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TRIP SCHOLAR PROFILE: *Wildlife of Peru*

**Professor Nick Davies** (Pembroke 1970)
*Professor of Behavioural Ecology, Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge*

*Where did your interest in Behavioural Ecology begin?*
As a passion for natural history, especially bird watching, ever since I was a young boy. Then I learnt about evolution, so my watching led to wondering about why animals have evolved to behave the way they do and why species differ. This mix of watching and wondering makes natural history all the more inspiring and marvellous.

*What is the current focus of your research?*
I study the evolutionary battle between cuckoos and their hosts, part of what Darwin imagined as an “entangled bank” of interactions in the natural world. Our field studies in the fens near Cambridge have revealed that cuckoos need remarkable trickery to beat host defences, including secretive laying, forgeries of host-egg signatures and manipulative begging calls by the cuckoo chicks. Cuckoos are becoming scarcer now, so we also have the opportunity to study how hosts respond to a changing world.

*What makes Peru an exciting place to visit right now?*
The biodiversity of the Neotropics is amazing; in this trip we’ll travel from the Pacific Ocean, with Humboldt penguins, up to the cloud forest of the Andes, with condors, cock of the rock and spectacular hummingbirds, and then down to the rainforest of the Amazon, with monkeys, macaws and giant river otters. This diversity in landscape and wildlife, together with the cultural highlights of Machu Picchu and Cusco, makes for an extraordinary trip.

*What do you enjoy about sharing your research?*
I’ve been lucky to accompany ten previous alumni trips (Ecuador and the Galapagos, Madagascar, Costa Rica) and have loved them all. We have fantastic, knowledgeable local guides and then in the evening talks I try to give a broader evolutionary picture of what we have seen during the day. It’s always a challenge to give talks to such a bright group and with such varied interests – we all learn from one another!

*Do you have a dream trip scholarship destination, other than Peru?*
Lots! Tigers in India, Birds of Paradise in New Guinea, Snow leopards in Nepal, swimming with whale sharks – always dreaming!

*Which trip would you like to take from Unbound?*
All of them! If I had to choose just one, then it would be the walk to Mustang through the wilderness of the Himalayas.
The diversity in landscape and wildlife, together with the cultural highlights of Machu Picchu and Cusco, makes for an extraordinary trip.
ASIA

Himalayan Rocks and Temples
Experience Nepal's Ecological Zones from Kathmandu to Mustang

14 – 29 Sept 2020 | £3,580/$4,654*

Professor Mike Searle and Professor David Gellner
University of Oxford

GEOLOGY/ACTIVITY RATING: HIGH
On this tour, as well as enjoying the cultural highlights of Nepal, we will trek along the Kali Gandaki gorge from Kagbeni north to Lo Manthang, the capital of the old kingdom of Lo and learn about the geology of the highest mountains in the world. The trail follows the broad valley floor with numerous branches of the river; some fording of streams will be inevitable. Shaligrams – small nodules of mudstone enclosing ammonite fossils sacred to Hindus – are common in this region. They have been eroded from the Jurassic and Cretaceous limestone that formed in the Tethys Ocean, a vast sea that previously lay between the Indian plate to the south and the Asian plate in Tibet to the north.

HIGHLIGHTS
♦ Trek to spectacular mountain scenery to reach Mustang
♦ Walking tours of the medieval cities of Patan and Bhaktapur
♦ See the stunning multi-coloured rock formations of the high Himalayas

* Prices per person sharing room, including flights. Single supplement £458/$596.

India – A Glorious History
Essential Highlights

11 – 24 Oct 2020 | £3,485/$4,530*

Dr Rima Hooja (Wolfson 1976)
Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II Museum

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: LOW
Delve into the fabulous and fascinating history of India. Explore the culture of the Mughals with their superb architecture and intriguing personal histories. Learn about the Sikh religion and feel the very heart of Amritsar visiting the outstanding Golden Temple. In Delhi probe deep into the glory of the Mughal rulers, whilst in Agra, admire the sensitivity of the architecture of the Taj Mahal and the strength and dominance of Agra Fort.

The sheer genius of the Astronomical Observatory in Jaipur is incredible, but well matched by the magnificence of Amber Fort and the delight of the Palace of Winds. Finally take a day trip to Tilonia Barefoot College and interact with the students as they participate in their vocational studies.

