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Spartan Pathways Travel
MSU Alumni

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dear Spartan travelers,

Greetings from the campus of Michigan State University. As the director of the MSU Alumni Office Spartan Pathways travel program, I understand how difficult the last two years have been and I appreciate your patience and fortitude during this unprecedented time. I'm happy to say travel is in full swing once again and I'm pleased to share with you our travel offerings for 2023.

As in the past, along with our travel partners, we continue to offer excellent tour options which can open your eyes to the unique cultures, history and beautiful sites of the world.

Let us take you, your family and friends to the places you've been longing to explore.

Get ready to experience golf in France, the wonderful wildlife of the Denali National Park, the picturesque landscape of the Amalfi Coast, the icon pyramids of Egypt and hundreds of balloons in the air in Albuquerque.

On each of these trips you'll have the opportunity to meet and share the experience with fellow Spartans.

If you have questions once you browse through our listing of tours,

give us a call at 888-697-2863 or visit alumni.msu.edu/travel.

As Martin Buber said, "All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware." I hope we can help you experience new destinations.

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Regina Cross '91
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Office

-  = Airfare Included
-  = Art / Architecture
-  = Cruise
-  = Historical
-  = Land Travel
-  = Outdoor Activity
-  = Rail
-  = Wildlife

The MSU Alumni Office takes your health and safety seriously and our partner tour operators have established health and safety protocols to keep travelers safe throughout the tour.

Dog Sledding and Ice Formations of Michigan's Upper Peninsula

JANUARY 22 - 25

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FROM \$1,450 SINGLE OCCUPANCY, \$2,720 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY



Brought to you by Nature's Kennel and Lead Dog Travel



Taste of the Caribbean Featuring the Panama Canal — Panama City to Miami

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 7

Conjure up images of white beaches, idyllic islands and ancient ruins on this 10-night journey aboard Oceania Cruises' *Sirena*. Spend a full day in Panama City, then journey through the Panama Canal, one of the modern world's most heroic feats of engineering. Stop along the shores of the Caribbean Sea in Cartagena and witness some of the finest historical architecture in Columbia. Surround yourself with forest-lined beaches and the white-peaked Sierra Nevada in Santa Marta. Visit Oranjestad, the charming capital of Aruba and stroll past the brightly hued colonial buildings. Cross the floating bridge and admire the many murals in Willemstad. Before journey's end in Miami, become a rum maestro during a distillery tour in the Cayman Islands, or live the ultimate dream and look for stingrays while scuba diving.

FROM \$3,099 PER PERSON, AIRFARE INCLUDED FROM SELECT CITIES



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Kiwi & Aussie Explorer — Auckland to Sydney

JANUARY 30 - FEBRUARY 13

Say “g’day” to koalas and kangaroos on this 14-night cruise to the great down under aboard Oceania Cruises’ *Regatta*. Spot spouting geysers in Rotorua and in Napier, taste the flavor of famous vintage vineyards. Hear the sound of songbirds in the colorful seaside town of Picton and discover one of the world’s best water views. Experience Christchurch and learn why it is ranked among the “crème de la crème” of street art around the world. Cruise the Fjords of Milford Sound as craggy cliffs tower over you and spend two days in Melbourne, where you can catch sight of a kookaburra or watch wallabies hop. In Sydney, relax at a café in Geelong and in Burnie, let local cheese makers dazzle your taste buds. Flights for the tour depart the U.S. on January 28.

**FROM \$6,649 PER PERSON, AIRFARE INCLUDED
FROM SELECT CITIES**



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Taking Winter to the Extremes: Full-Day Dog Sledding and Ice Climbing in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula

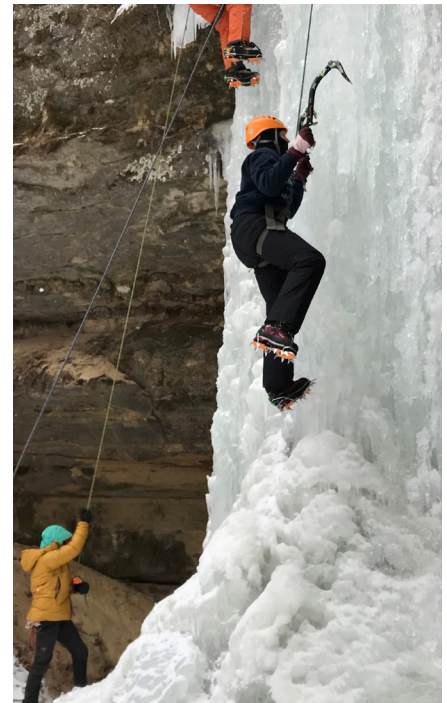
FEBRUARY 5 - 8

Designed for people with little to no experience, join MSU alum, Tasha Stielstra, as she takes you on a dog sledding and ice climbing expedition in Michigan’s beautiful U.P. Hook-up and drive your own dog team on a 20-mile guided dog sledding trip through the pristine trails of Northern Michigan. Nature’s Kennel, Michigan’s premier dog sledding destination, is owned by MSU alums Ed and Tasha Stielstra. Enjoy another day of wintery splendor on an ice climbing expedition in Munising, MI. Instruction will be given for hooking up your dog team and professionals will show you all you need for ice climbing. This tour is limited to 10 people so sign up quickly. You must have good upper-body strength, be able to stand for three to four hours and have good balance.

**FROM \$1,650 SINGLE OCCUPANCY,
\$3,120 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**



Brought to you by Nature’s Kennel and Lead Dog Travel





Journey to Southern Africa

FEBRUARY 5 - 20

This 12-night journey reveals local culture and lands brimming with raw beauty, where pristine wilderness teems with exotic wildlife and wonders. Begin your journey of South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana in Cape Town, a jewel of the Western Cape. Tour poignant Robben Island alongside a knowledgeable guide and spot penguins by the Cape of Good Hope. Then venture to renowned safari destinations: Chobe National Park, Hwange National Park and Kapama Private Game Reserve. Along the way, experience the utmost in luxury aboard Rovos Rail on a three-night train journey, and meet locals in Soweto and other towns. From thundering Victoria Falls to historic Kliptown, Johannesburg to a sunset safari, every moment will touch your heart. This unmatched adventure also includes two flights within South Africa and an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner.

FROM \$8,295 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



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Wolves of Yellowstone

FEBRUARY 11 - 17

Take part in this extraordinary winter adventure: a seven-day wildlife expedition to Yellowstone — North America's best wolf-watching habitat. Experience an ecosystem when its beauty is more untouched by the outside world than any other time of the year. Hushed and magical landscapes are the setting for steaming geysers, trees covered in ice crystals and the movements of bison, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep and other wildlife — followed closely by the park's wolves. Venture aboard custom vehicles with expert naturalists to explore and learn about the animals, environment, hydrothermal activity and history of the park. Enjoy a private sleigh ride through the National Elk Refuge and meet a wildlife photographer for a presentation during a visit to his gallery. Each evening, overnight in atmospheric hotels and a park lodge in the Serengeti of North America.

