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with ASU Institute of Human Origins

Educational Travel at Its Best

The Institute of Human Origins' (IHO) travel program is different from any other educational travel experience. This is not just travel—it is an immersion into the span of human history.

Hosted by IHO and ASU scientists, our world class researchers add a richer understanding to your travel experience. Tour leaders, like Founding Director Donald Johanson, have been accompanying travelers since the 1980s to Ethiopia, France, Galápagos, Madagascar, South Africa, and Tanzania, as well as being a seasoned world traveler himself. With years of experience, we understand the balance between a great travel experience and a rich learning program.

At the same time, our travel adventures have been designed for fun, excitement, and comfort and take advantage of the best accommodations and sailing vessels available in the industry. We partner with top travel providers specializing in exotic areas of the world.

On top of everything you will *gain* from an IHO trip, it is also an opportunity to *give back*.

As fundraising trips, the cost of each trip includes a request for a charitable donation to the Institute of Human Origins* to support the institute and its mission—furthering the study of human origins and sharing an understanding with the public of how we “became human.”

*Your gift will be deposited with the ASU Foundation for a New American University, a separate nonprofit organization that exists to support ASU. Gifts in support of ASU are subject to foundation policies and fees. Please consult your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of charitable contributions.

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The Institute of Human Origins has a long history of research in Africa and the world to understand the course and timing of human development—the history of how we “became human.” This is our human history, and IHO scientists believe that sharing this knowledge with the public is as important as sharing the science.

Planned and Past IHO Trips



Float the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon

(2019 and 2021, taking reservations for 2023)

With ASU geologists Chris Campisano PhD and Ramon Arrowsmith PhD



Tanzania: Human Origins and the Magnificent Serengeti

(2011 and planning for 2023)

A classic safari in the shadow of Kilimanjaro through the Olduvai Gorge and Ngorongoro Crater. Hosted by Donald Johanson PhD, IHO Founding Director



Ethiopia: The Land of “Lucy” (2012 and planning for January 2024)

Visit “Lucy’s birthplace” in the Awash Valley of Hadar, modern Addis Ababa, and the Timkat Festival. Hosted by Donald Johanson PhD, IHO Founding Director with Yohannes Haile-Selassie PhD, IHO Director, in 2024



South Africa: Ancient Voices, Wildlife, and Human Origins (2010 and planning for 2024)

Caves of early modern humans, historical sites of South Africa, and wine and safari tours. Hosted in 2024 by Kaye Reed PhD, David Feary PhD, and Curtis Marean PhD



Bordeaux Region of France: Prehistoric Cave Art

(2013 and scheduled for 2022—trip is full)

Hidden art of early humans: Neandertals, early modern humans, and their places of expression. Hosted by Donald Johanson PhD, IHO Founding Director



Israel: Ancient Life, Sacred Sites, and Modern Cities (2016 and 2022)

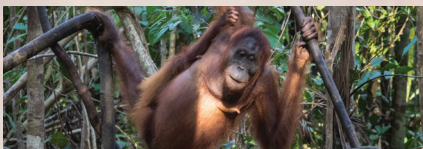
Prehistoric caves, private tours of fossil collections, and the best of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Nazareth. Hosted by Gary Schwartz PhD in 2022.



Primates and Paleoanthropology Expedition (2018)

Tanzania and Rwanda in search of our primate cousins.

Hosted by Ian Gilby, PhD



Indonesia: Java Man, Ancient Temples, and Orangutans (2015)

Exotic and beautiful culture of Java and eco-tour of orangutans in their natural habitat.

Hosted by Donald Johanson PhD, IHO Founding Director



Galápagos Islands: Darwin’s Enchanted Islands (2009 and 2014)

Live Darwin’s journey of discovery through nature’s abundant diversity.

