minoans, Mycenaean, Greeks and Romans, and the legends originating from these peoples have been preserved through written records and archaeological discovery. The ancient city of Pompeii, located near modern-day Naples, Italy, was buried under volcanic ash and pumice during the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. The site provides a unique snapshot of Roman life, frozen in time.

JOURNEY INTO THE PAST: CLASSICAL & PREHISTORIC EUROPE

Classical and Prehistoric Europe extends a deep insight into the history of humans, tracing the development of societies from the earliest human presence to the fall of the Roman Empire. This is also true of Prehistoric Europe, a time before written records were kept, spanning from the Paleolithic era to the Iron Age. Across the continent grew significant developments in human culture and social organisation and archaeological discoveries, such as cave paintings and burial sites, have shed light on the lives of prehistoric peoples.

LEGACIES OF THE ROMANS: FRONTIERS & MARITIME CONNECTIONS

The Roman frontiers, known as limes, were fortified boundaries that marked the edges of the empire and served as both defensive structures and points of interaction with neighbouring cultures. Remains of these structures provide valuable information about Roman military architecture and the daily lives of soldiers and civilians on the frontier. Maritime trade routes extended beyond the Mediterranean, reaching the coasts of Africa, the Middle East and India - connections that facilitated the exchange of luxury goods, such as spices, silk and precious stones.

Expertly Handpicked: Discover Why Now's the Time to Visit

We've chosen these three tours for their timeless appeal and recent archaeological insights that have emerged from each region. While you'll visit iconic sites, recent discoveries and research add new layers of interest—making now the perfect time to explore these fascinating corners of the ancient world.

CLASSICAL SICILY: UNEARTH TIMELESS SECRETS

A beacon of cultural and architectural beauty, Sicily is renowned for wonderfully preserved Greek temples, Roman villas and Norman Cathedrals, and it's a region that is still revealing its treasures. Led by your expert guide, Tony O'Connor, delve beyond the usual highlights and dig deeper into the timeless secrets at the heart of Sicily's heritage, including new discoveries such as the recently unearthed Hellenistic mosaic near Palermo that are building a new understanding of the island's past.

Find out more about this tour on page 8



NEW FINDS, NEW STORIES: POMPEII, HERCULANEUM & CLASSICAL CAMPANIA

The eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79 continues to resound through history. The archaeological remains of this infamous city offer a unique perspective into the lives of the civilisation that lived in the shadow of the volcano centuries ago. With your expert Guide Lecturer, explore the ancient streets, delve into the stories of the people that lived here and discover the new finds that keep the Pompeii and the Herculaneum as the must-see destinations for archaeologists and history seekers alike.

Find out more about this tour on page 12



INSIGHTS FROM THE EDGE OF AN EMPIRE

The vast Roman Empire met heavy resistance along the Germanic border, creating a disputed frontier. Freshly discovered forts and settlements provide a glimpse into daily life in this region along the northern edge of Roman civilisation and the people who lived in a state of constant conflict. Explore the Limes Germanicus, a defence system of banks, walls and forts as well as Teutoburg Forest and other key sites of this storied region.

Find out more about this tour on page 13



Step through time...

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Archaeology & Wildlife of the Pembrokeshire Coast

Exploring the wild, wild west

6 DAYS FROM £2,290pp

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE

Activity Level ●●●○○



Pembrokeshire's long history is colourful and dramatic, possessing a rich legacy of prehistoric and later remains intrinsically linked to its coastline. From Neolithic cromlech to 11th century cathedrals, and from bracken-strewn hills to a sea-faring trip that takes us between its outlying islands, join us as we explore one of the country's most captivating landscapes.



