

# EUROPEAN DISCOVERY

A JOURNEY FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

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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 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

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## TRAVEL INSURANCE

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>

# EUROPEAN DISCOVERY

12 DAYS



COUNTRIES VISITED:  
England - France - Italy - Vatican City

## ABOUT THE TRIP:

Discover Europe on this whirlwind tour of four of Europe's most popular and stunning countries. Mingle with locals on a London pub crawl, walk on the beaches of France's Côte d'Azur, photograph the majesty of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, then venture through the Roman Forum. The beauty of this journey is the balance of amazing excursions, time at leisure and fascinating looks into history, architecture and breath-taking European landscapes.

Unleash your inner adventurer and make memories to last a lifetime.

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome orientation \* Fish & Chips dinner \* Eurostar train from London to Paris \* Seine River cruise \* Paris museum pass \* Bistro dinner \* Travel passes in Paris & Rome \* Tours of London, Paris, Rome and Vatican City, guided by a local historian \* High-speed TGV train from Paris to Southern France \* Cote d'Azur beaches \* French brasserie dinner \* Leaning Tower of Pisa \* Tuscan stay including Tuscan Feast, wine and olive oil tasting \* Roma pass providing access to Colosseum and Forum \* Roman Banquet ...and much more!

## WHAT'S INCLUDED:

The 12-day land package includes:  
10 nights in 4-star hotels, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower \* Porterage in/out of hotels \* 10 continental breakfasts \* 5 three-course specialty dinners \* London welcome orientation and pub crawl \* 1-day group Tube pass in London \* Guided tours in London, Paris and Rome, all led by local historians \* Seine River cruise in Paris \* Travel cards with unlimited access to public transportation system in Paris and Rome \* Paris museum pass \* Fragonard French perfume museum \* The beaches of the French Riviera \* Tuscan Countryside stay \* Roma Pass \* Visit St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City

# EUROPEAN DISCOVERY

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - FLIGHT TO ENGLAND

Embark on your overnight flight to London.

Meals: In-flight

### DAY 2 - LAND TOUR START DAY: LONDON

Enjoy a free afternoon to relax and unwind. In the evening, we'll have our welcome orientation followed by a Fish & Chips dinner and a fun London pub crawl.

*Inclusions: Transfer from airport to hotel included with purchased AESU group airfare; Welcome orientation; Fish and Chips dinner; Pub crawl*

Meals: In-flight, Dinner

### DAY 3 - LONDON

Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and Westminster Abbey: These familiar names become familiar places on our morning tour of London. During an afternoon at leisure, browse the many food, craft and clothing stalls at popular Camden Market, walk in the footsteps of Harry Potter at Leadenhall Market aka Diagon Alley, or take a ride on the London Eye for a birds-eye view of the city and the opportunity to take great photographs. After dusk, consider taking in some Shakespeare at the Globe Theater by the Thames River or attending a West End show.

*Inclusions: 1-day group tube pass; Tour of London guided by a local historian; Personal audio headset; See Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Tower Bridge and more*

Meals: Breakfast

### DAY 4 - LONDON

Enjoy a day at your leisure. Some free-time suggestions include shopping at Harrods, visiting the Tate Modern, strolling through Victorian Chelsea, or visiting the Churchill War Rooms. You may also consider joining us on an optional morning tour of Windsor castle. From William the Conqueror to Queen Elizabeth II, over 900 years of royal history are here to be discovered.

Meals: Breakfast

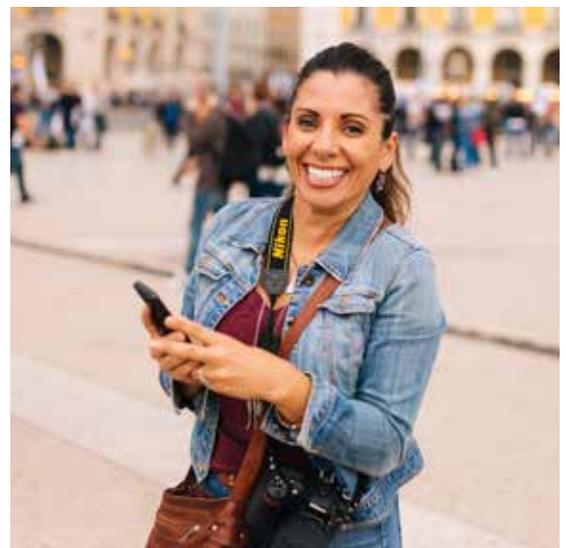
*Optional activity: Half-day excursion to Windsor Castle*

### DAY 5 - LONDON - PARIS

Travel through the "Chunnel" below the English Channel to Paris. Our local art historian shows us the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral and Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood. Tonight, dine on French specialties at our bistro dinner. Afterward, we take a romantic cruise down the river Seine.

