Euro Spree
August 31 - September 13, 2015
London return September 15
Land package from $2,965

England - Holland - France

Italy - Vatican City

Germany - Switzerland - Austria
Day-by-Day-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 a glass-covered boat through Amsterdam’s flower-lined canals.
Meals: In-flight, Dinner

Optional activity: Dutch country side excursion

DAY 3 - AMSTERDAM
Let the good times roll during an optional bike ride through 13th century Dutch fishing villages along the Ijssel Lake beaches. Watch wooden shoes being carved and sample Edam cheese at a cheese farm. During free time in Amsterdam consider touring 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, where we’ll see the Glockenspiel chimes in the Town Hall Square and the world-renowned Hofbräuhous.
Meals: Breakfast

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
Enjoy some leisure time this morning before boarding our train to Venice, 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. Consider joining our optional can-can Cabaret Show tonight.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: French cabaret

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 Florentine 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 Cantons Lake, whose shore leads us to the land of William Tell and shops filled with Swiss watches and chocolates.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Optional activity: City tour of Rome with local historian

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. Consider joining our optional can-can Cabaret Show tonight.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: French cabaret

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, Farewell dinner

Optional activity: City tour of Rome with local historian

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 whiskers 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

Optional activity: City tour of Rome with local historian

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, is a must. Tonight’s farewell fish & chips dinner will be at a typical British pub.
Meals: Breakfast

Optional activity: City tour of Rome with local historian

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
Dear Alumni & Friends:

The University of Maryland Alumni Association invites you on a whirlwind tour of Europe’s most intriguing countries.

Our journey starts with the colorful canals of amazing Amsterdam; medieval castles of Germany’s legendary Rhine Valley bring us to the fun Oktoberfest city of Munich.

After conquering the snow-capped Austrian Alps, we explore romantic Venice and the ancient ruins of Caesar’s Rome. Michelangelo’s magnificent Florence is followed by 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.

You will have:

• The opportunity to travel with other UMD alumni.
• The benefit of having all of the leg work done for you with the flexibility of independent choices.
• Personal enrichment: insights into other people, places, and cultures.

Education is a lifelong process, and travel is a fantastic way to augment your knowledge. 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 2015!

Sincerely,

Angela Dimopoulos ’07
Assistant Director of Events and Marketing
University of Maryland Alumni Association

What's included:

14-day land package includes:
• Twelve nights in superior or first class hotels with private bath/shower, double occupancy
• Twelve breakfasts
• Six specialty dinners
• Amsterdam canal cruise
• Rhine River cruise
• Oktoberfest city of Munich with its Marienplatz and famous 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

2-day London optional package includes:
• EUROSTAR train Paris to London 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
• Fish & Chips farewell dinner

PLUS:
• Private professional tour director
• Ground transportation by air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary
• All service charges and local taxes
• Luggage tag and travel guides

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Pre-tour package in London:

[ ] I want to book the one-night pre-tour package for $245 (includes one 24-hour hop-on hop-off bus ticket) -- I am sharing a room with

[ ] I am a single traveler and will pay $345 for the pre-tour package

Air arrangements:

[ ] Please make round-trip flight reservations for me. I am departing from (city)

[ ] I will arrange my own flights and transfers to and from overseas.

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. Law, and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (passenger: $4-5 per day for tour director, $3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless otherwise indicated (children's lunch, personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all bars of a personal nature; airport transfers when a participant drives from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation and all forms not specifically stated in the itinerary. CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be made by AESU Alumni World Travel (writing). All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a $300 per person cancellation fee. Date of cancellation will determine penalties assessed. In addition to $300, cancellation between 60-30 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 30-15 days 40%. Cancellation within 15 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 honored and paid for AESU Alumni World Travel reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airline portion of the ticket is non-refundable. Cancellation of air reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation charges also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory. AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU Alumni World Travel flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & hotel) overseas. Land only participants (providing own flight to Europe) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet groups at the first hotel after 2:00 p.m. on program start date. FIGHT 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 fight delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participants. Please receive for possible reimbursement by airline. AESU is not responsible for any flights canceled, rescheduled, or delayed for any reason. If you miss your 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 weather, unscheduled, or canceled flights. All programs start in Europe ONE DAY LATER than the departure date listed. Flights may be delayed or cancelled due to severe weather conditions. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract. RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU Alumni World Travel and the sponsoring Association is limited. They are not in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by rail, road, river, motor, steamer, plane, or bus, and they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be caused, whether by reason of any act in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying on the arrangements of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strikes, war, quarantine, weather, and any other natural or unnatural cause. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers and accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, 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 Alumni World Travel's control dictate changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itinerary without penalty. The 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 Alumni World Travel's liability shall be limited to a FULL REFUND of all payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airline and insurance. Baggage and personal property are at owner's risk until arrival. The inclusions or exclusions of rewards or tickets shall be considered the result of the above conditions. AESU Alumni World Travel 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 acts, omission or event during the trip. The passengers are not on board the aircraft. The passenger ticket in use is by said aircraft, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and 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 any services missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.alumniworldtravel.com.

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Pre-tour package in London:

[ ] I want to book the 14-day land package for $2,965

[ ] I will pay the single supplement of $895

[ ] I will room with

Air arrangements:

[ ] Please make round-trip flight reservations for me. I am departing from (city)

(Discount airfares available from most U.S. 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 and transfers to and from overseas.

[ ] I am paying by check. Enclosed is my deposit of $ ________ ($500 per person) to secure my/our reservation. Make checks payable to AESU Alumni World Travel.

[ ] Charge my deposit of $ ________ ($500 per person) to [ ] Mastercard [ ] Visa [ ] American Express

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