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Mary Reynolds

Head of Product

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Image: Guide Lecturer - Dr Eireann Marshall

Travel through time to uncover the secrets of ancient civilisations, set against breathtaking landscapes...

PREHISTORY & HUMAN ORIGINS

Trace the emergence of human creativity through journeys that explore the earliest expressions of art and ritual. From Ice Age caves adorned with dynamic depictions of the natural world to monumental tombs and sacred landscapes, these tours illuminate how our prehistoric ancestors first sought to understand and shape their place within it.

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CLASSICAL & ANTIQUITY

Step into the world of the Greeks and Romans, where art, architecture and empire laid the foundations of Western civilisation. These journeys trace the achievements and everyday lives of the ancient world - from grand cities and temples to mosaics, theatres and villas - revealing the enduring legacy of Classical culture in the landscapes of Europe and beyond.

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MIDDLE AGES & EARLY MODERN PERIOD

Journey through the centuries that bridged the ancient and modern worlds. These tours reveal the splendour of medieval kingdoms, the rise of powerful cities and the flowering of art, faith and learning that transformed Europe. From castles and cathedrals to Renaissance masterpieces and royal courts, explore how this vibrant era shaped the societies we know today.

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Image: Roman Forum

NEW
FOR 2026

Rock Art & Human Origins

Northern Spain and the Pyrenees

10 DAYS FROM \$5,915pp

SAVE \$415pp

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 | Bilbao

Meet the group at our hotel in Bilbao.

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

After breakfast, we depart our hotel for one last for one last museum visit before heading home. We spend the morning at the **Musee 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.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Paul Bahn

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



After our visit, we continue to Toulouse Airport for our independent onward journeys.

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

Included travel

- 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 Martin 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/Dbl Share	SS
11th - 20th May	\$6,330	\$5,915 \$1,390

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.com/acav

Images: Bédeilhac

Cave Art of the Dordogne

Discover the greatest concentration of decorated caves in Europe

7 DAYS FROM \$4,025pp

SAVE up to \$380pp

Moderate ●●○

50 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE



The beauty of the Dordogne is undisputed – lush walnut groves and mellow limestone, dramatic chateaux and sinuous rivers blend harmoniously in one of France's best-loved regions. For Andante guests, however, its greatest beauty lies in the greatest concentration of decorated caves in Europe. Our Guide Lecturers tell the story of the art, its discovery and what is known of the people who created it – the first true 'old masters', caught in the extreme cold of the last Ice Age.



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 plateaux 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 | Paris - Poitiers

Meet the group in Poitiers, then we drive to the village of Angles-sur-l'Anglin where we will 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**.

Images: Cave of Lascaux

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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

An expert on the Palaeolithic and archaeology of the last Ice Age, Rob has published many papers on how people lived. Join Rob on our 8th September departure.



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Included travel

- All local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

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

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
28th Apr - 4th May	\$4,605	\$4,305 \$400
8th - 14th Sep	\$4,405	\$4,025 \$400 \$0

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NEW
FOR 2026

Prehistoric Ireland

Newgrange, Knowth and Inis Mor

8 DAYS FROM \$4,290pp

SAVE \$300pp

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 | Dublin

Meet the group at Dublin Airport and transfer to **Fourknocks**, where we see a fine example of a passage tomb, now preserved under a concrete dome with 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. From here, 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 **Knocknaree 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 with thatched cottages and stone walls. Among the archaeological sites, **Dun Aengus** stands out,

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Jeremy Bennett

A British archaeologist, Jeremy was awarded his PhD at Magdalene College, Cambridge.



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

This morning we make our way to the airport in Shannon from where we make our independent onward journeys.

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Included travel

- All local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

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

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
25th Jul - 1st Aug	\$4,590	\$4,290 \$970

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Images: Carrowmore

Prehistoric Italy

Ötzi and the Alpine Valleys of Val Camonica

6 DAYS FROM \$3,925pp

SAVE \$300pp

Moderate ●●○

\$0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE



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 | Verona - Boario Terme

Meet the group at the airport in Verona or at 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.

Images: Petroglyphs in Trento & Bolzano

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

We transfer from Trento to the airport in Verona to make our independent onward journeys.

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

- 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

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
30th May - 4th Jun	\$4,225	\$3,925 \$450 \$0

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Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania

Learn more about Pompeii at the recently excavated villas

8 DAYS FROM \$3,475pp

SAVE up to \$280pp

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 | Naples - Cava de' Tirreni

Meet the group at Naples Airport or at our hotel in Cava de' Tirreni.

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

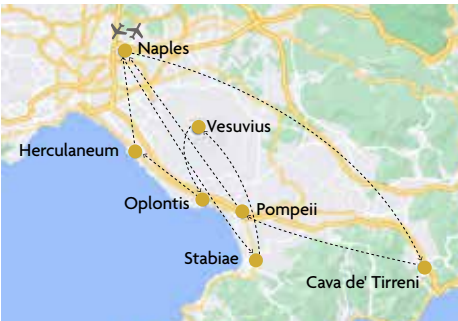
the best routes to avoid the crowds, we visit some houses that are newly reopened to the public.

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

After breakfast we transfer to Naples Airport to make our independent onward journeys.



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Included travel

- All local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 7 nights' in the Hotel Forum (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

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
16th - 23rd Feb	\$3,720	\$3,475 \$470 \$0
9th - 16th Mar	\$3,890	\$3,630 \$370 \$0
16th - 23rd Mar	\$3,890	\$3,630 \$370
13th - 20th Apr	\$3,925	\$3,660 \$370 \$0
27th Apr - 4th May	\$3,900	\$3,635 \$370 \$0
4th - 11th May	\$4,050	\$3,770 \$370 \$0
7th - 14th Sep	\$4,135	\$3,855 \$370 \$0
28th Sep - 5th Oct	\$4,185	\$3,905 \$370 \$0
5th - 12th Oct	\$4,185	\$3,905 \$370 \$0
19th - 26th Oct	\$4,020	\$3,740 \$370 \$0
26th Oct - 2nd Nov	\$4,020	\$3,740 \$370 \$0

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The Romans in Algeria

From Algiers to Timgad

11 DAYS FROM \$6,330pp

SAVE \$440pp

Moderate ●●○

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 | Algiers

Meet the group at our hotel in Algiers.

