



ESSENTIAL EUROPE

GRADUATE THEN CELEBRATE

MAY 12 (London start date) - MAY 29, 2019 (Rome return)

JUNE 3, 2019 (Athens return)



MSU Alumni Association
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



START YOUR ADVENTURE

Dear Student:

Congratulations on your approaching graduation!

Have you thought about how you will celebrate this milestone? The Michigan State University Alumni Association is pleased to announce a very special travel opportunity: The Essential Europe Tour. Both fun and fascinating, this trip is a wonderful reward for your years of hard work.

Michigan State, in conjunction with AESU, a tour operator specializing in travel for 21-35 year olds, invite you on a comprehensive tour of Europe open exclusively to graduating seniors of the Michigan State University and select peer institutions. The 19-day, 8-country trip, with an optional 5-day Greece extension, includes all of Europe's "must-see" sites, such as Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, and the Parthenon. Past travelers have commented "this trip was amazing...I saw the most beautiful sites," and "Thank you for a great summer. Not only was this a vacation, it was a wake-up call for me to see the world!"

Education does not stop at graduation; rather, it is a lifelong process and travel provides unparalleled opportunities for hands-on learning. On the Essential Europe tour, you will be able to visit exciting destinations, learn more about our world, relax and unwind on a great holiday, and renew ties to Michigan State University while celebrating with fellow graduates. We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to MSU's family of alumni.

"The MSU graduation tour is a perfect tour for recent graduates to get a "taste" of Europe, see the world, and make lifelong friendships along the way. It was the best decision of my collegiate career and was the perfect way to end my college career." Sarah Steudle, MSU Graduate

Sincerely,

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Association



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19-day base land package \$4,095 *

ADD \$765 for the optional 5 - day extension

Rates are based on two people sharing one room. AESU can arrange a shared room with a same gender traveler at no additional cost.

To guarantee a single room, supplements of \$795 for the 19 - day tour plus \$325 for the 5 - day optional extension will apply.

*Special alumni land price per person. Airfare priced separately for greater flexibility. Please call AESU Alumni World Travel for great low airfares from most US cities.

Airport/departure taxes are additional and subject to change.

WHAT DO I GET



COVERAGE

When you book your Graduation trip, the necessities of travel are taken care of.

These include:

- SUPERIOR TOURIST CLASS HOTELS
 - ALL LAND TRANSPORTATION
 - DAILY BREAKFAST
 - SPECIAL CULTURAL DINNERS
 - KNOWLEDGABLE 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 the beautiful sights of metropolitan Paris on the river cruise or you prefer to explore the ruins of Ancient Rome, this tour has you covered. Your grad trip provides a beautiful balance of historical education and complete sensory and cultural immersion into the vivacious life of every country visited along your route. Make countless memories with fellow graduates who have strong school spirit and an affinity for travel and exploration!

THE VERDICT?

Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime to explore the places you have been dreaming of or reading about in books. 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 fun and 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

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19 DAYS (plus an optional 5-day extension to Southern Italy & Greece)

COUNTRIES VISITED:

England - France - Belgium - Holland - Germany - Austria - Italy - Vatican City - plus Greece

ABOUT THE TRIP:

Reward yourself for all your hard work with the ultimate escape. The Essential Europe tour offers you 24 days of exploration, adventure, and insight into many of Europe's most popular and breathtaking countries. The aptly named Essential Europe tour provides something for everyone, whether you're inclined to engage with locals on the London pub crawl, seek adventure parasailing in the Greek Isles, or you prefer to photograph the majesty of Il Duomo in Florence and unleash your inner Julie Andrews in the Austrian hills. The beauty of this journey is the balance of fun excursions, time at leisure and fascinating looks into history and ancient territories. This leaves our tour goers with a well-rounded experience and an opened mind, not to mention memories and new friends to last a lifetime. Make the Essential Europe your summer getaway, reveal your inner adventurer.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome orientation * Guided tour of London's Pomp & Pageantry * English Channel * White Cliffs of Dover * French bistro dinner * Paris 2-day museum pass * Seine River cruise * Brussels Grand Place * Dutch-Indonesian rice table dinner * Amsterdam canal cruise * Edam cheese farm * Bicycling in Dutch windmill country * Cologne Gothic Cathedral * Rhine River cruise * Heidelberg Castle * Germany's Romantic Road * Munich Glockenspiel * Berchtesgaden salt mines * Salzburg Mozart sights * Austrian Alpine stay * Murano Island & Glass-blowing workshop * Roma pass * Pasta party * Rome's Trevi Fountain & ancient illuminated ruins * Vatican City * Optional extension: Tour of Pompeii Archeological site * Overnight ship to Greece * Greek Island activities, including swimming, sunbathing and special Greek dinners & BBQ * Bike ride * Toga party * Athens Acropolis and Plaka district * Farewell Greek taverna dinner... AND MUCH MORE!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

