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September - December 2026



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Athens - Jane Cable - December 2025



A World of Discovery Awaits Extraordinary journeys across time and place

It gives me great pleasure to present our Autumn/Winter 2026 programme, a collection of departures that we believe captures everything Andante does best: the breadth, the depth, and the sheer exhilaration of exploring the human past in remarkable company.

The range of this season's tours is, we think, exceptional. At one end of the compass, you will find us tracing the ancient landscapes of the British Isles, from the prehistoric monuments of Orkney and the ceremonial heartland of Salisbury Plain to the Romano-British towns and Iron Age hill forts that punctuate our own countryside. At the other, we venture to the far reaches of the ancient world into the storied interior of China, where millennia of dynastic history are written in stone and silk. Between these poles sit itineraries that take in the Levant, the Nile Valley, North Africa, the Iberian Peninsula and beyond — a true survey of the ancient world's extraordinary reach.

The remarkable thematic diversity is no less. Our tours encompass the full spectrum of human endeavour: Bronze Age citadels, Hellenistic temples, Roman amphitheatres, Byzantine churches, Crusader castles, Islamic palaces, and the layered, endlessly surprising archaeology of cities that have been continuously inhabited for three thousand years or more. Whether your passion is epigraphy or military history, sacred architecture or the everyday lives of ordinary people in antiquity, you will find a departure this autumn that speaks to it.

Mary Reynolds

Head of Product

Get in touch with an expert

If you are interested in joining one of our tours and want to know more, please give our Specialist Travel Executives a call today.

They are ready to help with all of your questions.

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Every tour tells a story

here's what you can expect

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

- ✓ **Small groups with big insight** - travel in a group of no more than 18, giving you deeper access to sites, stories and experts
- ✓ **Experience matters** - with over 40 years of curating and innovating truly exceptional tours, you can be certain your experience will be something extraordinary
- ✓ **We uncover history, layer by layer** - we make sure you're not rushed and have plenty of time at each site
- ✓ **Led by experts** - guided by archaeologists, Egyptologists and historians, all specialists in their field
- ✓ **Tour Managers accompany most tours** - allowing our Guide Lecturers to concentrate on what matters most... delivering extraordinary, expert-led discovery
- ✓ **Tours everyone can enjoy** - all you need is enthusiasm and an enquiring mind
- ✓ **Every itinerary tells a story** - our tours are carefully curated to follow an archaeological theme, designed by experts to bring deeper meaning and context to every site you visit
- ✓ **Expert travel with exceptional value** - all local transport, meals and gratuities are taken care of - even wine with dinner on most tours
- ✓ **Because you matter** - we never treat you like a number. No name badges, no umbrellas in the air - just genuine connection and intelligent conversation
- ✓ **Expert service** - our team are on hand to support, before, during and after your tour
- ✓ **Trusted by guests, recognised for excellence** - we have been rated 'Exceptional' with over 2,100 reviews and are winners of Feefo's 2026 Platinum Trusted Service Award

Independent minds, shared histories



A COMPANIONABLE EXPERIENCE

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

YOUR TOUR AND YOUR EXPERIENCE

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

Guided by Experts

Journey into the past and let our Guide Lecturers
bring history to life





Oliver Gilkes

Oliver is an archaeologist of eclectic experience. Currently he works as a freelance consulting archaeologist, and provides advice for Andante Travels on designing as well as leading a number of tour groups. Oliver began as a commercial archaeologist and museum curator in the UK. Join Oliver on the following tours, Essential Rome pg 14, Imperial Majesty in Ravenna & Venice pg 17, Macedonia pg 21 and Albania, Macedonia & Northern Greece pg 23.



Tony O'Connor

Tony O'Connor graduated from Manchester University, specialising in the Roman Empire and the Phoenicians. Leading tours for Andante for over 20 years to Syria, Northern Egypt, Libya, Lebanon, Italy, Pompeii, Algeria & Provence, his experience is extensive, and he is one of our most experienced and popular Guide Lecturers. Join Tony on Albania pg 22, Carthage & Roman Tunisia pg 29 and Morocco: Tangier to Marrakech pg 30.



Dr Christina Hatzimichael-Whitley

Dr Christina Hatzimichael-Whitley is a lecturer at Cardiff University, where she teaches Greek art and archaeology. Join Christina on Wild Thracе pg 20.



Terry Richardson

Terry has a background in Ancient History and Classical Civilisations, is the author of several Rough Guide publications and has also written about Turkey and Istanbul for Wanderlust, the Daily Telegraph and The Guardian. Join him on our Relaxed Kyrenia tour pg 24, Byzantium & Ottoman Island pg 24, Turkey: from Çatal Hüyük to Göbekli Tepe pg 25.



Dr Eireann Marshall

Dr Eireann Marshall is a Research Associate and Associate Lecturer with the Open University. Eireann has led tours for Andante for many years, including Ravenna, Venice, Pompeii, Sicily, Morocco and Tunisia and is bilingual in English and Italian. Join Eireann on Etruscan Italy pg 14 and The Romans in Algeria pg 30.



Tony Wilmott

Tony Wilmott specialises in the Roman and Late Antique periods, with particular interests in the Roman military and frontiers, in Roman religion, and also in the late and post-Roman transition. Join Tony on A Grand tour of Roman Britain pg 6, Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania pg 12 and Frontier Lands of Romania pg 32.



Dr Jamie Sewell

Dr Jamie Sewell has fifteen years' experience supervising excavations in Britain, Germany, Romania and Italy, including Pompeii. He has authored books and articles on the archaeology of towns in Hellenistic Italy and in the broader Mediterranean region. Join Puglia & Basilicata pg 15, Carthage to the Sands of the Sahara pg 28.



Dr Iain Shearer

Dr Iain Shearer is an archaeologist working across the Middle East, Northern Africa, Central Asia, Caucasus, China, India, Pakistan, USA, Balkans, Europe and UK. With degrees from the Institute of Archaeology, University College London, he worked on excavations before becoming Sackler Scholar for Afghanistan and Iran at The British Museum in 2010. Join Iain on China pg 34.



Diana Blumberg

Diana Blumberg is an archaeological scientist at Newcastle University, specialising in the analysis of archaeological materials. She has worked on archaeological field schools in both Pompeii and Portus (the latter being one of the harbours of ancient Rome). Join Diana on Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania pg 12.

A Grand Tour of Roman Britain

From Conquest to Culture

12 DAYS FROM \$7,685pp

 Moderate ●●○



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



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

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

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

Day One | London

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

Day Two | London - Chichester

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

Day Three | Chichester - Blandford Forum

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

Day Four | Blandford Forum - Bath

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

Day Five | Bath - Caerleon - Chester

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

the remains of **Viriconium**, one of Roman Britain's largest cities.

Day Six | Chester - Carlisle

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

Day Seven | Vindolanda & Corbridge

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

Day Eight | Housesteads & Chesters

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

Day Nine | Carlisle - Edinburgh

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

Day Ten | Cramond & Edinburgh

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

Day Eleven | Antonine Wall

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

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

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 Twelve | Edinburgh - London

Our tour concludes as we transfer to the station for a high-speed train back to London.

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE EXPERT GUIDED TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

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

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

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

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

Richard III - Hero or Villain?

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

4 DAYS FROM \$1,880pp

Easy ●○○



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?

Day One - Warwick | Day Two - Stony Stratford & Fotheringhay | Day Three - Leicester
Day Four - Warwick



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

Images : Warwick Castle & Richard III portrait

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/Db'l Share	SS
29th Sep - 2nd Oct	\$1,880	\$230

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

Highlights of Shetland & Orkney

From standing stones to chambered cairns

9 DAYS FROM \$5,310pp

Moderate ●●○



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

Day One - Lerwick | Day Two | Mousa Broch & Jarlshof | Day Three - Unst | Day Four - Scatness
Day Five - Lerwick - St. Ninian's Isle - Kirkwall | Day Seven - Gurness Broch & Skara Brae
Day Eight - Churchill's Barriers & Maeshowe | Day Nine - Kirkwall



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

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

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

Image: St. Ninian's Isle

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Val Turner

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



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

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

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
17th - 25th Sep	\$5,310	\$630

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

Brittany - Carnac & Beyond

Encounter the world's largest assemblage of megalithic sites

7 DAYS FROM \$5,150pp

Moderate ●●○



Brittany offers a prehistoric landscape filled with some of the world's best megalithic monuments, from standing stones to chambered tombs. A whole day is rightly dedicated to Carnac, where stone rows stud the heather-clad countryside, and we explore passage graves with depictions of weaponry that mark the resting places of a selected few of the wider Neolithic population.

Day One - Carnac | **Day Two** - Locmariaquer - Table des Marchands | **Day Three** - Gavrinis - Carnac | **Day Four** - Plouharnel - Erdeven - Quiberon | **Day Five** - Carnac - Geant du Manio | **Day Six** - Le Rocher - Petit Mont Cairn | **Day Seven** - Carnac



Come face-to-face with a selection of fascinating passage graves, chambered tombs and polished axes

Devote an entire day to the stunning monuments of historic Carnac

Take a ferry to the island of Gavrinis to visit its famous and elaborately decorated passage tomb

Images: Stones in Carnac

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr Nick Thorpe

A lecturer in Archaeology, Nick has published books and articles on prehistoric Wessex, Britain and Europe, on burial practices, and on the origins of agriculture and the archaeological fringe.



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 6 nights' in the Thalazur Carnac Hotel, Carnac

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
7th - 13th Sep	\$5,150	\$780

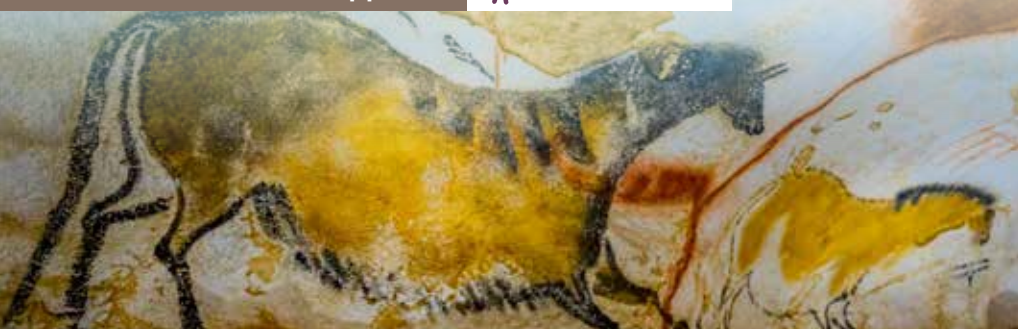
For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.com/abri

Cave Art of the Dordogne

Discover the greatest concentration of decorated caves in Europe

7 DAYS FROM \$4,590pp

Moderate ●●○



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.