FROM \$4,995 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



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United Arab Emirates

FEBRUARY 14 - 23

Discover a marvelous fusion of ancient and modern culture framed by golden desert dunes and sparkling gulf waters on this intriguing, eight-night journey to the United Arab Emirates. Stroll through Dubai's historic neighborhood and the colorful Spice and Gold Souks, then take in spectacular contemporary landmarks like Palm Jumeirah and Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building. In Abu Dhabi, tour the stunning Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the magnificent presidential palace, plus learn about the UAE's national bird at a falcon hospital. You'll also chat with Emiratis during two fascinating cultural exchanges and delight in a magical night at a desert resort, complete with traditional dishes, music and belly dancing. Expert guides and lecturers, first-class and deluxe hotels, and an ample meal plan including wine at dinner round out this small-group experience.

**FROM \$3,795 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FOR SOLO TRAVELERS**



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Best of Tanzania

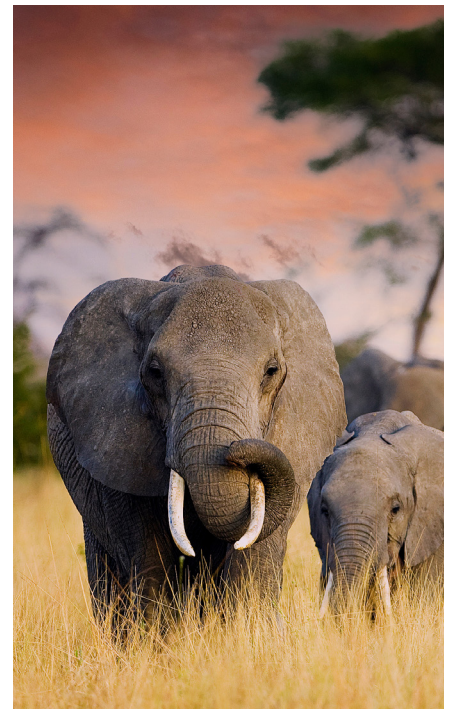
FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 10

Experience and explore Tanzania while traveling to extraordinary national parks and reserves such as Tarangire National Park, known for its large herds of elephant, baobab trees and home to 260 bird species. Revel in the Ngorongoro Crater, a garden of Eden and the only place in East Africa where a natural population of black rhino can be found. Learn about Olduvai Gorge, one of the most important prehistoric sites on Earth and see the acacia-dotted plains of the Serengeti National Park. Enjoy a visit to a Maasai village and Mto Wa Mbu village for a traditional African lunch. Highly-skilled safari guides will introduce you to the wildlife and culture found in East Africa. Accommodations are in safari luxury lodges and tented camps. An optional Serengeti hot air balloon safari with a champagne breakfast is also available.

FROM \$4,950 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



Brought to you by Safari Legacy



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MARCH 5 - 8

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Brought to you by Nature's Kennel Lead Dog Travel

Tasha is a great leader, and it is evident that she cares about these trips, the people on them and of course, her dogs and staff. This trip will be remembered forever.

PATRICIA SHARPNACK
SPARTAN PATHWAY TRAVELER



Hawaii Three Island Adventure

MARCH 14 - 22

Known as the "Paradise of the Pacific," enjoy the many beaches, breathtaking views, and magnificent waterfalls within this incredible island state. Begin in Honolulu and Pearl Harbor, with a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial, dedicated to the fallen heroes who lost their lives in 1941. Continue with the beautiful sights of Punchbowl crater and the State Capital, where a statue of King Kamehameha stands proudly. On the Big Island, learn about the geological and cultural landscapes found at Volcanoes National Park and see an active volcano and black sand beach. In Maui, gaze at spectacular majestic waterfalls and the lush tropical foliage surrounding the Iao Needle. Journey to Mount Haleakalā National Park and travel to the top of Maui's massive dormant volcano, 10,000 feet above sea level. Complete the tour with a traditional Hawaiian luau.

**FROM \$5,695 PER PERSON, INCLUDING AIRFARE
FROM DETROIT (OTHER GATEWAYS AVAILABLE)**



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Charms of the South — Memphis to New Orleans

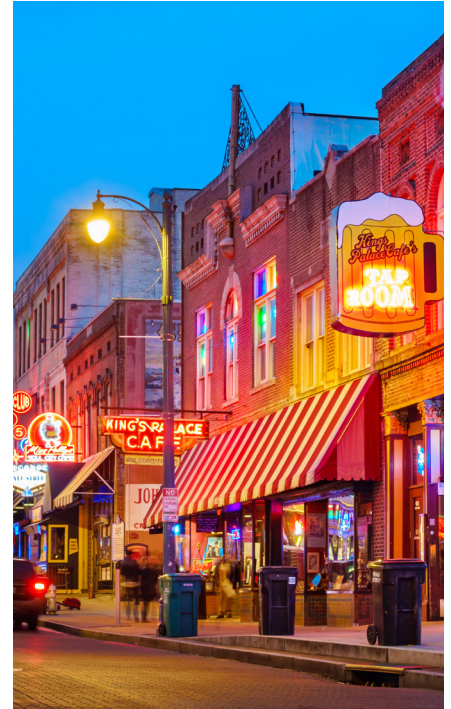
MARCH 19 - 27

Cruise the mighty Mississippi and explore charming locations the South has to offer on this seven-night cruise aboard American Queen Voyages' *American Queen*. Enjoy an included one-night stay in Memphis before embarking on a journey to Louisiana. Bask in the springtime sun and visit historical landmarks in Terrebonne and Vicksburg. Walk the streets of Natchez, Mississippi's oldest city, and explore the Museum of African American History and Culture. Enjoy the peace and quiet of small town living in St. Francisville where the moss-draped oak trees and beautiful gardens are sure to provide picturesque views. Eat like a local in Louisiana's state capital, Baton Rouge, as you enjoy authentic Cajun and Creole cuisine. Before journey's end in New Orleans, check out Nottoway, home of the largest remaining historic mansion in the South.

FROM \$2,399 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



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Tahitian Legends — Papeete to Papeete

MARCH 27 - APRIL 6

A tropical paradise awaits you in French Polynesia. From languorous lagoons to wispy waterfalls, this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Regatta* will take you on an island-hopping adventure through the South Pacific. French Polynesia strings together a trove of tropical sights and sounds. Snorkel in Papeete, Tahiti and climb aboard a catamaran in Moorea or take an off-road safari to look for plump pineapples ripening in the fields. Spot sharks in crystal clear water in Fakarava. Watch dolphins dip and dive in Rangiroa and bob in the blue waters of Bora Bora. From beaches to boats to bottlenose dolphins — this cruise is a welcome respite from the winter blues.

**FROM \$4,699 PER PERSON,
INCLUDING AIRFARE FROM SELECT CITIES**



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Legendary Turkey

APRIL 11 - 25

See ancient ruins, stunning landscapes and the dramatic Turquoise Coast in this fascinating land where Europe and Asia meet. The 15-day Turkish sojourn begins with four nights in magnificent Istanbul, where highlights include the Spice Market, the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia, Topkapi Palace and a private Bosphorus cruise. After experiencing haunting Gallipoli, ferry across the Dardanelles to storied Troy. Discover Pergamum, one of Turkey's most spectacular ancient sites, and explore magnificently preserved Ephesus. Travel to the beautiful port city of Fethiye for two nights. Visit the ghost town of Kayaköy and relax on an idyllic privately chartered day-cruise along the tranquil Turquoise Coast. In Antalya, tour the acclaimed Archaeological Museum, then encounter Perge's outstanding Grecian ruins. Discover ancient Konya and the unique Cappadocia region with an optional five-day/four-night post-tour extension.

