Myth, Mystery, and the Fringes of Science: EASTER ISLAND and the NAZCA LINES

June 8–18, 2015
With Optional Extension to Machu Picchu

With Professor Michael D. Gordin
Dear Princetonian,

How did the huge basalt statuary come to be erected on remote (and basalt-free) Easter Island? Who was responsible for the intricate patterns of lines in Nazca, Peru and for what audience and purpose were they created? Why was Machu Picchu constructed as it was, perched high atop a mountain with such geometric precision? Many an explanation has arisen over the years—from wind storms to alien invasion. Join historian of science Michael Gordin in June 2015 on an exploration of some of the world’s most mysterious sites and hear about how theories from the fringes of science have emerged and taken hold over the years.

After arriving in Santiago, at the foot of the Andes, for a one-night orientation, fly to Easter Island, also known as Rapa Nui. Located 2,600 miles west of Santiago in the South Pacific, this mysterious island has a visual impact few places in the world can equal; for here is a remarkable, barely-understood outdoor museum that has gripped the world’s imagination for centuries. Spend three days among the hundreds of moais, tight-lipped basalt statues unique in the whole of Oceania, which are scattered throughout the island. Transit back through Santiago and Lima to reach the next wonder on the itinerary: the mysterious Nazca Lines. Take a flight-seeing exploration above the huge birds and animals, geometrical lines resembling a landing field, and other grand-scale markings in the earth. Afterwards, venture onward to Ica, Peru’s main grape-growing region to visit an oasis in the dunes and tour the Ica Regional Museum with its fascinating collection of mummies, pottery, and textiles from Paracas and Nazca cultures. Ride the towering sands in dune buggies before returning to Lima, “the City of Kings,” to explore its extraordinary museums, tasty cuisine, and rich colonial heritage.

Travelers wishing to extend their sojourn in South America will have the option of a post-trip extension to the mysterious citadel of Machu Picchu. The extension will also include time in Cusco, the capital of the Inca Empire, and the Sacred Valley.

This journey is designed specifically for Princeton travelers and will be limited in size. Because flights to Easter Island are infrequent and tickets should be purchased well in advance, we do suggest making your reservation as soon as possible. Contact the Princeton Journeys team at (609) 258-8686 or journeys@princeton.edu to reserve your spot today.

With kind regards,

Leslie Jennings Rowley S95
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Office of Alumni Affairs, Princeton University

**Costs**

**Program Cost (Per person, double occupancy)** .................................................. $7,495

**Single Supplement** ............................................................... $1,300

**Optional Post-trip Extension to Machu Picchu (Per person, double occupancy)** .. $3,995

**Single Supplement for Extension** .................................................. $ 685

**Deposit Amount** ............................................................... $1,000 per person + $200 for trip extension

**Sample Airfare** ............................................................... $1,917 per person

(not included and subject to change by the airline)
ITINERARY

Monday, June 8, 2015
U.S.A. / SANTIAGO
Depart independently on an overnight flight from the U.S. to Santiago. (Meals aloft)

Tuesday, June 9, 2015
ARRIVE SANTIAGO
Arrive in the morning in Santiago and transfer to your hotel for immediate check-in. Enjoy a welcome lunch followed by an afternoon city tour that will introduce you to this city at the foot of the Andes. Visit the city’s historical center, including La Moneda, the neo-classical building housing the executive branch of Chile’s government, the San Francisco Church with its fabulous colonial paintings, and the remarkable collection of the Chilean Museum of Pre-Columbian Art that chronicles 4,500 years of pre-Columbian civilization in the Americas. Attend the group’s welcome dinner.

Plaza del Bosque Park and Suites (L,D)

Wednesday, June 10, 2015
SANTIAGO / EASTER ISLAND
This morning fly to Easter Island. Located 2,600 miles west of Santiago in the South Pacific, this mysterious island has a visual impact few places in the world can equal. Hundreds of moais, tight-lipped basalt statues unique in the whole of Oceania, are scattered throughout the island. An afternoon exploration visits Ahu Vinapu, a temple whose moais are curiously similar to works created by the Incas; Rano Raraki Volcano; and Orongo ceremonial village.

