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Zara Fleming
Specialist in the art and culture
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Dr Alex Koller (Magdalene 1993)
Specialist in art and architecture
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Professor Mark J. Smith
Professor of Egyptology, Faculty
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University of Oxford

Judge Arthur Tomkins
(Gonville and Caius 1984)
Writer and lecturer on art crime
Where did your interest in Art History begin?
On a family holiday in Normandy when I was 15 years old. It was the discovery of the systems of medieval architecture. Thankfully, my undergraduate course in Vienna and Salzburg forced me to widen my knowledge and interest to other periods and genres.

You’re leading two tours in 2023, what makes these countries exciting places to visit?
I think Italy needs no introduction. The specific area of this tour, i.e. the Amalfi Coast, Sorrento Peninsula and Bay of Naples, shows a particular concentration of scenic features and architectural, artistic and archaeological sites. The breadth of periods and genres is extraordinary even for Italian standards.

The Caucasus Mountains offer the most dramatic, unspoilt scenery imaginable; in my view they beat both the Alps and the Himalayas in beauty and flair. The way in which architectural monuments like those of Kazbegi and Svaneti fit into the mountain scenery heightens this experience and makes it unforgettable.

What do you enjoy about sharing your knowledge?
It is a journey of discovery for the tour participants and for me a pleasure to aid that sense of discovery.
Along the Golden Road from Samarkand
A journey through Central Asia

18 APRIL - 2 MAY 2023
£3,460*

Professor Charles Melville
(Pembroke 1969)

FEW LANDMARKS HAVE TANTALISED the minds of travellers more than the magnificent cities of Central Asia. Originally caravanserais on the Golden Trade routes across Asia, they developed into thriving centres of commerce. Today these legendary cities are home to some of the most spectacular art and architecture in the Islamic world.

* Price includes international flights

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distanthorizons.co.uk

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East Meets West
A journey through Serbia and Croatia

12-23 JUNE 2023
£2,080*

Nirvana Romell

THESE SPECTACULARLY BEAUTIFUL COUNTRIES, draped in mountainous pine forests and dappled with picturesque villages, have shaped and continue to shape the history of Europe. Their cultures are long-standing, intense and vivid, but have faced many challenges. With reforming economies and the soothing tensions, this is a fantastic time to explore.

* Price does not include international flights

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distanthorizons.co.uk
Pathways of the Gods
Walks on the Amalfi Coast

6–16 SEPTEMBER 2023
£2,660

Dr Alex Koller
(Magdalene 1993)

HIGHLIGHTS

• Enjoy several moderate walks (4 – 6 hours) around Amalfi, Sorrento, Positano and Capri
• Explore the great Greek and Roman sites of Pompei, Herculaneum and Paestum
• Visit Naples, Italy’s high octane masterpiece of art and culture

AS WELL AS BEING ONE OF EUROPE’S MOST BREATHTAKING AND BEAUTIFUL REGIONS, the Amalfi coast is an area of outstanding cultural and historical interest. For many this is a walker’s paradise; an ancient network of routes cross a range of stunning seascapes, linking dramatic, cliff-hugging, medieval-era settlements.

* Price does not include international flights

DISTANT HORIZONS
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Walks in the Mountains of Georgia
Land of Heaven and Earth
16–30 JUNE 2023
£2,960*

Dr Alex Koller
(Magdalene 1993)

From Promethean legends to stories of the Golden Fleece, the mountains of Georgia are famous for their turbulent histories, extraordinary cultural traditions and spectacular landscapes. Enjoy a series of walks along the southern crest of the Caucasus, an area where the population were profoundly affected by the adoption of Christianity in the 4th century.

* Price does not include international flights

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Burgundy
Cradle of the Renaissance
14–22 SEPTEMBER 2023
£2,260*

Nirvana Romell

Crusades, pilgrimages and religious reforms were launched from the medieval abbeys and cathedrals of Cluny and Vezelay, that affected the course of European history. Easily accessible by train from London, discover the cultural legacy of one of the greatest Medieval superpowers whilst enjoying Burgundy’s great wines and cuisine.

