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Dear Spartan Travelers,

Greetings from the campus of Michigan State University! In 2022 and 2023 we have seen a boom in travel and I'd like to thank those of you that traveled on a Spartan Pathways tour over the last two years. We hope we were able to fulfill your dreams of seeing the world.

In 2024, we're pleased to offer more than 50 tours that visit incredible countries, historic sites and beautiful scenery. As you peruse the catalog, look out for tours that feature UNESCO World Heritage Sites, which include visits to areas that have cultural, historical, scientific or other forms of significance in the world.

After directing the Spartan Pathways Travel program for many years, I've had the pleasure of experiencing several of these tours. Look for "Regina's Recommends" throughout the catalog representing my pick of tours that I think you'll enjoy. For those of you that love to travel alone, we're happy to offer a handful of tours that feature no single supplement cost.

Whether you're looking for relaxation, adventure, culture or more, we're here to help you find your dream trip that you can enjoy with fellow Spartans.

To lessen our carbon footprint, we've created a printable digital catalog for 2024. After viewing the catalog, if you have questions, give us a call at 888-697-2863 or visit alumni.msu.edu/travel.

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Regina Cross, '91
Director, Spartan Pathways Travel Program
MSU Alumni Office



Dog Sledding and Ice Formations of Michigan's Upper Peninsula

JANUARY 21 - 24

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FROM \$1,550 PER PERSON

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Regina ✓
Recommends



Tahitian Legends

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 9

Tranquil lagoons and ethereal waterfalls await in the South Pacific on this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Nautica*. Board the ship in Papeete and set out for an island-hopping adventure of the French Polynesia islands that string together with a trove of tropical sights and sounds. Climb aboard a catamaran in Moorea, or take an off-road safari to look for pineapples ripening in the field. Watch for rare birds in Fakarava. See one of the world's tallest waterfalls in Nuku Hiva and take a glass-bottom boat ride in Rangiroa. In Bora Bora, enjoy a visit to Bloody Mary's, a restaurant made famous from the novel "Tales of the South Pacific," or enjoy snorkeling the blue waters and turquoise lagoons. Before returning to Papeete, venture off the beaten track in Raiatea and visit the island of Taha'a. Flights for this tour depart the U.S. on January 29.

**FROM \$4,899 PER PERSON,
INCLUDING AIRFARE FROM SELECT CITIES**

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Regina 
Recommends

Our tour guide made the tour easy and effortless. He took great care of us and introduced us to the best of Morocco with his vast knowledge of the country and the history of the many attractions. I enjoyed the variety of experiences we were offered through the wonderfully curated tour.

SPARTAN PATHWAYS TRAVELER

Morocco – Land of Enchantment

FEBRUARY 2 - 11

Morocco's cultural riches are to be enjoyed on this eight-night tour, featuring stays in Marrakech and Rabat. Immerse in the age-old traditions and treasures of ancient Morocco, from its towering minarets to humming markets. Begin with six nights in Marrakech and visit the subtropical Jardin Majorelle and explore vibrant souks and a centuries-old square filled with storytellers and musicians. Witness the Bahia Palace and Koutoubia Mosque, which towers above the medina. Then delve into Morocco's authentic culture during a calligraphy lesson and culinary tour. Venture to the Atlas Mountains to share tea with a welcoming Berber family and learn about their life. Cap off this thrilling adventure in Rabat, home to the impressive Royal Palace. Plus, visit Casablanca, a showcase of brilliant architecture and the Hassan II Mosque, a spectacular minaret with a richly decorated interior.

FROM \$4,295 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE

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Māori Heritage: Australia & New Zealand – Sydney to Auckland

FEBRUARY 8 - 24

Enjoy the beauty of Australia and New Zealand on this 16-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Regatta*. Embark in Sydney and set sail for Melbourne. Wander through the laneways lined with impressive street art or stroll the bustling Queen Victoria Market. In Burnie, feast on cheese made by locals. Enroute to New Zealand, take in the sights and sounds along the Tasman Sea, the Fjords of Milford Sound, the Doubtful Sound and the Dusky Sound. Experience Scottish and Maori heritage in Dunedin and learn why it's hailed as New Zealand's Wildlife Capital. Watch a sheep-shearing display in Christchurch and discover one of the world's best water views in the seaside town of Picton. See movie-making history in Wellington where "The Lord of the Rings" was filmed or enjoy a relaxing afternoon at a winery in Gisborne. Before arriving in Auckland, watch for dolphins in the Bay of Islands. Flights for this tour departs the U.S. on February 6.

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Our guide was an excellent historian and naturalist who could answer all questions. He updated us on local information and what we would accomplish each day. The driver was excellent and made this a real team effort. All accommodations on this tour were first rate and the food was excellent.

TERRY DUGAN '67
SPARTAN PATHWAYS TRAVELER

Costa Rica's Natural Heritage

FEBRUARY 10 - 20

In this nature-kissed Central American democracy, this small group tour sets out on a relaxed yet comprehensive 11-day exploration to discover staggering biodiversity in four distinct regions, from cloud forest to rainforest, Central Valley to Pacific Coast. Take an excursion to Irazú Volcano, the country's tallest volcano and learn about Costa Rica's prized export at the Doka Coffee Estate. In Carrizal, admire wondrous orchids. During a three-night Arenal region stay, enjoy vistas of Arenal Volcano. After meeting students at an elementary school, encounter the natural splendor of the remarkable Ecocentro Danaus Biological Reserve. Experience the rainforest from the canopy level on Arenal's hanging bridges Sky Walk. Continuing on to the amazing Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, explore this "green cathedral." Spend three final nights at a beautiful Guanacaste beachfront resort and take an extraordinary Tempisque River float safari. Discover more ecological wonders with a four-day/three-night Tortuguero National Park pre-tour option.

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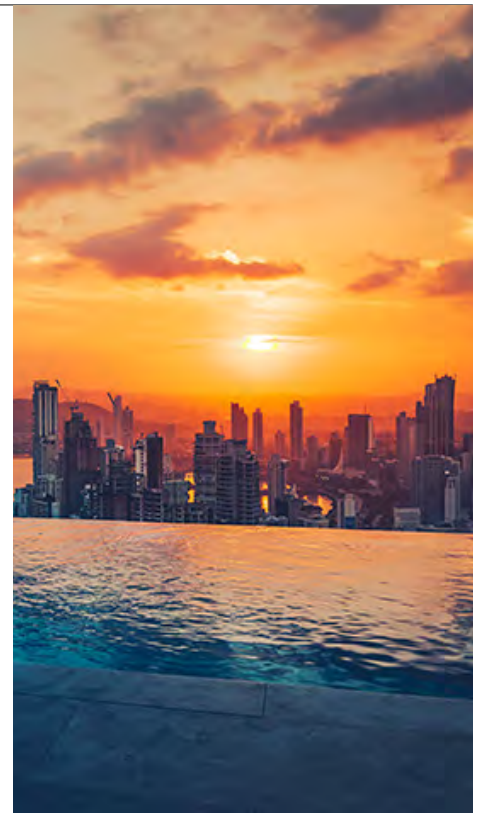
Panama Potpourri — Miami to Panama City

FEBRUARY 16 - 26

From majestic Mayan pyramids to the cool ocean breeze, discover the treasures of Central America on this 10-night journey aboard Oceania Cruises' *Sirena*. Embark in Miami and set sail for Costa Maya. Find the magic in the ancient Mayan ruins on land and swim amidst the Great Mayan Reef in Harvest Caye. Hike through the rainforest in Santo Tomas and in Roatan take it easy with a sunny day at the beach. Explore unique architecture in Puerto Limon or learn about the city's rich forests and plentiful wildlife. Then journey through the Panama Canal, one of the modern world's most heroic feats of engineering. Spend a day in the diverse and multicultural Panama City and experience the living history of the oldest continuously occupied European settlement on the Pacific coast.

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Cultural Treasures of Israel & Jordan

FEBRUARY 17 - 29

Behold the blessings of Israel and Jordan on this 11-night journey, featuring stays in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Tiberias and Jordan. Led by a knowledgeable guide, connect the past with the present while exploring Biblical ruins and modern cities. Begin in Tel Aviv, then visit Jerusalem's spectacular Western Wall and the moving Yad Vashem, Israel's memorial to the Holocaust. Travel to Masada, King Herod's mountaintop fortress and revel in the old-world gems of Caesarea and Akko. Discover Tabgha and the Mount of Beatitudes, believed to be where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. In Jordan, explore the Roman ruins of Jerash, Madaba, Mount Nebo and the Lost City of Petra. Stroll along the shores of the Dead Sea. Along the way, speak with a Holocaust survivor and enjoy traditional dishes, olive oils and local wines. This small-group adventure features first-class accommodations and an extensive meal plan including wine with dinner.

