

Ancient Cities in Modern Times

Scenario:

The Archaeological Society of America sponsors tours that allow people to work on archeological dig sites. They want to hire new tour guides who can create and market unique, one-week tours that highlight a modern day city that was of historical significance in ancient times, from the Paleolithic Era to the Agricultural Revolution. The city needs to have artifacts remaining from the ancient era that are available for a dig. The tour should provide people not only with historical information but also current travel attractions. Among other factors, the Society will base its hiring decision on a multimedia presentation to its Board of Directors describing the proposed tour.

Your team is a group of history students about to graduate from college. It would be great if you could win this job, allowing you to put your education to work while sharing your knowledge with other people. Your parents, by the way, would be very happy, too!

Possible topics to cover (these are only suggestions and are not a requirement for a superior presentation):

1. What cities would you choose?
2. What happened there and when?
3. How did these historical events impact present civilization?
4. Why do you think people would be interested in your tour?
5. What aspect of history would you highlight? e.g., culture, science, war, art, etc.
6. What complimentary souvenir from the city would you give people on the tour and why would you choose it?

Possible Sources

Library books, history books, historians, videos, encyclopedias, and Internet websites:

Archeological Institute of America <http://www.archaeological.org/webinfo.php?page=10003>

Responsible Travel <http://www.responsibletravel.com/Trip/Trip900184.htm>

Archeo-Volunteers <http://www.greenvol.com/arkeo/>

Bibliography

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