



YOUNG *alumni* TRIPS

ALUMNI JOURNEYS FOR RECENT GRADS

DECEMBER 29, 2018
(land tour start date) –
JANUARY 2, 2019


NEW YEAR'S EVE
on cloud 9
AN ALPINE CELEBRATION.


EXPLORERS
ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM



START YOUR ADVENTURE



Dear Young Alumni and Friends!

Can you think of a better way to travel than with fellow University of Illinois Young Alumni?

The Illinois young alumni travel program offers you this opportunity by bringing you together with individuals in the same age range, with similar backgrounds and experiences, while enriching you on well-designed hassle-free tours of the world.

Travel to Austria with young alumni and friends of peer institutions, ages 20 – 35. This program provides social, cultural, and recreational activities and many opportunities for learning enrichment and allow a connection back to Illinois. They are of great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 40 years of experience in the young professional travel market. In this brochure you will find detailed itineraries, travel dates, pricing and how to book.

If you have any questions about our young alumni travel program, please contact us by emailing alumni@aesu.com or call 800-556-2586.

Sincerely,

Bridget Doyle

*Bridget Doyle
Travel Coordinator
University of Illinois Alumni Association*

Base land package price: \$1,695 per tour.

Rates are based on two people sharing one room. A single room supplement of \$395, \$695 for the Destination Dubai tour applies.

**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.*

WHAT DO I GET



COVERAGE

When you book your Young Alumni trip, the necessities of travel are taken care of.

These include:

SUPERIOR TOURIST CLASS HOTELS
OR BETTER
ALL LAND TRANSPORTATION
DAILY BREAKFAST
SPECIAL CULTURAL DINNERS
KNOWLEDGABLE TOUR DIRECTOR
BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS

(See more in the inclusions on pages 4, 7, 11 & 15)

EDUCATION & ADVENTURE

Whether you can't wait to immerse yourself in the amazing scenery of the glistening, snow-capped mountains of the Alps and hitting the slopes or you're more inclined to spend every moment you can enjoying delightful delicacies and anticipating ringing in the New Year amidst snow-capped mountains, the tour provides a beautiful balance of historical education and complete sensory and cultural immersion into the vivacious life of this country.

THE VERDICT?

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

It's not rocket science. Group travel is a safer way to explore the world.

These trips provide 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.

GO-EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

NEW YEAR'S EVE ON CLOUD 9

6 DAYS

December 29, 2018 (land tour start date) - January 2, 2019

ABOUT THE TRIP:

Come celebrate New Year's Eve in the Austrian Alps, high above the city of Innsbruck. Travel back in time, strolling down the charming narrow streets of the Old Town, exuding a special charm and sophistication that is unique in the Alps. Enjoy the festive atmosphere in the city, taste roasted chestnuts or enjoy a cup of hot chocolate in a fashionable café. Take part in our very own Winter Olympics on the mountain, then ring in the New Year over 6,200 feet above sea level at "Cloud 9" – an igloo club with stunning views of the city and the New Year's Eve laser show. Bring your friends. You don't want to miss out on this one!

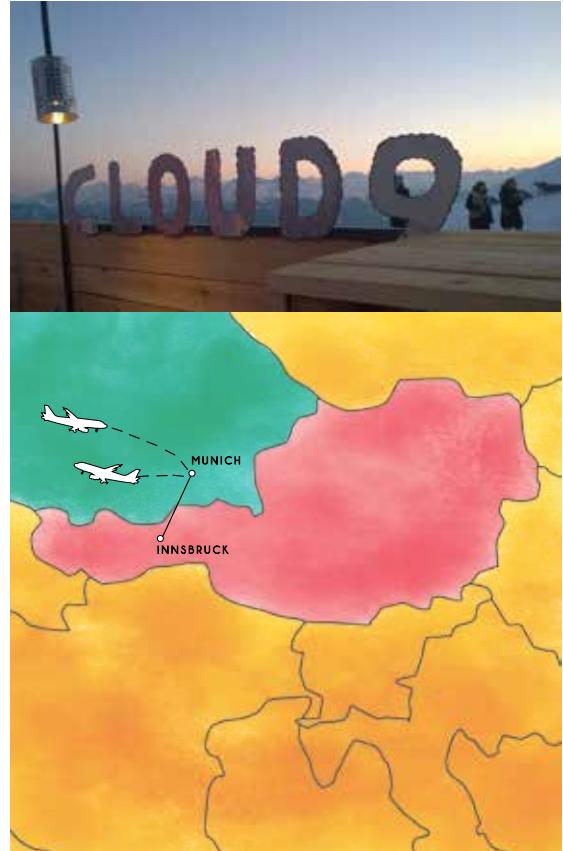
HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome dinner & orientation * Snow shoe hike * Igloo building class * Mountain top dinner * Sledding, skiing, and snowboarding * Historical city tour * Olympic Bergisel Stadium* Ambras Palace * New Year's Eve gala dinner * New Year's Day Champagne toast * Swarovski museum * Tyrolean Evening and farewell dinner*
... AND MUCH MORE!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

(Not included in package price)

Pre-post night packages in Munich available from
\$235 per person/shared room, \$350 single



NOTE: The Cloud 9 igloo bar is built every year, subject to weather conditions. If temperatures above freezing prevent the igloo from being built, the organizers will provide the same entertainment in a festive Marquee Pavilion.