FROM \$6,495 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE

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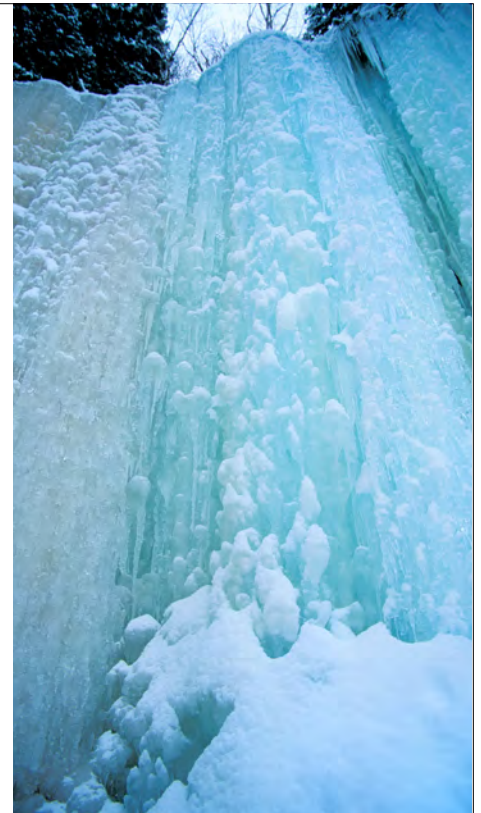
Dog Sledding and Ice Formations of Michigan's Upper Peninsula

FEBRUARY 25 - 28

This winter adventure offers you the opportunity to hook-up and drive your own dog team on a 10-mile guided dog sledding trip through the trails of Northern Michigan with MSU alum, Tasha Stielstra. With more than 150 Alaskan Huskies, Nature's Kennel is Michigan's premier dog sledding destination. Enjoy a trip to Tahquamenon Falls State Park where naturalist and MSU alum, Theresa Neal, will lead you on a snowshoe hike to the falls. Join MSU alum, Steve Tchozeski, of Great Lakes Geoscience and learn about the geologic formation of the UP's shoreline while exploring Eben Ice Caves and ice formations of Grand Island National Recreation area. Accommodations are at Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn on Lake Manistique in Curtis. This tour is limited to 10 people. Hiking to the ice formations includes mildly strenuous walking on slippery terrain but does not require climbing gear.

FROM \$1,550 PER PERSON

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Best of Tanzania

FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 10

On daily game drives, experience and explore Tanzania while traveling to extraordinary national parks and reserves such as Tarangire National Park, known for its large herds of elephant, baobab trees and home to 260 bird species. Visit Ngorongoro Crater, considered a garden of Eden and the only place in East Africa where a natural population of black rhino can be found. Learn about Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important prehistoric sites on Earth. In the Serengeti National Park, home to the greatest concentration of large mammals on Earth, marvel at the acacia dotted plains. Enjoy learning from highly-skilled safari guides that are knowledgeable of the wildlife and culture found in East Africa while searching for migrating wildebeest. Accommodations are in deluxe safari lodges and tented camps. An optional Serengeti Hot Air Balloon Safari with a champagne breakfast is also available.

FROM \$5,950 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE

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Regina 
Recommends

Dog Sledding and Ice Climbing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

MARCH 10 - 13

Designed for people with little to no experience, join MSU alum, Tasha Stielstra, as she takes you on a dog sledding and ice climbing expedition in Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula. Hook-up and drive your own dog team on a 20-mile guided dog sledding trip with the sled dogs of Nature's Kennel through the pristine trails of Northern Michigan. Enjoy another day of wintery splendor on an ice climbing expedition in Munising and a guided hike of Munising waterfalls. Accommodations are at Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn in Curtis. Instruction will be given for hooking up your dog team and professional guides will show you all you need for ice climbing. This tour is limited to 10 people. You must have good upper body strength, be able to stand for three to four hours and have good balance.

FROM \$1,650 PER PERSON

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[Learn more about this trip >](#)

I loved the ability to enjoy more of the Upper Peninsula in the winter. I have done a lot of traveling in the UP in the summer, but this was completely different and, in many ways, even more beautiful.

HEIDI NAGEL '91
SPARTAN PATHWAYS TRAVELER

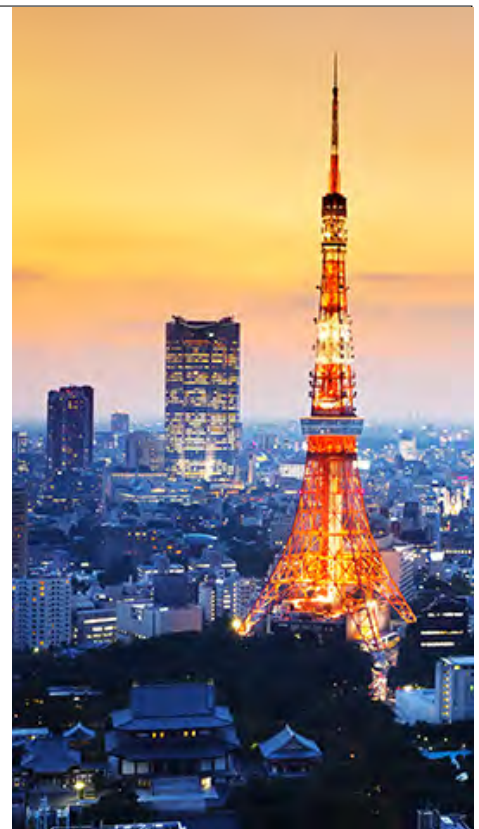
Land of the Rising Sun — Tokyo to Tokyo

MARCH 20 - APRIL 1

Enjoy the harmony of Japanese culture and the deeply-rooted customs of this majestic island on a 12-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Riviera*. From a tea ceremony to the excitement of sumo spectating, this voyage offers insight into the Japanese way of life. Begin in metropolitan Tokyo and set sail for Nagoya. Explore the industrial side of Japan at the newly-reconstructed palace and visit the many museums of Nagoya before heading to the surfer's paradise, quaint Kochi. Visit traditional markets and take in the beautiful views of the Pacific Ocean. Enjoy the volcanoes and offshore islands of Nagasaki and see the art scene, Buddah statues and beautiful beaches of Busan, South Korea. Sail down the Kanmon Strait to Hiroshima and stroll through the beautifully-landscaped Hiroshima Gardens or visit Hiroshima Castle. End the trip with the views of the majestic Mount Fuji from the seaport of Shimizu.

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Finland — Arctic Magnificence

MARCH 29 - APRIL 6

Embrace Finland's majestic beauty and Nordic charm on this exhilarating and active seven-night adventure in the world's happiest country. Discover vibrant Helsinki and indulge in the quintessentially Finnish tradition of a rejuvenating sauna and see the eye-catching architecture of this dynamic city founded in 1550. In northern Lapland, at the Northern Lights Village, gaze at the awe-inspiring Northern Lights from a glass-domed cabin for four nights, plus enjoy a snowshoe trek by moonlight and a fast-paced dogsled ride across the pristine fjells. Explore the heritage of Finland's three Sámi cultures and take a ride through the forest to spot reindeer in the wild at a traditional reindeer farm. Experienced guides and lecturers will give illuminating details about Finland's history, cultural traditions and the unique character of its people. Founded in the 12th century, enjoy a daytrip to admire the beautiful old town of Tallinn, Estonia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Northern Italy from the Alps to the Adriatic

APRIL 3 - 17

This leisurely 15-day exploration of Italy's varied northern regions offers a refreshing perspective on a well-known land. Experience the Lake District with a relaxing three-night stay on Lake Maggiore, visiting charming Orta San Giulio and cruising to the beautiful island of Isola Bella. Sample the "king of wines" at a Barolo winery. A three-night sojourn in the Italian Riviera town of Santa Margherita follows, with a boat trip to renowned Portofino and an excursion to the spectacular Cinque Terre. Journeying to beloved Tuscany, stop in atmospheric Lucca then explore wondrous Florence, Tuscany's crown jewel. Discover exquisite Siena and storied Verona, and spend two nights in Bolzano, gateway to the magnificent Dolomites. Two nights in treasured Venice, with touring of iconic St. Mark's Square and independent exploration, conclude the journey.

**FROM \$5,274 PER PERSON,
INCLUDING AIRFARE FROM DETROIT**

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Solar Eclipse — Totality Over Texas

APRIL 6 - 9

Experience the incredible natural phenomenon of a total eclipse. On April 8, the moon will pass between the earth and the sun and be replaced by pink flames and silver streamers that stretch across the sky. Come see the eclipse from the beautiful Lake District, north of Austin. The tour will include outstanding expert speakers including Dr. Doug Duncan, Dr. Steve Hawley, Chris Impey and Erica Ellingson. Accommodations are either at the Hyatt Regency Austin, close to downtown Austin and where guest lectures will occur, or the Horseshoe Bay Resort which is in the countryside Lake District, near the centerline of where the eclipse will be viewed. A total eclipse is like no other and one of the best viewing spots for the eclipse will be on this trip. Don't miss this chance of a lifetime. The next total eclipse visible in the U.S. will not occur until 2045.

