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"I discovered that my imagination came alive when I moved away from the immediate world around me." KAZUO ISHIGURO

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Join the Alumni Travel Programme and embark on a lifelong journey of discovery. The Programme lets you visit some of the most amazing places on Earth with fellow alumni and expert guides.

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The Alumni Travel Programme is more than just a trip. It is a way to unlock the next version of your best life. All you need is your imagination.

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Emeritus Professor of Comparative Philology, University of Cambridge

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Professor Mark J Smith
Professor of Egyptology, University of Oxford

Professor Robert White
(St Edmund's 1971)
Professor of Geophysics, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge

Greek Civilisations
Athens, Delphi and the Peloponnese

10–19 JUNE 2024

£3,095*

Professor Geoff Horrocks
(Downing 1969)

DELVING INTO Greece's Classical past, this is a comprehensive exploration of the most significant ancient cities of the Greek mainland, including Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Mycenae and Epidavros. Discover their striking legacy on the modern world, most evident in their architecture but also in Western democracy, philosophy, religion and language as well as mathematics and sport.

* *Price does not include international flights. Single supplement £510*

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Wonders of Iceland
Volcanoes, Geysers and Glaciers

21–28 JUNE 2024

£4,295*

Professor Robert White
(St Edmund's 1971)

A GEOLOGICAL MARVEL, Iceland is one of the youngest landmasses in the world, which is constantly being shaped by her rumbling volcanoes, shifting tectonic plates and majestic glaciers. With Professor White on hand to interpret the landscape, discover geological wonders from steaming lava fields, mud pots, geysers and volcanoes to ice flows, waterfalls and hot-spring lagoons.

* *Price does not include international flights. Single supplement £570*

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Exploring Hadrian's Wall

Romans, Reivers and Romantics

6–13 JULY 2024

£2,995*

Professor Jim Crow
University of Edinburgh

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover a Roman landscape unique in Britain for its diversity and scale
- Encounter Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Vikings, medieval Warlords, sinister Reivers and Victorian Romantics
- Travel with Jim Crow, Professor of Classical, Roman and Byzantine Archaeology and one of the world's leading experts on Hadrian's Wall

HADRIAN'S WALL OFFERS a wealth of experiences; few areas so large come to be defined by a single work of man, but the Wall Country has had a special character since the Romans first set this great work in progress over field, crag and river nearly two thousand years ago. There is no better place to explore England's long history, beautiful countryside and cultural richness.

** Price does not include domestic UK flights/ trains. Single supplement £795*

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Magical Madagascar

The Zoology of a Gondwanaland Island

10–20 JULY 2024

£3,895*

Trip Scholar to be confirmed

EVOLVING WITHOUT LARGE PREDATORS until just 2,000 years ago when man arrived, the island of Madagascar contains utterly unique wildlife, 80% of which is endemic. Visit contrasting reserves and rainforests in search of ring-tailed lemurs and dancing sifakas, brightly coloured chameleons, frogs, and butterflies. Learn how scientists are working to protect this precious habitat.

* *Price does not include international flights. Single supplement £650*

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Walks in the Forbidden Kingdom of Mustang

Explore an ancient and spectacular region

12–28 AUGUST 2024

£3,580*

Professor Charles Ramble
University of Oxford

LOCKED AWAY ON THE EDGE of the Tibetan plateau lies the secret, ancient kingdom of Mustang. After decades of isolation, little has changed in Mustang – this is a kingdom more Tibetan than Tibet. Enjoy several spectacular walks on an endless sea of mountains and discover a world that lives in another time; a world of silence, shadows, and spirits.

* *Price does not include international flights*

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Walks in the Enchanted Land

Exploring Romania

4–14 SEPTEMBER 2024

£2,340*

Dr Alex Koller
(Magdalene 1993)

ENJOY A SERIES OF WALKS through one of Europe's most beautiful countries with its dazzling collections of cultural and artistic treasures; signs of a medieval past long since lost elsewhere. Learn more of the intense spirituality of Romania's people which is wonderfully expressed through their music, costume, food and traditions.

* *Price does not include international flights*

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The Balkans Crossroads

A Journey through Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina

13–23 SEPTEMBER 2024

£2,460*

Nirvana Romell

THESE ARE AMONG the least explored regions of Europe where ancient traditions, cuisine, viticulture and folklore are still part of everyday life. Breathtakingly beautiful and mountainous landscapes surround medieval monasteries, monuments and ruins of many different civilisations. The western Balkans have a complex history and culture. Nirvana Romell will highlight two millennia of cultural mixing and power struggles.

