

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SANTA BARBARA

AUSTRIAN ESCAPE

2023 YOUNG ALUMNI JOURNEY

US DEPARTURE DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2023 | LAND TOUR START DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
RETURN DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

LAND PACKAGE FROM: \$2,489

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START YOUR ADVENTURE.

Dear Alumni and Friends!

Can you think of a better way to travel than with fellow University of California Santa Barbara Young Alumni?

The UCSB Alumni Association young alumni travel program, designed for grads ages 22 – 35, 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.

These programs provide social, cultural, and recreational activities and many opportunities for learning enrichment and enjoying a connection back to the University of California Santa Barbara. Our journeys are of great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 45 years of experience in the young travel market. In this brochure you will find a detailed itinerary, travel dates and pricing.

If you have any questions about this tour, please contact our tour operator AESU Alumni World Travel by calling 800-638-7640 or email alumni@aesu.com. To make an online booking, please visit our young alumni tour landing page www.aesu.com/ucsb and select this tour to be directed to the tour web site.

We are looking forward to traveling with you this coming season.

Sincerely,

Alumni Affairs Office
University of California, Santa Barbara

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Visit our website
WWW.AESU.COM/UCSB
for more details and to book



TRAVEL INSURANCE

UCSB highly recommends travel insurance.

Please, visit the link below for more information or to secure your travel insurance:

<https://select.travelinsure.com/?pcode=32222>

AUSTRIAN SELF-CARE EXPERIENCE

9 DAYS

PLACES VISITED:

VIENNA | SALZBURG | INNSBRUCK | ALPINE REGION



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

9-Day Land Package Transportation and Lodging

- 7 nights in superior tourist class or better hotels with private bath/shower, twin-share rooms
- Vienna: 3 nights, Salzburg: 1 night, Alpine Retreat: 3 nights
- All ground transportation by private vehicles as per itinerary
- Airport transfers included with purchased AESU group airfare

Meals

- 13 meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners

Activities & Admissions

- Grinzing, Heuriger Wine Village
- Vienna coffee house culture tour
- Naschmarkt outdoor market experience
 - Prater visit
- Excursion to Goettelsbrunn, Carnuntum wine country
 - Tour and tasting at winery
 - Melk Abbey & Danube River

- Salzburg, Mozart's Birthplace
- Sound of Music guided tour
 - Fortress concert
 - Alpine Spa Retreat
- Spa facilities, sauna & pool
- Morning outdoor yoga class
 - Excursion to Innsbruck
- Guided tour of Innsbruck
 - Hungerburg funicular
- Nordkettenbahn (cable car)
- Hiking in the Austrian Alps

Optional Excursions

(not included in land package price):

- E-mountain bike tour or mountain hike with local guide
 - Spa treatments at hotel

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ABOUT THE TRIP:

Make your next vacation a self-care journey to a destination that not only offers amazing sightseeing opportunities but a multitude of your favorite activities. Embrace the relaxing approach of the Viennese coffee house culture, take a stroll at the famous Prater, an amusement park, place of nostalgic dreams and an oasis of greenery, then explore the picturesque World Heritage City of Salzburg and dance like Julie Andrews in the Austrian hills. Take care of body, mind and soul at a luxury spa, hike or bike, feast on legendary Austrian cuisine and take in breathtaking views of Innsbruck's mighty snowcapped peaks of the Tyrolean Alps. Join us on this Austrian Introspection and take care of your physical, emotional and spiritual health.

DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO AUSTRIA

Board your overnight flight to Vienna today.

Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 - VIENNA

Servus! Welcome to Vienna, capital of Austria, once home to some of Europe's most powerful rulers. Their patronage is still evident today in this cultural mecca's grand boulevards, superb museums, splendid palaces, and unrivaled classical music scene. Take time this afternoon to explore some of the city's impressive museums or visit the Imperial Hofburg Palace located within the inner city. It includes museums, The Vienna Boys' Choir Chapel, the famous Spanish Riding School and stables, a library, a theatre and the Imperial Treasury. Later on we take the tram to Grinzing (just like the locals do) for our welcome to Austria 'Heuriger' visit. Heuriger is the Viennese word for a wine tavern where 'this year's wine' is served with local dishes.

