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From Charles Darwin to David Attenborough, our alumni have recognised that exploring the world brings understanding and enrichment to their lives. The Alumni Travel Programme offers opportunities to voyage to an extraordinary array of the world’s most amazing locations, always travelling with like-minded companions and an expert guide who will provide you with unique perspectives and unrivalled insights into your destinations.

Whether you want to stargaze in Norway, explore the turquoise coast of Caria, absorb the history and culture of Albania or discover totally unique flora and fauna in Peru, you will find an adventure to spark your imagination.

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Wildlife of Costa Rica

22 MARCH – 2 APRIL 2022

Professor Nick Davies (Pembroke 1970)

Go in search of some of the world’s most unusual mammals in this biodiversity hotspot, such as sloths and tapirs, as well as incredible birdlife, from bright toucans to the prized resplendent quetzal.

- Explore a variety of habitats, from lush rainforests, volcanoes and lakes to misty cloud-forests and jungle beaches
- Encounter squirrel monkeys, white-faced capuchins, birds such as roseates and northern jacanas, tiny frogs, and stunning butterflies such as the vivid blue morpho

Along the Golden Road from Samarkand

19 APRIL – 3 MAY 2022
27 September – 11 October 2022

Professor Charles Melville (Pembroke 1969)

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 beautiful and thriving centres of commerce and culture.

- Samarkand and Bukhara are home to some of the most spectacular art and architecture in the Islamic world
- In Khiva, experience the timelessness of a Central Asia town

Temple World

£3,595 not including flights

Distant Horizons

£3,280 including flights
Archaeological Jewels of Jordan

22 APRIL – 1 MAY 2022

Dr Neil Faulkner (King’s 1977)

Experience Jordan’s incredible UNESCO sites with archaeologist Dr Neil Faulkner. Trace Jordan’s history from the Umayyads and Romans to Crusaders, Ottomans and T E Lawrence including Amman and Jerash, Petra and Wadi Rum.

- Uncover the history of Lawrence of Arabia with a 4x4 trip to key campaign sites only known to Dr Faulkner
- Full day at Petra, plus visits to Shobak crusader castle, the Madaba Map and the evocative ruins of the Umayyad castles in the eastern desert

Wildlife of Peru

1 – 13 MAY 2022

Professor Nick Davies (Pembroke 1970)

Explore varied habitats, from arid Pacific coast to cloud forest, Inca architecture in the Andes, and pristine Amazon rainforest. Nick Davies, highly respected naturalist and engaging trip scholar, will wonder at diverse aspects of animal behaviour, from leaf-cutter ants to sloths, butterflies and monkeys.

- Search for the elusive Andean cock-of-the-rock, Peru’s national bird, at Machu Picchu
- Spend 5 days deep in the Amazon rainforest, and visit parrot and macaw clay licks

Temple World

£ £2,995 not including flights

Last Frontiers

£ £5,840 not including international flights
Enigmatic Albania
1 – 10 JUNE 2022
Professor Peter Sarris

Discover Albania’s glorious scenery, fascinating culture and world-class archaeology now that it has emerged from decades of Communist isolation.

❖ Discover a host of classical sites including Antigonea, Byllis, and Oricum
❖ Visit the UNESCO-listed ruins of Butrint, with Greek, Roman, Byzantine and Venetian remains
❖ Stroll around Gjirokastra’s cobbled streets and 600 quaint Otto Unbound 19 V4 - amends man houses

Exploring Romania:
Walks in the Enchanted Land
1 – 12 JUNE 2022
Dr Alex Koller (Magdalene 1993)

The great sweep of the Carpathian Mountains in Transylvania is one of the last expanses of wilderness landscapes in Europe. With its wealth of great medieval cities, local traditions, music, costume and food, it is a cultural treasure trove.

❖ Enjoy six days of walking in a land of great scenic and cultural diversity
❖ Visit some of the most beautifully painted churches in Europe – masterpieces of Byzantine art

Temple World
£2,495 not including flights

Distant Horizons
£1,980 not including flights
**Norfolk Explorer**

12 – 15 JUNE 2022

Dr Andrew Bladon  
(Magdalene 2008)  
Dr Ed Turner (Girton 1998)

The wide open spaces of present day East Anglia give little indication of the region’s rich past, when Norfolk was one of England’s wealthiest and most densely populated areas. On this whistle-stop tour of Norfolk, enjoy visits to some of the region’s most splendid country houses, as well as the county’s beautiful coastline.

