



DESTINATION DUBAI

GO EXPLORE

JOURNEYS FOR YOUNG ALUMNI

APRIL 27 (land tour start date) - MAY 3, 2019
Land package from \$1,795 per person





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 with young alumni and friends of peer institutions, ages 20 - 35. These programs provide social, cultural, and recreational activities. You'll have many opportunities for learning enrichment and enjoying a connection back to Illinois. Each tour offers 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 a detailed itinerary, travel dates, pricing and information on 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,

Jennifer Neubauer
President, University of Illinois Alumni Alliance
Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations, UIUC



EXPLORERS
ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM

WHAT DO I GET



COVERAGE

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

These include:

- 4 or 5 STAR LUXURY HOTELS
 - ALL LAND TRANSPORTATION
 - DAILY BREAKFAST
 - SPECIAL CULTURAL DINNERS
 - KNOWLEDGABLE TOUR DIRECTOR
 - BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS
- (See more in the inclusions on page 4)

EDUCATIONAL & ADVENTUROUS

Whether you can't wait to immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Dubai and taste all the local delicacies, or you're more inclined to enjoy the adventure of a safari and relaxation of subbathing on Jumeirah Beach, this trip provides a beautiful balance of historical education and complete sensory and cultural immersion into the vivacious life of this city.

THE VERDICT?

Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime to explore the places you have been dreaming of. Make 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.

GO-EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

DESTINATION DUBAI

8 DAYS

ABOUT THE TRIP :

Dubai conjures up images of gleaming skyscrapers set against the back drop of the vast Arabian Desert and glistening sea. See Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world, set alongside ancient mosques. Bargain for gold, spices and handicrafts at the atmospheric "suqs" markets. Our Arabian adventure continues when we ride nature's roller coaster- jeeps across the dunes. Overnight in the desert, ride camels, go sand surfing, then feast under the stars accompanied by traditional belly dancing. Find out for yourself why Dubai is one of the world's most intriguing destinations.

HIGHLIGHTS :

Welcome orientation * Arabian welcome dinner cruise * city tour with local guide * observation deck at Burj Khalifa * Al Fahidi Fort - Dubai Museum * Dhow dinner cruise * Spice market * Old Dubai * Dubai malls * Camel ride * Desert safari & camping * BBQ dinner * Jumeirah Beach * Farewell dinner ... AND MUCH MORE!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS :

(Not included in package price)

- Harbor Cruise
- Excursion to Abu Dhabi

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.

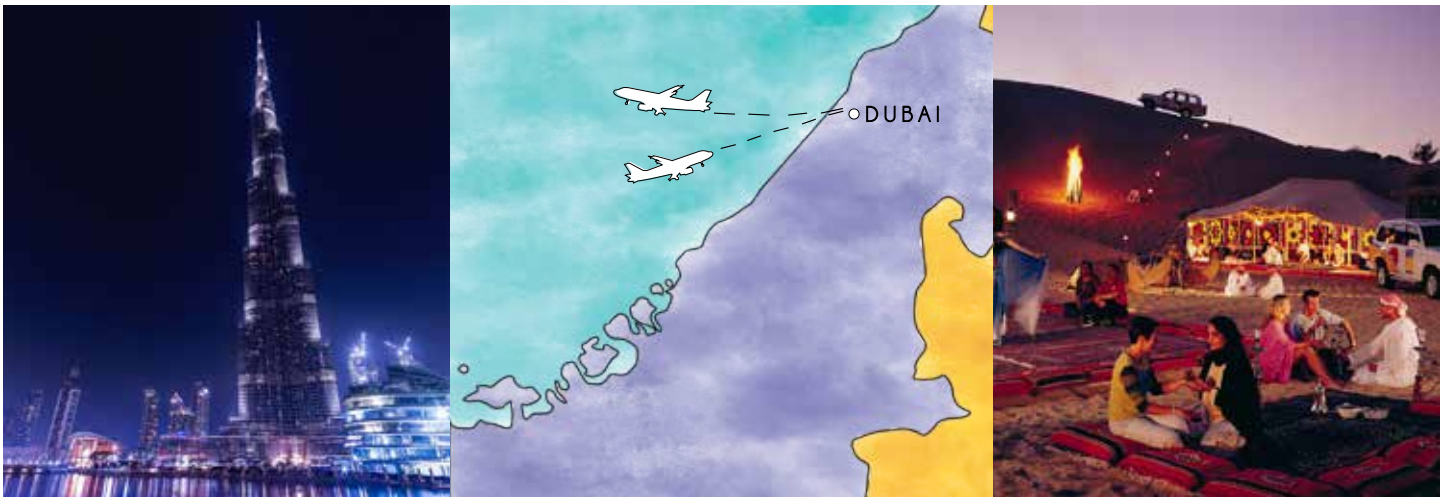
WHAT'S INCLUDED :

