Dear Student:

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

Michigan State, in conjunction with AESU, a tour operator specializing in travel for 21-35 year olds, invite you on a comprehensive tour of Europe open exclusively to graduating seniors of the Michigan State University and select peer institutions. The 19-day, 10-country trip, with an optional 5-day Greece extension, includes all of Europe’s “must-see” sites, such as Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, and the Parthenon. Past travelers have commented “this trip was amazing...I saw the most beautiful sites,” and “Thank you for a great summer. Not only was this a vacation, it was a wake-up call for me to see the world!”

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

“This trip was everything that I had hoped. I had adventures all over Europe including buying pastries in a tiny bakery in Paris, getting lost in Munich, being serenaded in Venice and swimming in Greece. Not to mention seeing the Crown Jewels, the “I amsterdam” sign, and an endless amount of marble in countless museums and churches. There was so much to see and so little time, but now I know where I have to go back and visit again.”

Daniel Tepe, 2012 MSU Graduate

Sincerely,
Regina Cross
Travel Coordinator
MSU Alumni Association

YOUR 19-DAY BASE LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES:
• 17 nights in superior tourist class hotels with private bath/shower, double occupancy*
• ALL breakfasts [B]
• 7 three-course dinners [D] as per itinerary
• Guided tours in London, Paris, Florence and Rome, led by a local historian*
  • Seine River Cruise
  • Rhine River Cruise
  • Amsterdam Canal Cruise
  • ROMA-PASS (full access to public transport system, reduced admission to museums, music events, theaters, etc.)
  • Admission to Colosseum & Forum

YOUR 5-DAY SOUTHERN ITALY & GREECE EXTENSION INCLUDES:
• 5 nights in superior tourist class hotels with private bath/shower, double occupancy*
• ALL breakfasts [B]
• 4 three-course dinners [D] as per itinerary
• Guided tours in Pompeii & Acropolis led by a local historian*
• Admission to Pompeii & Acropolis
  • PLUS:
    • Private tour director for the entire duration of tour
    • ALL scheduled sightseeing as per itinerary
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    • Luggage Tag and Travel Guides

Base Land Package:
19 days - 10 countries
$3,375*

ADD $423 for optional 5-day Greece extension

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Cost per person in a shared twin: add $175
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The following OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS are available at an additional charge and can be booked with your tour director overseas:
• Paris
• Cabaret Moulin Rouge
• Heidelberg
• Student Pub Dinner
• Lucerne
• Mount Pilatus Excursion
• Swiss Folk Party & Dinner
• Austrian Alps
• Whitewater Rafting
• Horseback Riding
• Poros
• Kaiki Sailing Trip

Request your 2012 options brochure for details.

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DAY 1  TRAVEL TO LONDON
The Essential Europe begins with an overnight flight to “Merry Old England.” [In-flight meals]

DAY 2  LONDON
Enjoy a free afternoon to relax and unwind. In the evening we’ll have our welcome orientation followed by a fun London Pub Crawl. [In-flight meals]

DAY 3  LONDON
Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and Piccadilly Circus; these familiar names become familiar places on our morning tour. Afternoon at leisure, take in the city’s monuments or embark on a Harrods’ shopping spree. Explore the British Museum, the National Gallery or the London Dungeons. After dusk, you may want to take in some Shakespeare at the Globe Theater by the Thames River. [B]

DAY 4  LONDON * ENGLISH CHANNEL * PARIS
Travel to southeast England today and board our ship to the continent. Motor through northern France and arrive in Paris, “City of Lights.” We’ll dine together at our French Bistro dinner, and then enjoy our romantic Seine River cruise. [B,D]

DAY 5  PARIS * Optional Cabaret Show
Morning tour of Paris, see the hunchback “Quasimodo’s” Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood, and the Eiffel Tower’s steel lacerwork. Free time in the afternoon – visit Mona Lisa at the Louvre Museum, or shop the chic boutiques of Paris. Consider joining our optional can-can Cabaret show tonight. [B]

DAY 6  PARIS
A full day at leisure to browse at Left Bank bookstalls, have your portrait done by Place du Tertre artists or sample sinful French pastries. Your free evening may find you watching the world go by from a sidewalk café on the Champs Elysées. [B]

DAY 7  PARIS * BRUSSELS * AMSTERDAM
Motor to Belgium and Brussels, and see the Grand’ Place, a perfect medieval square and the statue of naughty Mennekin-Pis. Continue to Amsterdam and enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure. [B]

DAY 8  DUTCH COUNTRYSIDE
Go biking through 13th-century Dutch fishing villages along the Ijssel Lake beaches today, watch wooden shoes being carved and sample Edam cheese at a cheese farm. Free time this afternoon in Amsterdam to tour the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum, or visit Anne Frank’s house. This evening we invite you on a boat cruise on the canals of Amsterdam followed by our Dutch-Indonesian “Rice Table” dinner. [B,D]

DAY 9  COLOGNE * RHINE RIVER CRUISE * HEIDELBERG
Cross the German border into Cologne, famous for the world’s largest Gothic cathedral. Embark on a cruise along the fabled Rhine River, passing steeply sloped vineyards, ancient castles, and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Continue to Heidelberg, the “City of the Student Prince” and climb to the ruins of the Castle of the Palatine Elector for a bird’s-eye view of the city and the Neckar River. [B]

