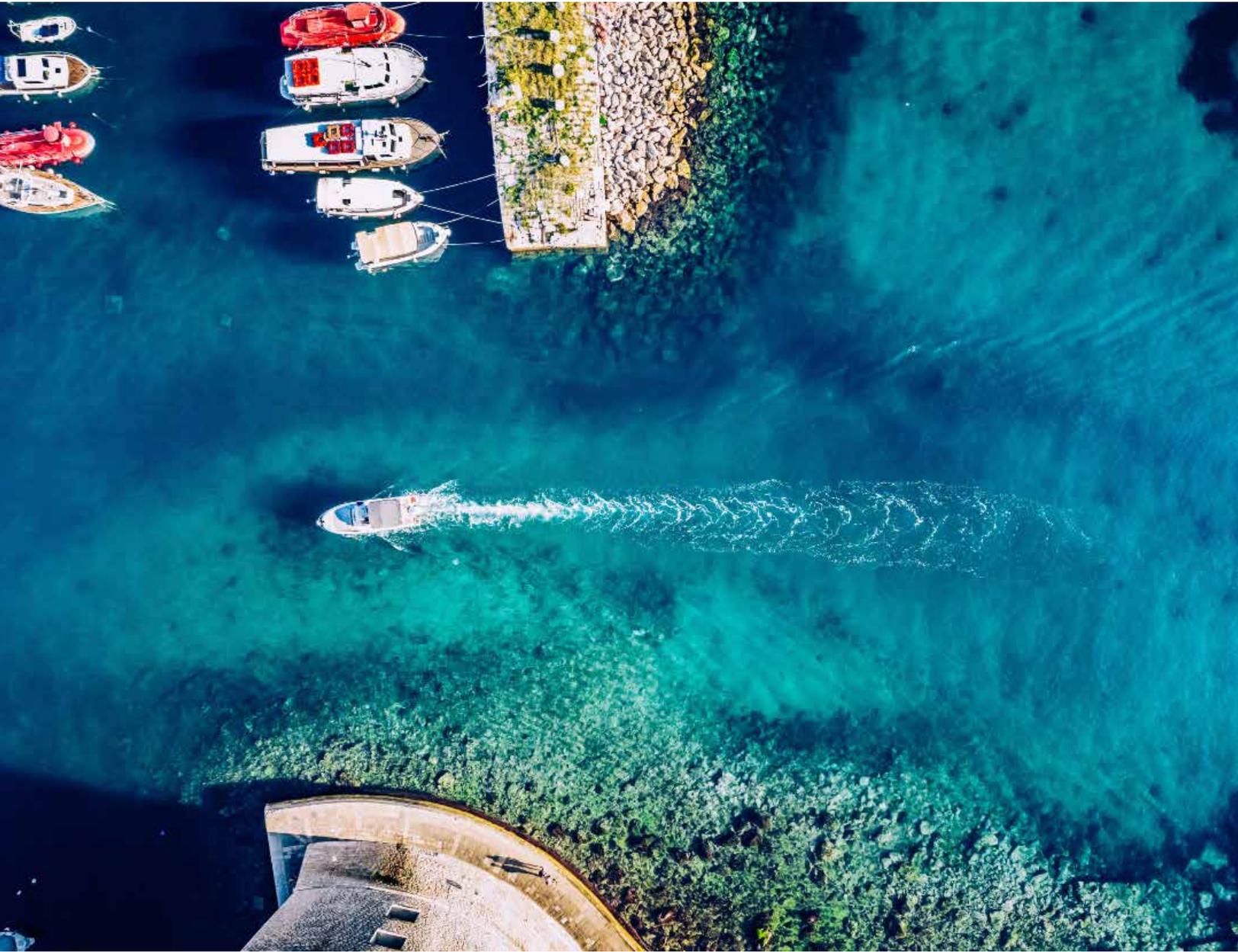


# GREEK ISLAND ODYSSEY

BE PART OF THE TRADITION



SEPTEMBER 18 - U.S. DEPARTURE DATE | SEPTEMBER 19 - LAND TOUR START DATE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020 - RETURN HOME

BASE LAND PACKAGE FROM: \$ 2,250



# START YOUR ADVENTURE.

Capture the “summer that wasn’t” in Greece with AESU!