The land package includes

2 nights at a 5-star hotel in Dubai city, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower * 1 night camp in the desert, accommodations in tents and sleeping bags * 3 nights at a 5-star hotel on Jumeirah beach, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower * Airport transfers with purchase of AESU group airfare * daily breakfast as per itinerary * 3 dinners & one lunch * half-day Dubai city tour with local English-speaking guide * half-day shopping tour * observation deck at Burj Khalifa, tallest building in the world * overnight desert Safari including: transfer by land cruisers, camel ride, dune surfing, belly dancing, beverages (unlimited soft drinks, tea, coffee, water), henna painting, Arabic coffee and fresh Arabic dates, traditional costumes (Qandora), 5-star buffet dinner with BBQ meats * Dhow dinner cruise * Overnight safari subject to weather conditions and heat index, alternate additional overnight at Dubai city hotel

PLUS:

Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour * All scheduled sightseeing * All ground transportation by private motor coach as per itinerary * All service charges and local taxes * Included tour highlights



DESTINATION DUBAI

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO DUBAI

Embark on your overnight flight to begin your Dubai experience.

Meals In-flight

DAY 2 - DUBAI - LAND TOUR START DATE

Travelers who booked a flight with AESU will be met and transferred to the hotel. Tonight meet in the hotel lobby for a welcome cocktail and orientation with your tour director and fellow travelers.

Meals In-flight, Welcome cocktail

DAY 3 - DUBAI

Our local guide introduces us to both the new and the old Dubai on our city tour. On this scenic route we will make photo stops at Burj Al Arab, the famous 7-star hotel and Jumeirah Mosque, the only Mosque allowing non-Muslims to enter. Visit the breathtaking observation deck at Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world and a magnificent centerpiece of downtown Dubai. We pass the Sheikh's stunning palace, travel along Dubai Creek, the lifeline and pulse of the city, before taking a stroll through the narrow lanes of Al Bastakiya, the old Dubai. We continue to the Al Fahidi Fort, housing the Dubai Museum. Board a water taxi, called 'Abra' to cross the lagoon to see the spice market and visit one of Dubai's famous landmarks, the Gold Souk. Tonight, join a traditional Arabian 'Dhow' for an evening cruise. Enjoy a sumptuous welcome feast of Arabic and International cuisine while gently gliding past illuminated souks and palaces.

Meals Breakfast, lunch, dinner cruise

DAY 4 - DUBAI - DESERT SAFARI

Land cruisers pick us up at the hotel for an excursion across the desert of Dubai. There are several photo stops during this exciting drive across the dunes. Upon arrival at the campsite, experience the beauty of the Arabian Desert as it was meant to be seen- on the back of a camel! For adrenaline junkies, no trip to Dubai is complete without at least one slide down a sand dune. Take advantage of the opportunity to experience the exhilaration of one of the most popular sports in the desert - sand boarding! If you prefer a more relaxing activity, try Arabic coffee and dates, have your hands or feet painted with henna or try a typical shisha while watching belly dancers perform by starlight after witnessing a magnificent desert sunset. Take the opportunity to enjoy the tranquility of the desert by night. Dubai Desert camping is a unique experience specially designed for nature lovers. Admire the beauty and magic of the Arabian Desert AND discover a variety of flora and fauna. Tents with sleeping pads/mattresses are set up for the night under the Arabian sky.

