PORTUGAL ADVENTURE
GO EXPLORE

JOURNEYS FOR YOUNG ALUMNI

JULY 7 (land tour start date) - 14, 2019
Land package from $1,695 per person
Dear Young Alumni and Friends!

Can you think of a better way to travel than with fellow Spartan Young Alumni?

The Michigan State Alumni Association young alumni travel program offers you this opportunity by bringing you together with individuals in the same age range, with similar backgrounds and experiences, while enriching you on well-designed, hassle-free tours of the world.

Travel with young alumni and friends of peer institutions, ages 20 – 35. These programs provide social, cultural, and recreational activities and many opportunities for learning enrichment and enjoying a connection back to MSU. They are of great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 40 years of experience in the young professional travel market. In this brochure you will find a detailed itinerary, travel dates, pricing and information on how to book.

If you have any questions about our young alumni travel program, please contact our tour operator, AESU, at alumni@aesu.com or call 800-638-7640.

Sincerely,

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Association
WHAT DO I GET?

COVERAGE
When you book your Young Alumni trip, the necessities of travel are taken care of. These include:
- Superior Tourist Class Hotels
- All Land Transportation
- Daily Breakfast
- Special Cultural Dinners
- Knowledgeable Tour Director
- Behind-the-Scenes Tours
(See more in the inclusions on page 4)

EDUCATIONAL & ADVENTUROUS
Whether you can’t wait to immerse yourself in amazing scenery of vast beaches and ancient castles, or you’re more inclined to spend every moment hiking, biking, and exploring, you can in Portugal! The tour provides a beautiful balance of historical education and complete sensory and cultural immersion into the vivacious life of this country.

THE VERDICT?
Don’t miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime to explore the places you have been dreaming of. Make new best friends from around the world and create memories that will keep this journey alive forever.

It’s not rocket science. Group travel is a safer way to explore the world. This trip provides you with an exciting approach to learning and taking in all the history and culture around you. Open your mind, see the world and have the most fun you’ve ever had.

GO - EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS
ABOUT THE TRIP:
From the historic cities of Porto and Coimbra, to the rich cultural center of Lisbon and striking beaches of the Algarve, Portugal offers history, stunning architecture, amazing food and wine, plus unlimited adventures for adrenaline seekers.

HIGHLIGHTS:

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:
(Not included in package price)
• Canoeing in Lisbon
• Kayaking, hiking and surfing in Lagos
• Horseback riding in Sines
• Biking in Douro Valley wine country

Please check with your tour director for detailed schedules. Some options may require a minimum number of participants to operate. Rates for options are per person, approximate and subject to change.

WHAT’S INCLUDED:
The land package includes
7 nights in superior tourist class hotels with private bath/shower, twin-share rooms * Daily continental breakfasts * Four specialty dinners * Guided tours in Lisbon, Sintra and Porto with a local historian * Admissions: Quinta da Regaleira Sintra and the Lello Bookstore Porto * Vila Nova de Gaia Port Wine tasting from Porto * Yoga class in Lagos

PLUS
Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour * All scheduled sightseeing * All ground transportation by private motor coach as per itinerary * All service charges and local taxes * Included tour highlights
PORTUGAL ADVENTURE

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO LISBON
Today, we embark on our overnight flight to Lisbon, capital of Portugal.
Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 - LISBON - LAND TOUR START DATE
The history and traditions of Lisbon and New World discoveries will be unveiled on our afternoon walk with a local historian. Delve into the city's historic Alfama quarter, rich with Moorish tiled buildings and narrow, cobblestone alleyways. Walk through the Belém district from where sailing ships once set forth to find unknown lands. Admire the Discoveries Monument honoring Henry the Navigator, who led Portugal's expeditions into the New World in the 15th century; then marvel at the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Jerónimos Monastery. Tonight we meet fellow travel companions at our welcome dinner and plan our journey ahead.
Meals: Welcome cocktail and dinner

DAY 3 - LISBON – SINTRA
Enjoy a free morning or consider a guided canoe or kayak tour of Lisbon's waterfront. Paddle past Catalazete’s Fortress, São João das Maias’s Fortress, Gibrítir’s Fortress and St. Bruno’s Fortress. In the afternoon we visit Sintra, a fairytale-like town with its UNESCO World Heritage Sintra-Vila Streets are lined with pastel colored houses wrapped in lush hills that roll down to the Atlantic along the coast. Some of the must-see sights are the colorful Pena Palace, built in the Romanticism style, the Gothic Palácio Nacional, and the ancient walls of Castelo dos Mouros, perched high above the city. Visit the Quinta da Regaleira estate containing an extensive and enigmatic system of tunnels. Its “Initiation Well” is a steep 27-meter staircase that leads directly underground and connects with other tunnels via a labyrinth of underground walkways. Upon return to Lisbon, enjoy your evening at leisure.
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner
Optional activity: Canoeing/kayaking

