One’s destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things.  
— Henry Miller
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Yours, Cambridge
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Full details of how to contact the operators, how to find out more about the trips and how to book can be found on page 23.
Tell us a bit about your career and what first attracted you to study Judaism.
I first read Mods and Greats (Classics with Ancient History and Philosophy) at Oxford, and subsequently wrote a DPhil dissertation on the church father Origen, specifically on his attitude to Judaism. Origen lived much of his life in Palestine, and I spent several months as a research student in Jerusalem, soaking up the atmosphere and trying to learn more about Christianity and Judaism in the region.

What is the current focus of your research?
I am currently working on Judaism in the Byzantine Empire. My latest book, entitled Japheth in the Tents of Shem, is about the Greek Bible translations used by Byzantine Jews.

What do you enjoy about sharing your research?
I think it is important that scholars do not shut themselves up in an ‘ivory tower’ and only communicate with each other. If our work is worth doing it is also worth presenting to a wider public.

How did you get involved with translation?
When I was studying at Oxford I met the Israeli author Amos Oz, who was a visiting fellow. He showed me a story he had just finished writing and I thought it would be fun to have a go at translating it into English. To my surprise my translation was well received, and I received a contract to translate a novel by the same author. I have now translated twenty or more books by Amos Oz and other Israeli writers, such as A. B. Yehoshua and S. Yizhar. The latest, Judas, by Amos Oz, was shortlisted for the Man Booker International Prize 2017.

What do you think a trip scholar can bring to an alumni tour?
I have accompanied many tours in the Middle East, and in my experience a scholar adds a unique dimension to the tour. Excellent though most local guides are, with their unrivalled knowledge of the country and its historical monuments, they cannot necessarily communicate effectively with visitors, and tend not to be able to fit the sites within a broader historical context. This the scholar is equipped to do.

Which trip would you like to take from Unbound?
The Mysteries of Persia. I have always wanted to visit this country, with its astonishing history and culture.

Professor Nicholas de Lange is Professor Emeritus of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University of Cambridge; Emeritus Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge.
My latest book, entitled Japheth in the Tents of Shem, is about the Greek Bible translations used by Byzantine Jews.
ASIA

Nagaland and Myanmar
A cultural odyssey

31 Oct – 17 Nov 2018 | £4,470 /$5,320*

Zara Fleming
Independent Buddhist art consultant

ART/HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/
ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Experience the very best of two remarkable, yet very different, areas of Asia. Start your journey in Nagaland, at the eastern edge of the Himalayas; a land of haunting beauty with its high hills, dense forests and lush jungles. Visit Ahom temples and tea gardens, and experience the way of life of the indigenous Naga communities. Then move on to Myanmar, a country of rich cultural heritage, relatively new to tourism after decades of isolation imposed by its former military dictatorship. Explore the fading colonial beauty of Yangon, Buddhist pagodas of Bagan and meet the gentle people whose entire way of life is permeated by their Buddhist faith.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Delight in the traditional textiles, wood carving and body ornaments of the Nagas
• Celebrate Tokho Emong festival in Wokha and see the migration of Amur Falcons (weather permitting)
• See the gold-beating workshops of Mandalay
• Per person sharing including international flights from London. Single supplement £675/$803.

Textiles and Temples of Odisha and South India
A textile tour of the east and south

26 Oct – 9 Nov 2018 | £4,465/$5,310*

Rosemary Crill
Formerly Victoria and Albert Museum

ART/HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/
ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Odisha (formerly Orissa) in Eastern India is one of India’s most fascinating yet little-known regions, combining ancient Buddhist and Hindu temples with rich traditions of village craft production and tribal culture. Alongside trip scholar Rosemary Crill, a leading authority on India’s textile traditions and history, explore the extraordinary range of textiles still being made today. Learn about ikat-weaving, natural dyeing, tussar silk production, block-printing and hand-drawn kalamkari, and visit the temple town of Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu, famed for its silk-weaving. We finish in Hyderabad, where the fabled wealth of the Nizam’s built splendid monuments and nurtured local crafts.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Visit traditional ikat-weaving villages to see resist-dyeing and weaving
• Explore Chowmohalla Palace and the bazaar and Old City of Hyderabad
• Per person sharing including international flights from London. Single supplement £1,345/$1,600.

Temple Architecture of Cambodia
Angkor Wat and beyond

9 Sep – 20 Sep 2018 | £2,995/$3,565*

Professor Peter Bellwood (King’s 1963),
Australian National University

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/
ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

The temples of Angkorean Cambodia are some of the most evocative monuments to survive from the medieval world, and represent a level of cultural fusion rarely paralleled elsewhere. Commencing in the city of Siem Reap, visit the pearls of Cambodian Hindu and Buddhist architecture in Angkor itself, including the decorated Terrace of the Elephants in Angkor Thom and the temple of Ta Prohm. Beyond Siem Reap, we will visit other famous temples at Koh Ker, Beng Mealea, Preah Khan of Kampong Suy, Banteay Chhmar, and the spectacular cliff-top temple of Preah Vihear in northern Cambodia.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Visit the temples of Medieval Angkor with their magnificent bas-relief wall carvings
• Experience the tropical Cambodian landscape and its rice fields, villages and distant mountains
• Enjoy a one-day tour from Siem Reap to the oldest standing temples in Cambodia at Sambor Prei Kuk
• Per person sharing including international flights from London. Single supplement £660/$785.