DAY 10  BLACK FOREST * RHINE FALLS * SWISS ALPS * Optional Swiss Folklore Party & Dinner
Journey south into the mysterious Black Forest. Stop deep in the forest, with free time to watch cuckoo clocks being made, enjoy lunch or try some delicious Black Forest cake. The Rhine Falls, Europe’s largest waterfall, comes into view as we cross the Swiss border. Our route through Zurich brings us to William Tell Country and the Champs Elysées. [B]

DAY 11  LUCERNE AREA * LIECHTENSTEIN * MUNICH * Optional Mount Pilatus Excursion
Roam the picturesque old town of Lucerne this morning and catch up on your Swiss watch and chocolate shopping or consider taking an excursion up on one of the highest mountains in central Switzerland to enjoy panoramic Alpine views. Drive to the tiny Principality of Liechtenstein, then on to the fun-filled Oktoberfest city of Munich. After our authentic Bavarian dinner, check out the oompah-pah bands at the famous Hofbrauhaus. [B,D]

DAY 12  MUNICH * Optional Dachau Excursion
Enjoy a full day at your leisure. Why not visit the BMW museum, the 1972 Olympic Village or shopping for Bavarian beer steins and lederhosen on Maximilianstrasse. Consider joining an optional excursion to the Dachau concentration camp this afternoon. [B]

DAY 13  MUNICH * SALZBURG * ALPINE CENTER
This morning, we continue to Salzburg, Mozart’s birthplace and site where the classic movie, “Sound of Music” was filmed. Explore the narrow streets lined with colorful wrought iron signs and shops before we continue our journey to Europe’s largest alpine sports region. Be our pampered guest for two nights of fitness and fun while nestled in the snow-capped Austrian mountains at our Alpine Center. [B,D]

DAY 14  ALPINE CENTER * Optional Horseback Riding and Whitewater Rafting
All day today is at your leisure; go for a hike in the Alps, take a ride on horseback through alpine meadows or join the fun and excitement of whitewater rafting. A hearty Austrian dinner awaits after all that activity. [B,D]

DAY 15  AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT * VENICE
The picturesque landscape of the Austrian Lake District brings us to sunny Italy’s Venice—“Sinking City in the Sea.” Walk to St. Mark’s Square, stop at a Murano glass-blowing workshop and watch famous Venetian glass being made. Consider a romantic gondola ride this evening gliding through the intricate maze of canals beneath arched bridges passing 12th and 18th-century marble palaces. [B]

DAY 16  VENICE * FLORENCE
Through the fertile Po Valley we approach Florence, Golden City of the Renaissance and birthplace of Michelangelo. Our Florence art tour includes the Gates of Paradise, the marble Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Giotto’s bell tower. There’s free time for shopping and museums, before our dinner of traditional Florentine fare. [B,D]

DAY 17  FLORENCE * ROME
Travel past Chianti vineyards along the Highway of the Sun to the Eternal City of Rome. After check-in we have time to relax or explore baroque Rome: Stop to toss three coins in Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon and sample the famous “gelati” ice cream at Piazza Navona. [B]

DAY 18  ROME * VATICAN CITY
Today’s city tour takes us to the Colosseum, where gladiators were thrown to the lions, and the historic ruins of Caesar’s Forum. Then on to Vatican City – the world’s smallest state. Visit St. Peter’s Basilica housing Michelangelo’s magnificent “Pieta.” Our dinner tonight is a mouth-watering Roman Banquet complete with Italian specialties. [B,D]

DAY 19  ROME * TRAVEL HOME or continue on to POMPEII * OVERNIGHT SHIP TO GREECE
For some of us the celebratory tour of Europe ends in Rome this morning. Bid farewell to friends and ‘arrivederci’ to Italy before jetting back home with memories to last a lifetime. For the rest of us: motor through sunny olive groves lining the way south to Pompeii, the city buried in 79 A.D. by 20 feet of ash and lava after Mt. Vesuvius’ volcanic eruption. Afterwards we cross the Italian “boot” and board our overnight ship to Greece. [B]

DAY 20, 21, 22  GREEK ISLAND CENTER * Optional Kaiki Sailing Trip
After cruising through aquamarine waters, our ship docks at Patras. Motor along the Corinthian Sea coastline across the Peloponnese peninsula to Galatas and the island of Poros. Relax with three days of living like a Greek god - swim, sunbathe, or take part in optional activities such as waterskiing, wakeboarding, parasailing, banana-boating or tubing. We invite everyone to our Toga Party on the last night. [B,D]

DAY 23  ATHENS
In the morning we board our ferry to Athens. See the 2,400-year-old Parthenon, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Constitution Square. A free afternoon may find us wondering the paths of Plato, Socrates and Sophocles or trying our bargaining skills at the markets of Monastiraki. Enjoy a leisure evening in Athens then follow the sounds of traditional bouzouki music and join our farewell Taverna dinner in the Plaka District – Athens’ oldest neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis. [B,D]

DAY 24  TRAVEL HOME
Reluctantly we say farewell to Europe and new-found friends. Jet back home with thoughts of planning the next European Adventure! [B, In-flight meals]

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Take time to explore London before your grad trip. Your pre-tour package includes shuttle bus transfer from the airport to your hotel, one night hotel accommodation. Plus: choose between a 24-hour Big Bus ticket to explore London town or a London Eye ride for a birds-eye view of the city.

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