FROM \$2,295 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE

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The Masters Golf Tournament

APRIL 10 - 13

Since its inception in 1934, the Masters Golf Tournament has been synonymous with excellence and has stood as the most coveted championship in golf. Every April, the world's best golfers compete for the famous green jacket at Augusta National Golf Club. This spectacular event is known as "The Masters," an event where legacy, competition, challenge, charm and prestige combine for one of the most celebrated weekends in sports. Join us for an unparalleled opportunity to experience this tournament firsthand. Stay in historic Savannah and play the Club at Savannah Harbor, designed by Robert Cupp and Sam Snead. Head to Augusta National for Friday at the Masters to see who will advance for the chance to don the green jacket. This specialty tour offers the perfect combination of golf, relaxation, southern charm and the opportunity to be a part of the historic tournament that is the Masters.

FROM \$6,999 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE

Brought to you by Sports & Entertainment Travel

[Learn more about this trip >](#)





Charismatic Mediterranean — Barcelona to Venice

APRIL 19 - 29

Enjoy the wonders of the Mediterranean on this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Marina*. The journey begins in beautiful Barcelona. Set sail for Marseille and venture to the pleasant Provencal countryside where fields of lavender and sunflowers are abundant. In Monte Carlo, take a peek at the world-famous casino or walk along the French Riviera. In Rome, marvel at the Italian Renaissance art and architecture and see the towering remains of the ancient Roman Empire. Marvel at the stunning Mt. Etna in Taormina and in Argostoli explore ancient artifacts from the Mycenaean, Hellenistic and Roman periods. Take in the sights of 15th-century monasteries in Igoumenitsa and in Kotor enjoy an entertaining tuk-tuk ride. Explore Split's UNESCO-listed Old Town or go local and cook coastal cuisine with Croatian villagers. Flights for this tour depart the U.S. on April 18.

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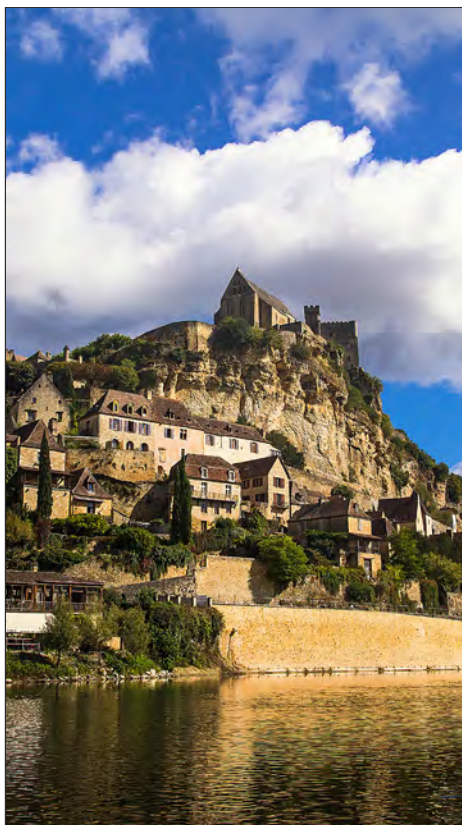
Southern Charms — New Orleans to Memphis

APRIL 21 - 29

Experience the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Memphis while meandering through striking architecture and historical landscapes on this eight-night cruise aboard American Queen Voyages' *American Queen*®. Enjoy an included one-night stay in New Orleans before embarking on a journey through Louisiana and Mississippi. Dine on authentic Cajun and Creole cuisine and marvel at the beauty of the South. Spend time in Nottoway, home of the largest remaining historic mansion in the South, then enjoy a day fishing along the soothing riverbank in Pointe Coupee. Walk the historic streets of Natchez, Mississippi's oldest city, and explore the famous Museum of African American History and Culture. The love for literature and history runs deep in Vicksburg and Greenville. On unlimited free shore excursions, experience the abundant museums and learn about famous authors and poets from these ports.

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Village Life in France: Dordogne

APRIL 25 - MAY 3

Experience the authentic provincial character of the Dordogne region in Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of France's most beautiful and well-preserved medieval towns. While staying in the 19th-century family-owned Plaza Madeleine Hotel, discover charming villages, medieval castles and prehistoric treasures through specially-arranged excursions, including Sarlat's famous open-air market, the quaint town of Souillac and its 12th-century Abbaye Sainte-Marie, the pilgrimage site of Rocamadour, and the English-style gardens of Eyignac. Also enjoy visits to the National Museum of Prehistory in Les Fyzies, the fascinating prehistoric cave paintings of Cap-Blanc, the perfectly reproduced cave art at Lascaux, Saint-Amand-de-Coly, one of the "most beautiful villages" in France and Rouffignac, "Cave of a Hundred Mammoths," known for its extraordinary great ceiling. On the Dordogne River, embark on a specially-arranged private gabare cruise, meet locals and learn about daily life during the VILLAGE LIFE® forum and enjoy lunch in the charming village of Beynac.

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America's Southwest: A Luxury Train Adventure

APRIL 27 - MAY 1

Ride the rails between Denver, Colorado to Moab, Utah on daily train excursions and experience stunning vistas of the American Southwest from the comfort of expansive glass-dome trains aboard the well-appointed *Rocky Mountaineer*. Soak in the train route's stunning landscapes with a journey alongside the Colorado River through a series of canyons with steep rugged rock walls, and be awestruck with highlights of mountain vistas, desert cliffs and rock formations. In Moab, delight in guided touring at Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park for two additional areas to explore. Enjoy entertaining presentations from onboard hosts and delicious meals and beverages from locally-inspired cuisine while aboard. Nightly accommodations will be at comfortable hotels.

FROM \$4,395 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE

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The Kentucky Derby

MAY 1 - 5

Delight in the horse capital of the world with an exclusive Kentucky Derby experience in Louisville. Enjoy downtown accommodations at the Lexington Marriott City Center, exploring what makes the "Run for the Roses" a truly special event, including the American Saddlebred Museum, the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, working horse farm tours, Keeneland racetrack and more. Sit front and center for all the excitement on Derby Day, take in the sights, grandeur and signature hats at Churchill Downs. This specialty tour offers an unforgettable way to experience "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports." *Note: Derby tickets are not included in this travel package but can be added for an additional fee.

FROM \$2,999 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE

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[Learn more about this trip >](#)

The Sports and Entertainment Travel personnel were exceptionally well organized. They had personnel well placed to ensure we had a very smooth transition from one place to another. The program was wonderfully hands on when it came to seeing, feeding, and petting the horses. The visit to "Old Friends" and Sun Valley were exceptional.

CHARLES DOWD '72
SPARTAN PATHWAYS TRAVELER



California Rail Discovery

MAY 1 - 7

Enjoy a spectacular seven-day journey through northern California featuring San Francisco, Napa Valley and Lake Tahoe. Begin with a two-night stay along Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco and enjoy a city tour to see Chinatown, Golden Gate Park, Union Square and experience a bay cruise with views of the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz. In Napa Valley, see stunning scenery, sample local wines during a winery tour and tasting and enjoy a visit to the State Railroad Museum. In Sacramento, see Old Town, the commercial hub of the Gold Rush era and board a train for a Sierra Nevada Rail day trip. Visit Reno's famous National Automobile Museum featuring the original Harrah Auto Collection. See Carson City and the historic "Old West" town of Virginia City. Enjoy three nights at a Lake Tahoe resort and take a paddle wheeler cruise of Lake Tahoe for views of the picturesque Sierra Nevada Mountains and Emerald Bay. A farewell dinner will cap off this adventure of the west.

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Egypt: Valley of the Kings for Young Alumni

MAY 5 - 12

This tour is specifically designed for alumni ages 22-35.

Visit the land that gave birth to the first great civilization on this seven-day tour of Egypt. While in Cairo, enjoy Giza Plateau, the pyramids of Giza, the iconic Sphinx and the new Egyptian Museum. Hop on a Nile cruise and visit the city of Edfu and discover pharaonic temples in the Valley of the Kings. While in Luxor, the site of ancient Thebes, see the warrens of lavish burial chambers that boast some of the most impressive monuments in all antiquity. Further south at Aswan, marvel at the geometrically-imposing temples that write testament to the power of archaic gods and omnipotent pharaohs. It is here that the Nile is best explored by ancient sail, on a felucca (Egyptian sailing boat) at the hands of the prevailing currents and winds. Translate ancient stories told in the beautiful hieroglyphics that line the walls of ancient tombs and partake in a traditional Galabiyah party.

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Essential Europe for Graduating Seniors

MAY 12 - 29, GREECE EXTENSION MAY 29 - JUNE 3

This tour is designed for graduating students, ages 20-25.

Learn about the world with an incredible voyage through England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Vatican City and Greece. Experience first-hand the culture, history and architecture each country has to offer. See Big Ben and the Tower of London, the Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace and walk across Abbey Road. Take in the panoramic view of Paris from the Basilica of Sacre Coeur, ride bicycles through fishing villages in the Dutch countryside and cruise the canals of Amsterdam. The unforgettable art and architecture of Italy is sure to impress. Participate in a Venetian glassblowing workshop and see the breathtaking Sistine Chapel. Along the way, sample the culinary delicacies of these great countries. Relax for three days on the Isle of Poros with its sandy beaches and aquamarine waters.

