



New Scientist Discovery Tours

2020/21

Amazing science-inspired tours across the globe with experts on board and in the company of fellow travellers who enjoy the discovery of science



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Why New Scientist Discovery Tours?

Great itineraries with a science focus, to appealing destinations, curated by us.

Our experts

Drawn from our extensive network of editors, journalists, academics and authors.

In the company of

Like-minded New Scientist readers.

Peace of mind

Our tour-operating partners all hold UK ATOL licences, meaning that when you buy a tour with flights you are financially protected.

Sustainability

We want to help you discover science through the joy of travel. We want to achieve that in a way that doesn't harm the environment, people, cultures or wildlife.

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Many of our tours do not include flights, which gives you the option to choose how you travel to join the tour. But where we do include a flight, we will carbon offset using the clevel.co.uk flight-offsetting scheme. We only work with partners who have clear sustainable tourism policies and/or are members of AITO. We will not undertake any tours or experiences that in the view of the New Scientist editorial team contradict best practice or our values.

We aim to tread lightly and help our guests appreciate and protect this beautiful world we live in.

If you have a query, idea or just want a chat, email us on tours@newscientist.com

USA

Space: Past and future

A comprehensive tour visiting key sites in the history and future of space exploration, covering NASA space centres and several museums in Washington DC, Orlando and Houston, plus the Very Large Array, Roswell and the stunning natural landscapes of New Mexico.

You will end up at Virgin Galactic Spaceport America, shortly to start commercial space flights. Joining the tours will be leading academics and journalists to add depth and insight to this highly engaging tour.

A truly unique way to see the USA and discover not just what drives its success in conquering space, but also its broader tech, pioneering spirit, and historic towns and cities, plus its beautiful wilderness.

Space centres on the tour include:

- › Four NASA space centres in Houston, Washington DC and Orlando
- › Virgin Galactic Spaceport America
- › Steven F Udvar Hazy Space Center
- › Smithsonian Institute
- › The Very Large Array radio observatory
- › Stunning landscapes & quirky towns of New Mexico

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USA

Cruise Hawaii with Richard Dawkins

Join evolutionary biologist and highly regarded author Richard Dawkins on a boutique yacht

Tour highlights include:

- › Evening seminars with Richard Dawkins
- › 7 nights aboard the Safari Explorer yacht – small enough to reach places that other vessels cannot
- › Explore Big Island’s living volcanic landscape and misty forests
- › Visit secluded bays and experience a large array of wildlife
- › Immersive exploration by boat, trekking, snorkelling and private coach
- › A thrilling night-time snorkelling adventure seeking giant manta rays
- › Enjoy the cultural treasure of a ‘pā’ina feast and discover the history of this ancient homeland
- › A day in Kailua-Kona, where the slopes of the Hualalai volcano meet the ocean
- › Maui and Big Island plus the lesser visited islands of Molokai and Lanai



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To give guests the best possible experience, there is a 2:1 guest-to-crew ratio and we only have 32 places available, so please get in touch early to ensure you don't miss out.

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Itinerary

DAY 1: Arrive Big Island

You will be met and transferred to the Marriott King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel in Kailua-Kona for a day at leisure after your flight and to meet your fellow guests.

DAY 2: Volcanoes National Park and then board the yacht

Explore Big Island’s active volcanoes during your visit to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Immerse yourself in the power of this living volcanic landscape, its misty rainforests, thermal ponds, waterfalls and even lava flows. The crater is up to 1,600 metres long, and 915 metres across, and the floor is 120 metres below the overlook.

Take lunch at Lava Rock Cafe, before travelling to Kawaihae Harbour to embark on your boat, the Safari Explorer, a nimble 36-passenger yacht with an impressive 2:1 guest-to-crew ratio. Armed with the ability to sail to places that most other vessels are not certified to visit, the Safari Explorer feels decidedly exclusive.

After dinner, the guides will give a presentation full of information about the week ahead.

DAY 3: Big Island

During this cruise, Professor Richard Dawkins will talk about the evolutionary principles that volcanic island chains illustrate. The evolutionary story in Hawaii is similar to the Galapagos: both are young, volcanic archipelagos.

