

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CELTS, GREEKS AND ROMANS STUDY TOUR TO THE SOUTH OF FRANCE 2016: PART I

Dates of tour: Tuesday 4th to Thursday 13th October 2016



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THE ASSOCIATION FOR ROMAN ARCHAEOLOGY

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Dear Members

Our next overseas study tour, which was announced at the AGM in November 2015, is in the advanced stages of planning with our chosen company Millennium Tours of London, who are specialists in tailor-made travel. The number and range of sites is so large in the South of France that this study tour has been split into two parts. Part I is outlined below; Part 2 in early October 2017 will fly to Lyon and then move south visiting Vienna, Valentia, Alba, Orange, Frejus, Nice and La Turbie, flying home from Marseille.

Flights will be from Heathrow with British Airways departing 13:05 hours on 4 October to Marseille and returning from Toulouse at 17:40 hours on 13 October 2016. The tour will be on a half-board basis at four centrally placed hotels. We will have a French Tour Manager and use of a luxury coach throughout the tour, and as appropriate will employ local Roman guides. The tour will be led by Mike Stone and assisted by Anthony Beeson. The proposed itinerary is given below; the exact order and sites we visit may vary if circumstances change. **Please note that the maximum group size we can take on this tour is 48 members.**

Proposed itinerary for Celts, Greeks and Romans Study Tour to the South of France 2016: Part I

- DAY 1 Early afternoon flight from Heathrow direct to Marseille. Coach transfer to our hotel in central Marseille. Evening meal at hotel.
- DAY 2 Walking tour to visit the Musée des Docks Romains, Jardin des Vestiges, Musée d'Histoire de Marseille. Evening meal and overnight at hotel in Marseille.
- DAY 3 Check out of hotel and travel by coach to Entremont (north of Aix) to view Iron Age *oppidum*. Travel to Arles; en route in the afternoon visit the Roman mills and aqueducts at Barbegal, north of Arles. Check into hotel near to historic sites. Evening meal at hotel.
- DAY 4 Walking tour in Arles to the theatre, amphitheatre, forum complex and the Baths of Constantine. Evening meal at hotel.
- DAY 5 Walking tour in Arles: visit to Museon Arlaten, Musée Lapidaire and the new Musée d'Arles on the site of the Roman *circus*. Late afternoon free time. Evening meal at hotel.
- DAY 6 Check out of hotel and travel by coach further west heading for the Pont du Gard aqueduct, north of Nîmes. Travel into Nîmes to visit the Temple of Diana, *Nymphaeum* at the Nemausus Spring and the Tour Magne. Check into hotel in central area in Nîmes. Evening meal at hotel.
- DAY 7 Walking tour from the central hotel in Nîmes to visit the Maison Carrée temple, the Porte d'Auguste, the amphitheatre, the Musée Archéologique and the Castellum. Evening meal at hotel.
- DAY 8 Check out of hotel and travel west to Ambrussum, Hérault, visit the Celtic *oppidum*, Roman remains of houses and Roman bridge. Travel by coach to Narbonne and check into hotel near to sites. Evening meal at hotel.
- DAY 9 Walking tour in Narbonne to visit the *Horreum*, the Forum and Capitolium and the Clos de la Lombarde town house and the Musée Archéologique. Evening meal at hotel.
- DAY 10 Check out early from hotel and travel west to the Roman villa at Loupian, then to Carcassonne to visit the late Roman walls and the impressive medieval fortified town. Free time in Carcassonne before rejoining coach and travelling to Toulouse airport for early evening flight back to the UK.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: Please complete the slip above and send it to Mike Stone. Once final details of the tour are known, a booking slip requesting a deposit will be sent to interested members by email or post. Mike will log the arrival date of deposits and completed booking slips, allocate places to members and inform respondents whether they are on the waiting list.