



COSMOPOLITAN

JUST GO

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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

12-day base land package \$2975 *

Rates are based on two people sharing one room. Please see rooming policy regarding arranging shared accommodations. To guarantee a single room, a supplement of \$795 for the 12 - day tour will apply.

*Special land price per person. Airfare priced separately for greater flexibility. Please call AESU World Travel for great low airfares from most US cities. Airport/departure taxes are additional and subject to change.

WHAT DO I GET



COVERAGE

When you book with AESU the necessities of travel are taken care of.

These include:

- SUPERIOR TOURIST-CLASS HOTELS
- ALL LAND TRANSPORTATION
- DAILY BREAKFAST
- SPECIAL CULTURAL DINNERS
- KNOWLEDGABLE TOUR DIRECTOR
- BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOURS

(See more in the inclusions on page 4)

EDUCATION & ADVENTURE

Whether you can't wait to immerse yourself in the beautiful sights of metropolitan Paris on the river cruise, or you prefer to explore the ruins of Ancient Rome, this tour has you covered. AESU provides a beautiful balance of historical education and complete sensory and cultural immersion into the vivacious life of every country visited along your route. Make countless memories with fellow travelers who have strong school spirit and an affinity for travel and exploration!

THE VERDICT?

Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime to explore the places you have been dreaming of or reading about in books. Make some new best friends from around the world and create memories that will keep this journey alive forever.

It's not rocket science. Group travel is a fun and safer way to explore the world. This trip provides you with an exciting approach to learning and taking in all the history and culture around you. Open your mind, see the world and have the most fun you've ever had.

GO-EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

THE COSMOPOLITAN

12 DAYS

COUNTRIES VISITED:

England - France - Italy - Vatican City

ABOUT THE TRIP:

Reward yourself for all your hard work with the ultimate escape. The Cosmopolitan tour and extension offers you 17 days of exploration, adventure, and insight into many of Europe's most popular and breathtaking countries. The aptly named Cosmopolitan tour provides something for everyone, whether you're inclined to engage with locals on the London pub crawl, seek adventure on the southern coast of France, or you prefer to photograph the majesty of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris or follow in historical footsteps in the Roman Forum. The beauty of this journey is the balance of fun excursions, time at leisure and fascinating looks into history and ancient territories. This leaves our tour goers with a well-rounded experience and an open mind, not to mention memories and new friends to last a lifetime. Make the Cosmopolitan tour your summer getaway and unleash your inner adventurer.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome orientation * Guided Tour of London's Pomp & Pageantry * Eurostar train from London to Paris * French bistro dinner * Seine River cruise * Paris 2 - day museum pass * Guided tour of Paris * Tour of Versailles Palace * High-speed trains * Queen Resort of the Cote d'Azur, Nice * French Riviera brasserie dinner * Guided visit of Rome and Vatican City * Roma pass * Pizza & Pasta Parties * Optional extension: Tour of the Pompeii Archeological site * ...AND MUCH MORE!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

(Not included in package price)

Paris, France	-	French cabaret show
French Riviera	-	Excursion to Monte Carlo & Cannes * Does not operate during Monte Carlo Grand Prix
Rome, Italy	-	Wine tasting tour at Frascati

Please check with your tour director for detailed schedules. Some options may require a minimum number of participants to operate. Rates for options are per person, approximate and subject to change.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

The 12-day land package includes:

10 nights in superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower * Daily continental breakfast * 4 three-course specialty dinners * EUROSTAR train from London to Paris * High-speed TGV train from Paris to Nice * Train from the French Riviera to Rome * Guided tours in London, Paris, and Rome led by a local historian * Seine River cruise * Tour of Versailles Palace * Tour of Fragonard Museum * 2-day Paris museum pass * Roma pass (full access to public transport system, reduced admission to museums, music events, theater, etc.) * Admission: Colosseum & Forum as part of Roma pass

PLUS:

Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour · All scheduled sightseeing · All ground transportation by train and private motor coach as per itinerary · All service charges and local taxes · Included tour highlights



THE COSMOPOLITAN

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO LONDON

Embark on your overnight flight to London

[Meals: In-flight](#)

DAY 2 - LONDON

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

[Meals: In-flight](#)

DAY 3 - LONDON

Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and Piccadilly Circus. 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.

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

DAY 4 - LONDON - EUROSTAR TRAIN TO PARIS

Travel through the "Chunnel" below the English Channel, to Paris. Our local art historian shows us the Arc de Triomphe, the 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.

[Meals: Breakfast, French bistro dinner](#)

DAY 5 - PARIS

France has been a world center of the perfume industry since Louis XIV's court at Versailles was known as "le cour parfumeé." Join us this morning for a visit to the Fragonard Perfume Museum, located in a 19th century mansion from the era of Napoleon III and learn about the art of perfume manufacturing from ancient times. We then travel to the Palace of Versailles, well known as France's famed Sun King, Louis XIV's, residence. Our museum pass gives us access to the Hall of Mirrors, the King's Grand Chambers and more. Marvel at the sheer size of the palace, one of the most beautiful castles in the world with an astonishing 700 rooms. The afternoon is free to explore the 'City of Lights' and our tour director is happy to offer free-time suggestions. Consider an optional can-can cabaret show at the famous Moulin Rouge this evening.