INDUS EXPERIENCES
indusexperiences.co.uk/alumni-travel
ASIA

Gardens and Landscapes of China
Infinite worlds

8 Apr – 23 Apr 2018 | £3,480/$4,460*
Dr Alison Hardie
University of Leeds

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
China’s tradition of garden making and landscape appreciation is considerably older than the West’s. Many understand this, but may find classical Chinese gardens difficult to understand: the dominant role of buildings, rocks and a spatial organisation which is totally different to the clear perspectives and axial lines of the western tradition. Dr Hardie will introduce the historical and stylistic development of different types of garden in China, particularly imperial, scholarly and merchant gardens, setting them in the context of the appreciation of landscape in the Chinese tradition. She will interpret the historical, social and stylistic features of Chinese gardens, thus giving a deeper insight into the Chinese people and their culture.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Visit the sacred mountain of Hungshan and West Lake in Hangzhou – both are inspirations for garden design
- Learn more about the ‘scholar’ gardens of Suzhou and the culture which inspired them
- Explore the classical Qing gardens of Guangong Province – symbolic of pavilions, terraces, halls, bridges and lakes

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Single supplement £1,070.

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Chinese Cuisine: A Hands-on Approach
Unlocking China’s culinary secrets

12 Oct – 23 Oct 2018 | £3,980/$5,100*
Jen Lin-Liu, Owner of Black Sesame Kitchen Cooking School, Beijing

FOOD AND WINE/HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
The continent that stretches from Central Asia to the East China Sea boasts some of the richest and varied cuisine on earth. Accompanied by chef and food writer, Ms Jen Liu, journey through some of the most important centres of Chinese regional cuisine and discover the historical origins of China’s famous delicacies and the role they have played in everyday life for thousands of years. This is a hands-on, learning experience and there will be cooking classes in each destination. There will also be visits to snack streets, wet markets and popular local restaurants as well as visits to the important historical and cultural sights in China.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Learn about Imperial cuisine and take a cooking class in a Beijing Hutong
- Visit the Terracotta Army in the Silk Road Terminus city of Xi’an, famous for its dumpling dishes
- Access the kitchens of a popular Sichuan restaurant in Chengdu

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Single room supplement £1,050.

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The Making of the Himalaya

A geological traverse across Bhutan

8 Nov – 21 Nov 2018 | £4,985 /$5,930*

Professor Nigel Harris & Dr Tom Argles
The Open University

GEOLOGY/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

The kingdom of Bhutan has become the key location for developing and testing hypotheses concerning the formation of the world’s great mountain belts. This unique tour will traverse Bhutan, entering at Paro in the west, and departing from the south-east along the land border to Assam, India. During this journey you will explore the highest mountain range on Earth, and learn about their impact on the Bhutanese who live amongst them. Experience stunning views from the passes of the High Himalaya, and visit the astonishing Bhutanese fortresses and monasteries of Paro, Punakha, Gasa and Trashigang.

HIGHLIGHTS
• See the sediments of the Tethyan Ocean, used today in Bhutanese construction
• Visit the vertiginous cliffs of Taktshang Gompa
• Learn from trip scholars Professor Nigel Harris and Dr Tom Argles, experts on the geography and geology of the Himalayas
• Per person sharing including international flights from London. Single supplement £580/$690.

INDUS EXPERIENCES
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Desert Architecture of Rajasthan

Princes and palaces in India’s desert state

2 Mar – 17 Mar 2018 | £3,896/$4,365*

Dr Rima Hooja, Consultant Director,
MSMS II Museum, Jaipur

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Rajasthan is consistently India’s best-loved tourist destination, famous for its multitude of forts and fine palaces built over many centuries by its former Rajput kings and warlords. Travel through the northern and central parts of the region, where the royal architecture developed its own unique flavour as architects and craftsmen responded to the challenges of the terrain. Visit Rajasthan’s major cities, from the bustling metropolis of Jaipur with its beautiful palaces and bustling markets, to the delightfully quiet and remote outpost of Nagaur, where you can explore the recently restored Garden Palace.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Enjoy the magnificent fort and palace museum of Mehrangarh in Jodhpur
• Visit Bikaner and stay in the Maharaja’s former shooting lodge at Gajner
• Explore the deserted towns of Shekhawati, famed for their painted houses
• Per person sharing including international flights from London. Single supplement £1,345/$1,600.

INDUS EXPERIENCES
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Wild Side India and the Heritage of Lucknow

Man-made and natural wonders of India

18 Nov – 2 Dec 2018 | £4,365/$5,195*

Professor Claudio Sillero
University of Oxford

WILDLIFE/HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Experience India’s rich history, vibrant heritage and natural wonders including rivers, jungles, and wildlife. Experience thousands of years of history, including ancient palaces, medieval mosques, and buzzing bazaars in Delhi and Agra. Your exposure to India’s wildlife begins at Chambal, where you will see giant gharial (large, fish-eating crocodile), turtles, elephants, and the rare Ganges river dolphin. Journey to splendid Lucknow, known as the Golden City of India, which boasts historical architecture and a rich tradition of music and dance. Then travel to Dudwa National Park to track tiger and spot the rare one-horned rhino.

HIGHLIGHTS
• View the magnificent Taj Mahal at daybreak
• Explore the Bada Imambara and other heritage sites of Old Lucknow
• Experience the wildlife of India, with expert insight from Professor Claudio Sillero
• Per person sharing including international flights from London. Single supplement £1,460/$1,737.

INDUS EXPERIENCES
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ASIA

Volcano Hopping in Indonesia
Explore the world’s largest archipelago
26 May – 10 Jun 2018  £3,985/$4,995*

Professor Jürgen Neuberg
University of Leeds

GEOLOGY/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
Join renowned Professor of Volcanology, Jürgen Neuberg, as you literally hop from volcano to volcano on the islands of Java, Bali and Lombok, exploring eight spectacular volcanoes along the way (some dormant, others active). As the world’s largest archipelago, spread across 17,500 islands, Indonesia sits between the world’s most active seismic region, the notorious Pacific Ring of Fire and the world’s second most active region, the Alpide belt. Also experience on this journey of discovery some of Indonesia’s vibrant culture, history and religion.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Explore eight different volcanoes in this spectacular active seismic region
• Exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Indonesia’s Volcanology Centre, with the country’s leading Volcanologist, Dr Surono
• Discover the stunning UNESCO temple complex at Borobudur in Bali

* Per person sharing, including international flights from London and internal flights within Indonesia. Single supplement £970.

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Sri Lanka: Endangered Species, Ancient Cultures
Following the island’s top predator
21 Apr–04 May 2018  £3,970/$4,945*

Dr Andrew Kittle & Anjali Watson
Wilderness & Wildlife Conservation Trust

WILDLIFE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
Nestling in the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka boasts one of the highest rates of biological endemism in the world. Join renowned Zoologist Dr Andrew Kittle and Sri Lankan Ecologist Anjali Watson in this biodiversity hotspot to explore the domain of its threatened apex predator, the Sri Lankan leopard. Learn about the integral role this endemic sub-species plays in the effective functioning of the island’s diverse ecosystems. Discover the regions where the leopards still roam, from the remote national parks to the tea country. Gain insight from conservationists about the endangered Asian elephant and how Sri Lanka is at the forefront of elephant conservation globally.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Enjoy exclusive access to remote leopard and elephant research stations
• Discover the island’s diverse wildlife on private game drives with conservationists
• Visit an ancient Vedda tribe community of forest-dwelling indigenous people

* Per person sharing, including international flights from London. Single supplement £990.

EXPERIENCE TRAVEL GROUP
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The Mysteries of Persia
A journey through Iran
11 Apr–24 Apr 2018  £3,560/$4,560*

Professor Michael Roaf (Gonville & Caius 1976), University of Munich

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW
Resting between the steppes of Asia and the fertile crescent of the Mediterranean, Iran is a steppingstone between East and West. Persia’s vast empire was at the crossroads of some of the greatest trade routes and most enthralling cultures. It is still a land dotted with the carved reminders of the Parthians, the Sassanids, the Mongols and the Safavids – their monuments serve as a vivid testament to the extraordinary cultural heritage of this vast country. This journey will be an exciting opportunity to explore the country at a very important time in its history.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Visit the beautiful city of Shiraz, famous for its poets and gardens
• Explore Isfahan – perhaps the most spectacular city in all Islam
• Discover Yazd, one of the last centres of the Zoroastrian religion

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Single room supplement £780.

DISTANT HORIZONS
distanthorizons.co.uk
ASIA

Laos and Thailand’s Golden Triangle
Slow boat from Luang Prabang

6 Oct – 17 Oct 2018
£3,395/$4,395*

Professor Philip Hirsch
University of Sydney

RIVER CRUISE/ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY/
ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
Discover one of the last untouched corners of South East Asia on this exploration of Laos and northern Thailand. Accompanied by Human Geographer Professor Philip Hirsch, enjoy the UNESCO World Heritage city of Luang Prabang as well as rural Pak Ou and Pakbeng on a six night cruise aboard boutique ship Mekong Sun. Continuing overland, explore the lush mountain scenery of the Golden Triangle, and visit the laid back city of Chiang Rai and the glittering temples of Chiang Mai, the former seat of the medieval Lanna Kingdom.

HIGHLIGHTS
* Experience the unspoiled simplicity of Laos, the jewel of South East Asia, and encounter sights only accessible by water
* Visit remote caves packed with Buddha statues and learn about the traditions and modern-day challenges for local Khmu and Hmong villagers
* Gain insights from Professor Hirsch, who has lived and worked in Thailand and Laos for decades and speaks fluent Thai and Lao

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Flights from London from £600 including taxes. Single supplement £1,995/$2,795.

Temple World
templeworld.com/alumni

Crossing the Ancient Silk Road
China and Central Asia

19 Aug – 6 Sep 2018
£3,580/$4,590*

Dr Jamie Greenbaum
Australian National University

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/
ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
The Silk Road was not a single route but a vast network of roads linking India, Europe and the Far East passing through spectacular cities and tiny hamlets, forbidding mountains, gentle steppe lands and hot deserts. Along its length, merchants traded in silks, porcelain, jade and fine carpets. But the Silk Road was not simply a highway for the trade of precious items; it was also the main East West artery for the flow of ideas. Buddhist monks rubbed shoulders with Manichean priests and Zoroastrians, whilst Nestorian Christians sought converts among the travellers of the roads.

HIGHLIGHTS
* Explore Kyrgyzstan and Lake Issykul, the world’s second highest navigable lake
* Discover the desert city of Turfan with its gardens and orchards
* Discover the caves at Dunhuang in Central China and Longmen Caves in Eastern China, two of the world’s richest treasure troves of Buddhist art

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Single room supplement £780.

Distant Horizons
distanthorizons.co.uk
Walks in the Borderlands: Burma, China, Vietnam

Along the Burma Road

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Visit Hsipaw, a Shan royal town situated in beautiful hill country north-east of Mandalay
- Discover the ancient town Jianshui which dates back to the Jin Dynasty of 300AD
- Experience the spectacular Yangyang River Terraces etched into the steep Ailo Mountains
- Learn more of the Hmong people, one of the largest ethnic minorities in Vietnam who are easily identified by their dress and traditions

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Single supplement £680.

**HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH**
Accompanied by Dr Charles Ramble, enjoy a number of walks through this beautiful mountainous region, home to many ethnic minority groups who have been marginalised to these remote lands. Begin in Burma’s Kachin State near Mandalay, one of the least visited areas in Asia and only just opening up to foreign nationals. Continue on to the southern borderland area of China considered by many to be the most exotic region of the country. It is home to some of China’s most diverse variations in flora, fauna and ethnicity. Here steep mountains rise above the lush paddy fields to form a natural barrier which has separated minority villages for centuries. Cross into north Vietnam, an area of pristine beauty whose forests and ecosystems are internationally recognised. Return from Hanoi, Vietnam’s delightful capital.

**10 Oct – 29 Oct 2018 | £3,480/$4,460***

Dr Charles Ramble
University of Oxford

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EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Battle of the Pyrenees
The final stages of the Peninsular War

2 Sep – 6 Sep 2018 | £1,749/$2,099*

Colonel Nick Lipscombe, University of Oxford & Professor Jeremy Black (Queens’ 1975), University of Exeter

Dr Mark Baldwin (St Catharine’s 1962), Lecturer and expert on WWII intelligence

MILITARY HISTORY/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

In 1813 Wellington defeated three French armies in an epic battle at Vitoria. The French suddenly found themselves with their backs to the Pyrenees, fighting to prevent the invasion of France. On this tour, take a riveting journey through the dramatic landscape that witnessed the concluding events of Napoleon’s struggle for control over the Iberian Peninsula. Learn how combined British, Portuguese and Spanish armies finally broke Joseph Bonaparte’s French forces, and follow Wellington’s campaigns to capture the two remaining French strongholds in north-eastern Spain: San Sebastián and Pamplona. Sample Basque hospitality on both sides of the border and stay at two of the best Parador hotels in Spain.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Visit key locations associated with military encounters from June to October 1813
- Discover the battlefield east of Vitoria, site of Wellington’s confrontation with three French armies
- Explore the majestic coastal city of San Sebastián and relive the Battle of the Pyrenees at Sorauren and Maya

* Price is per person sharing including international flights from London. Single supplement £190/$205.

ACE CULTURAL TOURS
aceculturaltours.co.uk

The Battle of the Atlantic
In defense of our island nation

10 Sep – 13 Sep 2018 | £590/$710*

Dr Mark Baldwin (St Catharine’s 1962), Lecturer and expert on WWII intelligence

MILITARY HISTORY/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

The only thing that ever frightened Winston Churchill during the war, he once wrote, was “the U-boat peril”. Masterminded in Liverpool from the now carefully restored basement bunker of Western Approaches Command, the Atlantic campaign was crucial to ensuring a steady supply of men and provisions from America. On this tour, travel with one of the UK’s most experienced speakers on WWII intelligence, Dr Mark Baldwin. Discover the only surviving WWII U-boat in Britain at Birkenhead, and explore Fort Perch Rock, Hack Green Nuclear Bunker, and sites in Manchester, where Alan Turing lived and worked from 1947 until 1954.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Travel with one of the country’s most experienced speakers on WWII intelligence with a particular expertise in code breaking
- Visit the Battle of the Atlantic Gallery at the Merseyside Maritime Museum
- Explore Manchester’s Museum of Science and Industry and the Imperial War Museum North

* Per person sharing. Single supplement £75/$90.
EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

No-fly Cruise to Iceland, Faroes and Scotland
Circumnavigate Iceland cruising from London

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Mr Peter Mawby (Queens’ 1960)

WILDLIFE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
It has been said that the problem with travelling to Iceland is that it is hard to take in what you are seeing because every five minutes you are confronted with another breathtaking, life affirming natural spectacle. With its deep fjords, rainbow-arched waterfalls, volcanic peaks, gushing geysers and creeping glaciers, Iceland puts on one of the most dramatic natural spectacles on the planet. Join wildlife expert, ornithologist and research ecologist, Peter Mawby, on an itinerary designed to ensure you don’t miss the many highlights this remarkable land has to offer. Peter welcomes the opportunity to enhance your experiences of the wildlife around, with commentaries out on deck and on tours, during the cruise.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Visit Akureyri, with its magnificent green pastures, waterfalls and whale-filled bays
- Enjoy an exclusive group excursion and special event (subject to minimum numbers)
- Free one category upgrade on selected grades

* Price per person based on two people sharing a cabin unless stated otherwise. US Dollar and British Pound pricing is inclusive of 2 nights pre-cruise hotel in central London. Single supplement available on request.

VOYAGES TO ANTIQUITY
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On a trail of Ancient History in the Mediterranean
Italian & Adriatic highlights

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Dr Damian Robinson
University of Oxford

ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
Join Dr Damian Robinson, Director of the Oxford Centre for Maritime Archaeology, on this leisurely cruise around Italy, allowing time to enjoy the pleasures of beautiful Sorrento, explore the ruins of Pompeii and Sicily, and sail along the glorious Adriatic coast to Venice. Starting with a two-night hotel stay in Rome this cruise discovers the marvellous Amalfi coast, cruising past the romantic island of Capri and volcanic island of Stromboli on your way to Taormina, Sicily before heading across the Ionian Sea to the Greek island of Corfu. The fascinating Graeco-Roman site of Butrint, Albania leads to the charming Croatian ports of Dubrovnik and Split before heading back to Italy, and one of the world’s great destinations, Venice for an overnight stay with a special evening event.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Visit the evocative ruins of Pompeii & Herculaneum
- Enjoy an exclusive group excursion and special event (subject to minimum numbers)
- Free one category upgrade on selected grades

* Price per person based on two people sharing a cabin unless stated otherwise. US Dollar and British Pound pricing is inclusive of 2 nights pre-cruise hotel in Rome. Single supplement available on request.

VOYAGES TO ANTIQUITY
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EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Medieval Loire
A hotel barge cruise along the Canal Latéral à la Loire

20 Sep – 26 Sep 2018 | £2,595/$3,635*

Dr Rowena Archer
University of Oxford

RIVER CRUISE/HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW
Join medieval historian Dr Rowena Archer on this very popular barge cruise through the picturesque villages and vineyards of the Upper Loire. Medieval treasures await travellers at the Chateau de la Chapelle d’Angillon, an 11th century Romanesque castle. Explore the ancient vineyards and cellars of Sancerre and Pouilly Fumé, and the stunning floral gardens of Apremont-sur-Allier, one of France’s most beautiful villages.

HIGHLIGHTS
✦ Discover romantic Nevers with its maze of medieval houses, imposing Ducal Palace and 12th century church of Saint Etienne
✦ See the UNESCO World Heritage Cluniac priory church of Sainte-Croix-Notre-Dame at La Charité-sur-Loire
✦ Your choice of relaxing or active: bicycles carried on board for cycling along the towpath

Our privately chartered barge, Deborah, has just 12 en-suite cabins, all with picture widows.

* Per person sharing, not including train to Paris. Optional group train ticket from London from £80. Single supplement £1,650/$2,310.

A Journey through Israel, the West Bank and Jordan
Past, present and future

8 Apr – 23 Apr 2018 | £3,480/$4,589*

Professor Nicholas de Lange (Trinity 1971),
University of Cambridge

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ANCIENT HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
Travel through Israel, the West Bank and Jordan whose origins date back to the dawn of civilisation. Accompanied by Professor de Lange, learn more of their fascinating history, encompassing the Old and New Testaments, the Greek, Roman, Byzantine and Islamic periods and also the more recent Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Israel has a diverse population of immigrants from five continents whose society is a unique mix of history, religions and cuisine. Jordan is a well-travelled bridge between sea and desert. It is a land of mesmerizing beauty and contrasts, from the ever-changing, fertile Jordan Valley, to the remote desert canyons, immense and still.

HIGHLIGHTS
✦ In Jerusalem explore the Old City, Mount of Olives and walk the Via Dolorosa
✦ Experience the desert and stunning rock formations at Wadi Rum
✦ Meet experts to understand more about both the history and the challenges for the future of the region

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Single room supplement £920.

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DISTANT HORIZONS
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EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Exploring Romania
Wooden villages, painted churches and Saxon citadels

30 Sep – 10 Oct 2018 | £2,570 /$3,290*

Gillian Gloyer, Author of the Bradt Travel Guide to Albania

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

Over the course of its turbulent history, Romania’s three former principalities of Transylvania, Moldavia and Wallachia have been subjected to the cultural influences of many invaders. These influences have blended with one another and with the ancient indigenous civilization of the Geto-Dacians to form one of the richest and most varied cultured in Europe with its wonderful art and architecture. But Romania is also a land of spectacular landscapes and dense mountainous forests with rustic farms and traditional villages.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay in some wonderfully located hotels delightfully converted from medieval houses
- Visit Sighişoara the only inhabited fortified citadel remaining in Romania
- Meet a number of experts to experience a broad view of Romania’s history and future

* Per person sharing, including international flights from London. Single room supplement £250.

Baltic Treasures
Latvia and Lithuania

3 Oct – 10 Oct 2018 | £2,240/$2,890*

Professor Alexei Leporc
Hermitage Museum

ART AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

It is rare in Europe today to feel the refreshing ‘old world’ charm of two stunningly beautiful countries like Latvia and Lithuania with their strong central European values, traditions and cultures. Professor Leporc will explain how, despite the ravages of a World War and years of Soviet oppression, these proud peoples are once again building a distinct cultural heritage. Latvia and Lithuania are exciting examples of small countries with long histories and ancient cultures. Though both countries are close neighbours each has its own very distinct past, culture and traditions.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the beautifully preserved city of Riga with its unrivalled Art Noveau buildings
- Visit the vibrant town of Kaunas home to the M K Ciurlionis Museum of Art
- Enjoy a trip to the ballet or opera at one of the wonderful theatres in Riga or Vilnius

* Per person sharing, including international flights from London. Single supplement £190.