* Price does not include international flights

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Walks and Festivals in Bhutan
Land of the Thunder Dragon
18 SEPTEMBER – 3 OCTOBER 2023
£4,860*

Zara Fleming

Isolated by formidable mountain barriers, the tiny but beautiful kingdom of Bhutan in the eastern Himalayas has remained relatively untouched by the outside world for centuries. This itinerary, with several easy walks, offers an unusual but perfect introduction to the country where the role of Buddhism and King is everywhere.

* Price does not include international flights

DISTANT HORIZONS
distanthorizons.co.uk
A Geology Field Trip to Oman
The making of Oman

14–16 JANUARY
£4,995*

Professor Mike Searle
Professor Bruce Levell

HIGHLIGHTS
- Traverse Jebel Akhdar (3000m) the highest peak in Eastern Arabia
- Explore the magnificent coastline around Muscat including the fjords of Bandar Jissah
- Travel through remote parts of Oman mountains, including Wadi Hawasina

OMAN IS A GEOLOGICAL PARADISE, peppered with world-class geological sites. Discover the world’s largest and best exposed ophiolite, fantastic exposures of Mesozoic lime-stones and ancient Tethyan Oceanic seamounts, not to mention the amazing deserts and beautiful coastline. This is a rare opportunity to explore the landscapes and geology of Oman, whilst exploring its history and culture.

* Price includes international flights
Encounters with Buddha

4-20 November 2023
£3,680*

Dr Sarah Shaw
University of Oxford

IT IS SAID BUDDHA invited his followers to make pilgrimages to four sacred places; the locations of his birth at Lumbini, his enlightenment at Bodh Gaya, his first sermon at Sarnath, and his death at Kushinaga. Retrace and explore the heritage of art, sculpture, architecture and storytelling inspired by his teachings, amongst the Indian landscapes in which they emerged.

* Price does not include international flights

INDUS EXPERIENCES
indusexperiences.co.uk

The Panama Railroad
The railway that linked two oceans

28 February – 5 March 2023
£2,600*

Dr Peter Pyne
Ulster University

THIS TOUR HIGHLIGHTS THE INCREDIBLE endeavour that led to the Panama railroad, accompanied by the author of the definitive reference work on the project. Explore all stages of the vital crossings of the Panama isthmus: the original mule track, Drake’s Portobelo, the 1856 railroad, and today’s iconic canal. Stay in Panama City’s cobbled old town, and the forested Canal Zone with its protected wildlife.

* Price does not include international flights

LAST FRONTIERS
lastfrontiers.com
The Nazca Lines of Peru
Mysteries of the Nasca revealed

12–23 APRIL 2023
£5,750*

Dr David Beresford-Jones
(Magdalene College, 1999)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Lima’s Larco Museum, whose extensive collection covers 5,000 years of Peruvian history
- Stay at a vineyard in the Ica-valley and view the enigmatic Nazca lines both from land and air
- Admire fascinating marine wildlife on the Ballestas Islands

AN UNRIVALLED OPPORTUNITY to learn from the UK’s leading academic about the fascinating Nasca people, inhabitants of the desert coastline of southern Peru until around 750AD, when their society collapsed. The focus of the tour will be the south coast, without forgetting the classic Inca high Andes sites including Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, and one-time Inca capital of Cusco.

* Price does not include international flights

LAST FRONTIERS
lastfrontiers.com
Wild Borneo
Orangutans, pygmy elephants and the Birdwing butterfly

13–25 AUGUST 2023
£2,990*

Dr Michael Brooke – TBC
(Magdalene 1968)

HIGHLIGHTS
♦ Delve into the wildlife, ornithology and botany of both Sabah and Sarawak
♦ Explore diverse ecosystems including Bako NP, the Kinabatangan River backwaters and Mount Kinabalu

DISCOVER THE LUSHLY forested island of Borneo, one of the most untouched habitats in Asia. Home to orangutans, proboscis monkeys, pygmy elephants and superb birdlife, there is also a fascinating colonial legacy.