The waters off Kona on Big Island are some of the clearest in the world, and



nowhere is this more apparent than Pawai Bay, just north of downtown Kona. This secluded bay is a protected marine reserve and provides some amazing snorkelling just offshore and great rock-pooling along the coast.

In the evening, the Safari Explorer will anchor at an offshore location for a thrilling night-time snorkelling adventure with giant manta rays.

DAY 4: Honokohau National Park

Kaloko-Honokohau is the site of an ancient Hawaiian settlement, comprising historical temples, fish ponds and petroglyphs. The park is also renowned for its walking trails that give access to some of the island’s geological features. Turtles are frequent visitors to the shores of Honokohau National Park, so be sure to keep an eye on the shallow waters close to land to spot them.

DAY 5: Olowalu, Maui

Olowalu is home to one of the most unique ocean reef systems in all the Hawaiian Islands, known locally as Turtle Reef. Snorkel in this known sea turtle habitat among 100-year-old coral gardens that are swarming with an abundance of tropical marine life.

Sail through the Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary and search from the decks for humpback whales, spinner dolphins, Hawaiian monk seals and reef fish.

DAY 6: Lanai

Wake up to views of the tranquil island of Lanai, the smallest inhabited island in



Hawaii, and prepare for a full day of water and land-based excursions. Enormous sea cliffs line the coastline and ancient volcanic plugs protrude above the surface of the ocean.

On land, hike to Puu Pehe, an ocean rock formation steeped in folklore that rises majestically 25 metres out of the sea and towers above the crashing surf. Learn about the history of Lanai and its historical plantation days, during which time it produced 75% of the world’s pineapples. Then visit the quaint Lanai Culture and Heritage Center to absorb the history and traditional culture of the island.

DAY 7: Captain’s Choice Exploration

Today, the captain will purposefully navigate to a site that uncovers more of what the Hawaiian Islands have to offer based on local conditions and emerging wildlife advice. Dramatic volcanic backdrops, marine life sightings and opportunities to embark on kayak explorations are all possibilities.

DAY 8: Molokai

Spend the day on Molokai meeting locals and learning about the traditions of the Hawaiian people. In the evening, enjoy one of Hawaii’s cultural treasures, a pa’ina (feast) held at the Molokai Museum. Discover the history of this ancient homeland as you experience singing, dancing, traditional cuisine and Hawaiian decor.

DAY 9: Disembark for your homeward journey or the next stage of your adventure.



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 (early-bird price)
 6 December 2020

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ARGENTINA

Total solar eclipse 2020: Adventure in Argentina



One of nature's most magnificent events will take place in Argentina on 14 December 2020, and we have chosen Patagonia as the perfect spot to witness this total solar eclipse.

This adventure takes us to arguably one of South America's most culturally rich countries, Argentina, on an 11-day adventure that will culminate with the private viewing of the eclipse in Patagonia.

Renowned astronomer Dr John Mason will lead the eclipse experience at an exclusive viewing location as well as giving evening seminars on his eclipse-chasing adventures plus stargazing in the crystal-clear skies of Bariloche.



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In the build-up to the main event, you will explore some of the country's finest destinations including:

- › **Buenos Aires**, a city that combines European style with Latin American spirit. While in the capital, you will visit San Telmo, La Boca, Puerto Madero, Planetario Galileo Galilei and other spots that the city is renowned for
- › **The Pampean Region** to experience the way of life of the gaucho
- › **Bariloche**, a city surrounded by the foothills of the Andes and bordered by the Nahuel Huapi National Park and lake
- › **Puerto Blest**, as you sail from Pañuelo Port and enjoy the breathtaking views the region has to offer

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ICELAND

Land of fire and ice

Iceland is one of the world's most intriguing destinations for science enthusiasts for its majestic landscapes, erupting geysers, hot springs and bubbling mud, to name just a few highlights. Accompanied by leading volcanologist Tamsin Mather, you will go on an eight-day volcanic and geological adventure around this fascinating island.