The Art Treasures of St Petersburg
Legacy of the Tsars

15 Feb – 20 Feb 2018 | £2,260/$2,980*

Professor Alexei Leporc
Hermitage Museum

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

The beautiful city of St Petersburg, often known as the ‘Venice of the North’, was founded by Peter the Great to demonstrate his wish that Russia was a major power with its roots firmly fixed in Europe. Explore this grandest of cities with its elegant buildings and unsurpassed palaces. The visit has been specially planned for March when the snow makes everything picturesque and the city looks magnificent. The theatres are open, the vodka and furs come out and the insides of the buildings are kept cosy and warm. More importantly one can enjoy the city’s artistic treasures without the crowds.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The newly-opened and stunning Fabergé Museum
- Attend a ballet or opera performance in some of Europe’s grandest theatres
- Extend your trip to visit Russia’s Holy Mother – Moscow

* Per person sharing, including flights from London. Single supplement £340.
EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Ancient Macedonia

Alexander the Great and the birthplace of the Hellenistic World

5 May – 12 May 2018 | £2,595/$3,635*

Dr Alphonso Moreno
University of Oxford

ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Discover the tumultuous forces which propelled the small ancient kingdom of Macedon (in modern-day Greece) into an unrivalled global empire, with realms extending through Asia Minor, the Levant, Egypt, Mesopotamia, Persia, and even as far as modern Pakistan. With Classicist Dr Alphonso Moreno, learn about Macedon’s most influential rulers, Philip II and his son, the self-proclaimed demi-god Alexander the Great. To uncover their story, visit the cities and sites which underpinned their reign. Explore the ancient cities of Aigai, Stageira and Pella, and Philip’s eponymous city of Philippi. Stroll around Lefkadia and enjoy vibrant Thessaloniki on the Thermaikos Gulf, with its wonderful Classical, Byzantine and Ottoman remains.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Aigai, the burial place of Philip II, where Alexander was proclaimed King
- See the Temple of the Nymphs where a young Alexander was taught by the philosopher Aristotle, and Stageira, the birthplace of Aristotle
- Explore the sacred city of Dion, with its renowned sanctuary dedicated to Zeus

History remembers Alexander variously as a hero, a visionary, a megalomaniac and a madman. But through his actions, Macedon became the hub of global advances in philosophy, arts, literature, engineering and science, changing the face of Europe and Asia forever.

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Flights from London from £150 including taxes. Single supplement £170/$230.

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EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

CERN
Geneva and the experiments changing our understanding of the world

17 Jun – 21 Jun 2018 | £1,995/$2,795*

Professor Ian Shipsey
University of Oxford

Norway’s Classic Round
Voyage: Astronomy
An exclusive voyage in search of the Northern Lights

17 Mar – 28 Mar 2018 | £1,944*

Professor Martin Bureau
University of Oxford

SCIENTIFIC/HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/
ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

Join experimental particle physicist Professor Ian Shipsey on a visit to Geneva to explore fundamental questions about the structure of our universe. Enjoy a private visit to CERN, where physicists are conducting ground-breaking research into dark matter and subatomic particles using the world’s largest and most complex scientific instruments, including the Large Hadron Collider. Whilst in Geneva, there will also be time to explore some key city sights, such as the beautiful Art Deco Palais des Nations, Europe’s UN headquarters.

HIGHLIGHTS
+ Enjoy lakeside Geneva with a walking tour of the old town
+ Discover the Bibliotheca Bodmeriana, one of the most important private libraries in the world, containing papyri from the New Testament
+ Travel to the ISDC Data Centre for Astrophysics in Versoix to learn about High Energy Astrophysics and Young Stars

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Flights from London from £160 including taxes. Single supplement £460/$645.

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SCIENTIFIC/Cruise/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Embark on Hurtigruten’s definitive 12-day winter voyage in search of the mesmerising aurora borealis along Norway’s beautiful coastline. We will sail above the Arctic Circle and directly beneath the Auroral Zone, allowing for front-seat views out on deck of the best Northern Lights displays in Europe.

You’ll explore Norwegian culture in the 34 charming ports, and unravel the mysteries of the cosmos with guest lecturer Professor Martin Bureau. Food served on board is fresh, seasonal, and sustainably sourced from local suppliers along the coastal route. A wide range of pre-bookable, optional excursions are also available, such as husky dog sledging, a traditional Viking feast, and a visit to the North Cape.

HIGHLIGHTS
+ The voyage includes a series of informative astrophysics lectures by Professor Martin Bureau
+ Possible sightings of the Norwegian Northern Lights aboard Hurtigruten’s MS Richard With
+ Enjoy an exclusive tour of the Science Centre in Tromsø

* Price is per person sharing on a full-board basis, including flights from London. Single supplements may apply.

