The mission of the Michigan State University Alumni Association Travel Program is to provide travel opportunities for alumni, their families and friends. The program was created to provide fellowship, education and enjoyment for alumni while traveling the world. Each year, unique international and domestic destinations are chosen based on the traditions and values of Michigan State University.

I am pleased to announce the Spartan Pathways 2016 travel schedule. As in past years I have tried to put together a line-up of tours that appeal to a wide range of interests and I hope you will find one or more that appeal to your sense of adventure and enlightenment.

If you prefer to stay closer to home we are offering eight tours within the Americas, including easy adventure-type tours such as kayaking & hiking, a Niagara hiking tour, the national parks of the Old West, a Lewis & Clark adventure and seeing the Canadian Rockies by train. Once again we are offering the very popular dog sledding tour with an added bonus of seeing the ice caves of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. We are also pleased to again be offering you the opportunity to travel to Cuba.

If you prefer to venture further away, we continue to offer the ever-popular Oceania cruises; the Alumni Campus programs to Italy, Spain and France; river cruises in Europe and immersion programs in Bali and Paris. New this year you will find that we are offering five tours with no single supplement costs.

I continue to work closely and have good relationships with our travel operators who go out of their way to give you the best service for group travel, and provide outstanding, insightful and knowledgeable guides who attend to your every need. Of course, I am also available to assist in any way that I can.

Please take some time and browse through our listing of tours. More specific trip information can be found by visiting the URL listed after each tour description, or by calling 888-697-2863. If you don’t see a trip that interests you, but have a destination in mind, please let me know and I will do my best to find a tour that will suit your needs.

Go Green!

Regina Cross, BS ’91
Director of Alumni Travel
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NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FOR SOLO TRAVELERS
January

PACIFIC DREAMS OF THE TAHITIAN ISLANDS
Papeete to Papeete

January 25–February 4
From: $3,999 per person, including airfare from select cities
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Awaken your senses with the wonders of French Polynesia as you board Oceania Cruises’ state-of-the-art Marina, a masterpiece of elegance, and sail to Tahiti’s heart-shaped “Sister Island,” Moorea. Admire its picture-perfect beaches and crystalline lagoon, and then explore ancient temples set amid gorgeous scenery on Raiatea, a sacred oasis steeped in Polynesian culture and natural majesty. Snorkel Bora Bora’s sparkling seas, an underwater paradise teeming with colorful coral and tropical fish, and experience Nuku Hiva’s blend of black-sand beaches and majestic waterfalls. Before concluding your tranquil odyssey in Papeete, Tahiti, encounter the pearl farms and pink-sand beaches of Rangiroa, the second-largest atoll in the world.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/pacificdreams16.

January

DOG SLEDDING AND ICE CAVE HIKES IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN

January 20–23
From: $1,798 per couple, $995 single occupancy
Nature’s Kennel

This unique winter adventure offers you the opportunity to hook-up and drive your own dog team or take a ride with the sled dogs of Nature’s Kennel through the pristine trails of Northern Michigan. Nature’s Kennel, Michigan’s premier dog sledding destination, is owned by Michigan State alumni Ed and Tasha Stielstra. You’ll also enjoy a bit of winter splendor with a trip to Tahquamenon Falls State Park where Park Naturalist and MSU alumna Theresa Neal will lead you on a snowshoe hike to the falls. Finally, join MSU alumnus Steve Tchozeski of Great Lakes Geoscience and learn about the geologic formation of the Upper Peninsula’s shoreline as you explore the Eben Ice Caves, Munising Falls and/or the ice caves of Grand Island National Recreation Area. This tour is limited to 10 people so sign up early.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/januarydogsledding16.

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TREASURES OF CUBA
February 11-22
From: $6,695 per person including airfare from Miami
AHI International

From Santiago in the east to Havana in the west, explore the beautiful island of Cuba. Discover Cuba through its people when you meet artists, dancers, teachers, students, cigar makers and many other people from all walks of life in their everyday milieu. This expertly planned People-to-People educational exchange program is licensed by the U.S. Department of Treasury. Local experts, such as university professors, an architect, members of the clergy, health care workers and more, will provide insight into Cuba’s culture, history, economy and daily life. You’ll ride in a classic convertible while learning about the challenges of maintaining these iconic cars and enjoy Cuban cuisine in both state-owned and privately owned restaurants. This program features 11 nights in Cuba and one night in Miami. All excursions and meals while in Cuba are included.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/cuba16.

