

# NEW YEAR'S EVE: ON CLOUD 9

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**AESU**

# 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 headquarters 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, unforgettable memories, and new friendships to 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

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### TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend travel insurance. 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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6 DAYS



## PLACES VISITED:

Innsbruck, Austria

## ABOUT THE TRIP:

Come celebrate New Year's Eve in the Austrian Alps, high above the city of Innsbruck. Travel back in time, strolling down the narrow streets of the Old Town, exuding a special charm and sophistication that is unique in the Alps.

Enjoy the festive atmosphere in the city, taste roasted chestnuts or enjoy a cup of hot chocolate in a fashionable café. Take part in our very own Winter Olympics on the mountain, then ring in the New Year over 6,200 feet above sea level at "Cloud 9" – an igloo club with stunning views of the city and the New Year's Eve laser show.

Bring your friends. You don't want to miss out on this one!

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome dinner & orientation \* Snow shoe hike \*  
Igloo building \* Mountain-top dinner \* sledding \*  
optional skiing and snowboarding \* Historical city tour  
\* Olympic Bergisel Stadium \* Ambras Palace \* New  
Year's Eve gala dinner \* New Year's Eve Igloo party  
at Cloud 9, located 6200 ft. above Innsbruck with  
fantastic views over the city and spectacular  
laser show at midnight Champagne toast \*  
Swarovski museum \* Farewell dinner

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

The 6-day land package includes:  
4 nights in superior tourist class hotels or better,  
2-share rooms with private bath/shower \*  
4 breakfasts \* 3 three-course specialty dinners \* 1  
lunch at a mountain ski hut \* Welcome New Year's  
toast at Swarovski \* Airport transfers with purchase  
of AESU airfare \* Guided walking tour of Innsbruck  
with local historian \* Winter Olympics on the  
mountain \* New Year's Eve party at Cloud 9



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## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO EUROPE

Our Europe-bound jet heads for Munich, Germany.

*Meals: In-flight*

### DAY 2 - MUNICH \* INNSBRUCK

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

*Inclusions: Airport transfer included with purchased AESU group airfare; Welcome orientation with tour director and dinner of Austrian specialties*

*Meals: In-flight, Dinner*

### DAY 3 - INNSBRUCK

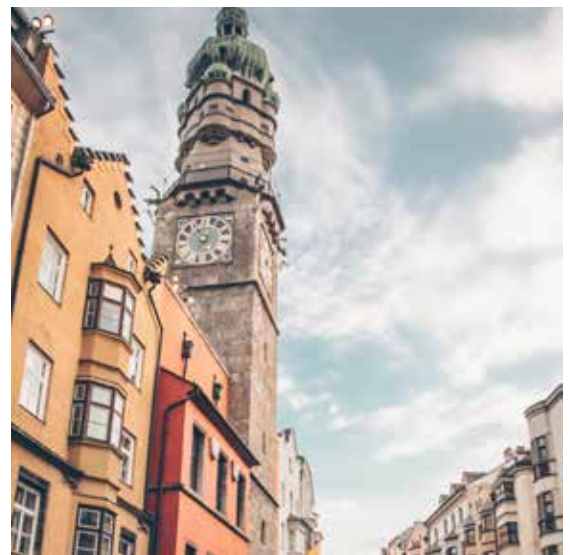
Join us on the mountains for our very own Winter Olympics. A snow shoe hike will take us off the beaten path with fresh snow clinging to mountain peaks, spectacular views, and maybe even some wildlife sightings. After discovering our inner Inuit by building an igloo, we have earned a hearty meal in a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

*Inclusions: Alumni winter Olympics including snow shoe hike, igloo building and tobogganing; Mountaintop lunch*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

### DAY 4 - INNSBRUCK

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



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After a feast of Tyrolian specialties accompanied by local wines, we take the Nordkettenbahn cable-car to 'Cloud 9' an igloo club\* with exclusive views of the New Year's Eve laser show. In a setting over 6,200 feet above sea level, chill out and dance the night away at the club featuring some of Austria's hottest DJs.

*Inclusions: Tour of Innsbruck guided by a local historian  
Golden Roof, tiled with 2,657 fire-gilded copper shingles;  
Hofburg Imperial Palace; Hofkirche chapel; Olympic Bergisel  
; tadium and Ski Jump; Ambras Palace; Nordketten cable car  
ride; New Year's Eve celebratory dinner; New Year's Eve party  
at Cloud 9 (\* weather permitting); Midnight prosecco toast  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

### DAY 5 - INNSBRUCK

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

*Inclusions: Visit to Swarovski's 'Kristallwelten' museum; New  
Year's cocktail; Farewell Austria dinner at a rustic pub  
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

### DAY 6 - TRAVEL HOME

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

*Inclusions: Transfer from hotel to Munich airport included with  
purchased AESU group airfare  
Meals: Breakfast, in-flight*

*\* igloo facility subject to weather conditions (Substitute with  
rustic mountain-top Gasthaus)*

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 \$5 per day for tour director.) They will do their very best to make this trip the most memorable and best time of your life.





# 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 \$395 will apply.



## ACTIVITY LEVEL 3: MODERATE/ACTIVE

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, stairs without handrails,) and athletic activities such as hiking and winter sport activities: igloo building, snowshoe-walking, and tobogganing.

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).