
Travelers in the Greek and Roman worlds

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| Start date | 22 June 2018 | End date | 24 June 2018 |
| Venue | Madingley Hall Madingley Cambridge | | |
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Tutor biography

Christine graduated from the University of Reading where she undertook research into imagery in Virgil's *Aeneid*. Her doctoral thesis with the Open University examined Late Antique and Mediaeval illuminated manuscripts of the *Aeneid*. She is an experienced teacher of both secondary school students and adults. She seeks to inspire her students with a similar enthusiasm for the Classical world as she holds herself, not least by encouraging her students to look at artefacts in museums and by organising visits to the Classical world.

Course programme

Friday

Please plan to arrive between 16:30 and 18:30. You can meet other course members in the bar which opens at 18:15. Tea and coffee making facilities are available in the study bedrooms.

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| 19:00 | Dinner |
| 20:30 – 22:00 | Travellers in the mythical world: fact or fiction? |
| 22:00 | Terrace bar open for informal discussion |

Saturday

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| 07:30 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | Why did people travel in the Classical World? |
| 10:30 | Coffee |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Finding your way |
| 13:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 16:00 | Free |
| 16:00 | Tea |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | River and sea travel |
| 18:00 – 18:30 | Free |
| 18:30 | Dinner |
| 20:00 – 21:30 | Challenging Travel : Mountains and Deserts |
| 21:30 | Terrace bar open for informal discussion |

Sunday

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| 07:30 | Breakfast |
| 09:00 – 10:30 | Travel by Road |
| 10:30 | Coffee |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | From Coast to Coast |
| 12:45 | Lunch |

The course will disperse after lunch

Course syllabus

Aims:

1. To consider some of the mythical journeys of the classical world
2. To consider some of the ways in which Greeks and Romans travelled round the classical world
3. To appreciate the value of primary written sources for studying ancient travel
4. To evaluate the visual evidence for ancient travel

Content:

Students will have the opportunity to consider the variety of travel across the Greek and Roman world.

We shall begin with some familiar travellers and their journeys from the mythical world and reflect on the reality of these journeys. A session will be devoted to exploring why some Greeks and Romans travelled so far and so frequently, and a further session will briefly look at maps and directions for travellers. We shall then concentrate on specific types of travel and areas where it may have been preferable not to travel, e.g. deserts. Finally we shall join a number of travellers on their journeys, by reading their own accounts of their experiences.

Presentation of the course:

The course will be taught through tutor-led presentations and full class discussions. Each session will combine examining literary evidence and where possible this evidence will be supplemented with images from the classical world of modes of transport; students will be encouraged to discuss what they read and see and to interpret the evidence and reflect on its reliability.

All texts will be in English, but some words or terms may be given in the original Greek or Latin as well as in English.

As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:

- Discuss with confidence both the literary and the visual evidence for travel in the Greek and Roman worlds
- Evaluate this evidence
- Feel confident in using primary material
- Develop empathy with ancient Greek and Roman travellers

Reading and resources list

Listed below are texts that might be of interest should you wish to supplement your learning on the course. Any essential reading is marked with an asterisk *

| Author | Title | Publisher and date |
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| Pausanias | Guide to Greece Vol 1 and 2 | Penguin 1979 |
| Herodotus | The Histories | Penguin 2003 |
| Casson, L. | Travel in the Ancient World | John Hopkins UP 1974 |
| Adams, C and Roy, J (eds) | Travel, Geography and Culture in Ancient Greece, Egypt and the Near East | Oxford 2007 |
| Adams, C and Laurence, R. (eds) | Travel and Geography in the Roman Empire | Routledge 2001 |

Note Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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