Suggestion Pack a flash-light, a change of clothes and a sweater for the night.

Meals Breakfast, BBQ Dinner

*Overnight camp subject to weather conditions - heat index.

DAY 5 - DUBAI - DUBAI BEACH

Upon return to Dubai, enjoy some of the best, biggest, most luxurious, elegant, yet affordable malls in the world. The Dubai & Emirate Malls offer more than 1200 shops and a multitude of restaurants and cafes. We check into our hotel this afternoon. The hotel is located at one of the world's best and certainly Dubai's most famous beach, Jumeirah Beach Park. Dubai is the land of sun and sand, so beaches form the most attractive part of its beauty. Later on relax and enjoy an optional cruise onboard a luxurious motor boat. Take in spectacular views of Dubai's coastline as you sail around Palm Jumeirah, the world's largest man-made island which has doubled the coastline of Dubai.

Meals Breakfast

Optional activity Harbor cruise

DAY 6 - DUBAI - DUBAI BEACH

Enjoy idleness and the gentle breeze from the sea at your hotel's swimming pool or Jacuzzi. The magnificent beach directly in front of your resort offers many watersports facilities. Consider an optional excursion to Abu Dhabi. The capital of the United Arab Emirates is a fascinating mix of tradition and progression, from the majestic Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and the traditional Heritage Village to the magnificent Emirates Palace Hotel. See both faces of Abu Dhabi in this introduction city tour. Enjoy the remainder of the day exploring your hotel, laze on the beach, or partake in optional water sports activities.

Meals Breakfast

Optional activity Excursion to Abu Dhabi

DESTINATION DUBAI

ITINERARY CONTINUED

DAY 7 - DUBAI - DUBAI BEACH

Take in the sun for another day or shop and sightsee in the downtown area. At tonight's farewell dinner, watch the chefs prepare your favorite dish with a new twist while you sample a variety of sumptuous international dishes. Finish your exciting culinary journey with heavenly international desserts.

Meals Breakfast, Farewell dinner

DAY 8 - TRAVEL HOME

Today we transfer to the Dubai International Airport for our return flight home. Most flights to the US leave Dubai just after midnight. After check-out, your luggage can be stored with the hotel and you have access to all public hotel facilities until we depart for the airport. Travelers, registered for a transfer, meet in the hotel lobby and transfer to Dubai International Airport. We board our flight home with memories of one of the world's most intriguing destinations and plans for our next alumni journey!

Meals Breakfast In-flight

**Important note: Please familiarize yourself with regards to dress code and acceptable behavior.
To view specific Dubai Travel Guidelines, please visit our website**

LUXURY & ADVENTURE

THE SANDS, SKYSCRAPERS, AND SPLENDORS OF DUBAI

So - what is all the fuss about? Dubai's bold architecture, mighty skylines and its obsession with 'over-the-top' attractions like the tallest building in the world or an indoor ski slope should be enough to convince you - not to mention the fact that the city has a rich culture, rooted in Bedouin heritage and traditions, performances and falconry.

There is so much to learn, see and experience!



LUXURY

Feel pampered during your stay at four and five star hotels with amazing lobbies, pools, bars, restaurants and accommodations.



CUISINE

Indian spices, Levantine specialities, Persian ingredients and the Bedouin lifestyle have all combined to influence the cuisine of Dubai. Its gastronomy is as cosmopolitan as the city's culture. It will be difficult to find a bad meal.



THE MARKETS

Vintage finds or emerging designer pieces, Dubai's markets have it all. From organic produce to vintage pop-ups, to artisan finds and nighttime browsing, Dubai is experiencing a market boom. A number of meeting places have popped up all over the city. Here are some of the most popular markets: Ripe Market (various beach locations across Dubai), The Market (The Beach at JBR), ARTE, The Makers Market (Time Square Centre, Mercato Mall, Oasis Mall), Dubai Flea Market (various locations), Reform Night Market (The Lakes), So Chick Pop-up Vintage Market (Alkerkal Avenue), Farmer's Market on The Terrace (Bay Avenue, Business Bay). You may also enjoy haggling for gold, incense or spices in the bustling souk markets or visit some of Dubai's posh shopping malls.