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.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 4 nights in superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower
- Daily breakfast
- 3 three-course specialty dinners including
 - Welcome dinner of Austrian specialties
 - Festive New Year's Eve dinner
 - Tyrolean Evening and farewell dinner
- 1 lunch at a mountain ski hut
- Welcome New Year's toast at Swarovski
- Transfers between Munich airport and hotel in Innsbruck with purchase of AESU airfare
- Guided walking tour of Innsbruck with local historian
- Winter Olympics on the mountain
- New Year's Eve Igloo party at Cloud 9, located 6,200 ft. above Innsbruck with fantastic views over the city and spectacular laser show at midnight

PLUS:

- Private tour director for the duration of the land tour
- All scheduled sightseeing
- All intra-European transportation by motor coach as per itinerary
- All service charges and local taxes

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DAY 1 TRAVEL TO EUROPE

Our Europe-bound jet heads for Munich, Germany.

Meals: *In-flight*

DAY 2 MUNICH * INNSBRUCK

Transfer to Innsbruck upon arrival at Munich airport. For travelers with AESU airfare, the tour director will meet you in the arrivals hall at Munich airport for your group transfer to Innsbruck, the capital of Austria's Tyrol region. Take some time to rest up or start exploring the medieval old town, with spectacular views of mountain ranges, palaces and cathedrals. Tonight, join us for a welcome dinner of Austrian specialties and a program orientation with your tour director.

Meals: *In-flight, Austrian welcome dinner*

DAY 3 INNSBRUCK

Join us on the mountains for our very own Winter Olympics. A snow shoe hike will take us off the beaten path with fresh snow clinging to mountain peaks, spectacular views, and maybe even some wildlife sightings. After discovering our inner Inuit by building an igloo, we have earned a hearty meal in a ski hut on the mountain top. Then bundle up in hats and mittens to whiz down the mountain on a sled. If you would like to ski or snow board on your own, talk to your tour director about equipment rental and ski passes.

Meals: *Breakfast, mountain lunch*

DAY 4 INNSBRUCK

On this morning tour of Innsbruck our local historian takes us to the very center of Innsbruck to the famous 'Golden roof', decorated with 3,000 fire-gilded copper tiles. We pass the famous triumph gate of Innsbruck, 'Hofburg' Imperial Palace including the 'Hofkirche' chapel, then visit the Olympic Bergisel Stadium and Ski Jump, with the most amazing views over Innsbruck and the Inn Valley. Our final stop is Ambras Palace, built by Archduke Ferdinand II half a millennium ago. After a walk in the castle gardens, we return to town for a coffee and some of Austria's legendary pastries at a traditional coffee house. Get ready to ring in the New Year in style. Our gala dinner is only the beginning of tonight's celebration. After a feast of Tyrolean specialties accompanied by local wines, we take the Nordkettenbahn

cable-car to 'Cloud 9' club with exclusive views of the New Year's Eve laser show. In a setting over 6,200 feet above sea level, chill out and dance the night away at the club featuring some of Austria's hottest DJs.

Meals: *Breakfast, New Year's Eve dinner & champagne toast*

DAY 5 INNSBRUCK

Happy New Year! After a hearty breakfast, we make our way to Kristallwelten, Swarovski's fascinating museum, a fairy-tale world of shimmering crystal. Travel through '14 chambers of wonder' featuring marvelous paintings and sculptures such as the crystal tree or the giant 'crystaloscope', created by world-famous artists. Let's toast to the New Year with a glass of champagne before heading back to town with leisure time to shop or relax before our farewell dinner at a rustic pub tonight. Bid farewell to new-found friends and make plans for your next young alumni adventure.

Meals: *Breakfast, New Year's cocktail, Farewell dinner*

DAY 6 TRAVEL HOME

Travel home today with fond memories to last a lifetime and lots of energy for the New Year.

Meals: *Breakfast, In-flight*



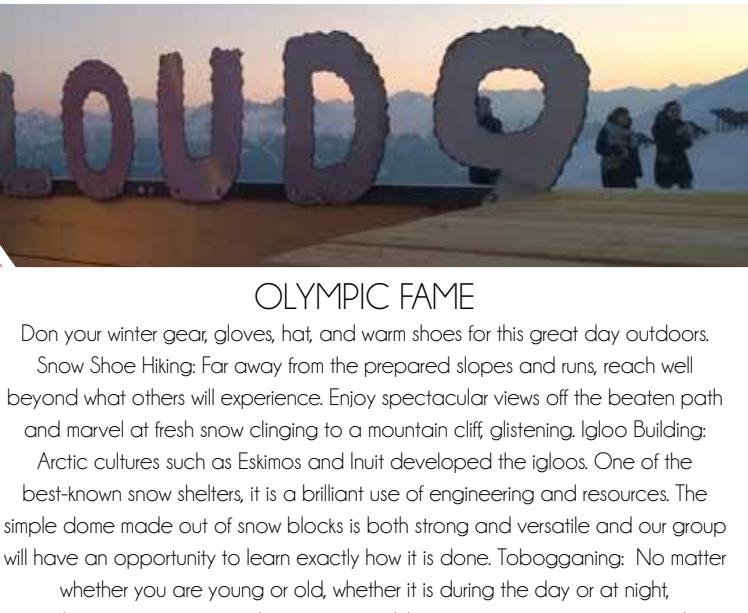
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THE SETTING