**FROM \$4,992 PER PERSON,
INCLUDING AIRFARE FROM DETROIT**



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Canary Islands and Morocco — Las Palmas to Fez

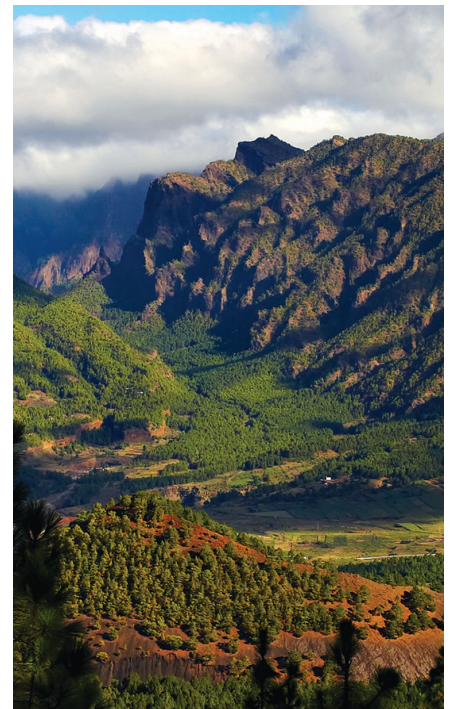
APRIL 12 - 20

Explore the stunning beauty of the Canary Islands and treasures of the rose-pink cities of Morocco on this one-of-a-kind journey, featuring scenic coastlines and idyllic ports. This tour features spectacular opportunities to visit four UNESCO World Heritage Sites and small ports that larger cruise vessels often overlook, with an excursion included in every port. Cruise sea routes once plied by Phoenician and Roman galleys aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star *Le Dumont-d'Urville*, a gracious and classic small ship carrying only 92 guests. Tour the timeless monuments of the dynamic yet ancient societies of the Spanish and the Moors. Contemplate the contrast of ancient and modern in exotic Casablanca, Marrakesh and the spectacular imperial city of Fez. Optional Las Palmas pre-tour and Rabat and Casablanca post-tours are also available.

FROM \$4,995 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



Brought to you by Gohagan & Co.





Blossoming Japan — Tokyo to Tokyo

APRIL 12 - 22

Delve into a rich tapestry of Asian culture and landscapes on this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Nautica*. Begin the journey in metropolitan Tokyo (Yokohama) and set sail for Nagoya. Visit one of Nagoya's many fascinating museums before heading to Osaka to indulge in mouthwatering street food. In Hiroshima, stroll through the beautifully landscaped Hiroshima Gardens or visit the rebuilt Hiroshima Castle. In Busan, explore the renowned large Buddha statues at the Main Buddha Hall. Discover remnants of old Nagasaki beside the modern city. Experience the natural wonders of Shimabara Peninsula with its volcanoes and hot springs. Make a stop in the quaint city of Kochi and sit in awe of the stunning mountains, rivers and beaches. Before returning to Tokyo's neon wonderland, learn of undersea delights at Japan's first sushi museum.

**FROM \$5,199 PER PERSON,
INCLUDING AIRFARE FROM SELECT CITIES**



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Picturesque Mediterranean — Trieste to Barcelona

APRIL 14 - 24

Whether you're a history buff, a wine connoisseur or a sun bather, the Mediterranean covers all the bases. Immerse yourself in European history and culture on this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Riviera*. Embark in Trieste and set sail for Split. Explore Split's UNESCO-listed Old Town or go local and cook coastal cuisine with Croatian villagers. Take a tuk-tuk ride around the Bay of Kotor. Visit Taormina and marvel at the famous Greek theater and the stunning views of Mt. Etna. Enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables along the Amalfi coast. In Rome, get your fill of Italian Renaissance art and architecture and see the towering remains of the ancient Roman Empire. Before journey's end in Barcelona, indulge your romantic side in France as you drink café au lait in Marseille's sidewalk bistros. Flights depart the U.S. on April 12, 2023.

**FROM \$3,299 PER PERSON,
INCLUDING AIRFARE FROM SELECT CITIES**



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New Orleans — The African American Experience

APRIL 16 - 21

Discover the living history of the African American experience that resonates deeply in this charismatic city. Over five nights, past, present and future come alive as you visit the Whitney Plantation, a museum focused entirely on the lives of enslaved people. Admire works by rising, socially-conscious artists at a warehouse gallery and witness the uplifting resolve of young New Orleanians learning life-changing skills. Visit an array of museums that showcase the region's Black history and culture. Tour Tremé, the nation's oldest African American neighborhood; Bayou Road, a historic community of Black-owned businesses; and the romantic French Quarter. Embrace the joyful spirit of New Orleans and savor its Cajun and Creole cuisine, learn tips at a cooking school demonstration and enjoy live jazz. This small-group experience features a hotel in the French Quarter and enrichment from local guides and lecturers.

FROM \$2,895 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



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Galapagos Eco Experience for Young Alumni

APRIL 22 - 29

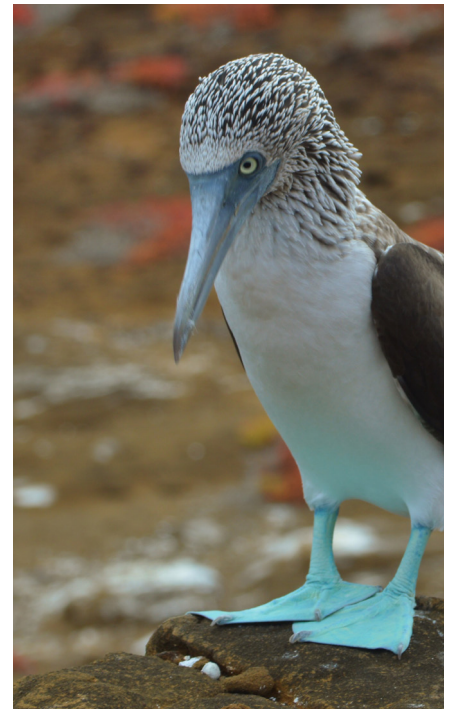
Designed specifically for alumni ages 22-35.

Blessed with an abundance of pristine beaches and the wildlife haven of the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador's wealth of natural riches creates unlimited opportunities for incredible experiences. Visiting the islands of San Cristobal and Isabela are an explorer's dream with volcanoes, marine iguanas, playful sea lions and giant tortoises — Ecuador is unrivalled in serving up South America's best. The adventure begins in Quito, one of the most attractive cities in South America. Next, visit the islands of the Galapagos with stops at Santa Cruz, Isabela, for the giant tortoises and pay a visit to the Charles Darwin research station.

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Dutch Waterways — Amsterdam to Antwerp

APRIL 27 - MAY 5

Embark on a delightful, seven-night cruise along the waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium, brimming with centuries of history and Old-World charm. See Amsterdam's iconic canals, stroll amid the brilliant tulips at Keukenhof Gardens and relish an extraordinary and rare exhibition of Vermeer's paintings gathered from around the world at the Rijksmuseum. Take in Bruges' wonderfully preserved Gothic gems and Antwerp's impressive medieval old town. See the Dutch city of Kampen, rich in Hanseatic history and the laid-back seaside harbor town of Veere. Explore The Hague and the famed Mauritshuis, watch artisans at the Royal Delft porcelain factory or sample delectable cheeses in Gouda. In Bruges, visit a *chocolaterie*, discover the beer culture or admire fine Belgian art. Aboard your exclusively-chartered, first-class ship, savor generous meals with wine and beer at lunch and dinner. No single supplement for solo travelers.