Hosted by William Kimbel PhD, former IHO Director



Madagascar and the Seychelles—Treasures of the Indian Ocean (2007)

Home to a multitude of lemur species. Hosted by Donald Johanson PhD, IHO Founding Director and Ian Tattersall PhD, Curator Emeritus at American Museum of Natural History

IHO Trip Leaders

Donald Johanson, IHO Founding Director and Virginia M. Ullman Chair in Human Origins, School of Human Evolution and Social Change. A leader in the field of paleoanthropology and renowned for his 1974 discovery of “Lucy”—the 3.2-million-year-old hominin skeleton that remains as the benchmark by which all other human ancestor discoveries are judged. Johanson is an advocate for promoting the science of human origins to the public and an author, lecturer, published scientist, and recipient of several international prizes and awards.



Yohannes Haile-Selassie, IHO Director and Professor, School of Human Evolution and Social Change. Haile-Selassie joined IHO in July 2021 after 25 years at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and will lead part of the planned trip to Ethiopia for the 50th anniversary celebration of the Lucy discovery.



Ramon Arrowsmith, Professor, School of Earth and Space Exploration. Arrowsmith is a research scientist who specializes in active faulting, earthquake geology, tectonic geomorphology, and the geologic framework for human origins. He has led many trips rafting down the Colorado River.



Christopher Campisano, IHO Research Scientist and Associate Professor, School of Human Evolution and Social Change. Campisano is a geologist who studies the chronology and environmental context of our ancient human ancestors. He has participated in field projects in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, the U.S., and India. Campisano has led several trips rafting down the Colorado River.



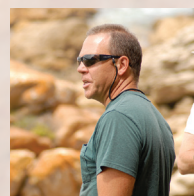
David Feary, Research Professor, School of Earth and Space Exploration. Feary is a marine biologist and geophysicist whose research has focused on past climate records and sea level variations, primarily addressing the influence of paleoclimate on ancient reef growth. He, along with Kaye Reed, will lead the South Africa tour program in 2024.



Ian Gilby, IHO Research Scientist and Associate Professor, School of Human Evolution and Social Change. Gilby is a primatologist who is the director of the Jane Goodall Institute Gombe Archive and Database. He led a trip to Gombe to see the chimpanzee research site and to the Karisoke Research Center to see the mountain gorillas.



Curtis Marean, IHO Research Scientist and Foundation Professor, School of Human Evolution and Social Change. Marean has been working in cave sites at the southern edge of South Africa for nearly 20 years to understand the origins of modern humans, early human foraging strategies, and the evolution of modern human behavior. His articles detailing research and theories about early modern humans in South Africa have been cover stories for *Scientific American* twice. Marean will lead a portion of the South Africa tour to the Mossel Bay cave sites in 2024.



Kaye Reed, IHO Research Scientist and President's Professor and former Director of the School of Human Evolution and Social Change. Reed is a paleoecologist who studies the environmental and animal communities of the ancient past to help us understand how our ancient human ancestors lived and evolved. In 2013, Reed and her international team found the earliest evidence of our genus, *Homo*, not far from where the “Lucy” fossil was found in Ethiopia's Rift Valley. Reed has worked in South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, and Ethiopia and will lead the 2024 South Africa tour.



Gary Schwartz, IHO Research Scientist and Professor, School of Human Evolution and Social Change. Schwartz studies the evolutionary history of primate and human growth, development, and life history as evidenced in fossilized tissues, in particular, developing teeth. He led IHO's second trip to Israel in 2022.



Upcoming Trips

JUNE 2023—Splash down the Colorado River with ASU Geologists

Led by Chris Campisano PhD and Ramon Arrowsmith PhD

- Gaze at towering red rock cliffs during the day and star-filled indigo skies at night.
- Negotiate the famous rapids of the Colorado River!
- Go back two billion years in Earth's history with expert geologists as they reveal the deep history of the canyon and our Earth.
- Sleep in tents or on cots under the stars. Enjoy delicious meals in the great outdoors.
- A great family trip!