HIGHLIGHTS
♦ Visit the Partition Museum in Amritsar
♦ Visit Tilonia Barefoot College near Jaipur
♦ Visit the craft studio in Agra to see the intricacy of marble inlay work

* Prices per person sharing a twin or double room, including flights. Single supplement £865/$1,124.
Along the Golden Road from Samarkand
A journey through Central Asia

14 – 28 April 2020 | £3,280/£4,390*

Professor James Allan
University of Oxford

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
Few landmarks have tantalised the minds of travellers more than the legendary cities of Central Asia. Originally caravanserais on the Golden Trade route across Central Asia, they developed into thriving centres of commerce and culture.

The journey begins in Samarkand, which under Tamerlane was transformed into the most beautiful city in Central Asia. Continue onto ‘Divine Bukhara’ with its hundreds of mosques, madrasas and minarets where crooked alleys wind irregularly between the walls of clay-built houses and the men still wear colourful striped coats and knee high leather boots. From Bukhara, the party will cross the great Karakum desert of Turkmenistan and travel to Merv, in medieval times this was the second most important city in Islam after Baghdad. The journey finishes amidst the marvellous city of Khiva, where it is still possible to experience the timelessness of central Asian Caravan town.

HIGHLIGHTS
• The Registan in Samarkand – the ‘noblest square in the world’
• Cross the great Karakum Desert dotted with Spring Flowers
• Discover the ancient city of Nisa – seat of the Parthian Kings

* Price per person, includes international flights from London. Single supplement £380.

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Crossing the Ancient Silk Road
China and Central Asia

19 Aug – 6 Sept 2020 | £3,860/$5,170*

Dr Jamie Greenbaum
Australian National University

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: 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.

Advances in navigation led to the decline in the land routes and the great sites and artistic treasures of the Silk Road were buried in the sands of the desert and lost for generations. With the gradual opening of routes across western China it is now possible, once again, to explore the lost cities and marvel at the great artistic achievements.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Discover Kyrgyzstan and Lake Issykul, the world’s second highest navigable lake
• Explore the desert city of Turfan with its gardens and orchards
• Visit the Dunhuang and Longmen Caves; two of the world’s richest treasure troves of Buddhist art

* Price per person, not including flights. Single supplement £860.

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**ASIA**

**The History and Culture of Japan**  
Past, Present and Future

8 – 20 Sept 2020 | £4,960/$6,640*  
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Professor Jay Lewis  
University of Oxford

**HISTORY AND CULTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM**  
This unique journey examines the fascinating history, art and culture of Japan, from its beginnings during the Nara period, through the rise and fall of the shoguns into an era of modernisation and economic power. Explore the country’s cultural heritage as it is reflected in the tranquillity of the Shinto, the great castles of the samurai culture, and today’s modern way of life in the skyscrapers of Shinjuku.

The journey begins in Tokyo where time has been scheduled to get off the beaten track and venture through the Shitamachi area. Enjoy an excursion to Nikko and visit the intricately carved Tōshō-gū shrine. Travel on Japan’s iconic bullet train to Nara the ex-capital of Japan from where the Imperial family left a wonderful legacy of ancient temples. Continue by boat to the exquisitely beautiful island of Miyajima. Explore Kyoto, a marvellous cornucopia of Japanese culture, history and art.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Enjoy a night relaxing and dining in a traditional ryokan
- Kōraku-en, one of the three most important gardens in Japan
- Learn more of the delicate fine arts, through the expressive drama of Kabuki theatre and the elegance of the tea ceremony

* Prices per person, not including international flights.  
Single supplement £1,480.

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**Walks and Festivals in Bhutan**  
Exploring the Land of the Thunder Dragon

18 Sept – 2 Oct 2020 | £3,740/$4,980*  
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Zara Fleming  
Independent Buddhist art consultant

**WALKING AND CULTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: HIGH**  
Isolated by formidable mountain barriers, the tiny kingdom of Bhutan in the eastern Himalayas, has remained relatively untouched by the outside world for centuries. Sandwiched between China and India and no bigger than Switzerland, Bhutan is one of the most spectacular and unspoilt countries in Asia; its architecture is stunning and its art is superb.

The role of religion in Bhutan is crucial for it is the only country in the world devoted to the tantric form of Mahayana Buddhism. The influence of red robed monks is seen everywhere. Indeed the strict policy of seclusion operated by the Bhutanese government has ensured that this culture of Tibetan Buddhism has been preserved in its purist form. This itinerary offers the perfect but unusual introduction to Bhutan, with several walks (six hours per day) and a wide variety of experiences in perhaps the most special of all the Himalayan kingdoms.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Explore the rarely visited Gangtey Valley with its remote villages
- Enjoy a day at the Haa Tsechu – a lesser visited Buddhist Festival
- Walk to some of Bhutan’s most important pilgrimage sites

* Prices per person, not including international flights.  
Single Supplement £520.

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ASIA/AMERICAS

China Undiscovered
Sacred Mountains and Ancient Waterways

21 April – 6 May 2020 | £3,760/$5,040*

Dr Jamie Greenbaum
Australian National University

HISTORY AND CULTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
This is a marvellous journey across the slopes and peaks of China’s sacred mountains and along the great waterways that formed the very backbone of one of the oldest empires on earth and gave the Chinese their ‘land of rice and fish’ (‘milk and honey’).

This is China in the raw, away from tourist hotspots and the development juggernaut taking place in the cities. See ancient hydrology projects and explore sites writ large in the Chinese imagination. Wander through working temples where fervent believers showcase some of the lesser known Chinese traditions and faiths which down the ages embraced the northern emperors.

The journey begins in Sichuan Province, western China, traces the course of the Yangtse River to the plains, before turning south along the waters leading upstream toward the Nanling Mountains; across which lies the Pearl River Delta.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Visit the largest stone carved buddha in the world at Leshan
• Emei Shan and Heng Shan – two of China’s sacred mountains
• Three night Cruise on the mighty Yangtse River

* Price per person, flights not included. Single supplement available on request.

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Wildlife of Peru
Andes to Amazon – an exploration of Peru’s fascinating wildlife

19 April – 1 May 2020 | £5,495/$7,140*

Professor Nick Davies (Pembroke 1970)
University of Cambridge

WILDLIFE/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
A comprehensive sweep though diverse habitats from arid coasts to Amazon rainforest, from Humboldt penguins on the Pacific coast to tropical cloud forest in the Andean foothills.

Nick Davies, highly respected naturalist and engaging trip scholar, will explore the behaviour of animals as diverse as sloths, leaf-cutter ants, butterflies and monkeys. He will also discuss his favourite bird, the cuckoo, of which Peru boasts 16 species.

The tour culminates with five nights in the Tambopata National Reserve, an area of pristine rainforest covering over 275,000 hectares and home to the world’s largest macaw clay lick and a record number of animal species, including the rare harpy eagle.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Search for the elusive Andean cock-of-the-rock, Peru’s national bird, at Machu Picchu
• Stay in some of Peru’s most comfortable and characterful hotels
• Spend five days deep in the Amazon rainforest, and visit parrot and macaw clay licks

* Price per person, includes internal but not international flights. Single supplement £1,180.

LAST FRONTIERS
lastfrontiers.com
**EUROPE**

**Birds of Norway**  
Classic Round Voyage

4 – 15 April 2020  |  £2,390*  
Dr Michael Brooke (Magdalene 1968)  
University of Cambridge

**WILDLIFE/Cruise/Activity Rating: Medium**  
This is the ultimate voyage with Hurtigruten, taking you from Bergen to Kirkenes and back in 12 days. Visit 34 ports of call and cover over 2500 nautical miles, allowing you to explore every inch of the coastal magic Norway has to offer. En route will be a series of bird-based lectures with Dr Michael Brooke. The drama of the scenery and the wildlife will stir the explorer in you. Whatever you miss on the northbound sailing during night-time, you are able to see in daylight sailing south. Included in the tour is the Sea Eagle Safari excursion in the Trollfjord and experience close encounters with magnificent sea eagles and the bird watching safari in Honningsvåg.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Visit Alesund, renowned for its beautiful Art Nouveau architecture
- Take in the breath-taking Sven Sisters mountain range
- Observe the Finnmark region’s largest flock of puffins
- Price per person, 12 day sailing with breakfast, lunch and dinner included. Return flights from London and two excursions.