FROM \$3,295 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



Brought to you by *AHI Travel*

Essential Europe for Graduating Seniors

MAY 13 - 30, GREECE EXTENSION MAY 30 - JUNE 4

Designed specifically for graduates ages 22-25.

Learn about the world with this incredible adventure through England, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, Vatican City and Greece. Experience first-hand the unique culture, history, art and architecture each country has to offer. See Big Ben and the Tower of London, the Change of Guards at Buckingham Palace and walk across Abbey Road. Take in the panoramic view of Paris from the Basilica of Sacre-Coeur, ride bicycles through fishing villages in the Dutch countryside and cruise the canals of Amsterdam. Participate in a Venetian glassblowing workshop and see the breathtaking Sistine Chapel. Relax for three days living like a Greek god or goddess on the Isle of Poros with its sandy beaches and aquamarine waters. This tour ends in Athens where the Acropolis is one of the world's most stunning ancient ruins.

**FROM \$4,565, PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE,
GREECE EXTENSION \$865**



Brought to you by *AESU Alumni World Travel*

This trip helped to solidify my love for MSU. All the other alums on the trip made it an experience I will never forget. If you are on the fence about going... just do it!! I promise it is worth every penny!

MIKAYLA RYDER '22
SPARTAN PATHWAY TRAVELER



The Galapagos Islands (Northern Itinerary)

MAY 13 - 20

Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, the Galapagos Islands have been described as a “unique living museum and showcase of evolution.” This journey features a day of guided touring in Quito plus a cruise through the archipelago with up-close access to endemic species. Expert naturalists guide you through the wonders of this national park, whale sanctuary and marine reserve. A visit to the giant tortoises on Santa Cruz Island is sure to delight. Accommodations for this adventure are aboard the *Isabela II*, a 40-guest vessel with spacious cabins and local cuisine. Sailing by small ship allows for flexibility in the itinerary to maximize wildlife viewing, as well as access to exclusive ports.

FROM \$4,995 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



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Tuscany — Featuring Lucca, Carrara & the Cinque Terre

MAY 13 - 21

Uncover the indelible wonders and lure of Tuscany on this enriching seven-night journey. From medieval Lucca, daily excursions offer serendipitous moments and inspiring relics, unrivaled beauty and cultural treasures. In Pisa, delve into maritime history and stand in the shadow of the renowned Leaning Tower in Miracle Square. Stroll the harmonious grounds of a centuries-old villa, and visit Carrara, where Michelangelo chose ivory marble for his masterpieces. While exploring Lucca, note its trove of antique architecture, including the exquisite façade of the Church of San Michele, and journey to the picturesque Cinque Terre to bask in the splendor of this storybook landscape. Enjoy a gentle cruise, feasting your eyes on the villages of Manarola and Vernazza. Plus, enjoy a captivating Italian opera performance and sip locally-produced wines at a countryside vineyard.

FROM \$3,395 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



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Grand Danube Passage — Sofia to Prague

MAY 24 - JUNE 8

This special, handcrafted itinerary presents fascinating landmarks and iconic cities to provide an up-close look at each destination. Witness cathedrals, synagogues and fortresses that spring from the pages of storybooks, and stroll through medieval towns brimming with hallowed history. Visit Vienna, Bratislava and Belgrade, and see illuminated Budapest on an evening cruise. During your nine-night river adventure, discover beauty around every bend, from the picturesque Wachau Valley to Melk Abbey and the Iron Gate Gorge to idyllic villages perched above. Taste delicacies in Croatia's Slavonia region and celebrate rich culture while enjoying a folk show and Viennese waltz performance. Along the way, immerse in each destination's cuisine, architecture and local life. Enjoy first-class ship accommodations, deluxe hotels and a generous meal plan featuring wine and beer with lunch and dinner. No single supplement for solo travelers.

FROM \$5,695 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



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Greek Isles Odyssey — Athens to Istanbul

JUNE 1 - 11

Immerse yourself in the history and culture of Greece and Turkey. Be among the first to sail Oceania Cruises' remarkable new ship, *Vista*, on this 10-night cruise from Athens to Istanbul. Begin in Athens and set sail for Santorini. Sample vintage vino at a renowned winery where the house-dotted cliffs are the perfect backdrop for a glass of Brusco. Indulge your historic side at the Palace of Knossos, a sophisticated, monumental palace that is believed to have been the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos. Continue to Turkey's turquoise coast and dive into traditional Turkish culture in Bodrum and Antalya, then spend a day in Rhodes admiring the pristine beaches and unforgettable views. Marvel at the famed Library of Celsus and the Grand Theater in Ephesus before ending in Istanbul.

**FROM \$5,399 PER PERSON,
INCLUDING AIRFARE FROM SELECT CITIES**



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Historical Baseball

JUNE 3 - 8

Time and again referred to as “America’s National Pastime,” the game of baseball has helped play a key role in shaping the nation. Explore the roots of baseball on this tour and take a deep dive into the historical aspects that make baseball the game enjoyed today. Visit two historical baseball parks in Yankee Stadium and Fenway Park with behind-the-scenes tours and live-game action. Spend time in Cooperstown to get a private tour of the National Baseball Hall of Fame, hear a lecture on Cooperstown’s significance to baseball and enjoy a private “Artifact Spotlight” for a hands-on baseball experience. Dr. Michael Raycraft, Professor at the University of Illinois and someone who has been engaged with the Hall of Fame for over three decades, will present to the group and provide guests with a unique insider’s perspective.

FROM \$4,599 PER PERSON, PLUS AIRFARE



Brought to you by Sports & Entertainment Travel

“On the historical baseball tour, the hotels were top-notch, the stadium tours were memorable and we were especially impressed with how they arranged for a welcome talk from the Vice President of the Hall of Fame and a private gathering with the curator... My wife and I will definitely be back for another trip sometime with the MSU Alumni travel program.

DAVID KUTCHE '80 & '84
SPARTAN PATHWAYS TRAVELER



Portugal Adventure for Young Alumni

JUNE 10 - 18

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

Encounter Portuguese traditions in Porto’s beautiful historic old town and cross the bridge into Vila Nova de Gaia for a tasting of the famous port wine. Go biking in the Douro Valley wine country and discover lush river valley vineyards that lie beneath the hilltop castles. Meander up one of Lisbon’s lofty hills to the Alfama neighborhood or take famous Tram 28 to discover the capital city’s tiny neighborhoods with baroque streets and dazzling statues. Venture south to the famed Algarve with its stunning coastline views for some beach time and watersports. Portugal is still a bargain, but a destination on the rise, and now is the time to go.

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Great Pacific Northwest — Portland to Clarkston

JUNE 11 - 19

Come aboard for seven-nights on the American Queen Voyages' *American Empress* to explore the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy an included one-night pre-cruise hotel stay in Vancouver, WA. Sail to Astoria and climb to the top of the Astoria Column, a monument to the West and the natural riches it offers. Cruise on to Stevenson and take in the power of the mighty Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. Spend a day in The Dalles and immerse in the past filled with gold miners and gun slingers. In Richland, browse the unique shops and cafés downtown. Before saying farewell in Spokane, head to Clarkston to experience the breathtaking gateway to Hells Canyon, America's deepest river gorge. This cruise includes signature hop-on hop-off bus tours at practically every port of call.