(Not included in package price)

Paris, France	-	French cabaret show
Austrian Alps, Austria	-	Whitewater rafting
Florence, Italy	-	Chianti excursion & Tuscan feast
Isle of Poros, Greece	-	Watersports activities (24-day tour only)

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 19-day land package includes

17 nights at superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower * Daily continental breakfasts * 7 three-course specialty dinners & 1 lunch * Ferry crossing from Dover to Calais * Guided tours in London, Paris, Florence and Rome led by a local historian * Seine River cruise & Rhine River cruise * Amsterdam canal cruise * 2-day Paris museum pass * Tour of Versailles Palace * Roma pass (full access to public transport system, reduced admission to museums, music events, theater, etc.) * Admission Heidelberg Castle, Berchtesgaden salt mines, Colosseum & Forum as part of Roma pass

The 5-day Southern Italy & Greece optional extension includes:

5 nights at superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower including overnight ship from Italy to Greece (4-share cabin) * Daily continental breakfast * 4 three-course specialty dinners * Bike ride on the Isle of Poros * Toga party * Guided tours in Pompeii & Athens led by a local historian * Admission: Pompeii excavations, Acropolis

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



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ITINERARY

DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO LONDON

Embark on your overnight flight to London

[Meals: In-flight](#)

DAY 2 - LONDON

Enjoy a free afternoon to relax and unwind. In the evening, we'll have our welcome orientation followed by a fun London pub crawl.

[Meals: In-flight](#)

DAY 3 - LONDON

Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and Piccadilly Circus: These familiar names become familiar places on our morning tour of London. During an afternoon at leisure, browse the many food, craft and clothing stalls at popular Camden Market, walk in the footsteps of Harry Potter at Leadenhall Market aka Diagon Alley or take a ride on the London Eye for a birds-eye view of the city and the opportunity to take great photographs. After dusk, consider taking in some Shakespeare at the Globe Theater by the Thames River or attending a West End show.

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

DAY 4 - LONDON - FERRY TO PARIS

Travel across the English Channel to Paris. Our local art historian shows us the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral and Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood. Tonight, dine on French specialties at our bistro dinner. Afterward, we take a romantic cruise down the river Seine.

[Meals: Breakfast, French bistro dinner](#)

DAY 5 - PARIS

France has been a world center of the perfume industry since Louis XIV's court at Versailles was known as "le cour parfumeé." Join us this morning for a visit to the Fragonard Perfume Museum, located in a 19th century mansion from the era Napoleon III and learn about the art of perfume manufacturing from ancient times. We then travel to the Palace of Versailles, well known as France's famed Sun King, Louis XIV's, residence. Our museum pass gives us access to the Hall of Mirrors, the King's Grand Chambers and more. Marvel at the sheer size of the palace, one of the most beautiful castles in the world with an astonishing 700 rooms. The afternoon is free to explore the 'City of Lights' and our tour director is happy to offer free-time suggestions. Consider an optional can-can cabaret show this evening.

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

[Option Excursion: French cabaret show](#)

DAY 6 - PARIS

Enjoy a free day in Paris. Your included 2-day museum pass allows access to over 70 museums and monuments in and around Paris including the world famous Louvre, housing the Mona Lisa, Musée d'Orsay and Musée National Picasso.