Unforgettable experiences on this tour include:

- › A chance to see the aurora borealis during the evenings
- › Visit geological wonder Þingvellir National Park
- › A trip to the elegant Seljalandsfoss waterfall, where you can walk behind the plummeting torrent
- › Superjeep safari tour of Hvolsvöllur
- › A walk on Europe's biggest ice cap, Vatnajökull
- › Swim in the geothermal waters of the Secret Lagoon
- › Investigate Reykjanes Peninsula to see where two tectonic plates meet

There are two departure dates on this tour, with only 15 spaces available on each. We expect places to be booked quickly, so get in touch early to secure yours.

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 8 days from £2,249
 31 October 2020
 7 November 2020

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INDIA

Track snow leopards in the Himalayas

A once-in-a-lifetime chance to see endangered snow leopards in the wild

This expedition gives you the opportunity to glimpse beautiful, solitary and elusive snow leopards in their natural environment in a trip tailored to promote the well-being of these rare big cats.

The tour works with the Snow Leopard Conservancy Trust India in Ladakh and uses a team of expert trackers to help you spend five full days exploring the Ulley valley searching for “The Ghost of the Himalayas”.

To give guests the best possible experience and reduce our impact, we only have 10 places available per tour, so please get in touch early to ensure you don’t miss out.

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Leh Palace, built in the 16th century, provides stunning panoramic views

INDIA

12-day tiger conservation safari

Explore the large reserves of Kanha, Pench and Satpura by jeep, canoe, bike and on foot. Discover how the beautiful big cat lives while getting hands-on experience of identifying tracks, setting camera traps and understanding the tiger’s habitat and prey species.

Highlights of this wonderful tour include:

- › Thoughtfully curated jungle exploration of three national parks
- › Guest lectures from local conservationists including Julian Matthews, founder director of TOFTigers
- › Encounter India’s varied wildlife, rich with flora and fauna in landscapes with unique beauty
- › Visit local villages to experience rural community life
- › A gentle canoe journey down the Denwa river, viewing its exceptional birdlife and other species
- › Spend the evenings relaxing in authentic forest lodges

No single supplements for the first two solo travellers on each departure. Due to the nature of the tour and to ensure guests have the best possible experience, we have only 14 places available. Please enquire early to avoid disappointment.

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 14 April 2020
 14 September 2020
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CZECH REPUBLIC

Kepler's Prague: Music of the spheres

Unearth the connection between music and the orbits of planets in the city of a hundred spires

Accompanied by author, broadcaster and Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, Jane Green, guests will discover what remains of the legacy of astronomers Johannes Kepler and Tycho Brahe, and explore the medieval centre of Prague and its surrounding regions.

Tour highlights include:

- › A guided walking tour of Prague's medieval Old Town
- › A day devoted to the Castle District of Prague
- › A trip to the village of Nelahozeves, birthplace of the composer Antonin Dvorak and home to the fine Renaissance palace of the Lobkovicz family
- › Exploring Benatky Castle, where Tycho Brahe lived
- › A visit to the National Technical Museum and its fascinating astronomical section, as well as Tyn Church where Kepler's mentor Tycho Brahe is buried

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ITALY

Science of the Renaissance

Encounter the greatest scientific minds and discoveries on a cultural adventure across the pre-eminent cities of Renaissance science – Florence and Bologna

Galileo Galilei and Leonardo da Vinci are just the start. This awe-inspiring tour will take in illuminating astronomical, anatomical, architectural, medical and mathematical perspectives as it revels in the wondrous collections, architecture and churches of the Renaissance.

While enjoying the beautiful cities of Florence and Bologna, you will stay in 4-star hotels, and tours will be led by art and architecture expert Andrew Spira and accompanied by scientific historian Professor David Wootton.

A life-affirming experience that includes hotels, evening seminars, flights from Heathrow (which can be changed to another airport) and entrance to all sites and attractions.

Tour highlights include

- › Cathedral Sant Petronio's observatory
- › Anatomical Theatre and the Museo di Scienza e Arte
- › La Specola Museum of Natural History
- › Museo degli Argenti
- › Brancacci Chapel
- › Pazzi Chapel and monument to Galileo in Santa Croce
- › Fondazione Scienza e Tecnica
- › Istituto e Museo Storia della Scienza
- › Museo dell' Opera del Duomo
- › Ptolemaic Planetarium

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 7 days from £1,825
 3 March 2020
 3 November 2020
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Grand Départ :
 5 days for £2,199
 21st May 2020
 On sale soon
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FRANCE

The science of pro cycling: Mont Ventoux

A highly immersive training camp with sports scientists from Sheffield Hallam University and former Olympian and Team Sky rider Phil Deignan at the foot of France's stunning Mont Ventoux. The scientists have supported multiple Olympic and UCI wins, while Phil has supported Chris Froome and achieved key stage wins globally.