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National Parks & Lodges of the Old West

JUNE 15 - 23

Join fellow alumni and friends on a journey that celebrates the American West's magnificent national parks, tracing legends and storied monuments along the way. From Mount Rushmore to Old Faithful and from Spearfish Canyon to the Snake River, you will see the best of the Old West, and traverse its beautiful vistas in style and comfort. Wonderfully historic hotels and lodges are a highlight of this program, including landmark lodging within the parks themselves. Indulge in the geological phenomena of hot springs in South Dakota, and journey through Badlands National Park, known as nature's surreal masterpiece, where impressive herds of bison roam, and dazzling, dramatic pinnacles rise over the largest undisturbed mixed-grass prairie in the United States.

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Greece — Athens & Gytheio

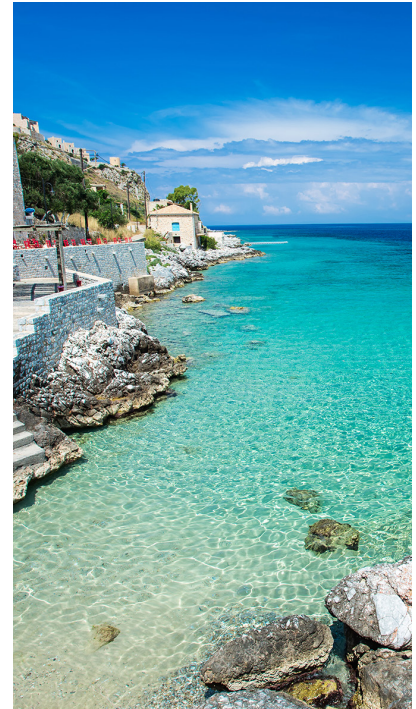
JUNE 16 - 25

See Greece's cultural riches, from the glorious remnants of ancient civilizations to a palate-pleasing bounty of wine, olives and seafood. All this awaits you on this eight-night journey to Athens and Gytheio. Ascend the Acropolis to admire the Parthenon and sweeping views of Athens. Explore the fortified Bronze Age citadel of Mycenae and discover a one-of-a-kind treasure, mountainside Mystras, an important center of Byzantine culture. On your way to Gytheio, catch a glimpse of the Spartan statue, Leonidas. During your stay in charming, seaside Gytheio, enjoy coastal life and get to know the Mani, a region known for its independent spirit and beautiful beaches, plus journey to Monemvasia, a stunning, medieval walled city on an island. A wine tasting and a fun-filled dinner with music and dancing complement this small-group experience. Also learn about Greek history during enriching lectures with experts.

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Italy's Magnificent Lake District

JUNE 20 - 28

Discover northern Italy's lake district, where sparkling lakes mirror emerald hills and craggy Alpine slopes. From Stresa by Lake Maggiore, spend indulgent days exploring beautiful islands and elegant shores. Witness a Romanesque basilica on Isola San Giulio, and stroll through charming Bellagio, where poets and writers from around the world have found inspiration. Cruise aboard a private boat to the Borromean Islands and see a quaint fishermen's islet. Glide across Lake Como, passing fairy-tale villas and colorful villages, and learn the secrets of northern Italian cuisine during a cooking lesson and lunch. In Milan, feast your eyes on Leonardo's "The Last Supper" and visit the legendary La Scala, Italy's opulent opera house. This small-group journey features a first-class hotel, an extensive meal plan and a series of lectures to enhance your understanding of the region.

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Irish Inspiration — Belfast to Belfast

JUNE 21 - 29

Explore the gorgeous green coasts of Ireland on an eight-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Riviera*. Begin in Belfast and set sail for Dublin, the birthplace to some of the world's greatest literary figures. Stroll through Waterford, a 1,110-year-old Viking town and the oldest city in Ireland. Explore storied castles outside of Cork and Bantry Bay, a region where whisky distilleries, fishing villages and Irish pubs uphold strong traditions. Venture to the countryside of Galway to take in the dramatic Cliffs of Moher. Explore the town history of Killybegs and see the world's largest knotted loom. Before making your way back to Belfast, visit Derry, known for the intact 17th century walls surrounding the city center.

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Icons of Sweden & the Baltic Sea

JULY 11 - 23

Bask in the beauty of the Baltics on this 12-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Marina*. From England to Denmark and everywhere in between, this trip will lead you through secret tunnels, into towers and turrets and behind the scenes of some of the world's most fascinating towns. Begin your tour in London and make your way to Gothenburg. Browse maritime artifacts in Kiel and explore a Soviet submarine in Karlskrona. See iconic Swedish landmarks, such as the Royal Opera House, as you traverse the watery, urban wonderland that is Stockholm. Meander through an open-air market in Helsinki and underground passageways in Tallinn. Walk the cobble streets of Visby or kayak down a calm Lithuanian river in Klaipeda. Before ending in Copenhagen, unwind at the Gdynia Beach.

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Great Journey Through Europe

JULY 12 - 23

This extraordinary 11-day “Grand Tour” of Europe features an incredible combination of river, rail, lake and mountain travel including five nights aboard the deluxe *Amadeus Imperial*. Journey through Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands, cruising the Moselle and Rhine rivers. Spend two nights each in Zermatt and Lucerne. Explore Cologne’s Old Town and see the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Kolner Dom, discover Heidelberg’s Renaissance-Baroque ambiance and visit the ruins of Heidelberg Castle. Ride aboard three legendary railways — the Gornergrat Bahn for views of the Matterhorn; the Glacier Express from Zermatt to Andermatt; and the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway — and enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne. All staterooms and suites have private balconies. An optional Amsterdam pre-tour is also available. This is a trip of a lifetime at an exceptional value.

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Cotswold’s Escape

JULY 13 - 21

Soak up the magic and distinctive charm of the English countryside. In the Georgian town of Woodstock, encounter the Cotswolds, where floral pathways and storybook scenery evoke a quiet beauty. Venture out each day to honey-colored villages and customary gardens, cast together with centuries-old tales. Travel to Oxford to stand beneath the ivory towers of its storied university. Uncover the lives of William Shakespeare and Sir Winston Churchill in Stratford-upon-Avon and the stately Blenheim Palace. Spend a day amid the limestone houses, stone bridges and shop-lined streets of Cotswold villages, including Stow-on-the-Wold and Chipping Campden. Engage with a Cotswold family at their traditional farm, and visit Bath, a UNESCO World Heritage city filled with archeological wonders and beautiful Georgian architecture. Plus, choose between visiting Blenheim Park or Hidcote Manor Gardens.

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Discover Denali National Park

JULY 16 - 21

Explore this vast and stunningly beautiful wilderness — home to Denali, the highest mountain in North America. Ride the Alaska Railroad, stay at a hilltop lodge with panoramic views just north of the park entrance and learn how this magnificent landscape became one of our nation's most breathtaking conservation areas. Journey into the scenic wilds of America's most northern state, through its rugged forests and wildlife. Walk trails with a guide and choose from optional excursions to personalize this adventure. This dazzling and vast wilderness is home to Dall sheep, eagles, wolves, migrating caribou and grizzly bears — and catching sight of them is a thrill not soon forgotten. A final highlight of this adventure includes an afternoon traveling aboard the historic Alaska Railroad with superior viewing from your upgraded GoldStar glass-dome seat.