[Meals: Breakfast,](#)

DAY 7 - PARIS - BRUSSELS - AMSTERDAM

Motor to Belgium and Brussels, and see the Grand Place, a perfect medieval square, and the statue of naughty Mennekin-Pis. Continue to Amsterdam and enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

DAY 8 - DUTCH COUNTRYSIDE

Go biking through 13th-century Dutch fishing villages along the IJssel Lake beaches today. Watch wooden shoes being carved and sample Edam cheese at a cheese farm. Free time this afternoon in Amsterdam to tour the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum, or visit Anne Frank's house. This evening we invite you to a scrumptious Dutch-Indonesian rice table dinner, a specialty in Holland as Indonesia was once a Dutch colony. Afterwards we admire the Netherlands' capital gliding through some of the 165 romantic canals aboard a glass-topped canal boat.

[Meals: Breakfast, dinner](#)

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ITINERARY CONTINUED

DAY 9 - COLOGNE * RHINE RIVER CRUISE - HEIDELBERG

Cross the German border into Cologne, famous for the world's largest gothic cathedral. Embark on a cruise along the fabled Rhine River, passing steeply sloped vineyards, ancient castles, and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Continue to Heidelberg, the "City of the Student Prince" and climb to the ruins of the Castle of the Palatine Elector for a bird's-eye view of the city and the Neckar River.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 - HEIDELBERG - ROTHENBURG - MUNICH

Germany's Romantic Road takes us to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This medieval city is celebrated not only for its well-preserved gothic and baroque buildings and walls, but also for its unspoiled picturesque setting. Enjoy lunch at a local Gasthaus before continuing our journey to the fun-filled Oktoberfest city of Munich. Free evening to check out the oompah-pah bands at the famous Hofbräuhaus.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

DAY 11 - MUNICH

This morning we visit Dachau, the Nazi Concentration Camp Memorial site. It was established in 1965, twenty years after it was liberated by American forces. During free time this afternoon, consider visiting the BMW museum, seeing the Glockenspiel Chimes at the market square, the 1972 Olympic Village or shopping for Bavarian beer steins and lederhosen on Maximilianstrasse. Tonight, we'll dine on authentic Bavarian fare.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 12 - MUNICH - BERCHTESGADEN SALT MINES * SALZBURG - ALPINE CENTER

This morning, we continue to Berchtesgaden. Dressed in miner's clothing, enjoy a ride on a funicular and race down slides through the salt mine. Our next stop is Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace and site where the classic movie, "Sound of Music" was filmed. Explore the narrow streets lined with colorful wrought iron signs and shops before we continue our journey to Europe's largest alpine sports region. Be our pampered guest for two nights of fitness and fun while nestled in the snow-capped Austrian mountains at our Alpine Center.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 13 - ALPINE CENTER

All day today is at our leisure; go for a hike in the Alps or join the fun and excitement of whitewater rafting. A hearty Austrian dinner awaits after all that activity.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Option Excursion: Whitewater rafting

DAY 14 - AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT - VENICE

The picturesque landscape of the Austrian Lake District brings us to sunny Italy's Venice—"Sinking City in the Sea." We cruise to Murano Island, Venice's glassmaking center since the 13th century where we visit a workshop and watch famous Venetian glass being made. Back in Venice, we walk along the narrow maze of back streets and bridges that take us to St. Mark's Square with the Campanile, Doge's Palace and flocks of friendly pigeons. Consider a romantic gondola ride this evening gliding through the intricate maze of canals beneath arched bridges passing 12th and 18th-century marble palaces.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 15 - VENICE - FLORENCE

Through the fertile Po Valley we approach Florence, Golden City of the Renaissance and birthplace of Michelangelo. Our Florence art tour includes the Gates of Paradise, the marble Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Giotto's bell tower, then there's free time for shopping and museums. Get ready for an optional dinner of pure Italian delights at "Il Latini" tonight.