- Discover Waun Mawn, the original site of the Stonehenge bluestones
- Take a sea safari through some of the richest waters for wildlife off the coast of the British Isles
- Walk to the Iron Age hill fort of Foel Drigarn, which boasts wonderful views from the summit

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE EXPERT GUIDED TOUR INCLUDES

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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Hotel Mariners, Haverfordwest or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
21st - 26th May	£2,440 £2,290	£295 £0

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Falco & Albia's Britannia with Lindsey Davis

Exploring Roman Britain with Lindsey Davis & Oliver Gilkes

6 DAYS FROM £2,795pp

Activity Level ●●○○○



We are delighted to offer a newly revised version of a tour which takes a unique look at aspects of Roman Britain. Viewed by the Romans themselves as 'the end of the road' with horrible weather, we'll consider how the Roman occupation of Britain worked – and how it famously failed to work in the traumatic Boudican Revolt. Your guides will be Oliver Gilkes, one of our most popular and erudite archaeologist tour leaders and Lindsey Davis, the award-winning historical novelist.



- Take a tour of Butser Farm with the site Director
- Discover the intrigue of Roman Bath
- Enjoy a behind the scenes handling session at Dorchester Museum

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- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Grand Beauchamp Hotel, The Royal Maritime Hotel, Abbey Hotel Bath

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
18th - 23rd Aug	£2,995 £2,795	£435

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Highlights of Orkney

Discover the world-renowned archaeological sites of Orkney

5 DAYS FROM £2,080pp

Activity Level ●●●○○



Our tour includes visits to the four monuments that make up the Heart of Neolithic Orkney and these are unquestionably some of the most important in Europe – the 5,000-year-old village of Skara Brae, the giant chambered grave of Maeshowe, the atmospheric Ring of Brodgar stone circle and the Standing Stones of Stenness. We also explore the Brough of Birsay, Gurness Broch and the striking Italian Chapel.



- Admire the megalithic Standing Stones of Stenness and discover the enigmatic Ring of Brodgar
- Explore the Stone Age mausoleum of Maeshowe, whose internal walls were covered in graffiti by Vikings
- Discover how people lived over 5,000 years ago at the extraordinary site of Skara Brae

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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Lynnhfield Hotel or similar

Culinary inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches & 4 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
14th - 18th Aug	£2,230 £2,080	£390

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Hidden Paris

Peek beyond the famous landmarks and explore the secret archaeology

6 DAYS FROM £3,140pp

Activity Level ●●●○○



The tree-lined boulevards, elegant architecture and cobbled riverbanks along the silvery Seine have made Paris one of the most recognisable and romantic cities in Europe. First-time visitors are understandably impressed by its historic monuments, but peek beyond the famous landmarks and you will see another side of Paris to which only the most curious are privy.



- Explore the Conciergerie, formerly part of the palace complex but repurposed during the Revolution as tribunal and prison
- Admire the architectural masterpiece of Sainte Chapelle, one of the greatest examples of Gothic art
- Enjoy the ultimate hidden attraction – the subterranean Catacombes de Paris

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE EXPERT GUIDED TOUR INCLUDES

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

Included travel

- Return train travel from London & all local transport including the Paris Metro

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Paris

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
13th - 18th May	£3,540 £3,140	£625

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Classical Sicily

Rich archaeological sites and impressive artistic achievements

12 DAYS FROM £6,245pp Activity Level ●●●○○



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.



- Admire truly exceptional mosaics at the Villa Romana, Piazza Armerina
- Discover the unique landscape around Marsala
- Discover the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento
- Enjoy a special access evening visit to view the stunning mosaics at Cappella Palatina

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE EXPERT GUIDED TOUR 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	SS
14th - 25th May	£6,545 £6,245	£875

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Archaeology in the Heart of Italy

Etruscans, Romans and cultural transformation in Umbria and Lazio

8 DAYS FROM £3,810pp Activity Level ●●●○○



YOUR COMPREHENSIVE EXPERT GUIDED TOUR 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 Viterbo

- 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	SS
19th - 26th May	£4,010 £3,810	£500