HISTORY

Looking at the expansive desert city packed with glistening high-rise towers, it is hard to imagine that the city started out as a tiny fishing village. It is thought that Bronze Age nomadic cattle herders were the first to settle here and by the fifth century CE the area we now know as Jumeirah had become a caravan station along the trade route linking Oman to what is now Iraq. The livelihood of the local people was mainly based on fishing, pearl diving, boat building, and providing accommodation and sustenance for the traders who would pass through on their way to sell gold, spices and textiles - the very goods that can be found in the souks today. In 1820, Britain negotiated a maritime truce with local rulers, and the trade routes were opened again. Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum began the development of Dubai transforming the city from a small cluster of settlements near the Dubai Creek to a modern port city and commercial hub.

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CULTURE

Dubai is a modern city that welcomes visitors from around the world. Religion plays a significant role in the culture of Dubai. Mosques can be found throughout the city and at sunset the call to prayer can be heard across the rooftops. Courtesy and hospitality are important virtues in the Arab world, and visitors will enjoy the friendliness and warm welcome provided by locals. Visitors should remember that, as Dubai is a Muslim city, a more modest code of behavior is required. You can find more information about Dubai culture and behavior tips on our website.



ARCHITECTURE

Anyone visiting Dubai for the first time can't help but be impressed by the city's skyline. There is Burj Khalifa, standing at just under 830 meters tall. It is not only the tallest building in Dubai, but the tallest on the planet. The rocket ship-like design makes this striking skyscraper look as if it's going to take off any minute. Tom Wright, a British architect, designed the incredible Burj Al Arab (pictured), the fourth tallest hotel in the world. The city's most iconic hotel soars skywards like a huge sail from its private island. Dubai is also filled with historical treasures. During a visit to Heritage Village, and Dubai Museum in the historic Al Fahidi Fort, one can find out about century-old buildings and Dubai's Bedouin and pearl-trading past. At the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding (SMCCU) one can gain a better understanding of Emirati culture and heritage. The Sheikh Saeed Al-Maktoum's House served as residence of the ruling family and Dubai's visionary founder.



ENTERTAINMENT

Dubai sets the stage for world-class events and festivals year-round, from Dubai Music Week to the Emirates Airline Festival of Literature. For a night out on the town, the chic lounges, theatres and live music spaces live up to everyone's expectations. Desert safaris offer endless options from henna painting to dune surfing. A night under the Arabian sky may just be a once-in-a-lifetime experience never to be forgotten.

PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTELS

Our hotels are four and five-star luxury hotels in Dubai, with private bathrooms. They are centrally located or have easy access to public transportation. Many have great extra amenities such as pools, gyms and roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same-gender traveler. If no travelers are available to share when final rooming assignments are made, the single supplement will apply.

Sample hotels:



Sheraton Hotel
Dubai City



Overnight Desert Camp
Dubai



Le Royal Meridien Beach Resort Hotel
Jumeirah Beach, Dubai

TOUR DIRECTORS

We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals: multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major European universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

LEVEL 2: MODERATE

This is a single-city tour. Standing and walking for extended periods of time during city tour, cultural sites, and/or outdoor activities. Walking over sometimes difficult terrain (e.g. cobblestones, city hills, desert sand, stairs without handrails) and athletic activities, such as sand surfing, camel riding, desert camping.

Please Note:

Travel to and from the tour is not factored into our activity level ratings. You should take into account your stamina when traveling long distances and/or with multiple flight changes. Also, you must be able to handle your luggage independently throughout the itinerary.

Appropriate for: Travelers who are physically fit, and who are comfortable participating in at least three hours of activity per day.

WHAT OUR TRAVELERS ARE SAYING ABOUT OUR TOURS

"First time taking a tour like this - great experience and fellow travelers made things even better"
-MATTHEW B.