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 | Biskra - 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

We transfer to Algiers Airport to make our independent onward journeys.

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.



Please note that local arrangements may lead to changes in the itinerary. We will ensure the integrity of the archaeological programme is maintained, but flexibility is required when travelling in this stunningly beautiful country.

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Included travel

- 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/DbI Share	SS
20th - 30th Mar	\$6,770	\$6,330 \$890
1st - 11th Nov	\$6,810	\$6,370 \$890

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.com/aage

Rome

The Eternal City

7 DAYS FROM \$4,815pp

SAVE up to \$355pp

Easy ●○○



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 | Rome

Meet the group at our hotel in Rome.

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

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 make our independent onward journeys.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

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 18th February departure.



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.



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Included travel

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Accommodation

- 6 nights’ in the Albergo Santa Chiara

Culinary inclusions

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

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
18th - 24th Feb	\$5,760	\$4,815 \$550 \$0
24th - 30th Apr	\$5,380	\$5,025 \$550 \$0
30th Oct - 5th Nov	\$5,310	\$4,960 \$550 \$0
13th - 19th Nov	\$5,235	\$4,890 \$550 \$0

*18th Feb departure is from London Gatwick

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The Archaeology of Anglesey

Druids, Romans and English Conquest

5 DAYS FROM \$2,510pp

SAVE \$135pp

Moderate ●●○



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 make our independent onward journeys.

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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Included travel

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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
25th - 29th May	\$2,645	\$2,510 \$390

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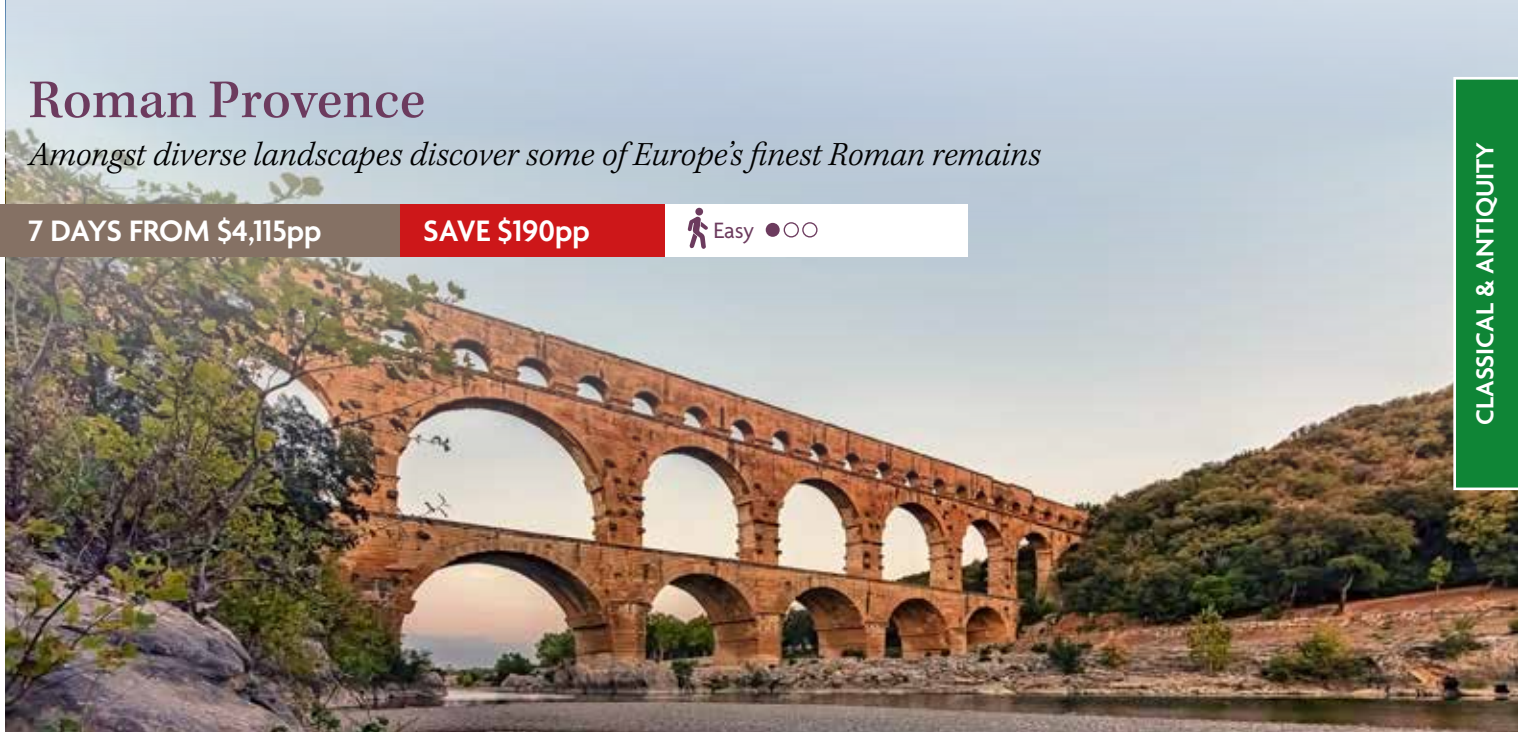
Roman Provence

Amongst diverse landscapes discover some of Europe's finest Roman remains

7 DAYS FROM \$4,115pp

SAVE \$190pp

Easy ●○○



Provincial Romana was founded in France at the end of the 2nd century BCE, as the Romans grew their Empire across Europe and an extensive building programme of grand amphitheatres, baths and aqueducts emerged with it, built in the days of the high empire to impress and subdue the native Gallic tribes. The idyllic landscapes of Provence are therefore home to some of Europe's finest Roman remains.



Discover the charming town of St. Remy, a haven for artists, writers and musicians and our base for this tour

Explore the World Heritage sites at Orange, Arles and the Pont du Gard in the company of a Roman expert

Visit the Oppidum at Entremont and learn about the extraordinary cult of the severed head

Day One | Paris - St. Remy

Meet the group in Paris, Avignon or at our hotel in St. Remy.

