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Experience Christmas with Andante Travels

Nothing quite gets people into the spirit like a well-deserved break. This year we have a brand-new selection of tours where you can experience Christmas spirit the 'Andante way'. We have specifically designed the tours in the following pages to ensure you can make the most of this wonderful time of year. Travel, accommodation and exciting experiences have been carefully selected to ensure the most memorable of times, in the company of like-minded travellers, in smaller groups and fully escorted throughout.

"Rome at Christmas was an excellent tour, all of the visits were very enjoyable. The Archaeologist Oliver Gilkes, had excellent knowledge of the ancient world and he knew everything you need to know about Rome ancient, medieval and modern, he answered all questions he never seemed to be lost for explaining what we were visiting / looking at. The tour manager Yamina Labeled was excellent at her job of looking after us, seeing to all our needs and answering questions always smiling.

Guest, December 2023

OUR AWARDS & ACCOLADES

We won a Feefo 2023 Gold Trusted Service Award for excellence in customer service, but also a silver for the Best Travel Company to Italy/Western Mediterranean Islands. Plus of course, our very own John Shepherd won the Wanderlust World Guide Award - History & Culture 2023.



Autumn/Winter Saver offers

SAVE UP TO \$350*

Enjoy a saving of up to \$350 per person on selected tours departing in December 2024. See our tour pages for the savings on each departure date.

Offer ends 31st July 2024.

5% PAY IN FULL DISCOUNT

If you pay in full at the time you book you can take advantage of a further 5% discount. This could be a total saving of \$590 per person!**

Offer ends 31st July 2024.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

We reserve the right to withdraw special offers on any tour at any time and they are not valid for any bookings on private group tours, travel agent bookings or Study Days.

*AUTUMN/WINTER SAVER OFFER: The discounts for each tour are off the full selling price. Valid for new bookings made up until 31st July 2024, on tours departing in December 2024. *The discount of \$350 per person applies to our Morocco: Tangier to Marrakesh tour. These discounts can only be combined with the other offers detailed on this page.*

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"Very enjoyable tour with a great group of people. Oliver and Yamina were excellent at ensuring things ran smoothly and Oliver's depth and breadth of knowledge was a key reason the tour was so good.

Guest, December 2023

How to book

If you are already interested in joining one of our tours and want to know more, please do give our Specialist Travel Executives a call today.

They are ready to help with all of your questions.

If you have already booked a place on one of our tours and require further information, please get in touch with our experienced Customer Care team.

Call today:

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Vienna

Exploring Habsburg Wonders in Winter

6 DAYS From \$4,473pp SAVE \$350pp Departing December

From its ancient origins as a castrum and canaba in the Roman period, Vienna grew to dizzying heights after becoming the capital of the Holy Roman Empire in the 15th century, developing into one of the most important imperial centres of Europe. Situated on both the Danube and the Wien rivers, the city developed enormously when it became the capital of the Habsburg empire in the end of the 17th century and particularly in the 18th century when a multiplicity of grand palaces was constructed. The city was further aggrandized in the 19th century when Franz Josef demolished the city's fortifications and developed the awe inspiring Ringstrasse which encircles the city, uniting a series of grandiose buildings, including the Rathaus and the Kunsthistorisches Museum.

This tour will guide you through this masterpiece of Baroque architecture, exploring the gems that Habsburg wealth was responsible for generating and collecting. Apart from the sumptuous palaces, we explore the city's many world class museums, starting with the Kunsthistorisches Museum and the Naturhistorisches Museum but also including lesser-known jewels, such as the Secession Building and the Albertina Museum. We will also be considering the city's interesting ancient period. We will be doing all of this in the festive season as there is, perhaps, no better time to visit this city of music and culture than when it is bedecked in its traditional Christmas markets and a possible layering of snow.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the many artistic masterpieces in the Kunsthistorisches Museum
- Gaze at Klimt's Kiss and his other works of art in the stupendous Schloss Belvedere Palace
- Examine the wonderful treasures excavated in Ephesus, including the Parthian Monument
- View the fabulous collection of paintings and drawings in the Albertina Museum

