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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Dates, prices, and itineraries are subject to change.

For more information and to see pricing, visit the Spartan Pathways website at alumni.msu.edu/travel.

**JANUARY**
- Sandy Shores: Miami to Miami
- Expedition to Antarctica
- Dog Sledding and the Ice Caves of Northern Michigan
- Outback Explorer: Sydney to Auckland
- Sparkling South Pacific: Pepeete to Pepeete

**FEBRUARY**
- The Pride of South Africa, Namibia, Botswana & Zimbabwe
- Singapore, Thailand and Angkor Wat, featuring the Eastern & Oriental Express
- The Galapagos Islands

**MARCH**
- The Best of Tanzania
- Dog Sledding and Ice Caves of Northern Michigan

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- Southwest National Parks
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- Spain: Andalucia in a Parador
- Journey Along the Elbe River

**JUNE**
- Great Journey Through Europe
- Big Ten Cruise - Mediterranean Marvels: Rome to Monte Carlo
- Baltic & Scandinavian Ballads
- Discover Southeast Alaska with MSU Professor Daniel Hayes
- New England Islands Cruise

**JULY**
- Portugal Adventure for Young Alumni
- Poland: Krakow

**AUGUST**
- Celtic Kingdoms
- Costa Rica Eco Explorer for Young Alumni
- Greece: Athens & Paros
- Normandy: The 75th Anniversary of D-Day

**SEPTEMBER**
- Ireland: Killarney
- The Portrait of Italy
- Masterpiece Montage

**OCTOBER**
- St. Lawrence Seaway & French Canada
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
- Captivating Croatia for Young Alumni
- Paris Noir: The African American Experience

**NOVEMBER**
- Majestic Vistas
- Egypt & The Eternal Nile
- Machu Picchu & Galapagos Islands
- Timeless Cuba

**DECEMBER**
- Holiday Markets
- Cloud 9 in Innsbruck for Young Alumni
- Rose Parade New Year’s Eve

**TYPE OF TOUR OR MODE OF TRAVEL**

Outdoor activity, such as hiking, swimming, cycling, boating, or cold weather activity

Land travel

Train travel

Air travel included from select cities

Cruise

No single supplement for solo travelers

Wildlife

Historical
SANDY SHORES: MIAMI TO MIAMI

From: $2,949 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next

Sail the warm waters of the Caribbean during a fantastic trip to Cuba, the Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas. Arrive in Miami and after checking into your hotel, spend the evening at leisure. Join in a group lecture focusing on Cuban and Latin American relations and take a panoramic tour of Miami and see Little Havana, Coral Gables, and Coconut Grove. Board Sirena and journey to Havana and spend two days taking in this captivating city. Then, stop in Cienfuegos and see the city’s tranquil seaside setting and neoclassical architecture. Continue to Santiago de Cuba, offering a plethora of rich heritage and Punta Cana, known for its sugar-fine sands. Before returning to Miami, visit Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas and the centerpiece of the island nation since the days of Blackbeard.

EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA WITH MSU PROFESSOR WILLIAM PORTER

From: $9,995 per person, plus airfare // Thomas P. Gohagan & Co.

Take part in this spectacular 14-day journey featuring a nine-night exclusively chartered cruise to Antarctica, Earth’s last frontier. Sail aboard the intimate Le Boréal, one of the finest vessels in Antarctic waters. Experience “The White Continent” with its sensational icebergs, turquoise glaciers, penguin rookeries and breaching whales. Accompanied by the ship’s expedition team of naturalists, board sturdy Zodiac watercraft for excursions ashore and observe the playful antics of this region’s abundant wildlife—penguins and seals. The expedition team will provide a series of enriching lectures on this pristine wilderness. Spend two nights at the five-star Intercontinental Buenos Aires Hotel, including a tour of Argentina’s vibrant capital city. Extend your journey with the exclusive three-night Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option.
**DOGSLEDDING AND ICE CAVES OF MICHIGAN’S UPPER PENINSULA**

From: $1,980 per couple, $1,095 single occupancy // Nature’s Kennel

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**JANUARY 9-12, 2019**

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**OUTBACK EXPLORER: SYDNEY TO AUCKLAND**

From: $6,899 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next

Take in the best of Australia and New Zealand, destinations of thrilling contrasts and incredible scenery. Depart Sydney for Eden, a sleepy seaside town that’s home to the fascinating Eden Killer Whale Museum, and sail to Melbourne, a vibrant capital with chic art galleries and gardens. Spend two days exploring the marvelous city before continuing to Brunie, where you can uncover natural splendors in its many wilderness areas. Then, navigate one of the world’s most exquisite fjords, Milford Sound, with its dramatic cliffs, verdant forests, and staggering waterfalls. Look for sunbathing fur seals and yellow-eyed penguins in Dunedin, and stroll Akaroa’s streets. Discover the art scene in Wellington, and view Art Deco architecture in Napier. Before ending your adventure in Auckland, visit Tauranga, a harbourside city rich with Maori culture, or discover the geothermal wonders of Rotorua.

