



Company Profile

Arcadia Expeditions specialises in immersive historical and cultural journeys to some of the world's most inspiring and exotic destinations. Arcadia's exclusive curated experiences give our discerning clients uncommon access to sites and peoples that reward the curious mind. Each expedition tells a story, with our expert team of leading academics and local guides ensuring our travellers have an experience like no other. It's like joining the making of a documentary, but without the camera crew.

The Arcadia concept – a new way to travel

Travelling with Arcadia is like joining the making of a documentary

From the very beginning, the guiding principal in the creation of our unique itineraries was to have our clients feel that when they are travelling with Arcadia, it's like they are joining the making of a documentary, but without the film crew. Like any good documentary, this involves the telling of a story (the theme of our expedition), providing a knowledgeable narrator for that story (our expert Expedition Leader) and gaining privileged access to people and places not normally available to the public.

Each one of our itineraries has a wealth of one-off experiences that are curated exclusively by Arcadia Expeditions. Our unrivalled destination knowledge and extensive network of local contacts allows us to provide insider access to fascinating and thought-provoking people and experiences that other travellers only dream of.

Some of our trips have exclusive access to archaeological digs whilst others have private behind-the-scenes visits to museums, galleries and historic sites after hours to avoid the crowds. We believe our stories are best told by locals, which is why throughout the course of each of our expeditions we bring in deep subject matter experts to meet with the group. Be it over a meal or in front of one of the world's great sites, we provide a forum for intellectual exchange with these local experts to further enrich our understanding.

IN SEARCH OF LOST WORLDS

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[Immersive Storytelling](#)

This new way of seeing the world is based on immersive storytelling that gives discerning travellers the opportunity to go deeper, to become more engaged and to have first-hand experiences and intellectual exchanges that contribute to their lifelong learning. This is travelling with a sense of purpose.

[Travel as a force for good](#)

Just as important is the need for our entire business to act in a responsible and sustainable way. We believe that travel can serve as a force for good in our lives, and in the lives of the people and places we visit – which is why as a business, and on our expeditions, we are committed to reducing our negative environmental impacts while increasing our positive social and economic impacts.

[Founder Profiles](#)

[David Adams](#)

A filmmaker and photojournalist, David is well known for his investigative work. Over the past 20 years he has researched, written, directed and produced numerous documentary films, most notably *Journeys to the Ends of the Earth*, a 13 part documentary series made for the Discovery network and *Alexander's Lost World*, tracing his extraordinary 1,500 mile journey through Afghanistan and Central Asia. In addition to his adventures in documentary filmmaking, David is a widely published photojournalist with articles appearing in over fifty countries and has also acted as a war correspondent in Afghanistan and Georgia. Residing in his native Sydney, David's passion for archaeology, anthropology and history continues to take him to exotic locations worldwide including Iran, Siberia, the Pacific Rim, Northern and Central Africa in search of indigenous peoples and their disappearing cultures.

[David Mannix](#)

Growing up as an expat kid sparked an early passion in David for exploring, with his insatiable curiosity taking him to the far reaches of the globe. Ending up as an expat himself throughout his career, he has managed international travel companies in Vietnam, Egypt, Turkey, Morocco and Europe. For more than 15 years, David has held several senior positions in some of the largest and most well-respected companies in the adventure travel industry, providing him with a global network of trusted partners and extensive experience in managing complex on-ground tour logistics. David has a natural talent to track down the very best local partners, and with them custom make unique and transformative



experiences - from crafting expeditions to some of the world's most remote places such as Papua New Guinea, the Russian Far East and Antarctica, to designing street food tours in the bustling cities of Hanoi and Istanbul. David now lives between Sydney and Marrakech, with the contrasting beauty of the Pacific Ocean and Atlas Mountains providing daily inspiration.

What we believe – our travel philosophy

- We believe the pursuit of knowledge, through immersive and authentic travel experiences, is a noble undertaking
- We believe that meaningful and purposeful travel experiences can act as a catalyst for a more fulfilling life
- We believe that engagement with the wider world can break down social and cultural barriers
- We believe travel can facilitate experiences and conversations that challenge us to question who we are and our place within the global community
- We believe that it is our responsibility to incorporate principles of sustainable tourism and development into everything we do by committing to supporting local communities, protecting the environment and giving back to the places we travel

The Arcadia Difference

The Art of Storytelling

Each of our meticulously researched expeditions is created around a theme. Our aim is to tell a story that has never been told in this type of travel format before. Whilst our expeditions include the well-known sites of a destination, and plenty of hidden gems, the story is woven throughout the journey, so that we explore a country's history, culture and people from a different perspective.

Fully escorted with an expert trip leader and local guide

Each expedition has a leadership team of two: an expert on the trip theme to narrate the story of the journey (an academic, author or researcher) plus a local



guide who shares their local knowledge, culture and experience to reveal the spirit of their country. They are the ultimate travel companions, and are trained to make every part of the trip safe and seamless.

[Maximum group size of 12-16 travellers](#)

Small groups of like-minded travellers allow low-impact, intimate access to our destinations and more time with our experts. Each member of our group will be an integral part of the expedition, with our small group size allowing us to learn more about our traveller's interests and incorporating them into the experience.

[Exclusive Access](#)

Each itinerary has unique, one-off experiences that are exclusive to Arcadia Expeditions. Clients will have uncommon access to locations, people, archaeological digs, museums and other sites and experiences that other travellers only dream of.

[Luxury Accommodation](#)

When travelling in major centres, we stay in 5-star properties chosen for their character, comfort and central location. More often than not, they have their own story to tell. In more remote areas, we choose the best boutique property available or set up luxury tented camps to explore further afield.

[Responsible Travel](#)

Responsible Travel philosophies are built into each of our expeditions. We help sustain and preserve communities, cultures and traditions on our travels and offer our travellers plenty of ways to leave lighter footprints and make a positive impact.

[Balanced Itineraries](#)

Our expeditions are planned to interact with local people and connect with the culture of our destinations. Special emphasis is placed on food. Visiting local produce markets and dining where the locals eat gives us a greater understanding of where we are and what its like to live there. We believe that some of the best travel experiences are those that are unplanned and spontaneous, which is why each of our itineraries has a balance of planned activities and free time for you to explore on your own.

[Choose your own adventure](#)

On certain days in each expedition, our travellers are given the freedom to choose included activities that cater to different interests. Our activities are not your standard mass-tourism offerings, but rather carefully curated experiences that give a taste of local life and culture.