Day One | Vienna

Day Two | Vienna

Day Three | Vienna

Day Four | Vienna

Day Five | Vienna

Day Six | Vienna



Activity Level ●●●○○



Guided by Tom Abbott

An art and architecture historian whose expertise is wide ranging, from the Baroque and Rococo, to modern and contemporary.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation in Vienna

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine and tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
4th - 9th Dec	\$4,823	£4,473 \$1,064

Includes \$350 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/avna



Morocco: Tangier to Marrakesh

Imperial cities and Lords of the Atlas

10 DAYS From \$4,819pp SAVE \$350pp Departing December

Morocco is known as the 'Maghreb el-Aqsa' the land of the further west, encircled by three great seas and tucked in at the corner of Africa. Despite the attentions of Phoenician traders, Roman colonists, Arab settlers and incomers from southern Spain, it has retained its identity over the centuries and in places there is an almost eerie sense of time travelling, so little seems to have changed over the years. This is a country full of colour – pink hued palaces in Marrakesh, cool blues in Chefchaouen, the white peaks of the Atlas, silvery olive groves and honey coloured dunes. And whilst the main focus of our tour is the Islamic heritage of Morocco, it may be the exotic nature of this country which competes for your attention and memories.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the remarkable Roman site of Volubilis, ancient capital of Mauretania Tingitania
- Enjoy the sensation of time travel in one of the world's most complete medieval cities – Fez
- Discover Marrakesh and its famous Jamaa el Fena Square with its storytellers, jugglers, musicians and snake charmers

Day One | Tangier

Day Two | Lixus & Tangier

Day Three | Tangier - Chefchaouan - Fez

Day Four | Fez

Day Five | Volubilis

Day Six | Fez - Meknès - Rabat

Day Seven | Rabat

Day Eight | Rabat - Marrakesh

Day Nine | Marrakesh

Day Ten | Marrakesh



Activity Level ●●●○○



Guided by Dr Eireann Marshall

An Honorary Research Fellow for the Open University, Eireann is bilingual and has led many tours for Andante.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Tangier, Fez, Rabat & Marrakesh

Culinary inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 8 lunch & 9 dinners
- Water with all meals, & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Dbl Share	Sgl Supp.
6th - 15th Dec	\$5,169	\$4,819 \$685

Includes \$350 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/amor



Christmas in Rome

Enjoy a festive visit to the 'Eternal City' in the company of an expert

6 DAYS From \$3,690pp **SAVE \$350pp** Departing December

Christmas is a wonderful time to visit Rome as the city, the streets are brightly lit and decorated, the churches display their ancient cribs, and the city celebrates. An exhilarating and intimate destination where the glories of its ancient past mingle with museums, art-filled churches and Renaissance piazzas, this is the perfect introduction to the 'Eternal City' led by Oliver Gilkes, who will bring to life triumphs, tragedies and political intrigue that characterised the Roman Empire. We stay at the Hotel Santa Chiara in the very heart of the ancient city, situated directly behind the Pantheon, the perfect base for exploring Rome. It has been privately owned by the Corteggiani family since 1838 and consequently retains a feel of personal warmth and friendliness.

Tour Highlights

- Explore the atmospheric, underground service tunnels of the mighty Colosseum
- Enjoy the glorious collections and masterpieces on view at the Capitoline Museums
- Discover some extraordinary 'hidden' gems as well as some world-famous classical sites

Day One | Rome

Day Two | Rome

Day Three | Rome

Day Four | Rome

Day Five | Rome

Day Six | Rome



Activity Level ●●●○○



Guided by Oliver Gilkes

Oliver has worked as a field and museum archaeologist in the UK, Albania and Italy.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Hotel Albergo Santa Chiara

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 5 lunch & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db Share	Sgl Supp.
21st - 26th Dec	\$4,040 \$3,690	\$415

Includes \$350 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/arox



Carthage & Roman Tunisia at New Year

A Numidian New Year

7 DAYS From \$3,670pp **SAVE £350pp** Departing December

Join us in North Africa as we celebrate the New Year amongst the beautiful sites of Tunisia. Tony O'Connor leads the way as we discover the fabulous mosaics at the Bardo (one of the biggest collections in the world), admire the magnificent but now defunct temples of Dougga and Thuburbo Majus, scale the heights of El Djem, the amphitheatre that dominates the modern town and walk inside a section of the aqueduct which once carried water 56 miles from Zaghouna to Carthage. We will spend New Year's Eve in Kairouan at our hotel situated on the edge of the medina. This is an ideal spot from which to explore the city that inspired Paul Klee from the beautiful simplicity of the Great Mosque to the quiet streets of the medina where life goes on much as it has for a thousand years.

