

Worldwide Archaeology Tours Collection 2026

Discover Archaeology, History and Ancient Civilisations



New tours | Small groups
Guided by experts

£0 Single Supplement places
Limited availability

Journey into the past

Explore our 2026 Tours Collection

For over 40 years, we've been creating holidays that are unlike any other - journeys that bring history vividly to life. This brochure showcases a selection of some of our finest tours, a treasure trove of beautiful programmes which will stimulate your curiosity and foster an interest which can last a lifetime.

Travelling the globe, we explore the people, places and events that shaped our history. Along the way we encounter figures from Tutankhamun and Richard III to Pompeii's Eumachia and Emperor Trajan, and marvel at treasures such as the golden mask of Agamemnon, the Terracotta Army, and the cave art of Lascaux. We also stay in remarkable places - from a family-run albergo beside Rome's Pantheon to a tropical Andean retreat, a welcoming Italian hilltop hotel, and even the modest Hotel Thugga in Tunisia, where wild boar and Thibarine liqueur await.

Our constellation of expert Guide Lecturers include some of the finest archaeologists, Egyptologists and historians in the world today. Engaging experts who will introduce you to the world's civilisations and tell stories that are both comprehensive and intimate covering the grand sweep of empires as well as the poignant everyday revelations about ordinary people.

Every tour is carefully designed to inspire, inform and delight - and we'd be delighted to welcome you on one of our journeys in 2026.

Mary Reynolds

Head of Product

Get in touch with an expert

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

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CLEAR PRICES, EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

Your holiday is precious, and we want booking it to feel simple and reassuring. That's why (after talking to our customers) we now offer our best prices upfront - so you can be confident you're always getting a great deal, without waiting for discounts or promotions.

With everything you need included - flights, meals (often with wine), entry to all sites, local transport, taxes, gratuities, and the expertise of our renowned Guide Lecturers - our tours deliver outstanding value for money. In fact, 90% of guests this year rated our tours as excellent value.

From this edition onwards, you'll see transparent pricing and a greater focus on what matters most: extraordinary journeys that bring the past vividly to life, crafted and led by the very best expert Guide Lecturers. Places as always, are limited so visit our website or call us now to secure your trip.



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.



TRAVEL WITH AWARD-WINNING EXPERTS!

We're proud to have been awarded the Feefo Trusted Service Award for the second year in a row, a recognition based entirely on genuine feedback from our travellers. This award reflects our unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional service - from your very first enquiry to the moment you return home.

**RATED EXCEPTIONAL
WITH OVER 2,000
INDEPENDENT REVIEWS**

4.7 ★★★★★

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Expert-led archaeological tours beyond the tourist trail

Unearth history's treasures with Andante Travels, the pioneering British specialist 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 Travels for an unparalleled odyssey into antiquity.



ACTIVITY LEVEL RATINGS EXPLAINED

While many sites have easy-to-navigate paved paths and handrails, others offer a more adventurous journey. You might explore on unpaved, uneven ground, navigate rocky terrain and irregular steps. Our grading system is designed to help you choose the right tour for you but if you have concerns about your fitness do give us a call and we will be happy to advise.

Level 1 ●○○

Easy: suitable for most people in good health, with walking on good well-maintained paths at low altitude. Expect some inclines, steps and shorter travel distances.

Level 2 ●●○

Moderate: suitable for those with a reasonable level of fitness, including walking on varied terrain with some steep inclines and potentially longer days.

Level 3 ●●●

Active: suitable for those with good level of fitness potentially involving difficult terrain, high altitudes, and long days.

Look for this panel on all our tour pages

Activity Level ○○○

Choose Andante Travels where expertise transforms travel

- ✓ **Small groups with big insight** - travel in a group of no more than 18, giving you deeper access to sites, stories and experts
- ✓ **Experience matters** - with over 40 years of curating and innovating truly exceptional tours, you can be certain your experience will be something extraordinary
- ✓ **We uncover history, layer by layer** - we make sure you're not rushed and have plenty of time at each site
- ✓ **Led by experts** - guided by archaeologists, Egyptologists and historians, all specialists in their field
- ✓ **Tour Managers accompany most tours** - allowing our Guide Lecturers to concentrate on what matters most... delivering extraordinary, expert-led discovery
- ✓ **Chosen by travellers, celebrated by the experts** - we're honoured to be 2025 nominees for the Condé Nast Traveller Awards, British Travel Awards, and Wanderlust Readers' Travel Awards
- ✓ **Every itinerary tells a story** - our tours are carefully curated to follow an archaeological theme, designed by experts to bring deeper meaning and context to every site you visit
- ✓ **Expert travel with exceptional value** - all local transport, meals and gratuities are taken care of - even wine with dinner on most tours
- ✓ **Because you matter** - we never treat you like a number. No name badges, no umbrellas in the air - just genuine connection and intelligent conversation
- ✓ **Expert service** - our team are on hand to support, before, during and after your tour
- ✓ **Trusted by guests, recognised for excellence** - we have been rated 'Exceptional' with over 2,100 reviews and are winners of Feefo's 2025 Platinum Trusted Service Award

Travelling solo?

Connect with like-minded explorers.

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.

A COMPANIONABLE EXPERIENCE

Our tours are inclusive, informal and fun and Andante Travels guests are some of the most interesting people you could care to meet. Travelling in a party of people who share your interests is an enriching experience. Friendships are quickly formed - and some last for decades with guests meeting up long after their tour has returned and arranging to travel together on future adventures.

As part of an Andante Travels escorted tour, you will have the reassurance that our tour staff are very much part of the group. Unlike some guides who only engage when leading and make themselves scarce as soon as the opportunity arises, Andante Travels staff are with you every step of the way, sharing the same experiences, enjoying the same meals (or often the same tipple at the bar) and laughing at the same absurdities that can happen on tour (a tortoise holding up the bus springs to mind!). Meal times are therefore never solitary, evenings are never dull and our tours are delightfully companionable. Regardless of whether you are travelling with friends, with a partner or solo, rest assured you'll be at the heart of it all with Andante Travels.

YOUR TOUR AND YOUR EXPERIENCE

We may travel as a group but we always respect the individual. There is no badge-wearing, roll-calling, umbrella-waving or whistle-blowing on Andante Travels tours. And, wherever possible, we build time into our site visits to allow our guests the freedom to explore and make discoveries of their own. So, if you want to spend some time sketching, writing, meditating on a mosaic or settling down for a chat and a coffee with new friends, we are the travel company for you. Choose to explore incredible sites in the company of our expert guides and you'll see that our tours are well suited to solo travellers.

EXPLORE ANCIENT CIVILISATIONS SOLO – £0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ON SELECTED DEPARTURES

Over half of our guests travel solo and many of them tell us that single supplements across the travel industry, including ours, are sometimes too high. They feel disadvantaged for travelling alone. We listened, and we negotiated over 250 places on a selection of our tours in 2026 with £0 single supplement.

What's more, we offer double rooms (for sole use) as standard for our solo travellers so you will never be stuck in a room with just a single bed in a distant corner of a hotel, and our Tour Managers are experts in supporting solo travellers on the road. This is all part of our commitment to become the very best special interest travel company for solo guests.

LOOK OUT FOR THE STICKER ON THESE TOUR PAGES

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE

Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania

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Capri & Romans on the Bay of Naples

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Richard III - Hero or Villain?

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The Archaeology of Anglesey

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Cave Art of the Dordogne

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Berlin - Beyond the Wall

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Experience matters.

Our Guides are all experienced experts in their field and pass on their knowledge from start to finish.

What makes an Andante Travels tour a cut above the rest? One of the main reasons 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. They are your travelling companion, part of the group, there at all times to join in the laughter and chat, as well as your on-hand expert 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 ease of travelling with an Andante lecturer which keeps them coming back.

“Outstanding, like every Andante tour, in terms of the itinerary, the guide lecturer, the tour leader, the local guide and the driver. Oliver Gilkes was a superb guide, hugely knowledgeable about the sites we visited, many of which he's excavated at himself and with a broad and deep sympathy for the country.”

Andante Travels guest on Albania - April 2025





Oliver Gilkes

One of our longest-standing Guide Lecturers, Oliver has worked as a field and museum archaeologist in the UK, Albania and Italy. Join Oliver on The Samnites pg 18, Rome pg 19, Essential Rome pg 21 and Essential Etruscans pg 23.



Dr Eireann Marshall

A previous Wanderlust World Guide Awards-winner, Eireann is set to lead many of our tours in 2026 including our new Cities on the Po pg 14.



Dr Jamie Sewell

An author of books and articles on the archaeology of towns in Hellenistic Italy, Jamie has 15 years' worth of experience supervising excavations in Britain, Germany, Italy and Romania. Join Jamie on our Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania tour pg 12, Classical Sicily pg 17, Rome pg 19 and Puglia & Basilicata pg 20.



Lucia Gahlin

A specialist in the archaeology of ancient Egypt, Lucia has been leading tours to this country for over 20 years. You can join her on Egypt - New Museums & Discoveries pg 52.



Dr Christina Hatzimichael-Whitley

Dr Christina Hatzimichael-Whitley is a lecturer at Cardiff University, where she teaches Greek art and archaeology. Join Christina on our Wild Thrace Tour pg 27, Classical Greece pg 28 or Crete - Introducing the Minoans pg 29.



Tony O'Connor

A specialist in the Roman Empire and an archaeologist with extensive field experience, join Tony on our Classical Sicily tour pg 17, Carthage & Roman Tunisia pg 49 and The Romans in Algeria pg 51.



Dr Paul Bahn

Dr Paul Bahn is the leading expert on prehistoric rock art worldwide, and is certainly one of our best-known archaeologists. In 2026 you can join Paul on many of tours including Cave Art of the Dordogne on pg 40, Rock Art & Human Origins pg 48 and our Chile & Easter Island tour pg 57.



John Shepherd

Winner of the Wanderlust World Guide Award - History & Culture 2023, John has worked extensively in the field in Europe as an archaeologist. Join John on our Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania tour on pg 12, Rome pg 19, Relaxed Nice pg 42 and Relaxed Split pg 44.



Dr Luis A. Muro Ynoñán

Luis is a Peruvian anthropological archaeologist specialising in the archaeology and heritage of the Moche. He is currently Assistant Curator of the South American Anthropology at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and a Lecturer in Archaeology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru in Lima. Join Luis on our new for 2026 Peru tour on pg 56.

We include more, because experience has taught us what matters.

The price you pay for your Andante Travels tour offers excellent value for money. Most aspects of your tour are included, covering everything from return flights and entry to all sites mentioned in the itinerary to tips and treats. More often than not, wine is also included with dinner. Consequently, the only additional expenses you may need to budget for during your holiday are souvenirs and drinks at the bar. If you require assistance with official form-filling or advice on what to pack, our friendly team is always available to help from the office. While you are on holiday, our Tour Manager is there to assist you, whether it's a quick phone call or just a short distance away. With round-the-clock support from our operations team, we are ready to provide practical assistance at every stage of your tour.



THE ESSENTIALS TO THE EXTRAS ARE ALL INCLUDED

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.



MAXIMUM TIME IS SPENT AT INCREDIBLE SITES

We know the destinations and sites we visit inside and out, which enables us to create the most in-depth, all-encompassing, and immersive tours possible for our guests. We know the best way to get you there, the most effective routes to travel around and how to make your time on site as memorable and worthwhile as it can be.



TOURS ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THE VERY BEST

Every tour with Andante Travels is accompanied by a Guide Lecturer and many also with 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.



ACCOMMODATION IS CAREFULLY SELECTED AND WELL-LOCATED

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.



THE MAJORITY OF MEALS INCLUDED, OFTEN WITH WINE

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.



NUMBERS ARE LIMITED FOR A PERSONALISED SERVICE

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.



EVERYTHING IS TAKEN CARE OF WITH HASSLE-FREE TRAVEL PLANS

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



Upgrade your experience

VISA SERVICE



We have partnered up with The Travel Visa Company who are a leading provider of travel visa services in the UK,

with over 25 years of experience in helping travellers navigate the complexities of international travel.

Their team of dedicated visa experts also serve independent travellers based in the UK, offering personalised assistance and streamlined application processing. With their knowledge and expertise, they ensure a hassle-free experience for all travellers, from the initial application to the final approval.

They offer a comprehensive range of visa services for destinations globally and will be including the new ETIAS process for UK travellers when it goes live in 2025.

You can call them on **01270 904901** or contact them via their website **www.andantetravels.co.uk/visas**

UK TRAVEL SERVICE

We make it easy to join your Andante Travels tour with a full UK Travel service. If you need help travelling in the UK, with overnight airport accommodation or regional flights, we are here to help.

Connecting flights - if your holiday destination is not served by your regional airport, we can arrange UK connecting flights or travel to London airports.

Rail and air travel - let us help with your travel by rail or air to your tour starting-point.

Car parking - let us help with your airport or port parking.

Airport hotels - relax with an overnight stay before or after your tour.

For that little something extra - beat the crowds and relax with an airport lounge and Fast Track security where available.

NEW
FOR 2026

Fly from your local airport

Our Travel Experts here at Andante Travels have been looking at ways to make joining your tour even easier, that's why now you can fly from a selection of UK airports to join many of our tours! With a wider choice of airports, this now offers you the flexibility to join your holiday at a time that fits your schedule.

We offer direct flights to a number of European destinations, and a handful of long-haul ones too as well as connecting flights to London.

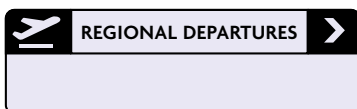
Fly from:

- Manchester
- Birmingham
- Edinburgh
- Leeds Bradford
- East Midlands
- Newcastle
- Stansted

Or you can still join your tour from London Airports.

Visit our website or call for more details on pricing and availability.

Keep a look out for these flight boxes which will show which departure airports are available. Featured airports are subject to availability and include transfers to join your tour.



FLY IN STYLE WITH OUR FLIGHT UPGRADES

Do you fancy a bit more leg room, a more generous luggage allowance, lounge access or a flatbed if you are flying overnight, then upgrading your flight will make your journey much more comfortable.

Below you will see the flight upgrade options available; other airlines are also available – please call for details.

World Traveller Plus

Travelling in World Traveller Plus; British Airways' Premium Economy cabin*, you will enjoy a smaller cabin with wider seats, a greater recline, lumbar support, a head and footrest and more leg room. You will be served two delicious meals and a complimentary bar service, whilst enjoying the personal entertainment system with noise cancelling headphones. A more generous luggage allowance and an onboard amenity kit will be provided as well as priority boarding.

** Product available on British Airways on long haul flights only*

Club Europe

Start your Club Europe journey with access to comfortable departure lounges**, dedicated check-in** desks and priority boarding. On board you will have more personal space to relax and enjoy the selection of delicious meals including full British breakfast, lunch, traditional afternoon tea and dinner. Alongside your meals, you can enjoy a range of hot, cold, and alcoholic drinks. You also benefit from a larger baggage allowance than in Euro Traveller.

*** Where available*

Club World

Relax in style before your flight with a dedicated check-in and lounge access. Once on-board, you will enjoy a fully flatbed on all long-haul flights with luxury bedding and an amenity kit. Delicious food and drink are served using local ingredients, and you can select your main course, served with a starter, dessert, and cheese. During your flight you can choose from snacks, plus hot, cold, and alcoholic drinks, all delivered to your seat. Their signature afternoon tea also features on some routes.



BRITISH AIRWAYS



Call our travel experts to secure your tour enhancements on 01722 705 230

New tours for 2026

Each year we add new archaeological tours, and 2026 is no exception. This year's collection spans continents and millennia – from Peru's ancient civilisations to China's prehistoric settlements and imperial wonders. Explore prehistoric Ireland, the Viking homelands, and the remarkable rock art of early humanity. Our Relaxed tours uncover the archaeology of Syracuse, Kyrenia, Nice, Split and Trier at a slower pace. Classical highlights include Greece, Capri and the Bay of Naples, and a Grand Tour of Roman Britain. Further discoveries await in Warsaw to Danzig, the historic Po Valley, and the rich archaeology of Anglesey, Shetland and Orkney.



Relaxed Syracuse

Departing: 6th October 2026 *See page 24*



Relaxed Kyrenia

Departing: 13th April 2026 *See page 31*



Relaxed Nice

Departing: 18th May 2026 *See page 42*



Classical Greece

Departing: 21st September 2026
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Highlights of Shetland and Orkney

Departing: 7th September 2026
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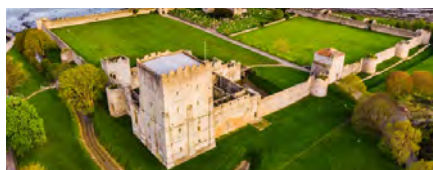
Peru

Departing: 2nd September 2026
See page 56



China

Departing: 2nd September 2026
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A Grand Tour of Roman Britain

Departing: 7th September 2026
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Warsaw to Danzig

Departing: 24th August 2026
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Cities on the Po

Departing: 8th June 2026 *See page 14*



Relaxed Split

Departing: 11th April 2026 *See page 44*



Viking Homelands

Departing: 14th July 2026 *See page 47*



Relaxed Trier

Departing: 7th July 2026 *See page 43*



Rock Art & Human Origins

Departing: 11th May 2026 *See page 48*



Prehistoric Ireland

Departing: 25th July 2026 *See page 38*



Capri & Romans on the Bay of Naples

Departing: 11th May & 21st September 2026
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The Archaeology of Anglesey

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NEW
FOR 2026

Introducing *Relaxed* BREAKS

Ancient stories, stunning sites, wonderful scenery and unrivalled expertise



Sometimes the most rewarding holidays are the ones taken at an unhurried pace. Our Relaxed tours have been carefully designed for those who wish to savour each destination with the ease of a lighter daily itinerary.

Our Relaxed tours are crafted for those who prefer to discover the past at a gentler pace. With carefully planned itineraries, we balance expert-led visits with more leisure time, so you can truly savour each destination with the ease of a lighter daily itinerary.

Every trip is accompanied by one of our expert Guide Lecturers, who bring archaeology and history vividly to life, while our professional Tour Manager ensures your comfort and peace of mind throughout. Almost all meals are included, and with a single, well-chosen hotel as your base, you can settle in and focus entirely on the experience.

We limit every group to a maximum of 18 guests, guaranteeing an intimate, friendly, and highly personalised journey. Expect fewer site visits each day, but with the same depth of expert insight, allowing time for reflection, thoughtful discussion, and quiet appreciation of your surroundings.

If you want the full richness of an Andante experience but prefer a slower rhythm and space to simply absorb the moment, these tours are designed with you in mind.

Choose from Relaxed Syracuse pg 24, Relaxed Kyrenia pg 31, Relaxed Nice pg 42, Relaxed Trier pg 43, Relaxed Split pg 44.

NEW
FOR 2026

Introducing *Essential* BREAKS

Illuminating the past, at your own pace

These tours combine expert guidance with the freedom to explore interesting ancient locations at your own pace. On an Andante Essential tour we take care of all the necessary planning so that you can concentrate on the most important detail: what you want to see!

Every trip is accompanied by an expert Guide Lecturer to give you in-depth experience and includes free time to explore further or simply enjoy your destination providing the perfect balance of specialist guided visits and independent exploring.

All accommodation is in hand-picked hotels in the best possible locations and transport and entry to the sites listed in the itinerary are included as is a welcome and farewell dinner on the first and last night. Tips to local staff are included where appropriate (waiters, drivers, site custodians) and we also include a set of Field Notes with site plans and background information written by our experts.

Tours will never exceed 18 people ensuring an intimate, flexible, and immersive experience. If you have an interest in the amazing achievements (and terrible blunders!) of humankind, enjoy the expertise of a specialist guide and prefer archaeology with a touch of independence, these tours are for you.

Choose from Essential Rome pg 21, Essential Verona pg 22, Essential Etruscans pg 23, Essential Athens pg 26 and Essential Carthage pg 50.



Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania

Learn more about Pompeii at the recently excavated villas

8 DAYS FROM £2,735pp

 Moderate ●●○

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE



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 was 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.



Enjoy visits to off-the-beaten-track villas at Stabiae

Private access to the Cave of Sejanus (Grotta di Seiano) and the adjoining Villa of Pausilypon with its dramatic coastal views

Visit newly excavated houses in Pompeii

Day One | UK - Naples - Cava de' Tirreni

Today fly from London Heathrow to Naples and then we transfer to our hotel on arrival.

Day Two | Cava de' Tirreni - Paestum

Our day begins with a visit to the fascinating site at **Paestum**, ancient Poseidonia. Long before the Romans came, this was a thriving Greek city that was part of greater Greece from the 6th century BCE. After lunch, we visit the **Paestum Museum**, famed for its archaic metopes and its painted tombs. We also be able to visit the magnificent **Store Rooms** of Paestum.

Day Three | Pompeii

We devote the entire day to **Pompeii**. No other site compares in revealing details of daily life in a Roman town. We visit some of the most well-preserved buildings as well as an amphitheatre, theatre, forum, bath-houses, bars and even brothels. Fountains in the street are worn from where countless people rested their hands to take a drink and Roman graffiti can still be seen on the walls. Travelling via

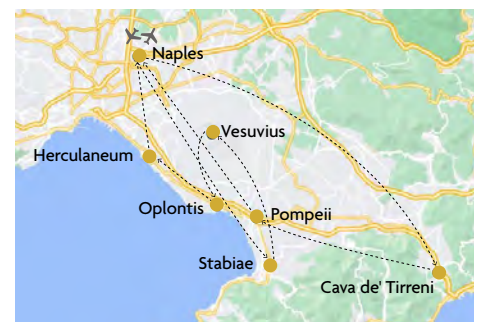
the best routes to avoid the crowds, we visit some houses that are newly reopened to the public.

Day Four | Naples - Pozzuoli

Our first visit of the day is to the fabulous **National Archaeological Museum** in Naples, home to exceptional collections of artefacts. After lunch, we move on to **Pozzuoli** and visit one of the world's most impressive amphitheatres. Later, we are granted private access to the **Cave of Sejanus**, an impressive tunnel dating to the age of Augustus, which gives access to the lovely seaside villa of **Pausilypon**. During our visit here, we can see a theatre and odeon, built at a later date.

Day Five | Stabiae

Go off the beaten track today to the villas of **Stabiae**, an exclusive Roman resort for the very wealthy. The vast **Villa San Marco**, with its swimming pool and bath complex, is one of the most opulent along this coast and it remains very impressive in its scale. Subject to renovations being completed, we hope to visit the **Villa Arianna**,



with its wonderful frescoes and fabulous views over the Bay of Naples. After lunch we visit the **Archaeological Museum of Castellammare di Stabia Libero D'Orsi** which opened in September 2020 specifically for the exhibition of the many important items found in the region of Stabia. There are a large number of finds on display, some never before exhibited in Italy, including frescoes, inlaid floors, stuccoes, sculptures and tableware.