Hotel Altoiplánico (B,D)

Thursday, June 11, 2015
EASTER ISLAND
Triangular in shape with a volcano in each corner, this island provides excellent opportunities to learn about its culture and traditions and theories on how the giant statues were built and what they represent. Enjoy a barbecue lunch at Anakena beach. Round out the day with visits to the town of Hanga Roa; and Rano Raraku quarry; and other important sites.

Hotel Altoiplánico (B, Box lunch, D)

Friday, June 12, 2015
EASTER ISLAND
The morning is free for individual pursuits. In an afternoon excursion to Aku Akivi, see the seven spectacular moais that date back to 1460 BC. Continue to Puna Pau Hill, a red stone quarry that was most likely the source of moais topknots and ornamental headpieces.

Hotel Altoiplánico (B,L,D)

Sunday, June 13, 2015
EASTER ISLAND / SANTIAGO
Enjoy your morning on Easter Island before transferring to the airport for a flight to Santiago.

Hotel Holiday Inn Santiago Airport (B, Meals aloft)

Sunday, June 14, 2015
SANTIAGO / LIMA / PARACAS
Fly this morning to Lima. Upon arrival, travel south to Paracas following the Pan-American Highway. Stop for lunch in Chincha Alta at a beautiful 17th-century hacienda. Arrive at the hotel late in the afternoon for a free evening.

La Hacienda Bahia Paracas (B,L)

Monday, June 15, 2015
NAZCA LINES / PISCO AND ICA
In the morning, transfer to the airport of Pisco for a 1-hour 30-minute round trip flight over Ocucaje, Ica, and Palpa to see the mysterious Nazca Lines—huge birds and animals, geometrical lines resembling a landing field, and other markings. These ancient geoglyphs are so large that their forms can be fully discerned only from high in the air. Afterwards, transfer to Ica, Peru’s main grape-growing region. Visit to a wine cellar, Huacachina Lagoon, an oasis in the dunes and tour the Ica Regional Museum with its fascinating collection of mummies, pottery, and textiles from Paracas and Nazca cultures. Then, take an unforgettable and exciting adventure in the desert riding in tubular dune buggies, up and down dunes from 20 to 80 meters high. Return to Paracas for dinner at the hotel.

La Hacienda Bahia Paracas (B,L,D)
Tuesday, June 16, 2015
PARACAS / LIMA
This morning board a boat for an outing to the famed Ballestas Islands, known as “small Galápagos” for their profusion of wildlife. The islands are inhabited by thousands of “guano birds”, penguins, and sea lions. On the way to the islands, view the gigantic Paracas Candlebara, a prehistoric geoglyph nearly 600 feet tall on the face of the peninsula ridge overlooking the bay. In the afternoon return to Lima for an evening on your own.
Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores (B,L)

Wednesday, June 17, 2015
LIMA
Tour some of Lima’s main colonial sites, including the Cathedral, Plaza de Armas, Government and Archbishop Palaces, and the monasteries of Santo Domingo and San Francisco. Continue with visits to the residential district of Miraflores with its parks and ocean views and then onto the bohemian district of Barranco. In the afternoon enjoy a curator-led tour of the private Larco Museum, which contains a fascinating collection of pre-Inca and Inca pottery, one of the finest in the country, including unique gold and silver work and erotic ceramics from pre-Inca civilizations. The remainder of the day is free. Your hotel room is available until the time to transfer to the airport for an overnight flight to the U.S. arriving home the next day. Alternatively, you have the choice to overnight in Lima tonight and depart for the U.S. the next day on an early morning flight.
Casa Andina Private Collection Miraflores (B,L)