For over four decades, AESU guests as well as all our families and friends have been enjoying one of the world’s best-kept secrets, the idyllic Greek island of Poros. Small, friendly, and completely off the mainstream tourist trail, Poros is a world away from the crowded beaches of Mykonos or Santorini. The gleaming white-washed village is surrounded by pine forests, olive groves and the sparkling blue Aegean Sea. The weather and water temperature in September is perfect, making it a splendid time to visit this little slice of paradise.

Greece has recently been lauded by health professionals for its containment of the coronavirus crisis. Children there are already returning to school, and the country plans to officially reopen to international tourism on July 1 of this year. So if you’re missing out on that “summer vacation feeling” still in 2020, why not capture a bit of it this September in beautiful Greece?

Walk in the footsteps of Plato and Socrates in ancient Athens, a city steeped in antiquity and mythology. Then sail azure seas to the idyllic islands of Poros and Hydra. Experience the excitement, tranquility, and natural beauty of Greece in a week-long Odyssey that brings together the elements of an outstanding vacation—history, culture, art, relaxation, and delicious food!

What are you waiting for? Just go!

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## 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>

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9 DAYS



## PLACES VISITED:

Athens | Corinthia | Epidaurus | Isle of Poros | Hydra | Mycenae | Nafplio

## ABOUT THE TRIP:

Greece is often associated with the ancient ruins of Athens, but it is also filled with endless hidden gems like the Greek Isle of Poros. Iconic white-washed villages sit along the hillsides, dazzling sunrises and sunsets illuminate the sky, turquoise waters fill the Aegean Sea, and the scents of salt water, fragrant pines, flowering jasmine and bougainvillea fill the air. Enjoy swimming, biking, hiking, excursions to famous archeological sites, and Mediterranean-style dining on local island specialties. Join in on our fun cooking class or a Greek Philosophy round-table discussion. This is the ancient Greek recipe for wellness and balance between body and soul.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome orientation \* Island bike rides \* Greek-Mediterranean cooking class \* Canal of Corinth & Epidaurus ancient amphitheater \* Island of Hydra excursion \* Greek philosophy round-table discussion \* Archeological sites of Mycenae \* Nafplio \* Acropolis \* Acropolis Museum \* Temple of Olympian Zeus \* Constitution Square \* Athens' Plaka District \* Dazzling island sunsets ...AND MUCH MORE!

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

The 9-day land package includes:  
Seven nights at superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower \* Daily continental breakfast \* 7 specialty dinners \* 3 lunches \* Welcome cocktail \* Bike rental on Poros \* Greek cooking class \* Excursions including: Corinth & Epidaurus, Isle of Hydra, and more \* Wine and olive oil tasting \* Guided tour of the Acropolis led by a local historian \* Private tour director for the duration of the land tour \* All scheduled sightseeing \* All ground transportation by air-conditioned motor coach, as per itinerary \* All service charges and local taxes

# GREEK ISLAND ODYSSEY

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 – TRAVEL TO ATHENS

Sparkling azure seas and endless golden skies appear on the horizon as our overnight flight transports us back to the origins of civilization, ancient Greece.

Meals: In-flight

### Day 2 - ATHENS

Free time to wander amid fascinating temples and shrines to pagan gods, as well as Byzantine monasteries. See for yourself why Greece is often referred to as the world's greatest outdoor museum. No other place can match the beauty and significance of its archaeological sites. Become acquainted with your fellow travelers at our welcome orientation and dinner of Greek specialties.

Meals: In-flight meals, Dinner

### Day 3 – ATHENS – CORINTHIA – EPIDAUROS – ISLE OF POROS

Today we board our motor coach for a trip on the coastal National highway to the Isle of Poros. Stop at the Corinth Canal where the Ancient Greeks had slaves drag boats across the narrow spit of land that separated the Aegean Sea from the Adriatic Sea. Modern man has since then created a canal to allow ships to pass and the Corinth Canal is a wonder of modern engineering. Continuing along the coast, we come to Epidaurus, an UNESCO world heritage site, reputed to be the birthplace of Apollo's son Asklepios. Epidaurus is most famous for its ancient amphitheater from the 4th century B.C., one of the best preserved classical Greek buildings and still used today due to its amazing acoustics. Enjoy lunch at a local taverna before we continue to Galatas and arrive on the Island of Poros after a short boat ride. Kick off your shoes and get ready for some fun in the sun.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Welcome cocktail, Dinner

