Graduation Trip * 19 days / 8 countries
plus optional 5-day extension to Greece

England – France – Belgium – Holland – Germany – Austria – Italy – Vatican City – Greece

May 19 - June 6, 2015
extended tour ends June 11

GRADUATE THEN CELEBRATE
DAY 1 TRAVEL TO LONDON
The Essential Europe begins with an overnight flight to "Merry Old England."
Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 LONDON
Enjoy a free afternoon to relax and unwind. In the evening we’ll have our welcome orientation followed by a fun London pub crawl.
Meals: In-flight

DAY 3 LONDON
Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and Piccadilly Circus: these familiar names become familiar places on our morning tour. Afternoon at leisure, see in the city's monuments, embark on a Harrods' shopping spree, or explore the British Museum, the National Gallery and the London Dungeons. After dusk, you may want to take-in some Shakespeare at the Globe theater by the Thames River or attend a West End theater show.
Meals: Breakfast

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 a romantic Seine River cruise.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5 PARIS
Morning tour of Paris, see the hunchback "Quasimodo" Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood, and the Eiffel Tower's steel lacework. Free time in the afternoon — visit Left Bank bookstores, or shop the chic boutiques of Paris. Consider joining our optional can-can Cabaret Show tonight.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: Cabaret Show

DAY 6 PARIS
Free day in Paris: included Paris 2-day Museum Pass allows access to over 70 museums and monuments in and around Paris including the world famous Louvre, housing the Mona Lisa, Musée d'Orsay, Musée National Picasso, and the Château de Versailles. 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.
Meals: Breakfast

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

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

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

DAY 10 HEIDELBERG * ROTHENBURG * MUNICH
Germany's Romantic Road takes us to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This medieval city is celebrated not only for its well-preserved Gothic and Baroque buildings and walls, but also for its unspoilt picturesque setting. Enjoy lunch at a local Gasthaus before continuing our journey to the fun-filled Oktoberfest city of Munich. Free evening to check out the oompah-pah bands at the famous Hofbräuhäus.
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 11 MUNICH
Enjoy a full day at your leisure. Consider visiting the BMW museum, seeing the Glockenspiel Chimes at the market square, the 1972 Olympic Village or shopping for Bavarian beer steins and lederhosen on Maximilianstrasse. Consider an optional excursion to the Dachau concentration camp this afternoon. We'll dine on authentic Bavarian fare tonight.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Optional activity: Dachau Excursion

DAY 12 MUNICH * BERTHESGADEN SALT MINES * SALZBURG * ALPINE CENTER
This morning, we continue to Berchtesgaden. Dressed in miner's clothing, enjoy a ride on a funicular and down slides through the salt mine. Our next stop is Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace and site where the classic movie, "Sound of Music" was filmed. Explore the narrow streets lined with colorful wrought iron signs and shops before we continue our journey to Europe's largest alpine sports region. Be our pampered guest for two nights of fitness and fun while nestled in the snow-capped Austrian mountains at our Alpine Center.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 13 ALPINE CENTER
All day today is at our leisure; go for a hike in the Alps and join the fun and excitement of whitewater rafting. A hearty Austrian dinner awaits after all that activity.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Optional activity: Whitewater Rafting

DAY 14 AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT * VENICE, ITALY
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.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 15 VENICE * FLORENCE
Through the fertile Po Valley we approach Florence, Golden City of the Renaissance and birthplace of Michelangelo. Our Florence art tour includes the Gates of Paradise, the marble Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Giotto's bell tower, then there's free time for shopping and museums. Get ready for an optional dinner of pure Italian delights at "Il Latini" tonight.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: Tuscan Feast

DAY 16 FLORENCE
A free day to explore the Uffizi Gallery and see the collections of Giotto, Botticelli, Raphael and da Vinci. The Galleria dell'Accademia houses several sculptures by Michelangelo including his famous David. Enjoy our dinner of traditional Florentine fare.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Optional activity: Chianti Excursion

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.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 18 ROME * VATICAN CITY
This morning we explore Capitol Hill with the most spectacular view of Caesar's Roman Forum, center of political and social activity, with ancient ruins dating from the 8th century BC. Also see Nero's Circus Maximus where chariot races were held. A trip across the Tiber River takes us to Vatican City - the world's smallest state. Visit St. Peter's Basilica housing Michelangelo's magnificent "Pieta." During afternoon free time you may want to use your Roma Pass to visit the Colosseum, where gladiators fought to the death. Our dinner tonight is a mouth-watering Roman banquet complete with Italian specialties.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

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

DAY 20, 21, 22 GREEK ISLAND CENTER
After cruising through aquamarine waters, our ship docks at Patras. Motor along the Corinthian Sea coastline, across the Peloponnesse peninsula to Galatias and the island of Koros. Relax with three days of living like a Greek god - swim, parasailing, banana-boating or tubing. We invite everyone to our Toga Party on the last night.
Meals: Breakfast and Dinner daily
Optional activity: Aquatic Adventure

