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MEET THE SCHOLARS

Dr Sally Gibson
Galapagos Cruise and Colonial Quito

Where did your interest in geology begin?
I’ve been fascinated by landscapes for as long as I can remember. I first became aware of how these relate to geology when I was in the sixth form at school. I then went on to read geology at the University of Sheffield.

What is the current focus of your research?
My research is primarily focused on understanding the links between processes that operate deep within our planet and those that occur at its surface. The Galapagos is a unique natural laboratory in which to study these interactions, especially those involving volcanoes, ocean currents and zoology, and is very much at the heart of my current research.

What do you enjoy about sharing your research?
I’m passionate about geology and committed to sharing my knowledge and experiences with others, this includes people from all different backgrounds and ages as well as fellow academics.

Do you have a favourite specimen from Darwin’s ‘Beagle’ collection at the Sedgwick Museum?
Yes, there is a tiny sample of lava that Darwin collected from Isla Santiago in the Galapagos. Darwin was first and foremost a geologist and especially interested in volcanoes. This particular sample was vital to his understanding of what happens in the magma chambers that underlie volcanoes. Darwin’s ideas on magma chambers still form the basis of our understanding of the physical processes that govern volcanic eruptions. Moreover, Isla Santiago is where Darwin spent most of his time in the Galapagos and where he made key observations on the diversity of species; the tiny sample of lava in the Sedgwick Museum is of a rock type known as trachyte that only occurs at the summit of Isla Santiago. Darwin’s sample of trachyte and field notebooks were critical to us pinpointing his route on the island during an expedition that I led in 2007.

Do you have a dream trip scholar destination, other than the Galapagos?
I’ve been incredibly lucky and have travelled to many different parts of the world. Somewhere that I would very much like to visit is Easter Island.

Which trip would you like to take from Unbound?
It’s a really hard decision to make as there are so many fabulous trips. I have, however, always wanted to visit Madagascar, so if I really have to choose a trip, it would be that one.

Dr Sally Gibson is a Reader in Petrology and Geochemistry in the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Cambridge.
Dr Rowena Archer  
Lecturer in Medieval History, University of Oxford

Dr Tom Argles  
Senior Lecturer, Open University

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

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

Professor Jeremy Black (Queens’ 1975)  
Professor of History, University of Exeter

Professor Martin Bureau  
Lindemann Fellow and Tutor in Physics, Wadham College, University of Oxford

Mr Ryan Burke  
MPhil Researcher, Biodiversity Institute, University of Oxford

Rosemary Crill  
Former Senior Curator for South Asia, Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Professor Nick Davies  
Professor of Behavioural Ecology, Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge

Zara Fleming  
Specialist in the art and culture of the Buddhist Himalayas

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Professor of Tectonics, Open University

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Associate Professor, Department of Art History, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia

Professor Philip Hirsch  
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Director of Studies in Social Anthropology, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge

Dr Andrew Kittle  
Co-founder of the Wilderness & Wildlife Conservation Trust

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Professor of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Faculty of Divinity and Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge

Professor Alexei Leporc  
Curator of Western European Art, Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg

Jen Lin-Liu  
Chinese chef and food writer

Colonel Nick Lipscombe  
Historian specialising in the Napoleonic Wars and Tutor at the Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford

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Tutorial Fellow in Ancient History, Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford

Mr Peter Mawby (Queens’ 1960)  
Ornithologist, wildlife expert and research ecologist

Professor Charles Melville (Pembroke 1969)  
Professor of Persian History and Fellow of Pembroke College, University of Cambridge

Professor Jürgen Neuberg  
Professor of Physical Volcanology, University of Leeds

Dr Nicholas Newton-Fischer (Churchill 1993)  
Senior Lecturer in Primate Behavioural Ecology, University of Kent

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Former lecturer in Tibetan and Himalayan Studies and Emeritus Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Oxford

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

Dr Damian Robinson  
Director, Oxford Centre for Maritime Archaeology, Institute of Archaeology, University of Oxford

Nirvana Romell  
International lecturer in West European Art and Culture

Professor Ian Shipsey  
Professor of Experimental Physics, University of Oxford

Professor Claudio Sillero  
Associate Professor of Conservation Biology, Department of Zoology, University of Oxford

Professor Martin Speight  
Emeritus Professor in Zoology and Tropical Ecology, St Anne’s College, University of Oxford

Anjali Watson  
Co-founder of the Wilderness & Wildlife Conservation Trust

This is primarily focused on understanding the links between processes that operate deep within our planet and those that occur at its surface. The Galapagos is a unique natural laboratory in which to study these interactions.
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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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.

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.

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, explore 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 £695/$975.

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AMERICAS

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.