Thursday, June 18, 2015
LIMA / U.S.A.
At the appropriate time, transfer to the airport for flight to the U.S. and connect with flights homeward. (B, Meals aloft)
Thursday, June 18, 2015

LIMA / CUSCO / URUBAMBA (Sacred Valley of the Incas)
This morning depart on a flight to Cusco. Upon arrival transfer to the village of Pisac to see its colorful Indian market. On the way to Pisac, stop at AwanaCancha a weaving center. Here you can see four members of the cameloid family—llama, alpacas, vicuñas and guanacos—and learn about the harvesting of the different wools and the natural dying techniques. See native weavers from different areas showing their different weaving styles and dress. Lunch at a working ranch in Urubamba with an opportunity to appreciate the beauty of the Peruvian Paso Fino horse. Afterwards, visit the fortress and village of Ollantaytambo, the only living Inca town where ancient agricultural terraces are still in use. Overnight in Yucay (altitude 8,500 feet).
Sonesta Posadas del Inca Yucay Hotel (B,L)

Friday, June 19, 2015

URUBAMBA/ MACHU PICCHU
Transfer to the train station of Ollantaytambo for a dramatic train journey through the Urubamba Valley to the Lost City of the Incas, Machu Picchu (altitude 7,600 feet). Located above the rainforest on the eastern slopes of the Andes, Machu Picchu was abandoned by the Incas and remained hidden in the jungle until 1911 when Hiram Bingham rediscovered it. Take a guided tour of the ruins followed by free time to explore the ruins on your own. An overnight stay affords the opportunity to explore this extraordinary site surrounded by stunning peaks.
Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel (B,L,D)

Saturday, June 20, 2015

MACHU PICCHU / CUSCO
This morning is unscheduled for independent exploration of Machu Picchu. Your staff will be available to guide your investigation of this mystical place. Those who wish may walk to the “Gate of the Sun” or climb Huayna Picchu, the peak that rises dramatically above the ancient ruins. In the afternoon, return to Cusco by train.
JW Marriott Cusco Hotel (B,L)

Sunday, June 21, 2015

CUSCO
Perched high in the Andes at 11,155 feet, Cusco was the capital of the Inca Empire and is the oldest continuously inhabited city in South America. In the morning, visit the Inca ruins surrounding Cusco including the renowned and massive fortress of Sacsayhuamán, famous for its cosmic energy. Here, massive stone blocks were fitted together so tightly, and without the use of a mortar, that a knife blade cannot be inserted between them. An afternoon city tour includes superb examples of colonial Spanish architecture built atop thick stone-walls of the Inca. Enjoy a walking tour through the bohemian and artisan’s quarter of San Blas. This neighborhood of narrow cobblestone streets, whitewashed walls, balconies and tiled rooftops is famous for its ateliers and handicraft shops. This evening, gather for a special farewell dinner at the Pre-Columbian Museum, originally an Inca ceremonial court, then the residence of a Spanish conquistador.
JW Marriott Cusco Hotel (B,L,D)

Monday, June 22, 2015

CUSCO / U.S.A.
The morning is free for independent exploration of Cusco. In the afternoon transfer to the airport for a flight to Lima. Upon arrival, meet at the airport and receive assistance connecting to your international overnight flight to the U.S. arriving home the next day. You have the option of spending additional nights in Cusco (additional hotel nights and private transfer to/from the airport are at an additional cost). Please note: most flights will arrive in the U.S. on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 (B)
Terms & Conditions

Program Cost Includes: Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary; all land and water transportation; airport transfers for group flights; flight over the Nazca Lines; all tours and excursions as described in the itinerary; bottled water on excursions; entrance fees; baggage handling; gratuities to local guides, porters and drivers; service charges and taxes; pre-departure information; coordination and administration; services of a tour director throughout the trip.