DAY 23 ATHENS
In the morning we board our ferry to Athens. See the 2,400-year-old Parthenon, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Constitution Square. A free afternoon may find us wandering the paths of Plato, Socrates and Sophocles or trying our bargaining skills at the markets of Monastiraki. This evening follow the sounds of traditional bouzouki music and join our farewell taverna dinner in the Plaka District – Athens' oldest neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 24 TRAVEL HOME
Reluctantly we say farewell to Europe and new-found friends. Jet back home with thoughts of planning the next European Adventure!
Meals: Breakfast, In-flight
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, 8-country trip, with an optional 5-day Greece extension, includes all of Europe’s “must-see” sites, such as Big Ben, the Eiffel Tower, and the Parthenon. Past travelers have commented “this trip was amazing….I saw the most beautiful sites,” and “Thank you for a great summer. Not only was this a vacation, it was a wake-up call for me to see the world”

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

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

Sincerely,

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Association

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**Base Land Package:**
19 days - 8 countries
$3,725*

ADD $725 for optional 5-day extension

*Special Alumni Land price per person. Airfare priced separately for greater flexibility.

Please call AESU Alumni World Travel for great low airfares from most U.S. cities.

Airport/departure taxes are additional and subject to change.

Single Supplement $975/$325

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**London pre-tour package available:**

Arrive early, transfer to your hotel via hotel shuttle, relax and explore London town on your own with your 24-hour hop-on hop-off bus ticket.

Cost per person per night:

- Shared double or twin room: $225 - Single travelers: $325

Availability is very limited and rates are subject to change.

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**YOUR 19-DAY BASE LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- 17 nights in superior tourist class hotels or better with private bath/shower, double occupancy
- Daily continental breakfast
- Seven three-course specialty dinners
- One lunch
- Guided tours led by a local historian in
  - London
  - Paris
  - Florence
  - Rome
- Seine River cruise
- Rhine River cruise
- Amsterdam Canal cruise
- Two-day Paris Museum Pass
- ROMA-PASS (full access to public transport system, reduced admission to museums, music events, theater, etc.)
- Admission to
  - Berchtesgaden Salt Mines
  - Colosseum & Forum (as part of ROMA pass)

**YOUR 5-DAY SOUTHERN ITALY & GREECE EXTENSION INCLUDES:**

- Five nights in superior tourist class hotels or better with private bath/shower, double occupancy
  - incl. overnight ship from Italy to Greece in 4-share cabin
- Daily continental breakfast
- Four three-course specialty dinners
- Guided tours led by a local historian in
  - Pompeii
  - Athens
- Admission to
  - Pompeii
  - Acropolis

**PLUS:**

- Private tour director for the duration of the land tour
- All scheduled sightseeing
- Intra-European transportation by air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary
- All service charges and local taxes
- Luggage tag and travel guides

The following OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS are available at an additional charge and can be booked with your tour director overseas:

- **Paris**
  - Cabaret Show
  - Austrian Alps
  - Whitewater Rafting
  - Florence
  - Chianti Excursion
  - Tuscan Feast
- **Poros** (24-day tour only)
  - Aquatic Adventure

Request your 2015 options brochure for details.

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Michigan State University - May 19 - June 6, 2015
Athens return June 11

BASE LAND PRICE
$3,725 plus airfare*
ADD $725 for optional 3-day extension
*Special Alumni Land price per person. Airfare priced separately for greater flexibility. Please call AESU Alumni World Travel for great low airfares from most U.S. cities. Approximate round-trip airfare from Detroit, MI: $915. Taxes of approx. $689 not included.

Mailing address: (WHERE ALL INVOICES AND FINAL DOCUMENTS ARE SENT)

Pre-tour package in London:
☐ I want to book the one-night pre-tour package for $225 (includes one 24-hour hop-on hop-off bus ticket) -- I am sharing a room with ________________________
☐ I am a single traveler and will pay $325 for the pre-tour package

Air arrangements:
☐ Please make round-trip flight reservations for me. I am departing from (city)
(Discunt airfares available from most US cities. Call AESU Alumni World Travel at 800.638.7640 for details. Airport/departure taxes are additional and subject to change.)
☐ I will arrange my own flights to and from overseas.

Charge my deposit to:
☐ Mastercard  ☐ Visa  ☐ American Express

Card #: ____________________________________________
Security Code: ____________________________________ 3 Digit (4 Digit AMEX)
Exp. Date: _______________________________________

Terms and Conditions

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees. (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.) Airline and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver ($2.50 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless otherwise noted; laundry, personal insurance, room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; porterage; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.
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AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: All passengers using AESU Alumni World Travel flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. London Gatwick arrivals please call AESU (800.638.7640) for details on transfer. Inter-airport transfers (i.e. between London Heathrow & Gatwick) are the passenger’s expense. Land-only participants (providing own flight to Europe) DO NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 1:00 p.m. on program start date. FLIGHT DELAYS – ALL AIRPORTS – Flight delays of greater than 30 minutes will result in the loss of the pre-tour package. Participants should call AESU Alumni World Travel and arrange their own transportation to the hotel. Additional expenses may incur. Full day transfers are offered for $75 per person.

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I have read and agreed to all terms and conditions:  X ____________________________  Your signature here