**FROM \$4,965 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE
WITH GREECE EXTENSION \$5,960 PER PERSON**

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Grand Danube Passage — Prague to Sofia

MAY 18 - JUNE 1

No single supplement for solo travelers.

Experience the timeless heritage and cultures of eight distinct countries while sailing the Danube River. This handcrafted itinerary awards fascinating landmarks, celebrated cities and local experiences at each destination. During this eight-night river adventure, discover beauty around every bend, from the picturesque Wachau Valley to Melk Abbey and the Iron Gate Gorge to idyllic villages perched above. Taste delicacies in Croatia's Slavonia region and enjoy a folk show and Viennese waltz performance. Along the way, get a deeper look at select destinations with our special Personalize Your Journey excursions that focus on cuisine, architecture and local life. Enjoy first-class ship accommodations, deluxe hotels and a generous meal plan featuring wine and beer with lunch and dinner. Bookend the cruise with stays in Prague, Czech Republic and Sofia, Bulgaria.

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Swiss Alps & The Italian Lakes

MAY 22 - 31

The glamorous St. Moritz to the lauded Italian Lakes of Switzerland and Italy, come together on this epic eight-night journey like no other. Enjoy stays in St. Moritz, Switzerland, a chic resort town, and Stresa, Italy, tucked on the shores of shimmering Lake Maggiore. While traveling through two culturally-distinct countries, discover coveted destinations, untouched natural landscapes and celebrated heritage. Journey by train to Zuoz, a charming Engadine village, and wind through ever-changing scenery on the Bernina Express. Cruise by private boat to the enchanting Borromean Islands, experience la dolce vita in the lakeside towns of Bellagio and Como and stand before Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" in Milan. All this and much more await. Plus, learn to prepare regional dishes at a family restaurant in the Piedmontese region. Enjoy first-class accommodations and an extensive meal plan including wine with dinner.

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Flavors of Provence by Luxury Ship

MAY 29 - JUNE 6

No single supplement for solo travelers.

France's storied southeastern region with its fields of seasonal sunflowers and lavender, olive trees, vineyards, medieval architecture and French markets create inspiring settings for discovery along the celebrated Rhône and Saône Rivers. Beneath the azure Mediterranean sky, amble through mysterious passageways known as traboules and feel the historic atmosphere of Avignon, home to the World Heritage Site masterpiece, Palace of the Popes. From the comfort of the 140-guest luxury vessel, *Amadeus Provence*, discover a bounty of flavors, stand in awe before towering castles, feel the texture of vines that produce the wines of Burgundy and the Provence and taste wonderful delicacies through France's gastronomic capital, Lyon. History, art, architecture and natural beauty stimulate the mind and satisfy the soul on this journey.

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Enchanting Gems of Austria — Graz & Salzburg

JUNE 5 - 14

Be captivated by Austria's splendor on this eight-night experience brimming with history, natural beauty and scrumptious cuisine. Enjoy four nights at first-class hotels in the heart of both Graz and Salzburg, named UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Take in Graz's ambience on a guided stroll and from atop its iconic hilltop. In Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart, delight in a performance of his works with a three-course dinner. Enjoy outings around the Styria region to see Riegersburg Castle and the renowned Lipizzaner horses. Discover the farm-fresh delicacies and fine wines that have made Graz Austria's culinary capital. Sample pumpkin seed oil at a family farm and sweets at a chocolate factory. Other standouts include a cruise on picturesque Lake Hallstatt and a day in Bavaria featuring the historic Eagle's Nest, a salt mine tour and a beer garden lunch.

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Circumnavigating Iceland

JUNE 7 - 15

Discover the “Land of Fire and Ice,” where glaciers cap dormant volcanoes and Viking ruins coexist with geothermal baths and geysers on this seven-night tour. Cruise aboard the Five-Star expedition ship *LE Bellot*, featuring only 92 suites and staterooms, each with a private balcony or terrace. Enjoy a city tour of Reykjavik, featuring visits to the National Museum and Hallgrímskirkja Church. Cruise into Siglufjörður and Seyðisfjörður, dramatically-sited ports inaccessible to larger vessels. Cross the Arctic Circle and cruise the coast of UNESCO-designated Surtsey. Visit Grímsey Island and look for orcas, humpback whales and rare migratory birds along the way. Board a specially-designed boat for a private cruise amid the blue icebergs of Jökulsárlón glacier lagoon in UNESCO World Heritage-designated Vatnajökull National Park. See Eldfell volcano and tour the Eldheimar Museum, which chronicles its fateful activity of 1973.

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Greek & Turkish Delights — Athens to Istanbul

JUNE 12 - 19

Marvel at the history and culture of Greece and Turkey and be among the first to sail Oceania Cruises' remarkable new ship, *Vista*, on this seven-night cruise from Athens to Istanbul. Begin the journey in Athens and set sail for breathtaking Santorini. Sample remarkable vintages at a renowned winery where the house-dotted cliffs are the perfect backdrop for a glass of Brusco. Spend a day in Rhodes admiring the pristine beaches and unforgettable views. Along the way through Turkey's turquoise coast, dive into traditional Turkish culture in Antalya and Bodrum. Roam through the ruins of one of the most preserved ancient cities in the world, Kusadasi. Before ending the journey, spend a day in Istanbul indulging in its timeless charm and rich history. Flights for this tour departs the U.S. on June 11.

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The Galapagos Islands — Western Itinerary

JUNE 18 - 25

Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, the Galapagos Islands are home to a fascinating array of wildlife inhabiting an unspoiled ecosystem, living in harmony with human visitors. This journey features a day of guided touring in Quito plus an intimate cruise through the archipelago with up-close access to endemic species. Observe with remarkable proximity the diversity of animals and discover the myriad of aquatic wildlife in the clear waters of the world's second largest marine reserve. Visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, the iconic site of Galapagos National Park research and conservation efforts most notable for its breeding program for the Galapagos giant tortoise. Accommodations for this adventure are aboard the *Isabela II*, a 40-guest vessel with spacious cabins and local cuisine. Sailing by small ship allows for flexibility in the itinerary to maximize wildlife viewing, as well as access to exclusive ports.

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Normandy D-Day 80th Anniversary

JUNE 29 - JULY 7

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From Normandy's sweeping, cliff-lined coast to its rolling countryside, discover proud traditions, dramatic history, culinary delicacies and alluring beauty on this fascinating, seven-night exploration. And as the world marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, spend two full days visiting Omaha and Utah Beaches, the Normandy American Cemetery and other sites associated with this pivotal World War II operation. Admire some of France's greatest treasures including magnificent Mont-Saint-Michel and the finely stitched Bayeux Tapestry. Savor flavorful local wines and a tasty lunch at a stately, 10th-century castle, plus sample Normandy's acclaimed Calvados apple brandy on an estate. Throughout the tour, expert guides and lecturers share illuminating details about the region's history and culture. Each evening, relax at the first-class hotel in the heart of Honfleur, a picturesque, 17th-century harbor town.

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Discover Southeast Alaska

JULY 12 - 19

Discover the remote inner reaches of Alaska's Inside Passage aboard the 76-guest *Chichagof Dream*. Experience the agility and flexibility of small-ship travel, up-close encounters with wildlife, stunning scenery, cultural experiences and the guidance of two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader. Capture the sight of whales breaching next to the boat, bears fishing along the shoreline and eagles looking down from their nests. Hear about Alaska's culture and living history during a Native dance performance at a Tlingit Clan House. Visit a salmon hatchery, the Alaska Raptor Center, Sitka National Historical Park and take a guided tour of the Norwegian fishing community of Petersburg. Joined by a park ranger, cruise the pristine waters of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve to see the sanctuary's deep fjords, tidewater glaciers and snow-capped mountain ranges.