February

SAM IGNACIO, BELIZE
Spartans Without Borders Service Experience
January 29-February 7
From: $2,550 per person, plus airfare
Spartans Without Borders provides Michigan State University alumni and friends the opportunity to volunteer their time, skills and expertise to improve the quality of life in communities across the globe. This trip takes you to San Ignacio, Belize, where participants have worked to develop teaching skills, computer familiarity and training with the teachers, staff and administrators at the Hills of Promise School. Participants also helped to tutor current students at the Hills of Promise School to prepare them for their high school entrance exams. Additionally, Spartans Without Borders volunteers have worked with Mary Open Doors, a women’s shelter and resource center, to provide professional and personal development to various women’s groups in the area.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/swobbelize16.

“AIM and the MSU Alumni Association did a wonderful job in handling every detail of the trip. Traveling to Cuba was a life-altering experience and we will never think of Cuba the same way again. The guide team was fantastic, and their knowledge of the country and its history made this a truly educational experience.”
- Carol (’73 & ’83) & John Strachan
TASMAN TREASURES, AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA & NEW ZEALAND
Sydney to Auckland
February 21-March 9
From: $6,999 per person, including airfare from select cities

Go Next

Discover glorious scenery, cosmopolitan cities and aboriginal heritage in the land down under while cruising aboard Oceania Cruises’ elegant Marina. Relax on Eden’s golden beaches, explore Geelong’s waterfront and admire Melbourne’s Victorian architecture. Take in the natural treasures of Tasmania, where Hobart beckons with Georgian architecture and majestic views of Mount Wellington. Cruise the glassy waters of Milford Sound fjord, with its towering cliffs swathed in verdant forests. Delve into the Scottish heritage of Dunedin and glimpse the fascinating Maori culture of Akaroa. Stroll the waterfront in Picton, and experience the white-sand beaches and boutique wineries in Gisborne. Discover sweeping bay views at Tauranga or head to nearby Rotorua and finally savor tranquility in the idyllic Bay of Islands.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/tasmantreasures16.

SANDS & SHORES OF THE CARIBBEAN
Miami to Miami
February 12-22
From: $2,999 per person, including airfare from select cities

Go Next

Departing from Miami, cruise aboard Oceania Cruises’ newest ship, Riviera, along the white sands and sun-kissed shores of spectacular islands, including Grand Turk, Puerto Rico, St. Barts, St. Maarten, Tortola, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas. Surround yourself with serene beauty on Grand Turk, where colonial architecture mingles with Caribbean-style dwellings. Experience the charming colonial character of Old San Juan; stroll along Gustavia’s glittering harbor lined with sleek yachts; relax on Tortola’s famous Cane Garden Bay Beach; admire Philipsburg’s colorful Dutch architecture; and explore Cayo Levantado’s tranquil, palm-fringed beaches. Before returning to Miami, encounter a blend of beautifully restored Victorian mansions, candy-colored parliament buildings and 18th-century forts in cosmopolitan Nassau.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/sandsandshores16.
February 24-March 6
From: $6,285 per person, plus airfare
Optional Rwanda Gorilla extension: $4,398 per person
Safari Legacy

Take part in this tour of the great national parks that make Tanzania one of the world’s most spectacular wildlife destinations. See the plains of the Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater, Olduvai Gorge and Tarangire National Park. This Tanzania Migration Safari is a most extraordinary tour, encompassing great wildlife destinations to world famous national parks and reserves while staying in the finest accommodations and tented camps available, all with private en-suite facilities, each chosen to emphasize wildlife viewing, comfort and attentive service. The feeling of a tented camp immersed in open air and sounds of the wild creates a genuine safari atmosphere never to be forgotten. An optional Rwanda Gorilla Trekking extension is also available.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/tanzaniamigration16.

“This is the trip of a lifetime.”
- Bob Chapman

March 9-12
From: $1,780 per couple, $995 single occupancy
Nature’s Kennel

This unique winter adventure offers you the opportunity to hook-up and drive your own dog team or take a ride with the sled dogs of Nature’s Kennel through the pristine trails of Northern Michigan. Nature’s Kennel, Michigan’s premier dog sledding destination, is owned by Michigan State alumni Ed and Tasha Stielstra. You’ll also enjoy a bit of winter splendor with a trip to Tahquamenon Falls State Park where Park Naturalist and MSU alumna Theresa Neal will lead you on a snowshoe hike to the falls. Finally, join MSU alumnus Steve Tchobeski of Great Lakes Geoscience and learn about the geologic formation of the Upper Peninsula’s shoreline as you explore the Eben Ice Caves, Munising Falls, and/or the ice caves of Grand Island National Recreation Area. This tour is limited to 10 people so sign up early.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/marchdogsledding16.

“Tanzania was the trip of a lifetime. Safari Legacy did a wonderful job in organizing our tour to Tanzania and Kenya. It was truly the trip of a lifetime.” - Bob Chapman

March 10-17
From: $6,285 per person, plus airfare
Optional Rwanda Gorilla extension: $4,398 per person
Safari Legacy

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For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/tanzaniamigration16.