**Hurtigruten**  
hurtigruten.co.uk

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**The Glory of Istanbul**  
Ancient Byzantium and Constantinople

15 – 19 Sept 2020  |  £1,200/$1,800*  
Professor Zeynep Yürekli-Görkay  
University of Oxford

**City Break/Activity Rating: Low**  
Join Ottoman Historian Professor Yürekli-Görkay on a four night city break to Istanbul, for 1000 years the glittering Byzantine capital, Constantinople. See Justinian’s Hagia Sofia, built to be the most resplendent church in Christendom. Contrast this with the city’s superb 16C Suleymaniye Mosque and 17C Blue Mosque, built after the city was captured by the Ottomans in 1453 and became capital of their empire. Also explore the evocative Topkapı Palace, home of the Ottoman sultans and their harems and now displaying remarkable collections of Japanese and Chinese porcelain and imperial jewels.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Discover the city’s most famous churches, mosques and palaces as well as the Roman Hippodrome and Byzantine Basilica cistern
- Visit the Egyptian Spice Market see the city from the water with a cruise on the Bosphorus
- Price per person, not including flights. Single supplement £220.

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**Exploring Rijeka**  
European Capital of Culture 2020

4 – 15 April 2020  |  £2,390*  
Dr Michael Brooke (Magdalene 1968)  
University of Cambridge

**HISTORY AND CULTURE/Activity Rating: Low**  
Rijeka is Croatia’s third largest city and enjoys a spectacularly beautiful location on the Bay of Kvarner, framed by the magnificent Dinaric Alps. It is a working port and a beacon of multiculturalism, a true melting pot where Balkan and central-European cultures peacefully collide.

As European Capital of Culture 2020, under the title ‘Port of Diversity’, over 1000 cultural events are planned for Rijeka’s ‘cultural reign’. There is a buzz of activity as former industrial complexes are being transformed into art spaces and new restaurants spring up alongside the city’s Austro-Hungarian seafront, baroque cathedral, Roman fortress and Tito’s concrete curios. On Korzo, the city’s vibrant promenade discover the subtle charms of one of Europe’s most fascinating and ‘original’ cities.

**HIGHLIGHTS**
- Opatija site of Habsburg winter court
- Rijeka’s cuisine, bursting with flavours
- Historic district and fortress of Trsat
- Price per person, not including flights. Single supplement £90.

**Distant Horizons**  
distanthorizons.co.uk
EUROPE

Wellington in Portugal
The Peninsular War

15 – 22 June 2020  £2,895/$3,706*

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

HISTORY/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
Following on from the Wellington Invades France tour, Colonel Nick Lipscombe and Professor Jeremy Black will provide insight into the Peninsular War. You will visit the formidable ridge on which the Battle of Bussaco was fought, as well as enter the national park and see the magnificent Bussaco Palace and Carmelite monastery where Wellington stayed. The tour will study the actions of Arthur Wellesley, the future Duke of Wellington. The French invaded Portugal three times between 1807 and 1811, and each time he was the nation’s saviour.

You’ll spend a full day in Lisbon and its environs, visiting the atmospheric tower at Belem and the impressive military museum with its large model of the Lines and astonishing collection of artillery.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Visit the dominating Castello de Sao Jorge
- Explore the battlefield of Roliça, including both the French positions
- Enjoy a visit to one of Porto’s fine port lodges

* Price per person, flights included. Double room for single use supplement £325.

ACE CULTURAL TOURS
aceculturaltours.co.uk

The English Civil War
Exploration in Context

22 – 28 Sept 2020  £2,095/$2,682*

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

HISTORY/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
This captivating tour aims to provide an understanding of the national civil struggle of the mid-seventeenth century. Beginning in Oxford, where Charles I established his capital, an introductory presentation will set the scene for the following day’s visits.

We start our investigations at Edgehill, the first major encounter of the war. This will be followed by a visit to Broughton Castle, a fortified manor house besieged and occupied by Royalists following the Battle of Edgehill. Here we will reflect on sieges, which were an integral part of the struggle. There will also be a visit to Chipping Campden, to consider the struggle from the point of view of a small Cotswold village.

The tour will finish with an examination of the decisive clash of arms at Naseby, where Parliament’s New Model Army changed the face of the conflict.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Gain insights into the first English Civil War from Colonel Nick Lipscombe and Professor Jeremy Black
- Visit the sites of great battles including Lansdown and Cheriton
- Basing House bears witness to the struggle of the Civil War

* Price per person. Double room for single use supplement £195.

