



ALUMNI JOURNEY





# WHY CHOOSE AESU WORLD TRAVEL

## ABOUT US

When deciding on a team you can trust to send you on the most magical, informative and fun travel experience, you need not look any further than AESU. We are an Educational Travel Service company founded in 1977. Our head office is located in Baltimore, MD with satellite and partner offices around the globe.

With 40 years of experience we can safely say we know how to combine the wonders of history, the excitement of culture and of course, the adventure of experiencing the world. The balance of learning and fun provides a well-rounded experience and memories and new friendships that last a lifetime. It's time to stop dreaming about travel and start delving into it head first. When travelling with AESU, you get the most out of your journey, from trying local delicacies, to venturing into ancient territories, to living every moment of your time in each city to its absolute fullest. We want you to not only make an investment in the quality of your trip, but in the quality of every memory made along the way.

What are you waiting for? Just go!

## OUR EXPERTISE

- TRIPS FOR 18 - 35 YEAR OLDS
- COLLEGE STUDENT AND YOUNG PROFESSIONAL TRIPS
- GRADUATION TOURS
- YOUNG ALUMNI JOURNEYS
- TRADITIONAL ALUMNI JOURNEYS
- STUDY ABROAD AND STUDENT TRAVEL
- FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS TO DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE
- CUSTOMIZED GROUP TRAVEL SPECIALIST FOR ALL AGES

# 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  
KNOWLEDGABLE TOUR DIRECTOR  
MUSEUM PASSES, ADMISSIONS  
LOCAL HISTORIANS

(See more in the inclusions on page 4)

## EDUCATIONAL & ADVENTUROUS

Whether you can't wait to immerse yourself in the beautiful historic sites of Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg and the astonishing works of Michaelangelo and Botticelli in Florence, or you're more inclined to relax on a sailing trip in Barcelona and a Chianti vineyards excursion in Florence, AESU provides a beautiful balance of historical education and complete sensory and cultural immersion into the vivacious life of every country 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. Make new 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!**

# THE CONTINENTAL

## 12 DAYS

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### ABOUT THE TRIP:

The Continental is an eye-opening look into some of Europe's most gorgeous cities. From the incomparable intricacies of the 'Golden City' of the Renaissance, Florence, to the boisterous Hofbrauhaus in Munich. Take in the breathtaking scenery of Austria while channeling your inner Julie Andrews, soak up the sun and the beauty of the French Riviera and lose yourself in the eccentricity of Gaudi and the vibrant culture in Barcelona. The Continental is sure to appeal to all, and it will most certainly not disappoint.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome Orientation \* Munich Glockenspiel \* Traditional Bavarian Dinner \* Salzburg Mozart Sights \* Sound of Music Tour \* Venice Grand Canal \* Pizza Party \* Florence "Golden City" of the Renaissance \* French Riviera Beaches \* French Brasserie Dinner \* High-speed train from France to Spain \* Barcelona Fiesta Dinner \* Spanish Flamenco Show ... AND MUCH MORE!

### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

(Not included in package price)