A unique ride experience, in the company of experts giving deeply insightful seminars and 1:1 consultation. Plus, a full ride itinerary, road support and recovery sessions. Staying in a delightful 4-star chateau in the heart of Provence.



- › 4 days of seminars and interactive experiences from leading sports science experts
- › Ride with ex-Team Sky professional and Olympian Phil Deignan
- › 3 long-distance training rides and 2 warm-up/recovery rides
- › 4 nights full-board at Chateau de Mazan
- › Bespoke, risk-assessed routes, GPS data and route profiles
- › Speed groups to suit differing rider abilities
- › Professional ride support and guidance from expert ride leaders
- › Motorbike paramedic
- › Support vehicles and full tech back-up
- › Return bike and luggage transfer from Guildford and London
- › Transfers from Marseille airport/Avignon rail station to the camp

In partnership with tour operator **Just Pedal** and Sheffield Hallam University's **Centre of Sport and Exercise Science**

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Itinerary

Pre-departure

Tailored tour notes and training advice. You can drop your bike off with us in London or Guildford and we will lovingly transport it to and from the training camp.

DAY 1: Arrive in Provence and meet the team

After checking in to the 4-star Chateau de Mazan, you will enjoy a late afternoon shakedown ride followed by dinner with our experts and opening seminars, "An overview of cycling science", "History of sports technology" and "The biomechanics of winning: Setting up your bike" from Professors Steve Haake and Jon Wheat.

During these sessions, they will explain how, in the forthcoming days, you will experience a full 1:1 biometric and body composition consultation and take part in the Mathematical Cycling Performance Model experiment.

DAY 2: Ride the mountain

This is the first big ride day, so make sure you take advantage of the filling breakfast. The team will take you on a ride up Mont Ventoux and the surrounding countryside, the scene of many an epic stage in the Tour de France.

All the rides are fully supported. That means multiple staff guiding you and support vehicles following you. If you have a technical or physical issue or just want to ask for advice, there are fully-stocked mechanics, medical support and experienced mentors on hand.

There will be distances of 80km and 160km to choose from, so nobody will be left behind.

Upon returning, we will commence the 1:1 consultation, which will continue throughout the camp. We will also have a sports therapist on hand to ease any aches and pains, and massage you into recovery mode.

After dinner, Dr Mayur Ranchordas will give an insightful lecture about "The reality of sports nutrition", in which he will delve into what it takes for an elite cyclist to fuel performance and recovery.

DAY 3: Taste the tour

Starting with a breakfast discussion on cycling efficiency, you will then depart on a training ride around the beautiful rolling countryside of Provence. Once again, there will be a choice of two distances to suit all riders – 80km or 135km. On all the rides, drinks, nutrition and energy products are included.

All our sports performance scientists are avid Peak District cyclists and they will accompany you on rides. There will be plenty of time to get to know them, swap stories and learn more about how they have contributed towards Britain's cycling success.

In the late afternoon, our sports therapist will be running a Pilates class, to work on your core and aid recovery after two days hard riding. Then in the evening, psychologist Professor Rob Copeland's talk is "Shut up legs: Getting your head around winning".

DAY 4: Conquer the mountain

After fuelling up, the day starts with a 4km time trial to measure your performance against the Mathematical Cycling Performance Model. Not only will you see how the model works, but you will also benchmark your capability against ex-Team Sky professional Phil Deignan, who will be joining us for the whole day.

This will be followed by a final mountain-stage training ride up Ventoux with distances of 85km or 145km to choose from. Phil will be on hand to give advice throughout the whole ride, and we will ensure everybody gets to spend time riding alongside Phil.

During the final dinner, Phil will do a Q&A session covering his ride achievements, time at Sky, strength conditioning and advanced tactics. This will be followed by feedback on the consultations and experiments you have taken part in and closing comments.