“The Dog Sledding trip was amazing and my husband and I had a great time. We met other alumni, were able to do some unique activities and saw parts of Michigan we had always talked about seeing. All of our hosts were fantastic. We truly enjoyed our trip and are very thankful to have been part of this adventure!”
- Cora (’08) & Jonathan (’12) Walby
**PORTRAIT OF ITALY**

March 19-April 4
From: $4,684 per person, including airfare from Detroit. Other gateway cities are also available. Odysseys Unlimited

From the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to eternal Rome, through the gentle Umbrian and Tuscan countryside to timeless Venice, this leisurely 17-day tour showcases ancient sites, contemporary life, priceless art and beautiful natural scenery. Begin in stunning seaside Amalfi and visit the ruins at Pompeii. Continue to Rome and visit the Colosseum, the Forum, St. Peter’s Square and the Sistine Chapel. Spend three nights in pastoral Umbria, then journey through Tuscany touring Siena, Florence and San Gimignano, and enjoy a local wine tasting before concluding in wondrous Venice. An optional three-day/two-night post-tour extension is available if you wish to spend additional time in Venice. For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/italy16.

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**THE JEWELS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA**

A Journey through Vietnam & Cambodia

March 14-29
From: $4,995 per person, including airfare*
Haimark, Inc.

Take part in this comprehensive 14-night journey through the heart of Vietnam & Cambodia featuring a seven-night cruise along the mighty Mekong River aboard the luxurious *R.V. Mekong Navigator*. Included in this exciting trip is a two-night stay in historic Hanoi, a three-night stay in Siem Reap including a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Angkor Wat, and a two-night stay in bustling Ho Chi Minh City featuring five-star accommodations. Optional extensions include a two-night Hanoi/Ha Long Bay pre-tour and a three-night Bangkok post-tour.

*Book and pay in full by October 30, 2015 to receive complimentary airfare from the following gateway cities: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington, DC – Dulles.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/southeastasia16.
**COASTAL FRANCE**

Normandy, Brittany and Paris  
April 27-May 8  
From: $4,595 per person, plus airfare  
AHI International

Take in dramatic coastal vistas and timeless medieval centers as Oceania Cruises’ elegant Riviera takes you from Spain to ports in France, Monaco, Italy, Greece and Turkey. Depart Barcelona for France’s oldest city, Marseille, a gateway to the quaint villages and landscapes of Provence. Experience the glamorous atmosphere at Monte Carlo, home to the impressive Prince’s Palace and the world’s most prestigious casino. Sail to the port of Livorno to explore the Tuscan countryside or the Renaissance cities of Florence and Pisa. Behold Rome’s ancient structures, stroll the streets of Sorrento, and discover amazing views of Mount Etna from Taormina, then relax on the Ionian island of Zakynthos. Before concluding your voyage in Istanbul, take in majestic vistas on Santorini, with its blue-domed, whitewashed villages.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/coastalfrance16.

**MEDITERRANEAN PASSAGE**  
Barcelona to Istanbul  
April 24-May 5  
From: $4,099 per person, including airfare from select cities. Veranda staterooms and above include four free shore excursions, pre-paid gratuities and unlimited WiFi.

Discover the spectacular coastline, tranquil countryside and charming medieval towns of Normandy and Brittany during this 10-night program that combines the history and charm of these famous regions with the sophistication of the nation’s capital. Begin your exploration in Cabourg, your gateway to the beaches, memorials and landmarks of D-Day. Journey to Bayeux to see its impressive tapestry. During a visit to Omaha Beach, you’ll recall the historic day when Allied troops invaded Normandy and triggered the end of World War II. Stroll the narrow streets of Honfleur, and take in the dramatic sight of the incredible granite island of Mont-St-Michel, en route to Dinard and the historic treasures of Brittany. Conclude with two nights in Paris. This program includes excursions, deluxe accommodations, an extensive meal program and ample free time.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/medpassage16.

"I have traveled the world extensively both on business and at leisure. The guides on this AHI trip to Normandy may be the best I have ever encountered. They were thorough, professional and very well educated.”  
Mary Quinn, '70

"This was our first experience with a cruise and it could not have been any better. The ship was beautiful, and the staff was extremely friendly and accommodating. We took advantage of the pre-tour in Madrid and Barcelona and the post-tour in Rome and we’re very glad we did. The tour guides were very good to excellent and the options for excursions were very complete and varied.”  
Ed Brooks, ’79
**MEDITERRANEAN WONDERS & WATERWAYS**
Athens to Venice
May 11-21
From: $3,599 per person, including airfare

Go Next

From verdant forests and magnificent mountains, to breathtaking gorges and sparkling waterfalls, experience the natural majesty of the Pacific Northwest while cruising the Columbia and Snake Rivers aboard the American Empress. Begin with a stay in Washington’s second-largest city, Spokane, and then embark on your voyage in Clarkston, where rich Native American culture springs to life at the nearby Nez Perce National Historical Park. Follow the footsteps of Lewis and Clark and their legendary Shoshone guide to Sacajawea State Park, delve into the unique pioneer history of The Dalles, and visit the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum in Stevenson. Discover small-town gems in the oldest city west of the Rockies. Astoria, before your journey concludes in Portland, the “City of Roses.”

