

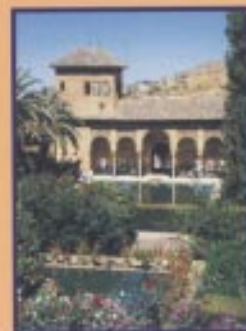
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HOLIDAYS**



Four Renaissance Courts of Northern Italy

7 nights

The story of the Italian Renaissance unfolds as we visit the Renaissance cities of Ferrara, Urbino, Parma and Mantua which became important cultural centres thanks to the generosity of a small group of wealthy families. We will appreciate the resulting artistic splendour as well as visit the Byzantine towns of Ravenna and Classe, renowned for their exquisite mosaics.



The medieval city of Bologna

Day 1 London/Bologna

We fly to Bologna and transfer into the city and our hotel.
Accommodation: Hotel Jolly (4-star), 2 nights half board,
3 nights bed and breakfast.

Day 2 Bologna

Our tour of Bologna begins at the Pinacoteca Nazionale where there is a fine collection of paintings by the Bologna School. We continue to the Piazza Maggiore, a lovely square in the heart of the city surrounded by beautiful medieval buildings. We later visit the Church of San Domenico, celebrated for its tomb of the saint which includes the work of Nicolo' Pizano and the young Michelangelo.

Day 3 Classe & Ravenna

This morning we drive to Classe to visit the Church of Sant'Apollinare, completed in AD 549 and a magnificent example of pre-Romanesque architecture. Here we see brilliant green and gold mosaics depicting the allegorical vision of the Transfiguration of Christ.

In Ravenna we visit the Church of San Vitale with its superb mosaics and the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, the oldest of the city's Byzantine monuments. In the afternoon we visit the Church of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, a 6th century church which also boasts some fine mosaics. Our final visit is to Theodoric's Museum in the Rocca di Brancalione.

Day 4 Urbino

Urbino, considered the ideal Renaissance hill town, is our destination today. The city is dominated by the Palazzo Ducale, now the Galleria Nazionale delle Marche whose best known work is *The Flagellation of Christ* by Piero della Francesca.

We later visit Raphael's birthplace and the Oratorio di San Giovanni whose interior is adorned with beautiful frescoes.

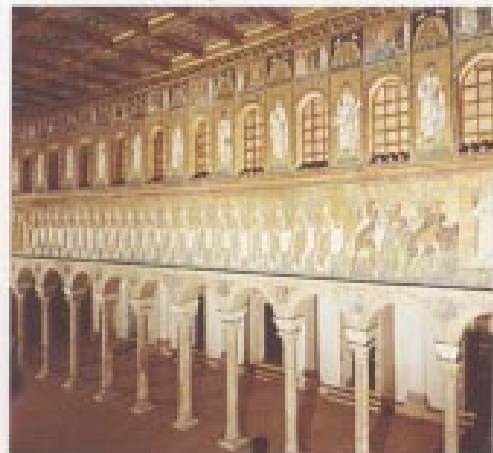
Day 5 Ferrara

We visit Ferrara the seat of the powerful Este family and begin at the Casa Romei, a Renaissance palace with fine frescoes and elegant courtyards. We continue to the Cathedral Museum and conclude the morning at the Palazzo Comunale. In the afternoon we visit the Palazzo Schifanoia with its delightful Salone dei Mesi adorned with magnificent frescoes.

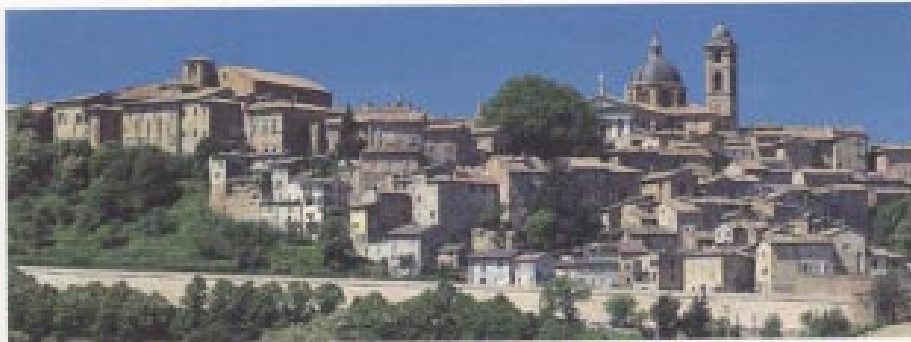
Day 6 Parma & Mantua

Today we journey to Parma, another Renaissance city state. Once the stronghold of the Farnese family, the city boasts an important picture gallery and the impressive Teatro Farnese built in 1620. We also visit the baptistery of the 11th century Romanesque cathedral and the Church of San Giovanni Evangelista, both with frescoes by Correggio. We continue to Mantua.

Accommodation: Hotel Rechiği (4-star), 1 night half board,
1 night bed and breakfast.



Enjoy our visit to Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna.