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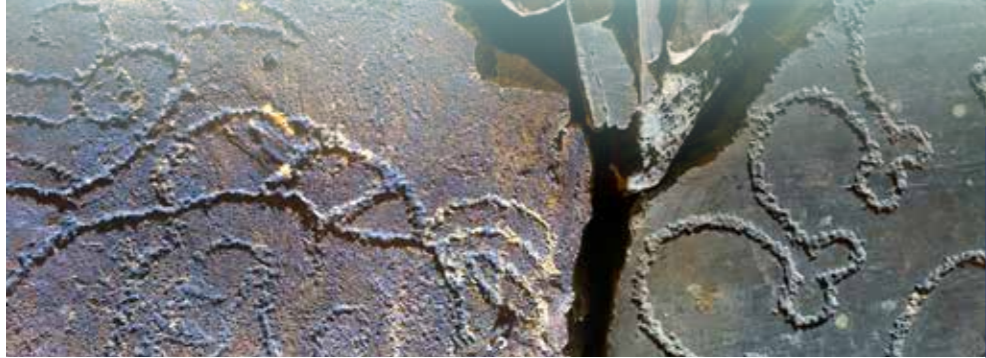


- Explore the well-preserved site of Vulci, with its Etruscan tombs, Roman monuments and medieval abbey
- Examine Sutri with its amphitheatre, unique mithraeum and medieval Templar church, built amidst the ruins of the ancient city
- Consider the important Etruscan remains in the beautiful city of Orvieto with its precious medieval cathedral
- Visit the important National Etruscan Archaeological Museum and the Palace of Popes in the amazing city of Viterbo

Rock Art of Portugal & Spain

Cave art without the caves

7 DAYS FROM £3,520pp £0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PLACES AVAILABLE Activity Level ●●●○○



As an immense open-air gallery, the Côa Valley is blessed with more than a thousand rock art depictions, identified in more than 80 different sites, with a predominance of Palaeolithic engravings, executed around 30,000 years ago. This is a rare opportunity to visit rock art away from the beaten tourist trail, across the Spanish/Portuguese border region, in unspoiled countryside.



- Explore the most remarkable open-air ensemble of Palaeolithic art on the Iberian Peninsula
- Stay two nights in Porto, enjoying its old-world charm and UNESCO heritage status
- Enjoy a lovely rail trip along the valley of the Foz Coa on the MiraDuoro train

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- 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 Porto & Foz Côa
- Culinary inclusions**
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 6 dinners
 - Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
19th - 25th May	£3,720 £3,520	£340 £0

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Prehistoric Italy

Ötzi and the Alpine Valleys of Val Camonica

6 DAYS FROM £2,995pp Activity Level ●●●○○



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- 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 Boario & Trento

- Culinary inclusions**
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners
 - Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
31st May - 5th Jun	£3,245 £2,995	£320

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- Discover Ötzi, the Ice Man, the most complete ambassador from the Copper Age, with all that he was wearing and carrying
- Enjoy a morning in Ledro on the scenic shores of the mountain lake as we study the well preserved remains of a Bronze Age village
- Explore the prehistoric gallery of over 100,000 rock art depictions at the rock art sites in Naquane Park

NEW FOR 2025

Crete & Santorini

Rise and fall of the Minoan civilisation

8 DAYS FROM £4,095pp

Activity Level ●●●○○



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.



- 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

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- 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/Db'l Share	SS
20th - 27th May	£4,395	£4,095 £660

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The Cyclades

Explore sacred islands and sprawling ruins

11 DAYS FROM £5,645pp

Activity Level ●●●○○



Of all the Greek islands scattered over the Aegean Sea, the Cyclades have the most evocative mythology. Travelling by land and crossing by ferry, discover atmospheric archaeological sites on these fascinating islands from beautiful Delos, the legendary birthplace of Apollo, to unassuming Tinos, well off the tourist radar.