* Price does not include international flights

TEMPLE WORLD
templeworld.com
Italy’s plundered Art from Crusades to WWII

20–27 JUNE 2023
£2,360*

Judge Arthur Tomkins
(Gonville and Caius 1984)

THIS INNOVATIVE TOUR uncovers the stories behind major artworks on display in Rome, Florence and Venice that were once stolen as war booty by Napoleon, Hitler or both, as well as exploring Italy’s own spoils from the Crusades.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Learn about pieces such as Veronese’s *Wedding at Cana*, damaged when stolen to fill Napoleon’s new museum at the Louvre
- Enjoy new insights from the foremost expert on art crime and wartime plunder of art

* Price does not include international flights

TEMPLE WORLD
templeworld.com/alumni

Secrets of South Korea
5,000 years of culture and cuisine

16–25 SEPTEMBER 2023
£3,595*

Professor James B Lewis
University of Oxford

UNCOVER THE HISTORY and cuisine of this compact country of contrasts. Explore tranquil Buddhist temples, ancient fortresses, royal tombs and traditional villages, juxtaposed with the vibrancy of fast-paced Seoul.

HIGHLIGHTS
- Delight in UNESCO-listed treasures, from the Jeongneung Tombs to Hwaseong Fortress
- Visit the DMZ and ‘Freedom Bridge’ to learn about the Korean War

* Price does not include international flights

TEMPLE WORLD
templeworld.com
Eternal Egypt Uncovered
Beyond the Pyramids

20–30 OCTOBER 2023
£2,975*

Professor Mark J. Smith
University of Oxford

JOIN PROFESSOR MARK J. SMITH on this extensive exploration of Egypt. Going beyond the pyramids, this tour includes hidden gems and key sites in Cairo and Luxor, including the new Egyptian Museum.

HIGHLIGHTS
✦ Visit Dahshur, Meidum and Hewara to see the early pyramid prototypes
✦ Enjoy a specially arranged visit to Amarna to see the Cambridge excavation at work

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Hellespont
Gateway of Legends

24 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER 2023
£1,495*

Professor Peter Sarris
University of Cambridge

DELVE INTO THE SEA of Marmara, the region separating Europe from Asia. This area has been the focus of military ambition since the Bronze Age, from Trojan Wars and battles to control Constantinople, to World War One conflict in Gallipoli.

HIGHLIGHTS
✦ Visit Hellenistic Assos, Iznik (Byzantine Nicea), and the recent excavations at Troy
✦ Explore Byzantine and Ottoman Istanbul, and discover the significance of the Dardanelles in WWI

* Price does not include international flights

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Medieval Loire
By luxury hotel barge

3–10 OCTOBER 2023
£2,595*

Dr Rowena Archer
University of Oxford

HIGHLIGHTS
♦ Explore the 11th Chateau de la Chapelle d’Angillon, medieval houses in Nevers and Cluniac priory of Sainte-Croix-Notre-Dame
♦ Visit the beautiful village of Aprement-sur-Allier and enjoy a tasting of the region’s famous Pouilly-Fumé

JOIN MEDIEVAL HISTORIAN Dr Rowena Archer on this popular barge itinerary, cruising through the picturesque villages and vineyards of the Upper Loire. Cruise peacefully along the picturesque Loire Canal aboard a stylish and intimate hotel barge, chartered for exclusive use.

* Price does not include train from UK

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2022 Tours
Looking for your next getaway?

The Caucasus: Georgia and Armenia
1-16 September 2022
£3,240
Dr Alex Koller (Magdalene 1993)
DISTANT HORIZONS

Minoan Crete and Santorini
9-17 September 2022
£2,795
Professor John Bennet (Sidney Sussex 1976)
TEMPLE WORLD

Moorish Architecture
9-18 September 2022
£3,570
Mr Ian Cockburn & Dr Jacqueline Cockburn
INDUS EXPERIENCES

A journey through Central Asia
9-23 September 2023
£3,460
Professor Charles Melville (Pembroke 1969)
DISTANT HORIZONS
The Kingdom of Bhutan
29 September – 14 October 2022
£4,840
Zara Fleming
DISTANT HORIZONS

Istria and Friuli
1–9 October 2022
£2,200
Professor Peter Sarris
DISTANT HORIZONS

Rudyard Kipling and The Jungle Book
29 October – 15 November 2022
£4,759
Dr Sarah Shaw
INDUS EXPERIENCES

Argentina: Astronomy and Wine
15–27 November 2022
£5,850
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 on the opposite page. They are 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 www.alumni.cam.ac.uk/travel, where you can search for a trip by destination, date or favourite trip scholar.

IMPORTANT NOTE

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