Program Cost Does Not Include: International airfare U.S./Santiago; Santiago/Lima; Lima/U.S. and round trip flights to Easter Island (quoted separately); meals not specified in the itinerary; personal items such as laundry, email, fax or telephone calls; liquor; room service; passport fees; excess baggage charges; independent and private transfers; medical expenses; gratuity to tour director; medical expenses; travel insurance; optional extensions or deviations from the scheduled tour are not included.

About International Airfare: Airfare, including flights to Easter Island, is not included and ranges approximately between $1,400 and $1,917 when purchased as a through fare. If flying LAN Airlines internationally into Santiago and out of Lima, flights to Easter Island will be at a lower cost. Airfares are subject to change. Additional information and options regarding air arrangements will be sent to registered participants with their confirmation packet.

Optional Post-Trip Extension to Machu Picchu Includes: Accommodations for four nights at deluxe and first class hotels, all excursions, breakfast daily, four lunches, two dinners, air transportation Lima/Cusco, Cusco/Lima, train transportation to and from Machu Picchu, airport taxes, airport transfers for group flights, entrance fees including second entrance fee to Machu Picchu and professional tour leadership. Extension Cost Does Not Include: Any increases in the in-tour airfare, included as part of the post-trip extension’s cost; airport taxes, fuel surcharges or security fees imposed or after the initial pricing of this program is published. Deposit for the extension is $200 per person. The extension’s price and operation is based on a minimum of 12 participants.

Reservations, Deposits, & Final Payment: To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,000 per person and an additional $200 per person for the Machu Picchu extension, payable to “Royal Adventures,” along with the completed reservation form to: Princeton Journeys, John Maclean House, P.O. Box 291, Princeton, N.J. 08542-0291 or fax to (609) 258-5561. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in the order of receipt. Final payment is due March 8, 2015 and must be paid by check. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40

Cancellations & Refunds: Refunds, less a cancellation fee of $550 per person and $100 additional per person for the Machu Picchu extension, are made if we are notified in writing on or before March 8, 2015. No refunds are made after that date. All cancellations must be made in writing/email. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other tour features.

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Reservation Form

Enclosed is a deposit for $________ ($1,000 deposit per person) to hold ___ place(s) on the “Myth, Mystery and the Fringes of Science” program, June 8–18, 2015. Final payment is due March 8, 2015.

1) Name as on passport ___________________________ Birthday _______ Princeton affiliation(s) ____________

2) Name as on passport ___________________________ Birthday _______ Princeton affiliation(s) ____________

Address __________________________________________ City __________________________ State ______ Zip ________

Phones: Home (____) __________________ Office (____) __________________ Fax (____) __________________

E-mail(s) __________________________________________

If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate the following:

☐ I’d like to know about possible roommates*
   *I understand if a roommate is not secured for me by final payment date, I will be charged the single supplement amount.

☐ I wish to pay the additional $1,300 for a single supplement.

☐ I/We wish to join the optional Machu Picchu post-trip extension at an additional deposit of $200 per person.

☐ Please charge my deposit of $1,000 per person plus $200 each for the extension if applicable, to:

  ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ AMEX Card #_________________________ Exp. Date: ______ / ______
  Name as it appears on card ___________________________________________________ CVV# ____________

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I/We confirm that I/We have carefully read the information on refunds, general conditions and the responsibility clause specified in the tour conditions and agree to their terms on behalf of any minors in my party named above.

Signature ___________________________ Date __________________

Signature ___________________________ Date __________________

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**What to Expect**

This exclusive expedition is designed for Princeton alumni and friends who are interested in archaeology, history, the cultural heritage and rich natural environment of Easter Island and Peru. This is a moderately active program that is, at times, busy. Daily programs involve one to two miles of walking, often over uneven terrain, at a leisurely pace. There is some stair climbing, and at many ruins stairs do not have handrails. In the Andes (post-trip extension to Machu Picchu), travelers spend several days at elevations from approximately 8,000 to 11,200 feet. The tour has been planned to allow for gradual acclimatization when traveling to the Andean highlands.