Day One - Paris - Poitiers | **Day Two** - Poitiers - Les Eyzies | **Day Three** - Cap Blanc & Font de Gaume | **Day Four** - Le Thot & Lascaux IV centre and Lascaux II cave | **Day Five** - Grotte de Rouffignac & Abri du Poisson | **Day Six** - Cougnac & Pech Merle | **Day Seven** - Les Eyzies - Paris

Cave visits may vary according to seasonal opening hours.



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

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr Elodie-Laure Jimenez

Elodie-Laure is an archaeologist specialising in the Ice Age, with over 15 years' experience at prehistoric sites across Europe. Her work integrates archaeology and environmental studies with past fauna to explore how early humans lived and adapted.



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 1 night in the Best Western Plus Poitiers Centre Le Grand Hôtel and 5 nights' in the Hotel L'Abbaye, Saint-Cyprien

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
8th - 14th Sep	\$4,590	\$400

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

Roman Provence

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

7 DAYS FROM \$4,490pp

 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.

Day One - Paris - St. Remy | **Day Two** - Nimes | **Day Three** - Glanum & Pont du Gard | **Day Four** - Orange
Day Five - Arles | **Day Six** - Aix en Provence | **Day Seven** - St. Remy - Avignon



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

Images : Warwick Castle & Richard III portrait

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr 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.



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 6 nights' in the Hôtel Gounod, 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/Db'l Share	SS
26th Oct - 1st Nov	\$4,490	\$550

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

Berlin - Beyond the Wall

The highs and lows of a city divided and reunited

5 DAYS FROM \$3,590pp

 Easy ●●○



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

Day One - Berlin | **Day Two** | Berlin Museum Island | **Day Three** - Sanssouci - Cecilienhof
Day Four - Berlin - Wittenberg | **Day Five** - Berlin



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

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

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

Image: Reichstag

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Nick Jackson

A graduate of the Institute of Archaeology at UCL, Nick is an archaeologist and historian with over 20 years of excavation experience.



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- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Andante Field notes and all taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the art'otel Berlin Mitte

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
3rd - 7th Dec	\$3,590	\$410

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

Moorish Wonders of the Guadalquivir & the Bay of Cadiz

Exploring Andalucía and the Algarve on a cruise

8 DAYS FROM \$5,675pp

Easy ●○○



YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

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.



Called the Baetis in the Roman period, the Guadalquivir is the most important river in Spain, not just because it is the country's only navigable river but because it flows through Andalucía, the heartbeat of Iberian history. The Guadiana, in turn, meets the Guadalquivir at the Gulf of Cadiz, thereby linking the historically rich Andalucía with the Algarve.

Day One | Seville

We start our tour by flying from London Gatwick to Seville and, time permitting, visit the **Metropol Parasol** in the city. Afterwards, we join our ship, the MS Belle de Cadiz, in Seville.

Day Two | Seville

We wake up in Seville, the capital of Andalucía, which was once the ancient city of Hispalis and later became enormously wealthy for its crucial role in the Transatlantic trade.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: Today, we explore Córdoba, a medieval European cultural hub and capital of the Umayyad Caliphate. We begin with the **Mezquita**, or Cathedral Mosque, built in the 8th century, retaining its Islamic essence despite later Catholic modifications. Next, the **Jewish Quarter** highlights the city's multicultural past, linked to Maimonides and Averroes. Finally, we visit the **Medina Azahara**, a 10th-century palace-city.

Day Three | Seville - Isla Minima

We depart Seville this afternoon for the Isla Minima, set in the Marshlands of the Guadalquivir. Here we have a tour of an Andalusian hacienda before we sail to Puerto de Santa Maria.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: Today, we visit two UNESCO sites in Seville: the **Real Alcázar**, a 14th-century palace fortress showcasing mudéjar architecture, and the **Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See**, the world's largest Gothic cathedral, built to highlight the city's significance after the Reconquista.

Day Four | Cadiz

This morning, we take a short drive to Cadiz, the important port which lays claim to being one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in Europe. Located on a spit of land surrounded by sea, Cadiz retains an old quarter which bears the remains of its ancient past.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: Today, we explore the important city of Cadiz, founded by the Phoenicians in the 9th century BCE. We start with the **archaeological museum**, which contains an important collection of artefacts from the city's vast history, before proceeding to the **Roman theatre**, built in the 1st century BCE and once one of the largest theatres in the empire. We end the morning with a visit to the **cathedral**, built in the city's heyday when the city was enriched by the Transatlantic trade. After lunch, we go back in time and visit the archaeological site, which contains the remains of the Phoenician settlement of **Gadir**, where we see remains of houses as well as a later Roman fish processing plant.

Day Five | Bay of Cadiz

We spend the day relaxing on board cruising on the Gulf of Cádiz towards Huelva.

Day Six | Huelva - Seville

We awake in Huelva, situated in the scenic Algarve, where we spend the day before sailing back to Seville.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: Called on'ba by the Phoenicians who settled here and later renamed Onoba by the Greeks, Huelva was an important Phoenician trading post, exchanging precious metals and fish with cities throughout the Mediterranean. This morning, we explore this city's important past at the important **Huelva Archaeological Museum**.

Day Seven | Granada

We depart Seville this morning to take an excursion to Granada. This 9th-century fortress, later transformed into a 14th-century palace by the Emir of Granada, symbolises Andalucía's rich Muslim heritage and cosmopolitan culture.

Exclusive Andante Excursion: After lunch, we explore the **Archaeological Museum of Granada**, which sheds light on the city and on Andalusian history.

Day Eight | Seville

After disembarking the ship, we end our tour by visiting one of the most important Roman sites in Spain, **Italica**. The ancient city, founded in the 3rd century BC, is one of the best preserved in Spain and includes an amphitheatre, a number of elite houses, as well as a Traianum, a shrine to the important emperor who was born there. The visible remains today derive from the Hadrianic period, when the city was enlarged and given the status of colonia. In the afternoon, we take our return flights to London Gatwick.

YOUR COMPREHENSIVE EXPERT GUIDED TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Exclusive Andante excursions with entry to all sites as stated in the itinerary
- An excursion to the Alhambra with Croisi Europe, shared with other passengers
- Andante Field notes and all taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

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

Accommodation

- 7 nights' aboard the MS La Belle de Cadiz

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches & 7 dinners
- MS La Belle de Cadiz: welcome cocktail and all on board drinks*, served in the restaurant and in the bar to include tea, coffee, soft drinks, beers, and a selection of wines, cocktails and long drinks.

*Premium branded drinks at own cost

Dates & prices per person

	3rd - 10th Sep	Twin/DbI Share	SS
Main Deck Outside Cabin with porthole window	\$5,085		\$965
Middle Deck Outside Cabin with a window	\$5,405		\$965
Upper Deck Outside Cabin with a large floor to ceiling window	\$5,675		\$965

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



Explore Italica, the oldest Roman city outside of Italy, and home to stunningly preserved remains unencumbered by later periods

Examine the historic remains of Cádiz, including its extraordinary Phoenician and Roman remains

Visit unique Mosque-Cathedral of Cordoba, a colourful blend of Islamic and Renaissance architecture

Prehistoric Malta & Gozo

Malta's first inhabitants

7 DAYS FROM \$5,910pp

Moderate ●●○



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



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

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

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

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr Jeremy Bennett

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



Day One | Valetta

Meet the group at our hotel in Valetta for our first dinner this evening.

Day Two | Mġarr & Mdina

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

Day Three | Valletta

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

Day Four | Haġar-Qim, Mnajdra & Tarxien

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

In the afternoon, access permitting, we explore the

Hal Saflieni Hypogeum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Nearby, we will visit **Tarxien** megalithic site, one of the most elaborate of all the Megalithic temples on the island which has undergone extensive excavation and restoration.

Day Five | Ghar Dalam & Xemxija Heritage Trail

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

Day Six | Gozo

We take the short crossing by ferry to **Gozo**, associated by locals with Homer as the island home of Calypso, Odysseus' temptress and captor. The pace of life is slower here and the landscape is greener. We spend all day on the island where we see **Ggantija**, a prehistoric megalithic complex of exceptional grandeur; the **Xagħra Stone Circle** a significant funerary complex and the ruins **Santa Verna**, a megalithic site left to the ravages of time. We will also visit the town of **Victoria** and the **Archaeology Museum** which provides a small but important window into the earliest cultures of

Gozo up to the arrival of the Knights of St. John.

Day Seven | Valletta

After breakfast we transfer to the airport to make our independent onward journeys.

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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 6 nights' in the Grand Hotel Excelsior, Valetta

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	\$S
5th - 11th Oct	\$5,910	\$960

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Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania

Learn more about Pompeii at the recently excavated villas

8 DAYS FROM \$4,200pp

Moderate ●●○

50 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PLACES AVAILABLE

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURERS

Dr Gillian Shepherd

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



Diana Blumberg

Diana Blumberg is an archaeological scientist who specialises in the analysis of archaeological materials. Join Diana on our 28th September departure.



John Shepherd

John has worked extensively in the field in Europe as an archaeologist, including France, Italy and Bulgaria. Join John on our 5th October departure.



Tony Wilmott

Senior Archaeologist with Historic England, Tony has directed many excavations, and published several books and many articles in archaeological journals. Join Tony on our 19th October departure.



Dr Simon Elliott

An award-winning and best-selling author, historian and broadcaster, Simon is an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Kent. He is also a Trustee for the Council of British Archaeology. Join Simon on our 26th October departure.



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



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 or Cava de' Tirreni

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

Day Two | Cava de' Tirreni - Paestum

Our journey begins with a visit to the captivating site at **Paestum**, once known as Poseidonia. Before the Romans, this was a bustling Greek city, part of greater Greece since the 6th century BCE. Post-lunch, we explore the **Paestum Museum**, renowned for its archaic metopes and painted tombs, and also gain access to the magnificent Store Rooms of Paestum.

Day Three | Pompeii

We dedicate an entire day to **Pompeii**, unmatched in revealing Roman daily life. We explore some of the best-preserved structures including an amphitheatre, theatre, forum, bath-houses, bars, and brothels. Street fountains show wear from countless hands, and Roman graffiti remains visible on the walls. We take the optimal routes to avoid crowds and visit houses newly reopened to the public.

Day Four | Naples - Pozzuoli

Our day commences at the exceptional **National Archaeological Museum** in Naples, showcasing outstanding artefact collections. After lunch, we proceed to **Pozzuoli** to explore one of the world's most impressive amphitheatres. We later gain private access to the **Cave of Sejanus**, a tunnel from Augustus's era leading to **Pausilypon's** seaside villa, featuring a theatre and odeon built later.

Day Five | Stabiae

We venture off the beaten path to the villas of **Stabiae**, a luxurious Roman resort. Villa San Marco, with its swimming pool and bath complex, is

notably opulent. If renovations allow, we hope to visit **Villa Arianna**, admired for its frescoes and stunning Bay of Naples views. Post-lunch, we visit the **Archaeological Museum of Castellammare di Stabia Libero D'Orsi**, opened in September 2020 to exhibit significant finds from Stabia, including frescoes, inlaid floors, stuccoes, sculptures, and tableware, many never before displayed in Italy.

