

# Still time to book an early 2025 escape...

**SAVE UP TO £650pp**



It's not too late to book an exciting escape during the first few months of the year. We have a range of spectacular destinations on offer to brighten up the long winter, from Italian classics such as Pompeii and Rome to sun-soaked Algeria and Egypt. Indeed, there's no better time to visit the Land of the Pharaohs, thanks to the recently excavated tombs at Saqqara and the long-awaited Grand Egyptian Museum at Giza – two decades in the making and a thrilling portal into this bygone civilisation.

For those seeking adventure further afield, South Africa & Great Zimbabwe offers the chance to discover human origins in the African Savannah, take in ancient sites and (hopefully!) spot the Big Five on game drives in national parks, while Vietnam, The Mekong & Cambodia delves into the history, cultural complexities and staggering natural beauty of these incredible countries. Whichever you choose, you can countdown to an unforgettable experience with new memories and discoveries to treasure.

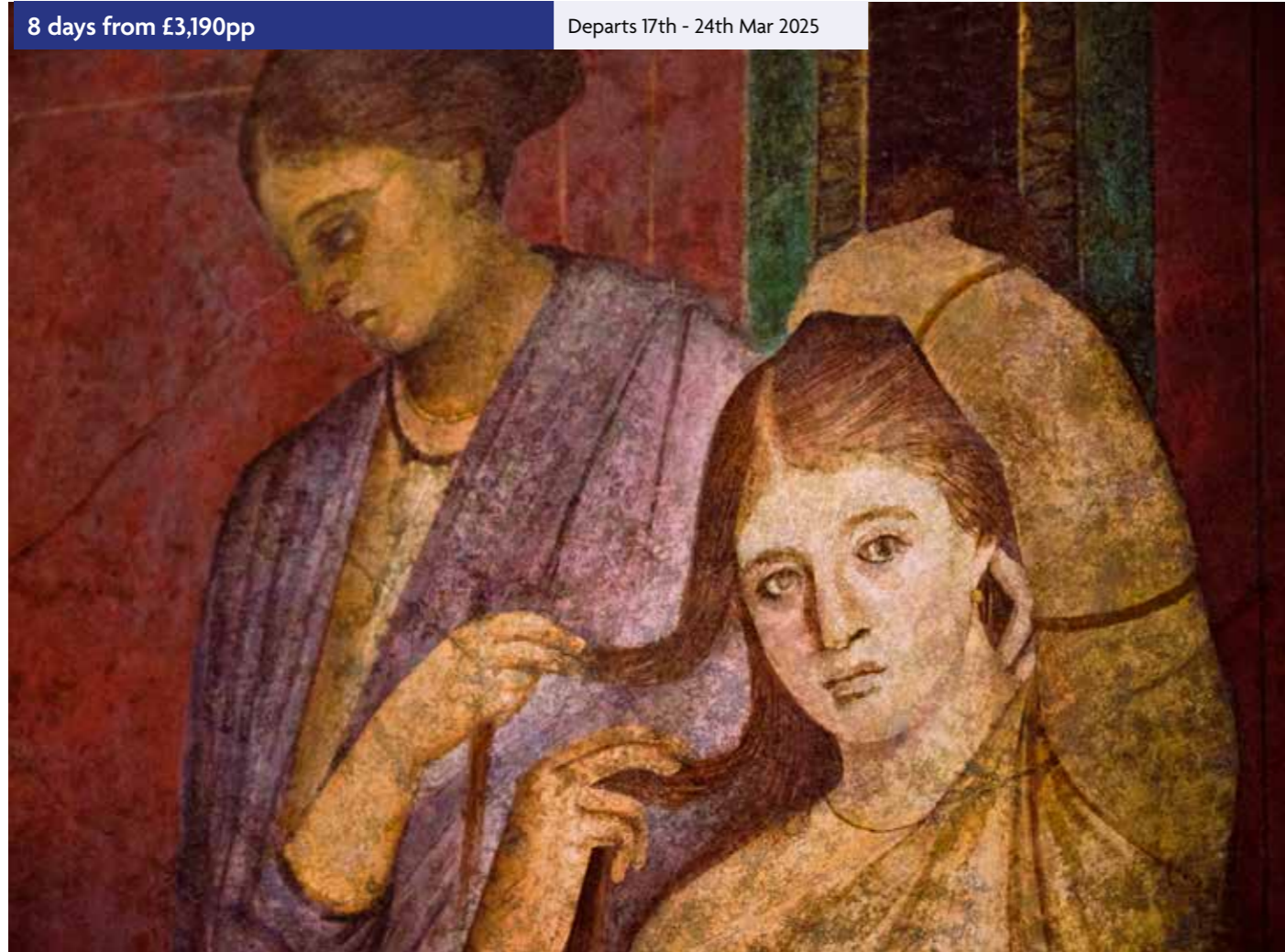
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# Pompeii, Herculaneum & Classical Campania