Day Six | Herculaneum

This morning we head to **Herculaneum**, which perfectly complements a visit to Pompeii. This seaside city was buried to a significantly greater depth than Pompeii - under 23 metres of pyroclastic to be exact - perfectly preserving every-day objects as well as houses up to their rooftops. In addition to the site, we explore

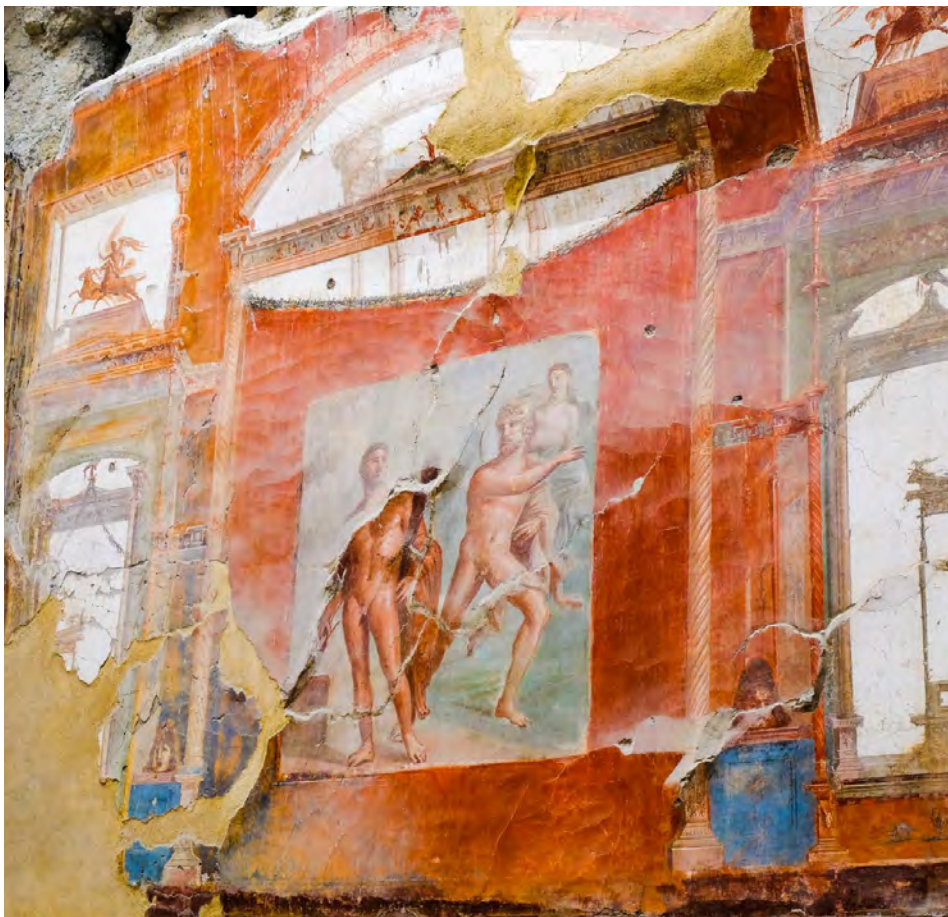
the Antiquarium, newly opened after 44 years, and which houses precious articles found along Herculaneum's sea front, including a well-preserved boat. After lunch we visit Boscoreale to explore **Villa Regina**, discovered in the late 20th century while digging for the foundations of council housing. In contrast to the opulent villas we have seen on other days, this is a modest small holding which provides us with evidence of how ordinary people lived. Boscoreale is a locality north of Pompeii located on the slopes of Vesuvius, identified by some with the Pagus Augustus Felix Suburbanus. With the inauguration of the Great Pompeii, in October 2023, the **Antiquarium of Boscoreale** was reopened with a room dedicated to the excavations underway in the suburban villa of Civita Giuliana, with the ceremonial chariot found there in 2021.

Day Seven | Vesuvius - Oplontis

Today, we ascend to the great volcanic crater of **Vesuvius**. The majority of our journey is by bus, but the final part requires a short walk, which is well worth the effort. The walk starts at Monte Somma, the crater of the AD 79 eruption, where we grasp the scale of it. After the ascent and peering into the crater being forged since the ancient eruption, we will see fumaroles and the layers of previous eruptions, while walking around the perimeter of the crater affords magnificent views over the Bay of Naples. On good days, you can even make out Pompeii. After lunch, we continue on to the impressive villa at **Oplontis**, which boasts sumptuous frescoes, a bath complex, an enormous swimming pool and interesting slave quarters. This villa was supposedly owned by Emperor Nero and was both destroyed and subsequently preserved by Vesuvius' eruption.

Day Eight | Cava de' Tirreni - Naples - UK

After breakfast, our tour ends and we catch our return flight back to London Heathrow.



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YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

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. Join John on our 19th January, 16th March, 27th April & 5th October departures.

Dr Eireann Marshall
An Honorary Research Fellow for the Open University, Eireann has led many Andante tours. She won the Top History and Culture Guide prize at Wanderlust magazine's 2019 World Guide Awards. Join Eireann on our 16th February departure.

Dr Simon Elliott
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Dr Doru Bogdan
A researcher and lecturer at the University of Alba Iulia in Romania, Doru is a specialist in Roman archaeology and has also supervised an array of fascinating excavations. Join Doru on our 13th April departure.

Dr Jamie Sewell
An author of books and articles on the archaeology of towns in Hellenistic Italy, Jamie has 15 years' worth of experience supervising excavations in Britain, Germany, Italy and Romania. Join Jamie on our 4th May departure.

Dr Gillian Shepherd
Director of the Trendall Center for Ancient Mediterranean Studies at La Trobe in Australia, Gillian specialises in the Greek colonisation of Italy and Sicily. She is especially interested in the historiography of colonisation. Join Gillian on our 7th September departure.

Diana Blumberg
Diana Blumberg is an archaeological scientist who specialises in the analysis of archaeological materials. She has worked on archaeological field schools in both Pompeii and Portus (the latter being one of the harbours of ancient Rome). Join Diana on our 28th September departure.

Tony Wilmott
Senior Archaeologist with Historic England, Tony has directed many excavations, and published several books and many articles in archaeological journals. He specialises in the Roman periods, with a particular interest in the Roman military. Join Tony on our 19th October departure.

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- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 7 nights' in the Hotel Forum (Jan & Feb) or Hotel Scapolatiello (Mar-Oct)

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 19th - 26th Jan | £2,735 | £335 £0 |
| 16th - 23rd Feb | £2,830 | £335 £0 |
| 9th - 16th Mar | £2,965 | £265 £0 |
| 16th - 23rd Mar | £2,965 | £265 £0 |
| 13th - 20th Apr | £3,060 | £265 £0 |
| 27th Apr - 4th May | £3,060 | £265 £0 |
| 4th - 11th May | £3,170 | £265 £0 |
| 7th - 14th Sep | £3,170 | £265 £0 |
| 28th Sep - 5th Oct | £3,170 | £265 £0 |
| 5th - 12th Oct | £3,170 | £265 £0 |
| 19th - 26th Oct | £3,170 | £265 £0 |
| 26th Oct - 2nd Nov | £3,170 | £265 £0 |

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Cities on the Po

From the Etruscans to the Great Renaissance Families

8 DAYS FROM £3,890pp

Moderate ●●○



Embark on a journey through history along the mighty Po River, Italy's longest waterway which meanders across the country from the Cottian Alps to the sparkling Adriatic. Once playing a significant role in the development of Italy's economy and culture, its banks have witnessed the rise and fall of many different civilisations and therefore offers a real treasure chest of ancient relics. Learn about cities such as Spina that went undiscovered for thousands of years, uncover stories of power, including the Este family who dominated much of the region for centuries, and admire a range of fascinating items in a range of famous museums and sites.



Uncover the remnants of Spina, once the most important port of the Adriatic which went undiscovered for centuries

Glimpse into the rich history and power of the Este family at Palazzo Schifanoia, home to some of Italy's most important 15th-century frescoes

Learn more about the crossroads of the ancient world at the Museum of the Ancient Delta, featuring a well-preserved Roman shipwreck

Day One | UK - Bologna

Today fly from London Heathrow to Bologna and transfer to our hotel.

Day Two | Bologna

Our journey begins in **Bologna** with a visit to the **Archaeological Museum** with its impressive array of artefacts, housed in the 15th-century Palazzo Galvani. We then proceed to **Salaborsa**, a multimedia library in Palazzo d'Accursio with a transparent floor revealing ancient excavations. Next is **Basilica San Petronio**, a grand Italian Gothic cathedral, followed by Santuario Santo Stefano, known as sette chiese (seven churches).

Day Three | Ferrara

After breakfast, we explore Ferrara's treasures, beginning at the medieval **Castello Estense**, a moated fortress with towers, drawbridges and opulent rooms. Next, we visit the 12th-century **Cattedrale San Giorgio** and the **National Archaeological Museum of Ferrara** in Palazzo Costabili, renowned for its Etruscan artefacts from Spina. Post-lunch, our final stop is the Renaissance **Palazzo Schifanoia**, built for the Este family and home to significant 15th-century frescoes.

Day Four | Comacchio

Today, we head to Comacchio, 'Little Venice', with its scenic canals and bridges. We visit the **Museum of the Ancient Delta**, showcasing a well-preserved **Roman shipwreck** from the 1st century BCE. After

lunch, we drive back to Bologna, stopping at the 9th-century **Pomposa Abbey**, known for its Carolingian manuscripts.

Day Five | Modena

Today, we explore **Modena**, starting with its UNESCO-listed cathedral and a climb up **Ghirlandina Tower** for panoramic views. We then visit the Baroque **Ducal Palace** with its apartments adorned with frescoes. After lunch, we visit the **Mutina Archaeological Park**, revealing Roman-era roads and buildings.

Day Six | Parma

We visit **Parma**, renowned for art and cuisine. Highlights include Teatro Farnese, a 17th-century wooden theatre, and the **Baptistry**, made from pink Verona marble. The **adjacent cathedral** boasts Renaissance art, a marble pulpit and Correggio's grand frescoes. After lunch, we explore the **National Archaeological Museum**.

Day Seven | Villanova - Montale

We visit the Museum of **Villanovan Civilisation** in **Castenaso**, showcasing early Iron Age artefacts from the Villanovan culture. In **Marzabotto**, we explore the Etruscan city of Kainua at the **Pompeo Aria National Etruscan Museum** and then continue to the **Bronze Age site of Terramare di Montale**.

Day Eight | Bologna - UK

We transfer to Bologna Airport for our return flight to London Heathrow.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Eireann Marshall

An Honorary Research Fellow for the Open University, Eireann has led many Andante tours. She won the Top History and Culture Guide prize at *Wanderlust* magazine's 2019 World Guide Awards, and has also published a variety of articles on Roman North Africa.



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- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 7 nights' in the Hotel Porta San Mamolo, Bologna

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 8th -15th Jun | £3,890 | £495 |

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Prehistoric Italy

Ötzi and the Alpine Valleys of Val Camonica

6 DAYS FROM £3,210pp

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Throughout history, the fertile (and beautiful) Val Camonica valleys were an important route through the Italian Alps connecting northern and southern Europe. Prehistorians have theorised that the continuing movement of peoples and goods, especially during the Bronze and Iron Ages, gave rise to a dynamic prehistoric society – the history of which is packed into this ice-scoured landscape of lakes and mountains.



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

Day One | UK – Verona - Boario Terme

We fly to Verona and transfer to our hotel in Boario Terme.

Day Two | Val Camonica

We begin our survey of the extraordinary rock art with a two-day exploration of Val Camonica, starting with the incredible sites in **Naquane Park**. The valley is 75kms in length and contains more than 100,000 prehistoric rock art images depicting people, animals, tools and weapons. We continue with a visit to the huge Copper Age engraved boulders at **Massi di Cemno**. Excavations here uncovered a significant multi-period sanctuary. In the afternoon, we spend time in the **National Museum of Prehistory della Val Camonica**. Here, we see a marvellous collection of statue stelae and a wide range of finds from decades of excavations in the valley

Day Three | Val Camonica

This morning, we visit the rock art sites in the archaeological park of **Seradina-Bedolini** showing scenes of hunting, war, magic and agriculture. After lunch, we contrast art with everyday domestic life as we view reconstructed prehistoric houses – and more rock art – at **Foppe di Nadro**. Here, we can see a Neolithic hut and also a Rhaetic Iron Age house, giving a good idea of how the people that made the rock art lived.

Day Four | Boario Terme - Lake Ledro - Trento

Today we make our way through the foothills of the Alps to the shores of beautiful Lake Ledro where a Bronze Age pile dwelling village (known as a palafitta) was discovered in 1929. We visit the **Pile Dwelling Museum** to see the finds from the site and view its reconstructed houses. The remarkable finds excavated from the lake village include baked bread moulded around heated stones. In the afternoon we continue to Riva del Garda and La Rocca Museum, where the exhibits include **Copper Age** statues.

Day Five | Bolzano & Trento

We drive further into the Alps and visit the **South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology in Bolzano**, home of Ötzi, the Ice Man. Scientists and archaeologists have unravelled (and continue to unravel) the tiniest details of his life during the Copper Age, 5,000 years ago. His body has yielded information on how he lived and what he ate, how his tattoos possibly indicate acupuncture points, how he survived and how he died. The original artefacts are very well displayed, along with the excellent reconstructions and are irresistibly fascinating. After lunch we return to Trento to visit the magnificent **Romanesque cathedral** and the excavations of a Roman street below one of its piazzas, the Bishop's Palace.

Day Six | Trento - Verona - UK

We make our way to Verona for our return flight to London Gatwick.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Tertia Barnett

An archaeologist specialising in rock art, Tertia runs a research project exploring Scotland's Neolithic rock carvings and is also an Honorary Fellow at Edinburgh University.



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Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in the Hotel Brescia, Boario and 2 nights' in Hotel America, Trento

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 30th May - 4th Jun | £3,210 | £320 £0 |

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Capri & Romans on the Bay of Naples

New discoveries and highlights in the shadow of Vesuvius

8 DAYS FROM £3,170pp

Moderate ●●○

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Roman sites in the Bay of Naples have seen remarkable regeneration recently. This coastal area, developed by Roman elites for leisure, now features exciting archaeological activities and many newly opened sites. While Pompeii's new excavations get much attention, new sections of Herculaneum, Roman sites in Positano and Boscotrecase, and Terzigno's excavations are noteworthy too. Including Capri, this tour offers a fresh perspective on Romans in the Bay of Naples, highlighting new discoveries and sites for an updated view of this ancient world. It's an ideal time to visit these towns near Vesuvius, with fewer crowds.

Day One | UK - Naples - Cava de Tirreni

Today fly from London Heathrow airport to Naples and then we transfer to our hotel on arrival.

Day Two | Positano & Amalfi

This morning, we travel to Positano to visit the **Roman Villa and museum**, featuring its splendid frescoes. Hidden beneath the church of Santa Maria Assunta, this villa maritima may have belonged to Posides, a gladiator freed by Emperor Claudius. After lunch, we journey along the Amalfi Coast to explore the **Cathedral of St. Andrew**, a 9th-century structure showcasing a blend of styles, from Arabic-Norman to Renaissance and Baroque. Highlights include 11th-century bronze doors, a Romanesque campanile adorned with majolica tiles, and the 13th-century **Cloister of Paradise** with its peristyle and frescoes.

Day Three | Pompeii

Our entire day is dedicated to **Pompeii**, a site unparalleled in illustrating Roman daily life. We explore remarkably preserved buildings, an amphitheatre, theatre, forum, bath-houses, bars, and brothels. Street fountains bear the marks of countless hands, and Roman graffiti adorns the walls. Navigating optimal routes to avoid crowds, we visit several newly reopened villas.

Day Four | Naples

We commence with a visit to the remarkable **Museum of Archaeology** in Naples, home to exquisite frescoes and mosaics from Vesuvian towns, including the Alexander Mosaic and paintings of Sappho. The newly reopened western wing showcases numerous finds from Campania's key sites. Post-lunch, we explore two captivating locations in Naples: **Santa Chiara**, with its 18th-century majolica tile cloisters, and **San Lorenzo Maggiore**, a late 13th-century Franciscan church built on the Roman Forum's basilica site.

Day Five | Baia & Pozzuoli

Our morning is filled with Roman waterworks, beginning at the impressive **Piscina Mirabilis**, a vast cistern for the fleet at **Misenum**. We proceed to **Baia**, developed in the Roman era for the super-rich seeking thermal springs. We visit the **Archaeological Park**, site of an imperial thermal and palatial complex. After lunch, we explore the Flavian amphitheatre in **Pozzuoli**, one of the ancient world's largest amphitheatres, featuring well-preserved service rooms.

Day Six | Herculaneum, Boscotrecase & Terzigno

Today, we visit **Herculaneum**, buried by pyroclastic flow from the same eruption that engulfed Pompeii. The preservation of organic materials makes this site particularly poignant, showcasing a wine shop, the stunning **House of the Stags**, and fragments of daily life. New museums and the recently opened **House of the Bicentenary** enhance the experience. Following lunch in Herculaneum, we explore Boscotrecase's **Villa Regina**, a modest holding revealing ordinary life. We conclude with the **Museum of Archaeology at Terzigno**, housing remains and frescoes from farms destroyed by the AD 79 earthquake.

Day Seven | Capri

This morning, we ferry from Naples to **Capri**, a captivating limestone island. Historically favoured by emperors and elites for leisure, Capri's charm persists. We visit Anacapri for panoramic views from Monte Solaro and explore **Villa San Michele**, with its gardens and vistas. The afternoon offers free time to explore before returning to Naples by ferry.

Day Eight | Cava de Tirreni - Naples - UK

Our tour concludes with a private visit to the **Monastery of the Most Holy Trinity at Cava de Tirreni**, housing 15,000 parchments dating back to the 8th century. We then proceed to the airport for our flight back to London Heathrow.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

Tony Wilmott

Senior Archaeologist with Historic England, Tony has directed many excavations, and published several books and many articles in archaeological journals. He specializes in the Roman periods, with a particular interest in the Roman military. Join Tony on our 11th May departure.



Dr Simon Elliott

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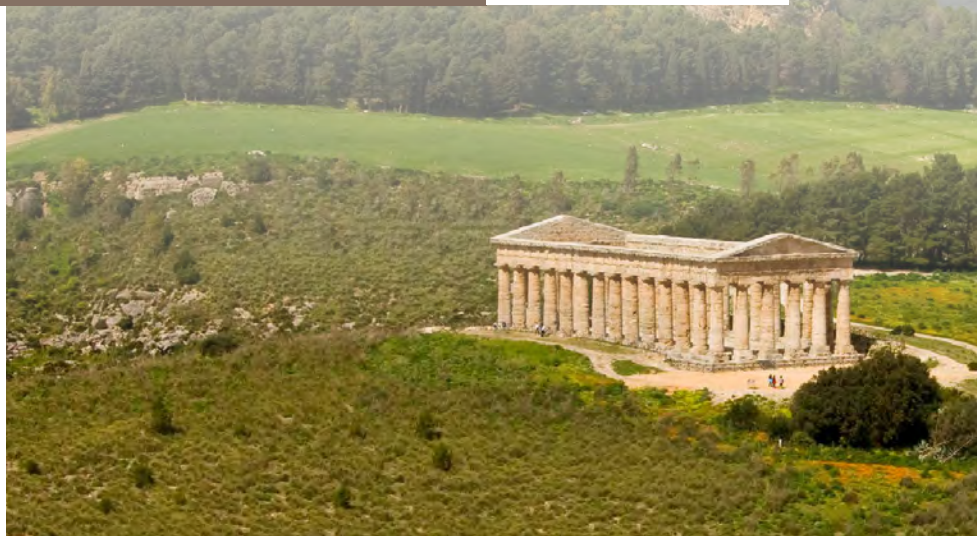
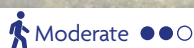
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| 11th - 18th May | £3,170 | £265 £0 |
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Classical Sicily

Rich archaeological sites and impressive artistic achievements

12 DAYS FROM £5,655pp



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.

Day One | UK - Catania

Today fly from London and arrive in Catania before transferring to Palermo.

Day Two | Segesta & Monreale

We find the ancient Greek city of **Segesta**, home to an elegant but unfinished 5th-century BC Doric temple then we make our way to **Monreale**, the former hunting ground of the Norman kings of Sicily.

Day Three | Palermo

The wonders of Palermo awaits, from the **Archaeological Museum**, which houses significant collections of Punic and Ancient Greek art, to the beautifully decorated church of **La Martorana** and the neighbouring **Chiesa di San Cataldo**. Next is **Palermo Cathedral** and a private visit to the **Cappella Palatina**.

Day Four | Cefalù & Himara

Discover the charming little port of **Cefalù**. Later, we visit the archaeological park at **Himera**, the site of the legendary battle between the Greeks and Carthaginians in 480 BCE.

Day Five | Palermo – Motya - Marsala

This morning we drive to **Marsala** then cross by boat to the island of **Motya**. While on Motya we visit the **Archaeological Museum**, taking time to admire its world-renowned statue of the charioteer, a striking sculpture from the early 5th century BCE.

Day Six | Selinus

We start at the **Cave di Cusa**, used by Selinus for their titanic temples. Their heavy work was abandoned in 409 BC when Carthaginians mercilessly sacked their city, a common refrain in the violent history of Sicily. We then travel on to Selinus and finish at the **Acropolis of Selinus**.

Day Seven | Agrigento

We explore the remains of **Agrigento** today, the

site of the ancient Greek city of Akragas and take in the **Valley of the Temples**, a World Heritage Site of seven Doric sanctuaries. We also view the remains of the **Temple of Olympian Zeus**, another Sicilian temple, with an unusual layout characterised by enormous telemons.

Day Eight | Piazza Armerina – Morgantina - Ortygia

Our journey takes us through central Sicily, stopping at the magnificent **Villa Romana del Casale in Piazza Armerina** before we travel to **Morgantina**, a city founded by the native Sikels under their leader Duceus.

Day Nine | Syracuse

Today is all about **Syracuse**, which Cicero described as "the greatest Greek city and the most beautiful of them all". Highlights include the **Neapolis Archaeological Park**, home to the Great Theatre where Aeschylus' tragedies were once performed, before a walk around **Ortygia**, the city's oldest part.

Day Ten | Ortygia & Noto

Enjoy time exploring the wonderful island of **Ortygia** this morning. Later, we proceed to **Noto**, a baroque fantasy of a city, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon we visit the late Roman villa at **Tellaro**, which contains fine mosaics depicting scenes such as the ransom of Hector's body.

Day Eleven | Ortygia – Catania - Taormina

This morning we drive to **Catania** and the Piazza del Duomo, Catania's principal square and a UNESCO World Heritage site. We will also visit the Roman Theatre and Odeon. After lunch, we drive to Taormina to visit the superbly situated Roman theatre.

Day Twelve | Catania - UK

We return to Catania for our flight back to London Gatwick.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

Dr Doru Bogdan

A researcher and lecturer at the University of Alba Iulia in Romania, Doru is a specialist in Roman archaeology and has also supervised an array of fascinating excavations. Join Doru on our 24th March departure.



Tony O'Connor

A specialist in the Roman Empire, Tony has excavated widely across Britain, Europe and North Africa. He first led a tour for Andante over 10 years ago and he just gets better and better! Join Tony on our 13th May departure.



Oliver Gilkes

One of our longest-standing Guide Lecturers, Oliver has worked as a field and museum archaeologist in the UK, Albania and Italy. Oliver is still involved in projects in Albania and is considered one of just a handful of experts on Albanian archaeology in the UK. Join Oliver on our 22nd September departure.



Dr Jamie Sewell

An author of books and articles on the archaeology of towns in Hellenistic Italy, Jamie has 15 years' worth of experience supervising excavations in Britain, Germany, Italy and Romania. Join Jamie on our 20th October departure.



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Accommodation

- 4 nights' in Palermo, 1 night in Marsala, 2 nights' in Agrigento, 3 nights' in Syracuse and 1 night in Taormina

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 24th Mar - 4th Apr | £5,655 | £875 |
| 13th - 24th May | £5,995 | £890 |
| 22nd Sep - 3rd Oct | £5,995 | £890 |
| 20th - 31st Oct | £5,995 | £890 |

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The Samnites

War and peace in the ancient Apennines

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For three hundred years the hardy peoples of central Italy were Rome's bitterest enemies. Rome fought three wars against the tenacious mountaineers who had a habit of humiliating Roman generals. The Samnite Wars were fundamental for establishing Rome's control over the Italian peninsula, as well as developing Roman warfare. As an indication of this, the Via Appia was created because of the Samnite Wars, in order to facilitate troop movements. In later centuries, the homeland of the Samnites was vital for feeding the great cities of north and south. Set amongst spectacular mountains, ancient cities, castles and abbeys this tour reaches to the heart of Italy and considers early Italians who were so important for establishing and maintain the might of Rome.



Visit the theatre and sanctuary at Pietrabbondante, the Samnite religious and political centre in the mountains of Molise

Explore the ancient site of Saepinum with an impressive theatre, which was developed to pasture flocks sent to Rome, something still done to this day

Admire the massive abbey at San Vincenzo al Volturno, established by Charlemagne

Examine the stunning UNESCO-listed Carolingian Oratory of San Pellegrino with its priceless frescoes

Day One | UK - Rome - Venafrò

We travel to the ancient site of **Venafrò** on the River Volturno, famous for its olive groves, and explore the remains of its amphitheatre, which once held 15,000 spectators.

Day Two | Venafrò

The day starts with a visit to the **Santa Chiara National Archaeological Museum** which houses finds from Venafrum and the abbey of San Vincenzo. We discover the **Pandone Castle**, originally built in the 10th century, on the remains of earlier fortifications and redecorated in the Renaissance and then visit **San Vincenzo al Volturno**.

Day Three | Isernia & Saepinum

We explore **Isernia**, a strategic Samnite city renamed Aesernia after its seizure by Rome, then visit the **National Museum of the Paleolithic**, which displays the amazing Palaeolithic finds from the area. We continue to the **Cathedral** and the **Civic Museum of Memory and History** before driving onwards to **Saepinum**.

