



EURO SPREE

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START YOUR ADVENTURE

WHY CHOOSE AESU?

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 over 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

14-day base land package \$2998 *

Rates are based on two people sharing one room. Please see rooming policy regarding arranging shared accommodations. To guarantee a single room, a supplement of \$795 for the 14 - day tour will apply.

*Special land price per person. Airfare priced separately for greater flexibility. Please call AESU World Travel for great low airfares from most US cities. Airport/departure taxes are additional and subject to change.

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
 - BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS
- (See more in the inclusions on page 4)

EDUCATIONAL & ADVENTUROUS

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

THE VERDICT?

Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime to explore the places you have been dreaming of or reading about in books. Make 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 fun and 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

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14 DAYS

COUNTRIES VISITED:

Holland - Germany - Austria - Italy - Vatican City - Switzerland - France

ABOUT THE TRIP:

The Euro Spree starts with the fun of biking in Holland and a cruise on Germany's Rhine River. Explore romantic Venice and conquer the Swiss Alps. Before returning home, the glitter of Paris awaits. A super sampling of some of Europe's great diversity!

HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome orientation * Amsterdam canal cruise * Rhine River cruise * Oktoberfest city of Munich * Germany's Romantic Road * Austrian Alps * Venice Island and Murano glass-blowing workshop * Illumination drive through Rome & Vatican City * Lucerne's Wooden Chapel Bridge and Lake Lucerne * Seine River cruise * French bistro dinner ...AND MUCH MORE!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

(Not included in package price)

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| Countryside, Holland | - | Dutch Countryside Excursion |
| Venice, Italy | - | Gondola Ride |
| Rome, Italy | - | Guided Tour of Rome |
| Rome, Italy | - | Tuscan Feast |

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:

12 nights in superior or first class hotels with private bath/shower, double occupancy * 12 continental breakfasts * 6 specialty dinners incl. one beverage * Amsterdam canal cruise * Rhine River cruise * Glockenspiel plus visit to a typical German beer hall * Austrian Alpine center stay and scenic drive over the Alps * Private boat to Venice Island * Murano glass-blowing workshop demonstration in Venice * Illumination drive through Rome & Vatican City * Guided walking tour in Florence with local historian * Lucerne's Wooden Chapel Bridge and Lake Lucerne * Comfort class train from Zurich to Paris * Guided sightseeing tour of Paris * Seine River cruise * Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour * All scheduled sightseeing * Intra-European transportation by air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary * All service charges and local taxes * Included tour highlights



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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

Enjoy a free afternoon in the land of windmills and tulips, before making new friends this evening at our orientation and Dutch-Indonesian "Rice Table" welcome dinner and a relaxing ride in the glass-covered boat through Amsterdam's flower-lined canals.

[Meals: In-flight, Dinner](#)

DAY 3 - AMSTERDAM

Let the good times roll as we go biking through 13th century Dutch fishing villages along the IJssel Lake beaches. Watch wooden shoes being carved and sample Edam cheese at a cheese farm. Back in Amsterdam enjoy free time to tour the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum with Rembrandt's "Night Watch," the Anne Frank house or shop for famous Delftware china.

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

[Option Excursion: Dutch Countryside Excursion](#)

DAY 4 - AMSTERDAM - GERMANY'S RHINE VALLEY

Cross the German border into Cologne, famous for the world's largest Gothic cathedral that took over 600 years to complete. From Cologne we cruise down the fabled Rhine River past steeply sloped vineyards, medieval castles, and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Tonight, enjoy traditional German fare.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner](#)

DAY 5 - RHINE VALLEY - MUNICH

This morning, we continue to the Bavarian capital of Munich, host city of the Oktoberfest. We'll see the Glockenspiel chimes in the Town Hall Square and the world-renowned Hofbräuhaus.

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

DAY 6 - MUNICH - INNSBRUCK - AUSTRIAN ALPS

We drive along the "Romantic Road" past the Bavarian Lake District and the Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain, to Innsbruck, surrounded by majestic snowcapped mountain peaks. Visit the Golden Roof of Friedrich the Penniless, the Royal palace and the giant Olympic Ski Jump. Enjoy a dinner of Austrian specialties tonight.

[Meals: Breakfast, Dinner](#)

DAY 7 - AUSTRIAN ALPS - VENICE

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

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

DAY 8 - VENICE - ROME

"The Highway of the Sun" weaves its way through medieval hillside villages to the Eternal City of Rome. Tonight indulge in a lavish Roman Banquet complete with mouth-watering Italian specialties and wine. Then our illumination drive takes us by this fascinating city's ancient ruins.

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

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](#)

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ITINERARY (CONTINUED)

DAY 10 - ROME - FLORENCE

We journey through the Chianti vineyards to the cultural magnificence of Florence, birthplace of Michelangelo. We'll follow our art historian guide past the Ponte Vecchio Bridge, the Gates of Paradise, Giotto's Belltower and more. After sundown, you can watch the carnival of street performers at the Piazza del Duomo. Get ready for an optional dinner of pure Italian delights at a rustic trattoria tonight.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activity: Tuscan feast

DAY 11 - FLORENCE - SWISS ALPS

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

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12 - SWISS ALPS - PARIS

Enjoy some leisure time this morning before boarding our train to Paris, the "City of Romance." Our route takes us through the Swiss border town of Basel into France where we'll pass quaint chateaux and Burgundy vineyards.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activity: French cabaret show

DAY 13 - PARIS

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

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 14 - TRAVEL HOME

This morning we bid farewell to friends and "à bientôt" to France before jetting back home with memories to last a lifetime.

Meals: Breakfast

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:



Zaan Inn Hotel
Amsterdam, Holland

Mediterraneo Hotel
Florence, Italy



Grand Europe Hotel
Lucerne, Switzerland

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 (eg. 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 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 in superior tourist class hotels, 3-star or 4-star, all with private bath/shower. Our hotels have been especially selected for their European atmosphere, friendly hospitality, cleanliness and location.

TOUR ROOMING POLICY: If you are traveling alone and do not want a single room, we will attempt to arrange for a 2-share room. If this is not possible, we will attempt to 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). (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 (www.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 EUROPE: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$300, cancellation between 60-31 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 40%. Cancellation within 16 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. 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 pm. 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.