

The Eternal City

By Professor Thomas Noble

Shakespeare famously wrote "All the world's a stage." Remarkably much of history has played on the unique stage that is Rome. No other city in the world has seen so much history and culture occur out in its streets and squares. Virgil spoke of a city that began as "mud huts," but eight centuries later Rome was a city of a million people whose ruins still strike visitors with awe.

The Roman Empire brought much of the then known world to Rome's doorstep. Classical Rome gave way to



Christian Rome whose popes were among the world's greatest leaders for a millennium. Vatican City and Rome's spectacular churches are reminders of the city's

religious past, but the Church was also the patron of famous artists many of whose greatest works survive in the museums all around the world.

Modern Rome presents the curious spectacles of subway stations under ancient monuments, television towers taller than churches, traffic snarls in medieval streets, and the din of words in almost all the world's languages. And, of course, Rome has been unforgettably a stage for beloved films such as Fellini's *Roma* and the perhaps more familiar *Roman Holiday* and *Three Coins in the Fountain*. Rome touches the mind and heart and soul in a way that no other city does or ever did!



Travel with Professor Noble on Rome and Southern Italy, May 21 – 31, 2023.

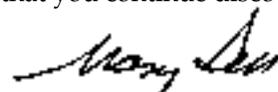
Dear Travelers,

Can you believe it has been 40 years since the birth of Far Horizons?! What glorious mental images I retain from those first trips – camping in the rain forest at Ceibal (and trying to sleep while the howler monkeys roared incessantly over our heads), floating down the mighty Usumacinta River in inflatable rafts, and walking through the uncut Lacandon forest to see the astonishing murals in Bonampak. How magical to be the only people there!

We now explore the world while most often staying in charming boutique hotels, dining in fabled local restaurants, and under the sage guidance of knowledgeable, personable PhD scholars. Over the years, we have collaborated with scientists who work in our destinations, and they have opened doors for our groups. How can I ever forget these memorable experiences – the private openings of the Queen's Chamber of Egypt's Great Pyramid or Nefatari's exquisitely painted tomb. Or the tours by the archaeologists at Göbekli Tepe, Ephesus, Scotland's Ness of Brodgar, and Angkor Wat. What amazing adventures I have had! Hiking the Inka Trail, sailing along the Turkish coast on a *gulet*. Easter Island's Tapati Festival, those stunning Rajasthani fortified palaces, tasting Nero d'Avola wine in Sicily, walking into the celebrated Roman Pantheon, spending the night inside England's 15th century Langley Castle... I have been so fortunate.

Sadly, it is now time for me to step down. I am passing Far Horizons on to Mary Collins and Stefan Woehlke. Mary will be leading Far Horizons into the future as the company continues to offer once-in-a-lifetime journeys. As you talk with her, I know that you will appreciate her as much as I do. Thank you to all our frequent travelers. I hope that you continue discovering the planet with Far Horizons.

Happy journeys,



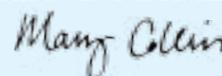
Mary Dell Lucas, Founding Director



Dear Far Horizons Travelers,

I can't tell you what a privilege it is to lead Far Horizons into the future! Mary Dell has built an amazing business and created experiences of a lifetime that I know you have enjoyed over the years. My husband and I are truly honored to continue that legacy.

Stefan and I have travelled all over the world, experiencing the history, culture and cuisines of many communities, which inspired our love of travel and discovery. This passion led to me starting my own tour company, Blue Fern Travel, 8 years ago in Washington DC, and Stefan is a PhD archaeologist with the University of Maryland. We are so excited to continue the Far Horizons journey and look forward to creating more memories with you in years to come!