ACE CULTURAL TOURS
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The Channel Islands
Occupation and Defence

30 May – 5 June 2020 | £2,595/$3,322*
Dr Mark Baldwin (St Catharine’s 1962)
ACE Cultural Tours

HISTORY/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
Contested for centuries, the Channel Islands were the only part of the British Isles to have fallen under Germany occupation in World War Two. Join Dr Mark Baldwin, one of Britain’s most experienced speakers on World War Two intelligence as you explore the reminders of German invasion and study the nature of the occupation, including resistance, collaboration and slavery.

Subject to confirmation, you’ll take a day excursion to Alderney*. This difficult-to-access island today retains the best surviving collection of Atlantic Wall structures in any country.

*Please note that, due to the special nature of this tour, some elements may be subject to confirmation nearer the time.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Visit the Naval Signals Headquarter on Guernsey and the Jersey War Tunnels
• Visit to Elizabeth Castle, begun in the 16th century and modernised during World War Two
• See Fort Hommet’s meticulously restored casemate housing a captured French 105mm gun. Subject to confirmation

* Price per person, flights included. Single room supplement £150, double room for single use supplement £285.

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Armenia and Georgia
Churches and Monasteries

5 – 18 Sept 2020 | £3,995/$5,114*
Dr Alex Koller (Magdalene 1993)
ACE Cultural Tours

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
Travel with art historian Dr Alex Koller, an experienced tour leader and linguist and discover the fascinating architectural history of Armenia and Georgia. On this tour you will explore the medieval churches of Mtskheta, including the 11th century cathedral once besieged by Tamburlaine. The 11th century cathedral at Svetitskhoveli is reputed to be the burial site of Christ’s mantle.

Discover the Byzantine monasteries of Haghpat and Sanahin, renowned for their school of illuminators and calligraphers and experience the rock-hewn monastery of Geghard, encircled by towering cliffs at the entrance to the Azat Valley.

You’ll also visit Yerevan’s Matenadaran Institute, one of the world’s finest museums of ancient manuscripts and see the cathedral of Etchmiadzin, the cradle of Armenian Christianity.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Experience the Jvari Church, a masterpiece of the early medieval period
• Discover the splendid icons in the treasury of Tbilisi
• Journey to Lake Sevan, amongst the continent’s largest – and most impressive – mountain lakes

* Price per person, flights included. Single supplement £740.

ACE CULTURAL TOURS
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EUROPE

The Art Treasures of St Petersburg
Legacy of the Tsars

23 – 28 Feb 2020  £2,060/$2,760*

Professor Alexei Leporc
Hermitage Museum

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: 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 February 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 treasures without the crowds.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Attend Ballet or opera performance in some of Europe’s grandest theatres
• The newly opened and stunning Fabergé museum
• Optional extension to visit Russia’s ‘Holy Mother’ Moscow

* Price per person, excluding international flights. Single supplement £360.

Distant Horizons
distanthorizons.co.uk

Alsace Lorraine Barge Cruise
Along the Historic Rhine Canal

3 – 9 April 2020  £2,695/$3,773*

Dr Rowena Archer
University of Oxford

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/Cruise/ACTIVITY RATING: LOW
Join medieval historian, Dr Rowena Archer on this exclusive barge cruise through the heart of Alsace Lorraine, where French and German cultures entwine. Journey on the privately chartered 11-cabin barge MS Madeleine through the dramatic scenery of the Zorne Valley and Vosges Mountains from Strasbourg to Lagarre, whilst enjoying local wines and French cuisine on board. Enjoy escorted visits with your trip scholar to some of France’s most prominent medieval sites, with expert lectures in the evenings for a deeper understanding of the history of this prized region, which changed hands four times in 75 years.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Discover Strasbourg’s medieval riverside district and visit Notre Dame Cathedral
• Explore medieval Colmar and the 15th century Hansel and Gretel-style town of Riquewihr
• Visit the chapel of the Cordeliers in Sarrebourg and see the stained glass window created by Marc Chagall

* Price per person, not including flights or Eurostar. Single supplement £1,850.