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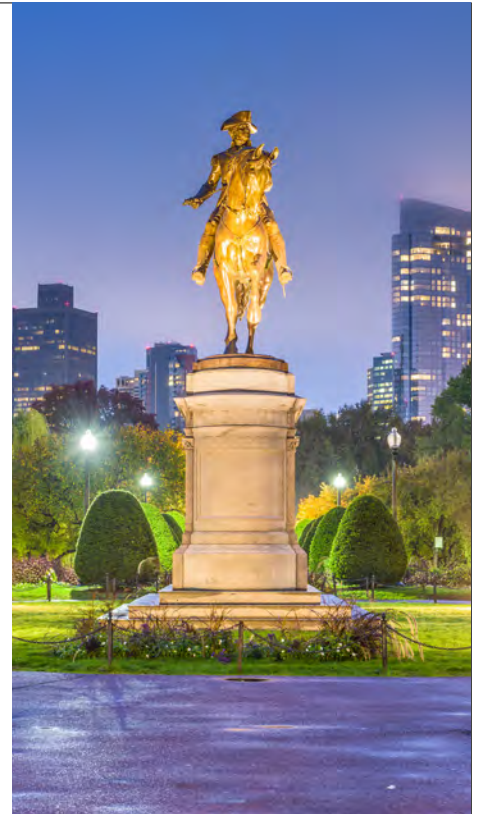
Cape Cod & the Islands

JULY 13 - 19

“The Cape,” located in eastern Massachusetts is among New England’s favorite summer vacation destinations. Spend time in Boston and see Old North Church, Beacon Hill and the ship, “Old Ironsides.” Travel to Plimoth Patuxet Museums, a re-creation of the Pilgrim’s 1627 village and learn of the journey that brought the Pilgrims to the New World with a visit to the Mayflower II, the 1620 ship reproduction. Enjoy a ferry ride to Martha’s Vineyard for a tour of the island to see Victorian cottages, pristine beaches and colorful harbors. Along the Cape Cod National Seashore, explore a traditional cranberry bog and learn about harvesting this famous fruit. In Provincetown, enjoy free time to explore the artist community with its great restaurants and charming shops. Take part in a city tour of one of New England’s most delightful coastal cities, Newport, and cruise to historic Nantucket Island to visit the Nantucket Whaling Museum.

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Best of Kenya — Migration Safari

JULY 14 - 25

Don’t miss out on this safari of Kenya, renowned for its unparalleled wildlife, habitat diversity and fascinating cultural heritage. A wide range of ecological zones, semi-arid plains, vast savannas and rugged wilderness provide for a tremendous array of fauna and flora. Here, elephant, zebra, leopard, lion, rhinoceros, giraffe, cheetah and baboon have lived for eons in this ancient landscape, alongside more than a thousand colorful bird species and a multitude of butterflies and other insects. While on safari, stay in Kenya’s finest safari lodges and tented camps perfectly situated to maximize wildlife viewing. Enjoy game drives in the Amboseli National Park, visit Ol Pejeta Conservancy and look for the great migration in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve accompanied by highly-skilled safari guides, who will introduce you to the extraordinary wildlife found in Kenya.

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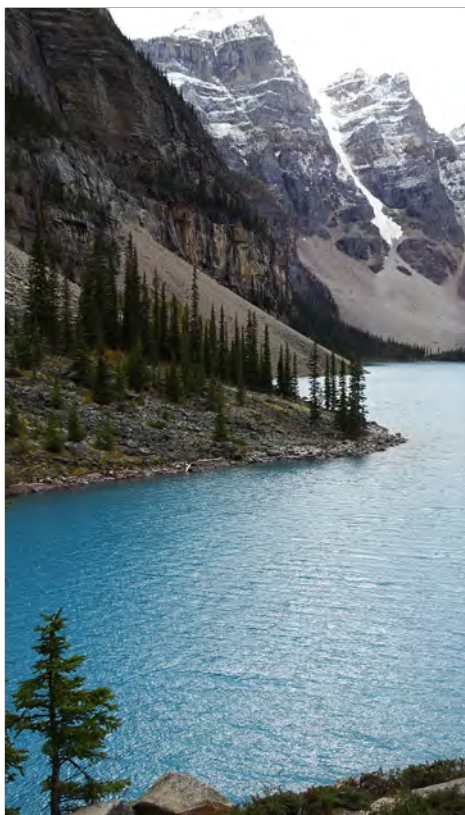
Princes & Promenades — Stockholm to Dublin

JULY 23 - AUGUST 4

Step into a fairytale on this 12-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Nautica*. Set sail in Stockholm and travel towards the city of Helsinki to admire its modern architecture. Experience the city of Saaremaa with its castle, blue waters and lush forests. Kayak down a Lithuanian river in Klaipeda and in the seaside city of Gdansk, admire the picturesque buildings in Old Town. In Berlin, take in the historic buildings set alongside modern architectural marvels. Enjoy the promenade running alongside the Baltic Sea in Warnemunde or hop on a historic train for a ride through the German countryside. Visit the beautiful canals and quaint narrow streets of Amsterdam before enjoying the cozy town square in Bruges. In Portland, marvel at the wild and rugged landscape and before journey's end in Dublin, stroll through Waterford, a 1,110-year-old Viking town and the oldest city in Ireland. Flights for this tour depart the U.S. on July 22.

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Discover Canadian Rockies by Rail

JULY 31 - AUGUST 6

Enjoy this sojourn through Canada's Rocky Mountains highlighted by two days traveling aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* in Gold Leaf Service with visits to the stunning areas of Lake Louise and Banff. Enjoy a guided tour through Yoho National Park and take advantage of leisure time to explore Banff National Park. Embrace the sights from the train's glass-domed coach while traversing over Fraser Canyon, by Shuswap Lake and along the Continental Divide. Take advantage of the *Rocky Mountaineer's* private outdoor viewing platform to spot the passing wildlife, which may include elk, bighorn sheep, black and grizzly bears and soaring eagles. Admire the turquoise waters of iconic Lake Louise and relish three nights in the Canadian Rockies with leisure time to visit the inviting thermal waters of nearby Banff Hot Springs. Discover the epic natural beauty of Banff National Park during a scenic gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

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Jewels of the Rhine – Lucerne to Amsterdam

AUGUST 2 - 11

Enjoy the history, architecture and the natural wonders of the world on this seven-night river cruise through Switzerland, Germany, France and the Netherlands aboard Emerald Cruises' *Emerald Sun*. Begin the adventure with an included two-night pre-cruise program in Lucerne and take a cable car and ice flyer to Mount Titlis. Embark in Basel and set out for Breisach, a lovely German town resting amongst rolling vineyards. Visit Strasbourg's wine cellars and half-timbered homes in "La Petite France," and hike beneath the Black Forest evergreen canopy of Grimm's fairy tales. Tour Heidelberg Castle's Renaissance ruins and enjoy the white wines of the Moselle Valley's terraced vineyards. Snap photos of a UNESCO World Heritage Site-Cologne's Gothic twin-spired cathedral-and take in the city's medieval history. Spend a full day in Amsterdam and cruise the canals fronted by Dutch Golden Age mansions. Flights for this tour depart the U.S. August 1.

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Treasures of Ireland for Young Alumni

AUGUST 3 - 11

This tour is designed specifically for alumni ages 22-35.

This eight-day tour includes a chance to explore Ireland's rich history, farm-to-table culinary advances, famous whiskey distilleries and beautiful green scenery. Begin in Dublin to see top attractions and landmarks on a city tour with visits to a distillery and city castles. Enjoy leisurely time in Galway and a foodie tour with lunch and a glass of craft beer. Explore the diverse ecosystem in the Burren region, walk on top of the mighty Cliffs of Moher and stop at a Franciscan Well Microbrewery for a tasting of local brews and dinner at Well's brick oven pizza pub. In Cork, kiss the Blarney Stone and in Ballymaloe take in a famous cooking school to enjoy lunch with "farm-to-table" service. Tour the Jameson Distillery and in Cork enjoy an English Market and a visit to Kilkenny Castle. Round out the tour with a Irish dinner in Dublin.

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Enchanting Ireland — A Tour of the Emerald Isle

AUGUST 4 - 16

Ireland delights on this full yet well-paced 13-day tour, showcasing its many charms. Beginning in Dublin, visit Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the haunts of Ireland's beloved literary sons. Departing for Galway, see Clonmacnoise, a 6th-century monastic site. Journey through the legendary Connemara to beautiful Kylemore Abbey, then take an excursion to Inishmore, largest of the fabled Aran Islands. Travel along County Clare's spectacular coastline, encountering the rugged Burren and the majestic Cliffs of Moher. Ferrying to County Kerry, tour charming Killarney and historic Muckross House. Experience the stunning Ring of Kerry, stopping for an Irish sheepdog demonstration. In Blarney, visit the famed Blarney Stone, then see the celebrated Rock of Cashel. After exploring Kilkenny, Ireland's cultural capital, pay a final visit to Dublin.

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Scotland — Stirling Featuring the Military Tattoo

AUGUST 19 - 27

Embrace Scotland's wondrous beauty and colorful heritage on this seven-night journey based in charming Stirling. Walk in the footsteps of royalty at Stirling Castle and Scone Palace and admire picturesque Loch Lomond on a cruise. In Edinburgh, see the UNESCO World Heritage Old and New Towns, stroll along the famous Royal Mile and visit its majestic castle. Delight in the glorious Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo performed before the floodlit castle, an annual spectacle of regimental pipes and drums, military bands from around the world and lively Highland dancers. Feel the North Sea breezes from the ruins of St Andrews Castle perched on the coast, then see golf's historic home, St Andrews Old Course. Along the way, tour a distillery for a "wee dram" of Scottish whisky and examine Scotland's history with expert guides and lecturers. This small-group program features a first-class hotel and a generous meal plan with wine at dinner.