- Private guided tour of Holkham Hall, one of England’s finest Palladian houses and seat of the Earl of Leicester
- A visit to East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens with a guided tour to be led by one of the owners, Alan Gray
- Visit to Walsingham Abbey Grounds and a boat ride from Blakeney with trip scholars Dr Ed Turner and Dr Andrew Bladon
- Lecture by Dr Hugh Doherty on the medieval history of Norfolk

**Heritage Group Travel**

£1,100
Ancient Routes of the Caucasus: Georgia and Armenia

1 – 16 SEPTEMBER 2022

Dr Alex Koller (Magdalene 1993)

From the legend of the Golden Fleece to the stories of ancient Ararat, Georgia and Armenia share turbulent histories, extraordinary cultural traditions and spectacular landscapes. Situated at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and following the early adoption of Christianity, the region’s exquisite art and architecture constitute a magnificent cultural heritage. Highlights include:

- Kakheti with its wonderful vineyards and soaring Alaverdi Cathedral
- Tbilisi which in the 12th century was one of Asia’s most important cities
- Inspirational and ancient Christian polyphonic singing
- Delicious, wide-ranging cuisines and wonderful wines (tastings organised)

Distant Horizons

£ 3,240 not including flights
Minoan Crete and Santorini

9 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2022

Professor John Bennet (Sidney Sussex 1976)

Island of myth and legend, Crete can claim to be home to the oldest civilization in Europe, the Minoans. Discover the superb Minoan, Mycenean, Doric and Roman remains of Crete and nearby Santorini in the company of Professor John Bennet, Director of the British School at Athens, and unravel the clues left behind to learn how this ingenious Bronze Age civilization was so ahead of its time.

- Discover the Minoan palace cities of Phaestos, Malia and Knossos, adorned with staggering frescoes and home to the ancient scripts Linear A and Linear B
- Visit the evocative remains of Ancient Aptera, once a powerful city-state, reduced to ruins by an earthquake
- Enjoy charming Chania, with its beautiful Venetian mansions and lighthouse, and Heraklion, with its medieval city centre
- Take a catamaran to Santorini to see the recently excavated site of Akrotiri, buried by volcanic ash with remarkably well-preserved remains

Temple World

£ £2,795 guide price, not including flights
Moorish Architecture

9 – 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

Mr Ian Cockburn
Dr Jacqueline Cockburn

Take a journey with trip scholars Ian and Jacqueline Cockburn through Cordoba, Seville, Granada and Malaga and experience some of the most spectacularly beautiful architecture ever seen in Western Europe.

• Visit three of the most iconic examples of Moorish architecture – the Great Mosque of Cordoba, the Alcazar of Seville and the Alhambra of Granada

• Enjoy tapas and sherry tasting at Bodega Tradicion and a guided visit to their private art gallery

• Experience an authentic flamenco show full of passion and colour at Flamenco tablao El Cardenal

Indus Experiences

£ £3,570 including flights
Cruising the Turquoise Coast of Caria

17 – 24 SEPTEMBER 2022

Dr Nigel Spivey (Emmanuel 1977)

Join distinguished Cambridge classicist Dr Nigel Spivey to discover the romantic ruins of Ancient Caria, cruising the lovely waters of the turquoise coast in an exclusively chartered gulet taking just 18.

- Discover the ancient site of Knidos, famous for Praxiteles’ statue of Aphrodite
- See the spectacular rock-cut tombs of Caunos, built for the Carian kings
- Enjoy a special visit to the Oxford excavations at Aphrodisias

Distant Horizons

£1,680 guide price, not including flights

Temple World

£2,595 not including flights
The Borders, the Patriarchate and the Karst: Istria and Friuli

1 – 9 OCTOBER 2022
Professor Peter Sarris

The history of both Istria and Friuli is so rich and intricate, it is no wonder that these two provinces command a special status with their own ‘mother countries’. For millennia, people from all corners of Europe have lived, traded and fought on this narrow, coveted trade route between the Alps and Adriatic.