Urbino, the ideal Renaissance city



Descent of Icarus by Pieter Bruegel the Elder
 Musée des Beaux-Arts de Lille, Lille, France
 Musée des Beaux-Arts de Lille

Day 7 Mantua

The day is spent in Mantua, the city ruled by the Gonzagas for three centuries from 1328. We begin at the Palazzo Ducale, a vast Renaissance palace, then embark on a short walking tour through the centre of the city, visiting the cathedral, the Casa di Rigoletto and the Church of Sant'Andrea, one of the masterpieces of early Renaissance architecture. In the afternoon we visit Bibieno's architectural gem, the Teatro Scintifico then continue to the Palazzo del Te, the summer palace of the Gonzagas constructed between 1526 and 1534 by Giulio Romano. We end our tour at the Sala dei Giganti, whose subject, the Defeat of the Giants by the Olympians, celebrates Emperor Charles V's defeat of the anti-imperial League of Cognac.

Day 8 Mantua/London

This morning we drive past Sabbioneta, the ideal Renaissance townships on our way to Modena. Here we visit the cathedral and the Galleria Estense whose collection was founded by Francesco I d'Este. We return to Bologna airport for our homeward flight.

Maximum number of participants: 25

Items Included

- Scheduled flights from Heathrow
- Transfers between the airport & hotels
- 7 nights' accommodation - 3 half board, 4 bed and breakfast
- Excursions as described
- All entrance fees and gratuities
- Holiday Delay Insurance
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of a Page & Moy escort and specialist tour leader: David Bellingham (16/4, 3/9, 12/10); Dr Eugene Maraglio (28/5); Serena Quartermaine (4/6)

David Bellingham

read Latin and Classical Archaeology at the University of Birmingham and is currently researching a PhD on Pompeian wall painting, which includes comparisons between Dutch and Pompeian genre scenes. He lectures in Classical Studies at St Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, and has published books on Greek Mythology and a travel guide to Greece.



Holiday Details

Holiday Number	T31Z
DEPARTS FRIDAYS	PRICES PER PERSON
16 April; 28 May; 4 June	£1095
3 September	£1135
22 October	£1095

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private bath or shower and wc.

Supplements Per Person
 Single rooms £20 per night
 Holiday Insurance - please see page 30

Your Journey
 Scheduled flights (non smoking) by British Airways, Boeing 737, between London Heathrow and Bologna, departing at 1340h and arriving back at 2115h.

Please see pages 31 - 33 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy. ITA



Moorish Spain - A Journey through Andalucia

8 nights

Andalucia is a land of colour and contrast where the long history of the Moors in Spain can be seen and experienced. Staying in the great cities of Granada, Seville and Cordoba, we venture into the region's heartland and visit the Alhambra Palace, the spectacular Moorish stronghold and some beautiful hill towns and villages.

Day 1 London/Granada

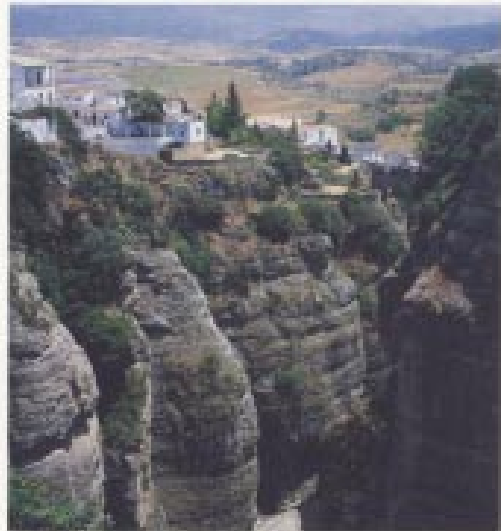
We fly to Malaga and transfer (about 2 hours) to Granada.
Accommodation: Hotel Carmen (4-star). 1 night half board, 1 night bed and breakfast.

Day 2 Alhambra Palace

Our tour of the acclaimed Alhambra Palace takes us into rooms decorated with delicate carvings and Arabic inscriptions and through pretty courtyards cooled by the presence of pools and refreshing fountains. After lunch we stroll through the lush Generalife Gardens and later in the afternoon we return to the city and visit the cathedral where we see the Royal Chapel, the burial place of Ferdinand and Isabella. At dusk we visit the neighbourhood of Albaicin to enjoy the magnificent view of the Alhambra.

Day 3 Cordoba

This morning we journey to Cordoba, one of the most wealthy cities in Spain in Moorish times. During our stay



View over town for two nights

we will see the principal sights including the ruins of the Medina Azahara, once the splendid palace of the Caliph of Cordoba.

Accommodation: Hotel Las Alforas (4-star). 1 night half board, 1 night bed and breakfast.

Day 4 Cordoba

The day begins with a visit to the ornately decorated Mezquita and proceeds to the Jewish Quarter, a delightful area of whitewashed houses, and to the Alcázar and the Torre de la Calahorra. The day ends at the Palacio de Viana, a nobleman's town house with twelve courtyard gardens.