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/medwonders16.

**THE PASSAGE OF LEWIS & CLARK**
Spokane to Portland
May 7-15
From: $3,149 per person, plus airfare

Go Next

Experience the highlights of the Mediterranean, from the ancient ruins and cosmopolitan charm of Turkey to the rustic beauty and age-old wonders of Greece, Italy and Croatia. Board Oceania Cruises’ elegant Riviera in Athens and sail to Turkey’s vibrant port city of Kusadasi to explore the amazing ruins of Ephesus. Behold the stunning blue-domed, whitewashed villages of Santorini, and stroll past neoclassical mansions at Navplion. Browse the charming taverns and shops that line Gythion’s bustling waterfront, immerse yourself in the natural splendors at Corfu and stroll the medieval hillside towns of Umbria. Conclude your journey in enchanting Venice.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/lewisandclark16.
PARIS IMMERSION
Versailles, Dijon and Rouen
May 17-28
From: $3,795 per person, plus airfare
AHI International

Paris earned its nickname the “City of Light” because it embraced education and the exploration of new ideas during the Enlightenment. For 10 nights, explore the city and its environs at an unhurried pace. Cruise the Seine River and see the city’s highlights, and discover the places that played a large role during the World War II occupation of Paris. Visit the Latin Quarter to see the sites of the French Revolution and the oldest café in Paris, and explore artistic Le Marais. Journey by train to Versailles, Rouen in Normandy and take a high-speed train to the Burgundian town of Dijon. This unique opportunity includes excursions, an extensive meal program with wine at dinner, a museum pass and ample independent leisure time to pursue your individual interests.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/parisimmersion16.

THE ART OF LIVING BALI
May 12-June 5
From: $4,995 per person, plus airfare
AHI International

Mingle with locals and take advantage of ample free time to discover the region while based at a luxurious apartment-style hotel in the heart of Ubud. Enjoy guided tours of bustling Ubud, the renowned Monkey Forest and the stunning, lush rice terraces of Jatiluwih. Explore the Agung Rai Museum of Art and its cultural workshops. Visit grand temples, including Goa Gajah — also known as the Elephant Cave — Pura Taman Ayun and the Mother Temple. Additionally, you may select from three additional sets of activities geared toward your individual interests: spirituality and wellness; cuisine; or art and architecture. Experience holistic treatments, learn to cook regional culinary delights or visit additional museums and architectural gems. This journey includes an extensive meal program and furnished accommodations.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/bali16.
This trip is designed specifically for Michigan State University’s graduating seniors. From the pageantry of London, the beauty of Paris, the glorious art of Florence, to the snow-capped Austrian Alps and the fun of Greece, Europe’s infinite variety of people, places and traditions are the perfect setting for a journey that celebrates and educates. This 19-day, eight-country trip includes all of Europe’s “must-see” sites, such as Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower and Vatican City. The tour will be accompanied by a private tour director, private motor coach driver and local city historians who will enhance the adventure with insights into many heard-about sites. An optional five-day Greece extension is also available.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/essentialeurope16.

"This trip was absolutely incredible. Every aspect of the tour was very organized and enjoyable. The hotels were great, the food was delicious and I cannot say enough about our tour guide. This trip gave me the opportunity to travel the world, have many great experiences and meet some truly amazing people." - Colleen Anthony ('15)

Spartans Without Borders provides Michigan State University alumni and friends the opportunity to volunteer their time, skills and expertise to improve the quality of life in communities across the globe. This trip takes you to Rome, where participants have previously worked to address the two immense issues facing Italy’s capital—hunger and homelessness of political refugees. Spartans Without Borders will again partner with the College of Communication Arts and Sciences and build on their relationships created through the “Made in Italy” undergraduate study abroad program to lend a helping hand with food and clothing distribution to refugees, and develop volunteer management strategies for refugee center administrators.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/swobitaly16.
ISLANDS AROUND THE WORLD BY PRIVATE JET

June 7-30
From: $79,950 per person, including airfare from Kona, Hawaii
TCS Expeditions

Explore 10 of the world’s most beautiful island destinations in one seamless 24-day journey that is the perfect blend of luxury, adventure and relaxation. Begin your journey on Kona, Hawaii and experience the rugged beauty of its volcanoes. Venture to Port Vila, Vanuatu where you will be immersed in the local culture. Continue to Palau, a small Micronesian archipelago known for its world-class diving. From there, travel to Indonesia to visit the magnificent Buddhist temple of Borobudur, see multiple UNESCO World Heritage sites in Sri Lanka and relax in overwater villas in the Maldives. Explore the exotic island of Zanzibar and be transported back in time when you visit Agrigento, Sicily to see Greek ruins and sample the famous wine in Madeira, Portugal. Finally, relax on the pink-sand beaches of Bermuda before ending in Boston.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/islandsjet16.

SPAIN: RONDA
June 7-15
From: $2,995 per person, plus airfare
AHI International

Begin your own journey during a seven-night stay in Ronda, one of Spain’s oldest and most picturesque white-washed hill towns. Visit the oldest bullring in Spain and enjoy views over the spectacular gorge while staying at Parador de Ronda. In Seville, explore the world’s largest Gothic building and the Alcázar. A scenic drive takes you to Malaga and the museum dedicated to its most famous native, Picasso. Discover the grandeur of the Alhambra in Granada, enjoy lunch at the historic Parador de Granada and sample sherry in Jerez de la Frontera. This Alumni Campus Abroad program includes excursions, educational programs, accommodations and an extensive meal plan featuring Spanish wine with dinner. Please note, there is no single supplement for solo travelers.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/spain16.
ITALY’S MAGNIFICENT LAKE DISTRICT

June 21-29
From: $3,195 per person, plus airfare

AHI International

Discover Italy’s turquoise lakes while you explore charming towns, majestic Renaissance villas and lush gardens. Cruise lakes Maggiore and Como by private boat. See Leonardo da Vinci’s “The Last Supper” and the 14th-century Duomo in the city of Milan. Roam the 18th- and 19th-century villas of Bellagio and the piazza of Como. Conclude with a cooking lesson at a local restaurant and a visit to Villa Taranto and its gorgeous gardens. This program includes all excursions, seven nights at the Hotel La Palma on the banks of Lake Maggiore, educational programs, an extensive meal plan and wine with dinner. Please note, there is no single supplement for solo travelers.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/lakedistrict16.

THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Exact dates TBD, please check the website for more information
From: $3,995 per person, plus airfare

Orbridge

Take a journey to one of the most biologically unique places on this earth. Each island in this volcanic archipelago has species that are exquisitely adapted to the available food sources and surrounding environment. Explore these fascinating islands from the accommodations on the Isabela II. Due to human presence in the region still being relatively minimal, much of the wildlife is remarkably unafraid of visitors. This allows you to observe and photograph them at close range, either sitting quietly in the midst of a colony of tropical penguins or snorkeling with inquisitive and playful sea lions. An optional post extension to Machu Picchu is also available.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/galapagos16.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/lakedistrict16.
NIAGARA BIKING TOUR

with MSU Bikes Manager Tim Potter

July 10-16
Price TBD, please check website for more information
Bike Tour Vacations

Take part in this riding adventure in Ontario on the Niagara Escarpment. Riding will include 125 miles spread over five days in southern Ontario. Travel the full length of the Welland Canal and see up-close the “Lakers” and “Salties” as they travel between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. The second half of the loop will be along the Niagara River, with an overnight stop in Fort Erie, lunch at Niagara Falls and two nights in Niagara-on-the-Lake. In addition to the Great Lakes and rivers, there are many quaint towns along the route and an abundance of award-winning wineries to visit. During the two nights in Niagara-on-the-Lake there will be an opportunity to participate in an optional trip to the Shaw Festival Theatre. This tour is split between a paved bike path and safe parkway.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/niagara16.

BALTIC AND SCANDINAVIAN TREASURES

Denmark to Stockholm
July 12-23
From: $4,399 per person, including airfare from select cities. Veranda staterooms and above include four free shore excursions, pre-paid gratuities and unlimited WiFi.

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Set sail from Copenhagen aboard Oceania Cruises’ majestic Marina for the delightful port of Warnemünde, then head inland to Berlin, a dynamic city home to the Brandenburg Gate and the Berlin Wall. Stroll past charming timber-framed buildings in Klaipeda’s Old Town, and explore Riga, the “Paris of the East.” Take in more architectural gems in the Finnish capital of Helsinki, a renowned international design mecca. Visit St. Petersburg, famed for its pastel, onion-domed cathedrals and fabled palaces, such as the domineering Winter Palace and lavish Catherine’s Palace. Before concluding your odyssey in Stockholm, experience the fairy-tale atmosphere at Tallinn, a beautifully preserved city that radiates old-world charm with red-roofed homes and spire-crowned churches.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/baltictreasures16.
**Discover Southeast Alaska**

August 12-19

From: $2,995 per person, plus airfare

Orbridge

Spend eight days navigating the waterways of the Inside Passage aboard the 66-passenger Admiralty Dream and witness wildlife up close from its kayaks and skiffs. Learn about Alaska's culture at a traditional Tlingit dance performance, icefield research at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center and a visit to a salmon hatchery. Encounter abundant wildlife, magnificent peaks and fjords and ice-blue glaciers while learning about the traditions of Alaska's ancient cultures. Experience a historic Alaska Railroad journey into the scenic wilds of Alaska on an optional pre-tour extension to Denali National Park.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/southeastalaska16.