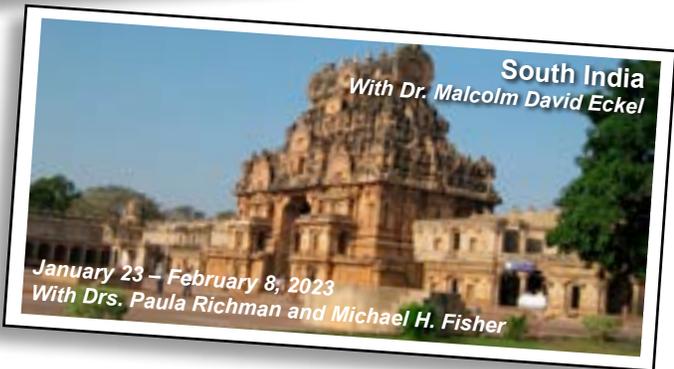
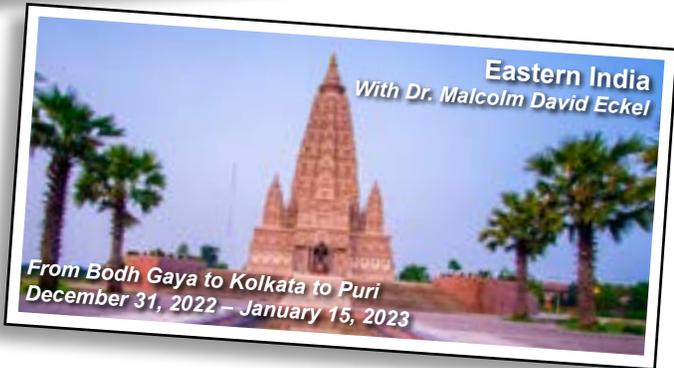


Mary Collins, CEO





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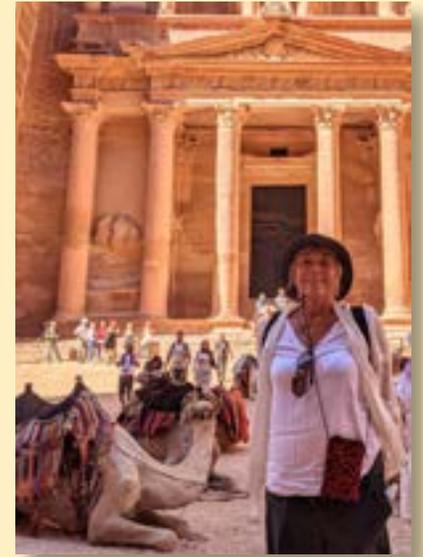
Wonderful Jordan

By Marci Addison, Far Horizons traveler

Looking through a magazine when I was 17 years old, I saw a thrilling photo of a red rock facade in Petra, Jordan. I filed that away in my memory as “maybe, someday.” Many years later I stood in person before the Treasury, that very same edifice. I have known about Far Horizons for many years, and I had heard about the quality of their itineraries, experts and staff. When Far Horizons announced their tour to Jordan and that the study leader was Dr. Gary Rollefson, I knew I was going!

With over 40 years of digging at Neolithic sites in Jordan, Dr. Gary Rollefson is like a rock star. We viewed the 10,000 year old clay figures he unearthed lining the glass cases in the National Museum in Amman. The museum director proudly invited us upstairs for a reception to honor Dr. Rollefson. Outside the capital, at a Byzantine site, a site guide walked up to Gary, with obvious reverence, and said Gary was the reason he had become an archeologist. Several times at other sites, our group ran into folks obviously thrilled to see Gary. I’m calling him Gary because, aside from his obvious deep knowledge, he has an open, warm personality, an impish sense of humor and a genuine love of Jordan’s prehistoric sites. I knew I would love Petra. Gary made our time in the desert visiting bronze age structures, massive striped caves used as a gathering place or animal shelter for pastoral peoples, Crusade era castles, Lawrence of Arabia’s winter home in 1917 and much more, equally fascinating. Other highlights were a lunch in a Bedouin tent, visiting the St. George Church and Little Petra, and after a traditional dinner cooked in an outdoor fire pit under a clear starry sky, joining a traditional native dance. In Petra, we took a cooking lesson, then ate our efforts. What is wonderful about Jordan’s cuisine is that it can accommodate all from vegans to major meat eaters.

Far Horizons accommodations are comfortable and first class, the cuisine is extraordinary and generous. The limited group size made for greater access and real camaraderie for all of the participants. The entire Far Horizons crew, both in the office and in Jordan are caring experts. Far Horizons went far beyond what one might expect of a travel company. For me this was truly a trip of a lifetime.