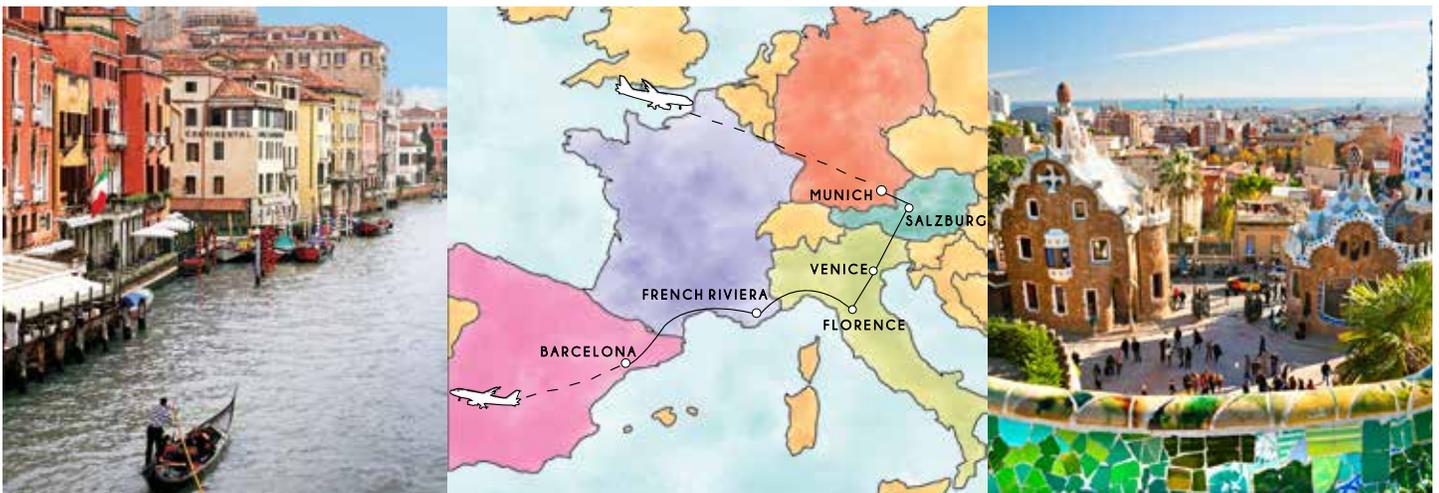
Munich	-	Dachau Memorial Site	\$20
Salzburg	-	Mozart Dinner & Concert	\$125
Florence	-	Chianti Excursion	\$60
Tuscan Feast	-	Join us for a culinary delight at one of the oldest trattorias in Florence	\$75
French Riviera	-	Monte Carlo & Cannes excursion	\$159
Barcelona	-	Mediterranean sailing trip	\$175

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

10 overnights at superior tourist class with private bath/shower, 2-share rooms \* Four specialty dinners including one beverage \* Daily breakfasts \* Tours guided by local historians in: Munich, Salzburg & Florence \* Barcelona 2-day travel card \* High-speed train ticket from Marseille to Barcelona \* Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour \* All scheduled sightseeing \* Intra-European transportation by air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary \* All service charges and local taxes \* Luggage tag and travel guides



# THE CONTINENTAL

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO MUNICH, GERMANY

Take off on your overnight flight for an amazing European adventure.

[Meals In-flight](#)

### DAY 2 - MUNICH - LAND TOUR START DATE

Arrive in Munich today and enjoy the remainder of the day to relax or explore the sights of the famed Oktoberfest city before meeting fellow travelers at our welcome orientation and dinner of German specialties tonight.

[Meals In-flight, Bavarian welcome dinner](#)

### DAY 3 - MUNICH

On today's walking tour of Munich, see the Glockenspiel Chimes, the Frauenkirche, then shop for Bavarian beer steins and lederhosen on Maximilianstrasse. An optional excursion is available for those interested in visiting Dachau Memorial Site. Enjoy a free evening to further explore the city or make dinner plans with fellow travelers.

[Meals Breakfast](#)

[Optional excursion Dachau Memorial Site](#)

### DAY 4 - MUNICH - SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

Entering enchanting Austria, our next stop is Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart. Our local historian will take us on a 'Sound of Music' tour, a must for those who were touched by the story of the von Trapp family. Enjoy the spirit of this festival city as we walk along narrow streets decorated with colorful wrought iron signs. This evening opt into a Mozart dinner concert.

[Meals Breakfast](#)

[Optional excursion Mozart dinner concert](#)

### DAY 5 - SALZBURG - VENICE, ITALY

The picturesque landscape of the Austrian Lake District brings us to sunny Italy's Venice- "Sinking City in the Sea." Stroll across arched bridges past 12th and 18th-century marble palaces along the Grand Canal. Leisure time may find you on a romantic gondola gliding through the intricate maze of canals. We return to the main land for our pizza party tonight.

