

New tours and announcements from AITO members

Andante Travels is offering three new tours for 2014 that will embark on an archaeological discovery of America's past: *The Wild West* (12-25 September 2014), *The Sacred Lands of the Pueblos* (29 September -11 October 2014) and *The American Civil War* (2-13 October 2014). www.andantetravels.co.uk

Arblaster & Clarke Wine Tours has launched a newly-designed and reinvigorated range of slightly shorter, great value vineyard walks to The Douro Valley, Alsace and Sancerre & Chablis for spring 2014. Enjoy the abundant wild flowers, long spring days and wakening vines. www.winetours.co.uk

Archipelago Choice has added a new canyoning holiday in the Azores, offering activity-focused families, couples and individuals the opportunity to abseil cascading waterfalls and jump into the crystal clear pools hidden amongst the stunning scenery of the islands. www.azoreschoice.com/holidays

Ciceroni Travel has introduced a four-day tour of Rome for January 2014, coinciding with the remarkable Augusto exhibition - *Brick & Marble: Rome under Augustus* - to be held this winter. Charting the transformation of the city, and led by renowned expert and director of The British School at Rome, Dr Christopher Smith, highlights include rare, private access to many sites. www.ciceroni.co.uk

Classic Tours has launched a new charity cycle adventure to discover the real India in February 2014. Journey through rural Rajasthan from the Taj Mahal to the Pink City of Jaipur. Sign up for £299 and raise sponsorship for your favourite charity. www.classictours.co.uk

Discover Adventure is offering an array of new trekking trips for 2014/15, including the Grand Canyon in USA; Chapada Diamantina National Park in North East Brazil; Ladakh in North East India and Madagascar. www.discoveradventure.com

Discover the World has unveiled a new collection of 2013/14 Northern Lights holidays. Each itinerary offers the chance to experience some of the most beautiful and accessible winter wonderlands in the northern hemisphere, whilst enjoying a variety of exciting winter activities such as snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing and husky-sledding. www.discover-the-world.co.uk

Expressions Holidays has added a new Swiss rail holiday to its programme, which offers an opportunity to take in the spectacular mountain scenery of the Alps as the train travels from the UK to Switzerland. Relax in comfort with train journeys aboard the Golden Pass, Glacier Express and Bernina Express, and enjoy spectacular views from the highest station in Europe. www.expressionsholidays.co.uk

Ffestiniog Travel has issued a special 2014 edition of its escorted tours brochure, celebrating its 40th anniversary next year. As well as nine new itineraries in the UK, Europe and further afield, *Rail Holidays of the World* features a 40-day [Around the World Anniversary Tour](#), highlights of which include an 11-day journey on the Tsar's Gold luxury train, an escorted excursion to the Great Wall of China and three nights in New York. www.ffestiniogtravel.com

The Gambia Experience has joined forces with the award-winning volunteer organisation, [people and places](#), to offer designated volunteering programmes for those who wish to spend four weeks or more assisting charitable projects in The Gambia. www.gambia.co.uk

Inntravel has launched a new walking break on the little-known Canary Island of El Hierro this autumn. The smallest of the Canary Islands, El Hierro remains largely untouched by tourism. Providing an ideal destination for those seeking winter warmth away from the crowds, visitors can cover most of the island on foot in just a week, enjoying panoramic sea views and challenging walks through ancient laurisilva forest, pineapple plantations and on young lava fields. www.inntravel.co.uk

Just Grenada Group has expanded its choice of holidays to include tailor-made trips using carefully selected accommodation to suit all budgets in St Lucia and Barbados, as well as Grenada, Bequia, St Kitts and Nevis, plus Tobago. www.juststlucia.co.uk, www.justbarbados.co.uk

Kirker Holidays has launched the 2014 edition of its *Cultural Tours & Music Holidays* brochure. Featuring 14 new tours, there is also a dedicated programme marking next year's centenary of World War I. Led by experts in military history, each of Kirker's three commemorative itineraries offers a fascinating perspective on the period from 1914-18, both in the esteemed surroundings of Oxford's Wolfson College and on the ground in Northern France and Turkey. www.kirkerholidays.com

Llama Travel has added Colombia to its destination portfolio and is proud to launch the *Best of Colombia* 11-day holiday. See the bright lights of capital city Bogota, explore the verdant hills of Coffee Region, and discover colonial Cartagena - an enchanting city of a thousand colours that overlooks the stunning Caribbean coast. www.llamatravel.com

Ramblers Worldwide Holidays has launched a new *Adagio* brochure featuring a leisurely guided walking holiday in the South of Ireland. Accommodation is at the famous five-star Cliff House Hotel, overlooking County Waterford's beautiful Ardmore Bay - the perfect base for spectacular walks. www.ramblersholidays.co.uk

Peter Sommer Travels has introduced several new itineraries for 2014, which include an epic two-week *Exploring Sicily tour* - taking in the island's rich history, archaeology and culinary tradition - and an in-depth *Exploring Athens tour*, offering intimate access to the great city, its archaeology, culture and cuisine. www.petersommer.com

Prestige Holidays has unveiled its largest ever *Destinations* brochure for 2014. Over 20 destinations are featured in the programme, with Slovenia and the Aeolian Islands, north of Sicily, being showcased for the first time. In Slovenia, Prestige is featuring the fairytale destination of Lake Bled as well as the larger Lake Bohinj, which is perfect for nature-lovers. www.prestigeholidays.co.uk

Wilderness Scotland has launched a new set of photography trips for 2014 aimed at the beginner. Among them is *Photography - Autumn Gold*: join a small guided group to visit wish-list locations like Glencoe, Skye and the Cairngorms. In autumn, capture the yellows and russets of woodland, the red deer, and the purple brooding skies. www.wildernessscotland.com

News from AITO-affiliated Tourist Board members

The German National Tourist Office has launched a new campaign - 'Barrier-free travel: Germany is open to all'. It is the first time that information such as where to go, what to see and how to get there, has been made available on one individual website. www.freegermanyguide.com/barrierfree

Gran Canaria is to welcome *Angry Birds Activity Park* in Puerto Rico in October 2013, bringing the world's number one mobile game to life in a fun experience for the whole family. www.grancanaria.com

The Lanzarote Tourism Board is celebrating the opening of a new art gallery in the former house of artist and architect, Cesar Manrique. The *House Museum* creates an opportunity for visitors to the island to learn more about the artist and his concept of art and nature. www.turismolanzarote.com

Switzerland Tourism has announced that the two top ski destinations of Arosa and Lenzerheide are connecting their ski areas at the Urdenfurggli to create 225km of piste for the 2013/14 ski season. www.myswitzerland.com

The West Sweden Tourist Board has launched a new [culinary website](#) to showcase the region's food scene, including the many culinary experiences available to visitors, such as seafood safaris all year round. The tourist board has also recently unveiled a [new paddling website](#) to illustrate why the region is one of the most spectacular and accessible kayaking environments in Europe. With no shortage of islands to choose from, paddlers can often camp on their own private island along the way. Visit www.westsweden.com

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