Day Two | Nimes

We spend the day in and around **Nimes**, a flourishing modern city. Our first visit is the ancient Roman gate of **Porte d'Auguste**, then **Maison Carrée**, one of the best-preserved Roman temples in the world. In the afternoon, we explore the **Arènes de Nimes**, a Roman amphitheatre built around 70 AD and the **Musée de la Romanité**, a contemporary museum offering an immersive experience with over 5,000 artefacts. Afterwards, we continue to the incredible **Diane Temple** and our last visit is to **Tour Magne**, which once formed part of the Augustan fortifications protecting the city.

Day Three | Glanum & Pont du Gard

Before leaving St. Remy this morning, we enjoy its vibrant market. We then take a short drive to the **Glanum Archaeological Site**, an ancient city founded by the Celts. In the afternoon, we drive to the remarkable UNESCO-listed **Pont du Gard**, an ancient Roman aqueduct bridge. The **Pont du Gard Museum** offers the chance to learn more, featuring a variety of exhibits that detail the engineering marvels of Roman aqueducts and the daily life of the Romans who built them.

Day Four | Orange

Today, we head to the historic town of Orange and visit the **Arch of Orange**, a UNESCO World Heritage site built during the reign of Augustus to celebrate the victories of the Roman army. We explore the **Roman Theatre of Orange**, originally able to accommodate up to 10,000 spectators, and continue to the **History Museum of Orange**.

This afternoon, we journey to **Vaison-la-Romaine**, a charming town renowned for its ancient Roman ruins, including a well-preserved theatre, luxurious villas and intricate mosaics. We discover nearby sites such as Puymy, an archaeological site located within the ancient Roman city, and enjoy a leisurely walk down to the **Roman Bridge**. An example of vigorous ancient Roman engineering, this unique bridge is one of the few surviving Roman bridges with its original decorative arches intact.

Day Five | Arles

Today is spent in **Arles**, a city of numerous Roman and Romanesque monuments, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including a well-preserved amphitheatre. We visit the **Archaeological Museum**, with its impressive collection includes mosaics, sculptures, and sarcophagi, along with the remarkably well-preserved Roman barge, discovered in the Rhône River. We drive back to St. Remy via the **Barbegal Aqueduct**, an outstanding structure considered one of the most impressive examples of Roman engineering and ingenuity. Used to supply water to the city of Arles, it is unique in its incorporation of a complex watermill system, which is believed to have been used for milling grain.

Day Six | Aix en Provence

This morning, we discover **Aix-en-Provence**, a city famous for its thermal springs and charming Old Town, filled with narrow streets, fountains and beautifully preserved buildings. We visit **Oppidum D'entremont**, established in the 2nd century BCE and home to some impressive fortifications, including a large defensive wall and gate. Excavations have revealed numerous artefacts, such as pottery, tools and coins, which provide insight into the daily life and culture

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Prof. Tony King

Lecturer in Archaeology at the University of Winchester, Tony has excavated both in Britain and abroad. He is also a specialist in Roman archaeology and an expert in animal bone analysis.



of the inhabitants. The Oppidum D'entremont is also notable for its carved stone statues and reliefs, which depict warriors, deities and animals. Aix-en-Provence is home to several renowned art museums, including the **Musée Granet**, which we visit in the afternoon. The museum houses work by Cézanne, Rembrandt, Rubens, Ingres and Picasso and its collection spans several centuries, from the Renaissance to the 20th century.

Day Seven | St. Remy - Avignon

We transfer back to Avignon to take the train to Paris from where make our independent onward journeys.

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Included travel

- All local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 6 nights' at a hotel in St. Remy

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
19th - 25th Oct	\$4,305	\$4,115 \$550

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Imperial Majesty in Ravenna & Venice

Last bastions of the Byzantine Empire in northern Italy

8 DAYS FROM \$4,785pp

SAVE \$335pp

Moderate ●●○



The last capital of the Western Roman Empire, Ravenna flourished as an imperial city. It was adorned with churches decorated by the best Byzantine artists, including the Basilica of San Vitale, which contains some of the finest Byzantine mosaics outside of Constantinople. Venice meanwhile grew wealthy from its connection to the east and became enriched by Byzantine culture. The Basilica of San Marco was based on the Byzantine Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople, and its stunning mosaics remain an unsurpassed panoply of Byzantine art.



Enjoy an exclusive evening visit to the Basilica of San Vitale in Ravenna

An exclusive private visit to the Biblioteca Marciana, famed for its collection of Byzantine manuscripts

Explore the unique Basilicas of Santa Maria Assunta in Torcello and Santa Maria e Donato in Murano

Day One | Bologna - Ravenna

Meet the group at Bologna Airport or at our hotel in Ravenna, where we will have an orientation walk, time permitting.

Day Two | Ravenna

We start our exploration of **Ravenna** with a series of incredible monuments, including the **Arian Baptistery** and the **Neonian Baptistery**, converted from a Roman bath. We continue to **Ravenna Cathedral** and the **Archbishop's Palace** with its museum and private chapel of Saint Andrew. In the afternoon we visit the 4th-century **Church of San Giovanni Evangelista**.

Day Three | Ravenna

First is Theodoric's Palace, followed by the adjacent **Basilica di Sant' Apollinare Nuovo**. A short walk away, we continue to the **Basilica di San Francesco**, the parish church of Dante who is buried there. In the afternoon we explore the late **antique house**, the **Domus dei Tappeti di Pietra**, replete with mosaics. We end the day at the **National Museum**, while this evening we plan to have our exclusive, private visit to the **Basilica di San Vitale** and the **Mausoleum of Galla Placidia**.

Day Four | Ravenna

The extraordinary **Mausoleum of Theodoric** awaits, followed by an exploration of the archaeological site of Classe, once the base of Rome's fleet. In the afternoon, we continue to the Basilica di **Sant' Apollinare in Classe** with its stunning apse depicting the Transfiguration.

Day Five | Ravenna - Venice

This morning we travel to Venice, once the gateway of the east due to special trading rights it was given by Constantinople. In the afternoon, we explore hidden gems in the **Piazza San Marco**, dubbed the drawing room of Europe by Napoleon and dominated by Basilica di San Marco. We end our day with a comprehensive visit to this masterpiece of Byzantine architecture.