Innsbruck, the capital of Austria's state of Tyrol invites you with impressive mountain settings and a historic past. Strolling through the medieval old town, the Altstadt is almost like traveling back in time and the view up to the peaks of the Nordkette mountains is simply magical. The city is well-known for its Olympic ski jump, the Habsburg palace and the baroque cathedral. It is also a very young and vibrant town with a student population of 30,000 and the futuristic Nordpark cable station designed by architect Zaha Hadid has added a science fiction like touch to the city's skyline. Innsbruck is also a paradise for foodies: shop at the Markthalle like the locals, visit the food stalls, and try Tyrolian sausages, Krapfen or Strudel. Yum!



OLYMPIC FAME

Don your winter gear, gloves, hat, and warm shoes for this great day outdoors.

Snow Shoe Hiking: Far away from the prepared slopes and runs, reach well beyond what others will experience. Enjoy spectacular views off the beaten path and marvel at fresh snow clinging to a mountain cliff, glistening.

Igloo Building: Arctic cultures such as Eskimos and Inuit developed the igloos. One of the best-known snow shelters, it is a brilliant use of engineering and resources. The simple dome made out of snow blocks is both strong and versatile and our group will have an opportunity to learn exactly how it is done.

Tobogganaging: No matter whether you are young or old, whether it is during the day or at night, tobogganaging is one of the most enjoyable activities on a snow-covered mountain. A pure adrenaline rush!

AUSTRIAN TREASURES

The Swarovski story began with Daniel Swarovski, whose father, a glass cutter owned a small glass factory. As an apprentice Daniel became skilled in the art of glass-cutting and in 1892 patented an electric cutting machine to produce crystal glass. Today Swarovski Crystal World is one of Austria's most famous tourist attractions, enchanting millions of visitors each year featuring the Giant, the Labyrinth, the Gardens and the recently re-designed Chambers of Wonder. One of the coolest things made with Swarovski Crystal is the Star on top of the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center. But we will find out ourselves why many of world's leading designers use Swarovski crystal for their products. Maybe we'll even find the perfect souvenir to take home?



THE CELEBRATION

Enjoy great views over Innsbruck with a glass of champagne (or beverage of your choice) in hand. We start off with a fantastic dinner of Tyrolian classics at the restaurant located high above the rooftops of Innsbruck. Then off to the Igloo Bar at Cloud 9 (Igloo pending weather conditions.) At 6200ft above sea level it is the perfect setting for a once-in-a-lifetime celebration. It is the Alps largest igloo event with a capacity of 350 people. DJs will keep the party going all night. At midnight enjoy amazing views over the city of Innsbruck with fireworks or laser shows to ring in the New Year. Dance the night away and celebrate the New Year on Cloud 9.

TYROLIAN TRADITIONS

One cannot leave Austria without having experienced an authentic Tyrolean evening. Many shows are family operated for decades and feature traditional music, folk dances, shoe-slapping and yodeling. Enjoy local cuisine such as Wiener Schnitzel, Tafelspitz, delicious Applestrudel or Kaiserschmarrn.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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 souvenir/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. (Some schools or alumni associations may offer travel insurance to you.) If not, AESU also offers group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or click on this link: <https://www.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=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 21". 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?

European trips: 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: All rates based on per/person 2-share basis. Two persons booking together as roommates receive a 2-share room. Solo travelers will be accommodated in a 2-share room, depending on availability. 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. 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. 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 DONT HAVE A ROOMMATE, WHAT DO I DO?

Going solo is not a problem with AESU. Many of our participants don't have a travel companion when booking a trip. If you're traveling alone, we will attempt to arrange for you to share a room (same gender) at NO EXTRA COST. Please read our rooming policy above. Our hotels are superior tourist class or better, with private bath/shower. Usual accommodations are two sharing a room, however, if you book a single room, our reservations agent can make arrangements for a single at the applicable single supplement rate.

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. All included meals are pre-paid, so a substitute meal is always up to the goodwill of the establishment. We cannot guarantee that all special requests will be granted, but, in the past, most restaurants have been cooperative. Please keep in mind that substitute meals may not be as varied as 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 conditions 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/english.html>

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 \$5 per day for tour director, \$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.

EUROPEAN TOURS: 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 94-31 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. **UAE:** All cancellations, for any reason whatsoever, will be subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee. Cancellation between 94-60 days of departure will result in a forfeiture of 50% of tour cost. Cancellation within 59 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip: 100%. **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 3:00 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. Shuttle services or taxis are available. 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 airfare, 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 strike, 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 web site at www.aesu.com

FOR MORE FAQ's VISIT OUR WEBSITE: