



2023-24 TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

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"Much enjoyed the tours of Mayan ancient cities and the expert guides, plus the expertise of Dr. Barnhart. Wondrium delivers. If you're looking for an educational adventure with like-minded people, then this is a go-to." —Karyn Aho



Dear Wondrium Journeys Traveler,

Wondrium Journeys successfully debuted its first tour in 2022 with top-rated getaways designed to recreate the experiences found on Wondrium's travel series: *Exploring the Mayan World*. Travel enthusiasts joined famous archaeologist, explorer, instructor, and Director of the Maya Exploration Center Dr. Edwin Barnhart to climb temples; swim in cenotes; taste tequila; make chocolate; plus, much, much more.

We are thrilled to offer an entirely new selection of Wondrium Journeys that span the globe.

Equal parts exquisite, educational, and exciting, these Wondrium Journeys empower travelers to walk the streets that inspired Beethoven or follow in the footsteps of the kings, heroes, and saints of early Ireland in real life—walking side by side with the highly accredited and enthusiastic expert guides who've helped to make Wondrium's travel programming popular among audiences thirsty for knowledge and passionate about travel.

"Wondrium Journeys offers travel fans an exclusive opportunity to experience our popular and entertaining educational content in real life, alongside the expert guides/educators whom our viewers have come to love from our series."

—Cale Pritchett, Wondrium CMO

The experts and thought-leaders who teach and help script Wondrium's popular video travel series also lead and help craft each in-person travel adventure, providing rare access to on-location sites and offering stories one can't find anywhere else. Every Wondrium Journey offers an unmatched, highly enjoyable, mind-blowing, and memorable learning adventure.

Your learning adventure of a lifetime begins here ... Bon voyage!

—Your friends at Wondrium



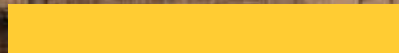
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ITALY

OCTOBER 2–9, 2023 | APRIL 7–14, 2024



QUESTIONS?
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Ancient Rome

8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS | FROM \$6,790

Throughout the bustling streets of modern-day Rome lie vivid reminders of one of history's most far-reaching civilizations: the Roman Empire. Over five centuries, the likes of Trajan and Hadrian expanded Roman influence until it reached from Britannia to Egypt. At the same time, they transformed their capital city, building ports and palaces, vast arenas and elaborate baths—many of which still stand today. Join archaeologist and Wondrium expert Darius Arya to go beyond the popular tourist track, discovering lesser-known sites and gaining a comprehensive understanding of the history, culture, and scope of the Roman Empire.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an insider's perspective on some of Rome's most intriguing ancient sites, including the Domus Aurea on the Palantine Hill and the Baths of Diocletian
- Hear about Darius Arya's experiences excavating the ancient harbor of Ostia Antica
- Delve into the architecture of the World Heritage Site of Villa Adriana on a guided tour



TRIP EXPERT



Darius Arya is the Director of the American Institute for Roman Culture. He has led excavations, including at the Roman site of Ostia Antica, and taught university programs in Italy. He is also a Fulbright Scholar, a fellow of the American Academy in Rome, and a guest scholar of the Getty Conservation Institute. He has appeared on HISTORY®, National Geographic, and Discovery as well as BBC Radio 4 and CNN. He also hosted the PBS series *Ancient Invisible Cities*.

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SPAIN

NOVEMBER 8–15, 2023 | MARCH 13–20, 2024

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The Golden Age of Spain

8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS | FROM \$5,995

When King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella's marriage united Spain in the 15th century, it set the stage for a great flourishing of art and literature now known as Spain's Golden Age. This Golden Age was fueled by the stunning wealth from the New World that filled the coffers of the powerful King Philip II—money he spent on art to serve religion, and on buildings to reflect his power. Journey from Madrid and Toledo to the Moorish strongholds of Andalusia with medieval historian Professor Joyce Salisbury on an itinerary she developed based on her intimate knowledge of Spain and her Wondrium course, *The History of Spain: Land on a Crossroad*.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit architectural monuments that illustrate Spain's intersecting cultures, including La Mezquita in Cordoba, the Real Alcázar in Sevilla, and the synagogues and churches of Toledo
- Admire a vast span of Spanish art, from the prehistoric cave art of Altamira to Picasso's game-changing "Guernica," which depicts the tragedy of the Spanish Civil War
- Attend a private concert of a historic children's choir at the 16th-century Renaissance monastery of El Escorial, built by King Philip II at the height of the Golden Age