Day Six | Venice

Today we explore the beginnings of Venice in the Northern Lagoon, starting with **Torcello**, where we see the stunning mosaics of **Basilica di Santa Maria Assunta**. After lunch, we visit **Burano** and end the day with **Murano**, famed for its glass making and its Byzantine **Basilica di Santa Maria e Donato**.

Day Seven | Venice

We explore Venice's Byzantine past, starting with an exclusive, private visit to the **Biblioteca Marciana**, established in the 15th century to house the Classical manuscripts collected after the fall of Constantinople. We continue to the Greek Orthodox **Chiesa di San Giorgio dei Greci** and its adjoining Icon Museum. A guided tour of **Doge's Palace** followed by a private tour of the **Secret Itineraries of the Palace** concludes the day.

Day Eight | Venice

This morning we make our way to Venice Airport by water taxi, bidding farewell to the lagoon and its Byzantine heritage.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

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 11th March 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 28th October departure.



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Included travel

- All local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Hotel Bisanzio, Ravenna and 3 nights' in the Hotel Saturnia & International Venezia, Venice

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
11th - 18th Mar	\$5,120	\$4,785 \$480
28th Oct - 4th Nov	\$5,075	\$4,740 \$780

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Classical Sicily

Rich archaeological sites and impressive artistic achievements

12 DAYS FROM \$7,060pp

SAVE \$525pp

Moderate ●●○



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



Admire truly exceptional mosaics at the Villa Romana, Piazza Armerina

Discover the unique landscape around Marsala

Discover the Valley of the Temples in Agrigento

Enjoy a special access evening visit to view the stunning mosaics at Cappella Palatina

Day One | Catania

Meet the group at the airport in Catania to transfer 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 BCE 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 Ducetius.

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.

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.



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

We return to Catania for our independent onward journeys.

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Included travel

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Accommodation

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Culinary inclusions

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Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
24th Mar - 4th Apr	\$7,555	\$7,060 \$1,230
13th - 24th May	\$7,945	\$7,420 \$1,250
22nd Sep - 3rd Oct	\$8,105	\$7,580 \$1,250
20th - 31st Oct	\$7,855	\$7,330 \$1,250

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Images: Doric temple of Segesta

A Grand Tour of Roman Britain

From Conquest to Culture

12 DAYS FROM \$7,300pp

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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.



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 make our independent onward journeys.

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- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
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Included travel

- All local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

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

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
7th - 18th Sep	\$7,685	\$7,300 \$1,390

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Athens

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

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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.



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 | Athens

Meet the group at our hotel in Athens.

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 Athens**. Now somewhat overlooked by visitors flocking to the Acropolis Museum, it is worth

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remembering that this older museum is still home to a great collection of antiquities.

Day Four | Athens

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**. Afterwards, we make our way to the airport for our independent onward journeys.

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.



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Included travel

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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
19th - 22nd Feb	\$2,210	\$2,050 \$300 \$0
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Macedonia

The glories of northern Greece

8 DAYS FROM \$4,620pp

SAVE up to \$335pp

Moderate ●●○



- Admire the remarkable frescos which decorate the Byzantine churches of Kastoria
- Discover the waterfalls at Edessa, a city defined by water
- Enjoy the richest ancient burial ever found in Europe – the tomb of Philip II – and its extraordinary museum
- Explore ancient Pella, the capital of Macedonia and famous birthplace of Alexander the Great

This tour of Northern Greece is full of fantastic archaeological sites, marked over the centuries by a cornucopia of peoples and cultures from the Macedonians, Thracians and Slavs to the Romans, Byzantines, Slavs and Ottomans. We follow in the footsteps of conquerors and travel through landscapes dotted with canyons, lakes, waterfalls and rivers in an area thick with history. We discover famous sanctuaries and monuments to victory, palaces, painted tombs and exquisite pebble mosaics which survive at the Macedonian cities of Verghina and Pella. There is much on offer, from the beautiful lakeside town of Kastoria, a town largely undiscovered by tourists, to Thessaloniki, a city whose historical importance and legacy can be said to rival that of Constantinople.

Day One | Thessaloniki – Kastoria

Meet the group at either Thessaloniki airport or in Kastoria, a beautiful lakeside town situated on a rocky isthmus on the shores of Lake Orestiada.

Day Two | Kastoria

Kastoria boasts more than 70 Byzantine and post-Byzantine churches dating from the 9th to the 16th centuries scattered around the town, many with astonishing frescoes. We see a small selection at **Agios Stephanos**, **Taxiarchis Oikonomou** and **Archangel Michael**, each concealing something unique behind their intricate brickwork. Later, we explore **Dispilio**, the site of a large Neolithic settlement.

Day Three | Kastoria - Edessa

Before we leave the region, we visit the **Aigos Orestiko Archaeological Museum**, before continuing to **Edessa**, with its striking waterfalls. We admire their thundering beauty before following the road over the Ottoman bridge that carried the Via Egnatia across the river. Later, we head to Mezia and visit the Nymphaeum where Aristotle instructed the pupils of the Macedonian elite, Alexander the Great among them, in political discourse and philosophy.

Day Four | Edessa – Aigai - Thessaloniki

Today is dedicated to **Verghina** (ancient Aigai), the capital of the Macedonian kingdom, where we see the remarkable painted tombs, displayed in the excellent site **Museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai**. We also visit the newly opened **Palace of Aigai**, once one of the largest buildings in Classical Greece, as well as the new **Polycentric Museum of**

Aigai, before continuing to Thessaloniki for our first night in this fascinating city.

Day Five | Pella – Thessaloniki

Our first visit today is to **Pella**, the birthplace of both Philip II and Alexander the Great. We see the monumental agora, houses and the exceptional mosaics made from carefully selected natural pebbles here. In the afternoon, we return to Thessaloniki to visit the extraordinary **Archaeological Museum**, featuring the Derveni bronze crater.

Day Six | Dion

We travel south along the coastline to **Dion** at the foot of Mount Olympus, the religious capital of Macedonia. It is here that both Philip II and Alexander used to celebrate their victories by holding Olympic Games and magnificent receptions. We also visit the nearby small Archaeological Museum.