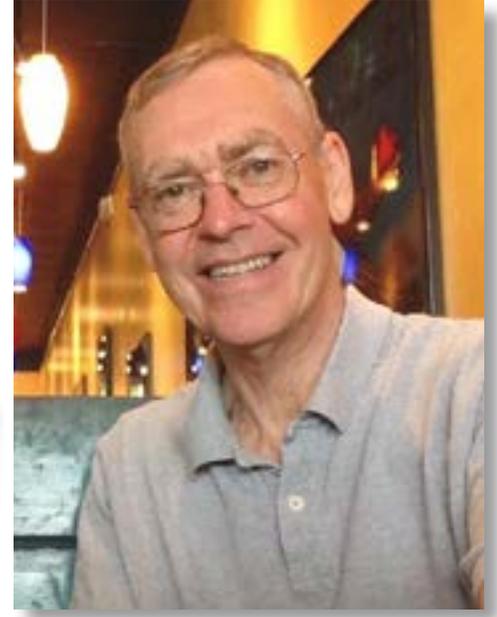


Travel with
**Dr. Rollefson to Jordan,
October 23 – November 5, 2022.**

STUDY LEADER PROFILE – PATRICK ALLITT

Far Horizons is proud to welcome a new Great Courses professor to our community!

Patrick Allitt is a British historian and currently the Cahoon Family Professor of American History at Emory College. He received his PhD at the University of California Berkeley, and held postdoctoral fellowships at Harvard Divinity School and Princeton University. Professor Allitt was honored with Emory's Excellence in Teaching Award and in 2000 was appointed to the N.E.H./ Arthur Blank Professorship of Teaching in the Humanities. A widely published and award-winning author, Dr. Allitt also is the presenter of 11 lecture series for The Great Courses, including *The Great Tours: England, Scotland, and Wales*, and *History of the United States*.



Travel with Dr. Allitt on two upcoming trips, *England's Castles, Battlements and Stately Homes* and *USA: Birth of American Democracy*

Hadrian's Wall and the edge of Empire

By Dr. James Bruhn

One of my favourite monuments on the archaeological tour of England is Hadrian's Wall. A truly impressive construction feat, Hadrian's Wall runs for 80 Roman miles across the isthmus of land between the mouth of the River Tyne and the Solway Firth. The Wall was constructed in the 120s AD in the reign of Emperor Hadrian. Initially begun as turf construction without forts it was switched during construction to stone with the forts relocated adjacent to and incorporated into the curtain wall. Construction of the Wall coincided with Hadrian's official visit to Britain in 122 AD but it is unclear if the Wall was already under construction at this point or if Hadrian's visit, which was prompted by possible military activity in the northern frontier, led to its planning and construction.

The Wall is best appreciated at Housesteads Roman Fort where its scale and the relationship between the Wall and the fort can be clearly understood. While much of the frontier was martial in nature, it would have also become a home for the soldier stationed on the edge of Empire, the officials, traders, and families. Around many of the forts on Hadrian's Wall developed small attached civilian towns referred to as *vici*. These towns house the traders and associated families and are excellent examples of frontier life. This is illustrated by the rich selection of objects and writing tablets on display at the fort at Vindolanda one of the forts located behind Hadrian's Wall. The finds from Vindolanda range from the spectacular to the mundane objects associated with daily life,



and it is these objects that allow us to appreciate these human lives from the past to understand how they were similar and yet different from our own.



Travel with Dr. Bruhn on our infamous *Through the Glass Darkly: An Archaeological Pub Crawl of England*, September 17 – 29, 2022.



CUSTOM TRAVEL

By Mary Collins

If the last two years have taught us anything, it's that there is no time like the present. So, if you have been dreaming of a special trip with your family, a close group of friends, a solo trip or "just the two of you," now is the time! Let this be the year you finally take your grandchildren to see the pyramids in Egypt or hike the Inka Trail with your children to see the stunning Machu Picchu. Didn't your mother mention she always wanted to see the sun rise over the Taj Mahal, slowly watching it appear out of the mist? Do you want to travel with a group of friends led by a special scholar? Are you a teacher who has always wanted to take a group of students to Belize? Every year we create once-in-a-lifetime custom trips for our travelers and we are ready to make your dream trip into a reality in 2022!

Why do travelers choose us for their custom tours? While Far Horizons offers remarkable tours and marvelous group travel, sometimes you're looking for a more private experience to share with loved ones. Years of experience, proven logistical capabilities, and exceptional knowledge of the most remote areas and cultures makes Far Horizons the ideal company to guide you on your journey. Our connections to exceptional guides and archaeologists working in the field across all our destinations bring history to life and make each of our trips a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Whether it's your own private yacht charter along the remote coast of Turkey, a private tour of Easter Island, finally seeing Jordan's Petra, walking the battlements in England's great castles, or going back to Guatemala because you never made it to Tikal, we can create an amazing itinerary and take care of all the planning. So, what are you waiting for? Make 2022 the year of travel!