* *Price does not include international flights*

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Lycia and Cappadocia

Gulet cruise combined with Catal Höyük and Cappadocia

21 SEPTEMBER – 3 OCTOBER 2024

£4,295*

Professor Peter Sarris
University of Cambridge

ENJOY A RELAXING CRUISE visiting the classical sites of ancient Lycia by luxury private gulet, then turn inland to explore the Anatolian interior. Fall in love with the evocative ruined cities of Myra and Phaselis, explore neolithic Çatal Höyük, the largest prehistoric site ever excavated, and delight in the remarkable cave churches and striking landscapes of Cappadocia.

** Price does not include international flights. Single supplement on application*

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Japan: A Cultural Odyssey

Past, Present and Future

23 SEPTEMBER – 7 OCTOBER 2024

£6,460*

Professor Jay Lewis
University of Oxford

ON THIS UNIQUE JOURNEY, explore the rich and diverse history, art and culture of Japan. From its ancient origins during the Nara period, through the turbulent times of the shoguns and samurais, to its remarkable transformation into a modern and prosperous nation. Discover the beauty, traditions and innovations of this fascinating country that have captivated the world.

** Price does not include international flights*

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Eternal Egypt Uncovered
Beyond the Pyramids

3–14 OCTOBER 2024

£3,275*

Professor Mark J Smith
University of Oxford

JOURNEY THROUGH ANCIENT EGYPT beginning with the pyramids at Giza, the Step Pyramid at Sakkara and the new Grand Egyptian Museum. Deviating from the tourist trail, you'll visit lesser-known pyramids at Dahshur, Meidum and Hewara. A highlight of the tour is a visit to Tel el Amarna, excavated by the Cambridge Amarna team led by Professor Barry Kemp.

** Price does not include international flights*

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Burgundy & Haute Saone
Medieval Gems by Luxury Hotel Barge

12–18 OCTOBER 2024

£2,950*

Dr Rowena Archer
University of Oxford

TRAVEL BY LUXURY BARGE along the Burgundy and Petite Saône Canals, stopping to visit historic gems such as the gothic Hospices de Beaune and the medieval streets of Dijon. Enjoy a wine tasting at a historic vineyard on the famous Cote d'Or. Watch the picturesque countryside float by, cruising from village to village, or the active can cycle alongside.

** Price does not include train/flight to Dijon. Single supplement £2,000*

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The Splendours of South India and Sri Lanka

7–23 NOVEMBER 2024

£4,960*

Professor Julius Lipner
University of Cambridge

DISCOVER THE DIVERSE and fascinating cultures of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Karnataka in South India. These exotic lands and beautiful backwaters are a treasure trove of ancient temples, fragrant bazaars and rare fauna and flora. Explore the serene and splendid island of Sri Lanka, with its ruined cities, magnificent palaces and wonderful gardens. Learn more of the remarkable history of this enchanting island and enjoy the warm hospitality of the Sri Lankan people.

* *Price includes internal flights. Does not include international flights*

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Ecuador and Galapagos

Follow in Darwin's footsteps

27 NOVEMBER – 8 DECEMBER 2024

£6,495*

Professor Daniel J Field
University of Cambridge

THE REMARKABLE FLORA and fauna of the Galapagos Islands, 600 miles off Ecuador's coast, led to Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*. Experience evolution in action on an exciting 5-day Galapagos naturalist cruise. Add to this the colonial delights of Quito, the Avenue of the Volcanoes, and a stay at an eco-lodge in the astoundingly biodiverse Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest.

* *Price includes internal flights but not international flights.*
Single supplement £1,750

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Exploring Indochina

A journey through Vietnam and Cambodia

10–27 JANUARY 2025

£4,460*

Miranda Bruce-Mitford
SOAS University of London

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Ho Chi Minh city (formerly Saigon), one of the most intensely living cities imaginable
- Visit Hue, Vietnam's former political capital which has preserved its air of gracious reserve and faded glamour and is beautifully situated on the Perfume River

INDOCHINA IS A LAND of captivating beauty and highly refined cultures whose people have, over the last thirty years, transformed their war-torn countries into one of the most dynamic regions in Asia. But the history and culture of Indochina goes back much further; at its height in the 10th century, Angkor produced some of the world's most beautiful art and architecture.

* *Price does not include international flights*

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Also in 2024

Get Away

Few landmarks have tantalised the minds of travellers more than the legendary cities of Central Asia.

Along the Golden Road from Samarkand

A Journey through Central Asia
5–19 April 2024
£3,680, **not including international flights**
Dr Iain Shearer, The British Museum
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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.

Crossing the Ancient Silk Road

China and Central Asia
15 August – 2 September 2024
£TBC
Dr Iain Shearer, The British Museum
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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, Tour Operator or favourite trip scholar.

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"We are each a river with a particular abiding character, but we show radically different aspects of our self according to the territory through which we travel."

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