Day Seven | Thessaloniki

Today is devoted to **Thessaloniki**, founded by King Cassander as a new capital city. We explore the city on foot, taking in the Agora and Roman forum before heading to the Late Roman palace complex of Galerius to view the Rotunda and the Triumphal Arch of the emperor. Next is short walk along the **promenade** to see the White Tower before lunch and in the afternoon, we visit two of the city's oldest churches, Aghios Dimitrios and **Aghia Sophia**, and the UNESCO World Heritage-listed, **Walls of Thessaloniki**. A visit to the adjacent Byzantine Museum completes our survey of the region's archaeology.

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- Culinary inclusions**
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- Dates & prices per person**
- | Date | Twin/Dbl Share | SS |
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| 28th Apr - 5th May | \$4,950 \$4,620 | \$840 |
| 8th - 15th Sep | \$5,060 \$4,725 | \$970 |
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Ioannina

Highlights of Epirus

6 DAYS FROM \$3,835pp

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Positioned on the western shore of Lake Pamvotis and encircled by the impressive Pindus Mountains, we find Ioannina, capital of Epirus, and one of Greece's most scenic towns. From this most excellent of bases, we explore a selection of extraordinary archaeological sites, each representing a different era of Greek history: Dodona, Greece's oldest oracle site (predating Delphi), the 4th-century city of Kassope with its impressive theatre, as well as Nikopolis, founded by Octavian in 31 BCE, and Arta, known for its outstanding Byzantine monuments.



- Delight in a beautiful area of Greece that is still largely untroubled by masses of visitors
- Discover the remarkable Church of Panagia Parigoritissia, a hidden gem of Byzantine architecture
- Explore the ruins of Nikopolis, a city founded by Augustus to establish Roman dominion over Greece
- Enjoy the quiet beauty of Kassope, where there are spectacular views of the Ambracian Gulf

Day One | Preveza - Ioannina

Meet the group at our hotel in Ioannina.

Day Two | Ioannina & Dodona

We begin our exploration of **Ioannina**, a picturesque Greek town that once thrived as the medieval heart of Ali of Tepelena's realm, famously depicted in *Byron's Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*. Our walking tour includes the Castro and the **Archaeological Museum**, showcasing finds from **Dodona**, including pilgrim's questions and answers. In the afternoon, we visit Dodona, Greece's oldest oracle, where Zeus communicated through rustling oak leaves. The site hosts massive festivals and one of Greece's largest ancient theatres.

Day Three | Nikopolis

Our day is dedicated to **Nikopolis**, or 'Victory City', built by Augustus after the Battle of Actium in 31 BCE to secure Roman control over Western Greece. Nikopolis housed veteran Roman soldiers and forcibly relocated locals from towns like Kassope. We visit the **Actian sanctuary**, featuring an altar, theatre, stadium, museum, and ancient city centre remnants. On our return to Ioannina, we pause at the Haigos Giorgios aqueduct, which once supplied water to Nikopolis's Nymphaeum complex.

Day Four | Arta & Orraon

We journey south to **Arta** on the Ambracian Gulf, a significant Byzantine centre and capital of Pyrrhus of Epirus. Our visit includes the **Archaeological Museum**, the uniquely Byzantine **Church of Panagia Parigoritissia**, and the impressive Arachthos River bridge, an engineering marvel. Returning to Ioannina, we explore the fortified Hellenistic city of **Orraon**, featuring well-preserved houses, fortified walls with towers, and a strategic cistern, crucial for guarding the passage from the Amvrakikos Gulf to the Ioannina basin.

Day Five | Kassope & Nekromateion

We start at the Hellenistic city of Kassope, perched high in the hills with stunning views of the Ambracian Gulf, where the battle of Atrium occurred. **Kassope** is a model city, boasting an agora, theatre, and regular street grid, though abandoned for Nicopolis's population. In the afternoon, we visit the **Nekromateion of the Acheron** on the Ionian coast, a site shrouded in controversy, possibly linked to the oracle of the dead known from classical texts.

Day Six | Ioannina - Preveza

We make our way to the airport for our independent onward journeys.

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- Accommodation**
- 5 nights' in the SAZ City Life Hotel
- Culinary inclusions**
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners
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- Dates & prices per person**
- | Date | Twin/Dbl Share | SS |
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| 21st - 26th Apr | \$4,110 \$3,835 | \$550 |
| 1st - 6th Sep | \$4,180 \$3,895 | \$550 |
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Albania

Land of the Eagles

9 DAYS FROM \$3,775pp

SAVE \$275pp

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 | Tirana

Meet the group at our hotel in Tirana.

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 | Durres

We visit **Durres**, 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

This morning, we transfer from Kruja to the airport to make our independent onward journeys.

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Included travel

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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

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
18th - 26th Apr	\$4,050	\$3,775 \$500

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Carthage & Roman Tunisia

Stand before the mighty ancient amphitheatre of El Djem

10 DAYS FROM \$4,435pp

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



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 Tounga as well as the Bulla Regia

Day One | Tunis

Meet the group at our hotel in Tunis.

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 Capitulum. 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 Capitulum, 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 War. We visit the site museum with remains from

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.



the necropolis. After lunch, we head to **Nabeul** to visit its small museum before returning to the hotel.

Day Ten | Hammamet - Tunis

We transfer to Tunis Airport for our independent onward travel.

