In the Wake of the Phoenicians
The Western Mediterranean From Tunisia to Spain
with David Schloen, Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology

October 8–18, 2022
Dear Alumni, Parents, Families, and Friends,

Before the Greeks and Romans, the Phoenicians and their culture spread throughout the Mediterranean. Join us on an exceptional nine-night journey from the former imperial seat of Carthage in Tunisia to Sicily, Sardinia, and southern Spain—four destinations where ancient Phoenician civilization thrived and where their achievements remain spectacularly well preserved. Your study leader will be David Schloen, Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology at the OI, whose decades of research and fieldwork on Phoenician culture will enrich your experience.

Famous as skilled sailors and shipbuilders, the Phoenicians flourished through their expert navigation of the Mediterranean’s often turbulent waters. Follow in their wake, starting in the Tunisian coastal capital of Tunis. Nearby, discover Carthage, which the Phoenicians founded in the 9th century B.C. Admire its well-preserved Phoenician necropolis and sanctuary. Fly to Sicily, a Phoenician colony in the 8th century B.C. Arrive in the port city of Marsala, and sail to the once-uninhabitable island of Motya. See the ancient remains of its remarkably advanced Phoenician settlement, which was enhanced with grand fortifications and towering windmills. Continue to the Greek ruins of Segesta before transferring to the Sardinian capital of Cagliari.

On a promontory overlooking the Sardinian coast, arrive in Nora, an early Carthaginian commercial center. Take an inside look at its temple dedicated to goddess Tanit, and wander through the ruins left by the city’s Roman conquerors. Through Madrid, venture to Seville, Spain, with its UNESCO-listed cathedral and the Alcázar, an opulent royal palace. An extraordinarily well-preserved Phoenician treasure awaits—the archaeological site of Doña Blanca, whose grand walls, necropolis, and other millennia-old structures were only uncovered in the past four decades. Make your way to Cádiz, a Phoenician stronghold and one of Europe’s oldest cities. Conclude among the palaces of Málaga. A highlight will be an excursion to the Alhambra, the medieval Spanish fortress featuring exquisite courtyards, fountains, and the magnificent gardens of Generalife.

Book with confidence: Your deposit for this program will be fully refundable until 120 days before departure. I hope you join us for this exciting journey through Phoenician history in Tunisia, Sicily, Sardinia, and Spain.

Sincerely,

Theo van den Hout
Interim Director, Oriental Institute

HIGHLIGHTS

**GO** behind the scenes of the UNESCO-listed city of Carthage, where you will behold the ongoing restoration of the city’s Phoenician treasures, including its ancient necropolis

**TRAVEL** by private sail from Sicily to Motya, where you will join an expert to explore one of the most important Phoenician settlements in the Mediterranean, with its grand fortifications, windmills, and ancient sanctuary

**ENJOY** a scholar-led tour of the former Sardinian capital of Nora, set on a precipitous cliff with breathtaking views, and explore this ancient Phoenician commercial center

**REVEL** in an expert-led tour of the Spanish archaeological site of Doña Blanca, a millennia-old Phoenician settlement featuring imposing walls and a necropolis

