

# CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

## NAPA & SONOMA VALLEYS

EBROCHURE 2021



APRIL 1 - LAND TOUR START DATE | APRIL 4, 2021 - RETURN DATE  
SEPTEMBER 16 - LAND TOUR START DATE | SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 - RETURN DATE

BASE LAND PACKAGE FROM: \$ 1,720



# 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

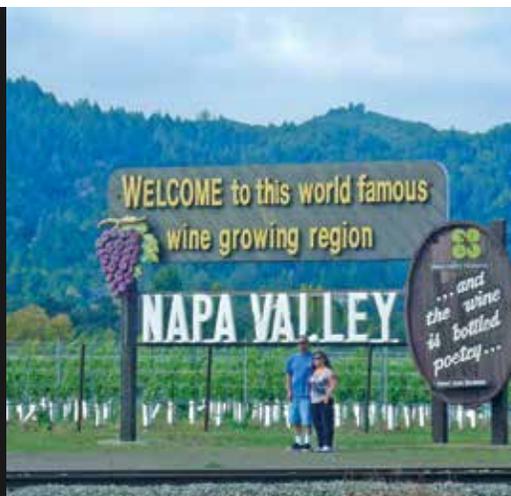
YOUNG ALUMNI JOURNEYS

TRADITIONAL ALUMNI JOURNEYS

STUDY ABROAD AND STUDENT TRAVEL

FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS TO DESTINATIONS WORLDWIDE

CUSTOMIZED GROUP TRAVEL SPECIALIST FOR ALL AGES

The AESU logo features the letters 'AESU' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A stylized white swoosh or arc curves around the letters, starting from the left and ending on the right, partially overlapping the 'U'.

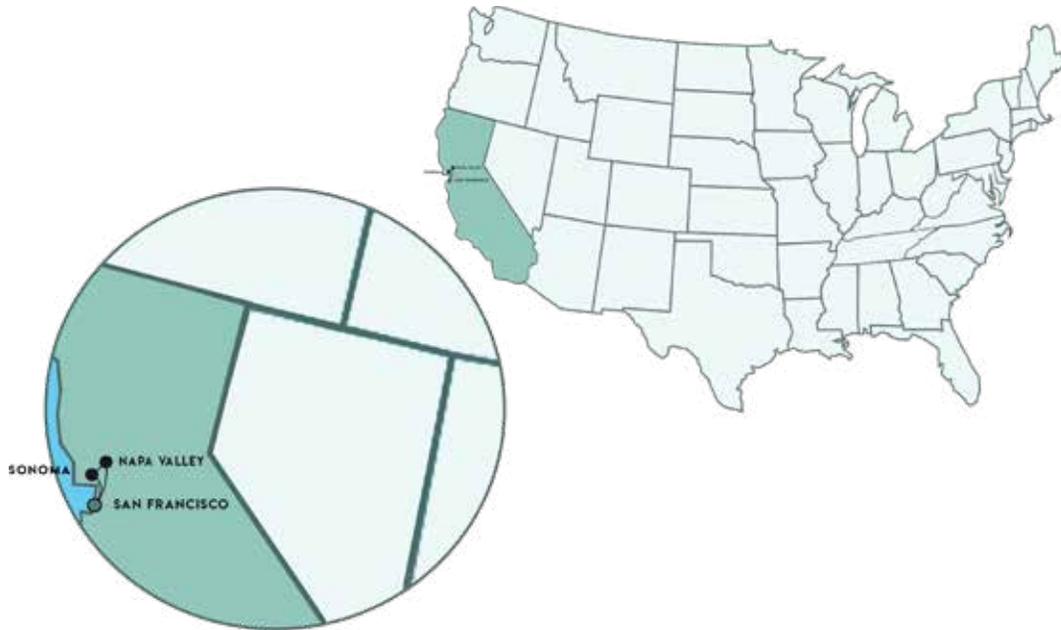
### TRAVEL INSURANCE

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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4 DAYS



### PLACES VISITED :

San Francisco, CA - Napa Valley - Sonoma Valley

### ABOUT THE TRIP :

California Wine Country is the most renowned wine region in North America. World-class wineries, amazing culinary experiences and scenic landscapes await in this must-visit region. See San Francisco's most famous sights, such as the Golden Gate Bridge and Fisherman's Wharf before exploring the estates and vineyards of the Napa and Sonoma Valleys. Experience the rich wine culture from well-known labels to intimate boutique wineries. You are in for an incredible treat.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS :

Welcome orientation \* San Francisco's Fisherman Wharf \* Golden Gate Bridge \* Views of Alcatraz  
\* Napa Valley vineyards \* World-class wineries  
\* Wine tastings \* Sonoma Valley vineyards \*  
Francis Ford Coppola museum tour \* Sonoma wine country lunch ... and much more!