Meals: Dinner

Inclusions: Airport transfer included with purchased AESU group airfare, Tour orientation and 'Heuriger' welcome

DAY 3 - VIENNA

Viennese coffee culture rose to fame thanks to people like Sigmund Freud, Leon Trotsky and Gustav Klimt. Famous writers wrote entire novels in their café of choice, and Johann Strauss, Mozart, and Beethoven often performed in them. UNESCO added Viennese coffee house culture to their list of intangible cultural heritage, saying that the coffee houses have a "very specific atmosphere" and are places "where time and space are consumed, but only the coffee is found on the bill." Today we take a relaxing walk through and experience Viennese coffee culture firsthand. Since we are on a mission to explore the laid-back lifestyle, we continue to the 'Naschmarkt,' a colorful, lively outdoor market that dates back to the late 16th century. Browse some of the 120 stalls for some delicious local and international delicacies and create your own tasty lunch. This afternoon, consider a visit to the 'Prater.' One part of it contains attractions ranging from the nostalgic giant Ferris Wheel to an ultra-modern roller coaster. The other area, known as the "Green Prater," comprises of a spacious forest and meadow area which was once an imperial hunting ground opened to the public by Emperor Joseph II.



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It is a paradise for walkers, runners, bicyclists and horseback riders. There's fun to be had by all with a possible reward of Sacher Torte or Apfelstrudel.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions: Guided exploration of Vienna's coffee culture, Naschmarkt, Austria's most famous and extensive food and produce market, Visit Vienna's Prater with its giant Ferris Wheel

DAY 4 - VIENNA

Today we journey outside of the city to historic Carnuntum. Once a principal strategic stronghold of the Roman Empire, archeologists have long been excavating the rich soils of Carnuntum for ancient cultural remains. Equally remarkable was the discovery of acres of prime and fertile soil for red wines that reflect the region's unique growing conditions. The 'Rubin Carnuntum' wine is produced by a small number of the area's most important vineyards. Today we'll have the chance to taste this as we enjoy a tour of the family-owned Netzl Winery. An idyllic lunch completes our journey to this peaceful area, before heading back to Vienna for a free afternoon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Inclusions: Excursion to Goettlesbrunn, Carnuntum tour and tasting at a family-owned winery, Idyllic lunch at a local restaurant

DAY 5 - VIENNA - SALZBURG

This morning, we board our private motor coach and travel west to one of Austria's most picturesque cities: Salzburg. We stop in the town of Melk on the way for some free time and views of the iconic Melk Abbey sitting on a rocky ridge overlooking the Danube River. Benedictine monks still live here and dedicate their work to culture and education. Upon arrival in Salzburg, take time to walk the streets of the story-book old town and visit 'Getreidegasse' with its ornamental and often quite elaborate guild signs hanging from buildings facades. Stop at #9, which is Mozart's birthplace. Tonight, enjoy a lovely dinner along with a private chamber music concert.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Inclusions: Private motor coach to Salzburg, Stop in Melk with its iconic Abbey, Salzburg's Old Town, Mozart's Birthplace, Mozart dinner and chamber music

DAY 6 - SALZBURG - TYROLEAN ALPINE SPA RETREAT

No trip to Salzburg would be complete without visiting the filming locations from the movie, The Sound of Music, adapted from the story of the real-life Von Trapp family and 1959 Rodger and Hammerstein musical. On our guided tour, get to know the family members and how they ended up living in the U.S. Learn about the making of the movie and even see important film locations including Mirabell Gardens, Nonnberg Abbey, Palace Leopoldskron, Fronburg and the Gazebo in Hellbrunn. After some throwback Julie Andrew's moments, enjoy free time for lunch before we continue our journey. The next three nights at a luxury spa hotel may just become your favorite body and mind moments.



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Whether you have pre-reserved a body treatment or are simply looking forward to relaxing at the magnificent pool, the remainder of the day will be truly tranquil.