Day Six | Herculaneum

We head to **Herculaneum**, a perfect complement to Pompeii. This seaside city was buried under 23 metres of pyroclastic material, preserving objects and houses up to their rooftops. We explore the newly opened **Antiquarium**, housing precious finds from Herculaneum's seafront, including a well-preserved boat. After lunch, we visit Boscoreale's Villa Regina, discovered during council housing foundation digs, offering insight into ordinary life. **Boscoreale**, north of Pompeii, sits on Vesuvius's slopes, possibly identified with Pagus Augustus Felix Suburbanus. The Great Pompeii inauguration in October 2023 saw Boscoreale's Antiquarium reopen with a room dedicated to Civita Giuliana's suburban villa excavations, showcasing the ceremonial chariot found in 2021.

Day Seven | Vesuvius - Oplontis

We ascend to **Vesuvius's** volcanic crater, mostly by bus, with a rewarding final walk starting at Monte Somma, the AD 79 eruption crater. We grasp its scale, peer into the crater formed since the ancient eruption, and observe fumaroles and layers of past eruptions. Walking the crater's perimeter offers magnificent Bay of Naples views, and on clear days, Pompeii is visible. Post-lunch, we visit **Oplontis's** impressive villa, featuring sumptuous frescoes, a bath complex, an enormous swimming pool, and

intriguing slave quarters, supposedly owned by Emperor Nero, preserved by Vesuvius's 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

Accommodation

- 7 nights' in the Hotel Scapolatiello

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches & 7 dinners
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Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
7th - 14th Sep	\$4,320	\$370
28th Sep - 5th Oct	\$4,370	\$370
5th - 12th Oct	\$4,370	\$370 \$0
19th - 26th Oct	\$4,200	\$370 \$0
26th Oct - 2nd Nov	\$4,200	\$370 \$0

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Rome

The Eternal City

7 DAYS FROM \$5,540pp



\$0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
PLACES AVAILABLE



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 in the heart of the city.

Day Two | Forum & Colosseum

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

Day Three | The Appian Way

Today we drive to the **Appian Way** and visit some of the villas of the senatorial aristocracy found there. Here we see the vast suburban estate of the Quintili, so sumptuous that the emperor Commodus executed its owners and confiscated it. We proceed to the equally extensive **Villa of the Emperor Maxentius**, built as a dynastic centre for his family. Our last visit is another huge imperial project, the **Baths of Caracalla**, capable of accommodating thousands at a time.

Day Four | Domus Aurea & Celian Hill

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

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

Day Five | Tivoli

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

Day Six | Field of Mars & Ara Pacis

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

Day Seven | Rome

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 GUIDE LECTURERS

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.



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Included travel

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Accommodation

- 6 nights' in the Albergo Santa Chiara

Culinary inclusions

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches & 7 dinners
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Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
30th Oct - 5th Nov	\$5,540	\$550 \$0

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EssentialROME

Caesars, Citizens, Senators & Slaves



Moderate ●●○

6 DAYS FROM \$2,545pp

\$0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PLACES AVAILABLE

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

Day One - Rome | **Day Two** - Rome | **Day Three** - Tivoli | **Day Four** - Rome | **Day Five** - Rome
Day Six - Rome - Ostia Antica

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Explore the Colosseum, the largest amphitheatre ever built

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

Images: Pantheon

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

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 considered one of just a handful of experts on Albanian archaeology in the UK.



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- Andante Field notes
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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 5 nights' in the Albergo Santa Chiara

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
30th Nov - 5th Dec	\$2,545	\$650 \$0

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Etruscan Italy

Discovering the ancient people of Etruria

8 DAYS FROM \$5,130pp

Moderate ●●○



At the height of their power and prosperity in the 6th century BCE, the Etruscans possessed a civilisation to rival Greeks and Phoenicians, with whom they traded extensively. This tour connects us with what we know: the hill sites chosen for their cities, beautiful objects used and taken to their graves, and tombs they decorated. Sculpture and frescoes show music, sport, dancing, banqueting.

Day One - Colle di Val d'Elsa | **Day Two** - Volterra | **Day Three** - Florence
Day Four - Chiusi - Sarteano - Orvieto | **Day Five** - Orvieto | **Day Six** - Tarquinia - Sutri - Rome | **Day Seven** - Banditaccia Necropolis & Villa Giulia Museum | **Day Eight** - Rome



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

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr Eireann Marshall

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



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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in the Hotel Palazzo Pacini, Colle di Val D' Elsa, 2 nights' in the Emme Palace Hotel & Spa, Orvieto and 2 nights' in the TH Roma - Carpegna Palace Hotel, Rome

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
21st - 28th Sep	\$5,130	\$830

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Image: Tomb of the Leopards

Capri & Romans on the Bay of Naples

New discoveries and highlights in the shadow of Vesuvius

8 DAYS FROM \$4,220pp



\$0 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT PLACES AVAILABLE



Roman sites in the Bay of Naples have seen remarkable regeneration recently. This coastal area, once developed by Roman elites for leisure, now has newly opened sites and active archaeology. While Pompeii's new excavations attract attention, new sections of Herculaneum, sites in Positano and Boscoreale, and Terzigno's excavations are also noteworthy. Including Capri, this tour offers a fresh perspective on Romans in the Bay of Naples and is an ideal time to visit these towns near Vesuvius, with fewer crowds.

Day One - Naples-Cava de Tirreni | **Day Two** - Positano & Amalfi | **Day Three** - Pompeii | **Day Four** - Naples | **Day Five** - Baia & Pozzuoli | **Day Six** - Herculaneum, Boscoreale & Terzigno | **Day Seven** - Capri | **Day Eight** - Cava de Tirreni - Naples



Examine newly opened houses in Pompeii

Explore the Roman Villa at Positano, with its wonderful frescoes

Visit the newly opened Museum at Terzigno, which houses incredible remains of newly excavated villas

Image: Monte Solaro

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Dr Simon Elliott

An award-winning and best-selling author, historian and broadcaster, Simon is an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Kent. He is also a Trustee for the Council of British Archaeology.



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Accommodation

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Dates & prices per person

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21st - 28th Sep	\$4,220	\$370 \$0

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Puglia & Basilicata

Discover the extraordinary Sassi di Matera

9 DAYS FROM \$5,740pp



Both geographically and culturally, the southernmost 'heel' of Italy offers a diversity unmatched elsewhere in the south. This sunny, dry region, dotted with dazzling white villages, was once fought over by the Greeks, Romans, Normans, Swabians and Angevins, all of whom lives and prospered here and left the marks of their passing upon the landscape forever.

Day One - Puglia - Lecce | **Day Two** - Lecce - Otranto | **Day Three** - Egnatia - Alberobello | **Day Four** - Matera | **Day Five** - Massafra - Taranto | **Day Six** - Metapontum - Gioia del Colle | **Day Seven** - Castel del Monte - Bari | **Day Eight** - Venosa & Melfi | **Day Nine** - Bari - Puglia



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

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

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

Image: The ancient Sassi di Matera

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

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.



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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Le Club Boutique Hotel, Lecce, 3 nights' in the Hotel San Domenico al Piano, Matera and 3 nights' in the Hotel Excelsior Bari

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
22nd - 30th Sep	\$5,740	\$830

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The Island of Sardinia

Neolithic, Nuragic and Punic mysteries of this Mediterranean island

9 DAYS FROM \$6,740pp

Moderate ●●○



Sardinia offers one of the richest and most fascinating standing archaeological repertoires in Europe. Known to the Greeks as Sandaliotis (“Sandal”, due to its shape), or Ichnoussa (“Stepping stone”), the island has seen Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Arabs and Catalonians come and go. Before them, the mysterious Nuraghi people left an astonishing plethora of wonderful archaeology.



Visit the highest Bronze Age structure in the Mediterranean at the Nuragic site of Su Nuraxi at Barumini

Travel in 4x4s to visit off-the-beaten-track sites such as the megalithic chamber tomb at S'Ena e Thomes and the Nuragic complex of Sa Sedda 'e Sos Carros

Examine the island's Phoenician past at Tharros and Sulcis, including mysterious tophets, children's cemeteries

Day One | Alghero

Meet the group in the wonderful Catalan city of Alghero, colonised in antiquity by Phoenicians who grew wealthy from trade with Etruscans. In the modern period, Alghero was ruled by the Genoese before being taken over by the Aragonese. After settling down in the hotel, if there is time, we will have an orientation walk around the city before dinner.

Day Two | Monte d'Accoddi & Palmavera

This morning we make our way to one of the oldest and most interesting sites in our tour, the pyramid complex at **Monte d'Accoddi**. After lunch, we explore **Palmavera**, the first of our Nuragic sites built by a culture which thrived in the Bronze and Iron Ages.

Day Three | Alghero - Su Gologone

We leave Alghero this morning and head east towards Oliena, stopping during the morning at **Santu Antine**. We proceed off the beaten track to **Romanzesu-Poddi Arvu**, another Bronze Age Nuragic site which is notable for its hundred-odd huts and public structures and includes a mysterious labyrinthine edifice and temples. For our last site of the day, we explore the little-known **National Archaeological Museum Giorgio Asprone** in Nuoro.

Day Four | Su Gologone

Today we venture off the beaten track in 4x4s to visit breathtaking sites which shed insights into the extraordinary Sardinian Bronze Age. Including the monumental **Giants' graves of S'Ena e Thomes, Su Tempiesu** and **Sa Sedda 'e Sos Carros** where we see well-preserved stone huts and workshops, as well as a circular sanctuary. After an adventurous day, we return to our picturesque hotel.

Day Five | Su Gologone - Oristano

This morning we travel west to the 4th millennium necropolis at **Sas Concas** where we see a cluster of twenty *Domus de Janas*, or “fairies' houses” – tombs carved out of the rock to resemble their houses. We proceed to the Bronze Age Nuragic complex of **Tamuli** and then end the day at another tantalizing religious site, the sacred well at **Santa Cristina**, which is very well preserved with staggeringly precise ashlar masonry walls leading to a subterranean chamber with a corbelled roof which contained water, seemingly used for religious rites.

Day Six | Oristano – Baia di Nora

Traversing the enchanting Sardinian landscape, we make our way south to **Tharros**, where we explore the Tophet and consider whether Phoenicians these necropoleis only included children's burials because children were seen differently, or whether children were sacrificed. This discussion will continue with our visit to the **Civic Archaeological Museum “Giovanni Marongiu” of Cabras**, where we see artefacts from Tharros. We end the day with a visit to the National Archaeological Museum at Cagliari.