**JANUARY 14-30, 2019**
SPARKLING SOUTH PACIFIC: PAPEETE TO PAPEETE

From: $4,299 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next

Settle into laid-back island life as you encounter the South Pacific’s pristine beaches and glistening lagoons aboard the luxurious *Marina*. Spend a day exploring Papeete, the capital of French Polynesia in the tropical paradise of Tahiti. Embark *Marina* and sail to verdant Moorea. Take in the greens of the volcanically-formed cliffs and the blues of the still-watered lagoons. Fakarava is home to many rare plant and animal species. Search for unique tropical birds before continuing to Rangiroa where marine life is abundant. Spend two days in Bora Bora, known as the most romantic island in the world, and two days in Raiatea, an island dotted with vanilla plantations that spread the rich, sweet scent. Before ending the cruise back in Papeete, stop in relaxed Huahine with its sunshine and pristine natural areas.

JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 10, 2019

THE PRIDE OF SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA AND ZIMBABWE

With MSU Professor Dr. John Metzler

From: $8,395 per person, plus airfare // Thomas P. Gohagan & Co.

Few experiences can match this itinerary traveling the breadth of southern Africa, where history is rich, culture is diverse and “Big Five” game viewing is extraordinary. Follow Nelson Mandela’s long road to freedom in South Africa. Enjoy a three-night river safari aboard the chartered, 28-passenger, five-star *Zambezi Queen* on Namibia’s Chobe River. The itinerary also includes a land safari, with superb game viewing in safari vehicles through Botswana, a haven for southern African mammal species. Visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites, including one of the world’s Seven Natural Wonders, Zimbabwe’s Victoria Falls. Enjoy five-star hotel accommodations in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Victoria Falls. Extend your safari experience with the Pre-Program Option in the Malamala Private Game Reserve.

FEBRUARY 14-28, 2019
SINGAPORE, THAILAND AND ANGKOR WAT, FEATURING THE EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS
From: $6,795 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel

In modern cities and centuries-old ruins, discover the diversity of Southeast Asia during a 10-night journey to Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, and Cambodia. Explore Singapore’s Malaysian and Chinese roots in traditional neighborhoods, and taste homemade dumplings at a cooking demonstration. Embark on a two-night train journey to Bangkok aboard the Eastern & Oriental Express, transporting you back to the golden age of travel. Visit Kuala Kangsar, the royal city of Malaysia’s Sultan of Perak, and cruise the Kwai Yai River, and learn about the World War II history of the Thailand-Burma Railway. In Bangkok, visit golden temples and cruise the Thonburi canals. Fly to Siem Reap, and discover the serene Angkor temples of Cambodia.

FEBRUARY 15-28, 2019

THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS
From: $4,995, plus airfare // Orbridge, Inc.

Explore the Galapagos Islands, one of the most biologically unique places on Earth. Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, the Galapagos Islands are home to an array of wildlife inhabiting an unspoiled ecosystem. Expert naturalists guide you through the wonders of this national park. Each island in this volcanic archipelago hosts species that are exquisitely adapted to the surrounding environments. Because the human presence is still relatively minimal, many of the animals are remarkably unafraid of visitors. Accommodations are aboard the Isabela II, a 40-guest vessel with spacious cabins, local cuisine, and a staff dedicated to ensuring your comfort and maximum enjoyment.

FEBRUARY 20-27, 2019
THE BEST OF TANZANIA SAFARI

From: $6,875 per person, plus airfare

Optional Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Trekking Safari or Zanzibar Extensions // March 13-16

Under the limitless blue sky of East Africa lives a wild animal population that is staggering in size and variety. 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. Stay 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 the sights and sounds of the wild, creates a genuine safari atmosphere never to be forgotten.

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ATLANTIC ENCOUNTERS: NEW YORK TO LONDON
From: $3,899 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next
Take in renowned sights on both sides of the Atlantic, first in Canada, then in Ireland and France. Sail to Saint John, a town located on Canada’s unique Bay of Fundy. Witness the Reversing Falls and take in nineteenth-century Victorian-style buildings before continuing to Halifax. Experience St. John’s multi-colored row houses and its strong artistic and musical spirit before sailing across the Atlantic to Cobh. Take in scenic views of the vast harbor, or consider visiting the nearby lively town of Cork to explore its seventeenth-century alleyways. Sail to Ireland’s capital, Dublin, that packs character into neatly lined rows of Georgian buildings and cobblestone streets. Saint-Malo, a beautiful fortified town sitting on France’s coast, is perfect for exploration. Before ending your cruise in Southampton, visit Le Havre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

APRIL 5-19, 2019

SOUTHERN GRANDEUR: MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS
From: $2,599 per person, plus airfare // Go Next
Relax in the history and hospitality of the South on this week-long riverboat experience. Before embarking on the stately American Queen spend the night in Memphis, a town with rich blues heritage and compelling Civil War sites. Travel to Vicksburg which offers up an array of boutiques and museums in its charming downtown district. Sail to Natchez, the oldest city on the Mississippi, graced with stunning gardens and palatial mansions, and then to Baton Rouge. This capital city’s political history is reflected in a collection of landmarks, from the elegantly furnished Old Governor’s Mansion to the imposing neo-Gothic Old State Capitol. Continue to St. Francisville, a beautiful town with unique shops and historic homes to discover. Before disembarking in New Orleans, journey to Nottoway and explore the impressive halls of the largest plantation house in the South.