### Day 4 – ISLE OF POROS \* Cooking school

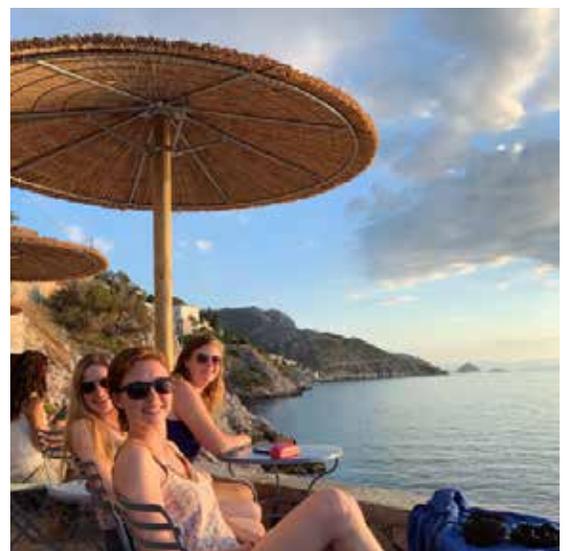
On this free morning you might consider visiting the picturesque Monastery from 1726, a white jewel in the pine forests set in the rugged mountainside. Then venture to the highest point of the island and the ruins of the Sanctuary of Poseidon from 500 B.C. There's more time for living like a Greek god or goddess—swim and sunbathe at the pool or beach, or take part in optional activities such as waterskiing, wakeboarding, parasailing, banana-boating or tubing. We will also have bicycles available for you to use during this free day of exploration. In the late afternoon, you're invited to create and taste traditional dishes of Greek cuisine during our cooking lessons featuring fresh Mediterranean ingredients such as local olives, herbs, fruits and vegetables. We'll, of course, dine on the delectable dishes we've created including tzatziki dip, souvlaki and more. After dinner, perhaps stroll along the harbor quay past colorful fishing boats and jet-setter sailing yachts from around the world. Lights reflect in water so deep blue and clear that it defies description and cafes, shops and waterfront tavernas are alive with traditional Bouzouki music.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Optional activity: Water sports

### Day 5 – ISLE OF POROS \* Excursion to the Isle of Hydra

Enjoy a free morning at your leisure. After lunch this afternoon, join us on an excursion to the island of Hydra. This island is considered the Saronic diva and locals like to tell of movie stars who make regular visits as ritzy yachts tie up in the harbor. No cars allowed here either, donkeys are the main means of transportation. Walk the stone-paved narrow alleys lined with red-tiled houses rising majestically from the steep harbor, bustling with life. Sip on a cocktail while taking in the



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panoramic views and breathtaking sunset from a cliff bar overlooking the glistening sea. After leisure time for dinner at a local taverna, we return to Poros under starlit skies.

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [Lunch](#), [Dinner](#)

**Day 6 – ISLE OF POROS \* Excursion to Mycenae and Nafplio**  
This morning, we travel to Mycenae, former kingdom of Agamemnon, leader of the Greek army during the Trojan War. We visit the remains of the ancient city; see the ‘Lion’s Gate’ part of the great Cyclopean Wall and the palace complex on the summit of the citadel, where Agamemnon was slaughtered by his wife, Klytemnestra, and Agamemnon’s Tomb. We continue our drive to Nafplio, once the capital of Greece. This beautiful town on the Argolic Gulf features a small port beneath the Palamidi fortress. Venetian homes and neoclassical mansions line narrow streets. After lunch, explore the town on your own, sip on a coffee at one of the quayside cafes, or shop at craft stores and boutiques. En route back to Poros, we’ll stop at a traditional olive press to learn about the process of making olive oil and sample some of the local liquid gold. Dinner at the hotel is included tonight.