Day Four | Pietrabbondante & Schiavi di Abruzzo

We drive to **Agnone**, famed for its bronze casting tradition and the location of a Papal bell foundry that has been making bells for generations and then move on to **Pietrabbondante** to explore the excavated remains of the ritual sanctuary

of the Pentri tribe. Later we drive to **Schiavi di Abruzzo** where we see another mountain sanctuary which boasts two well-preserved and reconstructed temples.

Day Five | Venafrò - Silvi Marina

Today we venture into the Abruzzi mountains to **Iuvavum**, a market town established for the ancient shepherds of the uplands. We cross the Sangro River to the **Rocca Scalegna** and visit the Angevin castle, which was built during its conflict with the Aragonese. We then head to **Chieti** to visit the **National Museum Villa Frigerj** whose highlights include the extraordinary Capestrano Warrior.

Day Six | Silvi Marina - L'Aquila

The day starts in Sulmona, where we visit the sanctuary of **Hercules Curino**, one of the most important ancient shrines of Abruzzo before we proceed to the UNESCO-listed Oratory of San Pellegrino in **Bominaco**, a Benedictine Carolingian chapel. We then visit Fossa, where a unique Samnite tumulus cemetery is criss-crossed with rows of standing stones.

Day Seven | L'Aquila - Aminternum - UK

On our last day, we pay a quick visit to **L'Aquila**. Here we visit the famous fountain of the 99 spouts, gifted to the city by Emperor Frederick II. Then on to **Aminternum**, a substantial Roman city whose remains include a theatre and amphitheatre.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Oliver Gilkes

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Included travel

- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Hotel Dora, Venafrò, 1 night in the Hermitage Hotel, Silvi Marina and 1 night in the Hotel La Compagnia Del Viaggiatore, L'Aquila

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/Dbl Share | SS |
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Rome is one of the most charismatic and engaging of the great cities of the world and this tour is the perfect introduction to the 'Eternal City' in the company of archaeologist and historians who will bring to life the triumphs, tragedies and political intrigue that characterised the Roman Empire. We stay at the privately owned Albergo Santa Chiara in the very heart of the ancient city, the perfect base for exploring Rome.



Explore the underground ruins of Nero's infamous Golden House, a revolution in architecture and luxurious design

Walk along the Appian Way, visiting the Villa of the Quintili and the Circus of Maxentius

Discover two important sites outside the city centre – the port of Ostia and Hadrian's Palace at Tivoli

Day One | UK - Rome

We fly from London Heathrow to Rome and transfer to our hotel in the heart of the city.

Day Two | Forum & Colosseum

This morning, we start at the **Imperial Fora** with the famous monument of **Trajan's Column** and proceed through the **Forum Romanum**, the political heart of the city and empire, a site of profound historical events. We continue to the Palatine to visit the ruins of the Imperial palaces and in the afternoon, we explore the Colosseum, the iconic Flavian Amphitheatre – the largest of its type ever constructed. We end the day at the adjacent decorative **Arch of Constantine**.

Day Three | The Appian Way

Today we drive to the **Appian Way** and visit some of the villas of the senatorial aristocracy found there. Here 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 as a dynastic centre for his family. Our last visit is another huge imperial project, the **Baths of Caracalla**, capable of accommodating thousands at a time.

Day Four | Domus Aurea & Celian Hill

This morning we visit the legendary **Golden House**, which Emperor Nero built after the great

fire of Rome. Next is the extraordinary church of **San Clemente** to discover its underground surprises and the **Domus Romane Del Celio**, Roman houses which date from the 2nd century. Later, we also discover the treasures of **Parco Archeologico del Celio**.

Day Five | Tivoli

We make the short drive to **Tivoli**, where the Emperor Hadrian chose to build his palace, **Hadrian's Villa**, which sprawls across the rolling countryside at the foot of the hills below the town. In the afternoon, we pay a visit to the great 16th-century **Villa D'Este**, built by Cardinal Ippolito D'Este, the son of Lucrezia Borgia.

Day Six | Field of Mars & Ara Pacis

This morning we take a walk through part of the **Field of Mars**, originally an open area lying just outside Rome's earliest defences. Later we visit the **Ara Pacis**, an altar commissioned by the Roman Senate to honour the return of Augustus after his campaigns in Gaul. The afternoon is free to spend as you wish.

Day Seven | Rome - UK

On our final day, we leave Rome and travel to the ancient harbour city of **Ostia Antica**, originally Rome's first colony which became a thriving port. From Ostia, we continue to the airport for our afternoon flight home to London Heathrow.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURERS

Dr Jamie Sewell

An author of books and articles on the archaeology of towns in Hellenistic Italy, Jamie has 15 years' worth of experience supervising excavations. Join Jamie on our 20th February departure.



Oliver Gilkes

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Dr Simon Elliott

An award-winning and best-selling author, historian and broadcaster. Join Simon on our 24th April & 13th November departures.



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. Join John on our 30th October departure.



REGIONAL DEPARTURES

Return flights available from Birmingham and Manchester

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Accommodation

- 6 nights* in the Albergo Santa Chiara

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 18th - 24th Feb | £3,925 | £395 £0 |
| 21st - 27th Mar | £3,985 | £395 £0 |
| 24th - 30th Apr | £4,070 | £395 £0 |
| 30th Oct - 5th Nov | £3,985 | £395 £0 |
| 13th - 19th Nov | £3,925 | £395 £0 |

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Discover the extraordinary Sassi di Matera

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Discover the charming white-washed trulli of UNESCO-listed Alberobello

Tour ancient Matera, the setting for Mel Gibson's *Passion of the Christ* and 2019's European Capital of Culture

Experience the wonderful Baroque city of Lecce and its many historic sites

Pay a visit to Castel del Monte, the most spectacular castle in all of southern Italy

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Day One | UK - Puglia - Lecce

We fly from London Gatwick into Puglia and drive to Lecce. Time permitting, we take an introductory stroll around the city.

Day Two | Lecce - Otranto

Our journey commences in the vibrant city of **Lecce**, where we explore its churches and the Roman amphitheatre of Lupiae. We continue to the secluded **Roca Vecchia Archaeological Park** for a private visit before heading to the picturesque seaside city of **Otranto**. Here, we explore its tumultuous history marked by the Ottoman siege of 1480, visiting the cathedral and the Byzantine Church of San Pietro.

Day Three | Egnatia - Alberobello

Our travels take us to **Egnatia**, an ancient Messapian city and a significant trading hub during the Roman era. We proceed to **Alberobello**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its distinctive architecture. Here, we enjoy leisure time to explore the city at our own pace.

Day Four | Matera

We dedicate our day to **Matera**, the European Capital of Culture in 2019. The poignant narrative of Carlo Levi's *Christ Stopped at Eboli* recounts the severe poverty he encountered during his exile in the 1940s. Our exploration begins with the remarkable Sassi di Matera, featuring rock-cut cave dwellings and Byzantine churches adorned with frescoes, followed by free time.

Day Five | Massafra - Taranto

Our journey continues to **Massafra**, a hidden gem with cave dwellings and Byzantine churches rich in frescoes. We then travel to **Taranto** to visit the exceptional **National Archaeological Museum**, one of Italy's finest.

Day Six | Metapontum - Gioia del Colle

In the morning, we explore **Metapontum**, a luxurious city of Magna Graecia, and visit the **Temple of Hera**. Our journey leads us to Gioia del Colle to admire the castle restored by Frederick II, along with the National Archaeological Museum housed within its walls.

Day Seven | Castel del Monte - Bari

Our day begins at **Castel del Monte**, where we marvel at the magnificent 13th-century hunting lodge of Emperor Frederick II. The afternoon is spent in **Trani**, visiting its stunning cathedral by the sea, followed by leisure time.

Day Eight | Venosa & Melfi

Our final day takes us to **Venosa**, where we visit the 12th-century Holy Trinity Abbey, housing a significant Norman tomb. We then explore the Roman site of **Venusia** before continuing to **Melfi** to admire its grand Norman castle, home to the **National Archaeological Museum**, featuring a priceless Bronze Age statuette and the Roman sarcophagus of Rapolla.

Day Nine | Bari - Puglia - UK

After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our return flight to London.



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- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Grand Hotel Di Lecce, 3 nights' in the Hotel San Domenico al Piano, Matera and 3 nights' in the Hotel Excelsior Bari

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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Rome was once the most powerful city in the Mediterranean, sending out soldiers, administrators and traders to order the affairs of provinces as far apart as Britain and Mesopotamia. On this tour archaeologist and Italiophile, Oliver Gilkes, is on hand to help you unravel this complex web of history. Exploring with Oliver, we meet the Romans at every level of society from the senatorial grandeur of the Forum to sailors and merchants at the once bustling harbour at Ostia.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Admire the unique Pantheon, so influential to Renaissance architects in later millennia

Explore the Colosseum, the largest amphitheatre ever built

Discover two extraordinary sites outside the city – Tivoli and Ostia Antica

Day One | UK - Rome

We fly together from London Heathrow to Rome, transferring to our hotel in the heart of the city.

Day Two | Rome

In the morning, we'll walk through Rome's ancient centre, visiting the Theatre of Marcellus, preserved through its conversion into medieval tenements; the Forum and Senate House, the political heart of ancient Rome; the Palace of Domitian on the Palatine Hill; and the Column of Trajan, commemorating his Dacian wars. We'll also explore the Colosseum, Italy's largest amphitheatre. The afternoon is free for you to spend as you wish.

Day Three | Tivoli

Today, we journey outside Rome to Tivoli. Our morning will be spent at Hadrian's sprawling villa, built in the 2nd century AD as a retreat from the city. This vast estate includes over 30 buildings, such as libraries, bathhouses, theatres, temples, imperial staterooms, and gardens inspired by Hadrian's travels. In the afternoon, we'll visit the World Heritage Site of Villa d'Este, celebrated for its Renaissance gardens.

Day Four | Rome

Today is yours to explore Rome as you wish. Options include strolling along the banks of the Tiber, visiting the temples in the Forum Boarium, walking the Circus Maximus, or exploring St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums.

Day Five | Rome

This morning, we'll walk through the Field of Mars, a low plain by the River Tiber, drained by Julius Caesar and developed by Augustus. Its street system remains largely unchanged from Roman times. Highlights include the Pantheon, built by Hadrian with the world's largest unsupported dome; the Column of Marcus Aurelius, depicting his victories; and the Stadium of Domitian, now Piazza Navona. Our walk concludes at the Trevi Fountain. The afternoon is free for further exploration.

Day Six | Rome - Ostia Antica - UK

We depart Rome this morning for Ostia Antica, Rome's ancient harbour city near the Tiber's mouth. Once Rome's first colony, it became a bustling port, with some of the best-preserved Roman buildings rivaling Pompeii. From here, we head to Rome Fiumicino Airport for our flight home to London Heathrow.

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Culinary inclusions

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Essential VERONA

The cultural landscape of Veneto

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While Rome commands attention with its imperial grandeur and Florence dazzles with its Medici legacy, Verona quietly offers something increasingly rare: a picturesque medieval quarter, well preserved Roman sites and dozens of beautiful churches blissfully light on tourists when travelling in the early part of the year. We explore its ancient heart and make excursions into the region beyond, an area which bears the accumulated weight of centuries—Roman theatres, Palladian villas and medieval communes that grew into maritime powers.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Discover three remarkable underground excavations that lie beneath Verona

Visit Sirmione the beautiful lakeside town which sits on a peninsula of Lake Garda

Discover the UNESCO World Heritage archaeological complex of San Salvatore-Santa Giulia in Brescia

Admire the work of Giotto at Scrovegni Chapel, undeniably Padua's most famous historical treasure

Day One | UK - Verona

We fly from London Gatwick to Verona.

Day Two | Verona

We spend the day exploring Verona's Roman heritage, starting with the magnificent **amphitheatre**. We then visit three subterranean archaeological sites, beginning with **Via San Cosimo**, which preserves evidence of Verona's early defences and an imperial-age domus. Next, we see the **Arco dei Gavi**, a Roman arch marking the start of the Via Postumia, and the **Porta Borsari**, the gateway to the Roman city. Before lunch, we visit the **Cryptoporticus of Corte Sgarzerie**. In the afternoon, we explore the **Teatro Romano**, built in the 1st century BCE on San Pietro hill.

Day Three | Sirmione

We drive to **Sirmione**, a stunning lakeside town on Lake Garda's peninsula. Here, we visit the 14th-century **Castello Scaligero**, named after the Della Scala dynasty. A small train takes us to **Villa Catullus**, northern Italy's largest Roman villa, designed to maximise lake views. In the afternoon, we visit **Desenzano Roman Villa**, once a grand property, now famous for its vivid mosaic floors depicting cupids, maenads, satyrs, wild beasts, and the seasons.

Day Four | Verona

We explore Verona's connections to the powerful de Scala family. Our morning begins at **Chiesa San Fermo**, known for its dual structure and frescoes, followed by **Chiesa Santa Anastasia**, Verona's largest church and a Gothic masterpiece. We finish with a stroll through **Piazza dei Signori**, the political hub

during the Scalliger era. The afternoon is free to explore Verona or take a fast train to Milan or Venice.

Day Five | Brescia

Today, we travel to **Brescia**, a city rich in history. We visit the **Archaeological Park**, featuring the bronze Winged Victory, the Capitolium, Roman Theatre, and Republican Sanctuary. We also explore the Longobard complex of San Salvatore-Santa Giulia and the **Museo Santa Giulia**. The afternoon is free for independent exploration before returning to Verona.

Day Six | Padua

We take the train to Padua and start with the famous **Scrovegni Chapel**, home to Giotto's revolutionary frescoes. Next, we visit the **Museum Eremitani**, housing Egyptian artefacts brought by Belzoni. In the afternoon, we explore the **Palazzo della Ragione**, the **Baptistry of the Cathedral**, and the **Anatomical Theatre**, where Galileo once taught.

Day Seven | Vicenza

We travel to UNESCO-listed **Vicenza**. Our first stop is the **Roman Cryptoporticus** beneath Piazza Duomo. We then see the **Basilica Palladiana**, transformed by Palladio, the **Loggia del Capitaniato**, and the **Palladio Museum**. After lunch, we admire Giovanni Bellini's works in **Chiesa Santa Corona** and visit Palladio's **Palace of Chiericati**, now a museum. We end the day at **Teatro Olimpico**, Palladio's stunning Renaissance theatre.

Day Eight | Verona - UK

We have free time in the morning before flying back to London Gatwick in the afternoon.

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Dr Eireann Marshall

An Honorary Research Fellow for the Open University, Eireann has led many Andante tours. She won the Top History and Culture Guide prize at Wanderlust magazine's 2019 World Guide Awards.



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Accommodation

- 7 nights' in the Hotel Indigo Verona - Grand Hotel Des Arts

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 2nd - 9th March | £2,990 | £845 |

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Essential ETRUSCANS

Ancient people of Tuscany

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7 DAYS FROM £2,490pp

The Etruscans are one of the great forgotten civilisations. Conquest by the Romans meant that the Etruscans only appeared as incidental participants in early histories, but they had in fact flourished throughout the first millennium BCE in a group of prosperous city states which were sophisticated, cosmopolitan and influential. Their settlements, their artefacts and even their cemeteries testify to this and as we travel through the lovely countryside of Tuscany and northern Lazio, the Etruscans are abundantly on show, if you know where to look.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the beautifully painted tombs of Tarquinia with scenes of dancers, musicians and fabulous beasts

Admire the remarkable Etruscan collections of the Villa Giulia Museum

Explore the atmospheric Banditaccia cemetery, a real 'city of the dead' with tombs like terraced houses

Visit Chiusi, famous in antiquity as the city of Lars Porsenna, the Etruscan King who almost captured Rome

Day One | UK – Rome

We fly from London Gatwick to Rome and transfer to our hotel in Orvieto.

Day Two | Orvieto

We explore **Orvieto**, perched on a high tuff plateau typical of southern Etruscan cities. In the morning, we visit the **Belvedere temple podium** and **two archaeological museums**. Terracotta roof decorations from the Belvedere temple are displayed in the main museum, while the Museo Claudio Faina, a private collection in a charming town house, retains some original furnishings. The afternoon is free for independent exploration. Optional visits include 'underground' Orvieto, with its tuff plateau honeycombed with tunnels, silos, and wells from various periods. Other options include St. Patrizio's Renaissance well and the spectacular duomo – the 'Golden Lily of Cathedrals'.

Day Three | Bolzarno & Chiusi

In the morning, we visit the extraordinary **Bosco Sacro de Bomarzo**, commissioned in 1552 by Prince Pier Francesco Orsini. This unique Mannerist garden intrigues visitors with enigmatic symbolism and dark romanticism, featuring grotesque stone monsters like dragons, giants, elephants, and the famous Orcus mouth – a massive stone face visitors can walk through. In the afternoon, we travel to **Chiusi**, renowned as the city of Lars Porsenna, the Etruscan King who nearly captured Rome. Its excellent **archaeological museum** showcases Etruscan urns, from early 'canopic' forms to later chests with sculpted reclining figures.

Day Four | Orvieto

Today is free to explore Orvieto or relax. From here, it's easy to take a train to nearby towns or cities. Alternatively, you can opt for an unguided excursion to Siena, one of the most renowned Tuscan Renaissance city-states.

Day Five | Orvieto - Tarquinia

Before leaving **Orvieto**, we visit the small Etruscan **Crocifisso del Tufo cemetery**, laid out on a grid with family names carved above each tomb entrance. We continue to Tarquinia, known in antiquity as 'Tarchuna' and one of the most powerful Etruscan states. Our first stop is the **Archaeological Museum** in a Renaissance palazzo, housing an excellent collection of Etruscan artifacts. After lunch, we explore painted tombs at **Monterozzi cemetery**, dating from the 6th–1st centuries BCE, with scenes of banquets, music, dancing, and athletic games honouring the dead.

Day Six | Sutri & Villa Giulia Museum

We visit the archaeological park at **Sutri**, located on a volcanic plateau overlooking the Via Cassia. Its monuments, carved into tufa rock, have been preserved for millennia. In the afternoon, we head to Rome's outskirts to visit the **Villa Giulia Museum**, home to one of the finest collections of Etruscan artifacts, including life-size terracotta figures from the Portonaccio temple at Veio and the famous sarcophagus of the married couple from Cerveteri. We then return to our hotel in Tarquinia.

Day Seven | Cerveteri – Rome - UK

We drive down the coast to **Cerveteri** and spend the morning at the atmospheric **Banditaccia cemetery**, a 'city of the dead' with streets lined

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with vast tumuli and tombs resembling terraced houses. Some tombs feature rock-carved furniture, and one displays painted stucco household items and pets. After lunch in the modern town, we visit the small **archaeological museum** showcasing material from the tombs. We then transfer to Rome airport for our flight to London Gatwick.

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Included travel

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Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Hotel Palazzo Piccolomini, Orvieto
- and 2 nights' in the Hotel Villa Tirreno, Tarquinia

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 1st - 7th Mar | £2,490 | £370 |

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With a history stretching back almost 3,000 years, the city of Syracuse has the rare accolade of being classed as a World Heritage Site in its entirety. Founded in 734 BCE, the city grew to become the most powerful Greek polis in the western Mediterranean, rivalling Athens in its cultural achievements and political influence. We follow in the footsteps of the Greeks, Romans and much later civilizations who landed upon these shores and discover not only Ortygia but surrounding sites including the Greek Castle of Euryalus, the Roman Villa at Tellaro and the lovely Pantalica hills, honeycombed with ancient tombs.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Explore from our base in historic Ortygia with its glorious piazzas and sea views

Discover Pantalica, beautifully alive with native bird and plant life

Admire the exceptionally fine mosaics at the Villa Romana del Casale

Visit the hilltop city of Noto famous for its wonderful Baroque architecture

Day One | UK – Catania - Syracuse

We fly from London Gatwick to Catania and drive to our hotel in Syracuse.

Day Two | Ortygia

We spend the morning exploring Ortygia's Greek origins walking from our hotel to the **Temple of Athena**. We also see the **Temple of Apollo**, the **Fountain of Arethusa** and the **Great Harbour**, where we consider the sea battle fought between Syracusan and Athenian forces in 413 BCE. After lunch the rest of the afternoon is free for you to explore at leisure.

Day Three | Ortygia & Noto

An earlier start this morning as we discover more of this great city at the **historic food market** on the east coast. Later, we visit the **Church of Santa Lucia** to see Caravaggio's masterpiece, *Seppellimento di Santa Lucia*. In the afternoon, we drive south to the UNESCO-listed city of **Noto**, famous for its Baroque architecture. Our last visit of the day is to the **Roman villa at Tellaro** which dates from the late Imperial period.

Day Four | Pantalica & Euryalus Castle

We drive inland this morning to the hills of **Pantalica**, where we find an ancient necropolis dating primarily from the Late Bronze Age. After lunch we visit **Euryalus Castle**, one of the largest military constructions in the Greek world. One

could imagine Archimedes standing here with one of his fabulous devices defending the fort against invaders.

Day Five | Ortygia

Today is free to explore at leisure before meeting again for dinner.

Day Six | Syracuse

We cross to the mainland to visit the very fine **Paolo Orsi Museum**, boasting collections discovered throughout eastern Sicily. Next, we explore **Neapolis Archaeological Park**, meaning "New City" in Greek and representing the expansion of ancient Syracuse. We explore the archaeological area surrounding the theatre and the vast stone quarries, the amphitheatre and the Altar of Zeus. Later we return to Ortygia to visit the extensive catacombs lying beneath **Basilica of San Giovanni**.

Day Seven | Villa Romana del Casale

We drive to Piazza Armerina to see the restored UNESCO-listed **Villa Romana del Casale** with its exceptionally fine mosaics dating from the 4th century. The many rooms of exquisite mosaics floors, from a famous hunt scene and a scene of ten maidens participating in gymnastics to an array of vivid scenes from mythology.

Day Eight | Syracuse - Catania - UK

We return to Catania airport for our flight back to London Gatwick.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Doru Bogdan

A researcher and lecturer at the University of Alba Iulia in Romania, Doru is a specialist in Roman archaeology and has also supervised an array of fascinating excavations



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Accommodation

- 7 nights' in the Hotel Palazzo Cavalieri

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 6th - 13th Oct | £3,990 | £515 |

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Enjoy an informed, visit to this wonderful ancient capital. In winter the city belongs to the locals, the queues for the Parthenon melt away and there is space to absorb the beauty of its museum treasures. Wrap up warm and explore the city where democracy, architecture, classical art and literature germinated and flourished.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Rita Roussos

A native Athenian, Rita taught Archaeology and Art History at the American University of Athens. She is particularly interested in the place of women in ancient Greece and Rome.



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 | UK - Athens

Today fly from London Gatwick to Athens and settle in to our hotel.

Day Two | Athens

Our first full day is dedicated to the **Acropolis** and its museum. We 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 simply 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**

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Athens. Now somewhat overlooked by visitors flocking to the Acropolis Museum, it is worth remembering that this older museum is still home to a great collection of antiquities.

Day Four | Athens - UK

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 to London Gatwick.



REGIONAL DEPARTURES

Return flights available from Birmingham and Manchester

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- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Andante Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick*, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in the Herodion Hotel

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 | SS |
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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Admire astounding city views and the stunning architecture of the Acropolis

Enjoy two site visits to the stunning sanctuaries of Delphi and Sounion in the countryside of Attica

Discover the UNESCO listed Greek Agora, at the heart of ancient Athenian life

View the unmissable artefacts displayed in the National Museum of Athens

Day One | UK – Athens

We fly from London Gatwick to Athens and transfer to our hotel in the heart of the city.

Day Two | Athens

We start with a walk through ancient Athens, passing the **Theatre of Dionysus** and the impressive remains of the **Odeon of Herodes Atticus**, before climbing to the Acropolis. Here, the **Parthenon** stands tall, once housing a colossal gold and ivory statue of Athena, the city's patron goddess. After lunch, we visit the acclaimed **Acropolis Museum**, with its stunning Parthenon Gallery on the top floor. The gallery mirrors the dimensions and orientation of the Parthenon and showcases surviving sculptures, including frieze sections of the Panathenaic procession, alongside plaster casts of pieces held in other museums like the British Museum.

Day Three | Athens

Today, we explore the **Greek Agora**, the bustling heart of ancient Athenian life from the 6th century BCE, where citizens traded, debated, and engaged in democracy. Philosophers like Socrates famously debated here. Next, we visit the **Roman Forum**, built during Julius Caesar's reign and completed under Augustus. Highlights include the Tower of the Winds, an octagonal marble clocktower that served as a sundial and water clock. The afternoon is free for personal exploration of Athens' monuments or museums.