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**National Parks and Lodges of the Old West**

July 27-August 5

From: $3,995 per person, plus airfare

Orbridge

Inspiration, a connection to the past and nature’s beauty are the gifts of this 10-day American expedition. Tracing the historic paths and natural splendors of the Old West, see and learn about the sights and monuments of Badlands National Park, Custer State Park, Spearfish Canyon, Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park. Witness bison herds, savor a chuck wagon cook-out, see Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial, visit a woolly mammoth dig site and see otherworldly geothermal sites of Yellowstone. Wonderfully atmospheric hotels and lodges are a highlight of this program, including landmark lodging within the parks themselves. Traveling comfortably in a private motor coach, there is no better way to visit our national parks.

An optional post-tour extension in Jackson, Wyoming is also available.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/nationalparks16.

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"The Northwest National Parks tour was awesome – great sights of historical value, beautiful country, educational and a fun travel group. Both of our guides were fantastic! They took good care of everyone, gave great facts and information, and were lots of fun. - Joyce Spade, ’69
Join us for a remarkable journey through the stunning landscapes, charming towns and beautiful lakes of the Canadian Rockies. Tour Vancouver and Canada’s urban rainforest and walk on the 1,000 foot thick Columbia Glacier. Revel in the wonderful accommodations at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel and the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, facing the impressive Louise Glacier. Enjoy one day and night on Via Rail’s The Canadian and experience 360-degree views of the glistening glaciers of the Alberda Icefields and Mt. Robson. Travel along the Icefields’ parkway, seeing raging rivers, glacial peaks, plummeting cliffs and snowcapped mountains. Watch for bears, elk and plenty of wildlife and view Peyto Lake—a stunning turquoise glacier-fed lake. See the Valley of the Ten Peaks and then visit the vibrant city of Calgary.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/canadianrockies16.

This two-week lifelong education program takes you on a rare adventure to Oxford—the “city of dreaming spires” and to the University of Oxford, famous as a great center of learning since the 12th century. Participants enroll in one noncredit course choosing from topics such as British archaeology, art, history, theatre or literature. A typical day’s schedule includes morning classes taught by Oxford tutors with afternoon course-specific field trips or general group excursions. There will be ample time during the two weeks, as well as a mid-program weekend break, to enjoy the breathtaking architecture, art and gardens of many of the university’s 38 colleges, explore the historic town of Oxford or visit the surrounding countryside.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/odysseytooxford16.
**Cruise the Face of Europe**

**August 27 - September 11**
From: $4,795 per person, plus airfare
AHI International

Spend 14 nights cruising the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers aboard the exclusively chartered, award-winning MS Amadeus Silver and enjoy a customizable journey with a choice of included excursions in most ports of call. Begin in the Netherlands with an evening cruise of Amsterdam’s scenic canals. Continue to Germany to explore Cologne, Koblenz, Miltenberg and Würzburg. Visit Bamberg and Nuremberg, then stop in Weltenburg. Continue to Passau for a tour of the city or to bike along the Danube. In Austria, visit Melk Abbey, an architectural jewel, and explore Vienna. Discover Bratislava, Slovakia, before concluding your voyage in Budapest, Hungary. This program includes flexible excursions, nice accommodations and an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner. Please note, there is no single supplement for solo travelers.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/europerrivers16.