✦ Explore three seats of power; Aquileia, Cividale and Udine
✦ Enjoy the region’s delicious cuisine with several food and wine tastings

Distant Horizons
£ 2,050 not including flights

Eternal Egypt Explored

21 – 31 OCTOBER 2022
Professor Mark J. Smith

Join Professor Mark J. Smith on this extensive exploration of Egypt which goes beyond the pyramids to include hidden gems and key sites in Caro and Luxor, including the new Egyptian Museum.

✦ Visit Dahshur, Meidum and Hewara, to see the early pyramid prototypes
✦ Take a 4x4 safari to Wadi al Hitan where fossil whale remains lie in the desert
✦ Enjoy a specially arranged visit to Tel al Amarna to see the Cambridge excavation team at work

Temple World
£ 2,935 not including flights
Dinosaurs of Argentina

4 – 14 OCTOBER 2022

Professor Paul Barrett (Trinity 1990)

Join the Natural History Museum’s senior dinosaur specialist in Patagonia and north-west Argentina. Professor Barrett, an enthusiastic science communicator, has visited many of the major dinosaur collections in Argentina and is currently collaborating with local colleagues on aspects of early dinosaur evolution.

- Start the tour in cosmopolitan Buenos Aires, with its elegant avenues and leafy parks, and visit the Museum of Natural Sciences
- Visit first-class museums with unique fossil collections in La Plata, San Juan and Trelew
- Experience the extraordinary landscapes of Ischigualasto Provincial Park, where the oldest and most important dinosaur fossils yet have been found
- Spend a day on the Valdés Peninsula, whose shores are home to seal, sea lion, and penguin colonies, while majestic southern right whales raise their young in the calm waters of its protected bay

Last Frontiers

£ 4,840 not including international flights
Kipling and The Jungle Book
29 OCTOBER – 15 NOVEMBER 2022
Dr Sarah Shaw

- Encounter Kipling’s inspiration for Shere Khan in the Bhandavgarh National Park, renowned for its royal bengal and white tigers
- Ride the toy train of the Kalka-Shimla railway
- Stay at The Bagh, a forest retreat in Kanha National Park, and witness Indian wildlife first-hand

The Art Treasures of St Petersburg
6 – 11 NOVEMBER 2022
Professor Alexei Leporc

Explore this grandest of cities, often known as the ‘Venice of the North’, with its elegant buildings and unsurpassed palaces located both in the city and the surrounding countryside.

- In November, enjoy the city’s superb museums without the crowds
- Optional extension to visit Russia’s traditional ‘Holy Mother’ – Moscow

Indus Experiences
£4,579 including flights

Distant Horizons
£2,080 not including flights
Northern Lights Expedition

3 - 17 NOVEMBER 2022

Dr Carolin Crawford (Newnham 1982)

A Northern Lights and Fjords Expedition is the perfect choice to uncover gems of the stunning Norwegian coast. Learn about the country’s culture, history and nature whilst exploring the beautiful scenic spots of Norway’s wild and dramatic coastline. With a range of excursions and activities also included, this is a tour full of adventure.

- Travel with Dr Carolin Crawford as she provides exclusive talks on astronomy and the wonders of the Northern Lights
- Sail from Dover aboard MS Maud – powered with sustainably sourced Biofuel
- Your expedition ship features, a Science Centre, lecture theatre, Explorer Lounge, sauna, gym and three restaurants

Hurtigruten Expeditions

£ £3,558
NEARLY FULL TOURS

Crossing the ancient Silk Road
17 AUGUST – 4 SEPTEMBER 2022
Dr Iain Shearer
DISTANT HORIZONS

The History and Culture of Japan
4 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2022
Professor Jay Lewis
DISTANT HORIZONS

Walks and Festival in Bhutan
29 SEPTEMBER – 14 OCTOBER 2022
Zara Fleming
DISTANT HORIZONS

Argentina: Wine and Astronomy
15 – 27 NOVEMBER 2022
Professor Roger Davies (Christ’s 1975)
LAST FRONTIERS
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BOOK

To find out more about a trip that interests you or to book, please contact the individual operator, either by email or phone. All the operator contact details are listed opposite, and they are all more than happy to provide further information to help you make your booking decision and to discuss whether a trip is right for you. More information about the Cambridge Alumni Travel Programme can be found at alumni.cam.ac.uk/travel where you can search for a trip by destination, date or favourite trip scholar.

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The most beautiful in the world is, of course, the world itself.

Wallace Stevens