Day Four | Delphi

We travel north to **Delphi**, a 3-4 hour journey to a spectacular mountain sanctuary. Chosen for its natural rock cleft emitting vapours believed to aid communication with Apollo, Delphi thrived from the 8th century BCE through Roman times. Pilgrims, city-states, and rulers sought divine guidance here, and the site features the Temple of Apollo, a theatre, stadium, and treasuries built by Greek city-states.

Day Five | Athens

We visit the **National Archaeological Museum**, home to treasures spanning over 5,000 years. Highlights include the gold funeral Mask of Agamemnon in the Mycenaean Room and the Cycladic collection's minimalist marble figurines, which inspired modern artists like Picasso. These sculptures, created between 3200 and 2000 BCE, showcase the ancient roots of artistic abstraction. The afternoon is free for further exploration.

Day Six | Athens - UK

On our final day, we visit **The Temple of Poseidon at Sounion**, perched on Cape Sounion's dramatic headland. Built c. 440 BCE, this Doric masterpiece of white marble glows against the azure Saronic Gulf, offering one of Greece's most breathtaking views. After the visit, we head to the airport for our afternoon flight home to London Gatwick.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Aristotle Koskinas

Aristotle studied classical archaeology at the University of Ioannina, Greece, and worked for the Greek Ministry of Culture for several years. He is an archaeologist and guide with several years of experience throughout Greece. Join Aristotle on our 31st March departure.



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Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 5 nights' in the Philippos Hotel

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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East of Thessaloniki are the mountains and plains of Thrace. Its ancient kingdoms were alternately at war and allied with Persians, Greeks and Macedonians. Discover the strategic cities that grew up in the wake of passing conquerors of Phillipi, explore Mesembria with its Romano-Thracian chariot burials and catch a glimpse of the city of Amphipolis. Thrace's landmark archaeological sites and Byzantine, medieval and Ottoman monuments add to its rich cultural heritage. This wild land is notable for the peaceful coexistence of Christian and Muslim traditions.

Day One | UK - Thessaloniki – Kavala

This morning, we arrive in Thessaloniki and drive to Kavala visiting, en route, the great Athenian colony of **Amphipolis**, site of a battle between Athens and Sparta during the Peloponnesian war. We explore remains of a necropolis, a gymnasium as well as houses dating from the Roman period.

Day Two | Kavala – Philippi

Today we explore the **Archaeological Museum in Kavala**, which houses remains from Amphipolis and other ancient sites found nearby. We visit the UNESCO-listed Macedonian and Roman colony of **Philippi** and explore the forum and well-preserved theatre. Later, we return to Kavala, where we see the **Byzantine Castle**.

Day Three | Thasos

We make our way to Keramoti port and continue by ferry to the Island of **Thasos**, the most northerly of all Greek islands surrounded by the crystal-clear waters of the Aegean Sea. We spend the day exploring the excavated remains of the classical city which once lay under modern-day Limenas and visit the **Limenas Museum**.

Day Four | Abdera, Xanthi & Komotini

Take the day to explore the site of ancient **Abdera**, with links to Phoenicians and important scholars, including the Sophist Protagoras and historian Hecataeus. We continue to **Xanthi**, known for its distinctive period architecture and then end the day with a visit to **Komotini**.

Day Five | Kavala – Samothrace

On the island of Samothrace, we drive up to the **Chora** set high up on Mount Saos and visit

its citadel built by the Galluzi family in the 14th century when Venice controlled large parts of the Aegean. After lunch, we check into our hotel with some free time to relax after our early start or you may wish to join an optional walk in Fonias Gorge.

Day Six | Samothrace – Alexandroupoli

We explore the famous classical '**Sanctuary of the Gods**', one of the most important religious complexes in Greece, set up in honour of the 'Great Gods'. We visit the small site museum which presents exhibits from the Sanctuary.

Day Seven | Mesembria & Maroneia

Uncover the ruins at Mesembria, situated on the coast near the mouth of the stream Shabla Dere, now identified as the ancient Greek polis of **Zoni**. Later, visit the **Archaeological Museum** containing more than 1,000 ancient objects excavated from the archaeological sites around Alexandroupoli, Evros and the wider region of Thrace.

Day Eight | Didymoteicho & Evros Delta

We travel north to **Didymoteicho** and explore some of the fortifications and remains of Byzantine houses as well as the small church of St Catherine. In the afternoon we take a boat trip on the **Evros**, a river associated with a number of Greek myths.

Day Nine | Alexandroupoli - Thessaloniki – UK

Our tour comes to an end, and we return to Thessaloniki to take our flight back to London Gatwick.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Christina
Hatzimichael-Whitley

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Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 3 night's in the Egnatia City Hotel & Spa, Kavala, 4 nights' in the Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Thraki, Alexandroupoli and 1 night in the Aiolos Hotel, Samothrace

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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Discover the site of ancient Thebes, the mythical home of Oedipus

Consult the oracle at the Panhellenic Sanctuary at Delphi in its wonderfully dramatic mountain setting

Explore the famous citadel of Mycenae and see the Lion Gate, the grave circles and the Treasure of Atreus

Day One | UK - Athens

We fly from London Gatwick to Athens and transfer to our hotel in the Plaka.

Day Two | Athens

Our adventure in ancient Athens begins with a walking tour past the **Theatre of Dionysus** and on to the iconic **Acropolis**, crowned by the Parthenon, built in the 5th century BCE to enshrine a colossal statue of Athena. After lunch in Plaka, we explore the renowned **Acropolis Museum**, which houses the remarkable Parthenon frieze.

Day Three | Athens

Our morning is spent at the **National Archaeological Museum**, home to one of the world's greatest collections of antiquities, including the bronze statue of Poseidon (or Zeus?). In the afternoon, we traverse the **Agora**, the hub of ancient Athens' political and commercial life.

Day Four | Athens - Thebes - Delphi

We journey to **Thebes**, steeped in Greek mythology. Here, the newly rebuilt **Archaeological Museum** offers a glimpse into Boeotia's history, from the Palaeolithic to post-Byzantine eras. Our journey continues to Delphi, where we spend the night.

Day Five | Delphi - Olympia

We explore the **Panhellenic Sanctuary at Delphi**, where the sacred way leads us past city-state monuments, culminating at the on-site **museum** and temple where the Pythia prophesied. In the

afternoon, we cross the Rion-Antirion bridge to Olympia.

Day Six | Olympia - Nafplion

In **Olympia**, we explore the ruins of the ancient stadium and temples, once the epicentre of Panhellenic Games. Discover the sanctuary's gymnasium, baths, hotel and museum before heading to Nafplion for a four-night stay.

Day Seven | Nafplion & Epidaurus

Our day begins at Nafplion's **Archaeological Museum**, showcasing artefacts from the Argolid region. We then travel to **Epidaurus**, renowned for its healing centre and well-preserved theatre.

Day Eight | Corinth

We see the **Sanctuary of Poseidon at Isthmia**, where athletes competed for pine crowns during the Panhellenic Crown Games. After lunch, we explore **Corinth**, a city steeped in mythology.

Day Nine | Mycenae

Entering through **Lion Gate**, we delve into **Mycenae**, a pivotal Bronze Age site, home to King Agamemnon. We then explore **Tiryns**, famed for its cyclopean walls and Heracles' birthplace.

Day Ten | Mystras - Sparta - Kalamata

We journey to **Mystras**, a Byzantine town with remarkable architecture, before heading to **Sparta**, where Roman-era ruins provide a glimpse into its storied past.

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Day Eleven | Kalamata - UK

Our classical odyssey comes to an end. We bid farewell to Greece and fly back to London Gatwick.

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Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in the Herodion Hotel, Athens, 1 night in the V Hotel Delphi, 1 night in the Hotel Europa Olympia, 4 nights' in the Nafsimedon Hotel, Nafplion and 1 night in the Grand Hotel Kalamata

Culinary inclusions

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners
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Dates & prices per person

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Discover the lesser-known archaeological remains of Ayia Triada and Mochlos as well as the famous Minoan Palaces

Explore Aptera, the mythological setting for the battle between the Sirens and the Muses

Delight in the lovely harbour town of Chania with its charming Venetian architecture

Day One | UK - Chania

Today fly from London Gatwick to Chania and transfer to our hotel.

Day Two | Chania

Today is devoted to **Chania**, starting with the **Archaeological Museum**, where we see a plethora of remains dating from the Neolithic to the Roman periods. Highlights include Minoan ceramics and terracotta figures of bird-faced women, as well as a mosaic dating from the Roman period. In the afternoon, we take a walking tour of its pretty **Venetian quarter**, including the narrow alleys of the Kastelli region and the wider streets of the Jewish district.

Day Three | Chania

This morning, we visit the fascinating **Maritime Museum** on the western end of the Old Venetian Harbour. It contains exhibits from Greek naval history from Bronze Age to the Venetian and Ottoman period to the Battle of Crete. Its star exhibit is a life size replica of a Minoan ship, the 'Minoa'. Later, we explore more of Chania including the **Kastelli Hill** where recent excavations have uncovered more of the city's 5,000 year past. We end our day with a visit to the **Agia Triada Monastery** with its Venetian and Cretan Renaissance style.

Day Four | Chania - Aptera - Heraklion

Leaving Chania, we visit **Aptera**, powerful from the Minoan to the Hellenistic periods due to its strategic position. We continue to **Heraklion**, stopping en route to explore the excellent new

Museum of Eleutherna in Rethymnon, which displays finds from Eleutherna.

Day Five | Knossos & Archanes

This morning, we visit the world-famous site of **Knossos**, which boasted a population of 100,000 at its height in the 18th century BCE and was settled as early as the 7th millennium. Later today we visit two important museums, the Archaeological Museum of Archanes and the exceptional Heraklion Museum, with its exquisite jewellery and brightly coloured wall paintings.

Day Six | Ayia Triadha & Gortyn

We start our day at the site of **Ayia Triada**, a grand but ruinous Bronze Age villa. Next, we proceed to **Phaistos**, inhabited from the 5th millennium BCE, it is the site of two palaces from different periods which were abandoned by the Mycenaean period. Afterwards, we visit **Gortyn** in the verdant Messara Valley and the **Archaeological Museum of Messara**.

Day Seven | Gournia & Mochlos

Today we visit the **Palace of Malia**, a huge Minoan complex just north of the Lasithi Mountains, significant not only for its size, but also its strategic port and grand facades. We then proceed to the well-preserved late Minoan town of **Gournia**, one of the few sites in the region to have been fully excavated. After lunch, we go by boat to the tiny island of **Mochlos**, which may have been connected to the island in the Minoan period.

Day Eight | Heraklion - UK

We transfer to Heraklion Airport for our flight to London Gatwick.

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REGIONAL DEPARTURES

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Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in the Porto Veneziano Hotel, Chania and 4 nights' in the Lato Boutique Hotel, Heraklion

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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Day One | UK - Istanbul

We fly to Istanbul from London Heathrow and transfer to our hotel in the historic district of Sultanhamet.

Day Two | Istanbul

Today we explore **Istanbul** and some of its major sites, including the magnificent Hippodrome with its Egyptian obelisk and the **Blue Mosque** with its richly decorated interior.

Day Three | Istanbul - Assos

We journey to Çannakale, where we take the ferry across the Dardanelles and continue to ancient **Troy**. Following excavations, we now know that the sixth level (1750-1300 BCE) is most likely Homer's city.

Day Four | Assos - Avaylik

We drive up to the beautiful site of **Assos**, perched on a prominent hilltop overlooking the Aegean and Sappho's Island of Lesbos. The site has a fine set of city walls, a magnificent theatre and the famous Doric **Temple of Athena**. Our journey continues around the coast to Ayvalik, stopping en route to visit **Antandros**. This Greco-Roman city is located on the slopes of Mount Ida and was established in the 7th century BCE. Later, we arrive in Ayvalik.

Day Five | Avaylik - Izmir

We spend the day at the great Hellenistic city of **Pergamon**, who's extensive remains range across a dramatic rocky outcrop. After lunch, we visit **Pergamon Museum** and the **Aesclepium**.

Day Six | Izmir - Pamukkale

Our first visit is to the Karabel Rock Relief, before continuing to **Sardis**, a city that has always acted as a centre of Power. We continue to **Pamukkale**, the limestone 'cotton castle' of calcite pools with warm thermal springs.

Day Seven | Hierapolis & Laodicea

Today we explore ancient **Hierapolis** and **Laodicea**, a site largely unknown until 2003 when excavations revealed its history dates to 5,500 BCE, with the city's peak occurring between the first and third centuries AD.

Day Eight | Pamukkale - Kusadasi

We travel east up the long valley of the Menderes River, stopping at the magnificent site of **Aphrodisias** the capital of the Roman province of Caria.

Day Nine | Priene, Didyma & Miletus

We visit **Priene**, **Didyma** and end the day at **Miletus**, home of Hippodamus of Miletus, among others, who is credited as inventing regular city organisation.

Day Ten | Ephesus & Selçuk

Our tour culminates at **Ephesus**. We end the day at the fortifications and **Basilica of St. John at Selçuk**, an extensive church built by Emperor Justinian over the tomb of John, in the 6th century.

Day Eleven | Kusadasi - Izmir - UK

We drive to Izmir, where the tour ends, for our flight home to London Heathrow via Istanbul.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURERS

Dr. Sinan Ünlüsoy

Sinan studied Archaeology and Art History at Bilkent University in Ankara, followed by gaining an MA and PhD from Tübingen University in Germany in the Pre and Proto History Department. He specialized in the Bronze Age Aegean. He has worked in many excavations in Turkey as a field archaeologist including Troy for over 15 years. Join Sinan on our 13th April departure.



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. Join Isabella on our 28th October departure.



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- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Hotel Yasmak Sultan, Istanbul, 1 night at a hotel in Assos, 1 night at a hotel in Ayvacik, 1 night at a hotel in Izmir, 2 nights' in the Hierapark Thermal & Spa Hotel Deluxe, Pamukkale and 3 nights' in the KoruMar Ephesus Beach & Spa Resort, Kusadasi

Culinary inclusions

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches & 10 dinners
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Dates & prices per person

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YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

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.



Beautiful Cyprus, traditionally the birthplace of the Goddess of love, Aphrodite, has attracted many unwanted suitors over the years. With the lovely harbour of Kyrenia serving as our base we enjoy a leisurely tour of the archaeological sites of the north of the island. From the ancient port city of Soli with its impressive Roman mosaics to the medieval fortress of St. Hilarion perched dramatically on the Kyrenia mountain range. The landscape itself tells the story of successive civilizations all set against the backdrop of the Mediterranean's azure waters and the rugged beauty of the northern Cypriot coast.

Day One | UK – Larnaca - Kyrenia

We fly from London Heathrow to Larnaca and transfer to our hotel in Kyrenia.

Day Two | Kyrenia

Kyrenia Harbour, a well-preserved medieval port with a Roman-era horseshoe-shaped basin fortified by the Lusignans, awaits our morning stroll. We'll visit the imposing **Kyrenia Castle**, a stronghold that served various rulers over centuries. Inside, the **Shipwreck Museum** displays a remarkable 4th-century BCE Greek trading vessel found in 1967, likely sunk by pirates. After lunch, enjoy a relaxing or exploratory afternoon.

Day Three | Bellapais Abbey & Castle of St. Hilarion

This morning, we head south to Bellapais, the village Lawrence Durrell described in his book *Bitter Lemons*. We explore **Bellapais Abbey**, a stunning Gothic masterpiece reflecting enhancements by Lusignan kings in the 13th century. Highlights include the refectory and arcaded cloisters. In the afternoon, we visit the **Castle of St. Hilarion**, the best-preserved of the three Lusignan strongholds in the Kyrenia mountains. Originally a monastery, it was fortified by the Byzantines in the 11th century to defend against Arabian pirates.

Day Four | Soli & Vouni

Today we head west to **Soli**, one of Cyprus's ancient city-kings. Highlights include a Roman theatre, an early Christian basilica and remains of temples to deities such as Aphrodite and Isis. Next, we visit the cliff-top 5th-century palace complex at **Vouni**, perched 200m above the sea. Before returning to Kyrenia, we stop at the excellent **Güzelyurt Museum of Archaeology and Natural History**.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the castles of the Templars who sought refuge in the Kingdom of Cyprus in 1291 after the fall of Acre

Visit the lovely village of Bellapais where Lawrence Durrell once lived and wrote

Enjoy the wonderful Greco-Roman remains of Salamis situated on the coast

Discover Famagusta with its medieval churches and the ghost town of Varosha abandoned since the 1970s

Day Five | Kyrenia

We enjoy a day of leisure today. Relax at the hotel or stroll to the Ethnographic Museum on the harbour or take a boat trip along the coast. We meet again this evening for dinner together.

Day Six | Salamis & Famagusta

This morning, we drive east to ancient **Salamis**, once the leading city on the island for over 1,500 years. Founded after the Bronze Age collapse, legend credits its founding to Teucer, a Trojan War hero. The sprawling Graeco-Roman site includes substantial remains. Next, we visit **Famagusta**, a major Christian trade hub after the fall of the last Crusader stronghold in the Levant. By the 14th century, it was among the world's wealthiest cities, with a cosmopolitan society and dozens of churches within its strong circuit walls.

Day Seven | Nicosia – Larnaca - UK

We check out of our hotel and drive to Nicosia to visit the **Cyprus Museum**, near the historic Paphos Gate within the Venetian city walls. Founded in 1882 during British rule, it has preserved the island's heritage for over 140 years, showcasing over 6,000 years of history. After lunch, we head to Larnaca Airport for our flight to London Heathrow.

REGIONAL DEPARTURES

Local airport flights may be available

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- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Andante Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 6 nights' at a hotel in Kyrenia

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/DbI Share | SS |
|-----------------|----------------|------|
| 13th - 19th Apr | £3,990 | £495 |

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

Bulgaria

Thracian Treasures and Mountain Monasteries

12 DAYS FROM £4,120pp

Moderate ●●○

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE



Following a golden age for archaeological discoveries, Bulgaria is now one of the culturally richest countries in Europe, featuring Neolithic settlements, Thracian tombs, and exuberantly painted Medieval churches. The quality and selection of sites here are outstanding and our tour will introduce the complicated history and cultures of the mosaic of peoples who have occupied the fertile plains bordering the River Danube.



Discover spectacularly varied history and landscapes, introduced by an archaeologist who has excavated all over this country

Visit no fewer than six fantastic UNESCO World Heritage Sites

From the Neolithic houses of Stara Zagora and Roman Plovdiv to the exuberantly painted churches in the Rila Mountains – we explore it all

Day One | UK - Sofia

We fly from your London Heathrow and arrive in Sofia, where we transfer to our hotel.

Day Two | Sofia

This morning we visit the **Serdica Archaeological Complex** and the **National Archaeological Museum in Sofia**. Next is the **Alexander Nevsky Cathedral**, a mint-coloured meringue of architectural delight, the frescoes of **St. George Rotunda** a 4th century and the **Byzantine church of St. Sofia**.

Day Three | Rila Monastery

We visit the eponymous **Rila Monastery**, an iconic masterpiece and one of Bulgaria's most famous sites.

Day Four | Sofia - Plovdiv

We start at the **National Museum of History**, followed by a visit to the UNESCO-listed **Boyana Church** with its remarkable 13th-century frescoes. After lunch, we drive to Plovdiv.

Day Five | Plovdiv

We enjoy a full day visiting the archaeological sites in this city, founded by Philip of Macedon.

Day Six | Plovdiv – Kazanlak

We drive to the village of **Hisarya**, where we visit the **History Museum** before continuing to the 'Valley of the Thracian Kings'. Here we explore three of the 1,500 burial mounds, including the beautiful replica of the **Kazanluk Tomb**.

Day Seven | Plovdiv - Stara Zagora

The Thracian tomb of **Aleksandrovo** awaits, with its fine mosaics. Later, we continue to **Stara Zagora** to see the extraordinary Neolithic houses from the 6th millennium BCE.

Day Eight | Stara Zagora - Varna

There are very few prehistoric sites in Europe as important as **Karanovo**. We start our day at this fabulous site before continuing to Nessebar and Varna.

Day Nine | Varna

We spend the morning at Varna's superb **Archaeological Museum**. After lunch, we have time to explore this coastal city including its **Roman bath complex**.

Day Ten | Varna – Veliko Tarnovo

This morning, we visit the impressive **Madara Horseman** rock relief, carved on a sandstone cliff. Afterwards, we visit the **Sveshtari Thracian Tomb**.

Day Eleven | Veliko Tarnovo

We start our day in **Veliko Tarnovo**, the capital of the medieval Bulgarian Tsars. We explore the **Tsarevets fortress** and also discover the Bulgarian Orthodox Church of Saints Peter and Paul. Later, we travel to the ancient site of **Nicopolis ad Istrum**.

Day Twelve | Veliko Tarnovo – Sofia - UK

On the final day of our tour, we head to **Arbanasi** where we visit the **Nativity Church**. After lunch we return to Sofia in time for our late evening flight to London Heathrow.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Katya Melamed

Dr Katya Melamed is a Bulgarian archaeologist who enjoys an enviable reputation for her longstanding research and excavation work throughout the country.



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Included travel

- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in the Hotel Anel, Sofia, 2 nights' in the Ramada by Wyndham Plovdiv Trimontium, Plovdiv, 2 nights' in the Park Hotel Stara Zagora, 2 nights' in the Modus Hotel, Varna and 2 nights' in the Meridian Hotel Bolyarski, Veliko Tarnovo

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/DbI Share | SS |
|--------------------|----------------|---------|
| 21st Apr - 2nd May | £4,500 | £490 £0 |
| 22nd Sep - 3rd Oct | £4,120 | £455 £0 |

For full details of this tour visit
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Albania

Land of the Eagles

9 DAYS FROM £3,120pp

Moderate ●●○



Albania holds an array of splendours set in a dramatic scenery of mountains, deep blue seas and wide plains but perhaps the most important element of this tour is Oliver Gilkes, who started working here just after the fall of the old regime. Oliver Gilkes spent 30 years excavating in this fascinating country. His observations add interest and depth to our study of this land in ancient times and he is a well-known and well-loved figure here and the best guide to the archaeology of this country.



Uncover a story of the discovery of 2,000 years of untouched archaeological heritage

Spend a full day at the World Heritage Site of Butrint

Enjoy fantastic scenery, mountains, valleys and the dramatic Albanian Riviera

Join Oliver Gilkes, a well-known and well-loved figure, having trained many Albanian students and the best guide to the archaeology of this country

Day One | UK - Tirana

We fly from your London Heathrow to Tirana and transfer to our hotel.

Day Two | Tirana

We explore Albania's capital, Tirana, visiting the city center, the **Ethen Bay Mosque**, and the **National Historical Museum**, which showcases Albania's rich history from prehistory to classical times. In the afternoon, we visit **Bunkart 1**, a former nuclear bunker turned museum, highlighting life under communist rule.

Day Three | Tirana – Appollonia - Saranda

We drive to **Apollonia Archaeological Park**, an important Greek colony site, surrounded by olive and oak trees. After exploring the ruins and museum, we travel along the scenic Ionian coast, stopping for lunch in **Vlora** before reaching Saranda.

Day Four | Butrint

We spend the day at **Butrint**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, exploring its historical monuments. After a picnic at **Butrint Castle**, we visit the museum and cross the Vivari Channel to see the Venetian Triangular Fortress.

Day Five | Saranda - Gjirokastra

Today we leave the Ionian and cross the mountains to arrive in Gjirokastra. This amazing Ottoman city is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and we shall

have the chance to visit the **Gjirokastra Museum**, the **medieval Fortress** and the National Museum of Arms. This afternoon we enjoy a special visit to the late Ottoman mansion, **Zekate House**.

Day Six | Gjirokastra - Byllis - Berat

We head northwards and along the valley of the mighty river Vjosa round to the ruins of **Byllis**. According to legend, the city was founded by warriors led by Neoptolemus, the son of Achilles, returning from the Trojan wars. After lunch, we visit the excavated **Byllis Cathedral**, before continuing onwards to Berat and enjoy dinner at our hotel.

Day Seven | Berat - Kruja

Today we shift from classical to medieval times and focus on the attractive town of Berat. Here we explore Byzantine churches, Ottoman mosques and the **Onufri Museum**, home to a spectacular collection of 16th-century religious artwork.