TRIP EXPERT



Joyce Salisbury is Professor Emerita of Humanistic Studies at the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay, where she taught history and served as associate dean of Liberal

Arts and Sciences and director of International Education. She earned her Ph.D. in Medieval History at Rutgers University, specializing in religious and social history. Professor Salisbury began her career performing research in Spain, and she has continued to travel there to conduct further research, lecture, and guide students and other travelers.

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AUSTRIA

APRIL 15-21 2024



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Great Music Masters of Vienna

7 DAYS, 6 NIGHTS | FROM \$6,350

During the 18th and 19th centuries, Europe's promising young musicians flocked to Vienna, producing and performing what would become the masterpieces of the Classical period. From Mozart's *The Magic Flute* to Schubert's *Ave Maria*, the spirit of the music created during these years permeates the lively streets of Vienna still. During the 200th anniversary of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony premiere, explore the legacy of the city's music masters. Follow the footsteps of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert to the homes where they composed, the palaces where they performed, and the cafés and shops they frequented. Through private tours and concerts and an excursion to Baden bei Wien, delve deep into the circumstances and personalities that shaped their incomparable bodies of work.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain insights into the life and works of four great composers, on guided visits to their homes and haunts with Wondrium expert Robert Greenberg
- Take an after-hours tour of Schönbrunn Palace, where young Mozart played for the court of Empress Maria Theresa
- View rare treasures on a guided tour of the Collection of Historic Instruments and step into the Eroica Hall at the Palais Lobkowitz, where Beethoven premiered his Third Symphony

TRIP EXPERT



Dr. Robert Greenberg is Music Historian-in-Residence with San Francisco Performances. A graduate of Princeton University, Professor Greenberg holds a Ph.D. in Music

Composition from the University of California, Berkeley. He has seen his compositions—which include more than 45 works for a wide variety of instrumental and vocal ensembles—performed all over the world. For The Great Courses, he has recorded more than 500 lectures on a range of composers and classical music genres.

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IRELAND

MAY 20–28, 2024

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The Treasures of Ireland before the Vikings

9 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS | FROM \$6,475

The mystical landscapes of Ireland are infused with an enduring mythology spun from pagan rituals, tales of early Christian saints, and a rich folklore that has descended through the centuries. Follow in the footsteps of high kings, heroes, and saints, exploring Ireland's fascinating past with Wondrium Expert Jennifer Paxton, a renowned scholar in early Irish and English history and lecturer on our popular course, *The Celtic World*. Through Professor Paxton's engaging and often entertaining talks, we will discover that ancient Celts are very much alive in the literary and artistic traditions of today.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover sites of both history and legend in Northern Ireland including the Titanic Belfast museum and the 17th-century walls of Derry
- View some of Ireland's most treasured historical relics on a guided tour of Dublin's National Archaeology Museum and Trinity College
- Explore Ireland's pagan rituals at the Hill of Tara and the Hill of Ward, the site of an ancient ceremony considered the origin of Halloween



TRIP EXPERT



Jennifer Paxton is a Clinical Associate Professor of History at The Catholic University of America, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, and director of the University Honors

Program. She was previously a Professorial Lecturer in History at Georgetown University, where she taught for more than a decade. Jennifer received her Ph.D. in History from Harvard University, where she also taught and earned a Certificate of Distinction in Teaching. She is a widely published, award-winning writer and a highly regarded scholar, earning both a Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities and a Frank Knox Memorial Fellowship.