TRAVELING WITH YOU

David Schloen is a Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology in the Oriental Institute and Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations of the University of Chicago, where he is also an Associated Faculty member of the Divinity School. He specializes in the archaeology and history of the Levant in the Bronze and Iron Ages (ca. 3500 to 300 B.C.). He has ongoing excavation projects at Sam’al (Zincirli) in Turkey and at the Canaanite-Phoenician site of Tell Keisan near Haifa in Israel. Much of his research and teaching is concerned with Canaanite, Phoenician, and Israelite culture and the structural transformations of the first millennium B.C.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8: DEPARTURE
Depart for Tunis, Tunisia on an overnight flight, group flight pending.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9: TUNIS, TUNISIA
Arrive this morning, and transfer to the hotel. Guests opting for the suggested flights will be met at the airport and take the group transport to the hotel. Spend the afternoon at leisure. This evening, gather at the hotel for a welcome dinner with David Schloen.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10: TUNIS
Explore storied Carthage, founded by Phoenicians in the 9th century B.C. The site contains Phoenician remains, including the Sanctuary of Tophet, which is dedicated to the gods Tanit and Baal. Continue to the National Bardo Museum, renowned for its spectacular collection of mosaics. Lunch will be at a restored villa within the souq. This evening, dinner is at leisure.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11: TUNIS / PALERMO (SICILY), ITALY / MARSALA
This morning, depart Tunis on a flight to Palermo, Sicily. Upon arrival, drive to the southwestern coast of Sicily and the town of Marsala, a bustling seaport city, where Phoenicians, Greeks, Arabs, and Romans all left their marks. Enjoy lunch on your own. Check in at the hotel is followed by a visit to the old town including the Church of St. John the Baptist, the grotto of Sibyl, and the Archaeological Museum, followed by dinner.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12: MARSALA / MOTYA / SEGESTA
From Marsala, travel by sail to Motya, which was once one of the most important Phoenician settlements in Sicily. Beautifully set in the middle of the salt pans, the tiny island of Motya was sought for its strategic position and eventually destroyed by Dionysius the Elder, tyrant of Syracuse, in 379 B.C. Admire the remains of the settlement, including the Sanctuary of Cappiddazzu. After lunch, continue to Segesta for a glimpse of its magnificent Doric temple, built in 420 B.C. and among the most well-preserved ancient Greek sites. Dinner this evening is at leisure.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13: MARSALA / PALERMO / CAGLIARI, SARDINIA
From Palermo, take a flight to Cagliari, on the southern coast of Sardinia. Travel to Nora, beautifully situated on a promontory overlooking the sea. Settled initially by Phoenicians in the 9th century B.C., Nora came under the control of Carthage in the 6th century and developed into...
the island’s largest urban and commercial center. In 238 B.C., the city fell to the Romans, who made it Sardinia’s capital. A temple dedicated to the Carthaginian goddess Tanit occupies the ancient city center. Remains from the Roman city include a theater, an aqueduct, a temple of Juno, a nymphaeum, baths, and private villas. Tonight, enjoy a memorable Sardinian dinner.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14: CAGLIARI / MADRID, SPAIN / SEVILLE
Depart Cagliari, and fly to Madrid. Upon arrival in Madrid, take a high-speed train to Seville for an overnight stay. After a tapas lunch, take a walking tour of Seville. Stop at the Cathedral, with its views of the iconic Giralda, former minaret of Seville’s great mosque. Discover the Alcázar, a Mudéjar palace built on the site of a former Moorish fortress. Wander through the Murillo Gardens, with its fountains, ceramics, and monuments. Then, stroll through the Barrio de Santa Cruz, admiring the lovely patios and window boxes of colorful, cascading flowers. Dinner is at leisure this evening.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15: SEVILLE / DOÑA BLANCA / CÁDIZ / MÁLAGA
After breakfast, drive south to the foothills of the Sierra de San Cristóbal. Arrive at the archaeological site of Doña Blanca, one of the best-preserved remains of a Phoenician city in the Mediterranean. From 1979 and 1995, an excavation here uncovered the remains of walls, a necropolis, and parts of houses dating from the eighth to the third century B.C. The ancient ruins give testimony to the great power of this port city, with its significant development and urban planning. Continue to Cádiz, settled by the Phoenicians for its mineral wealth of silver and tin. Before arrival in Málaga, stop for lunch in the Andalusian town of Arcos de la Frontera, with its impressive mirador overlooking the valleys below.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16: MÁLAGA
Begin with an excursion to Castillo de Gibralfaro, a grand fortress perched high above the city with stunning views of Málaga Bay. Continue with visits to the 11th-century Alcazaba of Málaga and the Palacio de la Aduana. Gather for lunch at a bodega bar housed in an 18th-century Málaga mansion. There will be some free time to explore the city’s narrow streets, historic buildings, and shops. Later, join fellow travelers for a cocktail reception at the university’s study center, followed by dinner at leisure.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17: MÁLAGA / GRANADA / MÁLAGA
Travel to Granada to experience one of the architectural marvels of Spain. On a rocky hill on the banks of the River Darro, protected by mountains and surrounded by woods, the Alhambra rises up like an imposing castle. Its ramparts prevent the outside world from seeing the delicate beauty within. Our exploration of the Alhambra includes the Nasrid palaces, fortress, the Palace of Charles V, and medina. The tour concludes in the gardens of the Generalife. Lunch will be at the nearby Carmen de San Miguel. Return to Málaga, and gather for a festive farewell dinner.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18: MÁLAGA / RETURN
Depart the hotel early this morning, and transfer to the airport for flights home.

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EL MOURADI HOTEL AFRICA TUNIS
Located on the famous Habib Bourguiba Avenue, the El Mouradi Hotel Africa Tunis offers soundproof, air-conditioned rooms with panoramic views of the city. Savor Mediterranean cuisine at the hotel's restaurant, Kilimandjaro.

GRAND HOTEL PALACE, MARSALA
Originally a 19th-century private home for English noble families, this villa was transformed into an elegant hotel, maintaining its style and history. Take a dip in its pool, and enjoy its classic rooms equipped with individual-control air conditioning, minibar, cable TV, Wi-Fi, and other amenities.

SARDEGNA HOTEL, CAGLIARI
This hotel’s 84 spacious hotel rooms overlook the sea and have been fully refurbished and refitted with the latest technology. The hotel also features La Scala Restaurant, a Michelin Guide-selected eatery with Sardinian and classic international cuisine.

HOTEL MELIÁ SEVILLA, SEVILLE
Completely refurbished, the hotel offers bright, comfortable rooms and a stunning outdoor pool with views of Plaza España. Other facilities include a bar, restaurant, and a brand-new spa and fitness center.

MOLINA LARIO HOTEL, MÁLAGA
This charming hotel features bright contemporary design and dining options including the Matiz Restaurant, which features Mediterranean cuisine with a local touch.

PROGRAM RATE
$8,799 per person, double rate
$9,799 single rate
RATE INCLUDES
- Nine nights accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
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NOT INCLUDED IN RATE
International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.
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