DAY 5: Départ

Although it's a farewell breakfast, we couldn't send you off without a short, final morning recovery ride.

We will then return riders to Marseille or Avignon as required.



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SWITZERLAND / FRANCE

CERN and Mont Blanc: Explore dark and Frozen matter



Particle physicist Dr Darren Price and science journalist Laura Spinney will lead a fascinating and insightful tour focusing on CERN, home to the famous Large Hadron Collider, and Mont Blanc to investigate receding glaciers. Fall in love with the charming lakeside city of Geneva, famous for its watch-making, high quality chocolate and enchanting old town.

Tour highlights include:

- › Evening talks and walking seminars with Dr Darren Price and Laura Spinney
- › CERN guided tour to learn about the groundbreaking work being carried out
- › Walking tour of Geneva's old town centre and beautiful cruise on Lake Geneva
- › Cable-car trip to the top of the Aiguille du Midi with a view of Mont Blanc
- › The stunning botanical gardens
- › Visit the beautiful small town of Chamonix and then on to Mer de Glace to witness an ice cave carved into the glacier itself
- › Trip to Geneva's Museum of the History of Science, which features astronomy, microscopy and meteorology exhibits



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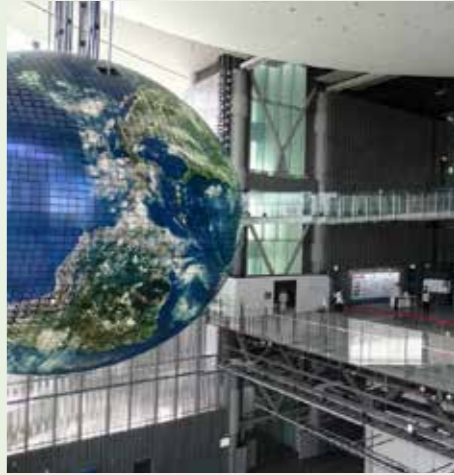
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JAPAN

Japan: Nature, culture, science: Tokyo to Kagoshima

It's hard to imagine a place that is renowned for its pioneering technology and can also boast of such beautiful natural features – but that is exactly what Japan offers. Be blown away by a tour taking you to Tokyo, Hakone, Kyoto and Kagoshima. Visit leading institutions and explore advances in space travel, robotics and AI, while witnessing exceptional landscapes, from snow-capped mountains to hot springs and volcanic islands. Accompanied in Tokyo by *New Scientist* features editor and author of *Superhumans*, Rowan Hooper.

- › Miraikan Museum of Emerging Science
- › National Museum of Nature and Science
- › Space Museum TeNQ
- › A traditional meal with a geisha
- › SCMAGLEV and railway park museum
- › Toyota Museum of Industry and Technology
- › City tours of Tokyo and Kyoto
- › Two bullet train journeys
- › Tanegashima Space Centre
- › The Sakurajima volcano
- › Sailing on Lake Ashi



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 April 2021
 On sale soon
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USA AND MEXICO

Whale watching in Baja

Explore the wonders of the peninsula's rich marine life and partake in a breadth of experiences ranging from snorkelling and hiking to birdwatching and wildlife photography

Art Taylor, a passionate wildlife conservationist with over 30 years' worth of experience in Baja's waters, will take you on a voyage aboard the expedition vessel Searcher on an amazing 12-day whale-watching cruise, setting off from San Diego and disembarking in Cabo San Lucas.

Tour highlights include:

- › Up-close encounters with grey whales at Laguna San Ignacio aboard a "panga"
- › Cruising along Todos Santos Islands to view nesting seabirds, dolphins, elephant seals and harbour seals
- › Passing through Cabo San Lucas and Gordo Banks, renowned for its congregation of humpback whales
- › Scanning the waters of the Sea of Cortez for whale sharks, hammerhead sharks, marlins, manta rays and the highly entertaining and acrobatic mobus ray
- › Witnessing Punta Colorado's spectacular red sandstone cliffs, experiencing its stunning sunrise and discovering why some call it a bird paradise



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KENYA

Cradle of humanity

Explore the origins of humanity on this unique and adventurous archaeology and wildlife tour in the heartland of Kenya

Travelling by private coach, plane and pedal power, and accompanied by expert archaeologist Louise Leakey and African cycling legend David Kinjah. The trip supports the charity Child.org