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hurtigruten.co.uk
AFRICA

Primates of Uganda
Chimpanzees and gorillas

24 Jun – 4 Jul 2018  £4,590/$5,795*

Dr Nicholas Newton-Fisher
(Churchill 1993), University of Kent

WILDLIFE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH
Teeming with life, Uganda is reclaiming its place as Africa’s foremost wildlife destination. In a continent known for superlatives, Uganda also holds its own as a staggeringly beautiful country, home to Africa’s tallest mountain range, its largest freshwater lake and the legendary source of the Nile. Accompanied by primatologist and expert in wild chimpanzee behaviour Dr Nicholas Newton-Fisher, visit some of the only places in Africa where you can see mountain gorillas and chimpanzees in the wild. Enjoy game drives at Queen Elizabeth NP, where there is an abundance of wildlife including tree climbing lions, buffalo and elephants, and the highest concentration of birds in Africa.

HIGHLIGHTS
♦ Track endangered mountain gorillas through the misty rainforest of Bwindi Impenetrable NP, a humbling and often life-changing experience
♦ Search for chimpanzees in Budongo and Kibale Forest National Parks, observe their behaviour and learn about local conservation efforts
♦ Discover the legendary source of the Nile at Jinja, cruising to the base of Murchison Falls

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Flights from London from £630 including taxes. Single supplement £560/$785.

Magical Madagascar
Evolution and zoology of a Gondwanaland Island

7 Aug – 20 Aug 2018  £3,395/$4,755*

Ryan Burke
University of Oxford

WILDLIFE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: HIGH
Accompanied by ecologist and Oxford University lemur expert Ryan Burke, discover the magical island of Madagascar, uninhabited by man until just 2000 years ago. This unique circumstance offers a fascinating chance to witness what happens when an isolated island is left to evolve without large predators for 165 million years. The protected reserves and rainforests contain amazingly diverse wildlife, from impish ring-tailed lemurs and dancing sifakas to brightly coloured chameleons, frogs and butterflies. The landscape is incredibly varied, with spiny deserts, lush rainforest and Indian Ocean coastline offering contrasting habitats. Amongst the superb array of birds is the beautiful crested coua and more than seventy species of singing birds and parrots.

HIGHLIGHTS
♦ Delight in finding a diverse range of the island’s 33 species of lemurs, a primate found nowhere else on earth
♦ Discover totally unique flora and fauna – 5% of all known animal and plant species worldwide are found only in Madagascar
♦ Learn about some of the island’s six incredible endemic Baobab tree species

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Optional flights from London from £850 including taxes. Single supplement £670/$907.
Behold Ecuador’s alluring beauty and history on this eight-night adventure through Quito, the Galapagos Archipelago and Guayaquil. Begin in Quito where you will visit ornate cathedrals, museums and the colourful Old Town. Then fly to the Galapagos Islands and board the Santa Cruz II for a four-night cruise amid one of Earth’s most volcanically active and ecologically diverse regions. Encounter spectacular volcanic landforms and miracles of evolution while scouting flamingos, penguins, fur seals and sea turtles, and embrace the opportunity to snorkel with a treasure trove of marine life. Learn about conservation efforts at the Charles Darwin Research Station and Giant Tortoise Breeding Centre, and visit historic Post Office Bay where 18th-century whalers used a barrel as a mail drop. Cap off your adventure with one night in Guayaquil.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Learn about the connection between the Galapagos’ active volcanoes and incredible ecosystems during walks and boat rides with an expert guide
- Trace Darwin’s history of evolution, and witness the legendary giant tortoise
- Encounter migratory and endemic species from blue-footed boobies and sea lions to land iguanas and albatrosses
- Encounter miracles of evolution while scouting flamingos, penguins, fur seals, and sea turtles.

**WILDLIFE/Cruise/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM**

- Per person sharing, including internal flights. Flights from London are available from £795 including taxes. Single supplement from £300.

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10 Sep – 19 Sep 2018  
£4,995/$6,295*

Dr Sally Gibson  
University of Cambridge

Encounter miracles of evolution while scouting flamingos, penguins, fur seals, and sea turtles.
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Wildlife of Costa Rica
Central America’s Garden of Eden

14 Apr – 26 Apr 2018 | £3,295/$4,285*

Professor Nick Davies
University of Cambridge

WILDLIFE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
A jungle-clad jewel nestled between the Pacific and the Caribbean, fringed by powder white beaches, Costa Rica is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world. In this stunning setting, discover some of the world’s most unusual mammals such as sloths, tapirs and armadillos, as well as a host of monkeys and fabulous birds. Accompanied by zoologist and ornithologist Professor Nick Davies, stay in carefully chosen hotels and eco-lodges and explore the the waterways of Tortuguero, the lush rainforests and lakes of Arenal Volcano, the mist-covered Cloud Forests of Monteverde and jungle beaches of Manuel Antonio.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Enjoy dramatic habitat diversity, from rainforests to powder-white sand beaches
• Encounter incredible wildlife including squirrel monkeys, white-faced capuchins and white-nosed coatis
• Look for birds such as roseates and northern jacanas and stunning butterflies such as the blue morpho

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Optional flights from London from £650 including taxes. Single supplement £690/$975.