*Inclusions: English Channel Eurostar train, Tour of Paris guided by a local historian, See the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, Arc de Triomphe and more, See Paris-by-night illuminations, French bistro dinner, Seine River cruise*

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



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### DAY 6 - PARIS

Enjoy a free day in Paris today. You can opt to join your tour director for a visit to a French perfumery and museum this morning. Afterwards, consider visiting the Palace of Versailles, Louis XIV's residence. The included museum pass gives you access to the Hall of Mirrors and the King's Grand Chambers. Later check out another one of the 70 museums and monuments included in your pass in and around Paris, such as the world famous Louvre, housing the Mona Lisa, Musée d'Orsay and Musée National Picasso. Your Paris travel card will provide unlimited public transportation throughout the city. This evening you may consider seeing a can-can cabaret show at the world-famous Moulin Rouge

*Inclusions: Paris travel card with unlimited access to public transportation system, Paris museum pass*

*Meals: Breakfast*

*Optional activity: French Cabaret Show, Visit to French perfumery and museum*



### DAY 7 - PARIS - FRENCH RIVIERA

This morning, the TGV high-speed train takes us from Paris to the south of France. Enjoy your free afternoon on the Côte d'Azur picturesque beaches along the Mediterranean coastline, stroll promenades lined with chic boutiques, or unwind at a sidewalk café. The thriving local art scene and buzzing nightlife is yours to discover after tonight's brasserie dinner.

*Inclusions: High-speed train to southern France, Côte d'Azur beaches, French brasserie dinner*

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*



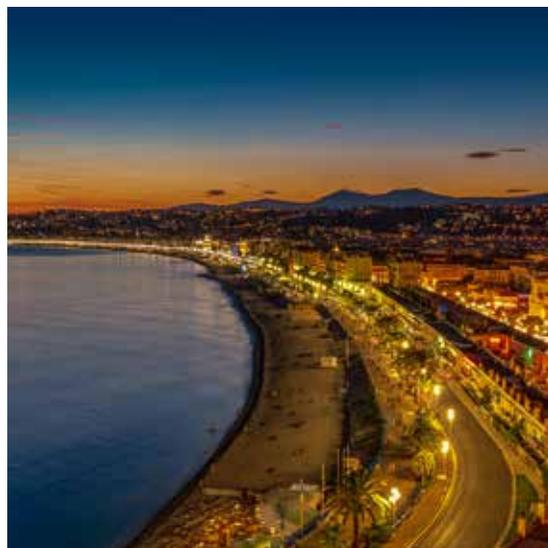
### DAY 8 - FRENCH RIVIERA

Enjoy a free day on the dazzling French Riviera. Relax on the beach, paddle in the azure sea, or sip on a smooth cocktail beneath swaying palms. Or, you may opt to join our optional excursion to Nice with its Promenade des Anglais and harbors filled with opulent yachts. Continue on to Monaco, where Prince Rainier married Hollywood actress Grace Kelly and glitzy Cannes, known for its famous International Film Festival.

*Inclusions: See the French Riviera beaches & promenades*

*Meals: Breakfast*

*Optional activity: Full day excursion to Cannes, Nice & Monte Carlo*



### DAY 9 - FRENCH RIVIERA - PISA - TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE

Our journey takes us along the scenic Côte d'Azur's sun-splashed beaches. We cross the border into Italy and arrive in Pisa with its stunning Piazza dei Miracoli. Take time to admire the Baptistery, the Cathedral, and take selfies in front of the famous Leaning Tower. Now, immerse yourself in the magic of Tuscany. Travel along rolling hills of olive groves and vineyards crowned by castles and ancient abbeys.

