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ALUMNI TRIP
12 DAYS
Holland . Germany . Austria . Italy
Switzerland . France . England

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From $2898

Euro Spree
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Dear Alumni & Friends:

The University of Maryland Alumni Association invites you on a whirlwind tour of some of Europe’s most intriguing destinations. This is an excellent travel opportunity for first time travelers and adventure-seekers. This fast-paced trip will take you through seven countries in just 14 days. Travel in the company of fellow UMD alumni, travel with a friend, your spouse, son or daughter, parent or grandparent or solo.

Start your journey with a cruise on the colorful canals of amazing Amsterdam; then medieval castles of Germany’s legendary Rhine Valley take you to the fun Oktoberfest city of Munich.

Conquer the snow-capped Austrian Alps, explore romantic Venice and the ancient ruins of Caesar’s Rome, visit Michelangelo’s magnificent Florence, then browse shops with Swiss cuckoo clocks and chocolate by the lovely Lake Lucerne. Burgundy chateaux and vineyards line the way to dazzling Paris and our final farewell. Opt to continue onto London for a 2-night stay in the city of pomp and pageantry.

The details about this wonderful European journey are included in this brochure. After reviewing the information, we hope you’ll agree -- this exciting adventure is the perfect way to expand your horizons.

Enjoy this super sampling of Europe’s great diversity.

We hope you will join your fellow Maryland alumni in 2018!

Sincerely,

Amy Eichhorst
Executive Director
University of Maryland Alumni Association

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8-day base land package: $2,898 per person 2-share
Rates are based on two people sharing one room. Single supplement of $695 for the 8-day tour will apply.
2-day London option add on: $695. Single supplement of $245.

*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.

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WHAT DO I GET?

**COVERAGE**

When you book with AESU the necessities of travel are taken care of.
These include:
- Superior Tourist Class Hotels
- All Land Transportation
- Daily Breakfast
- Special Cultural Dinners
- Knowledgeable Tour Director
- Museum Passes & Local Guided Tours

(See more in the inclusions on page 4)

**EDUCATIONAL & ADVENTUROUS**

Whether you can’t wait to immerse yourself in the gorgeous scenery of the Alpine regions and relax on a bench near Rialto Bridge in Venice with gelato in hand or you look forward to unleashing your inner explorer on a bike ride through the Dutch country side, AESU provides a beautiful balance of historical education and complete sensory and cultural immersion into the vivacious life of every city visited along your route.

THE VERDICT?

Don’t miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime to explore the places you have been dreaming of or reading about in books. Make some new best friends from around the world and create memories that will keep this journey alive forever.

It’s not rocket science. Group travel is a safer way to explore the world. This trip provides you with an exciting approach to learning and taking in all the history and culture around you. Open your mind, see the world and have the most fun you’ve ever had.

JUST GO!

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EURO SPREE
12 DAYS

ABOUT THE TRIP:
The Euro Spree starts with the fun of biking in Holland and a cruise on Germany’s Rhine River. Explore romantic Venice and conquer the Swiss Alps. The glitter of Paris awaits before saying farewell in Old London Town. A super sampling of Europe’s great diversity.

HIGHLIGHTS:
Welcome orientation * Amsterdam canal cruise * Rhine River cruise * Oktoberfest city of Munich
* Germany’s Romantic Road * Austrian Alps * Venice Island and Murano glass-blowing workshop
* Illumination drive through Rome & Vatican City * Lucerne’s Wooden Chapel Bridge and Lake Lucerne * Seine River cruise * French bistro dinner * Eurostar train * London’s pomp & pageantry

AND MUCH MORE!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:
(Not included in package price)
Dutch Countryside Excursion
Let the good times roll on an optional bike ride through 13th century Dutch fishing villages along the Ijssel Lake beaches. See windmills, watch wooden shoes being carved, and sample Edam cheese at a quaint cheese farm. The cost includes round-trip transfer by private motor coach, bike rental, and Edam cheese sampling.

Gondola Ride
Take in the beautiful sights of Venice on a 20-30 minute shared gondola ride on a six-passenger gondola by a traditionally dressed gondolier. Admire the Rialto Bridge, Palazzo Babesino and other romantic landmarks as your fortilla navigates the Grand Canal and smaller waterways. The cost includes the gondola ride as described above.

Guided Tour of Rome
Take a walk through Rome’s 2,000 years of history with an expert guide who’ll bring the past alive. You’ll have a hands-on history lesson at key ancient sites including the Colosseum, Forum on this fascinating half-day tour. The entertaining and informative 2.5 hour tour is led by skilled local historians, who can help unlock Rome’s many secrets. Cost includes private transfer from and to your hotel, transportation by motor coach. Some walking is involved. A minimum of 15 paying participants is required to operate this option.