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Discover Southeast Alaska — Sitka to Juneau

JULY 21 - 28

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

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Best of Kenya

AUGUST 3 - 14

Take part in this safari of Kenya, renowned for its unparalleled wildlife, habitat diversity and fascinating cultural heritage. A wide-range of ecological zones, semi-arid plains and vast savannahs, rugged wilderness and acacia woodlands provide for a tremendous array of fauna and flora. Here, elephant, zebra, leopard, lion, rhinoceros, giraffe, cheetah and baboon have lived and adapted for eons in this ancient landscape, alongside more than a thousand colorful bird species and a multitude of butterflies and other insects. While on safari, stay in Kenya's finest safari lodges and tented camps perfectly situated to maximize wildlife viewing. Visit the Ngulia Rhino Sanctuary and Daphne Sheldriks Elephant Orphanage and look for the great migration in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve accompanied by highly-skilled safari guides, who will introduce you to the extraordinary wildlife found in Kenya.

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There was such thought and consideration in every aspect of the Kenyan Safari that you can just relax and enjoy the amazing animals and exciting adventure.

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SPARTAN PATHWAYS TRAVELER

Majestic Great Lakes — Toronto to Chicago

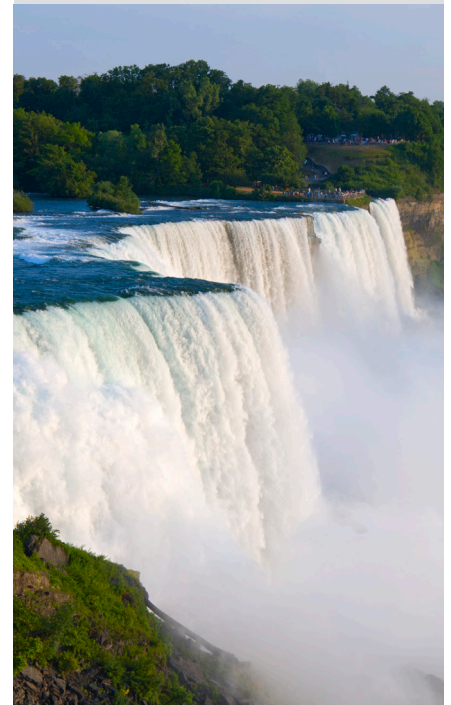
AUGUST 15 - 25

Uncover a world destination in your own backyard on this Great Lakes adventure aboard American Queen Voyages' *Ocean Voyager*. This summer getaway begins with an included one-night hotel stay in metropolis Toronto. The following day, set sail for a jaunt that touches each of the five Great Lakes. From the thunderous show at Niagara Falls to the cultural touchstone museums and revitalized waterfronts of Cleveland and Detroit, discover the magic that makes these lakes so great. Cruise quiet U.S. and Canadian border towns rich with maritime lore and Ojibwe culture, and marvel at the mighty Soo Locks. Before journey's end in Chicago, cap off your Great Lakes caper on lost-in-time Mackinac Island. Sightsee by horse-drawn carriage and dine on local flavor at the legendary Grand Hotel.

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Canadian Rockies by Rail

AUGUST 16 - 22

Travel through Canada's glorious Rocky Mountains highlighted by two days aboard the *Rocky Mountaineer* in GoldLeaf Service with visits to the stunning areas of Lake Louise and Banff. Enjoy a guided tour through Yoho National Park and take advantage of leisure time to explore the small hamlets. Embrace the sights from the train's glass-domed coach over Fraser Canyon and along the Continental Divide. Take advantage of the *Rocky Mountaineer's* private outdoor viewing platform to spot the passing wildlife, which may include elk, bighorn sheep, black and grizzly bears and soaring eagles. Admire the turquoise waters of Lake Louise, surrounded by mountain peaks that carve through the serene landscape and visit the inviting thermal waters of nearby Banff Hot Springs. Also, discover the natural beauty of Banff National Park during a scenic gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

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Northern Lights and the Wildlife of Manitoba

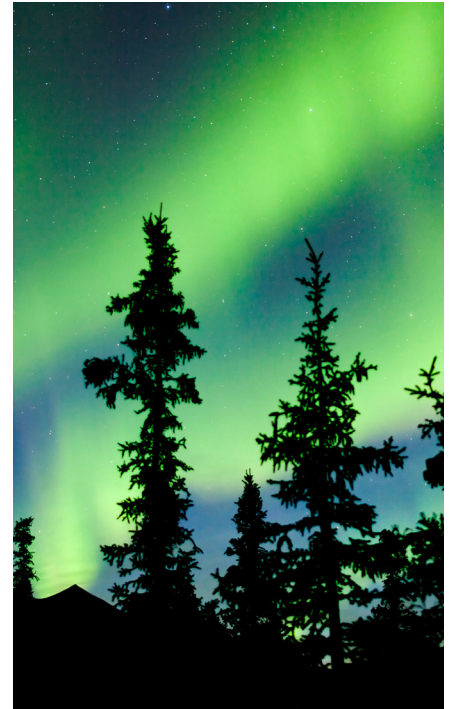
SEPTEMBER 1 - 6

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

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Vancouver to Toronto on VIA Rail's The Canadian

SEPTEMBER 7 - 13

Join this once-in-a-lifetime small group train trip from Vancouver across the expanse of five provinces, from the Pacific Northwest through the Canadian Rockies. Enjoy upgraded Prestige Class premium accommodations onboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*, providing the perfect combination of modern and elegant cabins, private concierge service, delightful meals prepared by onboard chefs, all-inclusive bar service and observation cars that allow for unobstructed viewing of Canada's great wilderness. This journey brings back the golden age of train travel and is what travel is meant to be. Enjoy stops in Kamloops, Jasper, Edmonton and travel through Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Winnipeg. With time to explore Victoria, Niagara Falls and Toronto during the optional pre-tour and post-tour, it's a unique opportunity to get to know the beauty and history of our northern neighbor.

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Greek and Turkish Wonders — Istanbul to Athens

SEPTEMBER 16 - 25

Voyage to the eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea on this nine-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Nautica*. Planned specifically for the culturally curious, this cruise seeks out authentic experiences of lesser-known European cultures and explores their Greek and Roman roots in depth. Explore folk customs, remote villages and authentic cuisine in culture-rich Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine. Discover Byzantine treasures on a stroll past historic churches and museums. Catch a show of Romanian music and dance. In Turkey, marvel at the famed Library of Celsus and the Grand Theater as you pass marble roads carved with chariot marks. Make your way to sunny Greece. Snap photos of the iconic, blue-domed buildings from Santorini's highest peak and take a beach day in Mykonos.

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Passions & Pursuits River Cruise: Golfing in Southern France

SEPTEMBER 20 - 28

Embark on a seven-day cruise aboard the *Amadeus Provence*, along the rivers Rhône and Saône with prime opportunities to experience golf in southern France. Select golf courses provide a superb golfing experience combining beautiful natural settings with technical challenges. If you prefer, savor a morning guided tour of Lyon, France's culinary capital and third largest city. Revel in this UNESCO World Heritage city that's home to Beaujolais wine and is the second biggest center for the Renaissance after Florence. Follow in the footsteps of Van Gogh in Arles, a town steeped in history that dates back to a Greek settlement and see the provincial countryside that inspired works of many artists. Accommodations for the week feature gourmet dining and onboard facilities including a swimming pool, lido bar, gym, hair salon and massage room.