APRIL 7-15, 2019
THE MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

From: $3,979 per person, plus airfare // Sports & Entertainment Travel

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

APRIL 10-13, 2019

HISTORIC SOUTH AND GOLDEN ISLES CRUISE: JACKSONVILLE TO CHARLESTON

From: $4,995 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel

Delight in an exploration of South Carolina and Georgia, and experience the U.S. South’s most charming destinations along the Intracoastal Waterway. This nine-night journey includes a seven-night cruise aboard a state-of-the-art ship, plus two nights in Charleston, South Carolina. Choose from a variety of optional excursions, such as carriage and trolley tours, history tours, alligator and shrimping tours and more, in the ports of Beaufort and Hilton Head Island, Savannah and the Golden Isles of St. Simons Island, and Jekyll Island and Amelia Island, Florida. In Charleston, stroll the tree-lined sidewalks and admire its antebellum architectural styles. On the first-class, small-ship cruising experience, relax in well-appointed, spacious staterooms, and enjoy an extensive meal program, a showcase of delicious low country, and Southern cuisine.

APRIL 13-22, 2019
SOUTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS
From: $3,995 per person, plus airfare // Orbridge, Inc.
Take part in this 10-day journey through a spectacular series of natural wonders in the American Southwest. Travel to Grand Canyon National Park for awe-inspiring views from the park’s rim. Admire the beauty of light striking Antelope Canyon’s narrow sandstone walls, share a peaceful evening with Navajo storytelling, and ponder cultures past and present at a petroglyph site during a river raft ride down Glen Canyon. Continue to Utah where you’ll spend enjoyable time at all five national parks—Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, and Zion—viewing rock formations and otherworldly landscapes that must be seen to be believed. Joined by an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader and traveling in the comfort of a private motor coach, there is no better way to visit our national parks.

MAY 1-10, 2019

ESSENTIAL EUROPE FOR GRADUATING SENIORS
From: $4,095 per person, plus airfare. Greece Extension: $765 per person // AESU Alumni World Travel
This tour is designed specifically for MSU graduating seniors ages 21-25. From the pageantry of London, the beauty of Paris, the glorious art of Florence, 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, 8-country trip includes all of Europe’s “must-see” sites, such as Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, and Vatican City. Travel in the company of other recent graduates while seeing Europe’s enchanting countryside. The tour will be accompanied by a tour director, motor coach driver, and local city historians who will enhance the adventure with insights into many historical sites. Before settling into that new job or graduate school, celebrate college success with this unforgettable voyage. A five-day Greece extension is also available.

MAY 12-29, GREECE EXTENSION, MAY 29-JUNE 3
ITALY’S MAGNIFICENT LAKE DISTRICT
From: $3,495 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel

Discover northern Italy’s Lake District, where sparkling lakes mirror the green hills and craggy slopes of the Alpine foothills. Based in the town of Stresa by Lake Maggiore, spend your time exploring breathtaking islands, lakeside towns, and Milan. On Isola San Giulio, see the Romanesque basilica. Glide across Lake Como to admire the villas and picture-perfect villages that adorn the shore. Learn the secrets of northern Italian cuisine during a cooking lesson. In Milan, see Leonardo Da Vinci’s “The Last Supper,” and choose between a tour exploring the fashion industry and an excursion to the Duomo and La Scala’s museum. This small-group program features seven nights’ accommodations, an extensive meal plan, including wine with dinner, and a series of interesting lectures.

MAY 14-22, 2019

SPAIN: ANDALUCÍA IN A PARADOR
From: $2,795 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel

Experience romantic southern Spain on a seven-night journey through the heart of Andalucía. Stay in a modern parador in the charming town of Antequera, and discover the history and culture of Al-Andalus on daily excursions. Admire the beautiful legacy of the Moors: the courtyards and fountains of the Alhambra in Granada; the iconic red-and-white arches of La Mezquita in Córdoba; and the imposing Alcázar in Sevilla. Visit an organic winery for a tasting and lunch, and spend a day exploring Málaga. Enjoy first-class accommodations and an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner on this small-group program. No single supplement for solo travelers.