Temple World
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Cruise along Croatia’s Dalmatian Coast
Exclusive cruise from Dubrovnik to Split

13 – 20 Sept 2020  £2,895/$4,053*

Dr Peter Sarris
University of Cambridge

ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY/Cruise/ACTIVITY RATING: LOW
Explore the beautiful Dalmatian coast on board an elegant motor sailer exclusively chartered for alumni use. Start at Dubrovnik’s Venetian old town with its limestone pavements and evocative city walls before cruising from island to island amid beautiful turquoise seas. Explore the stunning national park of the island of Mljet before cruising to Korčula where Marco Polo is said to have been born. Fields of lavender will be seen on the island of Hvar where the churches house paintings by Tintoretto and Bellini. Finish at the ancient city of Split, contained within the walls of a massive palace built for the Roman Emperor, Diocletian.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Benefit from illuminating lectures from trip scholar Dr Peter Sarris, a Roman, Medieval and Byzantine Historian
• As well as the islands of Mljet, Korčula and Hvar, discover UNESCO listed Trogir, with Hellenistic and Venetian heritage
• Enjoy delicious local cuisine and a relaxed cruising life on board MS Barbara

* Price per person, not including flights. Single supplement £1,450.

Temple World
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**EUROPE**

**Oberammergau Passion Play 2020**  
A moving tradition only performed every ten years  

19 – 26 Aug 2020  |  £2,295/$3,213*  
Professor Bridget Heal (Newnham 1992)  
University of St Andrews

**HISTORY AND THEATRE/ACTIVITY RATING: LOW**  
Performed once per decade as a thank offering for being spared the plague, in 2020 the villagers of Oberammergau are once again offering their moving Passion Play, now world-renowned. Combining this moving performance with five nights exploring the very scenic adjacent Austrian Alps, stay in St Gilgen by the Wolfgangsee, enjoying guided visits to the surrounding historic towns and scenic lakes. Accompanying lecturer Professor Bridget Heal will give a series of enlightening lectures on German society as impacted by the Protestant and Catholic Reformations. A day will also be spent in the historic musical town of Salzburg, culminating in a Mozart dinner concert.

**HIGHLIGHTS**  
- Gain extra insight into the origins of the play with accompanying lecturer Professor Bridget Heal, an expert in European religious culture and history  
- Enjoy Oberammergau for two days spending a full afternoon and evening at the play with 1st class tickets and uninterrupted views  
- Spend five nights in the beautiful adjacent Austrian Alps visiting the Salzkammergut Lake district, St Wolfgang and Salzburg

* Price per person, including flights and tips. Without flights £2,095. Single supplement £380.

**Exploring Romania on Foot**  
Walks in the Enchanted Land  

15 – 26 Sept 2020  |  £2,040/$2,740*  
Dr William O’Reilly  
University of Cambridge

**WALKING AND HISTORY/ACTIVITY RATING: HIGH**  
Enjoy a series of walks through one of Europe’s most beautiful countries with its dazzling collections of cultural and artistic treasures; signs of a medieval past long since lost elsewhere. This is a country whose ethnic and political history is rich and complex, its ancient towns lively and well-preserved and the intense spirituality of its people wonderfully expressed through their music, arts, food and traditions. Dr O’Reilly will show that the cultural heritage of the three northern principalities of Transylvania, Moldavia and Wallachia is composed of elements derived from numerous outside influences. These outside influences have blended with one another and with the ancient indigenous civilization of the Geto-Dacians to give Romania one of the richest and most varied cultures in Europe. But above all, this journey is about exploring on foot this enchanted land of spectacular landscapes and dense mountainous forests with rustic farms and traditional villages.

**HIGHLIGHTS**  
- Visit Sighișoara the only inhabited fortified citadel remaining in Romania and a UNESCO World Heritage site  
- Stay in hotels delightfully converted from medieval houses  
- Meet experts with a broad view of history and culture

* Price per person, not including flights. Single supplement £140.

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**DISTANT HORIZONS**  
distanthorizons.co.uk
Malta
Neolithic Grandeur and Heroic Sieges

20 – 27 April 2020 | £2,495/$3,260*

Dr Caroline Malone (Murray Edwards 1977)
Queen’s University, Belfast

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
A thousand years before the Great Pyramid at Giza was constructed, stones weighing up to 50 tonnes were being moved to create a series of great temples. At 5500 years old, the megalithic temples of Malta and Gozo are among the oldest ritual structures in the world – decorated with some of the most peculiar and suggestive art to be found anywhere in the Mediterranean.