New discoveries at Pompeii included

8 days from £3,190pp

Departs 17th - 24th Mar 2025



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

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

Day One | London - Naples - Cava de' Tirreni

Day Two | Cava de' Tirreni - Paestum

Day Three | Pompeii

Day Four | Naples - Pozzuoli

Day Five | Stabiae

Day Six | Herculaneum

Day Seven | Vesuvius - Oplontis

Day Eight | Cava de' Tirreni - Naples - London



**Guided by Dr Doru Bogdan**

Doru is a specialist in Roman archaeology and has also supervised an array of fascinating excavations.



### Tour Highlights

- 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
- Explore the newly excavated House of the Leda and other newly opened houses

### Price includes

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

### Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

### Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Hotel Scapolatiello or similar

### Culinary inclusions

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

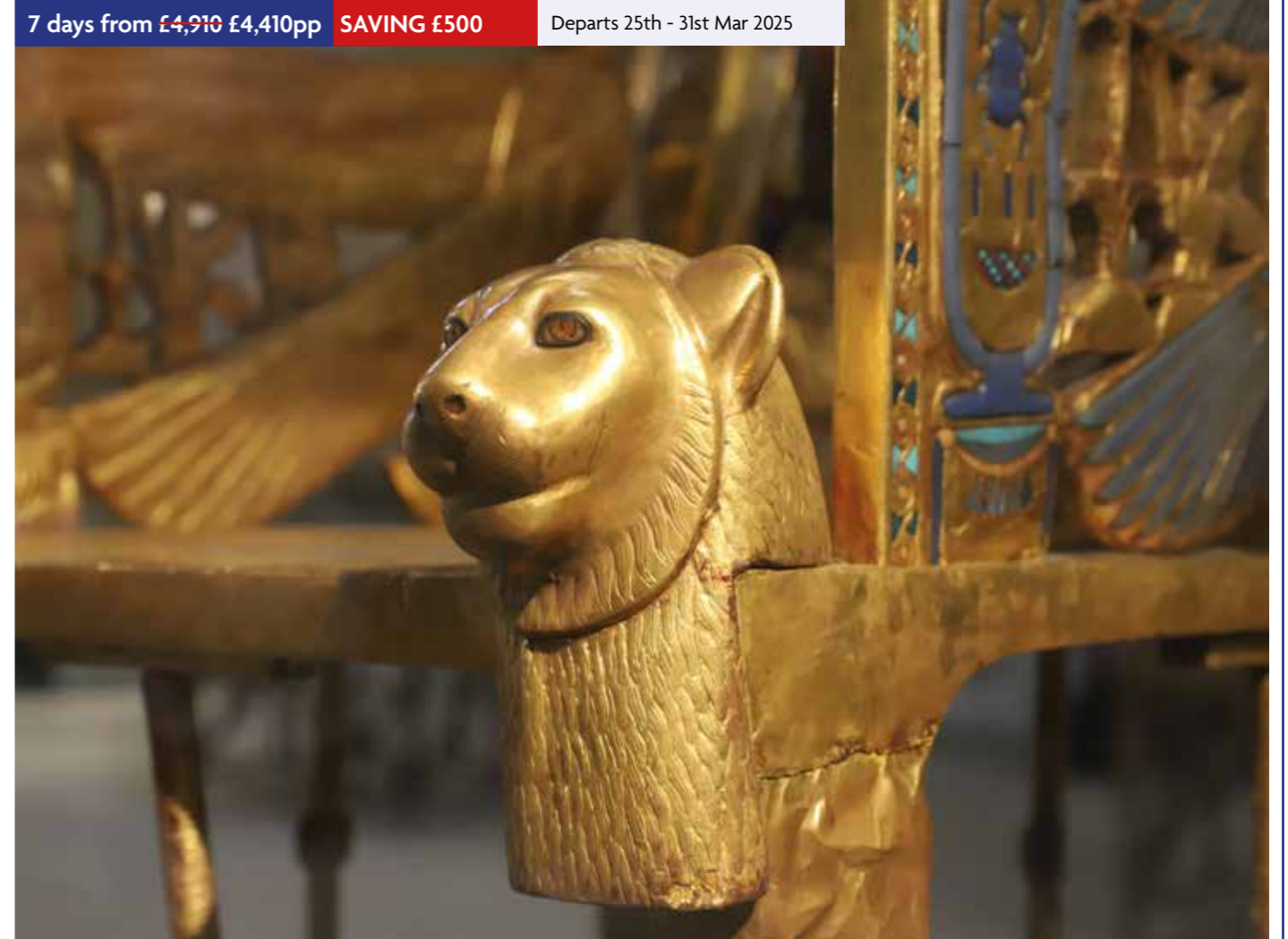
# Egypt - New Museums & Discoveries

Recently excavated tombs and new museums in Cairo and Alexandria

NEW

7 days from ~~£4,910~~ £4,410pp **SAVING £500**

Departs 25th - 31st Mar 2025



Archaeology in Egypt is seeing another Golden Age, this time led by local Egyptians themselves. With new technology and work undertaken in the last 10 years, countless projects are coming to fruition revealing often surprising detail about the ancient Egyptians and how they lived from engineering ingenuity to insights into their beliefs. It is clear that Ancient Egypt is not done giving up her secrets. Alongside these remarkable discoveries, the redesign and modernisation of existing museums, together with the creation of regional museums, means that many precious artefacts which have been languishing in a basement, some as far back as the Victorian age, are now on display.

Day One | London - Cairo

Day Two | Saqqara

Day Three | Cairo - Alexandria

Day Four | Alexandria

Day Five | Alexandria - Abu Sir - Cairo

Day Six | Giza

Day Seven | Cairo - London



**Guided by Lucia Gahlin**

Specialising in ancient Egyptian archaeology, Lucia worked at the Petrie Museum of Egyptian Archaeology.