Nelson’s West Indies
Antigua, St Kitts & Nevis

5 May – 13 May 2018 | £3,595/$5,035*

John Harris
University of Oxford

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW
Go beyond the stunning beaches and lush scenery of the tropical Leeward Islands and delve into their colonial history. With sugar, slavery and sea power throwing Britain, Spain and France into continuous conflict in the 17th and 18th centuries, the islands of Antigua, St Kitts and Nevis have a fascinating story to tell. Visiting all three islands, learn about Horatio Nelson’s life set against the broader subject of the Naval History of the Caribbean. Discover well-preserved harbours, plantations and forts and learn about the slavers, plantation owners, slaves and sailors whose lives were all interlinked during this time.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Explore English Harbour in Antigua, the finest example of a Georgian naval dockyard in the world
• Visit the sugar and cotton estates on Antigua and Nevis as well as the UNESCO World Heritage Site Brimstone Hill Fortress on St Kitts
• Delight in the island’s colonial architecture including historic churches, botanic gardens and plantation houses, as well as historic barracks and formations

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Flights from London from £600 including taxes. Option to extend your holiday with a private beach stay from £600 for 7 nights.

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AMERICAS

Colombia's Rich and Fascinating Cultural History
Diversity and civilisation

10 Nov – 23 Nov 2018  |  £3,740/$4,800*

Dr Alexander Herrera (Girton 2000), Universidad de los Andes, Colombia

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Dr Alexander Herrera will bring both the ancient and modern cultures of this welcoming and friendly country to life. Learn about pre-Columbian history at San Agustín, and tour a coffee plantation near Popayán, an old religious centre and colonial hub. Experience modern Colombia, including the stunning art at the Botero Museum, before ending the trip on the Caribbean coast with visits to the Tayrona National Park and the beautiful Spanish city of Cartagena, with its colonial buildings and narrow cobbled streets.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the archaeological park at San Agustín, containing many monuments and megalithic sculptures
- Admire the most important art collection in Latin America at the Botero Museum
- Stay in the romantic walled city of Cartagena
- Per person sharing, including internal flights within Colombia. Flights from London are available from £590. Single supplement £1,195.

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The Fauna and Flora of Brazil’s Rainforest
Rainforest ecology and conservation

6 May – 18 May 2018  |  £4,950/$6,250*

Professor Martin Speight
University of Oxford

WILDLIFE/RIVER CRUISE/ ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Professor Martin Speight will guide the exploration of the Atlantic rainforest that cloaks the verdant stretch of coast around Rio de Janeiro. Visit Rio itself, including the Sugar Loaf mountain, and learn about the fascinating imperial, colonial and industrial history of this area. Fly to Manaus, with its famous Opera House, and board the charming Tucano riverboat. Navigate remote creeks to admire macaws, parrots, caimans, monkeys, and colourful butterflies. Discover and discuss the relationship between the forest, its plants and wildlife, and the remote communities who depend on it for their survival.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend 4 nights exploring the Amazon aboard a traditional riverboat, looking for pink river dolphins and giant river otters
- Visit Rio’s beautiful botanic gardens
- View the flora and fauna of the Atlantic rainforest on Brazil’s ‘green coast’
- Per person sharing, including internal flights within Brazil. Flights from London are available from £735. Single supplement £1,980. £400 discount for bunk cabin on Tucano, subject to availability.

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Peru: Inhabiting the Andes
People in landscape

6 Apr – 18 Apr 2018  |  £4,480/$5,700*

Dr Nicholas James
University of Cambridge

ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY/ ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

In Lima, visit the 5th century Huaca Pucllana pyramid and the renowned Larco Museum, whose exhibits span 4,000 years of Peruvian pre-Columbian history, accompanied by the museum’s curator. On the north coast, see the Lord of Sipán’s tomb and the mighty Chan Chan adobe complex as Dr James discusses the region’s inhabitants and their relationship with the landscape over the millennia. Visit ancient sites, including Machu Picchu, markets and vibrant present-day Andean communities in the Sacred Valley and Cusco, heart of the Inca empire.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the dazzling range of Peru’s geography from desert coast to the soaring peaks of the Andes
- Learn about the remarkable Moche and Chimú coastal cultures
- Explore the Sacred Valley of the Incas – markets, picturesque villages, salts pans and terraces
- Per person sharing, including internal flights within Peru. Flights from London are available from £720. Single supplement £840.

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USA SOLAR ECLIPSE, 2017
TEMPLE WORLD
“Overall, this was a hugely enjoyable trip, well organised, with excellent support from Temple World after booking and in the lead up to departure…Arrangements to view the eclipse event were superbly organised, and could hardly have been better.”

Trevor and Sheila Hills (Sidney Sussex 1973 & Newnham 1978)

MAGICAL MADAGASCAR, 2017
TEMPLE WORLD
“The holiday was a great success with a superb contribution from Professor Matt Friedman whose lectures were erudite, lively and precisely relevant. Overall the holiday was superbly organised and good value”

John Parker, (St John’s 1967)

ART TREASURES OF ST PETERSBURG, 2017, DISTANT HORIZONS
“We had an absolutely wonderful trip to St Petersburg, the hotel was excellent – very comfortable and well-appointed.

Thanks to the thorough programme, we managed to see so much in such a short time. The stars of the trip were the trip scholar and the local guide both so accomplished in their different ways – and so charming.

We were all overwhelmed by the knowledge of our trip scholar, not only of the Arts but also of the architecture, history and the characters who made St Petersburg the marvel that it is today. It was also fascinating to hear both the trip scholar and the local guide talk of their own experiences of living in Russia – the personal element is something which is normally lacking in one’s guides.”

Timothy Calloway (Trinity Hall 1971)

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