- Sail by private charter to Delos and spend the day exploring one of the most important sites in Greece
- Visit the spectacular prehistoric settlement of Skarkos and 'Homer's' tomb on the delightful island of Ios
- Admire the sleeping giants of Naxos, the Flerio Kourous, scattered throughout this beautiful Aegean landscape

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE EXPERT GUIDED TOUR 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, Ios, Naxos, Tinos & Athens

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
22nd May - 1st Jun	£5,945	£5,645 £890

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Sicily & the Aeolian Islands

Explore unearthed treasures, stunning cities and geographical wonders

10 DAYS FROM £6,145pp

Activity Level ●●●○○



As far back as we can trace, Sicily was an island that numerous civilisations – Sicels, Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans, Germans, French, Spanish, Bourbons – flocked to and fought for as a result of its strategic position. Every conquering nation left its indelible mark on the island, creating a unique mosaic of influences and a treasure trove of ancient gems, which we uncover on this extensive tour. We also venture out to the Aeolian Islands, a UNESCO-listed archipelago renowned for its natural beauty, and visit the remains of the villages once inhabited by their Neolithic settlers.



- Spend four nights on Lipari while we explore the archaeology of the UNESCO-listed Aeolian Islands
- Admire the remarkably beautiful 5th-century Riace Bronzes rescued from the Ionian Sea
- Discover Catania, 'the city under the volcano', with its architecture shaped by Mount Etna itself
- Enjoy a private visit to Cappella Palatina, a glorious mix of architectural styles

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE EXPERT GUIDED TOUR 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 Taormina, Lipari & Palermo

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
27th May - 6th June	£6,595	£6,145 £995

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

The Archaeology of Roman Istria

Exploring idyllic Croatia

5 DAYS FROM £2,945pp

Activity Level ●●●○○



The idyllic peninsula of Istria, with its staggeringly beautiful coastline, has a rich history linking it to the Veneti and is now famed for its wonderful ancient ruins as well as its beautiful Venetian cities. This tour brings different layers of history to life, for a memorable journey through Istria's captivating past.



- View the Roman ruins in the elegant city of Trieste, including a stunning theatre and the remains of a forum
- Visit Pula with its staggering collection of Roman ruins, including its impressive amphitheatre and stunning Temple of Augustus
- Examine the Euphrasian Basilica in Poreč, a stunning early Byzantine church with a magnificent array of shimmering mosaics
- Explore the beautifully located archaeological park of Vizula, which contains the remains of an opulent Roman luxury villa

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- 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 Pula & Trieste

Culinary inclusions

- 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 3 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
27th - 31st Aug	£2,945	£435

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NEW FOR 2025

Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania

Exclusive access to the off-site theatre of Herculaneum

8 DAYS FROM £2,900pp

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE

Activity Level ●●●○○



Nowhere in the world gives deeper insight into Roman life than the dramatic seaside towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Before the cataclysmic eruption of Vesuvius these were thriving, lively seaside towns.

Pompeii, a trading town equipped with many bars, shops and brothels, while neighbouring Herculaneum was an affluent and elegant town. All this came to an abrupt halt, however, one autumnal day in AD 79, when Vesuvius - which had done little more than rumble for years - erupted with incredible force.

Two thousand years later, the sites of the Bay of Naples confront the modern visitor with a vivid, haunting immediacy like nothing else in the ancient world. In some cases we even know the names, professions and personal histories of the people who owned the villas and shops we visit. The preservation of Herculaneum, Pompeii and its surrounding sites is remarkable and the archaeology beyond compare, which is why we have been leading tours here for over 30 years. And this is an exciting time for visitors as new discoveries are being made and new houses opened. Walk with us as the Romans did, from amphitheatre to baths to forum, as our Guide Lecturer conjures an evocative picture of the everyday life of these prosperous Roman towns.



LED BY YOUR EXPERT GUIDE
JOHN SHEPHERD

Winner of the Wanderlust World Guide Award - History & Culture 2023, John has worked extensively in the field in Europe as an archaeologist, including France, Italy and Bulgaria.