MAY 23-31, 2019
JOURNEY ALONG THE ELBE RIVER: BERLIN TO PRAGUE
From: $4,895 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel
Cruise through enchanting scenery and centuries of history aboard an exclusively chartered paddleboat cruiser. Christened in 2016, the MS Elbe Princesse visits Germany and the Czech Republic along the Elbe and Vltava rivers. Enjoy eight nights onboard, plus one night each in first-class hotels in Berlin and Prague. See Berlin's famed landmarks, including the Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate. Stroll through Potsdam's terraced Sanssouci gardens and Cecilienhof Palace. In Wittenberg, delve into Martin Luther's revolutionary teachings. Gaze over the spectacular Elbe Sandstone Mountains, delight in Litomerice's colorful architecture and explore Prague's Old Town. Insightful lectures along the way will give deeper insight into the history and heritage of these destinations. The tour includes first-class hotel and ship accommodations and an extensive meal plan with complimentary drinks onboard.

MAY 27-JUNE 7, 2019

GREAT JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE
From: $3,995 per person, plus airfare // Thomas P. Gohagan & Co.
This “Grand Tour” of Europe features a combination of river, rail, lake, and mountain travel including five nights aboard the deluxe AMADEUS SILVER II. Journey through the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland while cruising the most scenic sections of the Rhine River. Guided excursions feature five UNESCO World Heritage sites including Amsterdam’s storybook canals, Cologne’s magnificent Gothic cathedral, the Rhine River Valley, the lovely city of Strasbourg and through Bern’s Old Town. Visit Germany’s medieval Rüdesheim and 13th-century Heidelberg Castle. Spend two nights each in Zermatt and Lucerne; ride aboard three legendary railways, the Gornergrat Bahn, the Glacier Express from Zermatt to Andermatt and the Pilatus Railway—the world’s steepest cogwheel railway—and enjoy a cruise on Lake Lucerne. A two-night Amsterdam pre-program option is available.

JUNE 6-16, 2019
BIG TEN CRUISE - MEDITERRANEAN MARVELS: ROME TO MONTE CARLO, FEATURING DR. MONA HANNA-ATTISHA

From: $4,099 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next

Join MSU Alumnae Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha for the second Big Ten cruise to the beautiful Mediterranean. Spend 10 nights traveling from Rome to Monte Carlo reveling in enriching onboard experiences with alumni and friends from each Big Ten university. Included will be fascinating lectures, private Big Ten tailgates, receptions and interactions with the other Big Ten Ambassadors and celebrity lecturer Verne Lundquist. Depart Civitavecchia and sail to Amalfi, an enchanting town filled with ancient wonders. Nearby, Positano charms all who visit with its colorful fishing boats and Moorish-style houses. Continue to Palermo, a city that cohesively blends its multicultural identity, and Valletta, home to a vast collection of famed landmarks.

JUNE 7-18, 2019

BALTIC & SCANDINAVIAN BALLADS

From: $3,899 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next

Enjoy historic charms as you sail the Baltic Sea between legendary cities. Embark Marina in Stockholm, and sail to Tallinn where red-roofed homes line cobblestone streets and ancient churches are ornamented by dominant spires. Continue to Saint Petersburg for a two-day visit, then take in the Russian metropolis and its many palaces before sailing to Helsinki, where innovative architecture overlooks green parks and open-air markets. Continue to Riga, where Art Nouveau structures transform city streets into works of art. Stroll past stately buildings in Klaipėda and wander the avenues of the Polish city of Gdańsk. Before concluding in Copenhagen, sail to the city of Rostock, a seaside gem in northern Germany, or travel inland to Berlin, one of Europe’s liveliest capitals.

JUNE 13-24, 2019
DISCOVER SOUTHEAST ALASKA WITH MSU PROFESSOR DR. DANIEL HAYES
From: $3,495 per person, plus airfare // Orbridge, Inc.
Spend eight days navigating the waterways of the Inside Passage aboard the 66-passenger, Admiration Dream, and witness wildlife up close. Encounter magnificent peaks and fjords, and ice-blue glaciers while learning about the traditions of Alaska’s ancient cultures. Begin the tour with a Denali National Park Pre-Tour Extension. Experience a historic Alaska Railroad journey into the scenic landscape of Alaska. With superior viewing from an upgraded GoldStar dome seat, watch Alaska’s rugged forests and wildlife fill the panorama of your window to your final destination of the stunning Denali National Park and Reserve. This vast wilderness is home to Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou, and grizzly bears.
JUNE 21-28, 2019