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Accommodation

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

Culinary inclusions

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14th - 23rd Apr	\$4,755	\$4,435 \$670
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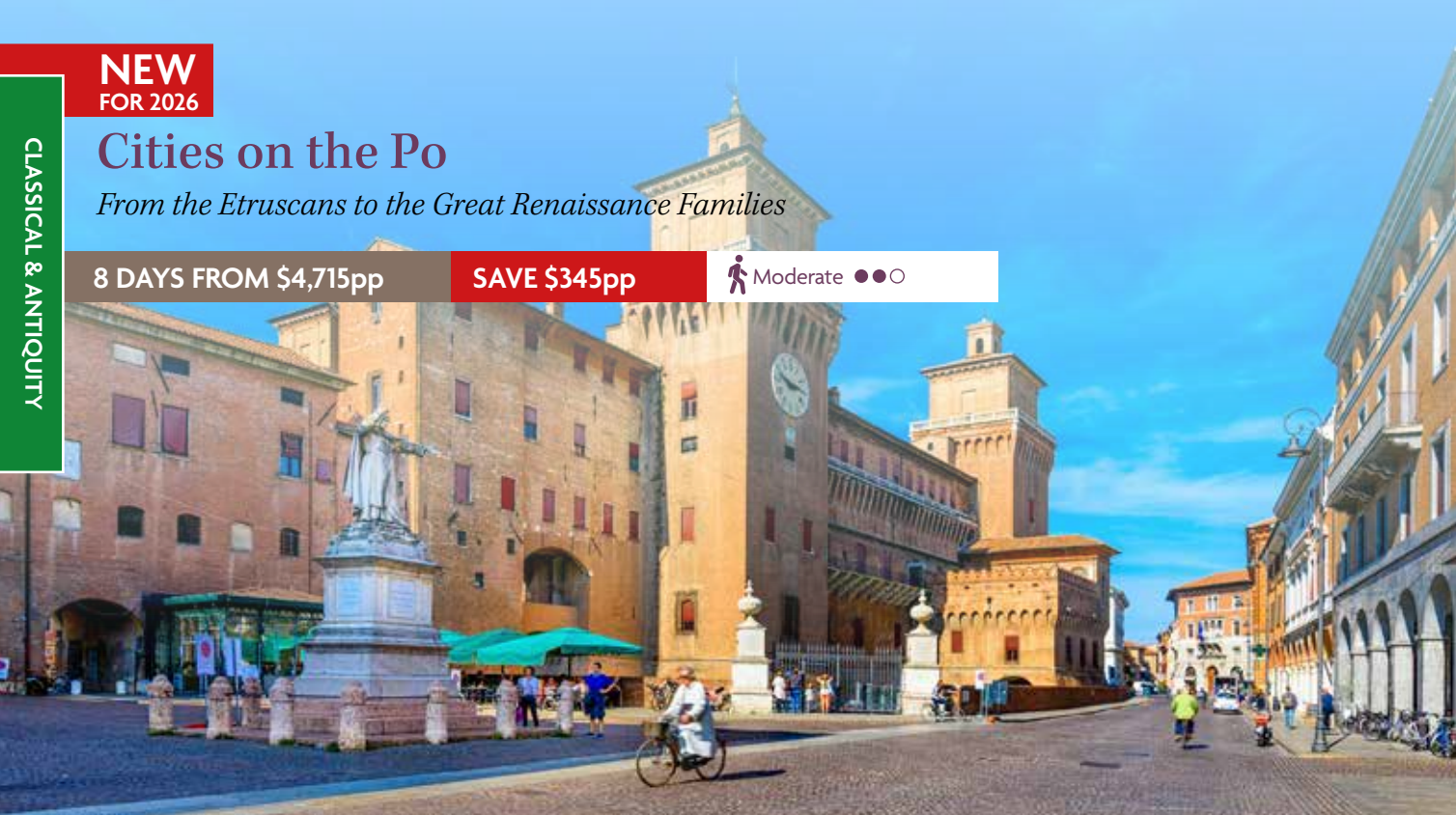
Cities on the Po

From the Etruscans to the Great Renaissance Families

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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 | Bologna

Meet the group at the airport in Bologna or at 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 **Baptistery**, 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

We transfer to Bologna Airport to make our independent onward journeys.

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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Accommodation

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

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
8th -15th Jun	\$5,060 \$4,715	\$690

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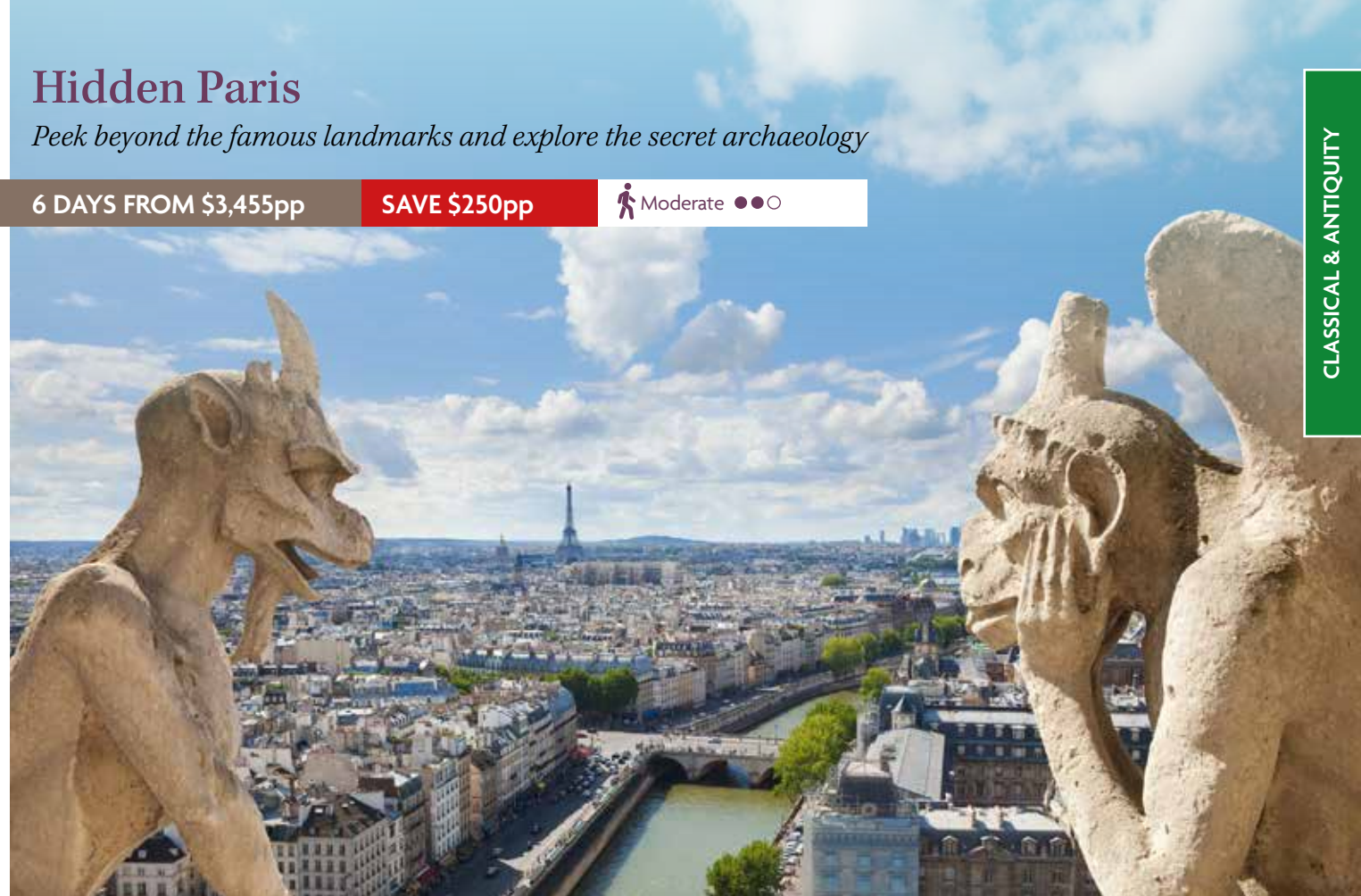
Hidden Paris