[Meals Breakfast, pizza party](#)

### DAY 6 - VENICE - FLORENCE

Through the fertile Po Valley we approach Florence, 'Golden City of the Renaissance' and birthplace of Michelangelo. Our local art expert shows us why Florence is considered the art capital of the world. See the Gates of Paradise, the marble Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Giotto's Belltower. Leisure time may find you shopping for Florentine leather goods and jewelry or watching the amber sun set over Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo.

[Meals Breakfast](#)

### DAY 7 - FLORENCE

This morning, our optional Chianti excursion starts with a picturesque drive through the vineyards of one of the best known wine growing areas. A local expert will show us the cellars and introduce us to a variety of wines accompanied by local specialties of ham, Tuscan salami, olive oils and bread. If you remain in Florence, free time may find you visiting the Uffizi Gallery or the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's David. Tonight, consider joining a Tuscan Feast at one of the famous Florentine trattorias tonight.

[Meals Breakfast](#)

[Optional excursions Chianti excursion and Tuscan Feast](#)

### DAY 8 - FLORENCE - FRENCH RIVIERA

We follow winding coastal roads to the sun-splashed shores of the Italian and French Riviera. Take some time to relax after today's travels before joining us for a 'Welcome to France' brasserie dinner.

[Meals Breakfast, Brasserie dinner](#)

### DAY 9 - FRENCH RIVIERA

Devote your day to swimming and sunbathing or take our optional excursion along the French Riviera. Check out the extravagant yachts in the film festival resort of Cannes or just stroll under the towering palms. Continue along the Cote d'Azur through Nice to the elegant Principality of Monaco to see the famous Grand Casino, the Royal Palace and streets used for the Grand Prix Race.

[Meals Breakfast](#)

[Optional excursion Cannes & Monte Carlo \(not offered during Grand Prix or Cannes Film Festival\)](#)

# THE CONTINENTAL

## ITINERARY (CONTINUED)

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### DAY 10 - TRAIN TO BARCELONA, SPAIN

Early this morning we make our way to Marseille to board a high-speed train to Barcelona. In just under 4.5 hours we make our way to Don Quixote's Spain. With the blue Mediterranean by our side we zigzag along the sparkling coast and through the Pyrenees Mountains to the Costa Brava. Stay in bustling Barcelona. Founded by Phoenicians, the city was a major port one thousand years before Madrid even existed. Enjoy an evening at leisure.

[Meals Breakfast](#)

### DAY 11 - BARCELONA

During free time today, use your included 2-day Barcelona travel card to see Gaudi's art nouveau cathedral, the Picasso Museum, the flower markets of Las Ramblas and sites from the 1992 Olympics. This afternoon, perhaps take the funicular up to Montjuich for a sweeping panoramic view of the harbor below. Consider joining an optional sailing trip on the beautiful Mediterranean Sea aboard a modern yacht. Tonight indulge in our special Fiesta dinner of Spanish cuisine and sangria, then feel the pace quicken in time with clicking castanets at an exciting Flamenco show.

[Meals Breakfast, Farewell Fiesta Dinner and Flamenco show](#)

[Optional excursion Mediterranean sailing trip](#)

### DAY 12 - TRAVEL HOME

Your land tour ends with breakfast this morning. Fly back home with grand memories to last a lifetime.

[Meals Breakfast, in-flight](#)

# PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

## HOTELS

Our hotels are superior tourist class, 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:



Carat Hotel  
Munich, Germany



Grand Hotel Mediterraneo  
Florence, Italy



Hotel Continental  
Saint-Raphael, France

## 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 multi-city tour. Some long touring days with full-day motor coach or rail travel. Standing and walking for extended periods of time during city tours, museum visits, and/or outdoor activities. Walking over sometimes difficult terrain (e.g. cobblestones, city hills, stairs without handrails, absence of elevators, climbing aboard buses or trains with high steps), some longer walks to get to city centers where coaches are prohibited.

#### *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.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## BEFORE YOU GO

### HOW DO I BOOK?

Booking your trip is easy! To make your reservation, head to [www.aesu.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.aesu.com).