Nelson’s West Indies
Antigua, St Kitts & Nevis

5 May – 12 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 Leeward Islands and delve into their colonial history. With sugar, slavery and sea power throwing Britain, Spain and France into 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, discover their 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
✦ Learn about Nelson’s life amidst the broader subject of the Naval History of the Caribbean
✦ Explore English Harbour in Antigua, the finest example of a Georgian naval dockyard in the world
✦ Visit the UNESCO World Heritage listed Brimstone Hill Fortress in St Kitts

* 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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AFRICA // EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

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. Accompanied by primatologist and expert in wild chimpanzee behaviour Dr Nicholas Newton-Fisher, visit one 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 University of Oxford lemur expert Ryan Burke, 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. 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 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
- Enjoy some of Madagascar’s glorious white sand beaches and unspoiled Indian Ocean coastline

* Per person sharing, not including international flights. Optional flights from London from £850 including taxes. Single supplement £560/$785.

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.
EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

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.

Distant Horizons
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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 a global empire extending as far as modern Pakistan. Learn about Philip II and his son, the self-proclaimed demi-god Alexander the Great, whose actions changed the face of Europe and Asia forever. Visit the ancient city of Pella and Philip’s eponymous city of Philippoi, and explore vibrant Thessaloniki, Greece’s second city, 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
• Per person sharing, not including international flights. Flights from London from £150 including taxes. Single supplement £230/$325.

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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.

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EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

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

5 Aug – 20 Aug 2018  £2,995/$5,995*
11 Sep – 25 Sep 2018  £2,795/$4,695*

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 breath-taking, 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
- Enjoy Akureyri, with its magnificent green pastures, waterfalls and whale-filled bays
- Enjoy an exclusive group excursion and special event
- Free one category upgrade on selected grades

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

VOYAGES TO ANTIQUITY
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Small-ship Cruise from Rome to Venice
Italian & Adriatic Highlights

11 Sep – 25 Sep 2018  £2,795/$4,695*

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
- Free one category upgrade on selected grades

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

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EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

A Journey through Israel and Jordan
Past, Present and Future

8 Apr – 22 Apr 2018  £3,580/$4,290*

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

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ANCIENT HISTORY
AND ARCHAEOLOGY/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
On this unique itinerary, travel through Israel 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 £928.

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Exploring the Balkans
A Cultural Crossroads

7 Jun – 19 Jun 2018  £2,760/$3,540*

Nirvana Romell
Lecturer in West European Art and Culture

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM
The western Balkans showcases one of the most diverse
cultural and historical mixes in Europe. For millennia, the
peoples of Europe and western Asia have lived, traded and
fought in this area which also served as a border in almost
every major European historical division. Scholar Nirvana
Romell, a native of the Balkans, will uncover the layers of
cultural and natural history that explain the region’s identity as
a fascinating crossroads of northern and southern as well as
western and eastern cultures – from early medieval kingdoms
and Venetian, Ottoman and Habsburg conquests to the
brief, ill-fated Yugoslavia and the present day. The Balkans
inevitably charms with small, off-the-beaten-track natural and
cultural wonders.

HIGHLIGHTS
✦ Experience Sarajevo’s juxtaposition of Ottoman legacy and
spirit of Habsburg “Mitteleuropa”
✦ Discover cultural diversity through song, food and wine!
✦ Admire the mesmerising beauty of changing landscapes from
Montenegro’s Adriatic coast, to soaring mountains, life-giving
rivers and rolling vineyards

* Per person sharing, including international flights from London.
Single room supplement £240.

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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

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.

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.

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University of Oxford

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An exclusive voyage in search of the Northern Lights

17 Mar – 28 Mar 2018 | £1,749*

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.

HURTIGRUTEN
hurtigruten.co.uk
HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/ACTIVITY LEVEL: LOW

The Art Treasures of St Petersburg
Legacy of the Tsars
4 Mar – 9 Mar 2018 | £2,180/$2,790*

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 £280.

Professor Alexei Leporc
Hermitage Museum

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

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.

Professor Jürgen Neuberg
University of Leeds

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

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.

Dr Andrew Kittle & Anjali Watson
Wilderness & Wildlife Conservation Trust

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**Temple Architecture of Cambodia**  
**Angkor Wat and beyond**

- **15 Sep – 26 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. Built at the command of indigenous Khmer rulers, but in an Indic style, they 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 Svay, Banteay Chhmar, and the spectacular cliff-top temple of Preah Vihear in northern Cambodia.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit the majestic Hindu and Buddhist 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.

**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 remote kingdom of Bhutan has become the key location for geoscientists 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 thick sediments of the Tethyan Ocean, formed over 50 million years ago, used today as building stones in Bhutanese construction
- Visit the vertiginous cliffs of Taktshang Gompa, and see a spectacular example of the core gneisses
- 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.