### Tour Highlights

- 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

### Price includes

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

### Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

### Accommodation

- Accommodation in Cairo & Alexandria

### Culinary inclusions

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

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# Athens

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

4 days from ~~£1,829~~ £1,770pp **SAVING £50** Departs 20th - 23rd Feb 2025



Enjoy an informed, in-depth 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.



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

### Tour Highlights

- Ascend the Acropolis to the Parthenon, the universal symbol of the classical world and the quintessential classical ruin
- Explore two fabulous world-class museums, housing between them some of the greatest collections of antiquities in the world

### Price includes

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

### Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

### Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Herodian Hotel or similar

### Culinary inclusions

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

# Romans on the Bay of Naples

New discoveries and highlights in the shadow of Vesuvius

8 days from £3,040pp Departs 3rd - 10th Mar & 31st Mar - 7th Apr 2025



The extraordinary Roman sites in the Bay of Naples have undergone an incredible regeneration in recent years. This beautiful stretch of coast, which was developed in the Roman era by elites and emperors in search of leisure, has witnessed exciting new archaeological activities, as well as an unprecedented number of newly opened sites. While much attention has been given to the wonderful new excavations of Pompeii, much less has been said about the opening of new sections of Herculaneum, the opening of Roman sites in Positano and Boscoreale, and the excavations taking place in Terzigno and Somma Vesuviana. This tour offers a fresh take of Romans in the Bay of Naples, taking into consideration these new discoveries and sites, and offering an up-to-date examination of this prosperous and beautiful part of the ancient world.