Day 5 Seville

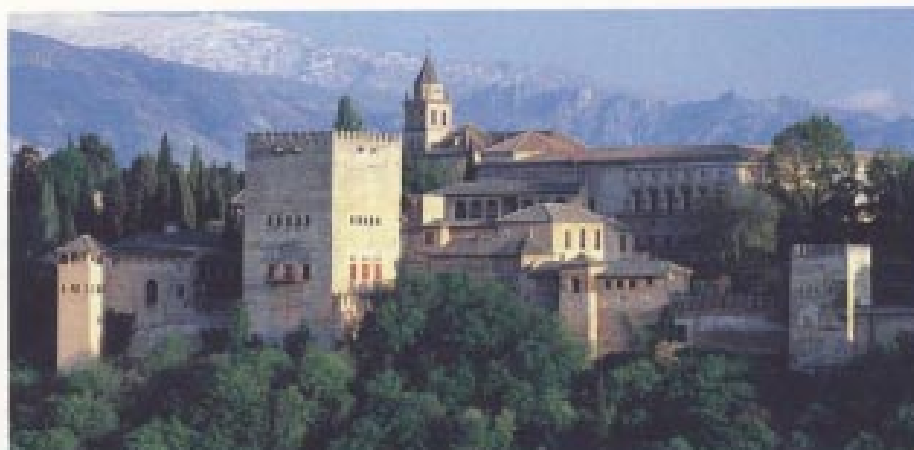
Today we leave Cordoba for the drive to Seville, stopping en route for lunch at the 16th century Hospedaria de San Francisco in Palma del Rio. We continue to the Moorish city of Carmona where we see the old quarter and San Pedro before continuing our journey to the Andalusian capital.

On arrival we enjoy a short introductory walk of the old city beginning at the cathedral and continuing through the delightful Barrio de Santa Cruz area to the Casa de Pilatos, a 16th century town mansion.

Accommodation: Hotel Casas del Rey de Baeza or similar (4-star). 1 night half board, 1 night bed and breakfast.



Exquisite decoration, Seville



The glorious Alhambra Palace

Day 6 Seville

This morning we visit the fortified Alcazar, the Giralda Tower and the Museo de Bellas Artes, an excellent art gallery displaying some outstanding works.

Day 7 Ronda

After a free morning in Seville we travel through gentle Andalusian landscapes, stopping at one of the famous white villages, Arcos de la Frontera where we take lunch in the Parador. We continue to Ronda, spectacularly sited on either side of a precipitous 600-foot-deep gorge. On arrival we enjoy a walking tour through the Old Town. **Accommodation:** Hotel Reino Victoria (4-star), 2 nights bed and breakfast.

Day 8 Ronda

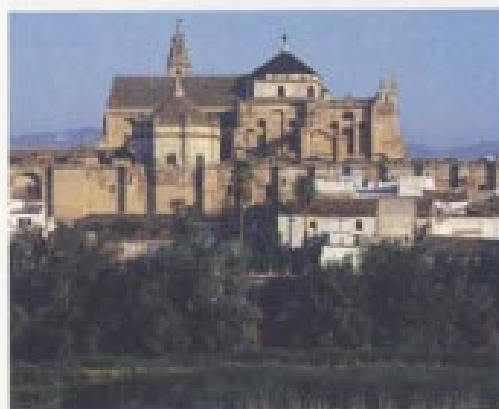
The day is at leisure in Ronda.

Day 9 Ronda/London

The morning is free before we leave for Málaga where we enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of the city and take lunch at the dramatically sited Gibralfaro Parador. We later continue to the airport for our return flight.

Please note that dinners will be taken in a local restaurant.

Maximum number of participants: 25



The Mezquita, Córdoba

Items Included

- Scheduled flights from Gatwick
- Transfers between airport & hotels
- 8 nights' accommodation - 3 half board, 5 bed and breakfast plus 3 lunches
- Excursions as described
- All entrance fees and gratuities
- Holiday Delay Insurance
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of a Page & Moy escort and specialist tour leader: Simon Thomas (29/4), Marian Hay (16/9, 14/10); Christopher Hanson-Smith (27/5, 20/9), 13/5, 10/6 to be advised.

Christopher Hanson-Smith

has spent long periods overseas as a Colonial Administrator including Spanish New Guinea where he was Consul. He worked for The National Trust for many years and has led many tours to Spain.



Holiday Details

Holiday Number	PRICE PER PERSON
29 April; 13, 27 May; 10 June	£1039
16, 30 September; 14 October	£1039

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private bath or shower and wc.

Supplements Per Person
Single rooms: £20 per night
Holiday Insurance - please see page 10

Your Journey

Scheduled flights (non-smoking) by G&A Airways on behalf of British Airways, Boeing 737, between London Gatwick and Málaga, departing at 0740h and arriving back at 2155h.

Please see pages 21 - 23 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy. SPA



A journey through Old Castile & Extremadura

8 nights

As we travel through dramatic landscapes, this adventurous journey will introduce you to some of the most romantic places in Spain, staying in hotels of the acclaimed Parador chain throughout.



Segovia's Alcazar castle

Day 1 London/Trujillo

We fly to Madrid and on arrival transfer to the historic town of Trujillo.

Accommodation: Parador Nacional de Trujillo (4-star), 3 nights half board. The hotel was built in the 16th century around a cloistered patio.

Day 2 Trujillo & Cáceres

We spend the morning exploring the charming centre of Trujillo, including the castle, with superb views over the town, and the 13th century church of Santa María Mayor.

The afternoon is spent in Cáceres. The austere and graceful Plaza de Santa María lies at the centre of the historic quarter which is filled with impressive town houses and palaces.

Day 3 Mérida

We drive to Mérida, former capital of the Roman province of Lusitania. We see wonderful mosaics, the theatre, amphitheatre and a remarkably well-preserved Roman villa. At the National Museum of Roman Art we see the many rich finds from the city.