OCT 2022—Galápagos—Darwin's Enchanted Islands *Travel with Donald Johanson PhD via Lindblad Expeditions*

- This is the trip that is on everyone's bucket list!
- Experience unique Galápagos where all the animals are trusting enough to walk by your side! Blue-footed boobies, penguins, sea lions, giant tortoises—animals rarely seen anywhere else—become dear friends in this pristine environment.
- Cruise the islands from the luxury of a yacht with excursions to the islands several times a day.
- Savor gourmet meals while basking in the sun or gazing at the stars.
- Attend talks by Donald Johanson for IHO travelers only about how the Galápagos spurred Charles Darwin to form his ideas about evolution and learn about the unique species that still inhabit the islands today.
- Contact Julie Russ for links to the Lindblad Expeditions website.

2024—South Africa—Ancient Lives and Landscapes

Led by Kaye Reed PhD, David Feary PhD, and Curtis Marean PhD

- Your South Africa trip covers all the highlights—culture and history, “big game” animal safari, and engaging field sites for human origins!
- Enjoy the beauty and urban vibrancy of Cape Town and Johannesburg.
- Visit the wine country of Stellenbosch, ferry to Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was held prisoner, and experience a three-day African safari.
- Visit the coastal cave dwellings of early modern humans in the “Cradle of Culture” and view an archaeological site not usually open to the public.
- Discover how coastal habitats created a unique environment giving rise to crucial adaptations that eventually allowed humans to conquer the planet!





2023—Human Origins and The Magnificent Serengeti
Tanzania and the Olduvai Gorge
Led by Donald Johanson PhD

- While staying at luxury hotels, visit Ngorongoro Crater, the 3.7 million-year-old Laetoli footprints, Olduvai Gorge, Serengeti National Park, Masai villages, and the lands surrounding Mt. Kilimanjaro.
- Aided by premier local guides, explore the habitats of the lion, cheetah, leopard, hyena, elephant, black rhino, hippo, wildebeest, and zebra—just to name a few!
- Take advantage of the chance of a lifetime to travel with one of the most renowned scientists—Donald Johanson, the paleoanthropologist who discovered the “Lucy” fossil.
- Gain access to some of the most important archeological sites in the world. Learn from Don Johanson about the importance of these sites and their place in the timeline and study of human origins and human evolution.

JANUARY 2024—50th Anniversary Trip—Ethiopia!
“The Land of Lucy” and East African IHO Research Sites
Led by Donald Johanson PhD and Yohannes Haile-Selassie PhD

- Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the discovery of “Lucy” with an awe-inspiring trip to see the original Lucy fossil at the National Museum of Ethiopia in the capitol city of Addis Ababa.
- Don Johanson will take you through the details of his discovery as he intimately chronicles the recovery and restoration of the famous 3.2 million year-old fossil skeleton, enabling you to relive the excitement and drama of Lucy’s discovery and its importance in the historical timeline of our human ancestors.
- Other exciting potential trips in this itinerary include: a visit to Lalibela for the Timket Festival—a colorful ephiphany celebration held at the site of wondrous rock-cut subterranean churches; a side trip to Gondar, known as the “Camelot of Africa”—a city that holds the remains of several castles, including an immense 17th century castle; and a short journey to the Semien Mountains, home to Gelada baboons, called the “bleeding heart” monkeys for their beautiful red chest markings.
- This trip is the “crown jewel” of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Lucy discovery—a “once-in-a-lifetime” experience!



Connecting the Human Past to the Global Future



The Institute of Human Origins (IHO) is one of the preeminent research organizations in the world devoted to the study of human origins science. Our researchers pursue an integrative strategy for research and discovery bridging social, earth, and life science approaches to the most important questions concerning the course, causes, and timing of events in the human career over deep time, with a focus on:

- High-profile discovery
- Emergence of modern humans in Africa
- Human adaptation to a changeable planet
- Human uniqueness
- Genetic inquiry
- Primate behavior

IHO fosters awareness of human origins and its relevance to modern society through innovative outreach programs that provide timely, accurate information for both educators and the general public.

Join us! Explore! Discover! Learn!

If you would like to arrange a private tour of any of IHO's expeditions for your group of 10 to 12 people led by one of our IHO scientists, please contact us!

**For trip dates and itineraries or
for more information about the
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