

# ROM

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### Eternal Egypt and Jewels of Jordan

November 19 to December 5, 2024



Figure 1: A felucca sailing the Nile near Elephantine Island, Aswan, Egypt. © Tourcan Vacations under licence from pixabay, 2023.

Egypt, a country poised as a bridge between Africa, Europe, and Asia for many millennia, beckons us to tread in the footsteps of its people, both ancient

and modern. Jordan, “an open-air museum” that has remnants of many empires and civilizations – the Nabateans, the Romans, the Crusaders

– invites us to explore the valley through which Moses is said to have led his people to Canaan.



Figure 2: The Monastery, Petra, Jordan. © subherwal, Wikimedia Commons, 2017.

In Jordan, we see the Roman ruins of Jerash; the majestic archeological jewel, the Treasury, in Petra; and the dramatic scenery of Wadi Rum, in the red desert. We stay under the stars and meet local hosts. In Egypt, we arrive in bustling Cairo to visit the legendary Pyramids of Giza, explore the Necropolis of Saqqara, and see King Tut's treasures at the Grand Egyptian Museum.

We continue to Aswan and feel we have gone back in time as we visit the romantic Philae Temple and take a flight out to see the massive temples in Abu Simbel. We cruise downstream on the mighty river Nile and see the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens along its banks. We marvel at the majestic Karnak Temple complex in Luxor and, amongst many monuments, visit the Temple of Hatshepsut.

Doctor Kei Yamamoto, Egyptologist, and former ROM researcher, joins us to augment this remarkable experience.

Please contact the Coordinator to register for an information meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 5:30 pm EST. In-person attendance is at capacity. A wait list for video conference attendance is available.



Figure 3: The Funerary Temple of Hatshepsut, Valley of the Kings, Egypt. © Yolande Baldachin, 2006.

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# Croatia: An Adriatic Adventure

May 6 to 20, 2024



Figure 4: View of Old Town, with bell tower of the Church of Saint Euphemia, Rovinj, Croatia. © Margaret Magdziak, 2023.

The rich history, culture, and natural beauty of Croatia awaits on a remarkable 15-day odyssey. From Dubrovnik to Istia, discover the essence of the Adriatic, exploring Roman ruins, Byzantine churches, and Venetian palaces as well as UNESCO World Heritage sites in Dubrovnik, Split, Sibenik, and more. This exclusive adventure is guaranteed to deliver unforgettable experiences and lasting memories.

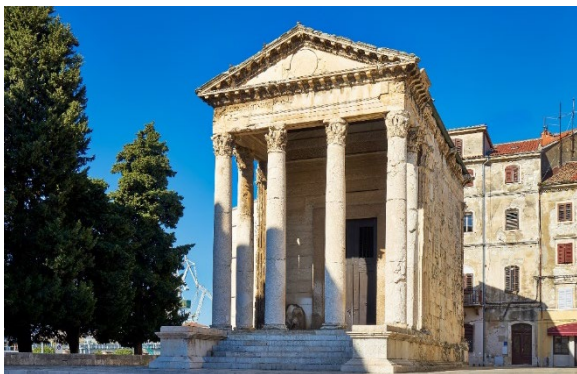


Figure 5: Temple of Augustus, Pula, Croatia. © Georg Karl Ell, Wikimedia Commons, 2021.

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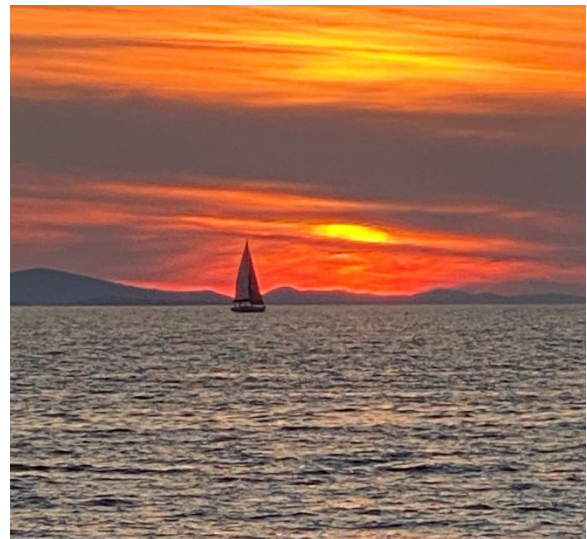


Figure 6: Sunset at the Sea Organ, Zadar, Croatia. © Margaret Magdziak, 2023.

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## Timeless Thailand and Cambodia's Angkor Wat

November 2 to 16, 2024

Immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of Thailand, both ancient and modern. Explore Angkor Wat, Cambodia's temple city and a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Figure 7: Ta Prohm, Angkor Wat, Cambodia. © Supanut Arunoprayote, Wikimedia Commons, 2019.

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## Looking Forward: Upcoming Trips

### Flemish Masterpiece: Amsterdam to Bruges, Spring 2025

We will float on the canals in a luxury ship and see flower markets, art masterpieces and eat the best Dutch cheeses and chocolates, all with a local expert. You may have been to the Low Countries but not where we will go, and not like this. So civilized!

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Figure 8: Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. © Nikolai Karaneshev, Wikimedia Commons, 2016.

## High Arctic, Summer 2025

Visit the high Arctic and sail through the northwest passage on a small ship expedition! See flora and fauna, and historic sights, all alongside expert guides. Come see the Canadian High Arctic, before it disappears.

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Figure 9: An iceberg in Disko Bay, Greenland. © Adventure Canada, 2017.

## Berlin and Warsaw: Two Capitals Reborn, October 2025

Germany and Poland share a long and complicated history: neighbours, friends and foes. Berlin and Warsaw reflect the two nations' complex past and remarkable post-communist renaissance. Our expert resource person will offer fascinating insights and make this an unforgettable experience!

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Figure 10: Visitationist Church, Warsaw, Poland © Margaret Magdziak, 2023.

## Argentina: Land of Wonders, November 2025

Become enchanted with Buenos Aires, indulge in the wineries of Mendoza close to the Andes Mountains, the wildlife of Patagonia and the spectacular Iguazu Falls. All the while you'll enjoy marvelous cuisine, heady wines, and tango culture.

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Figure 11: Obelisk, Buenos Aires, Argentina. © Sebastianalmaraz, Wikimedia Commons, 2015.

## Waiting List

**The Best of Morocco, April 30 to May 14, 2024**

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## Postcard from Spain



Figure 12: The Alhambra, Granada, Spain. © Slaunger, Wikimedia Commons, 2014.

As we walked the parade route to the welcome dinner, our group received a rousing applause from the gathered crowd awaiting the arrival of the victorious Barcelona football team. Thus began a whirlwind trip to visit the Roman and Moorish past of Spain. We saw exquisite Roman mosaics, amphitheatres, theatres; we toured superb museums, and we learned so much about the rich history of this beautiful country.

A definite highlight was our visit to Écija where we were given a “behind the

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scenes” tour by Sergio, the chief archaeologist, and a colleague of Doctor Jonathan Edmondson. Two “bucket list” items for most were the magical Alhambra in Granada and the splendid Mezquita in Córdoba. Fortunately for us, the weather was cooler and cloudier than is usual for Spain in May; our visit to the palace city of Medina Azahara was fantastic as it was a bit drizzly.

We delighted in fine wines, flamenco dancing, beautiful scenery and especially the camaraderie of a wonderful group of kindred spirits.

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