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Why Hildesheim?

Located in northern Germany, charming Hildesheim is a rarely visited jewel that was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1985. Although much was destroyed during World War II, the historical center displays stunning half-timbered and other buildings from the Gothic, Renaissance, and Rococo periods. Hildesheim's medieval St. Mary's Cathedral along with the 11th century St. Michael's Church are impressive example of Romanesque art. While there are many impressive attractions that bring visitors to Hildesheim, our purpose is to visit the Roemer-und Pelizaeus-Museum which contains one of the world's most famous collections of ancient Egyptian cultural monuments including outstanding treasures of the Old Kingdom from the age of great pyramids.



Travel with Egyptologists, Bob Brier and Patricia Remler, to nine European Museums to view some of the greatest collections of Egyptian Art in Hildesheim, Hannover, Berlin, Copenhagen, Edinburgh & Glasgow, August 3 – 13, 2022.

FAR HORIZONS SCHEDULE AND BROCHURE REQUEST FORM

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EUROPE & TURKEY

- Lost Kingdoms of Eastern Turkey**
with Professor Jennifer Tobin
May 13 – 28, 2022 and May 13 – 28, 2023
- An Exploration of Wales and England**
with Dr. James Bruhn
June 2 – 16, 2022 and June 2 – 16, 2023
- England's Castles, Battlements and Stately Homes**
with Dr. Patrick Allitt
June 24 – July 7, 2022 and July 21 – August 3, 2023
- The Riches of Scotland**
with Dr. Brian Buchanan
July 8 – 22, 2022 and July 7 – 21, 2023
- Egypt in Nine European Museums: Hildesheim, Hannover, Berlin, Copenhagen, Edinburgh and Glasgow**
with Professor Bob Brier & Art Historian Patricia Remler
August 3 – 13, 2022
- Iceland**
with Dr. Elizabeth Ashman Rowe
August 5 – 15, 2022
- Cathedrals of France**
with Professor William R. Cook
August 20 – 31, 2022 and August 19 – 30, 2023
- Archaeology and History of England**
with Dr. James Bruhn
September 17 – 29, 2022 and September 17 – 29, 2023
- Sicily: Art & Archaeology**
with Professor Bill Tronzo & Dr. Gail Fiegenbaum
September 2 – 16, 2022
- Greece's Dodecanese Islands By Private Yacht**
with Professor Tom Noble
September 18 – October 1, 2022
- Sail the Sapphire Seas of Turkey**
with Professor Jennifer Tobin
April 26 – May 10, 2023
- Cyprus, Rhodes and Malta: In the Path of the Crusader Knights**
with Professor John France
April 26 – May 11, 2023
- Churches of Italy: Tuscany & Umbria**
with Professor William R. Cook
May 15 – 26, 2023
- Rome & Southern Italy**
with Professor Thomas F. X. Noble
May 21 – 31, 2023
- Archaeology of Greece**
with Professor Steven L. Tuck
May 27 – June 11, 2023
- Western Turkey**
with Professor Jeremy McInerney
May 27 – June 12, 2023

- Italy: In the Path of the Etruscans**
with Professor Steven L. Tuck
May 15 – 26, 2023
- Cathedrals of England**
with Professor William R. Cook
July 16 – 30, 2023
- The Archaeology of Ireland**
with Dr. Enda O'Flaherty
June 10 – 25, 2023
- Greek Isles of Myth**
with Professor Robert Garland
June 11 – 24, 2023
- In the Path of the Vikings: Denmark, Norway & Sweden**
with Dr. Steven Ashby
July 2023
- Bulgaria: Land of History**
Study Leader to be Announced
October 2023

THE MIDDLE EAST & ARABIA

- The Grandeur of Petra, The Splendors of Jordan**
with Professor Gary Rollefson
October 23 – November 5, 2023 and April 15 – 28, 2023
- Iran: Empires of Everlasting Fires**
with Dr. Jenny Rose
October 7 – 23, 2023