Day 4 Guadalupe, Yuste & Salamanca

We depart for Guadalupe where we visit the monastery high above the village. We will see the artistic treasures in the sacristy, including eleven canvases depicting the life of St Jerome.

The tour continues to Yuste, where we have lunch in the Parador before visiting the monastery. This is where Emperor Charles V came after his abdication in 1556. We

then continue to the university city of Salamanca and the modern Parador.

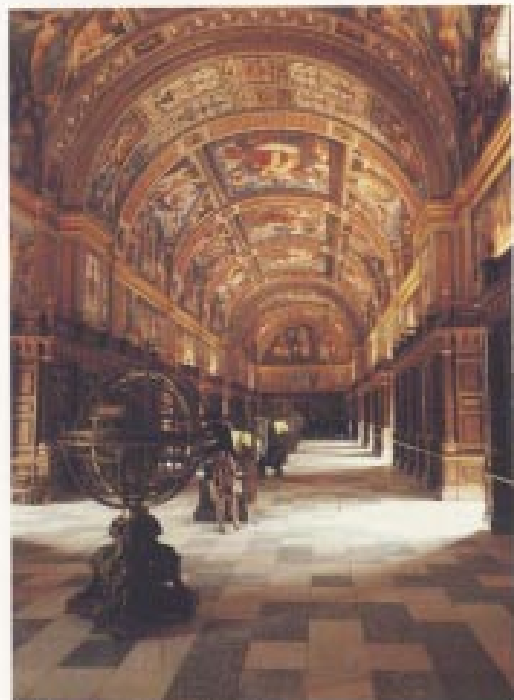
Accommodation: Parador de Salamanca (4-star), 3 nights half board.

Day 5 Salamanca

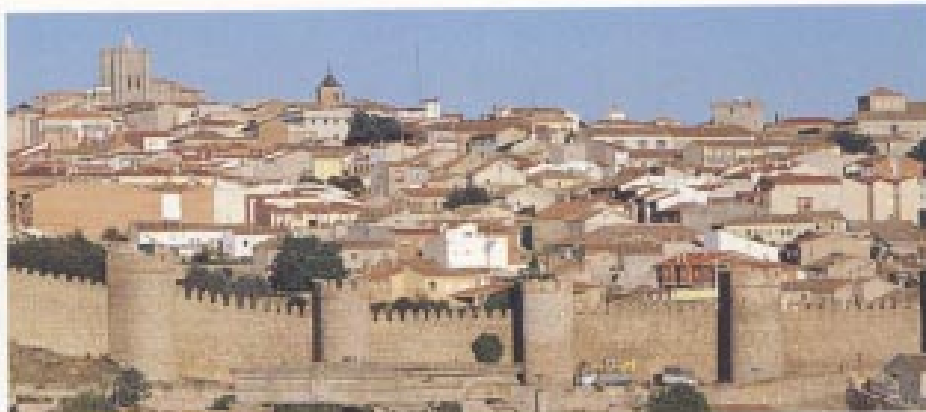
We enjoy a tour of Salamanca, one of the most beautiful cities in Spain. We will spend the day in the old quarter, visiting the Plaza Mayor, the heart of the city; the Patio de las Escuelas at the university; and both the old and new cathedrals. The old cathedral is dwarfed by its Gothic counterpart and contains a massive 15th century retablo by Nicola Florentino depicting the lives of Christ and the Virgin Mary.

Day 6 Sierra de la Pena de Francia

We drive through one of the most remote areas of Spain, the Sierra de la Pena de Francia, to La Alberca, a village of winding streets lined by unusual houses of stone and timber. We will enjoy an included lunch before driving to the highest point in the surrounding mountains from where there are spectacular views across the plains to Portugal.



The sacristy interior of El Escorial



Historic Avila, our base for two nights

Day 7 Avila

We depart for Avila, birthplace of the mystic writer Santa Teresa. We visit the unfinished cathedral; the Basilica of San Vicente and the Monastery of Santo Tomas, expanded by Ferdinand and Isabella as their summer palace.

Accommodation: Parador de Avila (3-star), 2 nights half board. This 15th century mansion house stands within the city's magnificently preserved walls.

Day 8 Segovia

Today's excursion takes us to Segovia, where we will see the 800-metre-long Roman aqueduct, still in use today, and the old town, including the cathedral and the Plaza de San Martin. A visit will also be made to the Alcazar, the fantasy-like castle that dominates the town.

Day 9 Madrid/London

Our final visit is to the massive monastery at El Escorial. We will see the Royal Apartments, the Pantheons and the Picture Museum housing works from the 16th century Venetian school. We also visit two charming small pavilions, the Prince's Pavilion and the Upper Pavilion, before returning to the airport.

Maximum number of participants: 25

Extend your stay in Madrid

You can extend your holiday with a stay in Madrid at the delightful 4-star Hotel Suecia in the centre of the city. You will be transferred to the hotel after the tour ends at Madrid airport, but transfers back to the airport are not included in the price. The cost is £49 per person per night and the single room supplement is £24 per night; accommodation will be on a half board basis. For more information please ask our Reservations staff.