DAY 4 - LISBON – SINES - ALGARVE
During free time this morning, consider a ride on the Tram 28 that takes you through some of the city’s most prominent neighborhoods to see popular attractions such as St. George’s Castle. The funicular railway travels up steep hills of the old town for more exploration of Alfama’s winding streets past charming shops, cozy restaurants, exotic gardens and traditional Fado clubs. This afternoon we start our journey south along the coast to the famous Algarve region. We stop in Sines, an old fishing town and the birthplace of the explorer Vasco da Gama. Relax by the water or join us on an optional horseback ride across meadows, dunes and coastal forests on the Costa Alentejana. Afterwards, we continue to Cabo San Vincente, Europe's southwestern most point, and a spot with spectacular views before we arrive at our beach hotel.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: Horseback riding

DAY 5 - ALGARVE BEACHES
The alluring coast of the Algarve receives much attention for its spectacular cliffs and sun-kissed beaches. It offers endless opportunities for adrenaline seekers and water sports fans, as well as those in pursuit of just relaxing on the beach. The delightful inner Algarve features quaint castle towns and villages, flower-covered hillsides, and amazing hiking trails. We will start our day with a yoga class on the beach. Then, design the remainder of the day depending on your energy level: kayaking, surfing, hiking or swimming are just some of the options available. Tonight we share stories of this day’s adventures at our very own beach party.
Meals: Breakfast, BBQ dinner
Optional activity: Watersports, hiking

DAY 6 - ALGARVE – COIMBRA – PORTO
We start our drive north to Portugal’s second largest city, Porto. En route, we visit Coimbra, located in the heart of the country. Coimbra has been the medieval capital for over 100 years and is the oldest University City in the country. Tour the university grounds, which UNESCO has placed on its list of World Heritage sites, climb the tower for a birds-eye view of the city, visit Pátio das Escolas courtyard, the Chapel of São Miguel with an imposing Baroque organ, and the Joanine Library featuring over 300,000 works dating from the 16th to the 18th centuries arranged in beautiful gilt-covered bookcases. We arrive in Porto for a welcome dinner of Portuguese delights.
Meals: Breakfast, dinner
DAY 7 - PORTO
Our local historian takes us on a discovery of Porto this morning. The city center is one of Europe’s oldest and registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Admire monuments such as the Luis I Bridge and Porto Se Cathedral, Torres, Igreja dos Clerigos, and Avenida dos Aliados. We end our tour at the famous Lello Bookstore. Even if you are not into books, you don’t want to miss this exquisite 1906 neo-Gothic construction with its carved plaster resembling wood and stained-glass skylight. Its intricately wrought, spiral staircase was supposedly the inspiration for the one in the Harry Potter books, which JK Rowling partly wrote in Porto while working here as an English teacher from 1991 to 1993. Vila Nova de Gaia, considered the Port Wine capital, is just across the Douro River. Lodges of the historic port wine producers are strung along the waterfront with their caves, aging tanks, and tasting rooms. After some free time, join us for a tour and tasting of this delicious, sweet red wine.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 - PORTO - DURO VALLEY BIKING
Take today to further explore Porto and its surroundings on your own, or join us on an optional all-day bike ride through the Douro Valley vineyards. Ride through historic villages and along UNESCO world heritage terraced vineyards to experience the traditions of this region. Visit a wine cellar, taste some of the best port and Douro wines, and enjoy a hearty lunch. We return to Porto with some time to relax before our farewell dinner and opportunities to listen to Portugal’s soulful national soundtrack: Fado music.

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell dinner
Option: Full day Douro Valley biking excursions with wine tasting

DAY 9 - TRAVEL HOME
After breakfast, the land program ends and we bid farewell to our new-found friends and make plans for a reunion trip.

Meals: Breakfast
Portugal has long been a favorite travel destination for outdoor adventures, historic cities, and fabulous wines. It wasn’t until 2017 however, that it gained popularity, becoming a must-see vacation spot - for good reason.

Portugal has one of the most stunning coastlines in the world, combined with incredible cities, mountainous landscapes, castles galore, amazing culinary experiences, and countless adventures. It’s remarkable that it has taken this long to be discovered.

Come and see for yourself all the exciting activities that await you. Anything from canoeing and surfing to hiking and horseback riding is available to give you the true experience of Portugal. What are you waiting for, unleash your inner adventurer.

**ALGARVE BEACH ACTIVITIES**

Cabo de São Vicente is the southwestern-most point of Europe and was, up until the 14th century, considered the end of the known world. This barren headland offers spectacular views over the sea and a lighthouse from 1846. Constructed on the ruins of a Franciscan monastery, the lighthouse pays homage to St. Vincente, whom the headlands are named after. Nestling between craggy cliffs, Benagil and Camilo beaches are a trademark of the Algarve and definitely worth making your way down to. Camilo Beach is set among condensed cliffs and can only be reached by climbing about 200 steps. From here, make your way to Ponta da Piedade, an imposing rock formation with many grottos cut out by the water. Excursions are being offered to visit the caves and small beaches tucked away between the rocks. Benagil Beach is one of the prettiest spots along the Algarve coastline with truncated cliffs, grottoes and caverns.

**LELLO BOOKSTORE**

Since its opening in 1906, the Livaria Lello, as it’s called in Portuguese, has been a hub for writers and creative minds to gather, write, mingle, and read. This tradition has been carried all the way through to today’s authors, including J.K. Rowling. It is obvious, the moment you glance at the majestic, rich wooden staircase in the center of the shop and make your way up to the bowing walkways above, that this place left it’s mark in inspiring the magical structure of Howarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry in the early 1990’s. Fans of the fantasy series will be sure to feel the true magical essence of this shop from the moment they set foot inside. It is an absolute must see for literary or architectural fans, and even more so for true Potter fans.

**CASTLES OF PORTUGAL**

Across the span of history, castles have been an important component of two particular groups; royalty and the military. The Portuguese learned the art of castle and fortress building from the Romans (who ruled the territory for over four centuries) and the Moors. The castles of Portugal are a major draw for visitors due to the sheer volume of these incredible structures all over the country. The National Palace of Pena (pictured) is one of the most famous and sits atop the highest hill in Sintra, making it impossible to miss. Another must see Portuguese castle is located near Coimbra. The Castelo de Porto de Mos is fascinating, archaeologists believe it even pre-dates history! Take the time to explore these and other incredible castles on your visit.

**BIKING IN DOURO WINE COUNTRY**

Douro is a Portuguese wine region that is centered around the Douro River and sheltered completely by mountains. The view seems almost like a Van Gogh painting with the winding grape vines systematically weaving along the hillsides. The style of wine here varies from a light Bordeaux to rich Burgundy which provides visitors with an array of tasting options. If the wine doesn’t encourage you to spend the afternoon, then the insanely breathtaking scenery will do the trick. Your visit doesn’t just have to be about leisure and imbibing, come and enjoy a bike ride along the river and through the lush green vineyards. The sights are unlike anything you’ve seen and discovering just how vivid this place is - an adventure all its own!
ACTIVITY LEVEL

Level 3: Moderate/Active
This trip features some all-day excursions, and a full and active itinerary. It offers activities with higher intensity and more active options. Excursions require standing and walking for extended periods of time over more difficult terrain (e.g. cobblestones, city hills, stairs without handrails, limited or no access to elevators, muddy/slippery walking/hiking trails.) This itinerary features hiking, biking and use of local transportation. This tour offers more active optional excursions (such as moderate hiking and aquatic activities).

Appropriate for: Travelers who are physically fit, lead active lives, and are comfortable participating in long days of activities.

Please Note:
Travel to and from the tour is not factored into our activity level ratings. You should take into account your stamina when traveling long distances and/or with multiple flight changes. Also, you must be able to handle your luggage independently throughout the itinerary.

PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTELS
Our hotels are superior tourist class or better, luxury hotels in Dubai, with private bathrooms. They are centrally located or have easy access to public transportation. Many have great extra amenities such as pools, gyms and roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If no travelers are available to share when final rooming assignments are made, the single supplement will apply.

TOUR DIRECTORS
We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major European universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.

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WHAT OUR TRAVELERS ARE SAYING

“First time taking a tour like this – great experience and fellow travelers made things even better”
-MATTHEW B.

“Our tour guide was awesome and was always willing to take people to popular locations in her free time”
-KATHERINE H.

‘Best vacation I had a wonderful time and made lifelong friends which made it even better’
-ANTHONY R.