Peek beyond the famous landmarks and explore the secret archaeology

6 DAYS FROM \$3,455pp

SAVE \$250pp

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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**

Day One | 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

We leave Paris and make our independent onward journeys.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

John Shepherd

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



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

Included travel

- 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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
12th - 17th May	\$3,705 \$3,455	\$620

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China

Beyond the Great Wall

17 DAYS FROM \$7,725pp

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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 | Beijing

We meet as a group for lunch, and then in the afternoon we visit the **Forbidden City**, or **Palace Museum**. Built between 1406 and 1420 during the Ming Dynasty, this vast imperial palace complex served as the home of Chinese emperors and the ceremonial and political centre of the Chinese government for almost 500 years, and we will explore its succession of halls and courtyards and admire an extraordinary collection of artwork and artifacts from China's imperial past.

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.

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.



Day Fifteen | Suzhou - Shanghai

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

Day Sixteen | Shanghai

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

Day Seventeen | Shanghai

Our tour ends today, and we make our independent onward journeys.

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

Included travel

- All local transport 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/Dbl Share	SS
2nd - 18th Sep	\$8,195	\$7,725 \$1,130

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Image: Forbidden City

Richard III - Hero or Villain?

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

4 DAYS FROM \$1,690pp

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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?



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.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Michael Jones

Author and presenter Dr Michael Jones is a leading military historian with special interests in 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	\$1,800	\$1,690 \$230 \$0
29th Sep - 2nd Oct	\$1,800	\$1,690 \$230 \$0

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NEW
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Ravenna

Rome and her heirs

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In AD 42 the Roman Imperial court fled from Rome to Ravenna and for a period it was the political centre of what remained of the Western Empire. The result was an astonishing flowering of art and architecture created in the dying days of the Empire. To this day, the city's numerous churches, palaces and mausolea, resplendent with shimmering mosaics expressing the majesty and mystery of God never fail to achieve the awe-inspiring impact which their patrons, designers and makers intended.



Enjoy a special out-of-hours visit to the Basilica of San Vitale with time and space to contemplate its fabulous interior

Admire the extraordinary mosaics at the Domus dei Tappeti di Pietra (the House of the Stone Carpets)

Discover the ancient port of Classe, once the biggest naval base of the Adriatic, home to a fleet of 250 ships

Day One | Bologna - Ravenna

Meet the group at Bologna Airport or at our hotel in Ravenna

Day Two | Ravenna

Today we start our exploration of Ravenna with a visit to the **Arian Baptistery**. Inside, its cupola features the renowned mosaic of the Baptism of Christ, depicting Him immersed in the River Jordan. This iconographic design is also present in the nearby **Neonian Baptistery**, our next stop. Our morning concludes at the **Archiepiscopal Museum**, home to the pulpit of Maximian, a distinguished ivory work crafted by Byzantine artists in the 6th century. Post-lunch, we delve into **Ravenna Cathedral** and the **Archbishop's Palace**, which houses a museum and the private chapel of Saint Andrew. Our day concludes with a visit to the 5th-century church of San Giovanni Evangelista, constructed as an ex voto by Galla Placidia following her escape from a shipwreck.

Day Three | Ravenna

We **Basilica di Sant' Apollinare Nuovo**, Theodoric's palatine chapel. Despite its unassuming exterior, its interior fosters an atmosphere of solemnity. A brief walk leads us to the **Basilica di San Francesco**, Dante's parish church where he is interred. Later, we explore the **National Museum**, showcasing

notable objects linked to Ravenna's monuments. This evening features a special visit to the **Church of San Vitale**, where we admire the mosaics, the best-preserved outside Constantinople. We also visit the smaller **Mausoleum of Galla Placidia**, shaped like a cross.

Day Four | Ravenna

This morning, we visit the **Palace of Theodoric**, linked to the Ostrogothic King who governed from Ravenna post the Western Roman Empire's fall. Next, we explore the extraordinary **Domus of the Stone Carpets**, situated beneath the late-baroque Church of Sant'Eufemia. In the afternoon, we journey south of Ravenna to Classe. Here, we visit the **Basilica di San Apollinare** and the fascinating **Classe Archaeological Museum**.

Day Five | Pomposa & Ravenna

This morning, we embark on a scenic drive to the **Abbey of Pomposa**, established in the 7th century amidst marshes and lagoons. It boasts a fine 12th-century mosaic floor and frescoes. In the afternoon, we visit **Theodoric's Mausoleum**, one of Italy's most impressive remnants of late Roman architecture.

Day Six | Ravenna - Bologna

We return to Bologna from where make our independent onward journeys.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

Prof. Tony King

Lecturer in Archaeology at the University of Winchester, Tony has excavated both in Britain and abroad. He is also a specialist in Roman archaeology and an expert in animal bone analysis. Join Tony on our 12th March departure.