### WHAT'S INCLUDED :

The 4-day land package includes:  
Welcome orientation \* 3 nights at 4-star hotels with private bath/shower, 2-share rooms (1 night in San Francisco, 2 nights in Napa Valley) \* All ground transportation by private, air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary \* Transfer from Napa Valley to SFO international airport \* 3 breakfasts \* 2 dinners: Welcome to California dinner in San Francisco and Farewell wine country dinner in Napa \* 2 lunches: Picnic lunch in Napa Valley and lunch at Coppola's restaurant in Sonoma  
\* Tours of up to 4 wineries including wine tasting and tours in Napa Valley \* Tours of 2 wineries in Sonoma Valley \*

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#### DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Check into your hotel with time to relax or explore the city on your own. Opt to join us on a half-day sightseeing tour led by a local guide. Take in the sites such as Fisherman's Wharf, Coit Tower on Telegraph Hill, the World's Crookedest Street (Lombard Street), Chinatown, Alamo Square Victorian houses, Twin Peaks, and Golden Gate Bridge. Tonight, join fellow travelers for a welcome dinner with your tour director.

*Inclusions: Welcome orientation; Welcome to California dinner*

*Optional activity: Guided tour of San Francisco*

*Meals: Dinner*



#### DAY 2 - SAN FRANCISCO - NAPA VALLEY

This morning embark on the scenic journey north through romantic vines and rolling hills to discover the hidden gems of Napa Valley and Sonoma wine country. The world-famous Napa Valley is home to over 300 wineries, each with its own unique flavor and charm. To the Wappo Indians who first inhabited the valley, "Napa" meant a land of plenty. We have selected some of the area's best known cellars and wineries. We will taste rare vintages and discover new grapes, visit quaint boutique wineries, rustic barns, and large century-old estates. Whether you are a wine novice, or an experienced connoisseur, get ready to take your taste buds on an incredible journey of Northern California flavors and take a fun and informative tour through state-of-the-art wine making facilities to learn about the art of wine making. A trip to the wine country would not be complete without experiencing a picnic lunch including perfectly smoked charcuterie and wedges of handcrafted cheeses at a scenic winery overlooking the vineyards of Napa Valley. Enjoy an evening at leisure with new-found friends after we check into our hotel.

*Inclusions: Private motor coach from San Francisco to Napa Valley; Visit up to 4 wineries; Picnic lunch at Sattui winery*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch*



*Sample wineries: Robert Mondavi, Sattui Winery, Niebaum Coppola Winery, Twomey Cellars, Sterling Wineries, Grgich Hills Estates, Chateau Montelena, or similar*

#### DAY 3 - SONOMA VALLEY

Sonoma Valley features over 55,000 acres planted with grapevines, and approximately 200 wineries. Some of its most famous wine growing regions are: Alexander Valley, Dry Creek Valley, Russian River Valley and Carneros. This morning, visit a winery, built into the picturesque hillside in the northernmost region of the famed Dry Creek Valley. Learn about the gravity flow winemaking process and sample some future releases direct from the barrel. A wine expert will provide insight into the



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process of preparing a wine before bottling. The tour finishes with a tasting of a flight of Estate Wines. You are in for a special treat at Francis Ford Coppola's Winery. His passion for wine, food and adventure is very evident in his new production: a winery resort in the heart of Alexander Valley. Explore the movie gallery, the performing arts pavilion, the swimming pool and the park area with game tables and bocce courts. Then join us for lunch of 'Francis Favorites' at 'Rustic' restaurant overlooking the estate's breath-taking vineyards. You will find plenty of opportunities to take selfies to share your adventure with friends and family at home. Return to Napa for some free time before our wine country farewell dinner where you can test your knowledge of California wines.

*Inclusions: Private motor coach from Napa to Sonoma valley; Visit to 2 wineries; Lunch and tour at Francis Ford Coppola Winery; Farewell wine country dinner*

*Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

#### DAY 4 - TRAVEL HOME

After breakfast, transfer to San Francisco International airport and board your flight home with memories of the California Wine Country and plans for your next young alumni journey.

*Inclusions: Morning transfer to SFO international airport*

*Meals: Breakfast*

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; \$3 per day for driver.) 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 \$575 will apply.



## ACTIVITY LEVEL 1: EASY

This is a multi-city tour. Standing and walking for moderate periods of time during tours, and/or outdoor activities. Walking over sometimes uneven terrain.

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.

## TOUR DIRECTORS

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.



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

# 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 director and driver (suggested \$5 per day for tour director; \$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.

**AIRFARE AND AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE:** Airfare and airport transfers are not included in the land package rate. Travelers must meet group at the (first) hotel after 3:00 p.m. on land tour 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. 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. Participants making own flight arrangements: if it is necessary for AESU to change or cancel your travel program in any way, you are responsible for altering your flight plans accordingly and any costs that result from such changes or cancellations. To avoid these costs, AESU recommends that you not book your own flights or other independent travel arrangements until you verify that your trip has been guaranteed at approximately 90 days prior to departure.

**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).