Day Eight | Dures

We visit **Dures**, exploring the ancient **Dyrrachium**, its 2nd-century amphitheater, and mighty walls. We continue to Kruja, visiting the **Skanderbeg Museum** and **Ottoman bazaar**, representing Albania's diverse influences.

Day Nine | Kruja - UK

This morning, we transfer from Kruja to the airport for our return flight to London Heathrow.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Oliver Gilkes

One of our longest-standing Guide Lecturers, Oliver has worked as a field and museum archaeologist in the UK, Albania and Italy. Oliver is still involved in projects in Albania and is considered one of just a handful of experts on Albanian archaeology in the UK.



REGIONAL DEPARTURES



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Included travel

- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Hotel Opera, Tirana, 2 nights' in the Hotel Brilant, Saranda, 1 night in the Hotel Kalem, Gjirokastrë, 1 night in the Hotel Onufri, Berat and 2 nights' in the Hotel Panorama, Kruje

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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|-----------------|----------------|------|
| 18th - 26th Apr | £3,120 | £355 |

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Highlights of Shetland & Orkney

From standing stones to chambered cairns

9 DAYS FROM £3,640pp

 Moderate ●●○



The islands beyond the northernmost tip of Scotland glory in some of the most beautiful and rugged landscapes in the world. For more than five thousand years they have been home to farmers and fishermen, who left monuments so impressive that this has been called an archaeologists' paradise.



Visit sites at the cutting edge of archaeological research which is shedding light on every aspect of Stone Age life

Discover five World Heritage sites at Old Scatness, Mousa Broch, Skara Brae, Jarlshof and the Ring of Brodgar

Enjoy the stunning landscapes of the most northerly and remote outposts of the British Isles

Day One | Lerwick

We meet at our hotel in Shetland at the Lerwick Hotel, before an introductory lecture and dinner together at the hotel.

Day Two | Mousa Broch & Jarlshof

Our journey into Shetland's archaeological wonders begins at **Mousa Broch** on the uninhabited island and RSPB reserve bearing its name, just off Shetland's mainland. After disembarking at the jetty, a short walk along the shore leads us to the broch, an imposing structure standing 13 metres tall and built around 3000 BCE. Originally featuring wooden floors, accessible by stairways still intact, this site is a testament to ancient ingenuity. Post-lunch, we visit the **South Voe Croft Museum**, providing insight into rural Shetland life, and conclude our day at **Jarlshof**, a site rich with 4,000 years of history.

Day Three Unst

Today's adventure takes us to Unst, the UK's northernmost inhabited island, where we explore its Viking heritage. With at least 60 Viking longhouses discovered here, it holds the largest concentration outside Scandinavia. We visit the **Underhoull** site, where excavations reveal the evolution of a longhouse with outhouses, annexes and drains, possibly featuring a mezzanine level. Our journey continues to Haroldswick to see the **Skidbladner** replica ship and reconstructed longhouse. The afternoon drive towards Skaw offers a view of the Muckle Flugga lighthouse at Unst's northern tip. Before returning by ferry, we explore **Muness Castle**, a 16th-century tower house abandoned in the 18th century after destruction by French pirates.

Day Four | Scatness

Our morning at **Scatness** reveals an Iron Age broch and village occupied for nearly two millennia, discovered during Sumburgh Airport's expansion. After lunch in Lerwick, we visit **Clickhimin Iron Age Broch** and wheelhouse, followed by a drive to the **Scord of Brouster**, a Neolithic farm site excavated in the 1970s. We continue to **Stanydale Temple**, an extraordinary structure resembling Malta's megalithic temples, with origins between 2500-2000 BCE.

Day Five | Lerwick - St. Ninian's Isle - Kirkwall

On our final Shetland day, we explore **St. Ninian's Isle**, walking across a striking sand spit to the Church, site of a Pictish silver hoard. We then visit **Scalloway Museum**, showcasing the WWII Shetland Bus operation. After lunch in Lerwick, we tour the **Shetland Museum**, home to over 3,000 artefacts, and later board the ferry to Kirkwall.

Day Six | Kirkwall & Ness of Brodgar

We explore Kirkwall on foot, visiting the **Orkney Museum, Bishop's and Earl's Palace and St Magnus' Cathedral**. After lunch, a short drive takes us to the **Ness of Brodgar**, where excavations have uncovered Neolithic structures and artwork. We end the day at the **Ring of Brodgar**, a stone circle henge monument.

Day Seven | Gurness Broch & Skara Brae

Our exploration begins at **Gurness Broch**, featuring an 8-metre tower surrounded by stone dwellings and defences. We visit the **Brough of Birsay**, accessible by causeway at low tide, with Norse settlement remains and a 12th-century church. Our day concludes at **Skara Brae**, a well-preserved Neolithic village offering a glimpse into ancient Orkney life.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Val Turner

Dr Val Turner has been Shetland's Regional Archaeologist since 1986. An expert in Prehistoric and Viking Field Systems, she loves surprising visitors with Shetland's wealth of archaeology and she has been guiding walks and tours in both Orkney and Shetland for over 20 years.



REGIONAL DEPARTURES

Flights to Scotland may be available

Call our Travel Experts for more information

Day Eight | Churchill's Barriers & Maeshowe

We drive south across **Churchill's Barriers**, vital causeways linking island communities, created by Italian POWs during WWII. Returning, we visit the **Italian Chapel** before heading to **Stromness** for its museum's exhibition on the Cairns project. In the afternoon, we explore **Maeshowe**, a magnificent chambered cairn illuminated by midwinter sun, while alternating visits with the **Stones of Stennes**.

Day Nine | Kirkwall

Today we depart Kirkwall and make our respective journeys home.

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- Andante Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in The Lerwick Hotel, Shetland and 4 nights' in the Kirkwall Hotel, Orkney

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/DbI Share | SS |
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| 17th - 25th Sep | £3,640 | £450 |

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NEW
FOR 2026

A Grand Tour of Roman Britain

From Conquest to Culture

12 DAYS FROM £5,490pp

Moderate ●●○



Roman Britain offers a fascinating window into nearly four centuries of history, from the Claudian invasion of 43 CE to the gradual withdrawal of Roman administration in the early fifth century. This unique tour visits major sites and museums along the length and breadth of the country to explore the process of Romanization—how Celtic Britain adapted to Roman rule through military presence, urban development, and cultural exchange, while local traditions continued to flourish alongside imperial customs.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Tony Wilmott

Senior Archaeologist with Historic England, Tony has directed many excavations, and published several books and many articles in archaeological journals. He specialises in the Roman periods, with a particular interest in the Roman military.



Admire two fabulous villa complexes at Bignor Roman Villa and Fishbourne Palace

Discover Maiden Castle where after more than 2000 years, the earthworks still impress

Visit Caerleon, one of only three permanent Roman legionary fortresses in Roman Britain

Explore sites along the Antonine Wall, the defensive turf and earth barrier north of Hadrian's Wall

Day One | London

We gather at our hotel in London this afternoon to begin our journey. First, we visit the **British Museum** to explore the Roman Britain galleries. Highlights include the Vindolanda tablets, offering a glimpse into life in a Roman auxiliary fort, and the exquisite Bacchic silver platter from the Mildenhall treasure hoard.

Day Two | London – Chichester

Today, we visit two splendid Roman residences. Starting at **Bignor Roman Villa**, we explore its well-preserved rooms and bathhouse, showcasing England's finest Roman mosaics. In the afternoon, we head to **Fishbourne Roman Palace**, a vast complex with mosaic floors, hypocaust heating, and formal gardens, likely owned by Tiberius Claudius Togidubnus, a pro-Roman British king.

Day Three | Chichester - Blandford Forum

Heading west, we visit **Portchester Castle**, a key Saxon Shore fort built in the 3rd century AD. Next, we explore **Maiden Castle**, a monumental Iron Age hill fort with immense earthworks. Our day ends at **Dorset Museum**, showcasing finds from Sir Mortimer Wheeler's 1930s excavations.

Day Four | Blandford Forum - Bath

We visit **Hod Hill**, an Iron Age hill fort adapted by the Romans during Vespasian's invasion. Continuing north, we reach **Bath** to explore the Roman Baths, built around natural hot springs revered by the Durotriges tribe long before Roman arrival.

Day Five | Bath - Caerleon - Chester

Crossing into Wales, we visit **Caerleon**, one of three permanent Roman legionary fortresses in Britain. In the afternoon, we drive to **Wroxeter**, exploring the remains of Viriconium, one of Roman Britain's largest cities.

Day Six | Chester - Carlisle

In **Chester**, we visit Deva Victrix, a vital Roman fortress and base for the Twentieth Legion. Highlights include the **amphitheatre** and **Grosvenor Museum**. Later, we head north, stopping at **Ribchester Roman Museum** in the Ribble Valley.

Day Seven | Vindolanda & Corbridge

We explore the Stanegate frontier, visiting **Vindolanda**, renowned for its preserved wooden writing tablets, and the nearby Roman site of **Corbridge**, with its fascinating museum.

Day Eight | Housesteads & Chesters

Today, we explore Hadrian's Wall. Starting at **Housesteads Roman Fort**, we walk to Milecastle 37 before visiting the Temple of **Mithras** at **Carrawburgh** and **Chesters**, the most complete Roman cavalry fort in Britain.

Day Nine | Carlisle - Edinburgh

Crossing into Scotland, we stop at **Trimontium Museum**, showcasing finds from Trimontium, a major Roman frontier post. Arriving in Edinburgh, we visit the **National Museum of Scotland**.

Day Ten | Cramond & Edinburgh

We visit **Cramond**, a Roman frontier fort and later chapel site, before returning to Edinburgh for a free afternoon to relax or explore its historical landmarks.

Day Eleven | Antonine Wall

We explore the **Antonine Wall**, visiting **Callander Park**, Kinneil, Rough Castle with its unique lilia pits, and **Bar Hill**, the highest fort on the wall.

Day Twelve | Edinburgh – London

Our tour comes to an end, and we transfer to the station to return to London by high-speed train.

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- Andante Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 1 night at a hotel in each of the following locations: London, Chichester, Blandford Forum, Bath and Chester, 3 nights at a hotel in Carlisle, and 3 nights' at a hotel in Edinburgh

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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|----------------|----------------|------|
| 7th - 18th Sep | £5,490 | £995 |

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

Richard III - Hero or Villain?

Discover one of English history's most tragic, bloody and colourful epochs

4 DAYS FROM £1,285pp



£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE



The dramatic discovery of the skeleton of Richard III beneath a Leicester car park in 2012 was an archaeological find that made news all around the world. It also reignited the great debate about Richard's personal character – was he a hero or a villain?

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Michael Jones

Author and presenter Dr Michael Jones is a leading military historian with special interests in Richard III.



Visit stunning Warwick castle, home of Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, known to posterity as 'the Kingmaker'

Journey to Fotheringhay Church and the remains of the castle where Richard III was born in 1452

Explore the King Richard III Visitor Centre and Bosworth Battlefield

Day One | Warwick

We meet in the afternoon for a visit to **Warwick Castle**, home of the powerful Beauchamp earls of Warwick and Richard Neville, 'the Kingmaker'. We see the interesting additions made to the castle by Richard III, the Bear and Clarence towers, showing the king's interest in artillery. In the evening we enjoy an introductory lecture on Richard III at our hotel.

Day Two | Stony Stratford & Fotheringhay

We make a morning stop at **Stony Stratford**, where Richard took possession of Edward V in 1483, and then lunch at **Delapré Abbey**, discussing the significance of the battle of Northampton (1460), which took place in the abbey grounds. In the afternoon we visit **Fotheringhay Church**, mausoleum of Richard III's family, the house of York.

We also discover the remains of the castle, where Richard was born in 1452, and the scene of the trial and execution of Mary Queen of Scots.

Day Three | Leicester

We make a morning visit to **Bosworth Battlefield Centre**, the fateful clash that brought the Wars of the Roses to an end with Richard III's death and the accession of the first Tudor king, Henry VII. In the afternoon we travel to Leicester's **King Richard III Visitor Centre**, which tells the story of the discovery of his remains, and the **Cathedral**, where we see his striking new tomb.

Day Four | Warwick

In the morning we enjoy a **walking tour of Warwick**, taking in more of its fascinating medieval history, followed by a concluding talk on Richard III.

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- Andante Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in The Warwick Arms Hotel, Warwick

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 | SS |
|--------------------|----------------|---------|
| 24th -27th Mar | £1,285 | £165 £0 |
| 29th Sep - 2nd Oct | £1,285 | £165 £0 |

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

NEW
FOR 2026

The Archaeology of Anglesey

Druids, Romans and English Conquest

5 DAYS FROM £1,890pp

Moderate ●●○

£0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE



Anglesey, or Ynys Môn as it is known in Welsh, holds a significant position in the archaeological and historical narrative of Britain. Separated from mainland Wales by the narrow Menai Strait, this tiny island off the northwest coast boasts significant concentrations of Neolithic burial chambers, Bronze Age standing stones, and Iron Age hillforts. It was also at the centre of the dramatic encounter between Celtic druids and Roman legions that Tacitus so vividly recorded.



Enjoy specially arranged access to *Barclodiad y Gawres* an impressive chamber tomb of a type rarely seen outside of Ireland

Visit *Caernarfon Castle*, one of Europe's great medieval fortresses on the banks of the River Seiont

Explore *Segontium* the Roman fort founded by Agricola which controlled access to Anglesey

Day One | Bangor

We meet at our hotel in Bangor in time for an introductory talk before dinner.

Day Two | Bryn Celli Ddu & Caer Gybi

This morning, we drive across the Menai Bridge onto Anglesey and visit **Bryn Celli Ddu**. This impressive Neolithic passage grave continues to fascinate archaeologists because it is actually two monuments, one built on top of an earlier henge. Next, we have arranged access to **Barclodiad y Gawres**, a decorated chambered tomb. Its location in Anglesey makes it very unusual - tombs of this type are usually only found in Ireland. We continue to **Ty Mawr** stopping en route to view Llyn Cerrig Bach, an area of marshland (once a natural lake) and the location of the largest iron age hoard discovered to date in Wales. At Ty Mawr we see the remains of about 20 or so round stone houses, stores, and workshops. This site is remarkably well preserved, given that parts of it are 4,000 years old. After lunch we drive to **Caer Gybi** and view the remains of a small Roman fort. It is one of Europe's only three-walled Roman forts, the fourth side protected by the sea.

Day Three | Dina Dnille & Caernarfon

We visit some interesting fortifications today starting with **Dinas Dnille Hillfort** an Iron Age prehistoric coastal fort. The constantly eroding soft cliffs have long made it a challenging site to excavate but a monumental stone-built

roundhouse was discovered here a few metres from the cliff edge. Next, we visit **Segontium Roman Fort** which once formed a critical part of Roman control over the newly conquered Welsh tribes. Coins recovered from excavations show its remarkable longevity - it was garrisoned until around AD 394 and continued to play a part in the defence of the Welsh coast against Irish raiders and pirates. In the afternoon we explore magnificent **Caernarfon Castle**, one of the greatest buildings of the Middle Ages.

Day Four | Beaumaris Castle & Din Lligwy

We return to Anglesey this morning to visit **Beaumaris Castle**, the last of the royal strongholds created by Edward I. Designed to be even greater than Caernarfon with concentric rings of formidable defences, six great towers and hundreds of arrow loops, it was never completed. We continue to **Penmon Priory** established in the 6th century with the founding of a monastery by St. Seiriol, a prominent figure in Welsh history. There are well-preserved monastic remains, including a church that still serves as the parish, and a 10th-century cross with intricate carvings. Our last site visit of the day is to **Din Lligwy**, an excellent example of a fortified hut group, dating from the latter days of the Roman occupation.

Day Five | Bangor

Our tour comes to an end and we check out of our hotel to make our way home.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Ken Murphy

Ken Murphy is a field archaeologist with over 45 years of experience. He has worked on numerous field and desk-based projects since 1979, including large-scale excavation of prehistoric and later sites, topographic survey of sites of all periods and landscape analysis of large parts of southwest Wales.



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- Andante Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in The Management Centre Hotel, Bangor

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 |
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| 25th - 29th May | £1,890 | £280 £0 |

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NEW
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Prehistoric Ireland

Newgrange, Knowth and Inis Mor

8 DAYS FROM £3,445pp

Moderate ●●○

Experience the fascinating prehistory of Ireland on a tour which links two equally important regions of Ireland. From the Neolithic monuments in the fertile land of the Boyne Valley, we cross the island westwards to the wild landscapes of the Atlantic Coast and Galway.



Take a boat trip to the island of Inis Mor and visit Dun Aengus

View an an Irish Court Tomb at Creevykeel#

Admire the collection of prehistoric artefacts at the National Museum of Dublin

Visit the Hill of Tara with over 30 visible monuments, including the Stone of Destiny

Day One | UK - Dublin

We take a flight from London Heathrow to Dublin Airport and transfer to **Fourknocks**, home to a remarkable example of a passage tomb. This ancient burial site is preserved under a concrete dome, with carefully placed lighting apertures to show the unusual decoration to good effect. The remains of at least sixty individuals were found here and grave goods included stone and bone pendants and beads, as well as bone pins. After exploring this site, we continue to our hotel in Dublin for one night.

Day Two | Dublin - Drogheda

Our journey in Dublin, rich in Viking history, begins at the **Old Library of Trinity College**, home to the 9th-century Book of Kells. We then visit the 12th-century **St Patrick's Cathedral**, a key medieval landmark. After lunch, we explore the **National Museum of Ireland**, featuring Bronze Age gold, the 4,500-year-old Lurgan longboat, and preserved Iron Age bogland remains. The day concludes as we travel to our hotel in Drogheda.

Day Three | Newgrange & Knowth

Following breakfast, we head to **Newgrange**, a monumental Neolithic burial mound older than Stonehenge and the Pyramids of Giza. A distinctive feature is a stone box in the roof, allowing the winter solstice sun to illuminate the passage and rear chamber, showcasing the Neolithic builders' astronomical and engineering prowess. We then proceed to **Knowth**, a UNESCO-listed Neolithic site with two passage graves, one featuring a cruciform terminal chamber. Adorned with over three hundred decorated stones, Knowth is a significant repository of megalithic art, displaying spirals and serpentine forms. Later, we visit the **Hill of Tara**, historically the seat of Ireland's High Kings, and view the **Stone of**

Destiny, an emblem of ancient monarchy.

Day Four | Drogheda - Sligo

Our day begins at the passage grave cemetery at **Loughcrew**, or Slieve na Callighe, where we see Ireland's oldest monuments. Cairn T, aligned with equinox sunrises, features the Hag's Chair, likely used for Catholic Mass during penal times. We continue to Sligo, a coastal town with a history as a bustling trade hub visited by Phoenicians, Greeks and Romans. Post-lunch, we explore Creevykeel, an excellent example of an Irish Court Tomb, designed for social events involving large gatherings.

Day Five | Carrowmore & Carrowkeel

Today's highlight is **Carrowmore**, Ireland's oldest prehistoric cemetery, notable for its monuments clustered around Listoghil, a chamber tomb containing inhumations. These tombs were reused for burials during the **Bronze and Iron Ages**. After lunch, we visit the **Drumanone dolmen** and proceed to the **Carrowkeel megalithic complex**. The scenic one-mile walk to this atmospheric site offers stunning views over **Sligo Bay** and **Knocknarea Hill**.

Day Six | Sligo - Rathcroghan - Galway

Our journey to Galway, located at the mouth of the River Corrib, includes a stop at Rathcroghan, the former Connachta capital. This unique archaeological landscape, mentioned in early Irish manuscripts, spans from the Neolithic to the early medieval periods with burial mounds and ringforts. In Galway, we visit the Galway City Museum's Prehistoric collection.

Day Seven | Inis Mor

On our final full day, we ferry to **Inis Mor**, one of the Arran islands, where wild landscapes contrast

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with thatched cottages and stone walls. Among the archaeological sites, **Dun Aengus** stands out, a spectacular fort on Inishmore's cliff edge with a D-shaped plan and concentric defensive walls, dropping over 100 metres to the sea.

Day Eight | Galway - Shannon

We say farewell to Galway and journey to Shannon Airport for our afternoon flight back to London Heathrow.

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Included travel

- Return flights from London Heathrow & all local transport

Accommodation

- 1 night in The Trinity City Hotel, Dublin, 2 nights' in the Boyne Valley Hotel & Country Club, Drogheda, 2 nights' in the Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo and 2 nights' in The Galmont Hotel & Spa, Galway

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

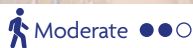
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Malta's first inhabitants

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The island of Malta might be small but it certainly packs a big punch in historical terms. In the struggle for dominion of the Mediterranean it has played a key role in centuries of sparring between the east and west. Enduring occupation from the Phoenicians, Romans, Greeks, Arabs, Normans, Sicilians, Hospitallers, French, and British, it has a colourful and complex heritage. Our focus, however, is on its earliest and most extraordinary occupation when some 5000 years ago this tiny archipelago was home to an astonishing culture which created elaborate stone temples and rock cut tombs.

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Discover the extraordinary prehistoric culture, whose stone monuments predate the pyramids by over 1,000 years

Explore the cave and associated museum at Ghar Dalam Cave, the lowest layers of which are over 500,000 years old

Enjoy the timeless atmosphere of Valletta, Malta's charming UNESCO World Heritage capital city

Day One | UK - Valletta

We fly to Malta from London Heathrow and transfer to our hotel in Valletta for our first dinner together as a group.

Day Two | Mgarr & Mdina

Beginning in the town of **Mgarr**, we visit the two conjoined temples of **Ta' Haġrat** and **Mgarr**. We continue to the village site of **Skorba**, which has significantly contributed to our understanding of early Maltese prehistory. We spend the afternoon in **Mdina** – The Silent City – which served as the island capital from antiquity through to the Medieval period.

Day Three | Valletta

A day spent exploring **Valletta** on foot. We begin with the exceptional array of artefacts from Malta's unique prehistoric periods in the **Archaeological Museum** from man's first arrival on the island, up to the end of the Bronze Age. We also visit **St. John's Cathedral** and the **Grand Master's Palace** with facades of some of the many Auberges of the Knights.

Day Four | Haġar-Qim, Mnajdra & Tarxien

Today we visit the magnificent temple sites at **Haġar-Qim** and **Mnajdra**. These megalithic structures sit clustered close together at the top of a promontory with superb views over the sea. The internal arrangement of **Haġar-Qim** is highly complex involving what are probably many building

and reconstruction phases and the lower temple at Mnajdra is astronomically aligned. In the afternoon, access permitting, we explore the **Hal Saflieni Hypogeum**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nearby, we will visit Tarxien megalithic site, one of the most elaborate of all the Megalithic temples on the island which has undergone extensive excavation and restoration.

Day Five | Ghar Dalam & Xemxija Heritage Trail

This morning, we visit **Ghar Dalam**, the oldest of Malta's monuments. This water-worn tunnel is approximately 15.5m above sea level, 45m deep, and accessible for about 80m on foot. Here, large quantities of Pleistocene faunal remains (including dwarf hippos and elephants) were found, together with evidence for the earliest known human activity on the island. In the afternoon, we will explore **Xemxija**. Here, we will also see the Romano Punic apiaries built into a natural cave recess. The honeycombs would have hung in vertical panels in their small chambers within easy reach of the beekeepers.

Day Six | Gozo

We take the short crossing by ferry to Gozo, associated by locals with Homer as the island home of Calypso, Odysseus' temptress and captor. The pace of life is slower here and the landscape is greener. We spend all day on the island where we see **Ggantija**, a prehistoric megalithic complex of exceptional grandeur; the **Xagħra Stone Circle** a

significant funerary complex and the ruins **Santa Verna**, a megalithic site left to the ravages of time. We will also visit the town of Victoria and the **Archaeology Museum** which provides a small but important window into the earliest cultures of Gozo up to the arrival of the Knights of St. John.

Day Seven | Valletta - UK

We transfer to the airport for our flight to London Heathrow.

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Accommodation

- 6 nights' in the Grand Hotel Excelsior, Valetta

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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Discover images from the world-famous painted cave of Lascaux at the Interpretation Centre, Lascaux IV

Enjoy an extended itinerary taking in verdant landscapes and limestone plateaus of the Dordogne

Gain insights from experts in rock art and the archaeology of the last Ice Age

View the extraordinary UNESCO-listed cave system at Grotte de Rouffignac

Day One | UK - Paris - Poitiers

We take the Eurostar to Poitiers via Paris. Upon arrival, we drive to the village of Angles-sur-l'Anglin where we see **Roc-aux-Sorciers**.