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ENGLAND

JUNE 16–23, 2024



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Journey to England's Jurassic Coast

8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS | FROM \$6,395

Join geologist Dr. Stuart Sutherland on an epic journey along the Jurassic Coast, nearly 100 miles of rugged and scenic coastline stretching across southern England. Inspired by Dr. Sutherland's acclaimed *Introduction to Paleontology* course, this tour invites travelers to "read the rocks" and immerse themselves in the Earth's fascinating history. Designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Jurassic Coast holds some of the world's most outstanding rocks, fossils, and landforms. Your Journey begins at London's Natural History Museum, where Dr. Sutherland completed his post-doctoral research. Dr. Sutherland and your local guides will share many of the most spectacular and memorable segments of the coast, over undulating hillsides, along dramatic and rugged clifftops, through lush and sheltered woodlands, and atop pebble beaches.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain insights into the exceptional geology of the region from Dr. Stuart Sutherland, along with knowledgeable local naturalists, historians, and paleontologists
- Explore the South West Coast as you ascend dramatic cliffs for expansive views of white sandy beaches, blue lagoons, and crystalline waters
- Get a curator's welcome and overview of the collection at London's Natural History Museum, where you will view many of famed paleontologist Mary Anning's most treasured finds

TRIP EXPERT



Dr. Stuart Sutherland is a Professor in the Department of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences at The University of British Columbia (UBC). Raised in the UK, he earned

an undergraduate degree in geology from the University of Plymouth and a Ph.D. in Geological Sciences from the University of Leicester for his studies on Silurian microfossils called chitinozoa. He is a three-time winner of the UBC Earth and Ocean Sciences Teaching Award and is the professor of two popular Wondrium courses: *A New History of Life* and *Introduction to Paleontology*.

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CHILE



Astronomer's Alley: Chile's Atacama Desert

DEPARTURES IN JANUARY & JULY 2024

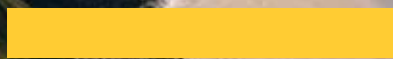


The 80th Anniversary of D-Day

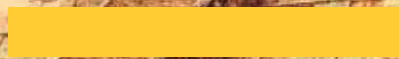
AND SEINE CRUISE ABOARD THE MS *RENOIR*

DEPARTURE IN JUNE 3–10, 2024

FRANCE



MEXICO



Art, Architecture, and Culture of the Maya World

DEPARTURES IN JANUARY & MAY 2024

FAQs

CAN I ARRIVE EARLY OR STAY AFTER THE TOUR ENDS?

Yes, absolutely! In some cases where we have extra nights added to our room block, our Guest Services Advisors can assist you in extending your stay. Additional nights will be added to your final invoice and will be subject to the same Terms and Conditions of your main program. In other cases, you may need to contact the hotel directly to reserve additional nights on your own.

HOW MANY TRAVELERS ARE ON EACH DEPARTURE?

Our trips generally have a maximum group size of 25 people. They are large enough to meet new people with diverse backgrounds, but small enough to be on a first-name basis with everyone.

ARE SOLO TRAVELERS WELCOME?

Yes, absolutely! There is always a good number of solo travelers on our trips, and they are welcomed with open arms. Group meals generally take place at medium to large tables, and our Tour Managers ensure that everyone is included in conversation. Because our trips are priced for doubles sharing a room, there is a supplemental cost for those who choose not to share.

**Always
Included**

- Comprehensive educational program by professional on-site guides
- Accommodations and meals as outlined in the itinerary
- Ground transportation within the itinerary unless otherwise indicated
- Sightseeing and entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Gratuities for porters, drivers, and guides
- Assistance of a tour manager for comprehensive logistical and customer service management on the trip
- Assistance of an ATA professional travel team for help with pre-trip questions and travel arrangements, including flights, extra hotel nights, or other services
- Comprehensive pre-departure information about the destination and what to expect on the trip, including a suggested reading list

OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

The Great Courses has partnered with [Academic Travel Abroad \(ATA\)](#) to bring you Wondrium Journeys. ATA is an educational travel provider founded on the principle that travel and learning go hand in hand. With 70+ years of experience and an expansive network of experts worldwide, ATA curates travel experiences for intellectually curious adults and students who delve beneath the surface, access the authentic, and shun the touristic.

ATA has always embraced sustainability and is committed to reducing tourism emissions. As a signatory of the [Glasgow Declaration](#), a commitment to a decade of tourism climate action, ATA is an active collaborator in the movement toward regenerative and sustainable travel by treating employees and vendors justly, providing livable wages, and supporting the communities and environment in which we work.

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