"Our tour guide was awesome and was always willing to take people to popular locations in her free time."
-KATHERINE H.

"Best vacation. I had a wonderful time and made lifelong friends which made it even better"
-ANTHONY R.

"I loved the optional excursions as well as the free time allowed in each city - it allowed us to experience each city and get to know the other members of the group"
-ALINA NICOLE G.

"I'll never forget this trip"
-LAURA B.

"It was the trip of a lifetime! I loved the tour director and all of my fellow travelers! I don't think I could have asked for a better trip"
-HALEY M.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my experience! Thought it was very well organized and exceeded my expectations"
-PAIGE A.

"I had so much fun! Would recommend to all.. amazing deal for everything we saw and did"
-TODD S.

"100% would do it again"
-ADDIE O.

"When booking my trip, I was searching for a balance of structured tours and adequate free time, and I found that with AESU!"
-MCKINNON M.

"Such an incredible experience! So organized and I love how we so quickly went from place to place and saw so much!"
-ABIGAIL C.

"Had the best time of my life!"
-MEHVISH A.

"Definitely the best days of my life, without a doubt: new friends, amazing experiences and a ton of fun - I am so thankful for this trip!"
-TREVOR P.

"I enjoyed everything! I was considering traveling Europe on my own, but I would never have done half the things I got to do with AESU!"
-JENNA F.

"I would highly recommend this to others and I look forward to doing another trip!"
-RILEY F.

"I liked that we were able to see so much - I feel like I got the most of our trip and made so many friends and memories"
-EMILY L.

"Being in a group was very fun - getting to meet lots of cool, new people. I loved not having to worry about transportation to/from all of the things we were able to do and it was great to get free time recommendations from our tour director!"
-EVELYN T.

"I was very satisfied with all aspects of the tour - it was a life changing experience and I definitely recommend it!"
-JAMES M.



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2019 YOUNG ALUMNI ADVENTURES



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APRIL 27 - MAY 3, 2019
FROM \$ 1,795



ICELAND EXPEDITION

JUNE 13 - 16, 2019
FROM \$ 1,475



PORTUGAL ADVENTURE

JULY 14 - 21, 2019
FROM \$ 1,695



COSTA RICA ECO EXPLORER

AUGUST 14 - 18, 2019
FROM \$ 1,375



HOPS, GRAINS & SLAINTE (IRELAND)

SEPTEMBER 9 - 15, 2019
FROM \$ 1,895



CAPTIVATING CROATIA

OCTOBER 7 - 13, 2019
FROM \$ 1,625



NEW YEAR'S EVE ON CLOUD 9 (AUSTRIA)

DECEMBER 29, 2019 - JANUARY 2, 2020
FROM \$ 1,695



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BEFORE YOU GO

HOW DO I BOOK?

Booking your trip is easy! To make your reservation, head to www.aesu.com and 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?

All travelers are required to have a valid passport. If you are an American citizen, the easiest way to get a passport is through your local post office, County Court House, or Passport Agency. Check the United States State Department's website for specific regulations regarding acquiring a passport. (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>)

Check on Visa requirements with the respective consulate or embassy. Some countries may charge for a tourist visa on entry or a departure tax on leaving the country.

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.

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 and 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.

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 details in the 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.

SHOULD I PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE?

We highly recommend travel insurance. (Some schools or alumni associations may offer travel insurance to you at a reduced rate.) 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>

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

WHAT ARE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?

We stay at 4 and 5-star hotels, all with private bath/shower, plus 1 night desert camp accommodations. Our hotels have been especially selected for their 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.

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. For independent hotel reservations such as pre/post nights, etc., and select special tours a single supplement is always applied. Please check your itinerary.

I DON'T 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. (See above rooming policy for details)

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 add this to your account when booking. 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 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/english.html>

FOR MORE FAQ'S VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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: All cancellations must be received by AESU Alumni World Travel in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$500, cancellation between 94-60 days of departure will result in 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. 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. 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 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.