Day Seven | Nora

Waking up in delightful Nora, we spend the morning exploring the archaeological site of **Nora** where we see well-preserved remains of buildings we would typically see in a town from the Roman period, including a bath complex, a theatre and macellum. In the afternoon, we have free time in Nora to unwind on the beach or relax in the hotel.

Day Eight | Sulcis & Sant'Antioco

Our final full day is dedicated to Phoenician sites near Nora, starting with the

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr 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.



ancient necropolis at **Monte Sirai**. In the afternoon, we visit the Phoenician/Roman site of Sulky or Sulcis on the beautiful island of **Sant'Antioco**, founded in the 8th century, where we explore the remains of housing and a republican Roman temple with an attractive opus signinum floor, as well as a series of rock-cut tombs, some of which are painted. We close the day with a visit to the **Ferruccio Barreca Archaeological Museum** which sheds light on this important site, including its delicate jewellery and pottery. On our last night, we will have a celebratory dinner at our lovely hotel.

Day Nine | Nora - Cagliari

Time permitting, we may have a final walk along the beach before we return home, setting off from Nora to Sardinia's capital, Cagliari,

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Included travel

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Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Carlos V & Spa, Alghero, 2 nights' in the Su Gologone Experience Hotel, Oliena, 1 night in the Mistral2 Hotel, Oristano and 3 nights' in the Hotel Baia di Nora

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	\$
22nd - 30th Sep	\$6,740	\$890

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Imperial Majesty in Ravenna & Venice

Last bastions of the Byzantine Empire in northern Italy

8 DAYS FROM \$5,300pp

Moderate ●●○



The last capital of the Western Roman Empire, Ravenna flourished as an imperial city. It was adorned with churches decorated by Byzantine artists, including the Basilica of San Vitale, which contains some of the finest mosaics outside Constantinople. Venice grew wealthy from its eastern connections and absorbed Byzantine culture. The Basilica of San Marco, modeled on the Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople, displays a superb array 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 or 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

Today we start our exploration of Ravenna with a series of incredible monuments, including the **Arian Baptistery**, constructed by the Ostrogoth Theodoric and the **Neonian Baptistery**, the 5th-century baptistry converted from a Roman bath. We continue to the **Ravenna Cathedral**, and to 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**, first founded by Galla Placidia in the 4th century.

Day Three | Ravenna

We start the day with the so-called **Theodoric's Palace** and proceed to the adjacent **Basilica di Sant' Apollinare Nuovo**, Theodoric's palatine chapel. 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**, with its important collection of archaeological material from Ravenna and its environs. 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

We drive a little outside the city to visit the extraordinary **Mausoleum of Theodoric**, the Ostrogothic King who ruled from Ravenna after the

collapse of the Western Roman Empire. This is followed by an exploration of the archaeological site of **Classe**, Ravenna's ancient port, which was 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

Today we travel by coach by the lagoon city, **Venice**, which was immersed in Byzantine culture long after the Exarchate of Ravenna collapsed because of the special trading rights it was given by Constantinople, making it the gateway of the east. Venice also gave refuge to emigres escaping Constantinople after its fall in 1453. In the afternoon, we explore hidden gems in the extraordinary **Piazza San Marco**, dubbed the drawing room of Europe by Napoleon and is dominated by the very Eastern looking **Basilica di San Marco**. We end our day with a comprehensive visit to this iconic masterpiece of Byzantine architecture.

Day Six | Venice

Today we explore the beginnings of Venice in the Northern Lagoon, starting with island of **Torcello**, where the earliest settlers from the terra firma found their homes after escaping Hunnic raids in the 5th century. Here we see the **Basilica di Santa Maria Assunta** with its stunning Byzantine mosaics. After lunch, we pay a short visit to **Burano** from whence some might also choose to venture to the adjacent island of Mazzorbo. We end the day with a visit to **Murano**, famed for its glass making and also for its Byzantine **Basilica di Santa Maria e Donato**.

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Oliver Gilkes

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Day Seven | Venice

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

Day Eight | Venice

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

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Included travel

- All local transport

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/Db'l Share	SS
28th Oct - 4th Nov	\$5,300	\$780

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Ravenna

Rome and her heirs

6 DAYS FROM \$3,510pp

Moderate ●●○



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 or Ravenna

Meet the group at the airport in Bologna or at our hotel in Ravenna.

Day Two | Ravenna

Today we start our exploration of Ravenna with a series of incredible monuments, beginning with the **Arian Baptistery**. Inside, spread across its cupola, is the famous mosaic of the Baptism of Christ, immersed in the water of the River Jordan. The same iconographic design is featured in the nearby **Neonian Baptistery**, which we visit next. The mosaics here are so astonishing that Carl Jung described his visit as a wonderful hallucination. We end the morning at the **Archiepiscopal Museum**, home to the pulpit of Maximian, one of the most famous ivory works made by Byzantine artists in the 6th century. After lunch, we explore **Ravenna Cathedral** or Basilica Ursiana as it was originally known. Our final visit of the day is to **San Giovanni Evangelista**, a 5th-century church built as an ex voto by Galla Placidia when she escaped from potential shipwreck.

Day Three | Ravenna

We start our visits today with **Basilica di Sant' Apollinare Nuovo**, Theodoric's palatine chapel. Though simple on the outside, its interior evokes an atmosphere of solemnity and contemplation. A short walk away, we find the **Basilica di San Francesco**, the parish church of Dante who is buried there. Later, we also visit the **National Museum**, which displays important archaeological finds, such as sepulchral slabs, Byzantine sculptures and

prestigious objects connected with the monuments of Ravenna plus a wide collection of applied arts. This evening is our special visit to the **Church of San Vitale**, where we admire the glorious mosaics, the best-preserved outside of Constantinople. The journey to Ravenna would be worthwhile to see these alone, with those decorating the apse reveal the pomp and majesty of the Byzantine court. We also visit the smaller **Mausoleum of Galla Placidia**, constructed in the shape of a cross.

Day Four | Ravenna

We start with a visit to the so called '**Palace of Theodoric**', a building associated with the Ostrogothic King who ruled from Ravenna after the collapse of the Western Roman Empire. Next, we visit the extraordinary **Domus of the Stone Carpets**, located in the basement of the late-baroque **Church of Sant'Eufemia**. Excavations here revealed an elaborate palatial house of the 6th century, perhaps owned by a high court official. The entire complex is decorated with marble inlays and mosaics. This afternoon, we drive just south of Ravenna to visit **Classe**. The topography of the area has changed so much with the land gaining on the sea, so it is difficult to envisage that Classe was once the biggest naval base of the Adriatic, home to a fleet of 250 ships. Here we visit the **Basilica di San Apollinare**, with its stunning apse depicting the Transfiguration and **Classe Archaeological Museum**, which explores Ravenna's ancient port and the base of Rome's fleet.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Nick Jackson

A graduate of the Institute of Archaeology at UCL, Nick is an archaeologist and historian with over 20 years of excavation experience.



Day Five | Pomposa & Ravenna

We take a beautiful drive out this morning to the **Abbey of Pomposa**, founded in the 7th century in marshes and lagoons with an arm of the River Po running on each side. It has a fine 12th century mosaic floor and frescoes and is claimed to be the place where modern musical notation was invented. Returning to Ravenna in the afternoon, we visit **Theodoric's Mausoleum**, situated in the north-east of the city on the old Roman road the Via Popilia. This is one of the most impressive late Roman buildings left to us in all Italy.

Day Six | Ravenna - Bologna

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

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Included travel

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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/DbI Share	SS
8th - 13th Oct	\$3,510	\$360

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Athens

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

4 DAYS FROM \$2,400pp

 Moderate ●●○



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.

Day One - Athens | Day Two - Athens | Day Three - Athens | Day Four - Athens



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

Image: Acropolis, Athens ©Anna Szabo

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Included travel

- All local transport

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/Db'l Share	SS
20th - 23rd Nov	\$2,400	\$300

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Discover the Dodecanese

Following in the footsteps of Herakles

9 DAYS FROM \$5,720pp

 Moderate ●●○



See another side of Rhodes and Kos and rediscover their ancient origins. Long beloved by British travellers, there is more here than beaches. In the south-eastern Aegean, these islands lay on a crucial ancient sea lane. From Hellenistic sanctuaries, Roman villas and Crusader fortresses to Byzantine churches and Italian-era buildings, elements of both worlds abound. Inland, the landscape shifts from towns to juniper- and thyme-clad hills.

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



Enjoy a day spent on the lovely island of Kalymnos, where we discover the Castle of Chrysocheria

Admire the fabulous collection of statuary at Rhodes Archaeological Museum

Soak up the stunning views at Lindos and Kalavarda

Discover the Asklepieion, one of the pre-eminent healing centres in the ancient world

Image: Asklepieion

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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Rhodos Horizon City, Rhodes and 4 nights' in the Kos Akti Beach Club, Kos

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
6th - 14th Oct	\$5,720	\$690

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Wild Thrace

Discover ancient kingdoms across this region

9 DAYS FROM \$5,160pp

Moderate ●●○



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



Discover the traces of Roman, Medieval and Ottoman history which remain across the region

Take a short trip across the Thracian sea to the lovely unspoilt islands of Thasos and Samothrace

Explore the Sanctuary of the Great Gods built to honour fertility deities around 1000 BCE

Day One | Thessaloniki – Kavala

Meet the group at Thessaloniki airport to transfer to **Kavala** visiting, en route, the great Athenian colony of **Amphipolis**, site of a battle between Athens and Sparta during the Peloponnesian war where we explore remains of a necropolis, a gymnasium as well as houses dating from the Roman period.

Day Two | Kavala – Philippi

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

Day Three | Thasos

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

Day Four | Abdera, Xanthi & Komotini

Take the day to explore the site of ancient **Abdera**, with links to Phoenicians and important scholars, including the Sophist Protagoras

and historian Hecataeus. We continue to **Xanthi**, known for its distinctive period architecture and then end the day with a visit to **Komotini**.

Day Five | Kavala – Samothrace

On the island of Samothrace, we drive up to the **Chora** set high up on Mount Saos and visit its citadel built by the Galluzi family in the 14th century when Venice controlled large parts of the Aegean. After lunch, we check into our hotel with some free time to relax after our early start or you may wish to join an optional walk in Fonias Gorge.

Day Six | Samothrace – Alexandroupoli

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

Day Seven | Mesembria & Maroneia

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

Day Eight | Didymoteicho & Evros Delta

We travel north to **Didymoteicho** and explore some of the fortifications and remains of Byzantine

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Dr Christina Hatzimichael-Whitley

A tutor in Greek archaeology at the Cardiff Centre for Lifelong Learning, Christina specialises in Minoan Crete and is Co-Director of the Praisos Survey.



houses as well as the small church of St Catherine. In the afternoon we take a boat trip on the **Evros**, a river associated with a number of Greek myths.

Day Nine | Alexandroupoli - Thessaloniki

Our tour comes to an end, and we return to Thessaloniki airport to make our independent onward journeys.

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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

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

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
2nd - 10th Sep	\$5,690	\$740

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Macedonia

The glories of northern Greece

8 DAYS FROM \$5,280pp

Moderate ●●○



This tour of Northern Greece reveals fantastic archaeological sites shaped by Macedonians, Thracians, Romans, Byzantines, Slavs, and Ottomans. We journey through landscapes marked by canyons, lakes, waterfalls, and rivers, rich in history. Discover sanctuaries, monuments, palaces, painted tombs, and pebble mosaics at Verghina and Pella. Highlights include Kastoria, a beautiful lakeside town off the tourist trail, and Thessaloniki, a city with historical importance rivaling Constantinople.



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

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

Aside from its picturesque charms, Kastoria boasts more than 70 Byzantine and post-Byzantine churches dating from the 9th to the 16th centuries scattered around the town. Many are sadly in a poor state of repair but distinguished by the frescoes which decorate them. The quality of the artwork is astonishing and we visit 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 that once stood on stilts in the lake

Day Three | Kastoria - Edessa

Before we leave the region, we visit the **Aigos Orestiko Archaeological Museum**, which displays important finds from excavations in the region. Afterwards, we continue to **Edessa**, a city defined by the water which flows into it from the Pindus Mountains to the west. The waterfalls of Edessa are a striking natural wonder noted from the Roman Empire to the travel writing of Edward Lear. We admire their thundering beauty before we follow the road over the Ottoman bridge that carried the Via Egnatia across the river and explore the remnants of the ancient city. Later, we continue 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 before

its move to Pella in the 4th century BCE. We see the remarkable painted tombs, displayed in the excellent site Museum of the Royal Tombs of Aigai, under the recreated mound which originally covered the burials. 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**. After our site visit, we continue to Thessaloniki for our first night in this fascinating city.

Day Five | Pella - Thessaloniki

Our first visit today is to **Pella**, where we explore Macedonia's administrative capital and 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, now on display in the museum. These extraordinary mosaics were made mostly of carefully selected natural pebbles with occasional use of artificial tesserae, terracotta and strips of lead; the eyes were inlaid with precious stones that have not survived. In the afternoon, we return to Thessaloniki to visit the **Archaeological Museum** with extraordinary finds from the city and its region, including the stunning Derveni bronze crater.

Day Six | Dion

We travel south following the curve of the coastline to Dion at the foot of Mount Olympus, the religious capital of Macedonia. An evocative site with a magical setting, surrounded by trees in which nightingales sing and crisscrossed with a labyrinth of springs and streams. It is here that both Philip II and Alexander used to celebrate their victories by holding Olympic Games and magnificent receptions and where Alexander conducted sacrifices before his campaign into Asia in 334 BCE. We also visit the nearby small Archaeological Museum.

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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. We take a short walk along the promenade to see the White Tower, before stopping for lunch nearby. In the afternoon, we pay a visit to two of the city's oldest churches, **Aghios Dimitrios** and **Aghia Sophia**, before we head to the Byzantine, UNESCO World Heritage-listed, **Walls of Thessaloniki**, or **Kastra** as they are known to those that live in the city. Over half of these fortifications, which once protected the city, are still standing today. Afterwards, a visit to the adjacent and equally superb **Byzantine Museum** completes our survey of the region's archaeology.

Day Eight | Thessaloniki

We transfer to the airport for our independent onward journeys.

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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Orogopoulos Mansion Hotel, Kastoria, 1 night in the Varosi 4 Seasons, Edessa and 4 nights' in the Vanoro, Thessaloniki

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
8th - 15th Sep	\$5,280	\$970

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Crete & Santorini

Rise and fall of the Minoan civilisation

8 DAYS FROM \$6,120pp

 Moderate ●●○



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

Day One - Santorini | **Day Two** - Fira & Akrotiri | **Day Three** - Thera - Heraklion
Day Four - Palace of Knossos - Archanes | **Day Five** - Palace of Phaistos - Gortyn
Day Six - Palace of Malia - Gournia | **Day Seven** - Mochlos | **Day Eight** - Sissi - Heraklion



Tick the mighty Palace of Knossos off your archaeological wish-list

Explore the city of Akrotiri - the "Pompeii of the Aegean" - and admire the fascinating frescoes on display in the museum

Visit the vast Archaeological Museum in Heraklion and view its fascinating collections

Image: Palace of Knossos

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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in The Majestic Hotel Santorini, 3 nights' in the Olive Green Hotel, Heraklion and 2 nights' in the Royal Marmin Bay Boutique & Art Hotel, Eloundas

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
22nd - 29th Sep	\$6,120	\$1,110

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Albania

Land of the Eagles

9 DAYS FROM \$4,050pp

 Moderate ●●○



Geographically, and for 50 years culturally isolated during the post-war Stalinist regime, Albania is unlike any other country in Europe. Homeric landscapes, for the most part undisturbed by modern life, hold ruinous Classical cities which once vied in splendour with their neighbours in Greece and Italy. Greek coastal colonisation provided new stimulus to the native population, and recent excavations of their Illyrian hilltop cities, such as Byllis, have revealed the successful absorption of Hellenistic architectural ideas in their planned layout.

Day One - Tirana | **Day Two** - Tirana | **Day Three** - Tirana - Appollonia - Saranda | **Day Four** - Butrint **Day Five** - Saranda - Gjirokastra | **Day Six** - Gjirokastra - Byllis - Berat | **Day Seven** - Berat - Kruja
Day Eight - Durres | **Day Nine** - Kruja



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

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

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!



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Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Hotel Opera, Tirana, 2 nights' in the Hotel Brillant, Saranda, 1 night in the Hotel Kalemi, 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/Db'l Share	SS
5th - 13th Sep	\$4,050	\$500

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Image: Tirana

Albania, Macedonia & Northern Greece

The Via Egnatia

9 DAYS FROM \$4,680pp

Moderate ●●○



Join us as we explore the dramatic landscapes of Albania, Macedonia and Northern Greece - a vast patchwork of cultures and civilisations along the route of the Via Egnatia. Our tour takes in the magnificent tomb and treasures of Philip of Macedon, the late Imperial glories of Thessaloniki and the beautiful Medieval churches on the shores of stunning Lake Ohrid.



Explore the ancient ruins of Apollonia, one of the starting points of the Via Egnatia

Visit the thundering waterfalls in Edessa and discover the palace complex of Galerius

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Ohrid, the 'city of light' on one of the oldest lakes in Europe

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Day One | Tirana or Durrës

Meet the group at Tirana Airport or at our hotel in Durrës.

Day Two | Apollonia

Once a major Roman city, Durrës serves as the western terminus of the Via Egnatia. We explore the city's grand structures, including the largest amphitheatre in the Balkans and the Forum of Anastasius. Our journey continues south to **Apollonia**, a prominent Corinthian Greek colony pivotal in the Roman conquest of the Balkans. Here, we visit the museum and reflect on Octavian's early education in rhetoric before he became Augustus.

Day Three | Durrës - Tirana - Ohrid

Today, we venture into Tirana, Albania's capital, blending Ottoman, fascist, communist, and modern influences. A visit to the **National Historical Museum** offers insights into Albanian history. We proceed to **Elbasan**, ancient Scampis, tracing the Via Egnatia through its historic walls. Continuing through the Shkumbini River gorge, we cross into Macedonia, arriving at the scenic city of Ohrid.

Day Four | Ohrid

We spend the day in the captivating city of **Ohrid**, founded by Philip II of Macedon. Exploring its Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman past, we visit ancient theatres and stunning Byzantine churches like **Mary Peribletos/St. Clement's**, adorned with exquisite 13th-century frescoes. Our journey includes **St. Panteleimon** and the Cathedral of **St. Sofia**.

Day Five | Ohrid - Bitola

We drive along Lake Ohrid's shores to the 'Bay of Bones', exploring prehistoric lakeshore villages. Our journey takes us to **St. Naum**, a monastery dedicated to spreading Christianity among Slavic peoples. Continuing over the mountains, we reach Bitola, rejoining the Via Egnatia.

Day Six | Bitola - Edessa

Bitola, with its rich history, hosts the ancient city of **Heraklea Lyncestis**, founded by Philip II. We explore its theatre and early Christian sites. The bustling markets and mosques reflect its historical significance. Our journey continues into Greece, stopping at Edessa, where impressive waterfalls and a charming town await.

Day Seven | Edessa - Agai - Thessaloniki

We explore ancient **Edessa** and take a detour to **Aigai**, the site of the Macedonian royal tombs, including Philip II's. The **Museum of the Royal Tombs** and **Palace of Aigai** reveal rich historical treasures. We continue to Thessaloniki, a city of immense historical importance.

Day Eight | Thessaloniki

In Thessaloniki, we visit the **Agora** and **Forum**, exploring the city's Roman and Byzantine heritage. The **St. Demetrius** church and the palace complex of Galerius, including the **Rotonda**, showcase the city's rich history. The afternoon is dedicated to the **Archaeological** and **Byzantine Museums**.

Day Nine | Thessaloniki

This morning we make our way to Thessaloniki Airport from where we make our independent onward journeys.

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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Hotel Arvi, Durrës, 2 nights' in the City Palace Hotel, Ohrid, 1 night in the Hotel Kapri, Bitola, 1 night in the hotel Aigai, Edessa, and 2 nights' in the Capsis Hotel Thessaloniki

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
11th - 19th Oct	\$4,680	\$550

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

Relaxed KYRENIA

Traders to Crusaders



Moderate ●●○

7 DAYS FROM \$5,225pp

Beautiful Cyprus, legendary birthplace of Aphrodite, has attracted many suitors over the years. Based at Kyrenia's harbour, explore the north's archaeological sites, from the ancient port city of Soli with Roman mosaics to St. Hilarion fortress on the mountain range. The landscape tells of successive civilizations, set against Mediterranean waters and the rugged northern Cypriot coast.

Day One - Larnaca - Kyrenia | **Day Two** - Kyrenia | **Day Three** - Bellapais Abbey & Castle of St. Hilarion **Day Four** - Soli & Vouni | **Day Five** - Kyrenia | **Day Six** - Salamis & Famagusta
Day Seven - Nicosia - Larnaca

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the castles of the Templars who sought refuge in the Kingdom of Cyprus in 1291 after the fall of Acre
- Visit the lovely village of Bellapais where Lawrence Durrell once lived and wrote
- Enjoy the wonderful Greco-Roman remains of Salamis situated on the coast

Image: Bellapais Abbey

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Terry Richardson

Terry Richardson has a university background in ancient history and classical civilisation.