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Bali, Singapore, Thailand & Angkor Wat

OCTOBER 3 - 18

Take part in this 12-night adventure to Southeast Asia, a land of stunning diversity. Begin with three nights in beautiful Bali to meet locals and explore the island's tropical environs. Fly to modern Singapore, brimming with iconic attractions and landmarks, including the exquisite Gardens by the Bay. Learn about Peranakan heritage during unique cultural demonstrations. In Bangkok, witness daily life along the Chao Phraya River and klongs, and gaze at the city's shrines and palaces. Venture outside of Bangkok to the early Siem capital of Ayutthaya before crossing into Cambodia. Here, explore remarkable Angkor Wat and other incredible ancient temples. Along the way, delve into each region's exciting food culture and learn how to make traditional dishes. Enjoy first-class accommodations, an extensive meal plan, including wine with dinner and flights to Singapore, Bangkok and Siem Reap.

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Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

OCTOBER 6 - 9

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. Enjoy deluxe hotel accommodations at Hotel Albuquerque and free time in Old Town Albuquerque to explore museums, shops and galleries. Sit front and center at the Gondola Club, the Balloon Fiesta's premium hospitality location, for two morning sessions and one evening session featuring Dawn Patrol and Evening Glow. This adventure allows the opportunity to walk amongst the balloons and meet the pilots of these amazing vessels. A welcome reception and a farewell Flamenco Dinner at Tablao are also included. Don't miss this special access to experience the world-renowned attraction, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta.

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Radiant Spain & Italy — Barcelona to Rome

OCTOBER 10 - 20

From Barcelona to Rome — live your best life on this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Riviera*. Begin in beautiful Barcelona and set sail along the sunny Mediterranean. Sample paella in Valencia and visit the astonishing City of Arts and Sciences. See lovely Baroque buildings cluster around the historic central district of Alicante. Experience the youthful spirit of Ibiza and shop artisan souvenirs at a handicraft market. Pop into Palma de Mallorca's plentiful art galleries and sip world-class rosé in Provence. Feel the sand between your toes on a gorgeous Saint-Tropez beach. Make a stop at the swanky Monte Carlo Casino or take a drive through the dreamy Tuscan countryside. Before your final stop in Rome, discover the iconic masterpieces in Pisa.

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Portrait of Italy

OCTOBER 12 - 27

From the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to eternal Rome, through the gentle Umbrian and Tuscan countryside to treasured Venice, this wide-ranging 16-day small-group tour showcases ancient sites, contemporary life, priceless art and unique accommodations. Begin on the storied Amalfi Coast, experiencing this stunning region by sea and by land and visiting Pompeii's ruins. Continuing on to the Eternal City for three-nights, tour the Colosseum, the Forum, St. Peter's Square and the Sistine Chapel. Spend three nights in Italy's "green heart" of Umbria, enjoying a cooking demonstration in Orvieto and a visit to Assisi. Journeying to Tuscany, tour splendid Siena. Discover Florence, a living monument to the Renaissance, and encounter classic Tuscany in the hill town of San Gimignano. Sample a local winery's offerings before concluding in Venice. Savor more time in Venice with an optional three-day/two-night post-tour extension.

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Gladiators to Gondolas — Rome to Venice

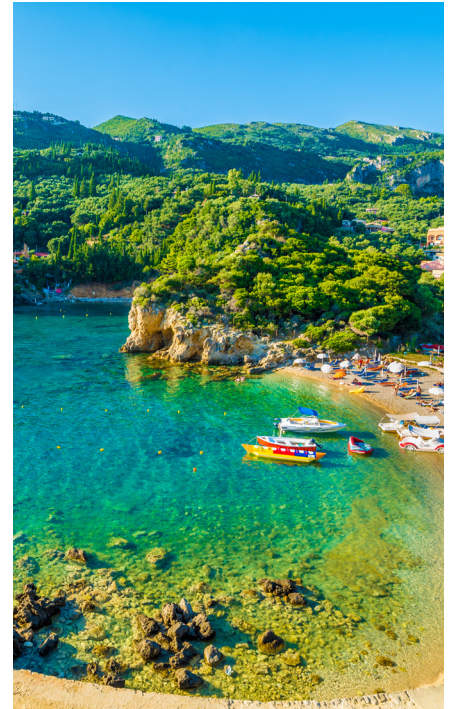
OCTOBER 20 - 30

Weave your way through the mythical Mediterranean on this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Riviera*. Cruise the terracotta-lined waters of the Amalfi Coast and visit Valletta to see the celebrated St. John's Co-Cathedral. Under the gaze of Mt. Etna, revel in the flavor of hand-crafted Sicilian wines poured straight from the source. In Katakolon and Corfu, travel back in time to ancient Greece, and in Dubrovnik, indulge your historic side as you traverse the lanes of the Old Town, filled with fortresses and fortification. In Koper, taste the flavors of Slovenia as you meander markets and sample small-town staples. Finally, sink into the magic of Venice — glide the Grand Canal in a gondola as Italian musicians serenade.

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Legends of the Nile

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 11

On this exciting, 10-night active adventure, journey along the Nile River for four nights on a deluxe ship, enjoy five nights in Cairo and one night in Luxor. Guided by a licensed Egyptologist who accompanies all excursions, explore ancient Egypt including the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Valleys of the Kings and Queens and the tomb of King Tutankhamen. Stroll through the Temples of Luxor and Karnak, gaze at Tutankhamen's burial treasures in the Grand Egyptian Museum and marvel at the Great Temple of Ramses II carved out of a mountain in Abu Simbel. Visit Cairo's mosques and colorful bazaar, plus learn how antiquities are preserved with special access at the Oriental Institute's Chicago House in Luxor. This small-group experience features four flights within Egypt, including round-trip to Abu Simbel and deluxe and first-class hotels.

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Spain — Andalusia in a Parador

NOVEMBER 2 - 10

Embrace the romantic spirit of southern Spain on a seven-night, small-group adventure in Andalucía. Accommodations are in a modern parador in Antequera, a medieval town crowned by a 14th-century Moorish fortress and Neolithic tombs outside the city. Venture off to see the beautiful legacy of the Moors, who ruled the region for eight centuries. Marvel at the courtyards and fountains of the Alhambra in Granada, the red-and-white arches of La Mezquita in Córdoba and the Alcázar in Sevilla. In the hilltop town of Ronda, savor breathtaking views high over El Tajo Gorge. From a countryside wine tasting to a flamenco performance, this journey offers a line-up of unforgettable moments. Enjoy lectures on Andalucía's history and culture, a meal plan that includes lunch within the Alhambra and wine with dinner. Solo-friendly with no single supplement.