Tour Highlights

- Visit the incredible El Djem amphitheatre, Africa's largest and best-preserved
- Admire some of the world's most impressive mosaics at the Bardo, Sousse and El Djem museums
- Explore the UNESCO-listed sites of Dougga and Kairouan

Day One | Tunis

Day Two | Bardo Museum & Carthage

Day Three | Testour & Dougga

Day Four | Oudna - Thuburbo Majus - Kairouan

Day Five | Kairouan

Day Six | El Djem & Sousse

Day Seven | Tunis



Activity Level ●●●○○



Guided by Tony O'Connor

A specialist in the Roman Empire, Tony has excavated widely across Britain, Europe and North Africa.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Hotel Residence, Tunis & Hotel La Kasbah, Kairouan

Culinary inclusions

- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunch & 6 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db Share	Sgl Supp.
27th Dec - 2nd Jan	\$4,020 \$3,670	\$675

Includes \$350 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

For full details of this tour visit andantetravels.co.uk/acrx



Athens at New Year

Explore this ancient capital, unimpeded by the usual crowds

6 DAYS

From \$3,210pp **SAVE \$280pp**

Departing December

Like most large cities, the sprawling city of Athens is a patchwork of urban neighbourhoods each with their own identity where history happily co-exists with everyday life, from the street art that's become the city's trademark to the markets, specialist shops and restaurants. On our winter tour we will explore the important monuments of this most seminal of cities and celebrate New Year with local Athenians. The New Year's countdown is a night long celebration in Athens kicking off with a spectacular firework display over the Acropolis which lights up the Athenian sky at midnight. Our base is at the family-run Herodion hotel, in the heart of the Plaka and at the foot of the Acropolis where we can take advantage of the views from its rooftop bar and restaurant.

Tour Highlights

- Explore three fabulous world class museums housing between them some of the greatest collections of antiquities in the world
- Enjoy Athens like the locals do enjoying some favourite corners of this famous city
- Discover Kerameikos, a beautiful, tranquil site which marked the starting point of the Panathenaic procession

Day One | Athens

Day Two | Acropolis

Day Three | Kerameikos & Cycladic Museum

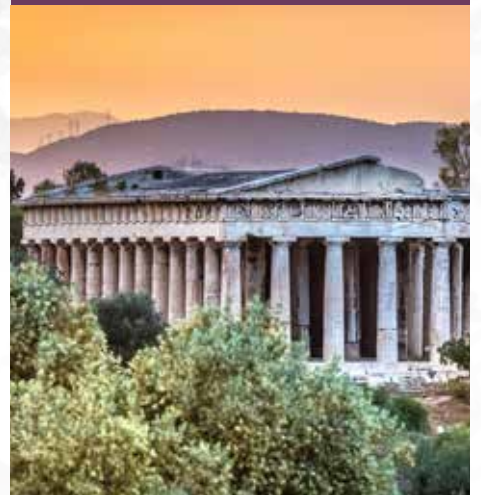
Day Four | Agora

Day Five | Philopappos Hill

Day Six | Athens



Activity Level ●●●○○



Guided by Dr Rita Roussos

A native Athenian, Rita taught archaeology and art history at the American University of Athens.

Price includes

- Expert Guide Lecturer & Professional Tour Manager
- Entries to all sites as per the itinerary
- Field notes
- All taxes & gratuities

Included travel

- All local transport

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Herodion Hotel, Athens

Culinary inclusions

- 5 breakfasts, 5 lunch & 5 dinners
- Water with all meals, wine & tea or coffee with dinner

Dates & prices per person

Date	Twin/Db Share	Sgl Supp.
28th Dec - 2nd Jan	\$3,490 \$3,210	\$475

Includes \$280 Autumn/Winter Saver discount if you book by 31st July 2024

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