Tuscan Feast
Get ready for a dinner of pure Italian delights at II Latini, located in the heart of Renaissance Florence. Once the stables of L.B. Alberti’s masterpiece palace, the Latino family’s restaurant and winery offers the original flavors of Tuscany. Frommer’s writes: Under hundreds of hanging prosciutto ham hocks, the waiters try their hardest to keep a menu away from you and serve instead a filling, traditional set meal with bottomless wine. This usually kicks off with ribollita and pappa al pomodoro or penne strascicate (in a ragù mixed with cream). If everyone agrees on the arrosto misto, you can get a table-filling platter heaped high with assorted roast meats. Finish off with a round of cantucci con vin santo for everyone. The cost includes round-trip transfers if hotel is not in walking distance. Tuscan Feast includes wine and water.

WHAT’S INCLUDED:
• 12 nights in superior or first class hotels with private bath/shower, double occupancy
• 12 continental breakfasts
• 6 specialty dinners incl. one beverage
• Amsterdam canal cruise
• Rhine River cruise
• Glockenspiel plus visit to a typical German beer hall
• Austrian Alpine center stay and scenic drive over the Alps
• Private boat to Venice Island
• Murano glass-blowing workshop demonstration in Venice
• Illumination drive through Rome & Vatican City
• Guided walking tour in Florence with local historian
• Lucerne’s Wooden Chapel Bridge and Lake Lucerne
• Comfort class train from Zurich to Paris
• Guided sightseeing tour of Paris
• Seine River cruise
• Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour
• All scheduled sightseeing
• All service charges and local taxes
• Luggage tag and travel guides

OPTIONAL LONDON ADD-ON PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:
• EUROSTAR train to Paris in economy class
• Two nights in superior or first class hotels with private bath/shower, double occupancy
• Two breakfasts
• Ground transportation as per itinerary
• 24-hour hop-on hop-off bus ticket in London
• Fish & chips farewell pub dinner

Please check with your tour director for detailed schedules. Some options may require a minimum number of participants to operate. Rates for options are per person, approximate and subject to change.

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EURO SPREE
ITINERARY

DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO AMSTERDAM
Your adventure begins as you depart by overnight flight to the “city below sea level” – Amsterdam.
Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 - AMSTERDAM
The hotel is available for check-in after 2:00 pm. You are in for a real treat in the land of windmills and tulips. Leisure time before making new friends this evening at our orientation and Dutch-Indonesian “Rice Table” welcome dinner and a relaxing ride in the glass-covered boat through Amsterdam’s flower-lined canals.
Meals: In-flight, dinner

DAY 3 - AMSTERDAM
Let the good times roll as we go biking through 13th century Dutch fishing villages along the Ijssel Lake beaches. Watch wooden shoes being carved and sample Edam cheese at a cheese farm. Back in Amsterdam enjoy free time to tour the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum with Rembrandt’s “Night Watch,” the Anne Frank house or shop for famous Delftware china.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: Dutch country side excursion

DAY 4 - AMSTERDAM – GERMANY’S RHINE VALLEY
Cross the German border into Cologne, famous for the world’s largest Gothic cathedral that took over 600 years to complete. From Cologne we cruise down the fabled Rhine River past steeply sloped vineyards, medieval castles, and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Tonight, enjoy traditional German fare.
Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 5 - RHINE VALLEY – MUNICH
This morning, we continue to the Bavarian capital of Munich, host city of the Oktoberfest. We’ll see the Glockenspiel chimes in the Town Hall Square and the world-renowned Hofbräuhaus.
Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 6 - MUNICH – INNSBRUCK – AUSTRIAN ALPS
We drive along the “Romantic Road” past the Bavarian Lake District and the Zugspitze, Germany’s highest mountain, to Innsbruck, surrounded by majestic snowcapped mountain peaks. Visit the Golden Roof of Friedrich the Penniless, the Royal palace and the giant Olympic Ski Jump. Enjoy a dinner of Austrian specialties tonight.
Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 7 - AUSTRIAN ALPS – VENICE
The snow-covered peaks of the Alps loom above us as we journey over the Brenner Pass. We’ll leave the mountains behind as we enter sunny Italy and arrive in Venice on the Adriatic Sea. Here we'll walk through narrow streets and alleys lined with old-world shops and watch skilled artisans in a Murano glass-blowing workshop make Venetian glass. A trip along the Grand Canal fills us with the romance, mystery and intrigue of Old Venice. Leisure time may find you on a gondola gliding past moonlit palaces.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 - VENICE – ROME
“The Highway of the Sun” weaves its way through medieval hillside villages to the Eternal City of Rome. Tonight indulge in a lavish Roman Banquet complete with mouth-watering Italian specialties and wine. Then our illumination drive takes us by this fascinating city’s ancient ruins.
Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 9 - ROME
A free day in Rome to view the Colosseum where gladiators fought to death and the Forum Romanum where Caesar was assassinated in 44 B.C. Consider a visit to Vatican City, the world’s smallest state, to visit St. Peter’s Basilica housing Michelangelo’s magnificent “Pieta.” Stop to throw 3 coins in the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to Rome.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: City tour of Rome with local historian