EGYPT & AFRICA

- Tunisia**
with Professor Jennifer Tobin
October 15 – 30, 2022 and October 14 – 29, 2023
- Undiscovered Egypt**
with Professor Bob Brier & Art Historian Patricia Remler
October 24 – November 6, 2022
- Sudan: An Exploration of the Ancient Kush**
with Dr. Timothy Kendall
February 10 – 23, 2023
- The Majesty of Egypt**
with Professor Bob Brier & Art Historian Patricia Remler
March 2023

OCEANIA

- Chile & Easter Island's Tapati Festival**
with Dr. Sidsel Millerström
January 29 – February 9, 2023

FAR HORIZONS SCHEDULE AND BROCHURE REQUEST FORM

INDIA, ASIA & CHINA

- Himalayan Kingdoms: Ladakh, Sikkim, Bhutan**
with Professor Malcolm David Eckel
September 24 – October 13, 2022
- Eastern India**
with Professor Malcolm David Eckel
December 31, 2022 – January 15, 2023
- India's Gujarat & Rajasthan**
with Professor Cynthia Packert
January 6 – 23, 2023
- South India: Temples and Traditions**
with Professors Michael Fisher & Paula Richman
January 23 – February 8, 2023
- North India: Gods, Temples and Archaeology**
with Professor Michael Fisher
February 9 – 23, 2023
- Indonesia: Java, Sulawesi, Bali**
with Professor Eric Tagliacozzo
July 21 – August 8, 2023

THE AMERICAS

- Egypt in East Coast Cities:**
Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, New York
with Professor Bob Brier & Art Historian Patricia Remler
June 7 – 13, 2022
- Peru: Inkas & their Ancestors**
with Professor Clark Erickson
June 17 – July 2, 2022
- Hidden Mexico: El Tajín, Cantona, Puebla,**
San Miguel Allende, Guanajuato
with Professor Karl Taube
July 15 – 29, 2022
- American Southwest**
with Professor Stephen H. Lekson
September 2 – 11, 2022 and September 1 – 10, 2023

- Mound Builders of the USA**
with Professor Timothy Pauketat
September 22 – October 1, 2022
- USA: Birth of American Democracy**
with Dr. Patrick Allitt
October 20 – 29, 2022
- Christmas in Oaxaca**
with Professor Guy David Hepp
December 20 – 28, 2022
- Belize**
with Dr. Stanley Guenter
January 8 – 16, 2023
- Capital Cities of the Ancient Maya**
with Dr. Stanley Guenter
February 2 – 15, 2023
- Mexico's Yucatan: Off the Beaten Path**
with Dr. Stanley Guenter
February 16 – 26, 2023
- Guatemala & El Salvador:**
Lost Cities of the Ancient Maya
with Dr. Stanley Guenter
March 10 – 20, 2023
- Mexico: In the Path of the Olmec**
with Professor Karl Taube
March 18 – 27, 2023
- Central Mexico: The Toltec Heritage**
with Dr. Stanley Guenter
April 29 – May 9, 2023
- Bolivia**
with Professor Andrew Roddick
May 6 – 21, 2023
- Peru: Hike the Inka Trail**
with Professor Kylie Quave
July 22 – August 4, 2023

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Easter Island Memories

By Paula Varner

Rapa Nui is an island so remote in the world, such a mere dot in the vast Pacific Ocean, that it is a complete astonishment that it was ever discovered, inhabited successfully, and then come upon in the 18th century by Dutch sailors. It is one thing to look at National Geographic photos and read about a place. It is quite another to stand where history took place and learn about its culture past and present. We traveled to Rapa Nui (Easter Island) to walk among the Moai but, Sidsel Millerström, our delightful, accomplished, knowledgeable expert guide, taught us more than we knew there was to know about the island's past and present. Of course, we were gob-smacked every time we were walking among the Moai. Sidsel taught us that the Moai cult was followed by the Birdman cult or

Tangata Manu which was practiced until the 1860s. MakeMake was an important god. Aku-aku are the guardians of the sacred family caves and Moa-kava-kava is the ghost man of the Nanau epe (long ears). We learned so much, making our time there a deep and rich experience.



We found out how the islanders are working to keep their culture alive, keep the island healthy, about local conflicts and events, and how the influx of mainland Chileans are influencing their politics. Everywhere the scenery is so stunningly beautiful it sometimes stops one in their tracks to take it in. Being there is an enriching experience you will never forget in ways that will surprise you and that you could not imagine before visiting the island. And as long as you'll be in the vicinity, I highly recommend you add Chile's Atacama Desert to your trip!