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 6 nights' at The Colony Hotel Arkin or similar

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
4th - 10th Oct	\$5,225	\$690

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

Byzantium & Ottoman Istanbul

A glittering jewel on the Bosphorus

7 DAYS FROM \$5,900pp

Moderate ●●○



Founded as Byzantium, famed as Constantinople, Istanbul straddles two continents and has played a pivotal role in world history. One of the world's most delightful and complex cities, we explore major monuments and take a Bosphorus boat ride affording views of its skyline broken by hundreds of slender minarets. The bustle, hustle, scents and sounds are unforgettable.

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



Explore the vast and rambling Topkapi Palace, a palace like none you will ever have seen

Enjoy an afternoon on the waters of the Bosphorus to put the city in its geographical context

Soak up stunning panoramic views from the viewing platform of the Galata Tower

YOUR EXPERT GUIDES

Terry Richardson

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



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 6 nights' in the Yasmak Sultan Hotel, Istanbul

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
2nd - 8th Nov	\$5,900	\$940


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

Image: Galata Bridge

Classical Turkey: the Aegean Coast

Powerful city states of ancient history

11 DAYS FROM \$6,860pp

 Moderate ●●○



The Greek and Roman cities of Turkey's Aegean coast were once some of the most powerful in the ancient world, from - if Homer is to be believed - the site of the legendary conflict between Greeks and Trojans, to the World Heritage Site of Hierapolis.

Day One - Istanbul | **Day Two** - Istanbul | **Day Three** - Istanbul - Assos | **Day Four** - Assos - Avaylik | **Day Five** - Ayvalik - Pergamon - Izmir | **Day Six** - Izmir - Sardis - Pamukkale | **Day Seven** - Hierapolis & Laodicea | **Day Eight** - Pamukkale - Kusadasi | **Day Nine** - Priene & Didyma | **Day Ten** - Ephesus | **Day Eleven** - Kusadasi - Izmir



Gaze upon the mighty walls of Troy as everyone from Achilles to Alexander the Great has desired to do

Enjoy special access to the Roman-era houses of Ephesus

Explore remarkably well-preserved classical cities such as Pergamon, Miletus and Aphrodisias, and discover a range of evocative lesser-known ruins

Image: Ortakoy Mosque & Bosphorus Bridge

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Isabella Sjöström

An archaeologist who has excavated in the UK, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Libya.



YOUR COMPREHENSIVE EXPERT GUIDED TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Hotel Yasmak Sultan, Istanbul, 1 night in the Hotel Kervansaray, Assos, 1 night in a hotel in Ayvalik, 1 night in the DoubleTree by Hilton Izmir, 2 nights' in the Hierapark Thermal & Spa Hotel Deluxe, Pamukkale and 3 nights' in the KoruMar Hotel de Luxe, Kusadasi

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
28th Oct - 7th Nov	\$6,860	\$1,160

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

Turkey: from Çatal Höyük to Göbekli Tepe

A journey through Cappadocia and south east Turkey

14 DAYS FROM \$10,530pp

 Moderate ●●○



Explore Turkey's heartlands from Çatal Höyük, one of the earliest cities, to Göbekli Tepe, an extraordinary Neolithic site. Discover Cappadocia's unique geology, underground cities, frescoed churches and ancient ritual sites. Journey through The Fertile Crescent, birthplace of agriculture and domestication and marvel at Gaziantep's Roman mosaics, saved from the Euphrates dam waters.

Day One - Istanbul - Konya | **Day Two** - Catal Höyük - Binbir Kilise | **Day Three** - Konya | **Day Four** - Göreme & Sarı Han Caravansary | **Day Five** - Ilhara Valley & Aşıklı Höyük | **Day Six** - Göreme - Derinkuyu - Adana | **Day Seven** - Adana - Karatepe - Gaziantep | **Day Eight** - Gaziantep | **Day Nine** - Gaziantep - Adiyaman | **Day Ten** - Mount Nemrut & Adiyaman | **Day Eleven** - Sayburç - Şanlıurfa | **Day Twelve** - Göbekli Tepe & Karahan Tepe | **Day Thirteen** - Şanlıurfa | **Day Fourteen** | Şanlıurfa



View the extraordinary volcanic landscapes underground cities and rock cut churches in Cappadocia

Discover one of the oldest settlements in the world at Çatal Höyük

Visit the excavations at Göbekli Tepe, with megaliths pre-dating Stonehenge by an impressive 7,500 years

Image: Göreme

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Terry Richardson

Terry Richardson has a university background in ancient history and classical civilisation.



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Dedeman Konya Hotel & Convention Center, Konya, 3 nights' in the Utopia Cave Cappadocia Hotel, Ürgüp, 1 night in the Divan Adana Hotel, Adana, 2 nights' in the Divan Gaziantep Hotel, Gaziantep, 2 nights' in the Park Dedeman Adiyaman, and 3 nights' in the DoubleTree by Hilton Şanlıurfa

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
12th - 25th Oct	\$10,530	\$2,790

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

Relaxed SYRACUSE

The ancient heart of southern Sicily



Easy ●○○

8 DAYS FROM \$5,290pp

With a history stretching back almost 3,000 years, the city of Syracuse has the rare accolade of being classed as a World Heritage Site in its entirety. Founded in 734 BCE, it became the most powerful Greek polis in the western Mediterranean. We follow in the footsteps of past civilizations to explore Ortygia, Euryalus Castle, Tellaro Villa and the Pantalica hills.

Day One - Catania - Syracuse | **Day Two** - Ortygia | **Day Three** - Ortygia & Noto | **Day Four** - Pantalica & Euryalus Castle | **Day Five** - Ortygia | **Day Six** - Syracuse | **Day Seven** - Villa Romana del Casale
Day Eight - Syracuse - Catania

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

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

Discover Pantalica, beautifully alive with native bird and plant life

Admire the exceptionally fine mosaics at the Villa Romana del Casale

Image: Ortygia

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr Doru Bogdan

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



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 7 nights' in the Hotel Palazzo Cavalieri

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
6th - 13th Oct	\$5,290	\$730

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

Armenia & Georgia

Explore the site of Nokalakevi with Ian Colvin

15 DAYS FROM \$8,650pp

Moderate ●●○



Between Europe and Asia, the Caspian and the Black Sea, and on the ancient Silk Roads and the Scythian invasion routes stand the republics - ancient kingdoms - of Armenia and Georgia. Their location between great civilisations guaranteed them a pivotal role in world history. Yet, their varied landscapes are reason enough to visit.

Day One - Yerevan | **Day Two** - Yerevan | **Day Three** - Yerevan | **Day Four** - Yerevan
Day Five - Yerevan - Dilijan | **Day Six** - Dilijan - Tbilisi | **Day Seven** - Tbilisi | **Day Eight** - Tbilisi
Day Nine - Tbilisi | **Day Ten** - Tbilisi - Borjomi | **Day Eleven** - Borjomi | **Day Twelve** - Borjomi - Kutaisi
Day Thirteen - Kutaisi - Batumi | **Day Fourteen** - Batumi | **Day Fifteen** | Batumi

See exquisite metalwork and jewellery from the Bronze Age

Enjoy the country's dramatic landscapes, from its lush sub-tropics to the semi-desert steppes

View fortresses, Hellenistic temples and Art Nouveau palaces

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Ian Colvin

Ian is a researcher and historian who specialises in the Roman and Byzantine history of the Caucasus regions.



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Tufenkian Historic Yerevan Hotel, 1 night in the Best Western Plus Paradise Hotel Dilijan, 4 nights' in the Mercure Tbilisi Old Town, 2 nights' in the Crowne Plaza Borjomi by IHG, 1 night in the Best Western Kutaisi City Center and 2 nights' in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Batumi

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	SS
1st - 15th Oct	\$8,650	\$1,190

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



Egypt - New Museums & Discoveries

Recently excavated tombs and new museums in Cairo and Alexandria

7 DAYS FROM \$6,120pp

Easy ●○○



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



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

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

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

Day One | Cairo

Meet the group at our hotel in Cairo – this buzzing, energetic metropolis that is Egypt's extraordinary capital.

Day Two | Saqqara

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

Day Three | Cairo - Alexandria

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

Day Four | Alexandria

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

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

Day Five | Alexandria – Abu Sir - Cairo

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

Day Six | Giza

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

Day Seven | Cairo

We return to Cairo Airport to make our independent onward journeys.

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr Elizabeth Bloxam

Elizabeth is Visiting Professor of Egyptology at North East Normal University, China.



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- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Andante Field notes and all taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Sofitel Cairo Nile El Gezirah, Cairo, and 2 nights' in the Rixos Montaza Alexandria Hotel or similar

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
12th - 18th Oct	\$6,120	\$830
19th - 25th Oct	\$6,120	\$830

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

The Archaeology of Upper Egypt

The Land of Ta Shemau

12 DAYS FROM \$8,545pp

 Moderate ●●○



This specialised journey through Upper Egypt combines some of these most celebrated monuments with less common archaeological treasures offering perspectives beyond the typical tourist route. Travelling between Esna and Aswan in a traditional dahabiya, we are able to access several sites which are inaccessible by bigger boats and enjoy the slow pace and wonderful scenes of life on the river at close hand.

Day One - Luxor | **Day Two** - Karnak & Luxor Museum | **Day Three** - Valley of the Kings | **Day Four** - Hatshepsut - Medinet Habu | **Day Five** - Luxor - Esna | **Day Six** - Esna - El Kab - Edfu | **Day Seven** - Gebel el Silsila - Kom Ombo | **Day Eight** - Abu Simbel | **Day Nine** - Philae | **Day Ten** - Sehel - Elephantine Islands | **Day Eleven** - Aswan - Cairo | **Day Twelve** - Cairo



Discover the 'Valley of the Monkeys' and the Tomb of Ay noted for its scenes of hunting in the marshes

Enjoy special access to the Tomb of Amenhotep III, a huge tomb in a secluded part of the Valley of the Kings

Explore Sehel Island, where we find some of the earliest and best-preserved examples of ancient Egyptian writing

Image: Tomb of Pharaoh Seti I

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Elizabeth Bloxam

Elizabeth is Visiting Professor of Egyptology at North East Normal University, China.



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Pavillon Winter Luxor, 5 nights' on a private Dahabiya boat charter and 2 nights' in Le Méridien Cairo Airport

Culinary inclusions

- 11 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 11 dinners
- At hotels: water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner
- On the Dahabiya: water, soft drinks, juices, tea and coffee served throughout the day

Dates & prices per person


16th - 27th Nov	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
Outside Cabin - Twin/Db'l	\$11,390	\$1,590
Suite - Double	\$11,810	\$1,590

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

Carthage to the Sands of the Sahara

Travel in the north and south of Tunisia

15 DAYS FROM \$7,010pp

 Moderate ●●○



Tunisia has some of the finest and best-preserved Roman cities in the world. Many retain the romance of ruins in the countryside, unnoticed and unspoiled by mass tourism. Starting with Carthage and the early Punic colonies, we travel south through ruined towns of the high Roman Empire, where impressive public monuments and houses decorated with brightly coloured mosaics bear witness to the wealth once enjoyed here.