Items Included

- Scheduled flights from Gatwick
- Transfers between airport & hotels (main tour only)
- 8 nights' half board accommodation plus 2 lunches
- Excursions as described
- All entrance fees and gratuities
- Holiday Delay Insurance
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of a Page & Moy escort and a specialist tour leader: **Simon Thomas** (17/3; 14/4; 19/5; 15/9); **Christopher Hamon-Smith** (13/10)

Simon Thomas

read Theology at St Chad's College, Durham where he graduated. This led to an all-consuming interest in Romanesque and Gothic architecture and mediaeval music and art tours throughout Europe covering all periods.



Holiday Details

Holiday Number	T119
DEPARTS WEDNESDAYS	PRICE PER PERSON
17 March; 14 April; 19 May	£1135
15 September; 13 October	£1135

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private shower and wc.

Supplements Per Person
 Single rooms £21 per night
 Flights from Manchester £25
 Extension in Madrid £49 per night
 Holiday Insurance - please see page 30

Your Journey
 Scheduled flights (non smoking) by British Airways, Boeing 737, between Madrid and Gatwick departing at 0930h and arriving back at 2015h. Manchester (at a supplement): departing at 0915h and arriving back at 2115h.

Please see pages 31 - 33 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy. SPA



Classical Turkey & Istanbul

11 nights

The classical period in Turkey engendered the birth of prestigious cities and inspired artistic expression. Our tour sees the legacy of this confident era as we visit the Turkish capital and ancient cities of the Decapolis. We also stay awhile in Istanbul where we encounter the treasures of the Ottoman Empire and the churches of ancient Byzantium.

Day 1 London/Izmir

Fly to Istanbul and connect with a flight to Izmir where we stay for two nights in a 4-star hotel.

Day 2 Pergamum

The day is spent in Pergamum, a rich Hellenistic city and a revered centre of learning. We see the Temples of Athena and Trajan, the theatre, the Altar of Zeus and the Asclepeum, an ancient centre of medicine.

Day 3 Ephesus, Selcuk & Kusadasi

Today we visit Ephesus, one of the world's greatest classical sites and once the Roman capital of Asia Minor. The monuments here are exceptional - temples, baths, theatre and gymnasium all survive alongside villas built by wealthy Romans. We end the day in Selcuk at the fine Archaeological Museum. We then leave for Kusadasi where we spend two nights in a 4-star hotel.

Day 4 Priene, Didyma & Miletus

Today we travel to Priene, a beautiful Greek town where the ancient site, dominated by the Temple of Athena, is surrounded by a perfect city wall. We continue to Didyma



The Library of Celsus, Ephesus



Melias of Didyma

to see the Temple of Apollo, and Miletus which boasts a superb theatre.

Day 5 Nicoe, Aphrodisias & Pamukkale

Following the course of the River Maeander we reach Nicoe and Aphrodisias where sculptors fashioned the local marble and created magnificent, almost incandescent sculptures. We continue to Pamukkale where we spend two nights in a 4-star hotel.

Day 6 Hieropolis

We spend the morning in Hieropolis where we see the Plutonium Grotto and a huge necropolis with over a thousand tombs.

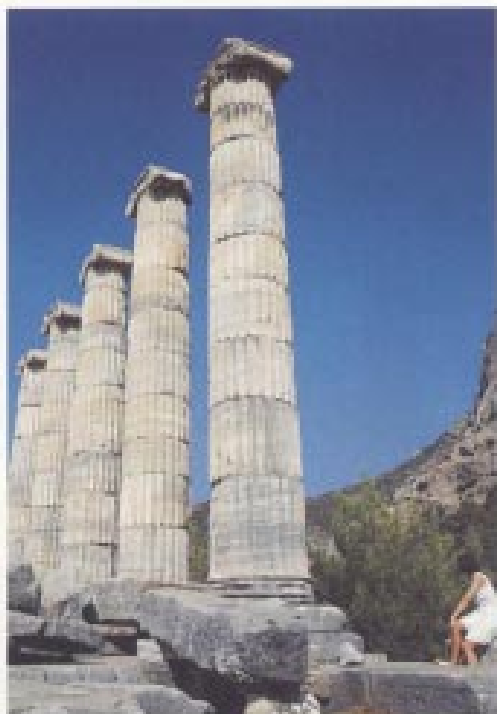
Day 7 Philadelphia, Sardis, Aezani & Kutahya

We stop at Philadelphia, site of one of the Seven Churches of Christendom and Sardis before arriving in Aezani to see the excellently preserved Temple of Zeus, the theatre and the Roman bridges still in use today.

We spend the night in Kutahya in a 4-star hotel.

Day 8 Midas City, Gordion & Ankara

We stop at Midas City, a remote and wild Phrygian site which was a centre for worship to the goddess Cybele. Here reliefs and inscriptions are carved into the cliff face. We then stop at Gordion, the capital of ancient Phrygia



The ancient ruins of Persepolis

and the place where Alexander cut the Gordian knot. We later arrive in Ankara, the Turkish capital, where we stay overnight in a 4-star hotel.

Day 9 Ankara & Istanbul

We spend the morning in the wonderful Museum of Anatolian Civilisation where we see finds from many of the places we have visited. There may be time to see the shrine of Atatürk before flying to Istanbul where we stay for three nights at a 4-star hotel. We take dinner in the hotel this evening.

Days 10 & 11 Istanbul

We have included two sightseeing tours of this exciting city where east really does meet west. We see the Hippodrome, the stunning Blue Mosque and the monumental Church of St Sophia, now a museum and the greatest Byzantine building in the world. We also visit the famous Byzantine cisterns, the Church of St Sergius and Bacchus and the opulent Topkapi Palace, the prime residence of the Sultan, where the glittering Imperial Treasury is on display.