Day Two | Poitiers - Les Eyzies

This morning we head to Les Eyzies, making some important stops along the way. Our first is to the excellent **Museum of Prehistory** at Lussac-les-Chateau, dedicated to the local prehistory. We continue to **Roc-de-Sers** and **La Chaire à Calvin**, a rock shelter decorated with monumental parietal sculptures.

Day Three | Cap Blanc & Font de Gaume

We begin at the rock shelter of **Cap Blanc**, a rare example of Ice Age sculpted bas-reliefs and the best still in situ which are open to the public. After lunch we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of **Font de Gaume**, the **Musée de la Préhistoire** and finally the **Musée de l'Abri de Cro-Magnon**.

Day Four | Le Thot & Lascaux IV centre and Lascaux II cave

This morning we visit the **Lascaux IV centre** and then its on to the park of **Le Thot**. We have an independent lunch in Montignac, before dedicating the afternoon to the **Lascaux II cave**.

Lascaux is the most famous and spectacular of all decorated caves, with hundreds of paintings and 1,500 engravings, best known for its awe-inspiring depictions of aurochs, horses and deer.

Day Five | Grotte de Rouffignac & Abri du Poisson

We travel by electric train into the cave system of **Rouffignac**. Known as the Cave of the Hundred Mammoths, about one-third of all mammoth depictions known are found in this cave. Our next stop is the the fascinating site of **Laugerie Haute** before ending our day at the small rock shelter known as **Abri du Poisson**.

Day Six | Cougnac & Pech Merle

Our first visit is to **Cougnac**, two caves are found here which contain the claw-marks of cave bears and fascinating stalactite and stalagmite formations. We continue to **Pech Merle**, with painted black outlines of aurochs, mammoth, spotted-horses, geometric shapes and handprints.

Day Seven | Les Eyzies - Paris - UK

We travel back to Paris by train and then by Eurostar to London St Pancras.

Cave visits may vary according to seasonal opening hours.

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Dr Paul Bahn

The world's leading archaeologist on prehistoric rock art, Paul is one of our best-known Guide Lecturers. Join Paul on our 28th April departure.



Dr Rob Dinnis

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Included travel

- Return train travel from London St. Pancras & all local transport

Accommodation

- 1 night at a hotel in Poitiers and 5 nights' in the Le Centenaire, Les Eyzies or similar

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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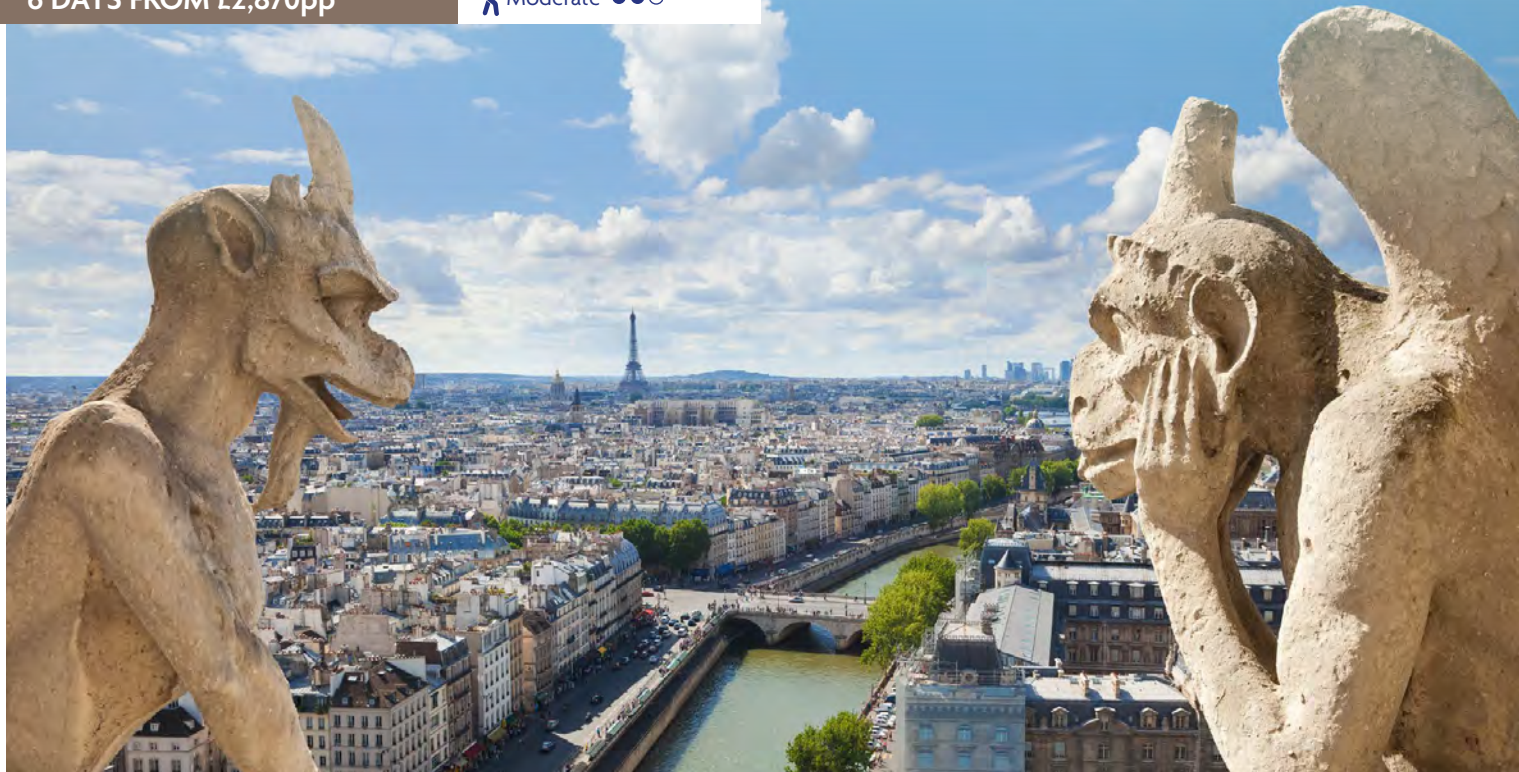
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Peek beyond the famous landmarks and explore the secret archaeology

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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

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John Shepherd

Winner of the Wanderlust World Guide Award - History & Culture 2023, John has worked extensively in the field in Europe.



Day One | UK - Paris

We depart from London aboard the Eurostar, and glide into the Gare du Nord. After checking in to our hotel, we gather for an exploration of the historic **Marais** district, where a 12th-century fortress remains tucked away among its streets.

Day Two | Sainte Chapelle & Musée de Louvre

This morning we visit the **Île de la Cité**. This area of Paris is home to many famous sites, but our goal is the infamous Palais de Justice and hidden within it, **Sainte Chapelle**. This architectural masterpiece was built to accommodate holy relics acquired by Louis IX in 1239 and it ranks as one of the greatest examples of Gothic art in France alongside the cathedrals of Notre Dame and Chartres. We continue to the **Conciergerie** before ending the day at the **Musée de Louvre**.

Day Three | Egouts & Saint-Germain-en-Laye

We make an unusual visit to the **Egouts**, a complex network of tunnels which mirror the city streets. The sewers have long been an unusual attraction for visitors and guided tours were conducted by boat or wagon as early as the 19th century. Later, we head to the leafy suburbs of Saint-Germain-en-Laye, and the **National Archaeological Museum**.

Day Four | Sacré Coeur & Musée de Montmartre

We head to **Montmartre** in the 18th arrondissement. This hilltop right bank neighbourhood with its narrow alleys and cobbled lanes retains some of the famous village atmosphere that appealed so much to the artists of the 19th and 20th centuries. Here we visit the snow-white confection of **Sacré Coeur** and the nearby unsung gem, the **Church of St. Pierre**. There is a Roman temple to Mars tucked away within its holy grounds and we admire the spolia repurposed within the church. We end the day at the **Musée de Montmartre**.

Day Five | Arènes de Lutèce & Catacombes de Paris

We explore the city's Romano-Gallic origins with a visit to the **Arènes de Lutèce**, site of the Roman amphitheatre. Built in the 2nd century AD, it was designed to seat up to 15,000 people. In the afternoon we visit the **Musée de Cluny** where we visit the Roman baths that lurk beneath the museum. We end the day with a visit to the **Catacombes de Paris**. After several years of modernisation and accessibility work, the museum reopened in May 2022 with a brand new museography.

Day Six | Paris - UK

We leave Paris behind and return to the UK.

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Included travel

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

Accommodation

- 6 nights' at a hotel in Paris

Culinary inclusions

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

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A few days in Nice, celebrated for its captivating azure coastline, could easily be spent simply people-watching and enjoying its world-famous promenade. Yet, 2,000 years ago, this playground of the rich was situated on the major highway from Gaul to Rome, the Via Julia Augusta, and its surrounds are therefore rich in archaeology and ancient ruins, serving as a wonderful base for a relaxed exploration of the Côte d'Azur.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Enjoy the fragrant gardens and marvellous views of the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild

Discover the extraordinary painted ceiling of the 13th-century cathedral at Fréjus

Cross the border into Italy and discover two wonderful sites on the Ligurian coast

Day One | UK - Nice

We fly from London Gatwick to Nice and transfer to our hotel.

Day Two | Nice & St. Jean Cap Ferrat

This morning we explore the extensive archaeological zone in Nice in the Cimiez neighbourhood, visiting the ruins of the amphitheatre and bath complex and visit the Archaeological Museum. In the afternoon we drive to the charming St. Jean Cap Ferrat to discover the villa and gardens of Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild. This glorious pale pink villa, now a museum, contains the eclectic collections of the Baroness de Rothschild and some of the artefacts associated with Marie-Antoinette, including paintings by Monet and Renoir.

Day Three | Fréjus

Today we enjoy a lovely drive east along the coast to the pretty town of Fréjus. Formerly Forum Julii, this small town was one of Caesar's colonies and served as a naval port until the 5th century. We see the Arènes de Fréjus, the late 1st century AD amphitheatre, the remains of the aqueduct, the Porte des Gaules, the best-preserved of the four gates that once marked the city's Roman enclosure, and the excellent Archaeological Museum. Before returning to Nice we also visit the lovely 13th-century cathedral.

Day Four | Beaulieu-sur-Mer

This morning, we drive to Beaulieu-sur-Mer, once a popular winter resort for the international elite. Here we visit Villa Kerylos, a recreation of an ancient Greek villa from the time of Pericles, complete with period furniture, frescoes and mosaics. Afterwards we ascend to the Trophée des Alpes, a 7th-century monument built in 6BCE to celebrate the victory of Emperor Augustus over the mountain tribes. Our afternoon is free to either explore more locally or relax back at our hotel.

Day Five | Nice

Today is free to explore as you wish. Stroll along the Promenade des Anglais, visit some of the wonderful galleries and city museums or wander the Old Town, where boutiques offer everything from handmade fruit jellies to antique chinoiserie.

Day Six | Albintimilium & Ventimiglia

We cross the border into Italy today, where we visit the Roman town of Albintimilium. The remains of this ancient Roman city date back to the 1st century AD and bear witness to a time when this part of Liguria was an important cultural and economic centre in the Roman Empire. Later, we continue to Ventimiglia to visit the archaeological museum, housed in the majestic Fort Annunziata with a spectacular view of the town and the coast.

Day Seven | Nice - UK

We return to Nice Airport for our flight back to London Gatwick.

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Accommodation

- 6 nights' at the Hotel NH Nice

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners
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Dates & prices per person

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Nestled in the picturesque Moselle Valley, Trier was an important provincial capital in Roman times, known as Augusta Treverorum; it was the residence of emperors, a centre of trade and the largest market in an ancient wine-growing area. Today, still surrounded by vineyards, this ancient city boasts an extraordinary concentration of remarkably preserved Roman monuments, earning it UNESCO World Heritage status.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the extraordinary Aula Palatina and Porta Nigra, late antique sites which are largely intact

Admire the gladiator mosaic at the Villa Nennig, which depicts bloody scenes from the arena

Discover the region's Celtic origins at Otzenhausen, one of the largest Celtic hillforts in the world

Day One | UK – Luxembourg - Trier

We begin our journey, flying from London Heathrow to Luxembourg. En route to Trier, we stop at the recently re-opened villa near Echternach, a lavish Roman residence once boasting up to 70 rooms and featuring a reconstructed Roman garden. Upon arrival in Trier, we settle into our hotel and, if time permits, enjoy an exploratory walk.

Day Two | Trier

Our day in Trier starts with the iconic Porta Nigra, the best-preserved 3rd-century Roman city gate north of the Alps, later transformed into two churches. Next, we visit the Cathedral, Germany's oldest church, and the Cathedral Museum, showcasing 4th-century ceiling paintings. After lunch, we explore the Aula Palatina, a vast basilica built by Emperor Constantine, originally heated by a hypocaust system.

Day Three | Trier

This morning, we explore the Rheinisches Landesmuseum, home to Germany's finest ancient artefacts. Highlights include the Trier gold hoard depicting 29 imperial family members and the Neumagen wine ship, a funerary decoration for a wealthy wine merchant. In the afternoon, we visit the Imperial Baths and the amphitheatre, which once hosted 20,000 spectators for gladiatorial contests. We conclude the day with a wine tasting, savouring Moselle Rieslings renowned for their depth of flavour and light alcohol content.

Day Four | Nennig & Borg

Heading south of Trier, we pause at the Igeler Saeule, a 30-metre memorial to the Secundinii family of cloth merchants. At the Roman Villa at Nennig, we admire foundation walls, peristyle remains, and its striking mosaic depicting arena scenes. In the afternoon, we visit the Roman Villa at Borg, excavated in the 1980s and reconstructed in the 1990s.

Day Five | Trier

Today is at leisure to further explore Trier. Options include visiting lesser-known Roman sites like the Viehmarkt Baths or Barbara Baths, exploring the Karl Marx birthplace museum, or enjoying a boat trip on the Moselle.

Day Six | Otzenhausen - Otrang

We visit the Otzenhausen Hillfort, the largest Celtic hillfort of its kind, built by the Treveri tribe. We explore its ramparts and the replica Celtic village at Keltenpark. After lunch, we head to Otrang, a Roman manor complex featuring baths, a heating system, and a temple area.

Day Seven | Trier – Luxembourg - UK

Our final day takes us to the Luxembourg National Museum of History and Art, showcasing archaeological finds from Dalheim (Ricciacus) and Titelberg. After some free time exploring Luxembourg's historic Old Town, we return to the airport for our flight back to London Heathrow.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Tony Wilmott

Senior Archaeologist with Historic England, Tony has directed many excavations, and published several books and many articles in archaeological journals. He specialises in the Roman periods, with a particular interest in the Roman military.



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Accommodation

- 6 nights' at a hotel in Trier

Culinary inclusions

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

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Split is one of the Mediterranean's most remarkable coastal cities. At its core sits Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site that isn't merely a ruin but a vibrant, inhabited city within ancient walls. Wandering its serpentine streets, discovering Roman, medieval and Renaissance architecture intertwined, offers a uniquely immersive historical experience unlike anywhere else.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the immense palace of the Emperor Diocletian – one of the best preserved anywhere in the Empire

Discover Klis fortress, dramatically perched on a rocky eminence between the Kozjak and Mosor mountains

Relax with plenty of free time and enjoy a blend of rich history, stunning coastal scenery and an excellent local food scene

Day One | UK - Split

We fly from London Heathrow to Split and transfer to our hotel.

Day Two | Split

Today we acquaint ourselves with Split, tracing the walls and monuments of the immense **Palace of Diocletian**, where Diocletian attempted, not altogether successfully, to avoid being sucked back into the power politics of the Roman world. We also visit the cathedral, where we see Diocletian's mausoleum.

Day Three | Split

This morning, we continue our exploration of ancient Split, descending underground to view the **Roman foundations** that still support much of the modern city and mimics the emperor's chambers above. We also look at the chapel over the north gate and the baptistry, which was once a **Temple of Jupiter**. This afternoon is free to spend as you wish.

Day Four | Trogir & Klis Fortress

This morning, we drive north to visit the remains of **Trogir** in the Cetina River valley. Known as Tiliurum in antiquity, it was the site of an important military garrison and guarded crucial Roman roads. After lunch, we continue to **Klis Fortress**, which commanded one of the most vital strategic passes in Dalmatia for millennia, and throughout the early medieval period served as a royal castle and a pivotal seat for Croatian dukes and kings.

Day Five | Split & Salona

We explore the lives of ordinary people in the **Archaeological Museum**, which contains artefacts from the Palaeolithic to the Iron Age. Our second site visit is to **Salona**. Its origins are Illyrian, but it was under Roman rule that the ancient city truly flourished. We have a picnic lunch at this lovely site before returning to Split.

Day Six | Split

Today is free to spend as you choose. Take a fast boat to the beautiful island of Hvar and visit the seafront Franciscan monastery; visit the Maritime Museum, Mestrovic Art & Fine Art Galleries or take a stroll along Riva, Split's iconic waterfront promenade.

Day Seven | Trogir

We spend most of the day at the picturesque medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage site of **Trogir**, where Romanesque architecture meets Venetian Renaissance and Baroque fortresses and cathedrals. Our site visits include the crown jewel of Trogir's architectural heritage, the **Cathedral of St. Lawrence** plus the **Benedictine Convent of St. Nicholas**, home to the renowned Kairos Collection, featuring a rare 3rd-century BCE Greek relief of the god of opportunity.

Day Eight | Split - UK

We transfer to the airport to catch our flights back to London Heathrow.

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Included travel

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Accommodation

- 7 nights' in the Hotel Park Split

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/DbI Share | SS |
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| 11th - 18th Apr | £4,080 | £655 |

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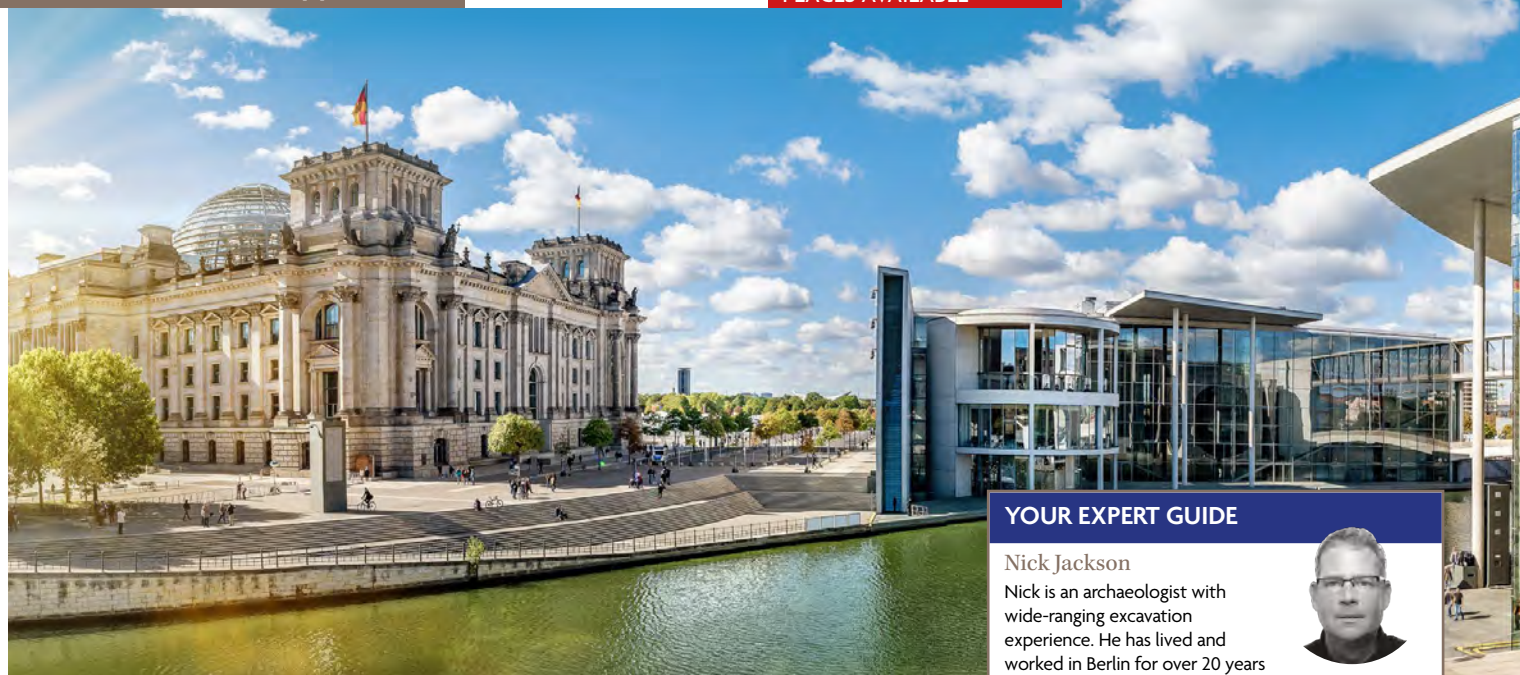
Berlin - Beyond the Wall

The highs and lows of a city divided and reunited

5 DAYS FROM £2,565pp



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YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Nick Jackson

Nick is an archaeologist with wide-ranging excavation experience. He has lived and worked in Berlin for over 20 years and has an in-depth knowledge of his home city.



Enjoy the rich flavour of the region's past and present, from its royal Prussian palaces to its place in Nazi fantasies, and explore its role as a hub of both socialist cultures and radical counter cultures. Berlin has been the nexus for so many pivotal moments in European history and its stories are simply fascinating. Join our expert Guide Lecturer on visits to the city's most significant and historic sites and museums.

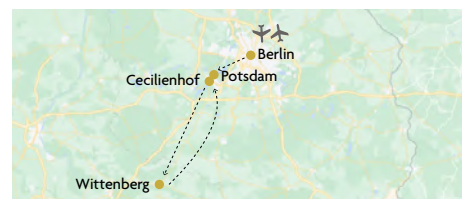


Explore the city with a long-term resident and experienced archaeologist

Pay a visit to Sanssouci, Frederick the Great's Rococo summer palace

See Berlin's iconic sites, including as the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate and Checkpoint Charlie

World-class museums await discovery, which are home to amazing artefacts from the ancient world



REGIONAL DEPARTURES

Local airport flights may be available
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Day One | UK - Berlin

We fly to Berlin from London Heathrow. In the evening we take a stroll through the heart of Berlin to explore the Prussian city shaped in large part by Frederick the Great. We take in the **Opera House**, **Humboldt University** – founded by Frederick William III in the 19th century – and the **Memorial at Bebelplatz**.

Day Two | Berlin

We spend the morning at **Museum Island**, the cultural heart of imperial Berlin where we explore innumerable treasures such as the famous bust of Nefertiti at the **Neues Museum** followed by a visit to **PERGAMON, Masterpieces of the Ancient Metropolis and 360° Panorama** (the Pergamon Museum is currently closed for refurbishment). After lunch we visit the **Jewish Quarter** where we see memorials such as the Stumbling Stones and Deserted Room and consider Otto Weidt, who employed blind and deaf Jews to make brooms and brushes, thereby saving them from deportation. The remainder of the afternoon is free to explore at leisure.

Day Three | Berlin - Cecilienhof

We spend the day in Potsdam and visit **Sanssouci**, Frederick the Great's Rococo private residence that

was built in the mid 18th century. We proceed to **Cecilienhof**, a very different royal palace built by the Hohenzollern during World War I, ironically in the form of an English Tudor manor house.

Day Four | Berlin - Wittenberg

We journey to Wittenberg today to visit a number of World Heritage Sites associated with Luther. These include the **Lutherhaus**, originally part of the University of Wittenberg, it became Martin Luther's residence and is where he wrote his 95 theses. We also visit the Castle Church, or rather **All Saints' Church**, where he allegedly nailed his 95 theses to the door and where he is buried. In this town steeped in the reformation, we visit the houses of other figures important to the movement, such as Melancthon and the painter, Cranach.

Day Five | Berlin - UK

This morning we explore Berlin's famous sites, including the **Reichstag**. We also visit **Brandenburg Gate**, modelled on the Propylaeum of the Athenian Acropolis and one of the most iconic sites in Berlin. We complete the morning with a visit to **'Checkpoint Charlie'**, the infamous crossing point between East and West so redolent of the city's Cold War period. Our tour ends this afternoon and we transfer to the airport, where we catch our return flight back to London Heathrow.