Day One - Tunis | **Day Two** - Carthage | **Day Three** - Tunis - Teboursook | **Day Four** - Terbourso - Bulla Regia | **Day Five** - Makhtar - Kairouan | **Day Six** - Kairouan | **Day Seven** - Kairouan - Tozeur | **Day Eight** - Tozeur | **Day Nine** - Tozeur - Douz | **Day Ten** - Douz - Sfax | **Day Eleven** - El Djem - Sousse | **Day Twelve** - Kerkouane - Nabeul | **Day Thirteen** - Oudna - Thurburo Majus | **Day Fourteen** Carthage - Tunis | **Day Fifteen** - Tunis



Enjoy a thorough exploration of Tunisia's historical sites from ancient Carthage and Rome to fortified Berber villages

Traverse the salt plains of the chotts - the visual effect of this vivid white landscape is dazzling, with the salt blown into unusual shapes by the desert wind

Explore the mosques and medinas of Kairouan's rich architectural and heritage

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr Jamie Sewell

Jamie has 15 years' worth of experience supervising excavations in Britain, Germany, Italy and Romania.



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in The Residence Tunis, 2 nights' in the Hôtel Thugga, Teboursook, 2 nights' in the Hotel La Kasbah Kairouan, 2 nights' in the Dar Horchani, Tozeur, 1 night in the The Residence Douz By Cenizaro, Douz, 1 night in the Les Oliviers Palace, Sfax, and 2 nights' in The Sinbad Hotel, Hammamet

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
11th - 25th Nov	\$7,010	\$1,250

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

Image: El Djem

Carthage & Roman Tunisia

Stand before the mighty ancient amphitheatre of El Djem

10 DAYS FROM \$4,970pp

 Moderate ●●○



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

We drive west to Dougga stopping at **Testour**, a 17th-century town established by Jewish and Muslim people fleeing the Inquisition. After lunch, we explore **Dougga**, its bathhouses, sanctuaries, theatre and temples.

Day Five | Chemtou & Bulla Regia

We drive to **Chemtou** in the Tunisian hills where we see the quarries which produced famous Numidian marble. Next we visit nearby **Bulla Regia** and its well-preserved subterranean houses.

Day Six | Dougga - Kairouan

We head southwest to the charming site of **Thurburbo 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 GUIDE LECTURER

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!



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 onwards travel.

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

Included travel

- All local transport

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

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
22nd - 31st Oct	\$4,970	\$670

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

Morocco: Tangier to Marrakesh

Imperial cities and Lords of the Atlas

10 DAYS FROM \$6,150pp

 Moderate ●●○



Morocco is known as the 'Maghreb el-Aqsa' the land of the further west, encircled by three great seas and tucked in at the corner of Africa. This tour programme focuses on the legacy of the medieval dynasties of Morocco and its Imperial Cities on a journey which extends from the northern tip of the country at Tangiers to the borders of the desert at Marrakesh in the south.

Day One - Tangier | **Day Two** - Lixus & Tangier | **Day Three** - Tangier - Chefchaouan - Fez
Day Four - Fez | **Day Five** - Volubilis | **Day Six** - Meknès - Rabat | **Day Seven** - Rabat | **Day Eight** - Rabat - Marrakesh | **Day Nine** - Marrakesh | **Day Ten** - Marrakesh



Explore the remarkable Roman site of Volubilis, ancient capital of Mauretania Tingitana

Enjoy the sensation of time travel in one of the world's most complete medieval cities – Fez

Discover Marrakesh and its famous Jamaa el Fena Square with its storytellers, jugglers, musicians and snake charmers

Image: City of Constantine

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr Eireann Marshall

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



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in The Marina Bay City Center Hotel, Tangier, 3 nights' in the Hotel Les Merinides, Fez, 2 nights' in the NJ Hôtel Rabat and 2 nights' in the Kenzi Rose Garden, Marrakech

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person


Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
4th - 13th Dec	\$6,150	\$740

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

The Romans in Algeria

From Algiers to Timgad

11 DAYS FROM \$7,110pp

 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.

Day One - Algiers | **Day Two** - Algiers | **Day Three** - Cherchell & Tipasa | **Day Four** - Algiers - Annaba | **Day Five** - Annaba - Constantine | **Day Six** - Tiddis & Constantine | **Day Seven** - Constantine - Djémila - Setif | **Day Eight** - Setif - Batna | **Day Nine** - Batna - Timgad - Biskra | **Day Ten** - Biskara **Day Eleven** - Algiers



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

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

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!



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 2 nights' in the Protea Hotel Constantine, 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/Db'l Share	SS
1st - 11th Nov	\$7,110	\$890

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Image: City of Constantine

Jordan - Petra & the Desert Fortresses

Spend two days in the evocative rock-cut city of Petra

10 DAYS FROM \$5,970pp

 Moderate ●●○



Nothing can prepare you for Petra - the scale, the colours and the grandeur. Lively, cosmopolitan and rich, with goods from every corner of the world, ancient Petra was an extraordinary city. Its streets were swathed in a fusion of Nabataean and Classical architecture - elaborate tombs, colonnaded roads and temples carved into the rose-red rock.

Day One - Amman | **Day Two** - Wadi Seer - Dead Sea - Amman | **Day Three** - Gadara - Jerash
Day Four - Amman | **Day Five** - Umm al-Jima | **Day Six** - Umm al-Rasas - Kerak | Days Seven & Eight - Petra
Day Nine - Little Petra - Wadi Rum | **Day Ten** - Amman



Admire the almost lunar-like desert scenery of Wadi Rum

Discover the mighty crusader castle at Kerak, built in the 12th century

Visit Jerash, the best preserved (and Jordan's largest) Roman town in the east, a site that is home to the Oval Plaza and the Corinthian columns of the Temple of Artemis

Image: Petra

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Nick Jackson

A graduate of the Institute of Archaeology at UCL, Nick is an archaeologist and historian with over 20 years of excavation experience.



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- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Andante Field notes and all taxes & gratuities to local staff (drivers, waiters, site custodians)

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 6 nights' in the AlQasr Metropole Hotel, Amman, and 3 nights' in the Petra Moon Hotel, Petra

Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunches & 8 dinners (plus 1 snack in hotel room if arriving late evening)
- Water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
19th - 28th Oct	\$5,970	\$1,130

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

Oman

On the frankincense trail

11 DAYS FROM \$9,140pp

 Moderate ●●○



Oman has been a crossroads of commerce for millennia and its archaeology has only recently begun to be understood. During this tour we travel from the mountains of Muscat to the beaches of Salalah, we explore the hub of Classical Arabia Felix, the great incense city of Sumhuram, with a special drive out into the Empty Quarter to take us to the site of the lost city of Ubar, entrepot of the Frankincense trade.

Day One - Muscat | **Day Two** - Muscat | **Day Three** - Muscat - Nizwa | **Day Four** - Al Hamra - Wadi Ghul - Wadi Nakher - Misfah | **Day Five** - Wadi Tanuf - Nizwa - Jabrin - Salut | **Day Six** - Lizq - Wahiba Sands | **Day Seven** - Muscat - Salalah | **Day Eight** - Sumhuram - Wadi Darbat - Mirbat | **Day Nine** - Hanun - Empty Quarter - Ubar | **Day Ten** - Al-Balid - Nabi Ayoub - Muscat **Day Eleven** - Muscat



Follow in the footsteps of the ancient caravans as we explore rock art and a range of sites

Explore the striking Bronze Age tombs at Bat, a UNESCO World Heritage site

Enjoy beautiful contrasting landscapes from the red gold dunes of the Wahabi desert to craggy mountains and the glittering blue Arabian Sea

Image: UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bat

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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 2 nights' at the Radisson Blu Hotel Muscat, 3 nights' in the The View, Al Hamra, 1 night at the Arabian Oryx Camp, Al Sharqiyah Sands (Wahiba), and 4 nights' in the Juweira Boutique Hotel, Salalah

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
13th - 23rd Nov	\$9,140	\$1,380

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Roman Germany

Exploring the Rhine Frontier

10 DAYS FROM \$7,980pp

Moderate ●●○



In AD 9, the largest army of the Roman Empire suffered unprecedented defeat at the Teutoburg Forest where Publius Quinctilius Varus famously lost 3 legions along with accompanying auxiliary troops. This episode – long remembered in Rome and etched in Augustus' memory – brought about a change in Roman strategies in Germany.

Day One - Düsseldorf - Cologne | **Day Two** - Cologne | **Day Three** - Xanten
Day Four - Cologne - Boppard - Braubach | **Day Five** - Zugmantel, Saalburg & Feldburg
Day Six - Braubach - Mainz - Trier | **Day Seven** - Trier | **Day Eight** - Porta Nigra & Villa Borg
Day Nine - Trier - Aachen | **Day Ten** - Aachen - Dusseldorf



Explore the remains of the fort and reconstructed watchtower at the UNESCO site of Saalburg

Admire the richly illustrated gladiatorial mosaic at the Villa Nennig, one of the most important Roman artefacts north of the Alps

Explore the Roman remains of the UNESCO listed Trier, including the Porta Nigra

Image: Porta Nigra

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Tony Wilmott

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



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in the Eden Hotel Früh Am Dom, Cologne, 2 nights' in the Zum Weißen Schwanen, Braubach, 3 nights' in the Hotel Park Plaza, Trier and 1 night in the Parkhotel Quellenhof, Aachen

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
27th Sep - 6th Oct	\$7,980	\$920

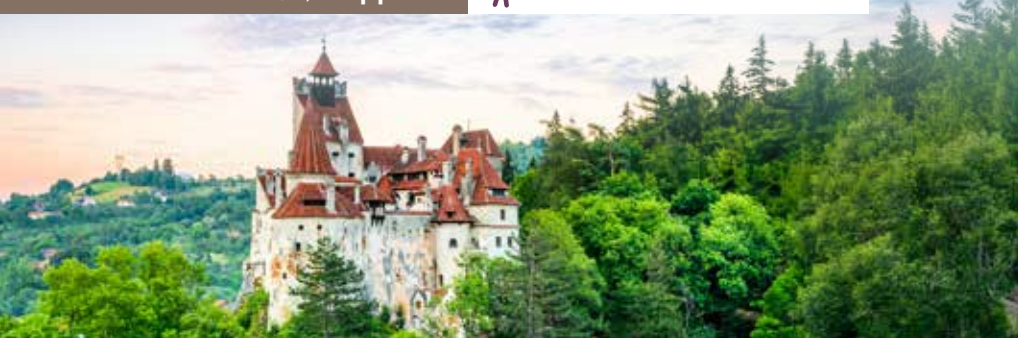
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Frontier Lands of Romania

From the Dacians to Dracula

10 DAYS FROM \$5,940pp

Moderate ●●○



Romania reveals an under-explored historical narrative with diverse remains. This tour visits Greek colonies, notably ancient Tomis on the Black Sea, Roman ruins including Adamclisi's victory monument, and Bran Castle, home of Vlad Dracul. Expert guide Dr Doru Bogdan offers in-depth knowledge.