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

[Option Excursion: French cabaret show](#)

DAY 6 - PARIS

Enjoy a free day in Paris. Your included 2-day museum pass allows access to over 70 museums and monuments in and around Paris including the world famous Louvre, housing the Mona Lisa, Musée d'Orsay and Musée National Picasso.

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

DAY 7 - PARIS * HIGH-SPEED TRAIN TO FRENCH RIVIERA

This morning, the TGV high-speed train takes us from Paris to Nice, Queen Resort of the Côte d'Azur. Enjoy your free afternoon on picturesque beaches along the rugged 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.

[Meals: Breakfast, French brasserie 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. Consider exploring Nice to visit the magnificent Palais Lascaris, the Cathédrale de Sainte Réparate and harbors filled with opulent yachts. Or, you may opt to join our excursion to Monaco, where Prince Rainier married Hollywood actress Grace Kelly, and glitzy Cannes, known for its famous International Film Festival.

[Meals: Breakfast](#)

[Option Excursion: Excursion to Monte Carlo & Cannes](#)

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ITINERARY CONTINUED

DAY 9 - FRENCH RIVIERA - TRAIN TO ROME

Our journey takes us along the scenic Côte d'Azur's sun-splashed beaches. We cross the border into Italy at Ventimiglia and continue along the coast to Genoa, where we switch to the high speed 'Le Freccie' train whisking us to Rome this afternoon. Check in to our hotel and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon at leisure exploring Rome. Tonight, join us for our pasta party. Following dinner, perhaps walk to Piazza Navona, one of the city's most beautiful baroque squares and try the local gelati.

Meals: Breakfast, Pasta party

DAY 10 - ROME - VATICAN CITY

This morning, we explore Capitoline Hill with the most spectacular view of Caesar's Roman Forum, center of political and social activity, with ancient ruins dating from the 8th century BC. Also see Nero's Circus Maximus where chariot races were held. A trip across the Tiber River takes us to Vatican City - the world's smallest state. Visit St. Peter's Basilica housing Michelangelo's magnificent 'Pieta.' During afternoon free time you may want to use your Roma Pass to visit the Colosseum, where gladiators fought to the death.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11 - ROME

The entire day is free for exploring the Eternal City. Shop on Via Condotti, or visit more of the historical and artistic sights in the city. Have fun tonight at our tasty 'Viva Italia' pizza party in Trastevere, the perfect spot to get a glimpse of the old world while still enjoying the lifestyle of today's Romans.

Meals: Breakfast, Pizza party

Option Excursion: Frascati wine tasting tour

DAY 12 - TRAVEL HOME

Reluctantly we say farewell to Europe and new-found friends. Jet back home with thoughts of planning the next European Adventure!

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight

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 no travelers are available to share when final rooming assignments are made, the single supplement will apply.

Sample hotels:



Copthorne Tara
London, England



Ibis Eiffel
Paris, France



Hotel Regent
Rome, Italy

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.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

LEVEL 2: MODERATE

This is a multi-city tour.

Some touring days with full-day motor coach or train travel.

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 and comfortable with longer days of touring (both walking tours and coach/train time).

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.

WHAT OUR TRAVELERS ARE SAYING

"First time taking a tour like this - great experience and fellow travelers made things even better"
-MATTHEW B.

"Our tour guide was awesome and was always willing to take people to popular locations in her free time."
-KATHERINE H.

"Best vacation. I had a wonderful time and made lifelong friends which made it even better"
-ANTHONY R.

"I loved the optional excursions as well as the free time allowed in each city - it allowed us to experience each city and get to know the other members of the group"
-ALINA NICOLE G.

"I'll never forget this trip"
-LAURA B.

"It was the trip of a lifetime! I loved the tour director and all of my fellow travelers! I don't think I could have asked for a better trip!"
-HALEY M.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my experience! Thought it was very well organized and exceeded my expectations"
-PAIGE A.

"I had so much fun! Would recommend to all... amazing deal for everything we saw and did"
-TODD S.

"100% would do it again"
-ADDIE O.

"When booking my trip, I was searching for a balance of structured tours and adequate free time, and I found that with AESU!"
-MCKINNON M.

"Such an incredible experience! So organized and I love how we so quickly went from place to place and saw so much!"
-ABIGAIL C.

"Had the best time of my life!"
-MEHVISH A.

"Definitely the best days of my life, without a doubt: new friends, amazing experiences and a ton of fun - I am so thankful for this trip!"
-TREVOR P.

"I enjoyed everything! I was considering traveling Europe on my own, but I would never have done half the things I got to do with AESU!"
-JENNA F.

"I would highly recommend this to others and I look forward to doing another trip!"
-RILEY F.

"I liked that we were able to see so much - I feel like I got the most of our trip and made so many friends and memories"
-EMILY L.