YOUR COMPREHENSIVE
EXPERT GUIDED TOUR INCLUDES

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- 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 Scapoliello

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	SS
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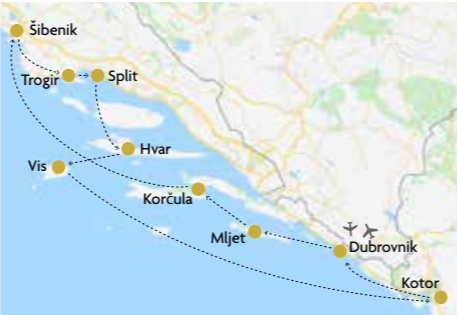
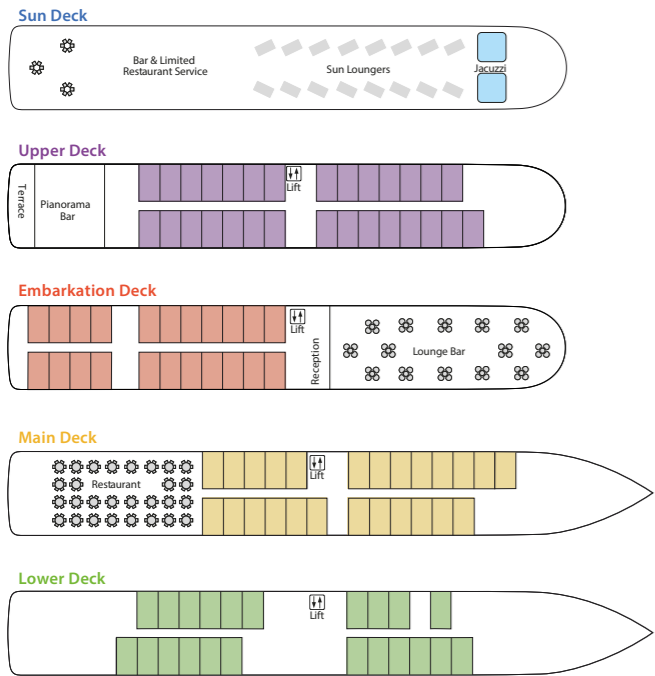
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We journey along the limpid Dalmatian coast and explore its historical and cultural jewels. Visit islands and coastal cities that have been shaped since antiquity, including the atmospheric Hvar with its medieval walls and well-preserved urban landscape that owes so much to its Venetian period, and Korcula, founded by Corcyra in the 6th century BC. The charm of the Dalmatia is its multi-layered history and exploring it aboard the MS Belle de L'Adriatique allows us to appreciate this magnificent coast the way it should be.



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Image: Šibenik & MV La Belle de L'Adriatique exterior



- Explore Diocletian's extraordinary palace in Split, including its basements and well preserved Peristyle
- Visit the improbably beautiful Dubrovnik with its evocative streets and the scenic 17th century stradun, which dissects the city
- Enjoy Korcula, a wonderfully preserved renaissance city forged in the period of Venetian domination
- Examine Kotor, one of the best-preserved medieval cities in the Adriatic with its Cathedral of St. Tryphon and its ancient walls

Day One | London - Dubrovnik

We fly to Dubrovnik and transfer to the port to embark our ship, the MV La Belle de L'Adriatique. We spend the remainder of our day in the 'Pearl of the Adriatic', ahead of our welcome dinner on board.

Day Two | Dubrovnik

Founded by Greeks in the 6th century and conquered briefly in more modern times by Venice, Dubrovnik was the capital of the mighty Republic of Ragusa. Our ship is moored here all day, allowing us to explore the beauties of the city, one of the most important sites on the Dalmatian coast.

Exclusive Andante excursion: We spend the whole day exploring the city, starting with a visit to the **cathedral** dedicated to the Assumption of Our Lady, before continuing to the stunning **Rector's Palace**, a Gothic structure that served as seat of the Rector who oversaw the Ragusan Republic. In the afternoon we continue our exploration of Dubrovnik, starting with the **Walls**, built from the 12th to the 17th centuries to protect the city, and some of the most complex in Europe. We proceed to **Loggia Square**, one of the most picturesque parts of the city.