Led by an archaeologist specialising in Maltese history and archaeology, explore the many ages of Malta: from those ancient temples and into the Mediaeval period. Also spend a day in Valletta, built by the crusading Knights Hospitaller, who defended the island against the all-conquering Ottoman Turks in the great siege of 1565.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Explore the Grand Harbour aboard a privately chartered Maltese fishing boat called ‘luzzu’
• Visit a series of unique Neolithic temples, including private access
• Discover the secrets of the Knights at the Grand Master’s Palace and gaze in awe at the Grand Master’s Palace

* Price per person. Single supplement £550.

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Greece’s Northern Kingdoms

21 – 30 Sept 2020 | £2,895/$4,053*

Dr Milena Melfi
University of Oxford

HISTORY AND CULTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
We follow in the footsteps of conquerors and cross mountainous landscapes while exploring the Northern Greece’s Kingdoms and their successors. Three conquering kings arose from northern Greece, Pyrrhus of Epirus and Philip II and his son Alexander the Great in Macedonia. Epirus boasts famous sanctuaries and monuments to victory, while palaces, houses, painted tombs and exquisite pebble mosaics survive at the Macedonian cities of Verghina and Pella. Travel to towering Meteora, deep in the Pindus Mountains, where sky-scrapping Byzantine monasteries perch on pinnacles of rock – built as a means to withdraw from the world, and see the Roman imperial grandeur of Thessaloniki.

This tour of Northern Greece is full of fantastic archaeological sites, marked over the centuries by a cornucopia of peoples and cultures.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Visit the richest ancient burial ever found in Europe, the tomb of Philip II and its extraordinary museum below the great tumulus of Verghina
• See the vertiginous, 14th century Meteora monasteries, each on a separate crag
• Spend a day exploring wonderful ancient sites of Thessaloniki

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Astronomy Sailing in Norway with Snow Hotel stay

SCIENTIFIC/SAILING/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
This is the ultimate voyage with Hurtigruten, taking you from Bergen to Kirkenes. Visit 34 ports, allowing you to explore every inch of the coastal magic Norway has to offer. The drama of the scenery and the wildlife will stir the explorer in you. En route will be a series of astronomy-based lectures with Professor Martin Bureau. When your voyage ends in Kirkenes, you will then be taken for an overnight stay in the Kirkenes Snow Hotel with an included dog sledding excursion.

HIGHLIGHTS
* Cross the Arctic Circle via Ørnes, and witness Svartisen, Norway’s second largest glacier
* The Northern lights often appear directly above the ship. Get unobstructed views on the outdoor observations decks or from the indoor panorama lounges
* Experience the magical Polar nights

**Price per person, seven day sailing with meals included. Return flights from London.**

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Cruising the Turquoise Coast of Caria

ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY/CRUISE/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
Join Richard Hunter, Professor of Classical Greek Studies, cruising the lovely waters of ancient Caria aboard an exclusively chartered Turkish gulet. The Turquoise Coast is littered with the romantic ruins of once-great cities, including ancient Halicarnassus, where we see the remains of the Mausoleum, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Discover the evocative Hellenistic site of Knidos, the Rhodian fortress at Loryma and the Roman city of Caunos. There will also be a special visit to Aphrodisias, an outstanding Hellenistic, Roman and Byzantine site, listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Enjoy healthy Mediterranean cuisine on board, congenial company of fellow alumni and plenty of time to swim in the clear, warm waters of unspoiled bays.

HIGHLIGHTS
* See the excavations at Aphrodisias with a member of the Oxford University dig team
* Enjoy having the ancient site of Knidos almost to yourself, with its twin harbours, scenic theatre and Hippodamian streets

**Price per person, not including flights. Single supplement £1,350.**

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A Short Break in Lake Ohrid The Jewel of Macedonia

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY RATING: LOW
The ancient town of Ohrid in Northern Macedonia is one of the oldest in Europe, while the eponymous lake is one of the oldest lakes in the world. Together, they are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, renowned for their exquisite beauty and historical treasures.

Before the Ottoman occupation, there were 365 churches in Ohrid – one for each day of the year! The oldest monuments include a Hellenistic theatre and early Christian archaeology. The first Slavic university was established here in the 9th century and Emperor’s Samuil built his fortress in Ohrid. Exquisite architectural remnants speak of the centuries of Ottoman occupation. Ohrid is a veritable visual and cultural feast and probably one of the few ‘undiscovered’ gems remaining in Europe today.

