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Highlights of Spain: Ancient and Modern

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Figure 1: The Alhambra, Granada, Spain. © Slaunger, Wikimedia Commons, 2014.

Relive the history of the Iberian Peninsula in the ancient sites of Roman and Moorish civilizations. Enjoy Spain's beautiful vibrant cities, steeped in history and culture.

Let Professor Jonathan Edmondson take you back to Roman times as we visit the magnificent ruins of Mérida, the seaside amphitheatre of Tarragona, the necropolis of Carmona and the beautiful mosaics of Itálica. Spanish cities abound in the cultural heritage of their former conquerors. At the

Almoína Museum in Valencia, vestiges of the city's history from its founding by the Romans in 25 BCE through the Visigoths and the Moors are on display, and all of this was discovered when a building on the site was demolished in the 1970s.

As we travel through Andalucía, Spain's Moorish past comes alive.

In Granada, the breathtaking Alhambra, constructed on a plateau that overlooks the

Albaicín and the city, is the main attraction. One of the most famous achievements of Islamic architecture, it is a delight to the senses with its aromatic gardens, its beautiful fountains and reflective pools, lace-like carvings and tile mosaics.



Figure 2: The Court of la Acequia, Generalife Palace, Granada, Spain. © Ajay Suresh, Wikimedia Commons, 2020.

In Córdoba, the Mezquita, with its forest of red and white arches and a Christian cathedral rising from within, is a living expression of the existence of different cultures.



Figure 3: La Mezquita, Cordoba, Spain. Ann Dandy, 2012.

We will stay in a number of the major cities of Spain. Wander through the flower-filled

patios of Córdoba, explore the winding streets of Sevilla's Jewish Quarter, discover the quintessentially Mediterranean city of Valencia. Stand in awe before the architecture of Antoni Gaudí, including his main work, the Sagrada Familia, in Barcelona.

Gastronomical delights, world-class museums, fine wines, magnificent architecture, flamenco, this trip has something for everyone.



Figure 4: Roman theatre, Cartagena, Spain. © Jonathan Edmondson, 2022.

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\$10,350 per person, double occupancy
International flights not included.

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Scotland Slowly

June 13 to 24, 2023



Figure 5: "Ocean Endeavour" anchored off Saint Kilda, Scotland. © Dennis Minty, 2018.

Thread your way through the enchanting Scottish islands. Watch the mist rise to reveal dramatic mountains and secret caves. Walk in history's footsteps, from Neolithic standing stones, to Iron Age brochs, to Norse ruins. Drop into a pub for a dram of magnificent whisky before a peat

Croatia: Adriatic Adventures

May 2024

Come with us on an Adriatic adventure and discover Croatia, a land of historical riches and breathtaking natural scenery! Sail the islands of Dalmatia and take a leisurely stroll through the cobblestone streets of charming seaside towns. We will start in Dubrovnik, "the pearl of the Adriatic" on Croatia's southern tip, and travel along the coast via Split, Šibenik and Zadar, to the Istrian peninsula.

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fire and share stories and songs with the locals. Sail with us on Adventure Canada's "Ocean Endeavour" from Aberdeen to Glasgow. Savour Scotland – slowly.

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Figure 6: Roman Amphitheatre, Pula, Croatia. © Anne Lindsey, 2011.

Cost:
TBD

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Costa Rica and the Panama Canal: An Exotic Journey

March 8 to 21, 2024

Explore wondrous rainforests, hard-to-reach indigenous communities and historic Spanish-era towns. See lush flora, exotic birds, and animals from one of the most biologically intense places on the planet, while learning alongside expert guides.



Figure 7: Central American squirrel monkey, Costa Rica. © Ruben Undheim, Wikimedia Commons, 2011.

Begin your adventure exploring the wonder of San José, Tabacón Hot Springs, and the Arenal Rainforest. Then board the “MS Panorama” with Adventure Canada for a 10-day, small, personalized sailing expedition around the south coast of Costa Rica, the Panama Canal, completing your trip in Panama City.

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The Best of Morocco, May 2 to 16, 2023

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A Tale of Three Cities: Budapest, Vienna and Prague, October 2 to 15, 2023

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Japan: Mediaeval, Mysterious and Modern, November 5 to 20, 2023

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Looking Forward: Upcoming Trips

Eternal Egypt and Jewels of Jordan, November 2024

Join us for a journey to the land of the pharaohs as we trace the footsteps of great explorers in discovering Egypt's wonders, ancient and modern. The pyramids of Giza, temples of Luxor, souks of Cairo, a Nile cruise and, in Jordan, historic Petra await you.

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Figure 8: The pyramids at Giza, Egypt. © Ricardo Liberato, Wikimedia Commons, 2006.



Figure 9: The great hypostyle hall at Karnak, near Luxor, Egypt. © Blalonde, Wikimedia Commons, 2009.

From Life to Afterlife: The Golden Age of Ancient China, October, 2024

Join us on this unique and exciting odyssey to explore the origins of ROM's Chinese collections and to provide insight into China's ancient civilization and history. See China's spectacular landscapes, timeless treasures and architecture. Delve into UNESCO World Heritage sites and behind-the-scenes tours.

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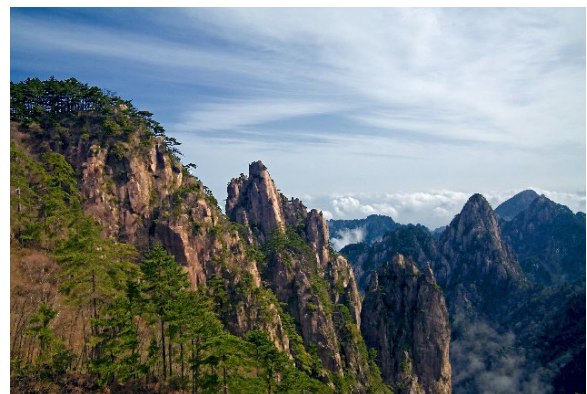


Figure 10: Huangshan or the Yellow Mountains, Anhui Province, China. © Chi King, Wikimedia Commons, 2007.

Postcard from Haida Gwaii, BC

In June, eleven ROM members cruised the islands of Haida Gwaii on an 82-foot sailboat. Before the trip, we toured ROM's First Peoples Gallery and North American Archaeology collections and learned about artists Emily Carr and Sonny Assu.

We visited the Haida Heritage Centre where Elder Captain Gold told stories of raising monumental poles. As we sailed around Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site in fair weather and gentle seas, we experienced the seamless interconnection between land, sea and people. We took care to manage our environmental footprint by using reusable water bottles and removing marine debris.

Gaetan, our Resource Person, guided us daily during on-water and shore activities including kayaking and walks through moss-covered forests of Sitka spruce and cedar.

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We enjoyed an abundance of marine and wildlife such as sea lions, whales, bald eagle, albatross, black bear, crabs, and sea stars. Watchmen, the on-site guardians of five sacred sites including UNESCO World Heritage site SGang Gwaay, told stories of their ancestors' lives and pointed out remains of poles, house pits, and longhouses.



Figure 11: Humpback whale, Hecate Strait, Haida Gwaii. © Penelope Hughes, 2022.

We are planning another trip to Haida Gwaii in June 2023.

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