- › An exclusive day with eminent archaeologist Louise Leakey at the Turkana Basin Institute.. Her finds are rewriting our understanding of our species' history. Louise rarely takes tour groups, so this really is a special day
 - › Visit other significant archaeological sites close to Nairobi, including Olgorgesailie and Kariandusi (unearthed by Louis Leakey in the 1920s)
 - › Cycle through the Rift Valley and Hell's Gate National Park with full support team and at your own pace. Led by David Kinjah, who taught Chris Froome to ride
 - › Visit Nairobi National Museum, with an exclusive tour of the hominid exhibition
 - › Nature hikes, game drives, a boat exploration of Lake Naivasha and active volcanoes in Lake Turkana
 - › Get up close with zebras, giraffes, buffalo, antelope, baboons, hippos and crocodiles
 - › Staying at a mix of 5-star hotels, eco-lodges and traditional Kenyan banda huts, plus visit a natural geothermal spa and fly to Turkana
- There are also options to tailor your stay by relaxing on Lamu Island and/or a safari in the Masai Mara.
- In partnership with Child.org



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 9 days for £3,299
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Lorna Buchanan/Jardine



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MADAGASCAR

Wildlife of Madagascar



Experience Madagascar's unique and richly diverse ecosystem by plane, boat and authentic bush camps. Visit the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust team and accompany community rangers on daytime patrol.

Explore Andasibe Forest, which is packed with lemurs, and discover the fossas of Kirindy Reserve, Amber Mountain National Park and Tsingy. Canoeing, sunset hill walks and night-time exploration give a unique experience of this stunning country with landscapes like nowhere else.

You will be accompanied by charismatic super-guide Charles Randrianantenaina.

Highlights of this tour include:

- › Daytime exploration and night walks in the Andasibe-Mantadia, Kirindy Mitea and Amber Mountain national parks plus the Ankarana special reserve
- › Talks and walking seminars with experts from local conservation projects such as the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust
- › Travel on the iconic Avenue of the Baobabs and onto Tsingy Rouge
- › Visit the historic town of Antananarivo and the perfumed island of Nosy Be
- › Get up close to an abundance of species including lemurs, indris and fossas

Our 2020 departure is sold out. There are only 10 places on the 2021 tour, so register now and we will email you as soon as it goes on sale.