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ASIA

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 Mediterranean, Iran is a stepping-stone between East and West. Persia’s vast empire was at the crossroads of some of the largest trade routes and most enthralling cultures. It is still a land dotted with the carved reminders of these great empires – their monuments serving 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.

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.

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A Journey through Central Asia
The Golden Road from Samarkand

10 Apr – 24 Apr 2018  £3,230/$4,120*

Professor Charles Melville (Pembroke 1969), University of Cambridge

HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURE/
ACTIVITY LEVEL: MEDIUM

Few landmarks have tantalised the minds of travellers more than the legendary caravan cities of Central Asia with their monumental buildings, majestic façades and soaring domes of intricate tilework. Originally caravanserais on the Golden Trade route across Central Asia, they developed into thriving centres of commerce and culture. Under the ferocious medieval warrior-kings Genghis Khan and then Tamerlane, and their descendants, they assumed inimitable power and splendour becoming cosmopolitan centres of science and art.

HIGHLIGHTS
• Visit the Registan in Samarkand – ‘the noblest square in the world’
• Explore beautifully preserved Bukhara, home of some of the most important monuments in the Islamic world
• Cross the mighty Oxus River and Karakum Desert dotted with spring flowers

* Per person including international flights from London. Single room supplement £290.

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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
• Visit the Dunhuang and Longmen Caves; two of the world’s richest treasure troves of Buddhist art

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

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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, bordering the Thar Desert, 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 world-famous buzzing 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 by the lake at Gajner
✦ Explore the deserted towns of Shekhawati, famed for its painted houses

* Per person sharing including international flights from London. Single supplement £1,345/$1,600.

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Wild Side India and 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. During your adventure, you will 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. You will journey to splendid Lucknow, known as the Golden City of India, which boasts historical architecture and a rich tradition of music and dance, and from there to the Dudwa National Park. In this pristine environment you’ll 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 trip scholar Professor Claudio Sillero

* Per person sharing including international flights from London. Single supplement £1,460/$1,737.

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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.

Gardens and Landscapes of China
Infinite Worlds

10 Apr – 25 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 Guangdong Province – symbolic of pavilions, terraces, halls, bridges and lakes

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

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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, lush jungles and an astonishing diversity of culture, flora and fauna. Visit Ahom temples and tea gardens, and experience the way of life of the indigenous Naga communities. Your second destination is 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 lie is permeated by their Buddhist faith.

HIGHLIGHTS

• Delight in the traditional textiles, wood carving and body ornaments of the Naga
• Celebrate Tokho Emong festival in Wokha and see the migration of Amur Falcons (weather permitting)
• See the arts and crafts of Myanmar, including 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
An aesthetic and 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, former Senior Curator at London’s Victoria and Albert Museum and 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
• Visit craft villages specialising in pottery, applique work and painting

* Per person sharing including international flights from London. Single supplement £1,345/$1,600.

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Walks in the Borderlands: Burma, China, Vietnam
Along the Burma Road

10 Oct – 29 Oct 2018
£3,480/$4,460*

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 lander. 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. 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.

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

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

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

7 Oct – 17 Oct 2018
£3,395/$4,395*

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.
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**ART TREASURES OF ST PETERSBURG, 2017, DISTANT HORIZONS**

“We immensely enjoyed the trip; both the trip scholar and local guide team were outstanding. Our whole experience was enhanced not only by the knowledge of the trip scholar and local guide team but the way in which they complemented each other as well.”

Robin Russell (Clare 1972)

“We found our trip wonderful in every way, the hotel was terrific and our travel companions were friendly and interesting in their own rights. The trip scholar and the local guide were outstanding, well informed and very concerned for our comfort and enjoyment at all times. This was our first trip with a tour group of any kind, yet we had hardly gotten off the return flight when we began thinking about our next trip. We hope it won’t be too long.”

Jonathan Kotch (King's 1972)

**WALKS IN BHUTAN, 2016, DISTANT HORIZONS**

“It was an absolutely wonderful experience. Zara Fleming is truly outstanding in her depth of knowledge and expertise, not to mention being able to converse with monks and locals. I had not met any of our fifteen-member group before, but the social mix gelled remarkably quickly and we all had an excellent time. At 72, I found the walking to be pleasant exercise rather than over-demanding. The booking process and tour management by Distant Horizons was seamlessly efficient. So all round, full marks!”

Martin Sinker (Trinity 1962)

**SEYCHELLES UNDER SAIL, 2017, TEMPLE WORLD**

“It was a super holiday. Stimulating company, good scholar, good weather (always around 30 degrees centigrade!). No complaints!”

Graham McIntosh (St John's 1966)
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The belief that everything worth knowing was known at Cambridge gradually wore off. In this respect my travels were very useful to me.  

Bertrand Russell