‘I loved the optional excursions as well as the free time allowed in each city – it allowed us to experience each city and get to know the other members of the group’
-ALINA NICOLE G.

‘I’ll never forget this trip’
-LAURA B.

‘It was the trip of a lifetime! I loved the tour director and all of my fellow travelers! I don’t think I could have asked for a better trip’
-HALEY M.

‘I thoroughly enjoyed my experience! Thought it was very well organized and exceeded my expectations’
-PAIGE A.

‘I had so much fun! Would recommend to all. Amazing deal for everything we saw and did’
-TODD S.

‘100% would do it again’
-ADDIE O.

‘When booking my trip, I was searching for a balance of structured tours and adequate free time, and I found that with AESU’
-MCKINNON M.

‘Such an incredible experience! So organized and I love how we so quickly went from place to place and saw so much!’
-ABIGAIL C.

‘Had the best time of my life!’
-MEHVISH A.

‘Definitely the best days of my life, without a doubt: new friends, amazing experiences and a ton of fun – I am so thankful for this trip!’
-TREVOR P.

‘I enjoyed everything! I was considering traveling Europe on my own, but I would never have done half the things I got to do with AESU’
-JENNA F.

‘I would highly recommend this to others and I look forward to doing another trip’
-RILEY F.

‘I liked that we were able to see so much – I feel like I got the most of our trip and made so many friends and memories’
-EMILY L.

‘Being in a group was very fun – getting to meet lots of cool, new people. I loved not having to worry about transportation to/from all of the things we were able to do and it was great to get free time recommendations from our tour director’
-EVELYN T.

‘I was very satisfied with all aspects of the tour – it was a life changing experience and I definitely recommend it!’
-JAMES M.
2019 YOUNG ALUMNI ADVENTURES

PORTUGAL ADVENTURE
JULY 7 - 14, 2019
FROM $ 1,695

COSTA RICA ECO EXPLORER
AUGUST 7 - 11, 2019
FROM $ 1,375

CAPTIVATING CROATIA
OCTOBER 21 - 27, 2019
FROM $ 1,625

NEW YEAR’S EVE ON CLOUD 9 (AUSTRIA)
DECEMBER 29, 2019 - JANUARY 2, 2020
FROM $ 1,695

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BEFORE YOU GO

HOW DO I BOOK?
Booking your trip is easy! To make your reservation, head to www.aesu.com and click the “CHECK AVAILABILITY” button on any trip page to book your trip online, or you can call us at 1-800-638-7640 if you have any questions.

DO I NEED A PASSPORT? A VISA?
Travel to EUROPE. If you are an American or Canadian citizen, you only need a Passport. The easiest way to get a passport is through your local post office, County Court House, or Passport Agency. Check the United States State Department’s website for specific regulations regarding acquiring a passport (https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html). You may need a Visa for your tours if you are not an American or Canadian citizen. If you are a citizen of another country, you must contact the appropriate consulates for each nation on your itinerary and you must obtain these visas on your own. Travel BEYOND Europe? Check on Visa requirements (incl. American or Canadian citizens) with the respective consulate or embassy. Some countries may charge for a tourist visa on entry or a departure tax on leaving the country.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I NEED?
We recommend $50-$80 per day, depending on your spending habits. That money covers items of a personal nature, laundry, beverages and meals not included on tour, and expenses for free-time activities (metro tickets, taxis, entrance fees). This amount does not include money for souvenirs/gift shopping. We strongly recommend bringing a credit card (Visa, American Express, and Mastercard are the most widely accepted) as well as an ATM card. Check with your bank prior to departure to ensure your ATM card is usable overseas.

HOW MUCH LUGGAGE SHOULD I TAKE?
Due to limited space on the tour motor coach, you may only bring ONE suitcase and ONE carry-on. Limit your suitcase size to no larger than 29 x 20 x 10 and your carry-on to no larger than 8 x 16 x 21. Check your airlines website for any additional luggage restrictions. Keep in mind that throughout the duration of the tour, you are responsible for your own luggage, so do not pack more than you can carry. Laundry facilities are available in major cities.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?
The easiest way to make your tour stress-free is to over pack! See details in the Planning & Packing section on your trip’s Toolbox pages. Download our suggested packing list.

WHAT ABOUT PACKING DOCUMENTS?
Never pack your passport! Always keep it with you. The same goes for cash and credit cards. Pack 2 extra passport photos if possible (in the event that you misplace your passport). Photo copies of your passport’s personal data pages, your flight itinerary and e-ticket information, a listing of your credit card and copies of any personal IDs. This info will be extremely valuable should you lose any actual documents. Always keep actual documents on your person, and never in your checked suitcase.