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Iconic Destinations by Private Jet

AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 15

Step aboard a private 767 jet plane for a once-in-a-lifetime travel adventure to discover some of the world's greatest icons, destinations and UNESCO World Heritage Sites including Stonehenge, the Great Pyramids, Petra, the Taj Mahal, the Jantar Mantar observatory, Angkor Wat and the temples of Borobudur. At Avebury, view the largest prehistoric stone circle in Europe. Take a guided tour of the Museum of Egyptian Antiquities, featuring 107 halls filled with nearly 160,000 pieces of ancient artifacts. See Jama Masjid, perhaps the largest mosque in India and experience the breathtaking sunrise at Angkor Wat. Explore Banteay Srei, a 10th-century temple dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva. Enjoy a dinner cruise in Muscat aboard a traditional dhow boat. This uniquely-curated program features insight from knowledgeable instructors and planned extraordinary excursions, providing special understanding into some of humankind's greatest achievements. Overnight accommodations will be in four and five-star hotels.

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Northern Lights and the Wildlife of Northern Manitoba

SEPTEMBER 7 - 12

Venture into the vast Canadian north, a remote tundra teeming with glacial landforms, boreal forest and beautiful wilderness, accessible only by plane or boat. The destination is a supremely-outfitted lodge that will be home base amidst days filled with wildlife spotting and outdoor adventures, and evenings featuring delicious dinners followed by opportunities to watch for the northern lights. Northern Manitoba is considered to be one of the best places in the world to view this phenomenon and fall is considered the best time to comfortably view the aurora borealis and to experience the other wonders of this extraordinary region. Discover the uniqueness of the area during guided interpretive tours focusing on wildlife, botany and geography and learn about plant life the First Nations people used for food sources and medicines. At the lodge, take advantage of leisure activities like hiking, fishing, kayaking or canoeing.

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Easy Company — England to the Eagle's Nest

SEPTEMBER 9 - 21

Made famous by *The New York Times* best-seller “Band of Brothers” and the critically-acclaimed miniseries that followed, the stories of the Easy Company members were immortalized by the National WWII Museum founder, Stephen E. Ambrose. On this unforgettable, 13-day travel experience, follow in the footsteps of Easy Company, from England to the hedgerows of Normandy, along “Hell’s Highway” in the Netherlands, through the foxholes surrounding Bastogne and atop the Eagle’s Nest. As the authority on World War II, the museum draws upon its collection of oral histories, photographs and artifacts to deliver the most memorable, emotional, educational and extraordinary travel experience. Led by expert battlefield guides and accompanied by an original cast member from the miniseries, this tour relives the incredible lives of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne.

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Courtyards & Colonnades — Barcelona to Athens

SEPTEMBER 11 - 21

Travel through ruins and relics on this exciting 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Riviera*. Embark in beautiful Barcelona and make way for the breathtaking beaches and subtle elegance of St. Tropez. Take in Florence's Italian Renaissance masterpieces, see the whimsical Leaning Tower of Pisa and taste an array of Tuscan wines as you relax in an ancient Italian wine cellar of the beautiful Tuscan region. Travel to Rome where ancient history still lives and explore the exquisite sites of the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain. Enjoy famed museums and stunning temples in Naples. Marvel at the Duomo of Messina constructed in 1120. Enjoy the pleasures of Istanbul as you meander the spice markets and make a stop at the Blue Mosque. Before making your way to Athens, relax on the quaint picturesque beaches of Bozcaada. Flights for this tour depart the U.S. on September 10.

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Portugal — Alluring Alentejo

SEPTEMBER 15 - 23

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Be captivated by Portugal's best-kept secret, the beautiful Alentejo region dotted with olive and cork trees that boasts a first-rate reputation for outstanding cuisine and wines. Settle in for seven nights at a deluxe hotel in Vila Viçosa, one of the Alentejo's charming marble towns. See Elvas' 17th-century fortifications, gaze over the countryside from hilltop Monsaraz and take in the gleaming splendor of nearby towns. In Évora, Alentejo's capital, delight in a medley of architecture that evokes Portugal's richly layered history. Savor the music of fado and wonderful culinary experiences, including a hands-on cooking lesson in a private home, a delectable meal at a family-owned winery and an olive oil tasting. Plus, cross the border into Spain to admire Mérida's preserved Roman ruins and lovely Olivenza. This small-group program features expert guides and lecturers and an ample meal plan with wine at dinner.

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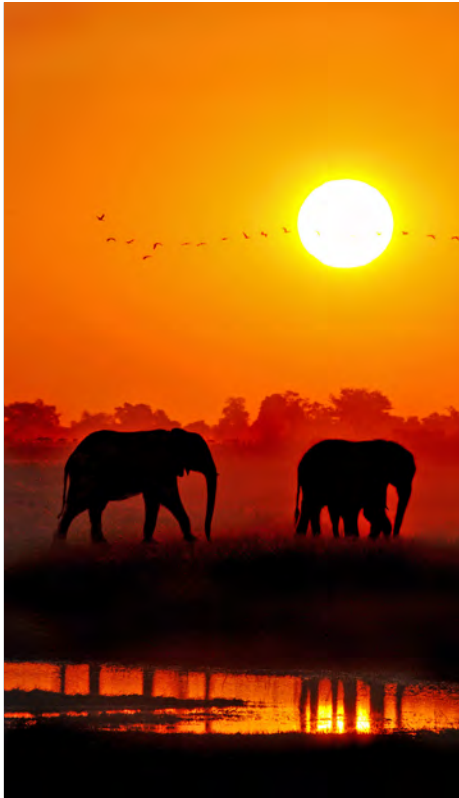
Autumnal Allure — New York to Montreal

SEPTEMBER 15 - 26

Take it easy while navigating majestic scenery and charm on this 11-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Insignia*. Explore Newport's rich sailing history and admire the lighthouses on the shoreline. Take the Freedom Trail Walk in Boston to see the nation's history on full display. Admire the scenery of Bar Harbor where inland treasures and whale sightings abound. Cruise to Saint John, to catch a glimpse of the Reversing Falls, a mesmerizing tidal phenomenon. Get a taste of Nova Scotia in Halifax and Sydney while sampling local brews in downtown pubs. Experience the serenity of Corner Brook while basking in the beauty of Glynmill Pond. In Saguenay, enjoy a performance at the Théâtre Palais Municipal depicting the founding of the area. Before completing the tour in Montreal, stop in Quebec City for high tea at the iconic Château Frontenac or walk the charming cobblestone streets of fortified Old Quebec, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Journey to Southern Africa

SEPTEMBER 22 - OCTOBER 7

This exceptional 12-night journey reveals fascinating local culture and lands brimming with incredible raw beauty. Begin the journey in Cape Town. Tour poignant Robben Island alongside a knowledgeable guide and spot penguins by the Cape of Good Hope. Venture out to the renowned safari destinations of Chobe National Park, Hwange National Park and Kapama Private Game Reserve. With expert guides leading the way, search for ambling elephants, sleeping lions, racing antelope and more to gain insight into the majestic African bushveld. Along the way, experience the utmost in luxury aboard Rovos Rail on a three-night train journey and meet welcoming locals in Soweto and other towns that hold powerful history lessons. From thundering Victoria Falls to historic Kliptown, Johannesburg to a sunset safari, every moment is sure to please. This unmatched adventure also includes two flights within South Africa and an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner.

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West Coast Vines — Los Angeles to Los Angeles

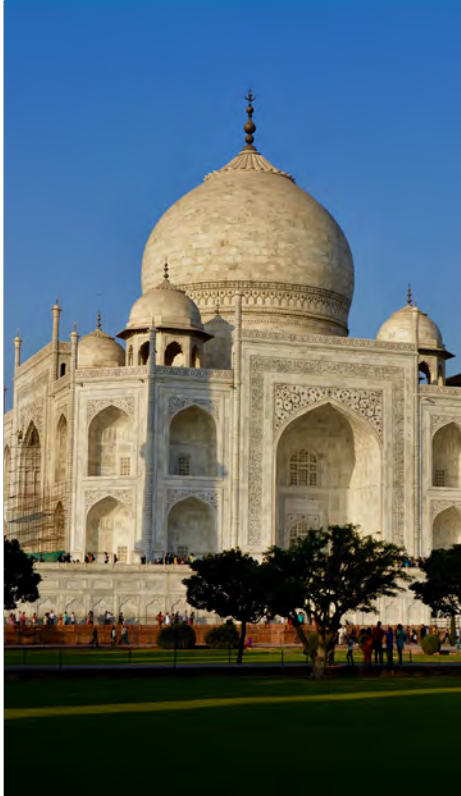
SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 3

Beginning in the bustling city of Los Angeles, set sail along the California coast on a luxurious six-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Regatta*. In Santa Barbara, discover why this charming coastal town is known as the "American Riviera." Take a stroll down the hip State Street or tour an award-winning winery. Visit the historic Old Mission Santa Barbara before enjoying a sunset dinner back on the ship overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Explore San Francisco, one of America's most iconic cities. From the Golden Gate Bridge to Alcatraz Island to the "Crookedest Street in the World" there's no shortage of sights to see. Explore Fisherman's Wharf or take a cable car ride through the hilly streets before indulging in some world-famous sourdough bread. Travel south to Ensenada, Mexico and enjoy warm weather and beautiful beaches. Tour a local winery or explore La Bufadora, one of North America's largest blowholes.