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- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
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- Andante Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Park Plaza Wallstreet Berlin Mitte

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twinn/Dbl Share | SS |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------|
| 20th - 28th Aug | £2,565 | £295 £0 |
| 3rd - 7th Dec | £2,660 | £295 £0 |

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Warsaw to Danzig

Palaces, Museums and Teutonic Knights

8 DAYS FROM £3,640pp

Easy ●○○



Join us on an escorted tour across Poland, from Warsaw to Danzig (Gdansk), exploring palaces, museums and the legacy of the Teutonic Knights. We start in Warsaw with a tour of the Old Town and key museums, then visit the medieval city of Toruń. In Gdansk, we discover Malbork Castle and the city's rich history before enjoying Oliwa's Basilica and its museums. A perfect blend of culture, history and stunning architecture awaits you on this unforgettable journey.



Discover Warsaw, a city where historical charm and cutting edge design converge

Malbork Castle, the enormous structure built by the Teutonic Knights

Explore the extensive Maritime Museum in Gdansk on Otowianka Island

Day One | UK - Warsaw

We fly from London Heathrow into Warsaw and transfer to our hotel where we stay for the next three nights.

Day Two | Warsaw Old Town

In **Warsaw**, we start with a **walking tour** of the charming **Old Town**, a UNESCO site with colourful townhouses and cobbled streets. Highlights include the **Market Square** and **Royal Square**, showcasing grand architecture and historic landmarks. Later, we visit the **Royal Castle Museum**, former home of Polish monarchs, to admire its lavish interiors and artworks. We also explore **St. John's Archcathedral**, a Gothic gem with historic royal tombs.

Day Three | Warsaw

Day two in **Warsaw** explores its rich culture and history. The morning begins at the **National Museum**, showcasing Polish and European art, from medieval works to modern pieces like the Battle of Grunwald. In the afternoon, the **POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews** highlights Jewish history in Poland, celebrating their cultural contributions and resilience.

Day Four | Warsaw - Toruń

After breakfast, we leave Warsaw for **Toruń**, known for its medieval charm and Gothic architecture. In the Old Town, we explore landmarks like the 13th-century **Teutonic Castle**, the **Old Town Hall** with Gothic design and great views, and the **Town Hall Art Museum**. The **Cathedral of St John the Baptist** and **Church of St Mary** provide serene spots for reflection.

Day Five | Toruń - Gdansk

Today, we explore **Malbork Castle**, a fortress built by the Teutonic Knights, revealing its strategic significance and historical role. The museum showcases medieval artefacts, offering a glimpse into the knights' lives. In the afternoon, we drive to **Gdansk**, our base for the next three nights.

Day Six | Gdansk

Our day in Gdansk begins with a guided walk, exploring the historic Golden Gate and Long Lane. We visit the Artus Court Museum, reflecting Gdansk's trading past, and the awe-inspiring St. Mary's Basilica with its intricate interiors. The **Uphagen House Museum** offers a glimpse into 18th-century Gdansk. In the afternoon, we explore the Historic Crane and cross the river to the **Maritime Museum**, diving into the city's maritime heritage. Our final stop is the **World War Two Museum**, offering a comprehensive account of Gdansk's role during the war.

Day Seven | Gdansk & Oliwa

We visit the Solidarity Museum, dedicated to the Solidarity movement, offering insights into the fight for freedom in Poland. Later, we travel to **Oliwa** to visit the **Basilica Oliwa**, renowned for its Gothic architecture and serene setting.

Day Eight | Gdansk- Warsaw - UK

Our final day includes a visit to the **Amber Museum**, showcasing amber artefacts and offering a captivating end to our Polish journey. We then transfer to Warsaw Airport for our flight back to London Heathrow.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Tom Abbott

An art and architecture historian whose expertise is wide ranging, from the Baroque and Rococo, to modern and contemporary.



REGIONAL DEPARTURES

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Included travel

- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in the Sofitel Victoria Warsaw, 1 night in the Hotel 1231, Toruń and 3 nights' in the Hotel Gdańsk Boutique, Gdańsk

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/DbI Share | SS |
|-----------------|----------------|------|
| 24th – 31st Aug | £3,640 | £495 |

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NEW
FOR 2026

Viking Homelands

Germany, Denmark and Sweden

11 DAYS FROM £7,480pp

Moderate ●●○



The Vikings were the greatest seafarers, raiders and traders of the Early Middle Ages. Far from being a race of unwashed barbarians, they presided over a trading network which extended from Greenland to Baghdad. Following in the Viking's footsteps, we make our own epic voyage starting in Germany, travelling across Denmark and culminating in Sweden.



Enjoy the Viking Festival at Trelleborg with its craft workshops, re-enactors and Viking battles

View the famous Viking longships at Roskilde, the best-preserved collection in Scandinavia

Explore Gamla Uppsala with its three huge royal burial mounds that legend attributes to kings Aun, Egil and Adlis

Discover the UNESCO-listed archaeological site of Birka, just a boat ride away from vibrant Stockholm

Day One | UK - Hamburg - Aarhus

We fly to Hamburg and journey to Aarhus, Denmark, exploring the UNESCO World Heritage sites of **Hedeby** and **Danevirke** en route. We continue to Aarhus, our base for the next three nights.

Day Two | Ribe - Jelling - Ravning Enge

Our morning visit is to **Ribe**, Denmark's oldest town, with remains from the 8th century AD. We then see the stone ship setting at **Baekka**, erected by a chieftain for his mother, Vibrog. In the afternoon, we visit **Jelling**, a UNESCO site with rune-inscribed stones and burial mounds. We end at **Ravning Enge**, site of a large Viking bridge.

Day Three | Fyrkat - Lindenhøj

This morning, we explore **Fyrkat Fort**, a Viking fortress from King Harald Bluetooth's reign. After lunch, we visit **Lindholm Høje**, a grave site with nearly 700 graves spanning 500 years.

Day Four | Aarhus - Ladby - Copenhagen

We visit the **Ladby ship** burial, preserved beneath a mound. We tour the **Ladby Museum** before crossing the Great Belt Bridge to Zealand for a visit to **Trelleborg**. The annual Viking Festival features 'The Battle of Trelleborg'.

Day Five | Gammel Lejre - Roskilde

We explore **Gammel Lejre**, a royal centre associated with Beowulf. At **Roskilde**, the **Viking Ship Museum** displays well-preserved ships excavated from the fjord. We may sail a replica Viking ship before visiting the **cathedral**, the burial place of Danish royalty.

Day Six | Copenhagen

We visit the **National Museum in Copenhagen**, showcasing prehistoric and Viking artefacts. The afternoon is at leisure or exploring Copenhagen's historic centre.

Day Seven | Copenhagen - Stockholm

We depart Copenhagen, travelling by train over the Øresund Bridge to Stockholm. The journey reveals landscapes transitioning from countryside to forests and lakes. Arrival in Stockholm is in the late afternoon.

Day Eight | Anundshög & Uppsala

We visit **Anundshög**, Sweden's largest royal burial mound, then **Gamla Uppsala**, home to royal burial mounds and the kyrka church. Legends of sacrifices to Norse gods enrich our visit to the **Gamla Uppsala Historical Centre**.

Day Nine | Sigtuna & Stockholm

We visit **Sigtuna**, founded by Erik the Victorious, with its preserved main street. Back in Stockholm, the **Historik Museum** showcases gold and silver artefacts and Viking archaeological finds.

Day Ten | Birka

We take a boat to **Birka**, a UNESCO-listed Viking town on Björkö island. Founded in 750, Birka was a major trading centre. A silver ring with Arabic inscription found here highlights its historical significance.

Day Eleven | Stockholm - UK

We explore the **Vasa warship** and walk around Gamla Stan, Stockholm's medieval Old Town. We then head to the airport for our flight home to London Heathrow.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Brian Ayers

An expert in medieval urban archaeology, Brian is Honorary Senior Lecturer at the University of East Anglia. He is interested in the origins and the development of towns on both sides of the North Sea during the early medieval period.



REGIONAL DEPARTURES

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Included travel

- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in the Comwell Aarhus, Aarhus, 3 nights' in the Copenhagen Strand, Copenhagen and 4 nights' in the Hotel Kung Carl, Stockholm

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 14th - 24th Jul | £7,480 | £1,105 |


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NEW
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Rock Art & Human Origins

Northern Spain and the Pyrenees

10 DAYS FROM £4,695pp

 Moderate ●●○

The rock art of northern Spain and the Pyrenees offers a fascinating look into early human life. Sites like Altamira, El Castillo and Ekain reveal the cognitive, spiritual and cultural development of our ancestors. We also visit caves in southwest France, including Grotte de Bédeilhac, Grottes de Gargas, Mas d'Azil and Niaux, where prehistoric echoes remain. Led by expert guides, we enjoy exclusive access to key caves for a truly memorable experience.



Visit the spectacular cave at Tito Bustillo and admire its images, both painted and engraved

Examine the contrast between ancient art seen in the caves themselves and the modern art on display at the world-renowned Guggenheim in vibrant Bilbao

Pay a memorable visit to the extraordinary facsimile of Altamira Cave, widely regarded as the Sistine Chapel of cave art

Day One | UK - Bilbao

Today we fly from your London Gatwick to Bilbao. On arrival, we transfer to our hotel in Bilbao, our home for the next two nights.

Day Two | Atapeurca & Burgos

Our journey begins with a drive south to **Atapeurca**. After lunch, we head to Burgos to explore the **Museo de Human Evolution**. Our visit to the **Atapeurca** archaeological site provides further insights into the area's rich history.

Day Three | Bilbao - Santillana del Mar

We depart for Santander to visit the **Museum of Prehistory**. Next, we travel to **El Pendo**, home to a cave featuring an impressive eight-metre-long panel of painted animals. We then proceed to **Santillana del Mar**, our base for three nights.

Day Four | Tito Bustillo & Altamira

We head west to **Ribadesella** to visit the **Cueva de Tito Bustillo**, followed by **Altamira**, where a precise 3D-scanned facsimile replicates the original cave's contours.

Day Five | Santillana del Mar - San Sebastian

We begin at the **Puerta Viesgo Rock Art Centre**. This includes the UNESCO World Heritage Sites **Cueva de las Monedas** and **Cueva de El Castillo**. We return to Santillana del Mar for leisure time in the afternoon.

Day Six | Guggenheim & Ekain

We depart Santillana del Mar for Bilbao to visit the **Guggenheim Museum**. After lunch, we visit the **Ekain** facsimile before heading to San Sebastián for the night.

Day Seven | San Sebastian - Pau - St. Giron

Our journey from San Sebastián to Pau takes us through the Basque Country to the Pyrenees. Pau, nestled at the Pyrenees' foot, welcomes us with lunch before we explore **Grotte de Gargas**. Here, Upper Palaeolithic art features animal engravings and 231 handprints created by blowing coloured liquid over hands placed on rock surfaces. After our visit, we continue to St. Giron where we check in to our hotel, our home for the next three nights.

Day Eight | Grotte de la Vache & Grotte de Niaux

We begin with **Grotte de la Vache**, showcasing engravings and paintings of animals from 15,000 years ago. After lunch, we explore **Grotte de Niaux**, offering breathtaking views and a powerful collection of Ice Age drawings.

Day Nine | Grotte du Mas D'Azil & Bédeilhac

Our exploration continues at **Grotte du Mas D'Azil**, a site integral to **Azilian culture**, known for bone harpoons and decorated pebbles. We then visit Bédeilhac, exploring the **Museum of Prehistory** at Tarascon-sur-Ariège and the **Grotte de Bédeilhac**, before returning to our hotel in Oust.

Day Ten | St. Giron - Toulouse - UK

After breakfast, we depart our hotel for one last for one last museum visit before heading home. We spend the morning at the **Musée de l'Aurignacien**, located in the village of Aurignac. This museum is dedicated to the Aurignacian culture, which dates back to around 35,000 to 29,000 years ago and is known for its significant contributions to early human art and tool-making. After our visit, we continue to Toulouse Airport for our flight to London Gatwick.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

Dr Paul Bahn

The world's leading archaeologist on prehistoric rock art, Paul is one of our best-known Guide Lecturers.



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Included travel

- A flight from London Gatwick to Bilbao & Toulouse to London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Hotel Abando, Bilbao, 2 nights' in the Hotel Colonial de Santillana, Santillana del Mar, 2 nights' in Hotel Zenit Convento San Martín and 3 nights' in the Hôtel La Cachette de Nina, St. Giron

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/DbI Share | SS |
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| 11th - 20th May | £4,695 | £990 |

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Carthage & Roman Tunisia

Stand before the mighty ancient amphitheatre of El Djem

10 DAYS FROM £3,695pp

Moderate ●●○



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.



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

Day One | UK - Tunis

We fly from London Gatwick to Tunis and check in to our hotel.

Day Two | Carthage

Today is devoted to **Carthage**, now a wealthy suburb of Tunis, but scattered with the remains of this once great Phoenician city. We start our day at Byrsa Hill, once the citadel and a central feature of the Punic settlement. Next, we continue to Salambo Tophet and Cothon, or harbour, a testament to Carthage's famous maritime might, the Roman Antonine Baths.

Day Three | Tunis

We visit the renowned **Bardo Museum**, housed in a historic Beylical palace. It features one of the world's top mosaic collections, including the Virgil and Odysseus mosaics. Later, we head south of Tunis to examine a section of the Carthage **aqueduct at Jebel Oust**, then explore **Oudna**, a city founded by Emperor Augustus.

Day Four | Tunis - Dougga

Today is dedicated to the magnificent site of **Dougga**, perched high on the hill above fertile olive groves. Dougga is one of the oldest towns in Tunisia. Its native ancestry and hillside location resulted in a winding street plan, rather than a typical Roman grid. Here, we visit the theatre and the famous Capitolium. We also explore bath complexes, houses and sanctuaries, all in the kind of peace no longer found at European sites.

Day Five | Bulla Regia

We start at the ancient site of **Musti**, once a town of some importance but still largely unexcavated before continuing north to **Bulla Regia**, stopping at Testour, a 17th-century town shaped by Jewish and

Muslim communities fleeing the Spanish Inquisition. After lunch, we explore Bulla Regia, featuring rare, well-preserved subterranean Roman houses.

Day Six | Dougga - Kairouan

We head southwest to the charming site of **Thuburbo Majus**, originally Punic and later a Roman veteran colony. Highlights include the forum with the Capitolium, Winter and Summer Baths, the Palaestra of Petronius and a notable latrine. We also visit Punic-flavoured temples: the Temple of Baalit and the Temple of Caelestis. In the afternoon, we travel to Kairouan, Tunisia's key religious city, founded by the Umayyads in the 7th century AD.

Day Seven | El Djem

Heading southeast to El Djem, originally the Numidian city Thysdrus, we find a wealthy olive oil hub in the 2nd century AD. Next, we visit the **Museum of El Djem**, showcasing Tunisia's finest mosaics and Roman townhouse foundations in its gardens. Returning to Kairouan, we explore the **Great Mosque** and wander through the Medina's winding streets, shops and courtyard houses.

Day Eight | Kairouan - Hammamet

We start in Kairouan at the viewpoint over the Aghlabid pools, 9th-century reservoirs once praised by Arab geographers for their grandeur. Next, we visit the Barber Mosque, the burial site of Abu Zama El Belaoui. In the afternoon, we head north to **Sousse**. The Sousse Museum showcases exceptional mosaics, especially from the Roman period when Hadrumetum thrived through trade. We then continue north to Hammamet.

Day Nine | Kerkouane

We travel along the Cap Bon coastline to **Kerkouane**, a UNESCO-listed site from the 7th to 3rd century BCE, abandoned after the First Punic

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

Farès K Moussa

Specialising in religious art and artistic practice, Farès has both written and researched on Romans and Phoenicians in Tunisia, Libya, Morocco and Sardinia, as well as on the subject of prehistoric rock art. Join Farès on our 14th April departure.



Tony O'Connor

A specialist in the Roman Empire, Tony has excavated widely across Britain, Europe and North Africa. He first led a tour for Andante over 10 years ago and he just gets better and better! Join Tony on our 22nd October departure.



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Return flights available from Birmingham and Manchester

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Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in The Residence Tunis, 2 nights' in the Hôtel Thugga, Tebourouk, 2 nights' in the Hotel La Kasbah Kairouan, and 2 nights' in The Sinbad Hotel, Hammamet

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 14th - 23rd Apr | £3,695 | £475 |
| 22nd - 31st Oct | £3,695 | £475 |

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EssentialCARTHAGE

The dramatic conflict of Carthage and Rome

NEW
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Moderate ●●○

8 DAYS FROM £2,750pp

The conflict between Carthage and Rome represents one of ancient history's most dramatic rivalries and the destruction of Carthage marked a turning point in Mediterranean history. Travelling through the very landscapes where this epic struggle unfolded, we uncover the drama of the conflict and explore some spectacular Roman remains.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Explore Dougga with its spectacular ruins sweeping views over the surrounding countryside

Admire the world's largest collection of Roman mosaics at the Bardo Museum in Tunis

Visit the incredible El Djem amphitheatre, Africa's largest and best-preserved

Day One | UK - Tunis

We fly from London Gatwick to Tunis.

Day Two | Carthage

We spend the day exploring UNESCO heritage sites of ancient Carthage. Starting at **Byrsa Hill**, where Dido is said to have founded the city, we see the remains of the walled citadel. Once the principal military installation, it was destroyed during the Third Punic War in 146 BCE. Next, we visit **Salambo Tophet**, a burial ground believed to have been used for sacrificial rituals, and the nearby **Cothon**, the great artificial harbour for warships. In the afternoon, we admire the monumental **Antonine baths** with the sea as a backdrop and the **amphitheatre** where St. Perpetua was martyred.

Day Three | Tunis & Sidi Bou Said

We begin at the **Bardo Museum**, housed in a former palace built for the Beys, vassal-kings of the area from the 18th century. Its collection of mosaics, crafted in tiny tesserae, offers a glimpse into life during the 2nd-4th centuries AD. Later, we visit **Sidi Bou Said**, a picturesque village perched on a hill overlooking the sea. We have free time to explore its narrow streets, admire white houses with blue shutters, and enjoy stunning views of the Mediterranean.

Day Four | Testour & Dougga

We head west, stopping at **Testour**, established in the 17th century by Jewish and Muslim communities fleeing the Spanish Inquisition. Its architecture showcases Spanish and Mudéjar influences. Continuing to **Dougga**, we explore this iconic Roman site with terraced streets, sweeping

countryside views, and the impressive Corinthian façade of the capitol.

Day Five | Tunis - Oudna – Thuburbo Majus - Hammamet

We drive out of Tunis to see the best-preserved stretch of the 56-mile **aqueduct** at Jebel Oust, where graceful arches carry the water channel. Next, we visit **Oudna**, ancient Uthina, still undergoing excavation. The remains of public buildings and mosaic-adorned houses suggest it was a high-status settlement. In the afternoon, we explore **Thuburbo Majus**, a Roman city set in fields surrounded by hills, with public buildings showcasing the transition from native to Roman city development.

Day Six | Hammamet

A free day to relax and enjoy the hotel facilities or take an excursion to visit the Punic site of Kerkouane on the Cap Bon peninsula.

Day Seven | El Djem & Sousse

We journey south to the stunning amphitheatre of **El Djem**, visible from afar like a giant drum. Built of local sahel stone, it's the sixth largest in the Roman world, reflecting the region's wealth from olive groves. We also visit the museum, which boasts an excellent mosaic collection. In the afternoon, we return north to the **Sousse Museum**, home to famous mosaics such as the elaborate calendar, the medusa mosaic, and gladiatorial combat scenes..

Day Eight | Hammamet - Tunis - UK

We transfer to Tunis airport for our return flight to the London Gatwick.

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Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Radisson Hotel Tunis City Center and 3 nights' in The Sindbad, Hammamet

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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| 5th - 12th Oct | £2,750 | £525 |

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The Romans in Algeria

From Algiers to Timgad

11 DAYS FROM £5,070pp



Algeria is still one of the least-visited countries in the world, but access to its ruinous Classical cities is now easier than it has been for some years. The sites are a palimpsest of Numidian, Roman and Byzantine remains, and include probably the best-preserved colonia anywhere in the Empire – Timgad.



Wander the perfectly preserved streets at the UNESCO-listed sites of Roman Djémila and Timgad

In Sétif, gaze upon one of the most exquisite mosaics in all the Roman world – the fantastic 'Triumph of Dionysus'

Explore the Roman 'City of Bridges' – Constantine – and visit the evocative ruins of Hippo Regius

Day One | UK - Algiers

We fly from London Gatwick to Algiers and transfer to our hotel.

Day Two | Algiers

We visit two city centre museums: the **Bardo Museum**, and the **Museum of Antiquities and Islamic Arts**. After lunch, we explore the **Kasbah**, built on the ruins of old Icosium. Despite its turbulent history, the Casbah of Algiers remains the largest old walled city in North Africa and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Day Three | Cherchell & Tipasa

We spend the day west of Algiers along the Mediterranean. We reach **Cherchell**, Phoenician Iol and Roman Caesarea, which was once the capital of King Juba II and his wife Cleopatra Selene. In the afternoon, we visit **Tipasa**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We also stop at the impressive 'Royal Mausoleum of Mauretania'.

Day Four | Algiers - Annaba

We fly to Annaba for a late lunch and an afternoon visit to **Hippo Regius**, where St. Augustine spent his final days in AD 430. The isolated ruins of this ancient port are dominated by the 19th-century basilica of St. Augustine, which we visit alongside the archaeological site.

Day Five | Annaba - Constantine

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We visit the theatre and museum at **Guelma**, where Jugurtha defeated the Romans. Continuing south to **Khemissa**, we explore ruins including a forum, temples, and a basilica from the second century AD. En route to Constantine, we stop at **Massinissa's tomb** and the site at **El Khroub**.

Day Six | Tiddis & Constantine

In the morning, we visit the ochre-red ruins of **Tiddis**, a Berber site adapted by Roman civilisation. Returning to **Constantine**, we explore its museum, kasbah, suspension bridge, and the Ottoman-era Palace of Ahmed Bey.

Day Seven | Constantine - Djémila - Setif

We travel west to **Djémila**, a Roman town on a narrow plateau, founded between AD 96–117. After lunch, we visit the **Setif Archaeological Museum**, renowned for its Roman mosaics, including the 'Triumph of Dionysus'.

Day Eight | Setif - Batna

Driving south to Batna, we stop at the **Medracen Royal Tomb**. In Batna, we explore **Lambaesis**, the Third Legion Augusta's military base, with notable structures like its amphitheatre and four-sided arch.

Day Nine | Batna - Timgad - Biskra

We visit **Timgad**, a Roman city founded by Emperor Trajan in AD 100. Driving through the Aurès Mountains, we stop at the gorges of Tighanimine, the canyon of Rhouffi, and the **Balconies of Ghoufi**, with sandstone-carved cave dwellings.

Day Ten | Biskara - Algiers

We spend a relaxing morning at a traditional date Palmerie, learning about the cultivation of dates, a vital part of Biskra's economy. After lunch, we fly to Algiers.

Day Eleven | Algiers - UK

We transfer to Algiers airport for our return flight to London Gatwick.

Please note that local arrangements may lead to changes in the itinerary. We will ensure the

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

Farès K Moussa

Specialising in religious art and artistic practice, Farès has both written and researched on Romans and Phoenicians in Tunisia, Libya, Morocco and Sardinia, as well as on the subject of prehistoric rock art. Join Farès on our 20th March departure.



Tony O'Connor

A specialist in the Roman Empire, Tony has excavated widely across Britain, Europe and North Africa. He first led a tour for Andante over 10 years ago and he just gets better and better! Join Tony on our 16th November departure.



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Return flights available from Birmingham, East Midlands, Manchester and Newcastle
See page 9 for further details.

integrity of the archaeological programme is maintained, but flexibility is required when travelling in this stunningly beautiful country.

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE EXPERT GUIDED TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Andante Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Lamaraz Hotels, Algiers, 1 night in the Sheraton Annaba Hotel, Annaba, 2 nights' at a hotel in Constantine, 1 night in the Park Mall Hotel & Conference Center, Setif, 1 night in the Trajan Hotel, Batna, and 1 night in the Vescera Hotel, Biskra

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/Dbl Share | SS |
|-----------------|----------------|------|
| 20th - 30th Mar | £5,070 | £635 |
| 1st - 11th Nov | £5,070 | £635 |

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

Egypt - New Museums & Discoveries

Recently excavated tombs and new museums in Cairo and Alexandria

7 DAYS FROM £4,695pp



Archaeology in Egypt is seeing another Golden Age, this time led by local Egyptians themselves. This tour focuses on these new discoveries from the recently excavated tombs in Saqqara to the newly renovated Greco Romano Museum in Alexandria and the long-awaited, much anticipated brand new Grand Egyptian Museum at Giza. Returning to these sites in the engaging company of our experienced excavators and Egyptologists is a treat not to be missed.