Day One - Bucharest - Constanta | **Day Two** - Constanta | **Day Three** - Histria
Day Four - Constanta - Adamclisi - Brasov | **Day Five** - Brasov - Bran - Hunedoara | **Day Six** - Sarmizegetusa, Costesti & Orastie | **Day Seven** - Hunedoara - Corvin - Sarmizegetusa - Sibiu | **Day Eight** - Sibiu - Bucharest | **Day Nine** - Bucharest | **Day Ten** - Bucharest



Adventure off road into the Transylvanian Mountains to the UNESCO sites of Sarmizegetusa Regia and Costesti

Investigate the ruins at Histria, ancient Milesian trading colony on the shores of the Black Sea

Discover the 15th-century Gothic magnificence of Corvin Castle at Hunedoara

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr Doru Bogdan

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



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 3 nights' in the Hotel Continental Forum Constanta, 1 night in the Kronwell Braşov Hotel, 2 nights' in the Hotel Astoria Hunedoara, 1 night in the Continental Forum, Sibiu and 2 nights' in the Novotel Bucharest City Centre

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/DbI Share	SS
12th - 21st Sep	\$5,940	\$690

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Vienna

Exploring Habsburg Wonders in Winter

6 DAYS FROM \$5,270pp

Easy ●○○



From its ancient origins as a castrum and canaba in the Roman period, Vienna grew to dizzying heights after becoming the capital of the Holy Roman Empire in the 15th century, developing into one of the most important imperial centres of Europe.

Day One - Vienna | Day Two - Vienna | Day Three - Vienna | Day Four - Vienna
Day Five - Vienna | Day Six - Vienna



- Explore the many artistic masterpieces in the Kunsthistorisches Museum
- Gaze at Klimt's *The Kiss* and his other works of art in the stupendous Schloss Belvedere Palace
- Examine the treasures excavated in Ephesus, including the Parthian Monument
- View the fabulous collection of paintings and drawings in the Albertina Museum

Image: Rathaus and Christmas market

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Tom Abbott

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



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 5 nights' in the Hotel Regina

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
2nd - 7th Dec	\$5,270	\$1,250

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Kazakhstan

A varied and unique journey with rich history, culture and stunning landscapes

12 DAYS FROM \$6,520pp

Moderate ●●○



Kazakhstan presents a majestic landscape - high mountains, green valleys, lake-dotted steppe, western deserts, remote underground mosques and affluent cities. Join us on a varied and unique journey - passing through the lands of the ancient residents of Kazakhstan, and tour wild steppes where nomads lived in harmony with nature.

Day One - Almaty | Day Two - Altyr-Emel & Tamgaly-Tas | Day Three - Chimbulak
Day Four - Almaty - Tamgaly - Taraz | Day Five - Akyrtas & Taraz | Day Six - Taraz - Shymkent
Day Seven - Shymkent - Otrar - Turkistan | Day Eight - Turkistan | Day Nine - Turkistan - Sauran - Kyzylorda | Day Ten - Kyzylorda - Astana | Day Eleven - Astana | Day Twelve - Astana



- Discover the blue-tiled wonder of the mausoleum of Khoja Ahmed Yasawi
- View the thousands of petroglyphs decorating the rocks at Tamgaly from the Bronze and Iron Ages
- Explore the dead city of Sauran, a former hub of the Silk Road which now stands alone amidst the Kazakh Steppe

Image: Almaty city

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE LECTURER

Dr Peter J Brown

Dr Peter J Brown is a medieval archaeologist whose fieldwork spans the Middle East, Central Asia, China and Europe, with research on water, trade, and cities.



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

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- 4 nights' in the Hotel Kazhol Park Almaty, 2 nights' in the Shahristan Hotel, Taraz, 1 night in the Aidana Plaza Hotel, Shymkent, 2 nights' in the Hotel Khanaka, Turkistan, 1 night in the Hotel Sultan Plaza, Kyzylorda and 2 nights' in the Wyndham Garden Astana

Culinary inclusions

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
27th Sep - 8th Oct	\$6,520	\$700

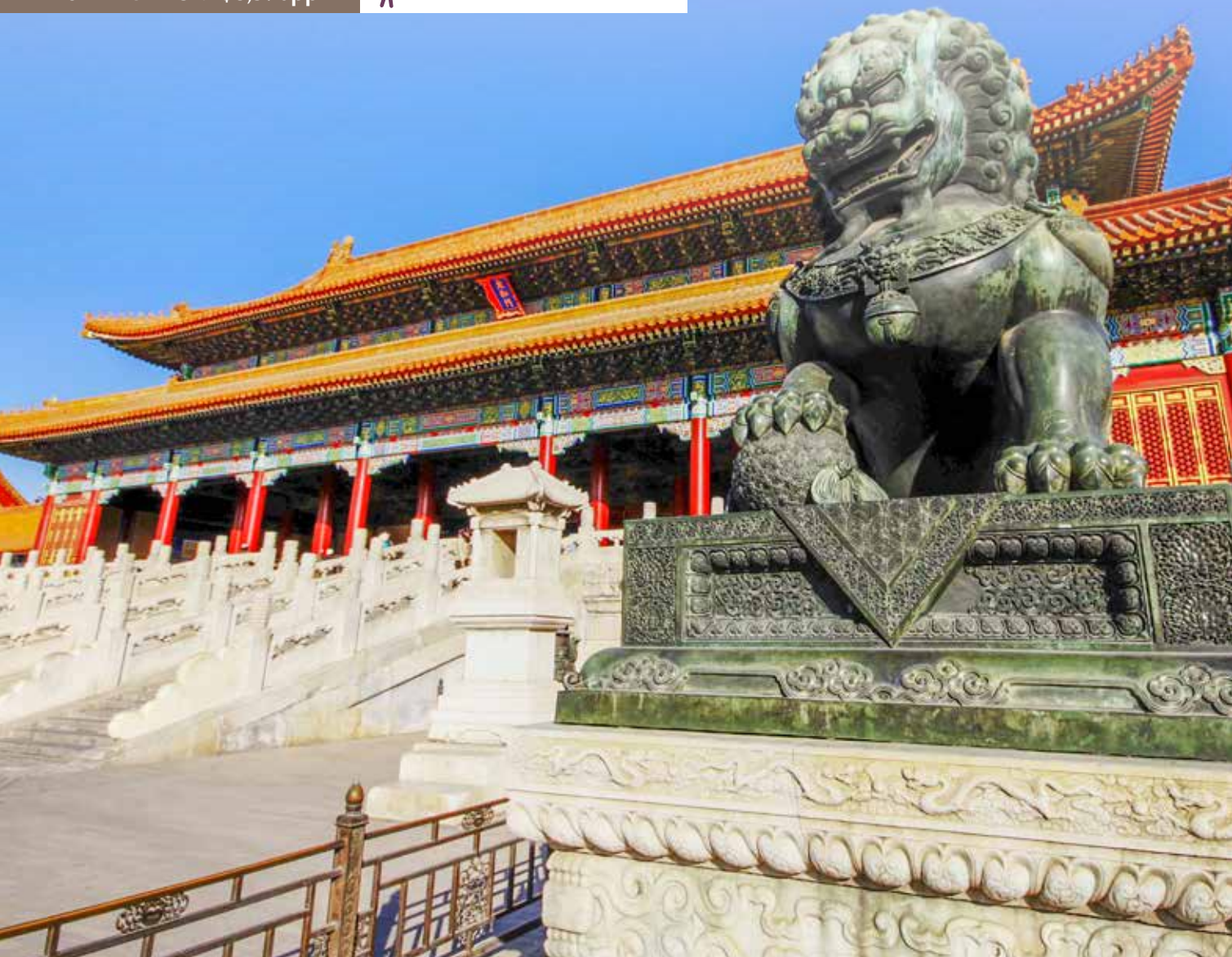
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China

Beyond the Great Wall

16 DAYS FROM \$8,590pp

Moderate ●●○



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

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

This morning, we visit **Tiananmen Square**, the symbolic core of China and the site of many significant historical events. We reflect on pivotal moments that have shaped the nation's path before moving to the **National Museum**, housing artifacts from Yuanmou Man, a fossil from 1.7 million years ago, to the last imperial dynasty, the Qing. After lunch, we explore the **Temple of Heaven**, a vast

Taoist site built by the Yongle Emperor, serving as a sacred venue for Ming and Qing emperors' rituals.

Day Three | Beijing

We venture northwest of the city centre to visit the **Summer Palace**, originally built in 1750 during the Qing Dynasty by Emperor Qianlong as a gift for his mother. The palace spans about 3 km², featuring architecturally distinct buildings, bridges, gardens, and Kunming Lake, popular for boating. Later, we visit **Fahai Temple** at Cuiwei Mountain, known for its well-preserved Ming Dynasty frescoes.

Day Four | Beijing

We journey to Tianshou Mountain's slopes to visit the **Ming Dynasty Tombs**, the resting place of thirteen emperors. Three tombs are accessible, and we will explore these and **The Sacred Way**, flanked by carved stone sculptures depicting imperial guards, officials, and mythical animals. In the afternoon, we visit the **Great Wall** at the **Mutianyu section**, known for its watchtowers and terrain.

Day Five | Beijing - Luoyang

We take our first high-speed train through the Wei Valley's fertile plains and hills, arriving in **Luoyang** in the afternoon. After lunch, we visit the **Longmen Caves**, carved into Yi River cliffs from 494 AD through seven dynasties, featuring over 1,300 caves and 100,000 Buddha statues.

Day Six | Longmen Caves & Shaolin Temple

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

Day Seven | 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. After lunch, we explore landmarks including the Drum Tower, Goose Pagodas, Muslim Quarter, and the City Wall.



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 Eight | Xi'an

We spend the morning with Xi'an's **Terracotta Army**, crafted for Emperor Qin Shi Huang to guard his tomb. After lunch, we visit **Banpo Neolithic Village**, where a 6,500-year-old settlement was unearthed.

Day Nine | Xi'an

We visit the **Han Jingdi Tomb**, Emperor Jingdi's resting place, notable for its miniature terracotta figures. In the afternoon, we visit **Shaanxi Provincial History Museum** to view Tang Dynasty exhibits.

Day Ten | 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 Eleven | Chengdu

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

Day Twelve | 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 Thirteen | Suzhou

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

Day Fourteen | Suzhou - Shanghai

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

Day Fifteen | Shanghai

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

Day Sixteen | Shanghai

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

YOUR EXPERT GUIDE

Dr Iain Shearer

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



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Included travel

- All local transport

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

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

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db'l Share	SS
3rd - 18th Sep	\$8,590	\$1,130

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