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Intriguing India

OCTOBER 11 - 25

Experience a unique immersion into the rich depths of India's history, traditions and nature where thousands of years of civilization, contemporary locals and skilled artisans and an abundance of intriguing wildlife fuse together on one incredible subcontinent. Visit a variety of significant structures including the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Humayun's Tomb, the Taj Mahal, Amer Fort, Agra Fort and Hawa Mahal. Experience a colorful mosaic of Indian life in this expertly-curated adventure with an invigorating rickshaw ride through Delhi, engaging village visits and opportunities to meet with artisans to discover their living traditions. Watch the craft of marble inlay, learn how gems are processed into jewelry and browse handmade goods at vibrant markets. Visit one of the most spectacular water bird sanctuaries in the world Keoladeo National Park, plus extended time at Ranthambhore National Park for a chance to spot elusive tigers, diverse other wildlife and breathtaking scenery.

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Sunsets to Cypresses — Athens to Venice

OCTOBER 15 - 25

Enjoy the history and culture of Greece, Turkey, Montenegro, Croatia and Italy on this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Riviera*. Embark in Athens and set sail for Mykonos. Meander through the rugged, yet cosmopolitan island to marvel at the white-washed buildings, whimsical windmills and pristine beaches. Take in the pleasures of Istanbul while perusing the spice markets or make a stop at the Blue Mosque. Soak up the sun on one of Izmir's many magnificent beaches before absorbing the charm of the old town and old harbor of Bari. Take a tuk-tuk ride around the Bay of Kotor. In Dubrovnik, traverse the lanes of the Old Town, filled with fortresses and fortifications, or go local and cook coastal cuisine with Croatian villagers. Finally, amidst charming canals, be swept away by the romance, history and culture of Venice. Flights for this tour depart the U.S. on October 14.

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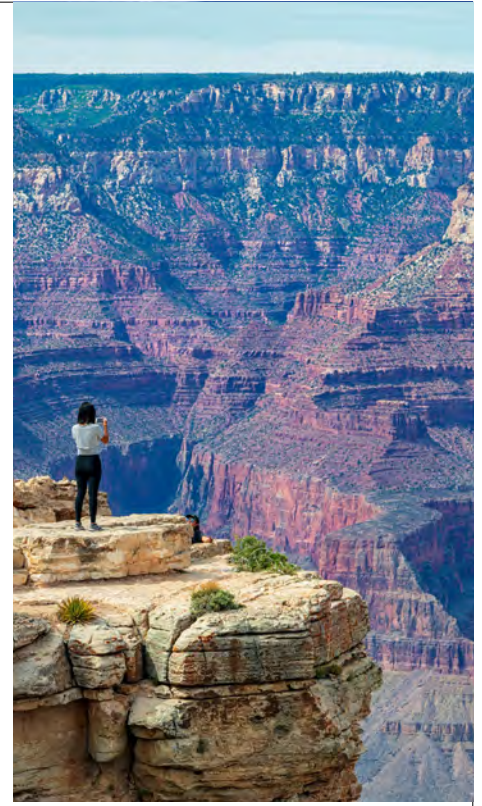
Southwest National Parks

OCTOBER 16 - 24

Take part in this journey to the exceptional national parks and monuments of the Southwest. Travel to Grand Canyon National Park for awe-inspiring views from the park's rim. Admire the beauty of light striking Antelope Canyon's narrow sandstone walls. Share a peaceful evening with Navajo storytellers and ponder cultures past and present at a petroglyph site during a river raft ride down Glen Canyon. Continue to Utah to spend enjoyable time at Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks viewing rock formations and otherworldly landscapes that must be seen to be believed. Discover the sunbaked natural structures and sacred lands of Monument Valley. With the guidance of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader and the comforts of a private motorcoach, there is no better way to visit these national parks. Stay at lodges inside Grand Canyon National Park and other properties carefully selected for their rich histories, beautiful locations and superb service and accommodations.

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The tour was very well planned and organized. The leader was knowledgeable and willing to answer questions and if they did not have the answer, they would research it and get back with you. All in all, a great trip!

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Basque Country — Spain & France

OCTOBER 19 - 27

Enjoy the captivating beauty and intriguing heritage of Basque Spain and France on this seven-night adventure based in sensational San Sebastián, known for its top-notch dining scene and gorgeous beaches. See the historic highlights of Bayonne, France, including its Gothic cathedral, and stroll in Biarritz, a seaside resort favored by socialites and surfers alike. Take in the picturesque towns of St-Jean-de-Luz and Espelette, where strings of red peppers adorn whitewashed homes. Marvel at the visionary Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and admire Ernest Hemingway's beloved Pamplona. Along the way, chat with local Basques over dinner, visit a cider house and learn about traditions at a 16th-century farmhouse. Experienced guides and lecturers provide expert insight into the vibrant Basque culture. This small-group program includes a first-class hotel and an ample meal plan with wine at dinner.

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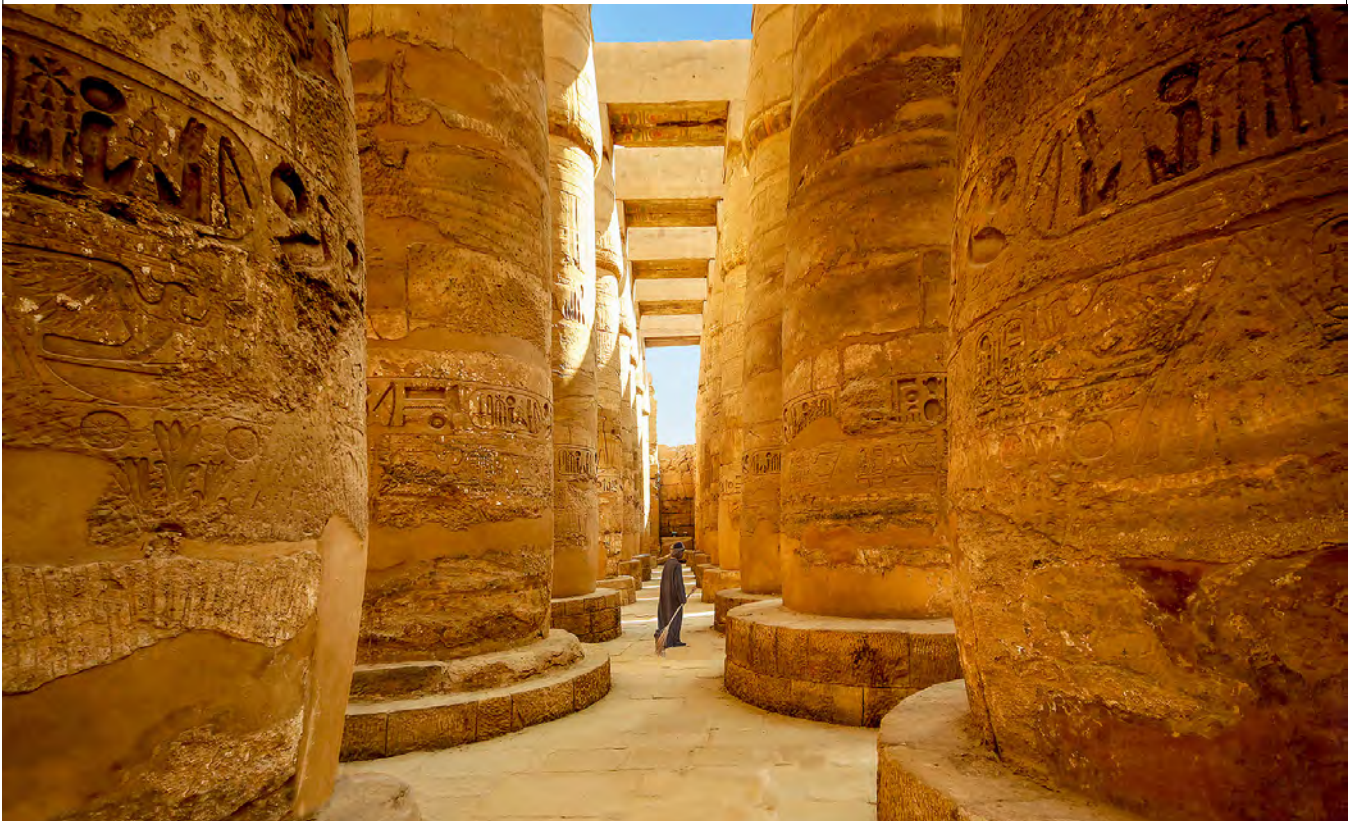
Legends of the Nile

OCTOBER 22 - NOVEMBER 2

Explore the magnificence of ancient Egypt, from the Great Pyramids of Giza and the Valleys of the Kings and Queens to the tomb of King Tutankhamen, guided by a licensed, expert Egyptologist who accompanies the group on all excursions. Journey along the Nile River for four nights on a deluxe ship and enjoy five nights in Cairo and one night in Luxor. Stroll through the awe-inspiring Temples of Luxor and Karnak, gaze at Tutankhamen's burial treasures in the Grand Egyptian Museum and marvel at the colossal Great Temple of Ramses II carved out of a mountain in Abu Simbel. Visit Cairo's venerable mosques and colorful bazaar, plus learn how antiquities are preserved with special access at the Oriental Institute's Chicago House in Luxor. This active, small-group experience features four flights within Egypt, including round-trip to Abu Simbel, deluxe and first-class hotels and an ample meal plan with wine at dinner.