"Being in a group was very fun - getting to meet lots of cool, new people. I loved not having to worry about transportation to/from all of the things we were able to do and it was great to get free time recommendations from our tour director!"
-EVELYN T.

"I was very satisfied with all aspects of the tour - it was a life changing experience and I definitely recommend it!"
-JAMES M.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BEFORE YOU GO

HOW DO I BOOK?

Booking your trip is easy! To make your reservation, head to www.aesu.com, find your school and tour, then click the "CHECK AVAILABILITY" button on any trip page to book your trip online, or you can call us at 1800-638-7640.

DO I NEED A PASSPORT? A VISA?

Travel to EUROPE: If you are an American or Canadian citizen, you only need a Passport. The easiest way to get a passport is through your local post office, County Court House, or Passport Agency. Check the United States State Department's website for specific regulations regarding acquiring a passport. (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>). You may need a Visa for our tours if you are not an American or Canadian citizen. If you are a citizen of another country, you must contact the appropriate consulates for each nation on the itinerary, and you must obtain these visas on your own.

Travel BEYOND Europe: Check on Visa requirements (incl. American or Canadian citizens) with the respective consulate or embassy. Some countries may charge for a tourist visa on entry or a departure tax on leaving the country.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I NEED?

We recommend \$50-\$80 per day, depending on your spending habits. That money covers items of a personal nature, laundry, beverages and meals not included on tour, and expenses for free-time activities (metro tickets, taxis, entrance fees). This amount does not include money for souvenir/gift shopping. We strongly recommend bringing a credit card (Visa, American Express, and Mastercard are the most widely accepted) as well as an ATM card. Check with your bank prior to departure to ensure your ATM card is usable overseas.

HOW MUCH LUGGAGE SHOULD I TAKE?

Due to limited space on the tour motor coach, you may only bring ONE suitcase and ONE carry-on. Limit your suitcase size to no larger than 29 x 20 x 10 and your carry-on to no larger than 8 x 16 x 21. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Keep in mind that throughout the duration of the tour, you are responsible for your own luggage, so do not pack more than you can carry. Laundry facilities are available in major cities.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

The easiest way to make your tour stressful is to over pack! See details in the Planning & Packing section on your trip's Toolbox pages. Download our suggested packing list.

WHAT ABOUT PACKING DOCUMENTS?

Never pack your passport! Always keep it with you. The same goes for cash and credit cards. Pack 2 extra passport photos if possible (in the event that you misplace your passport); photo copies of your passport's personal data pages, your flight itinerary and e-ticket information; a listing of your credit card; and copies of any personal IDs. This info will be extremely valuable should you lose any actual documents. Always keep actual documents on your person, and never in your checked suitcase.

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>

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

WHAT ARE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?

We stay in superior tourist class hotels, 3-star or 4-star, all with private bath/shower. Our hotels have been especially selected for their European atmosphere, friendly hospitality, cleanliness and location.

TOUR ROOMING POLICY: If you are traveling alone and do not want a single room, we will attempt to arrange for a 2-share room. If this is not possible, we will attempt to make arrangements for a single room and charge the applicable single supplement.

You'll be furnished a complete hotel address list with your final documents. Properties are subject to change and any substitutions would be the equivalent of those listed. For independent hotel reservations such as pre/post nights, etc., and select special tours a single supplement is always applied. Please check your itinerary.

I DON'T HAVE A ROOMMATE, WHAT DO I DO?

Going solo is not a problem with AESU. Many of our participants don't have a travel companion when booking a trip. If you're traveling alone, we will attempt to arrange for you to share a room (same gender). (See above rooming policy for details.)

I KNOW SOME MEALS ARE INCLUDED, BUT WHAT ABOUT SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?

Tours include breakfast daily, lunches & dinner as per itinerary. If you are a vegetarian, or have special dietary needs, please add this to your account when booking. All included meals are pre-paid, so a substitute meal is always up to the goodwill of the establishment. We cannot guarantee that all special requests will be granted, but, in the past, most restaurants have been cooperative. Please keep in mind that substitute meals may not be as varied as they are at home.

DO I NEED ANY VACCINATIONS?

Check with your doctor or the CDC (www.nccdc.gov/travel) to find out if vaccinations are required. If you suffer from any form of illness, be sure to have an adequate supply of medicines before departing on your trip. You must advise us of any important medical condition you may have, before departure.

DOES AESU SUPPORT ECO TRAVEL?

Every traveler shares a common responsibility to preserve our planet's environment and respect its people. AESU enthusiastically endorses ASTA's 10 Commandments, which effectively reaffirm that responsibility. Let's live by these Commandments, to ensure our world's beauty is preserved for our generation and for generations to come. Thank you for the opportunity to travel together and to discover our remarkable world in a responsible manner. Over a decade ago AESU founded "TRAVEL FOR GOOD" – many years before large travel companies became active in environmental travel.

Link to US State Department Travel Website

<http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/english.html>

FOR MORE FAQ'S VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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 \$4-5 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 EUROPE: 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 25% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 40%. Cancellation within 16 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 pm. 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, 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, to 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, AESU's liability shall be limited to a FULL REFUND of all payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. 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.