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Renaissance culture is around every corner with hilltop towns unchanged from the Middle Ages. This region is also known for its fabulous farm-to-table agritourism. Enjoy our Chianti wine and olive oil tasting and then savor regional dishes featuring produce and wines direct from the local farms at our Tuscan feast.

*Inclusions: Private motor coach from the French Riviera to Tuscany, See the scenic Cote D'Azur, Visit to Pisa with its Leaning Tower, Wine and olive oil tasting, Tuscan Feast*

*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

### DAY 10 - TUSCAN COUNTRYSIDE - ROME - VATICAN CITY

This morning we continue our travels south to the capital of Italy. Get ready to soak up Rome's dolce vita lifestyle as we explore the city's picturesque streets and piazzas with our local historian. Ancient icons such as the Colosseum or Caesar's Roman Forum remind us of the city's golden age as the capital of the world. Vatican City with St. Peter's Basilica towering over the square, and colossal cathedrals throughout the city, tells stories of its history as seat of the Catholic Church. Use your included Roma pass to visit the Colosseum (reservations required) and take advantage of the included unlimited use of public transportation.

*Inclusions: Tour of Rome and Vatican City guided by a local historian, Personal audio headset, See Caesar's Forum, Circus Maximus, Pantheon and more, Visit St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, Colosseum and Forum entrance, special access and discounts and unlimited access to local transportation with Roma pass*

*Meals: Breakfast*

### DAY 11 - ROME - VATICAN CITY

A free day in Rome may find you exploring Piazza Navona, climbing the famous Spanish Steps and tossing a coin into the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to Rome. Try numerous flavors of the fabulous gelato ice cream or find yourself window-shopping on Via dei Condotti, one of Rome's fashionable shopping streets. This evening, we cross the Tiber River to Trastevere, one of Rome's oldest neighborhoods, for our farewell Roman Banquet. Buon appetito!

*Inclusions: See Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and more, Special access and discounts and unlimited access to local transportation with Roma pass, Roman Banquet farewell dinner in Trastevere*

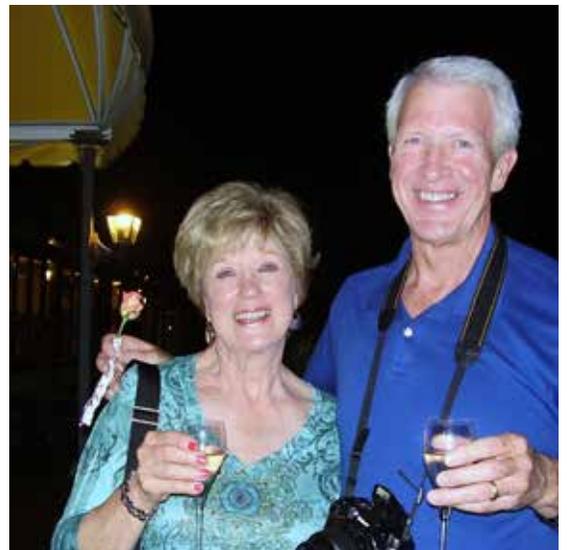
*Meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

### DAY 12 - TRAVEL HOME

Our European Discovery tour of ends in Rome this morning. Bid farewell to friends and "arrivederci" to Italy before jetting back home with memories to last a lifetime.

*Inclusions: Transfer from hotel to airport included with purchased AESU group airfare*

*Meals: Breakfast*



# 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 a single room is desired, a supplement of \$975 applies.



## ACTIVITY LEVEL 2: MODERATE

This multi-country trip features some long touring days by motor coach and train. It is a full and active itinerary at a fast pace with long distance travel. Excursions are at a higher activity rate and may require standing and walking for extended periods of time over more difficult terrain (e.g. cobblestones, city hills, stairs without handrails, limited or no access to elevators, muddy/slippery walking), and walking to city centers where coaches are prohibited, as well as climbing aboard buses or trains with high steps. This itinerary includes use of local transportation. Some early morning departures and later evening returns are scheduled.

Appropriate for travelers who are physically fit, lead active lives and are comfortable participating in long days of activities and able to handle their own luggage.

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

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 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.



**“ NOT ONLY WAS THIS AN AMAZING TRIP, IT WAS A WAKE UP CALL TO SEE THE WORLD. ”**

- 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).