**Guided by John Shepherd**  
John has worked extensively in the field in Europe as an archaeologist, including France, Italy and Bulgaria.



**Guided by Tony Wilmott**  
Senior Archaeologist with Historic England. Tony has directed many excavations, and published several books.

### Tour Highlights

- Examine the newly opened Regio V in Pompeii
- Explore the newly opened Roman Villa at Positano, with its wonderful frescoes
- Visit the newly opened Museum at Terzigno, which houses incredible remains of newly excavated villas

### Price includes

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

### Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

### Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Hotel Scapolatiello or similar

### Culinary inclusions

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

# Rome

The Eternal City

**NEW**

7 days from ~~£4,240~~ £4,040pp\* **SAVING £200** Departs 9th - 15th Mar & 21st - 27th Mar 2025



Rome is one of the most charismatic and engaging of the great cities of the world, her monuments an omnipresent testament to a past in which she controlled an Empire reaching from Scotland to Syria. Surprisingly, it is also an intimate city - the historic centre is small, and it is easy to understand based on the ancient layout. 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 Albergo Santa Chiara in the very heart of the ancient city, situated directly behind the Pantheon, the perfect base for exploring Rome. It has been privately owned by the Cortegiani family since 1838 and consequently retains a feel of personal warmth and friendliness.

### Tour Highlights

- 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

### Price includes

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

### Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

### Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Hotel Ponte Sisto or similar

### Culinary inclusions

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



**Guided by Oliver Gilkes**  
Oliver has worked as a field and museum archaeologist in the UK, Albania and Italy.



Day One | London - Rome

Day Two | Forum & Colosseum

Day Three | The Appian Way

Day Four | Domus Aurea & Celian Hill

Day Five | Tivoli

Day Six | Field Of Mars & Ara Pacis

Day Seven | Rome - London

\*Discount applies to the 9th March 2025 departure date

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# Byzantium & Ottoman Istanbul

*A glittering Jewel on the Bosphorus*

7 days from £3,845pp

Departs 17th - 23rd Mar 2025

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



**Guided by Terry Richardson**

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



### Price includes

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

### Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

### Accommodation

- Accommodation in the Hotel Eresin Sultanhamet, Istanbul

### Culinary inclusions

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

### Tour Highlights

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

# Imperial Majesty in Ravenna & Venice

*Last bastions of the Byzantine Empire in northern Italy*

8 days from £4,110pp

Departs 19th - 26th Mar 2025

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



**Guided by Tony O'Connor**

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

### Tour Highlights

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

### Price includes

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

### Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

### Accommodation

- Accommodation in Ravenna & Venice

### Culinary inclusions

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

# Vietnam, The Mekong & Cambodia

*Journey through the heart of Indochina on this unique and immersive tour*

18 days from £10,045 £9,495pp **SAVING £550**

Departs 23rd Mar - 9th Apr 2025

**NEW**



Led by Miranda Bruce-Mitford lecturer at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, this tour offers a splendid combination of travel by land and water, exploring the history, cultural complexities and staggering natural beauty of Vietnam and Cambodia. We uncover Vietnam's ancient past, partly shrouded in the myths of dragons and kings, and explore Cambodia's great Khmer kingdom centred at Angkor. We will also investigate sites relating to colonialism, communism, the Viet Cong and the Khmer Rouge in order to understand these nations' more recent history.