**September**

**Italy: Sorrento**

**September 7-15**
From: $3,195 per person, plus airfare
AHI International

Discover the natural wonders and wealth of antiquities in Italy’s famed region of Campania. Experience the beauty of Sorrento, an idyllic seaside town. Travel along the Amalfi Coast and delight in the colorful architecture of the cliff-hugging town of Positano. Explore Amalfi, once the home of a powerful medieval maritime republic, but today a popular resort town. Visit Naples’ historic center and renowned Museo Archeologico Nazionale. Explore the well-preserved historic ruins in Herculaneum and Pompeii, and spend a day on the storied Isle of Capri. During this seven-night stay, sample local delicacies and talk with local residents. This program includes excursions, first-class accommodations, an extensive meal plan and wine with dinner. Please note, there is no single supplement for solo travelers.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/sorrento16.
VILLAGE LIFE IN DORDOGNE
September 8-16
From: $3,495 per person, plus airfare
Gohagan & Co.
Experience the authentic provincial character of Dordogne in Sarlat-la-Canéda, one of the most beautiful and well-preserved medieval villages in France. Discover the medieval pilgrimage site of Rocamadour and the fascinating prehistoric cave paintings of Rouffignac and Cap Blanc. Visit the perfect replica cave art in Lascaux II, enjoy a specially arranged performance of French folk music and dance; shop Sarlat’s famous open-air market, stroll through the English-style Gardens of Eyrignac, enjoy a specially arranged gabare cruise on the Dordogne River, and experience the exclusive Village Forum with local Dordogne residents. Complement your exploration with the Paris pre-program option and the Bordeaux post-program option, featuring the world-famous wine region of St. Emilion.
For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/dordogne16.

KAYAKING AND HIKING THE LES CHENAUX ISLANDS OF MICHIGAN
September 8-11
From: $1,400 per couple, $825 single occupancy
Woods & Water Ecotours
Join MSU alumna Jessie Hadley as she leads a kayaking and hiking journey of the Les Cheneaux Islands, located east of the Mackinac Bridge along the northern shore of Lake Huron. Discover this rare island archipelago steeped with history and rich with ecologically significant species. Learn how this area is protected by a group of leading conservation organizations, government agencies and local residents. Daily guided explorations will include using sea kayaks to access the island’s natural areas, including significant locations such as the Aldo Leopold preserve. Walking and hiking will serve as the other mode of transportation. Also included are visits to the local Historical Museum, Maritime Museum and Great Lakes Boat Building School. Space is limited to 14 participants so register early.
For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/kayaking16.
INSIDER’S JAPAN
September 24–October 6
From: $5,686 per person, including airfare

From Detroit. Other gateway cities are also available.

This 13-day journey begins in Tokyo touring the Shinto Meiji Shrine and historic Imperial Palace. Visit Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park and view the magnificent Mt. Fuji. Spend the night in Suwa at a ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn, then travel to Takayama and explore this historic town’s ancient streets and houses. In Kanazawa, tour the famed Kenrokuen Garden and visit the Kutani Ceramics Museum. Conclude your journey by touring Kyoto, attending a traditional Japanese tea ceremony and embarking on a cycling tour. Discover Hiroshima, the city reborn from the atomic destruction of World War II, on an optional post-tour extension.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/japan16.

Call all beer lovers! Enjoy five nights within the luxurious accommodations aboard the Avalon Luminary as you cruise the Danube River. Depart from Austria’s colorful capital to travel through the charming towns of Melk, Dürnstein and Grein. Enjoy a front-row seat to the castles, cathedrals and architecture dotting the shoreline before arriving in Bavaria, Germany. Visit the Ottakringer Brewery in Vienna followed by a beer tasting.

Stop at Aldersbach Monastery in Passau, where monks have been brewing beer since 1268, including a brewery tour and tasting, and walk through the Kuchlbauer World of Beer in Absensberg. Disembark and enjoy your final two nights in scenic Munich and conclude at the world-renowned celebration of Oktoberfest.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/vienna16.
**Canada & New England Fall Medley**

September 30 – October 12

From: $4,599 per person, including airfare from select cities. Veranda staterooms and above include four free shore excursions, pre-paid gratuities and unlimited WiFi.

Go Next

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For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/fallmedley16.

**Around the World by Private Jet**

September 29 – October 22

From: $76,950 including airfare from Orlando, Florida

TCS Expeditions

Take the trip of a lifetime in a custom Boeing 757 for the most luxurious and relaxing flight experience available as you journey around the world in one seamless 24-day trip. Begin your adventure by tracing the legacy of the Incas through Cusco and Machu Picchu. Become entranced by the mysterious and regal moai on Easter Island, sample Polynesian culture in Samoa by experiencing fire-dancing, behold the wonders of Australia’s Great Barrier Reef and visit the architectural masterpiece of Angkor Wat, Cambodia. Continue your epic journey by visiting the Taj Mahal, embark on a safari through the Serengeti Plain and be amazed as you visit the Lost City of Petra. Witness the world’s landscapes of Wadi Rum before heading to the vibrant walled medina of Marrakech, Morocco before returning to Orlando for your farewell dinner.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/jet16.

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October 10-18
From: $3,295 per person, plus airfare
AHI International

Explore two of France’s most celebrated regions—Rhône-Alpes and Burgundy—during a seven-night stay in Lyon, set at the confluence of the gentle Saône and fast-flowing Rhône rivers. Cruise the rivers to see Lyon’s key landmarks, and visit the historic old city and Quartier St. Jean. Discover the historic city of Beaune and travel the Route des Grand Crus as you delve into Burgundy’s winemaking culture. Enjoy a cooking demonstration in Lyon, France’s gastronomic capital, and learn more about the role the city played in the silk trade. Take a scenic drive to the foothills of the French Alps and stroll along the streets of Annecy, a picturesque lakeside town. This Alumni Campus Abroad program includes excursions, educational programs, first-class accommodations and an extensive meal program that includes wine with dinner.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/rhonevalley16.