On these two days lunch is included and dinner is taken independently.

Day 12 Istanbul/London

We transfer to the airport for our homeward flight.

Maximum number of participants: 25



The Byzantine St Sophia, Istanbul

Items Included

- Scheduled flights from Heathrow
- Transfers between airports & hotels
- 11 nights' half board accommodation
- Excursions as described
- All entrance fees & gratuities
- Holiday Delay Insurance
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of a local tour escort and specialist tour leader: **Adnan Baysal** (3/4, 1/5, 25/9); Ertan Asar (17/4, 9/10); Simon Thomas (5/6)

Adnan Baysal

was born in Istanbul and studied Archaeology at the University of Istanbul. He has worked as a field archaeologist with many British and American Universities specialising in early Anatolian cultures. He is currently involved in excavations with Cambridge University on the Neolithic site of Catal Hoyuk in Anatolia.



Holiday Details

Holiday Number	T106
DEPARTS SATURDAYS	PRICE PER PERSON
3, 17 April; 1 May; 5 June	£995
25 September; 9 October	£995

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private bath or shower and wc.

Supplements Per Person

Single rooms £12 per night
Holiday Insurance - please see page 30

Your Journey

Scheduled flights (non-smoking) by Turkish Airlines, Airbus A310/Boeing 737, between London Heathrow and Istanbül and Istanbül via Istanbül, departing at 1325h and arriving back from Istanbül at 1555h.

Please see pages 31-33 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy.

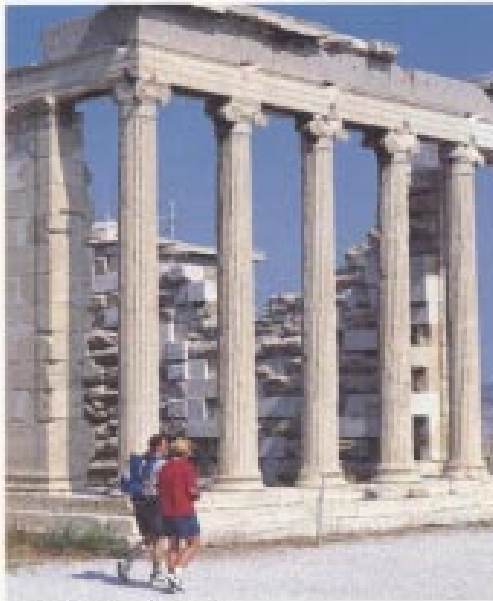
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The Treasures of Ancient Greece

9 nights

The treasures of the ancient world await our discovery on this rewarding tour through Greece and the Peloponnese peninsula. We see magnificent archaeological sites including the Acropolis at Athens and journey to world-famous places - Olympia, the site of the first Olympic Games; and Delphi, where pilgrims once travelled to consult the Oracle.



The Temple of Athena Nike in Athens

Day 1 London/Athens

We fly to Athens and transfer to our A class hotel where we stay overnight on a bed and breakfast basis.

Day 2 Corinth, Mycenae, Tiryns & Drepanon

This morning we travel to Corinth where we visit the museum and see the Fountain of Peirene and the earliest Doric Temple on the mainland. We continue to Mycenae, where Heinrich Schliemann discovered Agamemnon's tomb in 1876 together with a hoard of treasures. Here we see the Treasury of Atreus before moving on to Tiryns with its huge citadel encircled by 25-foot-thick 'Cyclopean' walls.

Our journey continues to the coastal resort of Drepanon where one night's half board accommodation is reserved in a B class hotel.

Day 3 Epidaurus, Bassae & Olympia

Our day begins in Epidaurus the ancient centre of worship to Asclepius, god of medicine. Here we visit the sanctuary, museum and theatre which seated 14,000 people. We then continue through the lovely countryside of Arcadia to the 5th century BC Temple of Apollo at Bassae, remote

and severe in its dramatic mountain setting. We finally arrive in Olympia where two nights' half board accommodation will be spent in an A class hotel.

Day 4 Olympia

The whole day is devoted to Olympia. Here, in this most evocative of settings deep in a green valley, the first Games were held in 776 BC and continued until AD 393. We see the Temple of Zeus, the Temple of Hera, the stadium and museum.

Day 5 Delphi & Itea

This morning we drive across the plain to Patras, visiting a winery en route (if time permits). We then cross by ferry to Antirion, breaking for lunch at Nafpaktos before continuing to Delphi and Itea. Two nights will be spent on a half board basis in Itea at a B class hotel.