Visit the long-awaited and much-anticipated Grand Egyptian Museum at Giza

In expert company, explore the Imhotep Museum at Saqqara and Greco Roman Museum in Alexandria, both recently opened

New tomb discoveries in Saqqara including the Tomb of Mehu and the Tomb of Maia

Spend two days in Alexandria; the capital of the Ptolemies, one of the greatest cities of the Hellenistic and Roman world

Day One | UK - Cairo

We depart from London Heathrow and arrive in Cairo – this buzzing, energetic metropolis that is Egypt's extraordinary capital and a city that Egyptians admirably refer to as 'the Mother of the World'.

Day Two | Saqqara

Today, we embark on a journey to **Saqqara**, a necropolis of immense archaeological significance in Egypt. Our exploration includes the **Tombs of Maya and Horemheb**, alongside the newly accessible Old Kingdom **Tomb of Mehu**, featured in the 2020 documentary *The Secrets of Saqqara*. The afternoon leads us to the **Imhotep Museum**, freshly reopened after extensive renovations. We conclude our Saqqara adventure with visits to the **Tomb of Maia**, wet-nurse to Tutankhamun, and the **Tomb of Nemtyemes**, both recently reopened to the public.

Day Three | Cairo - Alexandria

Our day commences at the **National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation (NMEC)**, inaugurated in 2017 as the first institution showcasing the breadth of Egyptian civilisation from prehistoric times to the present. Post-lunch, we depart Cairo via the desert road, heading towards Alexandria.

Day Four | Alexandria

Our morning is dedicated to the splendid **Graeco-Roman Museum**, reopened in 2023 after 18 years of renovation. It exhibits thousands of items,

including those discovered during underwater excavations in the submerged cities of Thonis-Heracleion and Canopus, and the ancient Portus Magnus of Alexandria. In the afternoon, we explore the **Bibliotheca Alexandrina**, where exquisite mosaics from the Ptolemies' royal palace and the exceptional Manuscripts Museum await us, offering far more than most anticipate.

Day Five | Alexandria - Abu Sir - Cairo

Departing Alexandria's centre, we journey to **Abu Sir**, ancient **Tapaposiris**, home to a Ptolemaic temple and a funerary monument inspired by the Pharos, perched on a ridge between Lake Mareotis and the Mediterranean. Recent speculations suggest it might house Cleopatra's elusive tomb. After lunch, we travel back south to Cairo.

Day Six | Giza

We devote the entire day to the **Great Egyptian Museum (GEM)**, located on the Giza plateau with pyramids in view. Initiated over two decades ago, the museum spans 750,000 sqm, featuring 12 exhibition halls and innumerable artefacts. Two halls are dedicated solely to Tutankhamun, displaying nearly all 5,000 objects from his tomb for the first time.

Day Seven | Cairo - UK

We return to Cairo airport for our flight home to London Heathrow.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Lucia Gahlin

Specialising in ancient Egyptian archaeology, Lucia worked at the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology and is an Honorary Research Associate at UCL's Institute of Archaeology. Lucia has been leading tours to Egypt for over 20 years.



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Return flights available from Manchester
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- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Andante Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezira, Cairo, and 2 nights' in the Helnan Royal Palestine Hotel or similar, Alexandria

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 5 dinners (plus 1 snack in hotel room if arriving late evening)
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/Dbl Share | SS |
|--------------------|----------------|------|
| 20th - 26th Jan | £4,695 | £595 |
| 23rd Feb - 1st Mar | £4,695 | £595 |

For full details of this tour visit
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Morocco & Andalucía

Where Africa and Europe meet

18 DAYS FROM £7,145pp



Separated by only a narrow body of water, Morocco and Andalucía have exchanged cultural ideas for millennia. Not only were both countries united by the Roman empire in antiquity, but Berbers were key to the initial Islamisation of Spain, just as the Berber Almoravids and Almohads were instrumental in stopping the advance of the Catholic reconquest of Spain in the 11th and 12th centuries. On this tour of a lifetime, we explore the nexus between Africa and Europe and explore unforgettable Roman ruins in both continents at Volubilis and Italica, and stunning Moorish architecture in the medinas and palaces of Fez and Marrakech.



Explore the extensive ruins of Volubilis, one of the most important archaeological sites in North Africa

Visit Fez with its UNESCO listed Medina and its historic buildings and medieval museum

View the extraordinary site of Granada, the last bastion of Muslim culture in Andalucía

Day One | UK - Marrakech

Today we fly from London Gatwick to vibrant Marrakech and settle into our hotel.

Day Two | Marrakech

Our day begins at the 16th-century **Saadian Tombs** and after lunch, we visit the **Bahia Palace**. An evening lecture explores Roman and medieval Morocco.

Day Three | Rabat

We visit the **Yves Saint Laurent Museum** and the **Hassan Tower**.

Day Four | Medina & Meknes

This morning, we explore the **Museum of History and Civilisation**, visit the UNESCO-listed **Medina** and **Kasbah** before heading to **Chellah** and **Meknes**.

Day Five | Meknes

We spend most of the day at Volubilis, Morocco's premier archaeological site and stop at the town of **Moulay Idriss Zerhoun**.

Day Six | Fez

We travel to **Fez** and spend the day exploring its UNESCO-listed Medina.

Day Seven | Banasa & Lixus

We travel north this morning to the first of two seldom-visited archaeological sites **Banasa** and **Lixus** (which we will visit tomorrow). Banasa was known in antiquity as Colonia Iulia Valentia.

Day Eight | Lixus & Tangiers

We explore Lixus, once a Carthaginian trading post, possibly linked to the mythic Gardens of the Hesperides. After lunch we drive to **Tangiers** where we will be based for the remainder of our time in Morocco.

Day Nine | Tetouan & Tangiers

We journey to Tetouan and back in Tangiers, we visit the Kasbah Museum.

Day Ten | Tarifa - Cadiz

We take the fast ferry from Tangiers, crossing the Straits of Gibraltar to arrive in **Tarifa** and make our way to Cadiz, stopping on the way to visit Baelo Claudio. We arrive in **Cadiz** in the late afternoon.

Day Eleven | Cadiz

We explore Cadiz, among Europe's oldest cities before heading to Seville.

Day Twelve | Seville

We begin at the **Metropol Parasol** and its archaeological remains, then visit the **Palacio de Lebrija**. After lunch, we tour Seville's **Cathedral** and **Giralda Tower**.

Day Thirteen | Seville - Ronda

We explore Italica, then continue to Ronda where we explore the city's melange of architecture, including the **Puerta de Almocabar**. Next, we see the façade of the **Iglesia de Santa Maria la Mayor**.

Day Fourteen | Ronda - Malaga

We visit **La Casa del Rey Moro**, the **Arabic Baths** and **Alcazaba**, a fortified palace with Roman spolia and lush gardens.

Day Fifteen | Malaga

At the **Malaga Museum**, we examine artefacts from across its long history. We continue to the **Roman Theatre** and to the **Church of Santiago Apostol**, built in the late 15th century on the place of an old mosque.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

Dr Eireann Marshall in Morocco

An Honorary Research Fellow for the Open University, Eireann is bilingual and has led many tours for Andante.



Dr Doru Bogdan in Andalucía

A specialist in Roman archaeology, Doru has supervised an array of fascinating excavations.



REGIONAL DEPARTURES

Return flights available from Manchester

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Day Sixteen | Cordoba

A day in **Cordoba** reveals Andalucía's layered past. At the Mosque-Cathedral, we marvel at the blend of Islamic and Christian elements.

Day Seventeen | Granada

Our final full day takes us to **Granada** and ends with the **Alhambra**, the pinnacle of Nasrid architecture.

Day Eighteen | Malaga - UK

After the tour of a lifetime exploring the wonders of Morocco and Spain, we make our way to Malaga Airport where we catch a flight back to London Gatwick.

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Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 2 nights' at a hotel in Marrakech, 1 night at a hotel in Rabat, 3 nights' at a hotel in Meknes, 1 night at a hotel in Lixus, 2 nights' at a hotel in Tangiers, 1 night at a hotel in Cadiz, 2 nights' at a hotel in Seville, 1 night at a hotel in Ronda, 2 nights' at a hotel in Malaga and 2 nights' at a hotel in Granada

Culinary inclusions

- 17 breakfasts, 16 lunches & 15 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/DbI Share | SS |
|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| 10th - 27th Nov | £7,145 | £1,190 |

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

Uzbekistan

Visit the UNESCO-listed sites of Bukhara and Samarkand

14 DAYS FROM £5,080pp

Moderate ●●○



Follow in the footsteps of history as we explore the sites and cities of the Silk Road, which once ran from China to Europe, with Uzbekistan right at its heart. The steppes, deserts, mountains and blue-tiled cities all tell stories of trade and conquest, and this is a journey across the country that traces the paths of those who've passed by for thousands of years.



Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Khiva, Bukhara, Samarkand and Shakhrisabz

Get a taste of the avant-garde at the renowned Savitsky Art Museum, home to the world's second-largest collection of Russian art pieces

Travel to the ancient trade routes, where caravans of silk, spice and textiles once crossed the landscape

Days One & Two | UK - Tashkent

We embark on an overnight flight from London Gatwick to Tashkent. Upon arrival, we check into our hotel, enjoying some leisure time before lunch. In the afternoon, we visit the **Museum of Applied Arts of Uzbekistan**, explore **Independence Square** and view the Monument of Courage. A welcome dinner rounds off the evening.

Day Three | Tashkent

We journey to the ancient settlement of **Shahrukhiah**, the first major city of the Tashkent oases along the Great Silk Road. Returning to **Tashkent**, we embark on a walking tour. Highlights include **Chorsu Bazaar** and **Hast Imam Square**, featuring the **Tellya Sheik Mosque**.

Day Four | Tashkent - Nukus

We fly west to Nukus, capital of the Karakalpakstan Republic, a desert region surrounding the shrinking Aral Sea and visit **Gyaur Kala**. After lunch, we explore **Mizdakh**, home to Uzbekistan's oldest necropolis.

Day Five | Nukus - Khiva

We begin at the renowned **Savitsky Art Museum**, featuring the world's second-largest Russian avant-garde collection. Afterward, we travel along the Amu River to **Chilpik Dakhma**, a Zoroastrian "Tower of Silence" used for sky burials until the 7th-century. We conclude in **Khiva**, a Silk Road city historically linked to the slave trade.

Day Six | Khiva

We explore the hilltop fortresses of **Ayaz Kala**, built to defend against nomadic incursions. Next, we visit **Toprak Kala**, a 3rd-century AD city of the Khorezm civilisation. Its ruins feature governors' residences and a palace with three imposing towers.

Day Seven | Khiva

Today, we wander **Khiva's** charming alleys, elegant minarets, and bustling markets. Despite destruction by Genghis Khan, its reconstruction is remarkable. The first Uzbek site to gain World Heritage status, Khiva boasts original defensive walls, ornate mosques, and mausoleums.

Day Eight | Khiva - Bukhara

We journey to **Bukhara**, an oasis city renowned for its architectural marvels. Once part of the Persian Empire, it became an intellectual hub under the Samanids. Highlights include the **Po-i-Kalyan** complex, spared by Genghis Khan for its transcendence. A traditional folk show accompanies dinner tonight.

Day Nine | Bukhara

We visit **Poykent**, a predecessor to Bukhara, abandoned due to the drying Zarafshan River. After a picnic lunch, we return to Bukhara for further exploration and leisure time.

Day Ten | Bukhara

We revisit **Poykent** and enjoy a picnic at the **Poykent Museum**. In Bukhara, we explore landmarks like the **Mausoleum of Ismail Samani** and **Bolo Haus Mosque**.

Day Eleven | Bukhara - Samarkand

Travelling to **Samarkand**, we cross scenic Uzbek plains, stopping at **Rabat-i Malik**, an 11th-century caravanserai with a Persian façade.

Day Twelve | Samarkand

We explore **Samarkand**, visiting the **Ulugh Beg Observatory**, **Shah i Zinda** necropolis, **Registan Square**, and the ancient site of **Afrasiab**.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

Dr Peter Brown

Dr Peter J Brown is an archaeologist specialising in the medieval world across Europe and Eurasia. He has worked on, and directed, a wide variety of archaeological field projects across the Middle East, Central Asia and China and has published on topics including water management, long distance trade, and the growth of cities during the medieval period. He has held research positions at universities and archaeological institutes in the UK, the Netherlands, China and Germany. Join Peter on our 28th March departure.



Dr Katie Campbell

Katie has worked as an archaeologist for the past decade throughout Central Asia and the Middle East, and is now completing a doctorate at the University of Oxford looking at the impact of the Mongol Conquests on the cities of Central Asia and the Caucasus. Join Katie on our 11th September departure.



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Day Thirteen | Samarkand

Our final day begins at the **Gur-i-Amir Mausoleum**, followed by the **Bibi-Khanyim Mosque**. After lunch, we return to Tashkent by high-speed train, concluding with a farewell dinner.

Day Fourteen | Tashkent - UK

Our tour ends in Tashkent and we catch our return flight back to London Gatwick.

Please note: the order of the day-by-day itinerary for this tour is subject to change, please visit our website for the latest version.

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- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- Return flights from London Gatwick, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 3 nights' at a hotel in Tashkent, 1 night at a hotel in Nukus, 3 nights' at a hotel in Khiva, 3 nights' at a hotel in Bukhara and 2 nights' at a hotel in Samarkand

Culinary inclusions

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 12 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/Dbl Share | SS |
|---------------------|----------------|---------|
| 28th Mar - 10th Apr | £5,220 | £395 £0 |
| 11th - 24th Sep | £5,080 | £395 £0 |

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

China

Beyond the Great Wall

17 DAYS FROM £6,710pp

Moderate ●●○



From Buddhist temples to the gargantuan monuments of imperial ambition, to lesser-known prehistoric settlements, this tour is the story of not one but many Chinas through the ages. Over 17 days, we put the great sites we see into their historical context starting in Beijing, China's capital. We see the Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors and Ming Tombs not just as grand relics, but as products of the time, people and places that led to their creation.



Discover China's remarkable prehistoric archaeology at sites such as Jinsha and Banpo, which tell the story of ordinary people in ancient China

Admire the underground army of the life-sized Terracotta Warriors - one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world

Explore Luoyang - the cradle of Chinese civilisation - home to Buddhist temples from the 1st century at the outstanding Longmen Grottoes

Day One | UK - Beijing

We embark on an overnight flight from London Heathrow to Beijing.

Day Two | Beijing

Upon our morning arrival in Beijing, we proceed to our hotel, regroup for lunch and head to the **Forbidden City, or Palace Museum**. Tickets for the Forbidden City cannot be pre-purchased. If faced with any difficulty, such as long queues, we will opt for a visit to the Imperial Palace.

Day Three | Beijing

This morning, we visit **Tiananmen Square** and **National Museum**. After lunch, we explore the **Temple of Heaven**.

Day Four | Beijing

We visit the **Summer Palace** and **Fahai Temple** at Cuiwei Mountain.

Day Five | Beijing

We visit the **Ming Dynasty Tombs** and **The Sacred Way**, flanked by carved stone sculptures depicting mythical animals. We then visit the **Great Wall** at the **Mutianyu** section.

Day Six | Beijing - Luoyang

We take our first high-speed train through the Wei Valley's fertile plains and hills, arriving in **Luoyang** in the afternoon, before we visit the **Longmen Caves**.

Day Seven | Longmen Caves & Shaolin Temple

We drive to **Dengfeng**, visiting the **Pagoda Forest** and **Shaolin Temple**, famous for its warrior monks. We will watch Kung Fu performances.

Day Eight | Luoyang - Xi'an

Before departing Luoyang, we visit the **Ancient Tombs Museum**. We then take the train to Xi'an, the Silk Road's starting point.

Day Nine | Xi'an

We spend the morning with Xi'an's **Terracotta Army** then visit **Banpo Neolithic Village**, where a 6,500-year-old settlement was unearthed.

Day Ten | Xi'an

We visit the **Han Jingdi Tomb** and **Shaanxi Provincial History Museum** to view Tang Dynasty exhibits.

Day Eleven Xi'an | Chengdu

We travel by high-speed train to **Chengdu**, Sichuan Province's capital. After lunch, we visit **Jinsha**, an ancient Shu civilization site.

Day Twelve | Chengdu

We start at **Sanxingdui**, with artifacts from 1700-1150 BCE. After lunch, we visit **Qingyang Palace**, one of the oldest Taoist temples.

Day Thirteen | Chengdu - Wuxin - Suzhou

We fly to Wuxin and transfer to **Suzhou**, famous for its silk and stunning gardens. We visit The Garden of the Humble Administrator, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Day Fourteen | Suzhou

We visit **Suzhou Museum**, showcasing 2,500 years of local history. In the afternoon, we visit **Shi Zi Lin**, or Lion Grove Garden.

Day Fifteen | Suzhou - Shanghai

We drive to **Shanghai**, exploring its contrasts with a **boat trip** along the Huangpu River.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Iain Shearer

Iain is an archaeologist who works across the Middle East, Northern Africa, Central Asia, Caucasus, China, India, Pakistan, USA, Balkans, Europe and the UK.



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Local airport flights may be available

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Day Sixteen | Shanghai

We visit **Shanghai Museum**, renowned for its ancient art collection, followed by a tour of the **French Concession**.

Day Seventeen | Shanghai - UK

We bid farewell to the East and fly home to London Heathrow from Shanghai.

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GUIDED TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

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

Included travel

- Return flights from London Heathrow, private group transfers to/from the airport and hotel and all local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 4 nights' at a hotel in Beijing, 2 nights' at a hotel in Luoyang, 3 nights at a hotel in Xian, 2 nights' at a hotel in Chengdu, 2 nights at a hotel in Suzhou, and 2 nights' at a hotel in Shanghai

Culinary inclusions

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 15 dinners
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

| Date | Twin/DbI Share | SS |
|----------------|----------------|------|
| 2nd - 18th Sep | £6,710 | £810 |

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NEW
FOR 2026

Peru

Moche, Chimu and Inca

19 DAYS FROM £11,125pp



Many people visit only the Highlands and the Sacred Valley in Peru but anyone with an interest in the past would feel disappointed if they did explore a little further, for the sites preserved along the Pacific coast are amongst the most extraordinary in the world. Our tour combines pre-Inca culture and the famous sites of the Sacred Valley.



Experience world-renowned Machu Picchu after the crowds start to disperse and again at daybreak before it gets busy

Cross the Peruvian Andes on one of South America's most spectacular rail journeys from Cusco to Puno

Visit the famous floating reed settlements of the Uros people on beautiful Lake Titicaca

Day One | UK - Lima

We arrive from London Heathrow in Lima and transfer to our hotel.

Day Two | Lima

We journey to the Pueblo Libre District to visit the **Larco Museum**. In the afternoon, we embark on a walking tour of the city.

Day Three | Lima - Trujillo

We fly to **Trujillo**, drive to the ancient Moche city site beneath the plain and visit the site museum.

Day Four | Trujillo

This morning, we visit the **Temple of the Rainbow Dragon**, explore Chan Chan and later, the UNT.

Day Five | Trujillo - Sipan - Chiclayo

We drive north to **El Brujo**, then continue to Sipan in the Lambayeque Valley.

Day Six | Sipan & Chiclayo

We visit the **Royal Tombs of Sipán Museum**, built to showcase the treasures from the Sipan burial sites.

Day Seven | Chiclayo - Cusco - Urubamba

We fly to Cusco via Lima, arriving in the Inca capital mid-afternoon, and transfer to **Pisac**, a small town at the Sacred Valley's eastern end.

Day Eight | Pisac

Explore local artisan markets in Pisac before visiting the **Archaeological Park** on a mountain ridge above the town.

Day Nine | Huilloc & Ollantaytambo

We visit the Community of **Huilloc** and continue to **Ollantaytambo**, a significant Inca site with a massive fortress.

Day Ten | Chinchero & Moray

In the morning, we visit **Chinchero**, then explore **Moray**, known for its extraordinary circular terrace systems.

Day Eleven | Urubamba - Machu Picchu - Aguas Calientes

We board the train to **Machu Picchu**, travelling along the Urubamba River to Aguas Calientes.

Day Twelve | Aguas Calientes - Ollantaytambo - Cusco

We revisit **Machu Picchu** early in the morning for more exploration of this extraordinary city then travel by train from Ollantaytambo to Cusco.

Day Thirteen | Cusco

We visit to the **Coricancha**, the Incas' most sacred shrine and explore the Spanish parts of the city, including the church of **San Blas**.

Day Fourteen | Cusco

This morning, we explore the great fortress of **Sacsayhuaman**, Q'enqo and Tambomachay. In the afternoon, we return to Cusco to visit the **Casa Concha Machu Picchu Museum**.

Day Fifteen | Cusco - Puno

Today, we embark on a spectacular rail journey from Cusco to Puno, the gateway to **Lake Titicaca**.

Day Sixteen | Lake Titicaca

Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable body of water, forms a unique environment. We take a boat trip to explore the floating islands of the Uros people.

Day Seventeen | Puno - Lima

In the morning, we visit the burial towers at **Sillustani** and in the afternoon, we fly from Juilica to Lima for our final night.

Day Eighteen | Lima - UK

We fly from Lima to London Heathrow via Madrid.

Day Nineteen | UK

We arrive in London.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Luis A. Muro Ynoñán

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Day One | UK - Santiago

We take an overnight flight from London Heathrow to Santiago.

Day Two | Santiago

Arriving in the morning, we transfer to the hotel for an early check-in. After resting, we regroup for lunch and visit the **Museo de Arte Precolombino**, renowned for its collection of Latin American antiquities.

Day Three | Santiago – Arica

This morning, we travel to Vina del Mar to visit the **Museo de Arqueología e Historia Francisco Fonck**, then we explore **Valparaíso**, a city built on hills creating a natural amphitheatre overlooking the sea, known as the 'Jewel of the Pacific'. Following dinner, we take a late flight to Arica.

Day Four | Arica – Azapa Valley

Today, we delve into the culture and history of the Chichorro people. In the morning, we visit **Colon 10**, **San Miguel Archaeological Museum**, home to the famous **Chichorro Mummies** and cross the **Azapa Valley** to view vivid rock art depicting human figures.

Day Five | Arica - Iquique

Our journey through the Atacama Desert includes stops at Tiliviche and Chiza and we explore **El Gigante del Atacama**.

Day Six | Iquique

This morning, we relax with a boat trip into the Pacific from Iquique harbour and after lunch, we tour the 'ghost town' of **Humberstone**.

Day Seven | Iquique – San Pedro de Atacama

After breakfast, we drive to **Cerro Pintados**, visit

Quillagua and its museum and head to San Pedro de Atacama.

Day Eight | Yerbabuenas & San Pedro de Atacama

We drive to **Yerbabuenas** to see petroglyphs by the Atacameño people, depicting alpacas, llamas, and other animals.

Day Nine | San Pedro de Atacama - Santiago

We spend the morning in the **Valle de la Luna**, admiring its wind-carved formations and salt lakes.

Day Ten | Santiago – Easter Island

We fly to **Easter Island**, beginning our exploration with a walk around Hanga Roa.

Day Eleven | Easter Island

Our day starts at Ahu Tahai where we visit the **Museo Antropológico Sebastian Englert** to learn about moai and their discoverers. In the afternoon, we explore sites like Ahu Vaihu and **Akahanga**.

Day Twelve | Rano Raraku & Papa Vaka

We visit **Rano Raraku**, then **Tongariki**, the largest Ahu with the heaviest re-erected moai. After lunch, we view marine petroglyphs at **Papa Vaka**.

Day Thirteen | Rano Kau, Vinapu & Puna Pau

We explore **Hanga Piko** and **Ana Kai Tangata**, then visit **Rano Kau** and **Orongo ceremonial village**. We see **Vinapu** platforms and the **Puna Pau** quarry, known for red stone top-knots.

Day Fourteen | Easter Island – Santiago

Visit **Te Pito te Kura** and **Ahu Nau Nau**, then fly back to Santiago.

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Day Fifteen | Santiago - UK

On our last day, we visit the Santa Rita Vineyard for a tour, wine tasting, and a visit to the Museo Andino. Later, we transfer to the airport for our journey back to London Heathrow, arriving on the morning of day 16.

Day Sixteen | Santiago - UK

We arrive in London.

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