Travel to Easter Island with Dr. Millerström, January 29 – February 9, 2023.

YACHT CHARTER IN TURKEY

Visualize basking on the teak deck of your own 90-foot yacht surrounded by breathless vistas, azure seas, and with an indigo sky above. Picture yourself watching a glorious crimson sunset and then the canopy of stars as it slowly appears overhead. Imagine diving into the crystal clear water for a morning swim before breakfast. Envision a smiling crewman handing you a frosty drink and then serving you delectable cuisine created by your personal chef. See yourself standing next to the captain as he steers the craft into a silent bay, once an ancient port. Sound like a dream?

Since 1986, Far Horizons has been making this dream a reality for our travelers by chartering Turkish gulets, or wooden yachts, for both our scholar-led group tours and for custom itineraries designed for families and friends. Call us today if you want to charter a yacht for a group of friends or to join one of our yacht tours: *Sail the Sapphire Seas* or *Voyage through History*. We are here to help make your cruising dreams come true!



Journey onboard a Turkish gulet on a privately-chartered trip, *Sail the Sapphire Seas*, April 26 – May 10, 2023.



Voyage through History: *The Dodecanese Islands of Greece*, September 18 – October 1, 2022.

The American Southwest

By Professor Stephen H. Lekson

The American Southwest is rich in ruins, history, and Native peoples. The huge stone buildings of Chaco Canyon and Mesa Verde – built in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries – are recognized as World Heritage sites. No less impressive are living Native towns – the Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna and others – heirs of thousand-year-old traditions. Other Tribes live here, too: the Navajo and the Ute occupy most of the ancient Chaco and Mesa Verde regions, where magnificent empty ruins mark the ancestral Pueblo homes. Architectural wonders for their stone masonry and artful massing, the ancient arts and crafts they produced grace museums around the world.

Archaeology and Native traditions tell a story of dynamic and tumultuous history, with the rise and fall of one of America's great Native civilizations, Chaco Canyon. The subsequent history of Pueblo peoples, who fled Chaco's old region to found new towns to the south and southeast, is equally interesting, as they re-invented themselves to become the intriguing Pueblo we see today.



All this history played out over landscapes of stern beauty, from the red sandstone cliffs of the Four Corners to the canyons of the Rio Grande, cut through massive volcanic flows and drifts. The arid desert preserved both the stone buildings and the wonderful objects made by the ancient people: pottery, basketry, textiles. Those craft traditions are maintained, today, by Pueblo potters and Navajo weavers.

The Spanish colonized the Southwest in 1598 – a decade before Jamestown was found in Virginia. The Pueblos learned to live with Europeans while retaining, intact, their ancient traditions and life-ways. Their success persisted through four centuries of changing administrations, Spanish, Mexican, American. Pueblo, Navajo and Utes communities survive and thrive even today.



Travel with Dr. Lekson on Far Horizons exploration of the Four Corners, September 2 – 11, 2022.

Cathedrals of Northern France with Prof. Bill Cook

By Howard Gradet,
Far Horizons traveler

In August 2021 I had the pleasure of traveling with Professor Bill Cook and a very small group – due to covid there were only five Far Horizons travelers! – to visit cathedrals, abbeys and other medieval sites in Paris and northern France on the first trip Far Horizons had sent out in 18 months. What an experience!

I doubt there's anything Bill Cook doesn't know about ecclesiastical life in medieval France, from how cathedrals are built to the politics of which saints get to stay and which are removed over time, and the stories behind the glorious stained glass in all of these magnificent structures.

Most of the places we visited were truly unforgettable – Ste. Chapelle in Paris; Chartres, its world-famous stained glass and

its nightly light show; the magnificent Vezelay and the beautiful, peaceful Abbey of Fontenay...and how will we ever forget climbing the 249 steps up to the roof level of the Cathedral of Reims? All this, plus champagne tastings and glorious French food at every meal. Does life get any better than this?

In all, we visited 17 sites in ten days, Bill Cook sharing his vast knowledge of each site with us. What he wouldn't share with us was his bottomless supply of Diet Pepsi, but that story will have to wait for another day!



Travel with Bill Cook On Cathedrals of France, August 20 – 31, 2022, and August 19 – 30, 2023.