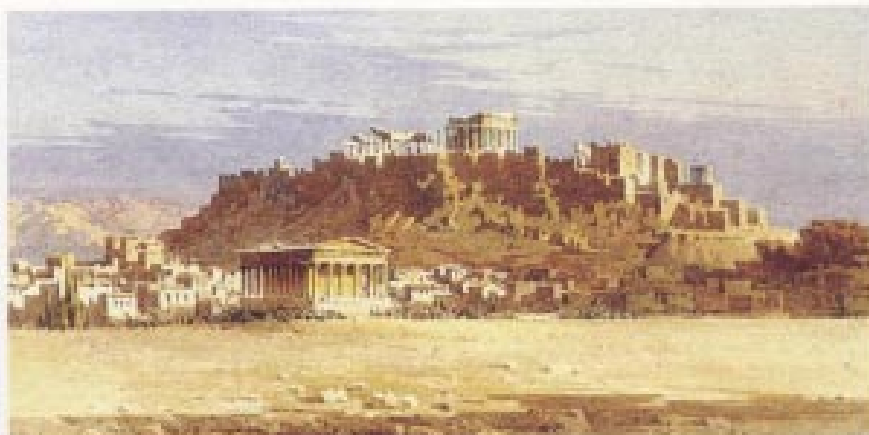
Day 6 Delphi

We spend the day in Delphi, starting at the Kastellan Spring where pilgrims would wash their hands in the water flowing from the cliff before seeking the wisdom of the Oracle.



Bust of Aristotle in Rome

British Library, London, UK
British Library, London, UK



The Acropolis and Thessalon, Athens by Angelo Galanis

Galaxy

We then see the Sanctuary of Athena Pronaia, situated on a narrow ledge between cliff and gorge, and the Temple of Apollo dating from the 4th century BC. Here pilgrims would hear the voice of Apollo speaking to them through the aged priestess known as the Pithia. We also visit the museum and see the celebrated bronze statue of the charioteer.

Day 7 Athens

Briefly leaving the ancient world behind, we visit the Byzantine Monastery of Otto Loukas overlooking the slopes of Mt Hymettos. This was the rallying point for Greeks in 1780 as they gathered to rid themselves of the yoke of the Ottoman Empire. Passing through Thebes we go to Eleusis to see the Sanctuary of Demeter and her daughter Persephone.

We continue to Athens where we stay for three nights bed and breakfast in an A class hotel.

Day 8 Athens

The morning is devoted to a visit to the Acropolis, crowned by the Parthenon, the pride of Periclean Athens. Here we visit the Acropolis Museum and the Temple of Athena Nike. In the afternoon we drive to the Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion. This magically sited temple, dating from the 5th century BC, sits at the end of a promontory, its dazzlingly white columns still acting as a landmark to passing ships as it has done for the past 2,500 years.

Day 9 Athens & Vravrona

Today we visit the wonderful National Archaeological Museum in Athens where the finds from the sites we have seen will help us review our tour through Ancient Greece. In the afternoon we continue to the Sanctuary of Artemis at Vravrona.

Day 10 Athens/London

We drive to Athens airport for the return flight.

Maximum number of participants: 25

Items Included

- Scheduled flights from Heathrow
- Transfers between airport & hotels
- 9 nights' accommodation - 4 bed and breakfast, 5 half board
- Excursions as described
- All entrance fees and gratuities
- Holiday Delay Insurance
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of a local escort and specialist tour leader:
Dr Simon Butler (24/3, 5/5, 25/8, 22/9, 6/10, 10/10); **Dr Thomas Tuohy** (7/4); **Dr Frank Woodman** (21/4); **Nell Faulkner** (26/5).

Dr Simon Butler

studied Archaeology and Geography at the University of Wales and the University of Sheffield where he obtained his doctorate. He has led many tours for Page & Moy throughout Europe and the Mediterranean.



Holiday Details

Holiday Number	T33Z
DEPARTURE DATES	PRICE PER PERSON
24 March; 7 April; 21 April	£995
5, 26 May; 25 August	£995
22 September; 6, 20 October	£995

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private bath or shower and wc.

Supplements Per Person

Single rooms - £16 per night
 Holiday Insurance - please see page 30

Your Journey

Scheduled flights (non smoking) by Olympic Airways, Airbus A300, between London Heathrow and Athens; departing at 11:30h and arriving back at 17:55h.

Please see pages 31 - 33 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy. **GRE**

Book Today on 0116 250 7747



Lebanon

8 or 11 nights

Join us on this exciting and varied tour to discover the hidden treasures of this valiant country. Bustling cities will be contrasted with graceful countryside and the Lebanon's many historical monuments. There will also be the chance to extend your holiday with a stay in neighbouring Syria.

Day 1 London/Byblos

We fly to Beirut and transfer to Byblos, a delightful coastal town over 7,000 years old.

Accommodation: Hotel Byblos sur Mer (3-star), 3 nights half board.

Day 2 Byblos & Tripoli

Our sightseeing tour shows us the major sites including the Egyptian temples, the Phoenician Royal Acropolis and the nearby Crusader Castle. The afternoon is spent in Tripoli where we visit the Taynal Mosque, the Citadel of St Gilles, the oldest Crusader monument in the country, and wander the atmospheric souks.

Day 3 Qadisha Valley

We drive north into the mountains where we see the famous cedars of Lebanon, some over 1,500 years old. We stop to enjoy the views of the Qadisha Valley, then drive to the remote Monastery of St Anthony of Qadisha to see ancient rock dwellings.

Day 4 Alqa, Faqra, Jeita Grotto & Beirut

We visit Alqa and Faqra this morning and after lunch drive to the Jeita Grotto, a natural cavern located beneath the wooded hills of Mount Lebanon. We continue to Beirut.

Accommodation: Hotel Commodore (3-star), 2 nights half board.