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Florence in the Serene Season

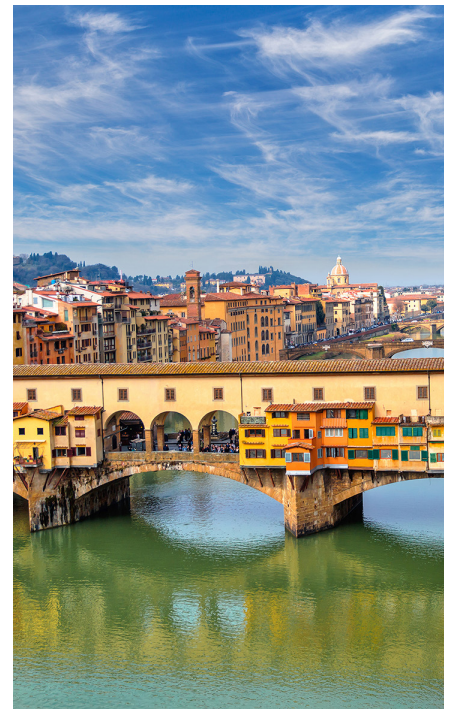
NOVEMBER 3 - 11

Experience the true essence of Florence during a quieter time of year on this seven-night, small-group journey. Stroll through the city's streets and piazzas, a veritable outdoor museum of Renaissance glories and enjoy Michelangelo's David and the Uffizi's priceless art. Admire the eye-catching, ornate Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, topped by Brunelleschi's magnificent dome and cross the Arno River by way of the Ponte Vecchio. At one of the city's oldest cafés, delve into the social rituals behind Italy's passion for coffee. Venture into rural Tuscany and take in the medieval brilliance of hill towns San Gimignano, Colle di Val d'Elsa and Siena. Sip Italy's wine in the Chianti countryside, plus watch and learn as a local chef whips up an authentic Tuscan lunch. Simply unpack once at your deluxe hotel and savor *la dolce vita*.

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Antarctica Peninsula — Realm of Penguins & Icebergs

NOVEMBER 12 - 22

The Antarctic Peninsula is a pristine polar wilderness featuring abundant wildlife and spectacular scenery. Explore the last discovered continent aboard the 114-passenger luxury expedition ship, the *M/V Sea Spirit*. The air gets colder and daylight grows longer when heading south across the infamous Drake Passage, accompanied by albatross. The first sighting of the White Continent is the South Shetland Islands, historically significant and rich with iconic Antarctic wildlife. Time in the Antarctic Peninsula region focuses on the Gerlache Strait area, where towering mountains, immense glaciers and blue icebergs create a picture-perfect setting for incredible penguin and marine mammal encounters. This cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula is an authentic expedition in a wilderness of extraordinary proportions.

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Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

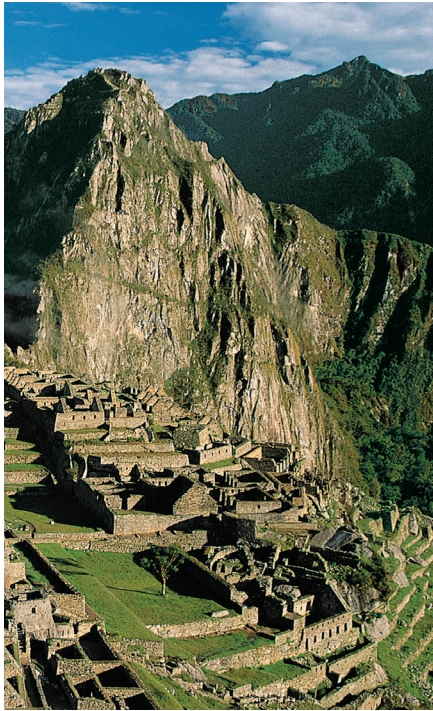
NOVEMBER 22 - 25

Since 1924, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has been the official kick-off to the holiday season. Every year, this tradition is seen by more than 3.5 million people in New York and 50 million people at home, all tuned in to see the famous big balloons, a collection of amazing performances and one-of-a-kind floats. Join fellow Spartans to see one of the most popular events in New York City, firsthand. This exclusive tour includes three-nights at the Le Meridien New York Central Park hotel, VIP parade viewing at the JW Marriott Essex House Hotel Grand & Petit Salon located on the parade route, unlimited use of a seven-day MetroCard for New York subway public transportation, \$100 restaurant voucher, entrance to a Broadway Show and more.

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Machu Picchu & the Galapagos Islands

DECEMBER 5 - 20

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, then traverse the magnificent Sacred Valley, visiting impressive Incan sites and indigenous villages during a two-night stay. After taking a scenic train ride to Machu Picchu, tour this astounding site two days, overnighing nearby. Then encounter the history and beauty of Cuzco and Quito, both UNESCO sites. Spend the next four nights on the Galapagos' beautiful Santa Cruz Island — the relaxed stay here includes cruising on a private yacht to two nearby islands to learn about Darwin's incredible "living laboratory" from an expert naturalist guide. After this unique experience, return to Quito for a final day of touring. Discover the Amazon's amazing flora, fauna and villages with an exceptional four-day/four-night pre-tour option.

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Montreal & Quebec City Christmas Markets

DECEMBER 7 - 11

Embrace the holiday spirit of the Christmas markets with unique and warm atmosphere, beautiful decorations and a great selection of succulent German treats in both Montreal and Quebec. In Montreal, stay two nights at the historic Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Enjoy this modern city seeing Notre Dame Cathedral, St. Joseph's Oratory, Jacques Cartier Square and explore the Montreal Christmas Market visiting the shops, sipping gluhwein and enjoying the sights and sounds. Board the *Via Rail* train for the scenic journey to Quebec City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A highlight of the trip is a two-night stay at the world-famous Chateau Frontenac. Visit the German Christmas Market in the heart of Old Quebec and enjoy this magical city with illuminated streets, decorated shops and bistros, all offering a festive atmosphere.

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participant voluntarily assumes all risk involved in such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Participant is hereby warned of the above risks as well as possible travel industry force majeure, bankruptcies and medical and climatic disruptions, and the possibility participant may be unable to travel as scheduled because of personal emergency. Participant is advised to consider obtaining appropriate insurance coverage against these risks. Applicants for participation on this tour accept in full all the conditions set forth above.

TOUR OPERATORS AND TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

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

given in good faith and are subject to change and revision. All tour prices listed are per person, excluding airfare (unless otherwise noted), based on double occupancy, current exchange rates and tariffs. Single occupancy is available on a limited basis for each program at a supplemental charge (unless otherwise noted). You have the option to purchase airfare from various cities at an additional cost on the majority of tours or make your own arrangements on preferred airlines. If you choose to schedule your own flights, you will be responsible for arranging your own round-trip ground transportation from the airport to the hotel. Every effort will be made to conduct the tour program as planned.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

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

FAQ'S

Who can travel on a Spartan Pathways tour?

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

Where can I get more information about a certain tour?

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

How do I make a reservation?

To make a reservation contact the tour operator directly. There are multiple ways to make a reservation. If available you can book online, call the operator directly or complete and mail the tour brochure reservation form. To best expedite making a reservation and to ensure booking quickly, we encourage you to book online or call the operator. You can find the tour operator information and telephone number in the trip brochure or on our website alumni.msu.edu/travel under the individual trip web page. Some of our operators have in-house airfare booking operations, while others use flight consolidators. When booking with a tour operator you are not guaranteed direct flights or the

ability to use frequent flyer miles. If you prefer direct flights or would like to use miles, it may be best for you to book your own flights. If you do book your flights, you are responsible for arranging your own round-trip transportation to and from the airport.

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

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

How can I purchase travel insurance?

We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance to ensure coverage in case of illness, injury, medical evacuation and emergencies. Unforeseen circumstances may occur while traveling and it's best to protect your investment and have coverage for unexpected expenses. For many years we have partnered with USI Travel Insurance Services to provide travel insurance to our travelers. For more information about travel insurance and to request a quote, visit my.travelinsure.com/spartans or call 800-937-1387. While many of our

traveler's purchase insurance from USI, you are not obligated to use their services and you are welcome to purchase insurance from another provider.

Will my tour have a MSU host?

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

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