Day One & Two | London - Hanoi

Day Three | Hanoi

Day Four | Nom Village & West Lake

Day Five | Hanoi - Ho Chi Minh City

Day Six | Ho Chi Minh

Day Seven | Ho Chin Minh - Chao Gao Canal - Long An

Day Eight | Long An - My Tho - Cai Be - Sa Dec

Day Nine | Sa Dec - Chau Doc, Cambodia

Day Ten | Chau Doc - Phnom Penh

Day Eleven | Phnom Penh

Day Twelve | Phnom Penh - Koh Chen - Kampong Tralach - Kampong Prasat

Day Thirteen | Kampong Prasat - Kampong Chnang - Prek Dam

Day Fourteen | Prek Dam - Siem Reap

Day Fifteen | Siem Reap

Day Sixteen | Siem Reap

Day Seventeen | Siem Reap

Day Eighteen | Ho Chin Minh City - London



**Guided by Miranda Bruce-Mitford**

Miranda specialises in social anthropology, literature, Buddhist Art & Architecture of South and Southeast Asia.



### Tour Highlights

- Explore the iconic Angkor Wat temple complex, the largest religious monument in the world and an architectural marvel
- Enjoy a relaxed week cruising up the Mekong River, from Ho Chi Minh City along the Chao Bao Canal to Siem Reap, observing rural life in the Delta

### Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer
- Exclusive Andante excursions pre and post cruise with entry to all sites as stated in the itinerary
- Excursions during the Mekong cruise with Croisi Europe, shared with other passengers
- Field notes
- All taxes (including port taxes) & gratuities

### Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

### Accommodation

- 4 nights in hotels in Vietnam, 8 nights aboard RV Indochine I & 4 nights in hotels in Cambodia

### Culinary inclusions

- 17 breakfasts, 16 lunches & 16 dinners
- At hotel: water with all meals, tea or coffee with dinner
- RV Indochine I: 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

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# South Africa & Great Zimbabwe

*Human origins in the African Savannah*

16 days from ~~£10,695~~ £10,045pp

**SAVING £650**

Departs 31st Mar - 15th Apr 2025



Southern Africa's vast and open expanses hide a wealth of archaeology – from some of the earliest evidence of human ancestors who left behind stone tools and skeletons to kingdoms who traded gold and ivory beyond China. There are thousands of Stone Age sites in the wild, caves and rock shelters, inland and along the coast, that have recorded the way of life and history of people in the region over nearly two million years. From the famous Sterkfontein Caves to the relatively unknown archaeological treasures over the border in Zimbabwe, this is a fabulous opportunity to explore the far depths of the human past in the company of an expert in human origins while revelling in the magnificent Savannah landscapes in which humankind developed.

Day One & Two | London - Johannesburg - Maropeng

Day Three | Sterkfontein Caves & Swartkrans

Day Four | Braamfontein

Day Five | Maropeng - Polokwane

Day Six | Makapansegat

Day Seven | Polokwane - Mapungubwe National Park

Day Eight | Mapungubwe - Tzaneen

Day Nine | Tzaneen - Kruger National Park

Day Ten | Berg en Dal

Day Eleven | Kruger National Park - Johannesburg

Day Twelve | Johannesburg - Bulawayo - Great Zimbabwe

Day Thirteen | Great Zimbabwe

Day Fourteen | Great Zimbabwe - Nalatala - Bulawayo

Day Fifteen & Sixteen | Bulawayo - Khami - Johannesburg - London

## Tour Highlights

- Discover the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of the Cradle of Humankind and Great Zimbabwe
- Adventure into the bush on a walking rock art safari at Berg en Dal
- Admire the paintings depicted at Koaxa's Shelter, opening up the hidden world of the ancient San people



## Guided by Dr John McNabb



Senior Lecturer in Palaeolithic Archaeology at Southampton University since 2010, John has researched widely within South Africa including Makapansegat.



## Price includes

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

## Included travel

- Return flights from London & all local transport

## Accommodation

- Accommodation in Johannesburg, Polokwane, Mapungubwe National Park, Tzaneen, Kruger National Park, Great Zimbabwe & Bulawayo

## Culinary inclusions

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

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