We stay for three nights in delightful Byblos

Day 5 Tyre & Sidon

We drive south to Tyre, an important Phoenician city. We see the Old City which boasts impressive columns, mosaics and marble roads, then travel inland to one of the largest Roman sites in the Mediterranean. We continue to Sidon, one of the most important Phoenician cities, and spend some time in the souks before visiting the Temple of Eshmoun.

Day 6 Beirut & Chtaura

We visit the National Museum and tour the old city where excavation work reveals remnants of Beirut's chequered past.

We then drive through the dramatic Chouf mountain range to the elegant Palace of Beisaddine where we see exquisite artistry and stroll in the tranquil garden. We stop briefly at the delightful village of Deir-El-Hamar before continuing to Chtaura.

Accommodation: Park Hotel Chtaura (5-star), 2 nights half board.

Day 7 Baalbeck

Today we visit Baalbeck, one of the wonders of the ancient world. The city flourished under the Romans who built some of the most ornate and opulent temples in the Empire. We see the Great Temple of Jupiter, its magnificent columns 22 metres high; the fine colonnades and stone carvings of the Great Court; and the well-preserved Temple of Bacchus.

Day 8 Niha, Dakweh, Aanjar & Lake Qaroun

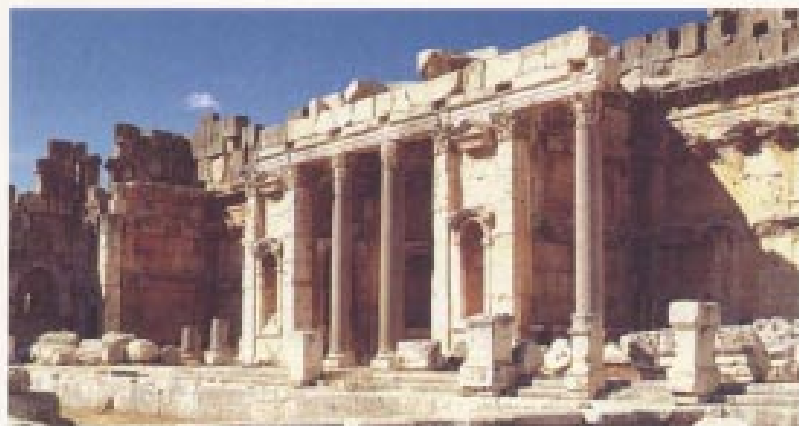
We have the opportunity to take the rewarding walk to the two Roman temples at Niha, then continue to Dakweh where we see the impressive Roman temple which boasts decorative Corinthian capitals. We also visit the 8th century remains of Aanjar, including the city walls and restored palace and mosque.

The day ends at beautiful Lake Qaroun where we enjoy a wine tasting at a local vineyard before returning to Beirut.

Accommodation: Hotel Commodore (5-star), 1 night half board.

Day 9 Beirut/London

We transfer to the airport for our homeward flight.



We visit the fine classical city of Baalbek

SYRIAN EXTENSION

Why not extend your stay with a tour of Syria? The itinerary will be as follows:

Day 8 Chitaura

After our visit to Lake Qaroun on day 8 of the main holiday, those taking the extension will return to Chitaura for an overnight stay.

Day 9 Damascus

We cross the border into Syria and continue to the atmospheric city of Damascus where a tour will include the National Museum and the Taykkiye Mosque.

Accommodation: Cham Palace Hotel (5-star), 2 nights half board.

Day 10 Palmyra

Today's included excursion takes us to Palmyra, site of the impressive ruins of the city of the power-mad Queen Zenobia.

Day 11 Beirut

We walk through the citadel to see the Tomb of Saladin and explore the evocative bazaars of Damascus before returning to Beirut.

Accommodation: Hotel Commodore (4-star), 1 night half board.

Day 12 Beirut/London

We transfer to the airport.

Maximum number of participants: 25



Beirut, the Lebanese capital

Items Included

- Scheduled flights from Heathrow
- Transfers between airports & hotels
- 8 or 11 nights' half board accommodation
- Excursions as described
- All entrance fees and gratuities
- Airport taxes, security charges and Air Passenger Duty
- Services of a local escort and specialist tour leader - Christopher Monckton (21/3); **Anthony O'Connor** (4/4, 17/10); Marcus Lodwick (2/5); Rowena Lovrance (26/7)

Anthony O'Connor

trained as an ancient historian and archaeologist. He specialises in the Roman Empire and has worked on sites in Britain, Italy and Libya. His interests cover the Bronze Age Levant, Byzantine history and the Hellenistic World. He regularly lectures on archaeology and Museum Services at Doncaster where he is currently Senior Museums Officer.



Holiday Details

Holiday Number	T102	T103 Syrian Ext
DEPARTURE DATES	PRICES PER PERSON	
21 March	£1045	£335
4 April; 2 May	£1095	£335
26 September; 17 October	£1095	£335

Prices are based on the shared occupancy of twin or double bedded rooms with private bath or shower and wc.

Supplements Per Person

Single rooms per night: £21 (Main tour); £24 (Syrian extension)

Holiday Insurance - please see page 30

Visa: £12

Your Journey

Scheduled flights (non-smoking) by British Mediterranean on behalf of British Airways, Airbus A320, between London Heathrow and Beirut, departing at 1505h and arriving back at 1035h (1105h Syrian extension).

Please see pages 21 - 33 for details of items not included in the holiday price and our price policy.

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