October
MERIDA, MEXICO
Spartans Without Borders Service Experience
September 30-October 9
From: $2,300 per person, plus airfare

Spartans Without Borders provides Michigan State University alumni and friends the opportunity to volunteer their time, skills and expertise to improve the quality of life in communities across the globe. This trip takes you to Merida, Mexico, where past participants have been divided into working teams and paired with community-based non-profit organizations. One group worked at an elder home that aims to provide physical and social stimulation and care through the integration of recreational and cultural activities, and comfortable, quality facilities. The second group assisted at a nonprofit aimed at improving the quality of life for children and young people with multiple disabilities, as well as guiding and educating family members to stimulate comprehensive development of the child through personalized care.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/swobmexico16.
TRADE ROUTES OF COASTAL IBERIA

October 25-November 2
From: $5,595 per person, plus airfare
Gohagan & Co.

This unique and exclusive nine-day itinerary showcases the coastal jewels of the Iberian Peninsula between Barcelona, Spain and Lisbon, Portugal. Cruise Spain’s legendary Guadalquivir River into the heart of beautiful Seville. Visit Portugal’s Algarve region and the regal city of Granada, Spain. Stand on the “Top of the Rock” to see the Pillars of Hercules spanning the Strait of Gibraltar and see the Balearic Island of Palma de Mallorca.

Experience the best of China, a land whose stunning beauty forms the backdrop to a civilization steeped in legend. This itinerary features a three-night cruise along the Yangtze River and five-star accommodations in Beijing, Xi’an and Lhasa, and in Shanghai’s historic Fairmont Peace Hotel. Aboard the newly refurbished M.V. Victoria Jenna, cruise from Chongqing, through the Three Gorges, to Yichang. Visit six UNESCO World Heritage sites. Tour the Three Gorges Dam and embark on a private boat cruise up the Goddess Stream. Walk along the Great Wall, through Beijing’s Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. Visit the capital of Xi’an and view the Terra Cotta Warriors. Explore Potala Palace, former winter residence of the Dalai Lama, and experience mystical old and spectacular new Shanghai.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/iberia16.

ANCIENT KINGDOMS of China & Tibet

October 16-29
From: $4,595 per person, plus airfare
Gohagan & Co.

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For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/ancientkingdoms16.

Admire the modernist architecture of Mediterranean Valencia. Enjoy stunning scenery and visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites while cruising ancient trade routes from the Mediterranean Sea into the Atlantic Ocean aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star M.S. Le Lynx. A two-night Barcelona pre-cruise option and two-night Lisbon post-cruise option are offered.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/iberia16.
HOLIDAY MARKETS CRUISE
featuring Paris

November 25-December 6
From: $2,995 per person, plus airfare
AHI International

Spend seven nights cruising along the Rhine and Mosel rivers aboard the MS Amadeus Silver. Enjoy a customizable journey with a choice of included excursions in many ports of call. Begin your adventure in Germany, then discover historic Strasbourg, France. Cruise to Speyer, your gateway to Heidelberg, before exploring ancient Worms. Visit the village of Rüdesheim, then sail through the romantic Rhine Valley to Koblenz at the confluence of the Rhine and Mosel rivers. Continue on the Mosel to explore Cochem, Trier and Bernkastel. Travel by train to Luxembourg before ending your journey with a three-night stay in Paris. Your program includes the chance to shop at holiday markets in three countries, deluxe accommodations and an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner. Please note, there is no single supplement for solo travelers.

For more information on this tour visit go.msu.edu/holidaymarkets16.
person, excluding airfare unless otherwise noted, based on double occupancy, current exchange rates and tariffs. Single occupancy is available on a limited basis for each program at a supplemental charge unless otherwise noted. You have the option to purchase airfare from various cities at an additional cost on the majority of tours, or to make your own arrangements on preferred airlines. If you choose to make your own arrangements you will be responsible for arranging your own round-trip ground transportation from the airport to the hotel or cruise ship. Every effort will be made to carry out the program as planned.

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Because the MSUAA partners with other universities to offer tours, many times tours fill quickly. If this occurs, our travel partners will be happy to place you on a wait list and if space becomes available you will be notified.

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The MSU Alumni Association makes every effort to assign an MSU host or faculty member to the tours. A minimum number of people are required to send a host. If the minimum is not met, the tour will take place, but a host will not accompany the tour.

REFUND POLICY
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