DAY 10 - ROME – FLORENCE
We journey through the Chianti vineyards to the cultural magnificence of Florence, birthplace of Michelangelo. We’ll follow our art historian guide past the Ponte Vecchio Bridge, the Gates of Paradise, Giotto’s Belltower and more. After sundown, you can watch the carnival of street performers at the Piazza del Duomo. Get ready for an optional dinner of pure Italian delights at a rustic trattoria tonight.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: Tuscan feast

DAY 11 - FLORENCE – SWISS ALPS
From Piazzale Michelangelo, we view the sunlit rooftops of Florence and bid her a fond adieu. Today, experience another dramatic change of scenery as our motor coach continues on our way to the Swiss Alps. Climb high over the St. Gotthard Pass surrounded by snow-dusted peaks and chalet-studded valleys below. On the other side of the pass is the Four Forest Canton’s Lake whose shore leads us to the land of William Tell and shops filled with Swiss watches and chocolates.
Meals: Breakfast, dinner

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DAY 12 - SWISS ALPS - Train to PARIS
Enjoy some leisure time this morning before boarding our train to Paris, the "City of Romance." Our route takes us through the Swiss border town of Basel into France where we'll pass quaint chateaux and Burgundy vineyards.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: French cabaret show

DAY 13 - PARIS
An introduction to Paris' familiar landmarks takes us past the Opéra, the Arc de Triomphe, Champs Elysées, the Eiffel Tower, as well as the hunchback "Quasimodo's" beloved Notre Dame. We'll also visit a local perfume center. Spend the free afternoon exploring the Paris that appeals to you most: cultural Paris including the Louvre Museum or fashionable Paris with Cardin. Sampling pastries goes with either choice. Enjoy French cuisine at our bistro dinner tonight followed by a cruise on a glass-topped "bateau" gliding down the Seine through the heart of the city.
Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 14 - TRAVEL HOME or continue to LONDON via EUROSTAR
For some of us the tour of Europe ends in Paris this morning. Bid farewell to friends and 'à bientôt' to France before jetting back home with memories to last a lifetime. For the rest of us: The Eurostar train whisks us to London in under 3 hours. Upon arrival, take advantage of your 24-hour hop-on hop-off bus ticket to explore London town on your own. See Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square. Tonight, consider a West End Show or go hobnobbing with royalty at a posh night club.
Meals: Breakfast

DAY 15 - LONDON
Enjoy a day at your leisure and further explore the city of pomp and pageantry with your bus ticket. Visit one of London's many fabulous museums or take a tour of Shakespeare's Globe Theater. Last minute shopping at Harrod's in the fashionable area of Knightsbridge. Tonight's farewell fish & chips dinner will be at a typical British pub.
Meals: Breakfast, dinner

DAY 16 TRAVEL HOME
Your land tour ends with breakfast this morning. Europe's scenic vistas melt into the distance as we head for home.
Meals: Breakfast, In-flight
BEFORE YOU GO

HOW DO I BOOK?
Booking your trip is easy! To make your reservation click the “CHECK AVAILABILITY” button on any trip page to book your trip online, or you can call us at 1.800-638-7640 if you have any questions.