Day Three | Mljet & Korcula

We continue our cruise to Mljet, the most florid of the Dalmatian Islands. We spend time in the picturesque, verdant Mljet National Park this morning before sailing on to Korcula, where we spend the afternoon.

Exclusive Andante excursion: Mljet, the greenest of the Dalmatian Islands awaits, where we visit the tranquil, beautiful **Mljet National Park**, home to five types of forest, myriad bird species and two deep lakes. Mljet also has a rich cultural heritage, with bright folk costumes and charming traditional handicrafts. We visit the **Roman Villa at Polace**, a spectacular late antique palace with impressive towers and an apsidal hall built perhaps in the 6th century. We proceed to the island of Korcula, reputedly the birthplace of legendary explorer Marco Polo, where we visit the **Cathedral of St. Mark**, a 15th century masterpiece influenced by Venice and complete with works by Tintoretto, as well as the **Korcula Town Museum**, housed in the 15th century Venetian style Gabrieli Palace.

Day Four | Šibenik

After sailing overnight, we arrive mid-morning at Šibenik, founded by the Croats in the 9th century

AD. After lunch on board, we travel with other passengers to the city where our Guide Lecturer will lead us on an exclusive Andante tour separate from the main group. Occupied by the Venetians between the 15th and 18th centuries, the town has a splendid array of medieval buildings including the **Cathedral of St. James**, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our afternoon ends at the Krka Falls.

Day Five | Trogir & Split

After breakfast we visit the medieval city of Trogir and we arrive in Split after lunch for a walking tour. **Exclusive Andante excursion:** Our adventures take us to Trogir, a picturesque medieval and Renaissance town, founded by Greek sailors in the 3rd century BC. This town, whose Venetian historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is situated on a small island, linked to the mainland by bridge. Explore the town's museum, visit a tiny art gallery and marvel at the impressive **St. Lawrence Cathedral**. We acquaint ourselves with **Split**, beginning by tracing the walls and monuments of the immense **Palace of Diocletian**, interwoven with later medieval houses. Emperor Diocletian, one of the few emperors to go into real retirement, cultivated his market garden in an attempt to avoid being sucked back into the power politics of the Roman world. We visit the **Cathedral of St. Domnius**, built to house Diocletian's mausoleum and now, ironically, a church dedicated to one of the many victims of Diocletian's persecutions. We continue to the **Temple of Jupiter**, now the cathedral baptistery, and the **Peristyle**, the city's elegant central square once central to the imperial palace.

Day Six | Hvar & Vis

We arrive in sunny Hvar this morning and later sail on to Vis, once called Lissa and administratively linked to Hvar, or Lesina, under the period of Venetian domination.

Exclusive Andante excursion: We explore the centre of Hvar, another walled gem enclosing eight centuries of stunning architecture. Highlights of our tour include a visit to the **Cathedral of St. Stephen**, built in the 17th century and a mixture of renaissance and gothic architecture so typical of the Dalmatian coast; the Venetian influence extends to the paintings, including works by Santacroce. We continue to the Arsenal, which houses a 17th century public theatre on the first floor and where Roman ruins have only recently been discovered. **Vis**, founded by Dionysius the Elder has an ethereal quality about it, as though



Image: Mljet National Park

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An archaeologist who has worked around Europe, John is an ancient glass specialist.

it has avowedly refused to modernise. We visit well-preserved **Roman baths**, whose mosaics have only recently been restored, and continue to the 16th century **Franciscan monastery**, built on the foundations of an imposing Roman theatre which we can see from the outside.

Day Seven | Kotor

Kotor in the last port of call of our Dalmatian adventure before we head back to the capital Dubrovnik.

Exclusive Andante excursion: On our last excursion, we visit the Montenegrin town of Kotor, which has been given UNESCO status for its impressive Venetian walls. Here, basking in the charm of its Venetian architecture, we visit the **Cathedral of St. Tryphon**, consecrated in the 12th century and which preserves Byzantine frescoes, as well as an exquisite medieval ciborium.

Day Eight | Dubrovnik - London

We disembark after breakfast and catch our return flight back to London.

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