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [Lunch](#), [Dinner](#)



**Day 7 – ISLE OF POROS \* Free day to explore**  
Today the entire day is yours to explore Poros, or just relax and soak up the sun! Shop for souvenirs, or have a leisurely meal at a sidewalk café as you watch the boats in the harbor. We’ll gather together tonight for dinner of Greek specialties at a local taverna as we bid a fond farewell to Poros.

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [Dinner](#)

**Day 8 – ISLE OF POROS - ATHENS**  
In the morning we board our boat to Athens. See the 2,400-year-old Parthenon, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Constitution Square. In the afternoon, we visit the remarkable Acropolis museum followed by some free time for us to try our bargaining skills at the markets of Monastiraki. Enjoy a leisure evening in Athens, then follow the sounds of traditional bouzouki music and join our farewell taverna dinner in the Plaka District – Athens’ oldest neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis.

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [Dinner](#)



**Day 9 – TRAVEL HOME**  
Our Grecian Odyssey ends with breakfast this morning. Even Ulysses had to come home eventually, so wrap up your memories of sun-filled Greek Isles.

Meals: [Breakfast](#), [in-Flight Meals](#)

Your trip includes the services of a private tour director for the duration of the land tour. All services charges and local taxes are included. Thank your tour director and driver with a gratuity at the end of the tour (suggested amount \$4-5 per day for your tour director and \$2-3 per day for your driver.) They will do their very best to make this trip the most memorable and best time of your life.

Transatlantic airfare, taxes and fees are not included in the land package price. Please call or email for a quote. Call 800-638-7640 or e-mail [res@aesu.com](mailto:res@aesu.com).



# PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

## HOTELS

Our hotels are superior tourist-class or better, 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 a share cannot be arranged a single supplement of \$460 will apply.



## ACTIVITY LEVEL 2: MODERATE

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.) Appropriate for travelers who are physically fit, lead active lives and are comfortable participating in moderate activities.

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.

## 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.



**“IT WAS MY DREAM  
COME TRUE AND  
I COULDN'T HAVE  
ASKED FOR A  
BETTER TRIP.”**

- past traveler

# BOOKING TERMS & 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, \$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 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 35% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 50%. Cancellation within 15 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip.

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is 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. 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, epidemic health risk, any force majeure event, 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, 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, the Operator's liability shall be limited to a refund of land payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. If the change or cancellation is due to force majeure or other similar events beyond Operator's control, a refund of land payments received from applicants will be made less reasonable expenses incurred by Operator in respect to applicant's land booking. 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).

I have read and agreed to all terms and conditions:

Your signature here \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# BOOKING FORM 2020

## ALUMNI TOURS

Mail to: AESU Alumni World Travel \* 3922 Hickory Avenue \* Baltimore, MD 21211

Fax to: 410.366.6999 or email [res@aesu.com](mailto:res@aesu.com)

Questions? Call 800.638.7640

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger's Legal Name (as it appears on passport)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title First Full Middle Last Class Year

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_  
(may be supplied at a later date)

Mailing Address: (WHERE ALL INVOICES AND FINAL DOCUMENTS ARE SENT)

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I will room with \_\_\_\_\_ or I will pay the single supplement \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If traveling as a single looking for a roommate, AESU will attempt to arrange same-gender shared accommodations. If a share is not available, the single supplement fee applies.

\_\_\_ Please make round-trip flight reservations for me from:

Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_

(Discount airfares available from most US cities. Call AESU/Alumni World Travel @ 800.638.7640 for details. Airport/departure taxes are additional and subject to change.)

\_\_\_ I will arrange my own flights to and from overseas.

\_\_\_ Enclosed is my deposit of \$500 USD. Make checks payable to AESU Alumni World Travel.

Charge my DEPOSIT to: \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_ Discover

Charge my FULL PAYMENT to: \_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_ Discover

(Payment of balance with credit card will result in a 4% processing fee.)

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Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment of deposit indicates that I have read and agree to all terms and conditions.

Signature: X \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations to be paid in full 90 days prior to departure. Reservations received after this date are subject to availability and must be accompanied by payment in full. A late booking fee of \$100 per person will apply. All prices reflect a cash discount.

Payment of balance with credit card will result in a 4% processing fee. Airfare priced separately for greater flexibility.