NEW ENGLAND ISLANDS CRUISE
From: $4,595 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel
Discover New England on an eight-night journey that introduces you to the history and culture of the U.S. Northeast. Begin with a night on land in Providence, Rhode Island, before embarking on a seven-night, round-trip cruise aboard the American Star along coastal Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Learn about Massachusetts’ whaling industry in New Bedford, tour historic Fort Ames by Narragansett Bay, delve into America’s Cup history at a yacht museum and tour Blithewold, an elegant 19th-century Rhode island estate. Customize your cruise with optional excursions, such as tours of Newport’s stately “summer cottages” and the island getaways of Nantucket and Martha’s Vineyard. Enjoy first-class accommodations in Providence. While cruising, relax in well-appointed, spacious staterooms, and enjoy ample meals, a showcase of delicious food, including seafood and other New England specialties.
JUNE 28-JULY 6, 2019
PORTUGAL ADVENTURE FOR YOUNG ALUMNI
From: $1,695 per person, plus airfare // AESU Alumni World Travel
Designed for alumni ages 22–35 this is a ‘dream come true’ for hands-on travelers. Take a walk through Lisbon’s Belem district or ride the famous tram 28 and visit the popular tourist districts of Graca, Alfama, Baixa, and Estrela or discover Lisbon’s waterfront by kayak or canoe. Explore Sintra with its fairy-tale castles, exotic gardens, and glittering palaces. Horseback ride across meadows, dunes and coastal forests on the Costa Alentejana and eat delicious local cuisine in the fishing village of Sines. Endless watersports await on the famous Algarve beaches as well as some well-earned time to relax. Visit the oldest University town of Coimbra before arriving at the culinary center of Porto. Wine and port tastings and a fantastic bike ride through the Douro Valley put the finishing touches on this Portugal Adventure.

JULY 7-14, 2019
JULY 26-AUGUST 3, 2019

POLAND: KRAKÓW
From: $3,095 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel
Beautiful Kraków is a delight to explore. Discover its merchant past in Rynek Gówny, Europe’s largest market plaza, and the 16th-century Cloth Hall, where traders once hawked spices, textiles, and goods. See St. Mary’s Basilica and its wooden altar. Visit Kraków’s historic Jewish Quarter and Oskar Schindler’s factory. Learn more about Poland’s tragic wartime history at Auschwitz or join an excursion to a nearby model post-war communist community. Outside the city, descend into the amazing Wieliczka Salt Mine. Take a walk in Ojcow National Park to see the unusual limestone rock formations and visit the 14th-century Pieskowa Skala Castle. Take a scenic train ride to Warsaw to explore the capital city. Enjoy first-class accommodations and an extensive meal plan, featuring wine with dinner.

JULY 26-AUGUST 3, 2019
CELTIC KINGDOMS
From: $4,299 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next
Embark on this luxury cruise aboard Marina in London, Britain’s timeless capital that blends history and pageantry. Marvel at Edinburgh’s 12th-century castle perched atop the Castle Rock. Head ashore in Invergordon and immerse in the wild beauty of the Scottish Highlands. Browse the imaginative museums and art galleries in Glasgow and sail to Ireland’s capital, Dublin. Spend two days in Dublin and admire this city’s character, find it etched in the neatly lined rows of Georgian buildings, quaint cobblestone streets, Victorian pubs, and the stately buildings of Trinity College and Dublin Castle. Delight in scenic views of the vast harbor, or consider visiting the nearby spirited town of Cork to explore its 17th-century alleyways that lead to historical and cultural sites. Before the final stop in London, visit Portland to take in the Jurassic Coast’s stunning scenery.

AUGUST 3-14, 2019

COSTA RICA ECO EXPLORER FOR YOUNG ALUMNI
From: $1,375 per person, plus airfare // AESU Alumni World Travel
Designed for alumni ages 22-35, this tour is filled with active and fun experiences. Travel to this small but diverse country on an adventure tour of wildly contrasting landscapes. Step off the beaten track and explore the Rincón de la Vieja region, known for its active volcanos and bubbling mud pools, natural hot springs and shooting geysers. Get the adrenaline going on a whitewater tubing trip or rappel waterfalls cascading over beautiful canyons. Zip line through the rainforest canopy or enjoy the lush jungle and open plains by horseback or a guided nature hike. Enjoy geothermal activities of an active volcano by soaking in its hot mineral springs or taking a therapeutic mud bath. Relax on the beautiful Hermosa beaches or jump on a surfboard and ride the waves.

AUGUST 7-11, 2019
GREECE: ATHENS & POROS
From: $2,295 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel

Delight in the juxtaposition of the ancient and modern in Greece. Ascend the Acropolis and gaze upon the Parthenon, shielded by its perch from the sounds of the city below. Leave the city behind to experience the slower pace of island life on Poros. Stroll by the sea and see freshly caught octopus hanging to dry by a waterfront taverna; listen to the banter from the kafenion, the neighborhood coffee shop; and join the fun at a festive Greek night. Poros, opposite the storied Peloponnese, gives access to the best of Greece. Explore the 2,400-year-old theater in Epidaurus and the fascinating ruins of Mycenae. Visit the island of Hydra, and pretty Nafplio, the country’s first capital. Enjoy first-class accommodations during two nights in Athens and five nights on Poros. The extensive meal plan features wine with dinner.

AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

NORMANDY: DEAUVILLE – 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY
From: $3,195 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel

From rolling green hills to the beautiful sea, discover the essence of Normandy as well as its pivotal role in history. On this seven-night journey, experience classic Norman culture. Explore Mont-Saint-Michel, where a medieval monastery seemingly rises out of the sea, and see the Bayeux Tapestry, the embroidered story of William the Conqueror’s Battle of Hastings victory. Taste Normandy’s contributions to French cuisine, and sip Calvados, the region’s celebrated cider brandy. And as the world marks the 75th anniversary of D-Day, spend two full days visiting Omaha and Utah beaches, Normandy American Cemetery and other sites associated with this crucial World War II battle. Enjoy first-class accommodations in Deauville and an extensive meal plan, featuring wine with dinner, on this small-group program. There is no supplement for solo travelers.

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 7, 2019
IRELAND: KILLARNEY
From: $3,295 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel
Discover the rich culture and rugged beauty of Ireland on a journey through County Kerry. Delve into Irish traditions in Killarney, and explore the Kerry Gaeltacht, one of the country’s regions that nurtures Irish language and culture. Watch Irish singers and dancers, kiss the Blarney Stone and sing along to famous Irish tunes. See the Wild Atlantic Way, as the untamed coastline is known; explore the beautiful Dingle Peninsula and discover the history of the Blasket Islands. Sail across Bantry Bay to admire the rare and exotic plants on Garnish Island. Experience a whiskey tasting, an elegant afternoon tea in Kenmare and a specially prepared farm-to-fork meal. Enjoy first-class accommodations and an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner on this small-group program.

SEPTEMBER 17-25, 2019

PORTRAIT OF ITALY
From: $5,274 per person, including airfare from select cities (price may differ based on the gateway city) // Odysseys Unlimited
This 16-day small group tour showcases ancient sites, contemporary life, priceless art, and unique accommodations. Begin in stunning seaside Amalfi and experience the breathtaking coast and visit Pompeii’s ruins. Continue to Rome, where sightseeing includes the Colosseum, the Forum, St. Peter’s Square, and the Sistine Chapel. Spend three nights in pastoral Umbria, Italy’s “green heart,” savoring a cooking demonstration in Orvieto, and a visit to the charming town of Assisi. Journey through the alluring region of Tuscany and tour splendid Siena. Discover Florence, living monument to the Renaissance, and encounter classic Tuscany in the hill town of San Gimignano. Sample local wine before concluding the tour in wondrous Venice. An optional 2-night post-tour extension in Venice is available.

SEPTEMBER 17-OCTOBER 2, 2019
MASTERPIECE MONTAGE: ROME TO BARCELONA
From: $2,899 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next
Embark Sirena in Civitavecchia, and sail to Livorno for a visit to Florence or Pisa. Take in Corsica’s stunning rugged countryside while you visit Ajaccio, the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte. Explore La Spezia’s trattorias or consider a trip along the Cinque Terre where centuries-old Italian villages await. See Portofino, a fishing village turned seaside resort, with pretty pastel-colored houses on the harbor. Continue to Monte Carlo, a city surrounded by the destinations of Nice, Èze, and Cannes. Toulon draws visitors with its ever-vibrant waterfront, while romantic canals and historic architecture add to the magical atmosphere. Before ending the cruise in Barcelona, travel to the island of Mallorca de Palma, a town with impressive architecture, and to Valencia, famed for its unique mix of Baroque cathedrals and futuristic architecture.

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 11, 2019

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY & FRENCH CANADA
From: $5,199 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next
Embark in Montréal and sail to Québec City. Stroll through the cobbled streets and embrace the magic and charm of its well-preserved historic sites. Journey through the Thousand Islands, an archipelago of over 1,800 islands rising up from the St. Lawrence River. Visit Kingston, popular as a freshwater diving site, and host to Cork, the Freshwater Sailing Festival. Toronto is a vibrant city abuzz with activity, and home to some of the world’s finest restaurants, bars, clubs, and eclectic festivals. Travel to Port Colborne, and enjoy its diverse vibrant culture and its famous Niagara Falls attractions. Cleveland offers a sophisticated and unique travel experience while staying in touch with its functionality as a working-class city. Before disembarking in Detroit, take a guided trolley tour viewing more than one hundred of Cleveland’s points of interest.

OCTOBER 1-10, 2019
CAPTIVATING CROATIA FOR YOUNG ALUMNI
From: $1,625 per person, plus airfare // AESU Alumni World Travel

Designed for alumni ages 22-35, this captivating tour is sure to delight. Located between the Balkans and central Europe, Croatia is home to Venetian palaces, Napoleonic forts, and Viennese mansions. Diverse culinary culture, heavily influenced by Italy, has inspired adventurous Balkan dishes paired with remarkable local wines and olive oils. Croatia’s natural beauty can be found at UNESCO World Heritage Parks, fabulous islands, and beaches with crystal clear waters. The producers of the HBO TV series ‘Game of Thrones’ used many of these historic locations as filming sites. Walk along the ancient city walls of Dubrovnik, the setting for King’s Landing and visit the ‘Red Keep.’ Step inside Diocletian’s Palace in Split, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the world’s most impressive Roman monuments – and visit the dungeons where Daenerys Targaryen kept her Dragons.

ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA
From: $1,839 per person, plus airfare // Sports & Entertainment Travel

Dating back more than four decades, the first week in October has brought the smell of roasting chiles and the beautiful, magical moving picture show of hot air balloons sailing silently through the crisp air. Hear the thrilling roar of hundreds of burners simultaneously igniting, turning the Balloon Fiesta Park into a remarkable site with hundreds of thousands of smiling, upturned faces, awestruck by the spectacular beauty of hot air balloons filling the big blue New Mexico sky. Sit front and center at the Chasers’ Club hospitality patio for two morning and evening sessions featuring Dawn Patrol and Evening Glow. Enjoy hotel accommodations and free time in Old Town Albuquerque, exploring local museums, shops, and galleries.

OCTOBER 11-14, 2019
OCTOBER 21-27, 2019
PARIS NOIR: THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE WITH MSU PROFESSOR DR. RODNEY WHITAKER
From: $3,495 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel
Discover the reach of African-American culture in Paris and walk in the footsteps of luminaries such as Josephine Baker, Langston Hughes, Eugene Bullard and Miles Davis. From jazz musicians and club owners to writers and scholars, many African-Americans felt welcome and accepted in Paris in the years following World War I. Trace the rich history of the city’s African-American community on specially designed walking tours, watch a documentary about the African-American influence in 1920s’ and 1930s’ Paris and meet the filmmakers for a Q&A session, and listen to the music that entranced the city at a jazz concert. Along the way, enjoy quintessential Parisian experiences. This small-group program, ideal for active travelers, features first-class accommodations and an extensive meal plan.

OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 4, 2019

MAJESTIC VISTAS: VENICE TO ROME
From: $1,999 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next
Explore ancient cities and alluring architecture, as you set sail across the Ionian Sea. Embark Marina in Venice, and sail to Dubrovnik, an ancient walled city on the Dalmatian Coast that retains its centuries-long allure. View Venetian architecture in Kotor and opulent baroque landmarks in Valletta. Stroll through Messina, a lovely medieval city, filled with history and famous for a cathedral where Richard the Lionheart worshipped in 1190. Before returning to Rome, rejoice in Naples, home to world-class dining, and fascinating museums, or observe the ruins of ancient Pompeii, a vast archaeological site, in the shadow of Mount Vesuvius.

OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 4, 2019
EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE
From: $4,597 per person, including airfare from select cities (price may differ based on the gateway city) // Odysseys Unlimited
Accompanied by an expert Egyptian guide, this small group journey through antiquity begins in Cairo. Visit the Egyptian Museum, Memphis’s open-air museum, splendid Sakkarra, and the astounding Pyramids of Giza with the Great Sphinx. Travel to Abu Simbel to embark on a 3-night Lake Nasser cruise through ancient Nubia. Admire the outstanding temples of Abu Simbel, Ameda, Wadi el-Seboua, New Kalabsha, and Philae, and tour the massive Aswan High Dam. Depart Aswan on a classic 4-night Nile cruise, sailing aboard a traditional felucca; visiting Kom Ombo’s unusual temple and Edfu’s remarkably preserved Temple of Horus. Fly back to Cairo where touring includes the Khan el-Khalili bazaar and Old Cairo. Discover fabled Petra, ancient Jerash, and the capital of Amman with an optional 5-day/4-night Jordan post-tour extension.

MACHU PICCHU & THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS
From: $8,393 per person, including airfare from select cities (price may differ based on the gateway city) // Odysseys Unlimited
Machu Picchu’s enigmatic ruins and the fascinating Galapagos Islands rank among South America’s greatest treasures. This 16-day adventure begins with Lima’s highlights. Traverse the magnificent Sacred Valley, visiting Incan sites and indigenous villages, during a two-night stay. Stay overnight at Machu Picchu, absorbing the mystery of this impressive site on two tours. Spend the next four nights on beautiful Santa Cruz Island, cruising on a private yacht to nearby islands. Learn about Darwin’s “living laboratory” and observe giant Galapagos tortoises and other unique Galapagos wildlife. Explore Santa Cruz with its lava tunnels before returning to Quito for a final day of exploration. Discover the Amazon on an exceptional 4-day/4-night pre-tour extension.
HOLIDAY MARKETS
From: $2,295 per person, plus airfare // AHI Travel
Celebrate centuries-old traditions on a Rhine River cruise to the holiday markets in France, Germany, and Switzerland. Holiday delights of Old World decorations, toys, jewelry, and more, fill these festive fairs. The scent of cinnamon and nutmeg and the sounds of carolers and bells will enchant the senses.

In Heidelberg, visit the castle and attend a musical performance. Admire Cologne’s spectacular cathedral, and personalize the cruise with a selection of included excursions in Basel, Breisach, Rüdesheim, and Strasbourg. Ample free time allows the opportunity to explore the markets at leisure. Aboard the exclusively chartered first-class MS Amadeus Silver III, never miss a sight, including the scenic Rhine Gorge. All meals are included and wine, beer, and soft drinks are complimentary with lunches and all dinners aboard the ship. There is no supplement for solo travelers.