DO I NEED A PASSPORT? A VISA?
Travel to EUROPE if you are an American or Canadian citizen, you only need a Passport. The easiest way to get a passport is through your local post office, County Court House, or Passport Agency. When applying, be sure to take with you your genuine birth certificate, which includes the registrar’s signature and a raised seal; two recent photographs that are 2” x 2”, full face view, black/white or color; and ID like your Driver’s License. You may need a Visa for our tours if you are not an American or Canadian citizen. If you are a citizen of another country, you must contact the appropriate consulates for each nation on the itinerary, and you must obtain these visas on your own. Travel BEYOND Europe: Check on Visa requirements (incl. American or Canadian citizens) with the respective consulate or embassy. Some countries may charge for a tourist visa on entry or a departure tax on leaving the country.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I NEED?
We recommend $50-$80 per day, depending on your spending habits. That money covers items of a personal nature, laundry, beverages with meals (except for coffee/tea at breakfast, water at dinner, and occasionally a glass of wine), meals not included on tour, and expenses for free-time activities (metro tickets, taxis, entrance fees). This amount does not include money for souvenirs/gift shopping. We strongly recommend bringing a credit card (Visa, American Express, and Mastercard are the most widely accepted) as well as an ATM card. Check with your bank prior to departure to ensure your ATM card is usable overseas.

SHOULD I PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE?
We highly recommend travel insurance. AESU also offers group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or click on this link: https://www.mhross.com/index.php/consumer/portal/AESU3922MD

HOW MUCH LUGGAGE SHOULD I TAKE?
Due to limited space on the tour motor coach, you may only bring ONE suitcase and ONE carry-on. Limit your suitcase size to no larger than 29” x 20” x 10” and your carry-on to no larger than 8” x 16” x 22”. Check your airline’s website for any additional luggage restrictions. Keep in mind that throughout the duration of the tour you are responsible for your own luggage, so do not pack more than you can carry. Laundry facilities are available in major cities.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?
The easiest way to make your tour stressful is to over pack! See more details in Planning & Packing section on your trip’s Toolbox pages. Download our suggested packing list.

WHAT ABOUT PACKING DOCUMENTS?
Never pack your passport! Always keep it with you. The same goes for cash and credit cards. Pack 2 extra passport photos if possible (in the event that you misplace your passport), photo copies of your passport’s personal data pages, your flight itinerary and e-ticket information, a listing of your credit card, and copies of any personal IDs. This info will be extremely valuable should you lose any actual documents. Always keep actual documents on your person, and never in your checked suitcase.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

WHAT ARE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?
We stay in superior tourist class hotels, 3-star or 4-star, all with private bath/shower. Our hotels have been especially selected for their European atmosphere, friendly hospitality, cleanliness and location. TOUR ROOMING POLICY: If you are traveling alone and do not want a single room, we will attempt to arrange for a 2-share room. If this is not possible, we will make arrangements for a single room and charge the applicable single supplement. Some tour companies offer budget programs that stay in remote cabin campsites utilizing sleeping bags or occasional hotels with 4 or 4 share a room with no bath. We do NOT believe that this is the best way to spend a night in Europe. You’ll be furnished a complete hotel address list with your final documents. Properties are subject to change and any substitutions would be the equivalent of those listed. *Single supplement only applies if single accommodations are requested independent hotel reservations, certain special tours always apply a single supplement. Please check your itinerary and also see roommate question regarding Young Alumni Programs.

I KNOW SOME MEALS ARE INCLUDED, BUT WHAT ABOUT SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?
Tours include breakfast daily, lunches & dinner as per itinerary. If you are a vegetarian, or have special dietary needs, please inform your tour director as soon as you arrive. They are at home.

DO I NEED ANY VACCINATIONS?
Check with your doctor or the CDC (wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel) to find out if vaccinations are required. If you suffer from any form of illness, be sure to have an adequate supply of medicines before departing on your trip. You must advise us of any important medical condition you may have, before departure.

DOES AESU SUPPORT ECO TRAVEL?
Every traveler shares a common responsibility to preserve our planet’s environment and respect its people. AESU enthusiastically endorses ASTA’s 10 Commandments, which effectively reaffirm that responsibility. Let’s live by these Commandments, to ensure our world’s beauty is preserved for our generation and for generations to come. Thank you for the opportunity to travel together and to discover our remarkable world in a responsible manner. Over a decade ago AESU founded “TRAVEL FOR GOOD” — many years before large travel companies became active in environmental travel.

Link to US State Department Travel Website
http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/eng/itinerary.html

FOR MORE FAQ’s VISIT OUR WEBSITE
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BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested $4-5 per day for tour director, $2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY EUROPE: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a $300 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to $300, cancellation between 60-31 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 40%. Cancellation within 16 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 2:00 p.m. on program start date. FLIGHT DELAYS – ALL AIRPORTS: In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airline ticket, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline’s website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strikes, war, quarantine, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond AESU’s control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. Trip cancellation insurance should be purchased by the individual traveler in the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond our control. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, AESU’s liability shall be limited to a FULL REFUND of all payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. Baggage and personal injury are at owner’s risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. AESU reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our website at www.aesu.com.