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions: Guided Sound of Music tour in Salzburg, Private motor coach to Innsbruck area, Luxury spa hotel



DAY 7 - TYROLEAN ALPINE REGION - INNSBRUCK

Make this a relaxing morning at the hotel's spa. Use the sauna and pool or make arrangements for a body treatment. Early risers may join us for a morning outdoor yoga class followed by optional biking or hiking in the nearby mountains. Later this afternoon, we make our way to Innsbruck to take a closer look at the city's most famous landmark, the Golden Roof. We visit the Hofkirche, constructed as a mausoleum for Emperor Maximilian I, then head up into the mountains for stunning vistas of the city below. Planned and designed by star architect Zaha Hadid, the Hungerburg funicular sets new standards in international architecture, all while transporting passengers from the center of Innsbruck to high mountain terrain in just twenty minutes! We make our way to 'Top of Innsbruck,' the highest point, for the most amazing panoramic views. Dinner will be served at the mountain top Seegrube Restaurant, located at 6,250 ft. above sea level. Enjoy delicious Tyrolean cuisine accompanied by fantastic vistas of Alpine peaks over Innsbruck.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Inclusions: Morning outdoor yoga class, Excursion to Innsbruck by private motor coach, Guided tour of Innsbruck, Hungerburg funicular and Nordkettenbahn cable car, Breathtaking Alpine views

Optional activities: Guided half-day mountain hike with a local guide or guided half-day e-bike trip with a local guide



DAY 8 - TYROLEAN ALPINE SPA RETREAT

Enjoy our final day at this wonderful spa retreat. If you want to explore the mountains, join us this morning for a hike up to the 'Almhuetten.' Your efforts will be rewarded with a typical 'Brettljause' lunch, a hearty snack which includes various local charcuterie with gherkins or pickled onion. In the late afternoon, consider riding a horse-drawn carriage through flower-laden meadows. Tonight's farewell dinner will be a culinary treat produced with creative locals' ingredients. Sit back, enjoy, reflect on the results of this self-care journey, and make plans to meet your newfound friends on another incredible journey.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Inclusions: Alpine Retreat spa facilities, Alpine hike including typical lunch, Culinary farewell dinner



DAY 9 – FLIGHT HOME

After breakfast, travel home with fond memories of regal cities and Alpine vistas to last a lifetime.

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight



PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

Hey Traveler, Treat Yourself!



What better way to disconnect and detox from social media, then taking a life-changing journey and see some of the best that Austria has to offer. Dive into the turbulent history, see amazing architecture, then enjoy exquisite culinary treats. Learn about the poets and artists who created the famous Viennese coffee house culture, unleash your inner Julie Andrews during a visit to Salzburg and find mind's peace at a luxury Alpine resort near Innsbruck. This trips truly takes care of your body, mind & soul.

This trip has been carefully designed and features fantastic inclusions and highlights.



For a glossary of these key aspects, visit: www.aesu.com/aspects-awt

ACTIVITY LEVEL



LEVEL 2: RELAXED

This tour requires light physical activity combined with shorter travel days. Tour members should expect intermittent walking, with slight inclines and stair climbs.

For more details, please visit: <https://www.aesu.com/activity-levels-awt/>

TOUR DIRECTORS

Your tour includes the services of a professional tour director throughout the land package. We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major 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.

HOTELS

Our hotels offer superior tourist class accommodations, with private bathrooms. Hotels are centrally located and many offer great extra amenities such as pools, gyms or roof-top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If a single room is desired, a supplement of \$695 applies. 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 the single supplement will apply.

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THIS WAS AN AMAZING, TRIP OF A LIFETIME. I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND IT.

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- past traveler

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 \$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; any vaccinations, pre/post trip testing/screening, 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. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. Cancellation from time of booking until 120 days prior to departure will result in a \$300 cancellation fee. Cancellation between 119-90 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 89-60 days 35% of tour cost; between 59-30 days 50% of tour cost. Cancellation within 30 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. Processing of cancellation refunds takes approximately 6-8 weeks.

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. Travel insurance, including medical health and accident coverage, is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND 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 land 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 the Operator's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. **TRAVEL INSURANCE** is compulsory in the event of tour cancellation for any reason, medical expenses, personal accident, baggage and other personal items, liability and 24-hr emergency assistance. Trip insurance may be offered directly by your Alumni Association. 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. The Operator 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.