Meals: Breakfast

Option Excursion: Tuscan feast

DAY 16 - FLORENCE

A free day to explore the Uffizi Gallery and see the collections of Giotto, Botticelli, Raphael and da Vinci. The Galleria dell'Accademia houses several sculptures by Michelangelo including his famous David. Enjoy our dinner of traditional Florentine fare.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Option Excursion: Chianti excursion

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ITINERARY CONTINUED

DAY 17 - FLORENCE - ROME

Travel past Chianti vineyards along the Highway of the Sun to the Eternal City of Rome. After check-in we have time to relax or explore baroque Rome. Stop to toss three coins in the Trevi Fountain, to ensure your return to Rome, see the Pantheon and sample the famous "gelati" ice cream at Piazza Navona.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 18 - ROME - VATICAN CITY

This morning we explore Capitol Hill with the most spectacular view of Caesar's Roman Forum, center of political and social activity, with ancient ruins dating from the 8th century BC. Also see Nero's Circus Maximus where chariot races were held. A trip across the Tiber River takes us to Vatican City - the world's smallest state. Visit St. Peter's Basilica housing Michelangelo's magnificent "Pieta." During afternoon free time, use the Roma Pass to visit the Colosseum, where gladiators fought to the death. Our dinner tonight is a mouth-watering pasta party complete with Italian specialties.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 19 - ROME - TRAVEL HOME * or continue on to POMPEII - OVERNIGHT SHIP TO GREECE

For some of us the celebratory tour of Europe ends in Rome this morning. Bid farewell to friends and "arrivederci" to Italy before jetting back home with memories to last a lifetime. For the rest of us: motor through sunny olive groves lining the way south to Pompeii, the city buried in 79 A.D. by 20 feet of ash and lava after Mt. Vesuvius' volcanic eruption. We'll walk the excavated streets still bearing marks of chariot wheels. Afterwards we cross the Italian "boot" and board our overnight ship to Greece.

Meals: Breakfast,

DAY 20, 21, 22 - GREEK ISLAND CENTER

After cruising through aquamarine waters, our ship docks at Patras. Motor along the Corinthian Sea coastline, across the Peloponnese peninsula to Galatas and the island of Poros. Relax with three days of living like a Greek god or goddess - swim, sunbathe, or take part in optional activities such as waterskiing, wakeboarding, parasailing, banana-boating or tubing. We invite everyone to our Toga Party on the last night.

Meals: Breakfast & dinner daily

Optional activity: Watersports activities

DAY 23 - ATHENS

In the morning we board our ferry to Athens. See the 2,400-year-old Parthenon, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Constitution Square. A free afternoon may find us wandering the paths of Plato, Socrates and Sophocles or trying our bargaining skills at the markets of Monastiraki. This evening follow the sounds of traditional bouzouki music and join our farewell taverna dinner in the Plaka District - Athens' oldest neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 24 - TRAVEL HOME

Reluctantly we say farewell to Europe and new-found friends. Jet back home with thoughts of planning the next European Adventure!

Meals: Breakfast, in-flight

PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTELS

Our hotels are superior tourist class or better, 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 arrange a share with a same-gender traveler.

Sample hotels:



Copthorne Tara
London, England



Le Royal Meridien Beach Resort Hotel
Dubai, UAE



Hotel Das Urbisgut
Altenmarkt im Pongau, Austria



Ibis Eiffel
Paris, France



Hotel Palazzo Ricasoli
Venice, Italy



Dingle Bay Hotel
Dingle, Ireland

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.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

LEVEL 3: MODERATE/ACTIVE

This trip features some long touring days, some full-day excursions, and a full and active itinerary with a faster pace and longer distances. 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), and walking to city centers where coaches are prohibited. This itinerary includes hiking and biking, use of local transportation, and overnight ship travel (24-day tour only). Some early morning departures and later evening returns are scheduled. 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.

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.

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 1800-638-7640.

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/passport.html>). You may need a Visa for our 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 the 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 souvenir/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 airline's 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 stressful 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:

<https://www.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=AESU3922MD>

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 arrange for a 2-share room.

You'll 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.

I 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 rooming 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

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); airport 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 300 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 luggage 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 or disability 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, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com.