HIGHLIGHTS
* One of the world’s finest icon collections
* The unique Museum on Water
* North Macedonia’s superb cuisine

**Price per person, not including flights. Single supplement £90.**

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In the Footsteps of David Livingstone
Victoria Falls and safari in Botswana

WILDLIFE/ACTIVITY RATING: LOW
This expert-led tour combines the unparalleled wildlife of Chobe and the Okavango Delta in Botswana with Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world. Starting at the Falls, feel the spray and see the cataracts tumbling down into the gorge and enjoy a cruise on the upper Zambezi. Cross into Botswana, one of the earth’s most pristine wildernesses. Huge herds of elephant and buffalo as well as hippo, crocodile and superb birdlife will be seen in Chobe N.P., before taking a scenic flight to the heart of the Okavango Delta. Enjoy game drives in 4x4s to track big game and experience a dug-out canoe cruise to see wonderful birds such as the red-billed hornbill, African jacana and fish eagle.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Wonder at the majesty of Victoria Falls staying within walking distance of the Falls
- Take an exciting safari in Botswana to Chobe, Moremi and the Okavango Delta
- Track some of Africa’s most exciting wildlife – lion, wild dog, elephant and buffalo
- Price per person, flights not included. Single supplement £790.

Magical Madagascar
Evolution of a Gondwana island

WILDLIFE/ACTIVITY RATING: HIGH
Accompanied by ecologist and University of Oxford lemur expert Dr Andrianandrasana witness what happens when an isolated island is left to evolve without large predators for 165 million years. The protected reserves and rain forests contain amazingly diverse wildlife, from impish ring-tailed lemurs and dancing sifakas to brightly coloured chameleons, frogs and butterflies. Also found are more than seventy singing birds and parrots. In the spiny forest area see impressive baobabs as well as drought resistant plants. There will be time to enjoy the white sand beach in Ifaty facing the Mozambique channel.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Join Dr Andriandrasana an expert on biodiversity and conservation in Madagascar
- Delight in finding some of the 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
- Price per person, flights not included. Single supplement £630.

Eternal Egypt
Pyramids, temples, palaces and tombs

ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANCIENT HISTORY/ACTIVITY RATING: MEDIUM
This extensive exploration of ancient Egypt begins with the pyramids at Giza, the step pyramid at Sakkara and the new Grand Egyptian Museum. Then, deviating from the tourist trail, take a 4x4 safari to Wadi al Hitan, a UNESCO World Heritage site where fossil whale remains have been found in the desert. Continue to the little-visited Middle Kingdom tombs at Beni Hasan, and a specially arranged visit to Tel el Amarna, where Professor Kemp of the Cambridge Amarna excavation has invited us. Later explore Abydos and Dendara before ending with the temples in Luxor and the spectacular tombs of the Valley of the Kings. An optional Nile cruise extension to Aswan is available.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Discover a mix of well and lesser known sites with Oxford Egyptologist Mark Smith
- Special access to the excavations at Amarna with the Cambridge dig team
- Be among the first to visit the new Grand Egyptian Museum at Giza (Opening 2020)
- Price per person, flights not included. Single supplement £430.
Textiles, Arts and Crafts of Bhutan
*Appreciate the intangible cultural heritage of Bhutan*

30 October – 14 November 2019  |  £4,998/$6,745

ZARA FLEMING

The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan has preserved its unique traditions in a way unheard of in the modern world. Since the 1970s, the country has pursued a policy of Gross National Happiness, which requires the protection and promotion of cultural values.

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A Geology Field Trip to Oman
*The making of Oman*

1 – 11 December 2019  |  £4,995/$6,745

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Take this rare opportunity to explore the landscapes and geology of Oman. It is suited to amateur geologists who want to learn about Oman and to apply their existing knowledge in the field. Oman is a fascinating country on the easternmost part of the Arabian.

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Secrets of the Spice Islands
*A journey through Indonesia*

3 – 20 September 2019  |  £4,260/$5,870

DR PETER SHARROCK (Downing 1963)
SOAS University of London

Indonesia is a land of extraordinary beauty and astounding cultural diversity. It is a land of mind-stupifying extremes from the highest volcanic peaks to vast savannahs and tropical rain forests; inhabited by over 300 ethnic groups. Indonesia is probably the most complex single nation.

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John Muir