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NORTHERN SPAIN

Ancient caves, human origins

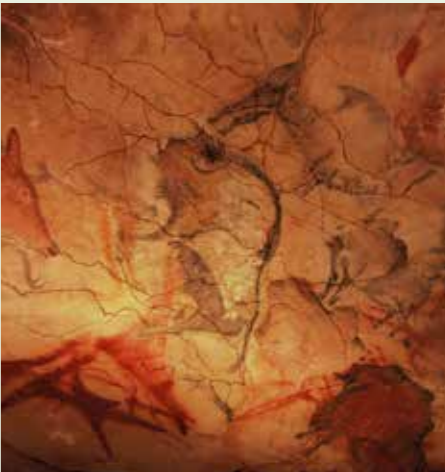
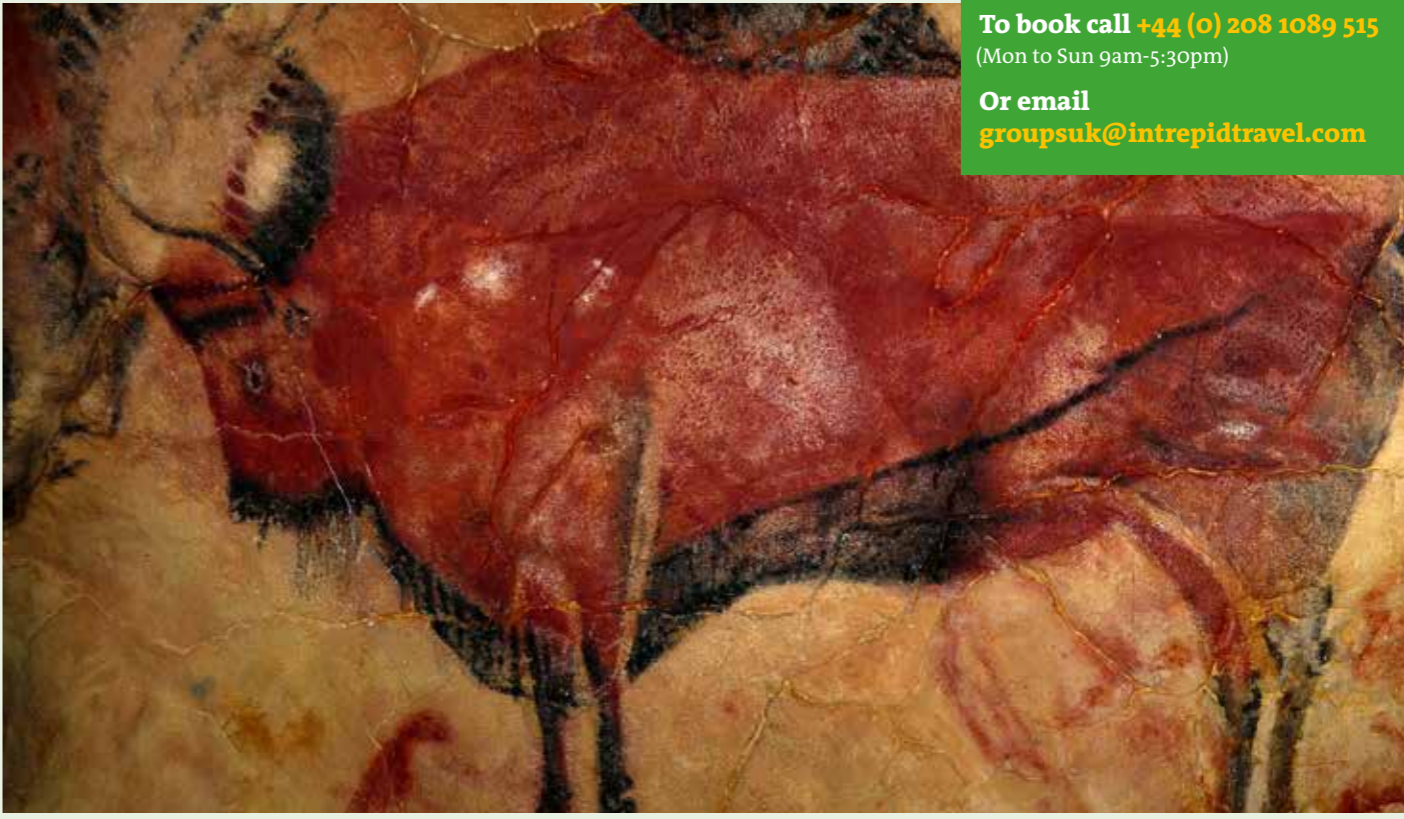
Step back more than 10,000 years to discover how our ancestors played, lived and worked. See the oldest known cave painting in the world at El Castillo and experience the wonders of Las Monedas, La Peña Cave, El Pindal and Tito Bustillo in small groups by torchlight. Accompanied by *New Scientist* editorial staff and local archaeological experts, you'll enjoy specialist talks along the way.

- › Several historically important caves, including Las Monedas, El Castillo, El Pindal, Tito Bustillo, El Buxu and Peña.
- › Talks and walking seminars from *New Scientist* editorial staff
- › Tapas in Bilbao Old Quarter
- › The Guggenheim Museum
- › Museo de Evolución Humana
- › Archaeological Museum of Santander

Plus
 The beautiful towns and cities of Bilbao, Santander, Santillana and Oviedo. Topped off with the Guggenheim Museum and tuition in the tasting of Rioja wine.

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ECUADOR

Darwin’s Galapagos with Jo Ruxton

Explore the Galapagos Islands from the comfort of a luxury small-berth yacht

Embark on a magical tour and discover a paradise for lovers of natural history and geology under the expert guidance of marine conservationist and documentary producer Jo Ruxton.



Highlights of the tour include:

- › Explore eight varied islands including Isabela, Espanola and Fernandina
- › Exclusive behind-the-scenes access at the Galapagos Science Centre
- › Evening briefings from Jo Ruxton
- › Accompanied by local naturalist guides every day

Plus

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