SHOULD I PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE?
We highly recommend travel insurance. (Some schools or alumni associations may offer travel insurance to you at a reduced rate). If not AESU also offers Group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or click on this link.

http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/english.html

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

WHAT ARE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?
We stay in superior tourist class hotels, 3-star or 4-star, all with private bath/shower. Our hotels have been especially selected for their European atmosphere, friendly hospitality, cleanliness and location.

TOUR ROOMING POLICY. If you are traveling alone and do not want a single room, we will attempt to arrange for a 2-share room. If this is not possible, we will make arrangements for a single room and charge the applicable single supplement. You will be furnished a complete hotel address list with your final documents. Properties are subject to change and any substitutions would be the equivalent of those listed. For independent hotel reservations such as pre/post nights, etc., and select special tours a single supplement is always applied. Please check your itinerary.

DON’T HAVE A ROOMMATE, WHAT DO I DO?
Going solo is not a problem with AESU! Many of our participants don’t have a travel companion when booking a trip. If you’re traveling alone, we will attempt to arrange for you to share a room (same gender) at no extra cost. (See above packing policy for details).

I KNOW SOME MEALS ARE INCLUDED, BUT WHAT ABOUT SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?
Tours include breakfast daily (lunches & dinner as per itinerary). If you are a vegetarian or have special dietary needs, please add this to your account when booking. All included meals are pre-paid so a substitute meal is always up to the goodwill of the establishment. We cannot guarantee that all special requests will be granted, but in the past, most restaurants have been cooperative. Please keep in mind that substitute meals may not be as varied as they are at home.

DO I NEED ANY VACCINATIONS?
Check with your doctor or the CDC (wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel) to find out if vaccinations are required. If you suffer from any form of illness, be sure to have an adequate supply of medicines before departing on your trip. You must advise us of any important medical condition you may have, before departure.

DOES AESU SUPPORT ECO TRAVEL?
Every traveler shares a common responsibility to preserve our planet’s environment and respect its people. AESU enthusiastically endorses ASTA’s 10 Commandments, which effectively reaffirm that responsibility. Let’s live by these Commandments to ensure our world’s beauty is preserved for our generation and for generations to come. Thank you for the opportunity to travel together and to discover our remarkable world in a responsible manner. Over a decade ago AESU founded “TRAVEL FOR GOOD” — many years before large travel companies became active in environmental travel.

Link to US State Department Travel Website

http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/english.html

FOR MORE FAQ’S VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees. Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own. Airports and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested $4-5 per day for tour director, $2-3 per day for driver), beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise, laundry, personal insurance, room service, telephone charges, all items of a personal nature, airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates, private transportation, and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary. CANCELLATION POLICY EUROPE: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a $300 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to $300, cancellation between 60-31 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 40%. Cancellation within 16 days of departure or a “no-show” at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. AIRFARES are highly restrictive. NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION. AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do not receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS: In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airfare, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline’s website for any additional baggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract. RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond AESU's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. Trip cancellation insurance should be purchased by the individual traveler in the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond our control. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, AESU’s liability shall be limited to a FULL REFUND of all payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance Baggage and personal injury are at owner’s risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. AESU reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed. During the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com.
Association’s Disclaimer

The MSU Alumni Association (the “Association”) is not the Tour Operator.

The Association is not responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel or car rental reservations, delays, losses, injuries, inconveniences, cessation of operations, airline or tour operator bankruptcies, acts of God, or any other event beyond our control.

The Association acts only as agent for the participants with respect to travel services, and it shall not be responsible for changes of flight times, fare changes, dishonor of airline, hotel or other reservations, injury, damage, loss of baggage, accidents or for the acts or defaults of any person or entity engaged in conveying participants or in carrying out other arrangements of the tour. Further, the Association shall not be responsible for losses or additional expenses of the participant due to sickness, weather, strike, civil unrest, acts of terrorism, quarantine, acts of God, governmental intervention or other causes beyond its control.

The Association shall not be responsible for alteration in the itinerary as deemed necessary for carrying out the tour and the right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality. The right is further reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure, in which case the entire payment may be refunded without further obligation on its part. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of the tour should such person’s health, actions or general deportment impede the operation of the tour or the rights or welfare of the other participants. No refund will be made for the unused portion of any tour.

Applicants for participation on this tour accept in full all of the conditions set forth above.