Nick Jackson

Nick is an archaeologist with wide-ranging excavation experience. His main research interest is the late 2nd millennium BCE but he has also developed an enthusiasm for early Christian places of worship and Byzantine pilgrimage sites. Join Nick on our 8th October departure.



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Included travel

- All local transport aboard a private air-conditioned coach

Accommodation

- 5 nights' in the Hotel NH Ravenna

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
12th - 17th Mar	\$3,245	\$3,030 \$360 \$0
8th - 13th Oct	\$3,350	\$3,125 \$360 \$0

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Images: St. Apollinare in Classe

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Amsterdam, Haarlem & The Hague

From the medieval to the contemporary

6 DAYS FROM \$4,435pp

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Delve into the Dutch Golden Age in the Netherlands, where our visits offer a comprehensive overview of the artistic achievements of this prolific period. Across the South Holland province, look forward to discovering some of the most iconic museums in the world and getting up close to masterpieces such as *The Girl with the Pearl Earring* and *Sunflowers*.



Admire the iconic masterpiece, the *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, up close at Mauritshuis

Step back in time at the spectacular Mesdag Panorama, the largest circular canvas in Europe

Learn more about one of the world's most famous painters at Rembrandt's House

Tick off the symbols of the Dutch Golden Age in Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum

Day One | Amsterdam

Meet the group at our hotel in Amsterdam.

Day Two | The Hague

After breakfast, we head to The Hague to visit the renowned **Mauritshuis**, a stunning 17th-century building housing masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Steen, including the iconic *Girl with a Pearl Earring*. After lunch, we explore the **Mesdag Panorama**, Europe's largest circular canvas, offering a 360-degree view of the 19th-century landscape. Our final stop is **Museum Voorlinden** in Wassenaar, showcasing the largest private art collection in the Netherlands, featuring works by Kusama, Gormley, and Kapoor.

Day Three | Amsterdam

Today, we delve into Amsterdam's rich history, starting at **Rembrandt's House**, where the artist lived and worked. We then visit the **Jewish Museum** in the historic Jewish quarter, learning about Jewish culture and history. After lunch, we embark on a **walking tour** of Amsterdam, including a visit to the beautiful Oude Church.

Day Four | Amsterdam

Our day begins at the **Rijksmuseum**, home to

Dutch Golden Age paintings by Rembrandt and Vermeer. After lunch, we explore the **Van Gogh Museum**, housing the largest collection of Van Gogh's works, including *Sunflowers* and *The Bedroom*.

Day Five | Haarlem & Amsterdam

In the morning, we visit Haarlem's **Frans Hals Museum**, dedicated to the Dutch Golden Age painter. We then explore the **Cathedral of Saint Bavo**, renowned for its architecture and the Müller organ. Returning to Amsterdam, we visit the **Houses on the Grachten** and the **Museum Van Loon**, offering a glimpse into Amsterdam's patrician past.

Day Six | Amsterdam

After checking out of the hotel we visit the waterfront **National Maritime Museum**, one of the largest and most significant museums of its kind. Housed in a former naval storehouse dating back to 1656, its extensive collection includes ship models, maritime paintings, navigational instruments and world maps, all of which tell stories of naval battles and the life of sailors. A real highlight is the full-scale replica of the Dutch East India Company ship, the Amsterdam, since the original was wrecked on

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Tom Abbott

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



the way to the Far East in 1749. Later we make our independent onward journeys home.

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- Andante Field notes
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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 5 nights' in the Grand Hotel Amrâth Amsterdam

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
27th Mar - 1st Apr	\$4,745	\$4,435 \$920

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Uzbekistan

Visit the UNESCO-listed sites of Bukhara and Samarkand

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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 as 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 Shakhrisayabz

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 | Tashkent

Meet the group at our hotel in Tashkent. In the afternoon, we visit the **State Museum of History of Uzbekistan**. Highlights here include the remains of a prehistoric man dating from 1.5 million years BC as well as significant statues and reliefs from the country's Buddhist period. This evening, we enjoy a group dinner together.

Day Two | 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 Three | 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 **Mizdakhan**, home to Uzbekistan's oldest necropolis.

Day Four | 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 Five | 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 Six | 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 Seven | 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 Eight | 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 Nine | 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 Ten | Bukhara - Samarkand

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

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.



Day Eleven | Samarkand

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

Day Twelve | Samarkand

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

Day Thirteen | Tashkent

Our tour ends in Tashkent, and we continue our onward journeys.

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

- 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	\$6,525 \$6,070	\$550 \$0
11th - 24th Sep	\$6,490 \$6,050	\$550 \$0

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Image: Ulugh Beg Observatory

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Viking Homelands

Germany, Denmark and Sweden

11 DAYS FROM \$9,550pp

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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 | Hamburg - Aarhus

Meet the group at Hamburg Airport to travel to Aarhus in Denmark stopping on route to explore the UNESCO World Heritage sites of **Hedeby** and **Danevirke**. These important Viking trading towns are situated on the Schleswig isthmus, the narrowest strip of land between the Baltic and the North Sea, and they once secured the border area between Scandinavia and Central Europe. Excavations at both sites have revealed the Vikings international links. After our site visits 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**

Images: Roskilde 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.

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 sites of the North Sea during the early medieval period.



Day Eleven | Stockholm

We will visit the amazingly complex **Vasa warship** before taking a walk around Gamle Stan, the Old Town which occupies the island of Stadsholmen. It is not a Viking Age town, since it dates from the 13th century, but it retains its medieval street pattern with numerous narrow alleyways and staiths leading to the commercial waterfront. Afterwards we transfer to the airport in Stockholm to make our independent onward journeys.

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Included travel

- 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
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Day One | Warsaw

Meet the group at our hotel in Warsaw.

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

After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and enjoy one final museum visit to the **Amber Museum**. This unique museum showcases a wide range of amber artefacts, from ancient inclusions of prehistoric insects to stunning modern jewellery.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Tom Abbott

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



The exhibits provide an in-depth look at the formation, extraction and artistic use of amber, offering a captivating end to our journey through Poland's rich cultural heritage. Afterwards, we transfer to the Warsaw Airport for our independent onward journeys home.

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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

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