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The Charm of the Amalfi Coast

OCTOBER 23 - 31

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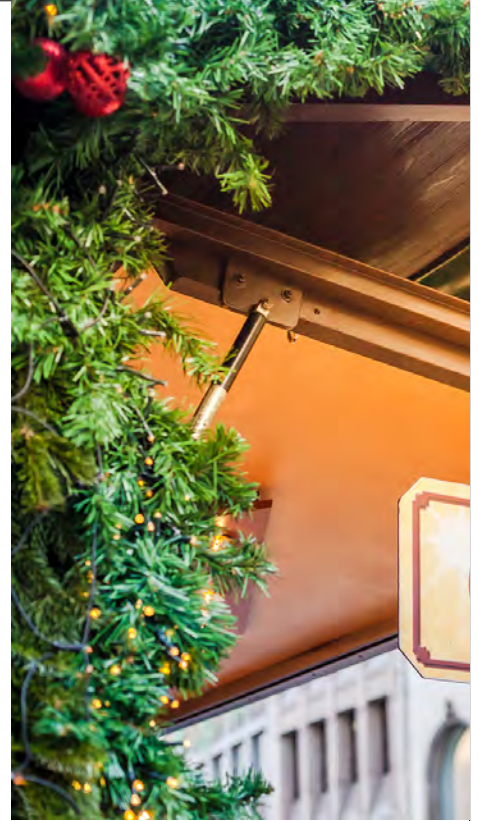
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Feel the magic of the holidays in Germany and France on a seven-night Rhine River cruise. Celebrate centuries-old traditions in festive markets aglow with twinkling lights and good cheer and overflowing with handmade decorations and other treasures. Savor the sounds of carolers and bells and the scent of nutmeg, cinnamon and fresh pine in the air. Visit Heidelberg's castle and enjoy an exclusive musical performance in the romantic old town. Also stroll through Freiburg, a vibrant university city, and admire the details of Cologne's spectacular cathedral. In the ports of Breisach, Strasbourg, Rudesheim and Düsseldorf, choose excursions, such as wine tastings, culinary tours or cultural experiences. Aboard the exclusively chartered, first-class ship, revel in the beauty of the Rhine Gorge and sip warm, spicy Glühwein.

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TOUR OPERATORS AND TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

Our tours are selected from proposals presented by the finest tour operators specializing in alumni affinity travel. Tour operators chosen to have met our strict criteria for fiscal responsibility, established reputation, professional staff and quality operations. We require tour operators to carry professional liability insurance. Tour arrangements for Spartan Pathways travel programs are made by the particular tour operator designated for each tour. Though our travel program works with tour operators to offer tours, the Spartan Pathways Travel Program does not conduct tours, nor does it act as an agent for guests interested in traveling with the MSUAO. The Spartan Pathways Travel Program instead functions as a facilitator with tour operators which whom our travelers make arrangements with for completing travel. Therefore, when signing up for a Spartan Pathways tour, you are signing a contract with the tour operator and not with the MSUAO travel program.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can travel on a Spartan Pathways tour?

The opportunity to travel on a Spartan Pathways travel program is open to all Michigan State University alumni, their families and friends.

Who will be on the tour?

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Will I be physically able to participate on the tour?

To enjoy the alumni-travel experience, participants must be in good physical and mental health and be able to keep pace with the group. Extreme variations in altitude, temperature and humidity should be considered when traveling in certain parts of the world. Many excursions require walking on uneven terrain. Any individual able and willing to provide all required aid must accompany anyone who requires extraordinary assistance. The MSUAO and its tour operators reserve the right to decline any person as a member of a tour who requires extraordinary assistance. The MSUAO and its tour operators also reserve the right to decline any person as a member of a tour, or to require any traveler to withdraw from a tour, at any time when such action is determined to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the tour group or individual tour members. All travelers will be asked to sign a travel release form.

Where can I get more information about a certain tour?

Brochures are mailed approximately six-11 months prior to the departure date of the tour and may be requested by calling 888-697-2863 or email us at uadv.alumnierevents@msu.edu. Travel brochures are printed throughout the calendar year. If you have not received a requested brochure, it is still in production. You will receive the brochure(s) once printed.

How are tours priced?

Dates, prices, itineraries and program details are given in good faith and are subject to change and revision and every effort will be made to conduct the tour program as planned. All tour prices listed are per person, based on double occupancy, current exchange rates and tariffs at the time the tours are arranged. Single occupancy is available on a limited basis for each program at a supplemental charge (unless otherwise noted).

Is airfare included, and if not, how do airline arrangements work?

While some of our tours do include airfare, if they do not, with most of our tour operators, you do have the option to purchase airfare from various cities at an additional cost or make your own arrangements on preferred airlines. If you choose to schedule your own flights, you will be responsible for arranging your own round-trip ground transportation from the airport to the hotel. If airfare is included, routings are at the discretion of the tour operator and are based on flight availability and agreements among the air carriers and the tour operator. All special flight requests (specified carriers, routings, and departure/arrival times) may be subject to a deviation fee. Airline flights may not be eligible for upgrades with frequent flyer miles, and mileage credit may not be applicable with fares.

How do I make a reservation?

To make a reservation contact the tour operator directly. There are multiple ways to make a reservation. If available you can book online, call the operator directly or complete and mail the tour brochure reservation form. To best expedite making a reservation and to ensure booking quickly, we encourage you to book online or call the operator. You can find the tour operator information and telephone number in the trip brochure or on our website alumni.msu.edu/travel under the individual trip web page.

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What if I'm only booking for myself?

All trip pricing is based on double occupancy, or two people sharing a room or cabin. Many of the trips offered will provide a single supplement for those who wish to room alone. On most tours, a limited number of single rooms are available. Single travelers can request to be matched with a roommate in order to reduce the cost. The tour operator will strive to find a compatible partner (same gender) to share a room; however, the single supplement is required if a roommate cannot be found. On a few select tours offered by our tour operators, a single supplement fee is not required. Look for tours that say "No single supplement for solo travelers" on the individual tour pages of this catalog.

What happens if I have to cancel and what are the refund policies?

Cancellation and refund policies vary according to the policies of the tour operators we work with. Please carefully read the cancellation/refund clauses contained within each brochure. To be covered for cancellations fees and to protect your monetary investment, we strongly recommend you purchase travel insurance. In some cases, administrative fees may apply, or monies paid may be applied to a future tour. These monies can only be used with the same tour operator and to a future tour within the current calendar year or year following cancellation.

Should I purchase travel insurance? If so, how soon do I need to enroll?

We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance to ensure coverage in case of illness, injury, delay, medical evacuation, and emergencies. Unforeseen circumstances may occur while traveling and it's best to protect your investment and have coverage for unexpected expenses. For many years we have partnered with USI Travel Insurance Services (TIS) to provide travel insurance to our travelers. For more information about travel insurance and to request a quote, visit my.travelinsure.com/spartans or call 800-937-1387. Certain insurance packages do require you sign up a certain period of time after making a deposit while other plans allow you to purchase insurance close to departure of the tour. Contact the insurance provider for more information. It is important to note if you would like the flexibility to cancel at will, it is important you choose the plan that has Cancel-For-Any-Reason (CFAR). CFAR requires you to purchase the insurance within 21 days from the date of paying the tour deposit. We also recommend you check with your medical insurance provider to determine if

you are covered outside of the United States. Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the U.S.

Do I have to purchase travel insurance with the company you recommend?

We ask you to research the many options of travel insurance available to you, as each person has individual needs. While we feel TIS offers the best possible coverage and many of our traveler's purchase insurance from USI, you are not obligated to use their services and you are welcome to purchase insurance from another provider.

Will my tour have a MSU host?

A minimum number of participants is required to send an MSU host. We make every effort to assign an MSU representative or faculty host to as many tours as possible as we know it enhances the travelers' experience. All of our tour operators do provide tour directors, expedition leaders and knowledgeable guides on most trips. If the minimum number needed to send a host is not met, in most cases the tour will take place, but a host will not accompany the group.

Tour Operators



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906-748-0513



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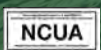
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