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## Cultural tours with Winter sun

### [Oman, Landscapes & Peoples](#)

#### **Desert, coast and mountains**

5–15 January 2019

Uncover a different side of Arabia on this 11-day tour of Oman, exploring its history, people and extraordinary natural beauty in the warmth of the Arabian winter sun. With a diverse population reflecting its mercantile past, visit traditional souqs, archaeological sites and remarkable hill forts, as well as spending a night in a desert camp. Accompanied by Professor Dawn Chatty, a social anthropologist, long involved in the Middle East.

*Prices from £5,570 pp (two sharing) includes return LHR flights, accommodation, travel by private coach or 4-wheel-drive vehicles, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.*

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### [Valletta Baroque Festival](#)

#### **Music & art in the heart of the Mediterranean**

20–27 January 2019

A celebration of Baroque music in one of the most complete and compact of Baroque cities. Award-winning journalist, Juliet Rix, leads this eight-day tour which combines performances from world-class musicians with visits to the principle archaeological and architectural sites. There are five concerts included in the price, with performances of Bach, Handel and more.

*Prices from £3,020 pp (two sharing) includes return LHR flights, accommodation, travel by private coach, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.*

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### [Guatemala, Honduras, Belize](#)

#### **Lands of the Maya**

3–16 February 2019

Beginning with the magnificent Maya city at Chichén Itzá, this 14–day tour across Guatemala, Honduras and Belize provides an insight into both ancient and modern Maya life. Examining Mayan customs, religion and colourful handicrafts, visits to Tikal, Copán and Lamanai are also included, as well as time for lesser visited sites. Led by David Drew, author of *The Lost Chronicles of the Maya Kings*.

*Prices from £5,930 pp (two sharing) includes return LHR flights, accommodation, travel by private coach or minibus, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.*

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### **Vietnam: History, People, Food**

#### **From Ha Noi to Ho Chi Minh**

13–26 February 2019

A 14-day tour covering the length of the country, with special arrangements to see key sites away from the crowds, and more time spent in the major cities. There are guided tours of Ha Noi's and Hoi An's street food scenes, as well as boat trips on the Perfume river and the Mekong Delta. Senior lecturer in Vietnamese studies at SOAS, Dr Dana Healy, leads the tour.

*Prices from £5,530 pp (two sharing) includes 5\* hotel accommodation, travel by private coach, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.*

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### **Art in Texas**

#### **Outstanding collections in city & desert**

20 February–3 March 2019

With an emphasis on the modern, the range of this 12–day tour stretches from Renaissance to contemporary and European to American, across World Class collections of art and sculpture. Big names include the Kimbell in Fort Worth, Menil in Houston, Blanton in Austin, McNay in San Antonio, Fine Arts in Dallas and Houston, and Donald Judd's Chinati Foundation. Off the beaten track, drive south across the Chihuahuan Desert to the western charm of Marfa, where Donald Judd created a thriving contemporary arts scene, linking art with landscape through large-scale installations. Led by Gijs van Hensbergen, art historian and author specialising in the USA.

*Prices from £6,090 pp (two sharing) includes return LHR flights and internal flight (Houston to Midland), accommodation, travel by private coach, most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.*

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### **Essential India**

#### **Hindu temples, Rajput palaces & Mughal tombs**

23 February–8 March 2019

No fewer than seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites are visited on this 14–day tour of Essential India, taking in some of India's most celebrated sites as well as lesser-visited ones by special access. Spend three nights at Khajuraho, within walking distance of the main sites, with ample time to visit the spectacular groups of temples. Varanasi, Orchha, Gwalior, Agra and Delhi are also included. Led by historian and lecturer, Asoka Pugal.

Prices from £5,780 pp (two sharing) includes accommodation, domestic flights (Delhi to Varanasi & Varanasi to Khajuraho), travel by private coach people carriers and one journey by train (Jhansi to Gwalior), most meals with drinks, talks by the lecturer and all taxes and tips.

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**Notes to editors:**

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