TIMELESS CUBA: MIAMI TO MIAMI
From: $2,349 per person, including airfare from select cities // Go Next
Cruise the waters of the Caribbean during a fantastic trip to Cuba. Arrive in Miami and after checking into the hotel, gather for a group lecture focusing on Cuban and Latin American Affairs, take a panoramic tour of Miami and see Little Havana, Coral Gables, and Coconut Grove. Embark Insignia and set sail to Cuba, discover the true depth and beauty of the once-forbidden destination. Spend two days exploring Havana, a captivating city with an old-fashioned aesthetic. Sail to Cienfuegos, known as the Pearl of the South, the city’s French spirit, tranquil seaside setting, and neoclassical architecture are sure to enchant.

Before returning to Miami, stop in Santiago de Cuba. Wedged between looming mountains and the Caribbean Sea, the city offers a plethora of rich heritage and cultural diversions amidst a dramatic backdrop.

NOVEMBER 15-23, 2019
DECEMBER 4-12, 2019
CLOUD 9 IN INNSBRUCK FOR YOUNG ALUMNI
From: $1,695 per person, plus airfare // AESU Alumni World Travel

This tour is designed for alumni ages 22-35. Come celebrate New Year’s Eve in the Austrian Alps, high above the city of Innsbruck. Travel back in time, strolling down the charming narrow streets of the Old Town, exuding a special charm and sophistication that is unique in the Alps. Enjoy the festive atmosphere in the city, taste roasted chestnuts, or enjoy a cup of hot chocolate in a fashionable café. Take part in your very own Winter Olympics on the mountain, then ring in the New Year over 6,200 feet above sea level at “Cloud 9” - an igloo club with stunning views of the city and the New Year’s Eve laser show. Bring your friends. You don’t want to miss out on this one.

DECEMBER 29, 2019–JANUARY 2, 2020
DECEMBER 30, 2019–JANUARY 4, 2020

ROSE PARADE NEW YEAR’S EVE
From: $3,295 per person, including airfare from select cities // Premier World Discovery

On this comprehensive tour of Southern California, visit beautiful Mission San Juan Capistrano and see spectacular coastal views. Ring in the New Year at a dinner party filled with dancing, live music, and a champagne toast. Experience the Tournament of Roses Parade from reserved grandstand seats and later lunch at the famous Lawry’s Restaurant. Next, take part in a Hollywood & Beverly Hills tour featuring Rodeo Drive, Grauman’s Chinese Theater, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. See the Showcase of Floats, where the floral creations are up close for viewing and then on to the Richard Nixon Presidential Library & Museum. Conclude your journey with a day trip further south to San Diego for a city tour and a cruise through the harbor.
PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS
To enjoy the majority of the travel experience, participants must be in good physical and mental health and be able to keep pace with the group. Extreme variations in altitude, temperature, and humidity should be considered when traveling in certain parts of the country. Many excursions are walking on uneven terrain. An individual able and willing to provide all required aid must accompany anyone whom we consider to require extraordinary assistance. The MSU Alumni Association and its tour operators reserve the right to decline any person who, in their judgment, is unable to meet the physical requirements for the program(s) of interest.

REQUESTING BROCHURE(S)
To order one or more brochures, please visit alumni.msu.edu/travel. Travel brochures are generally printed as friends of the university. University alumni and their families, as well as friends of the university, are printed throughout the calendar year. If you haven’t received a requested brochure or wish to order additional copies, please contact us at 888-697-2863 or visit us at MSU Alumni Association (MSUAA) travel headquarters, 535 Chestnut Road, Room 300, East Lansing, MI 48824.

TOUR OPERATORS
Travel arrangements for these travel programs are handled by the particular tour operator designated on each brochure. Dates, itineraries, program details, and costs are given in good faith and are subject to change and revision. All tour prices listed are per person, double occupancy, exclusive of airfare, based on double occupancy, current exchange rates and tariffs. Single occupancy space becomes available you will be notified. You will be happy to place you on a wait list and if space becomes available you will be notified. All tour prices listed are per person, excluding non-refundable deposit(s) and taxes. Exit taxes, fuel surcharges, and government taxes are non-refundable. The MSU Alumni Association makes every effort to assign an MSU host/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.

WAIT LIST
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ELIGIBILITY
MSU Alumni Association (MSUAA) travel tours are open to all Michigan State University alumni and their families, as well as friends of the university.

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WHY DO I NEED TRAVEL INSURANCE?
Travel arrangements are a major expense for possible cancellation fees and to protect your monetary investment we strongly recommend you purchase travel insurance.

MSU HOSTS
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COVER YOUR TRAVEL INVESTMENT WITH TRAVEL INSURANCE SERVICES.
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