



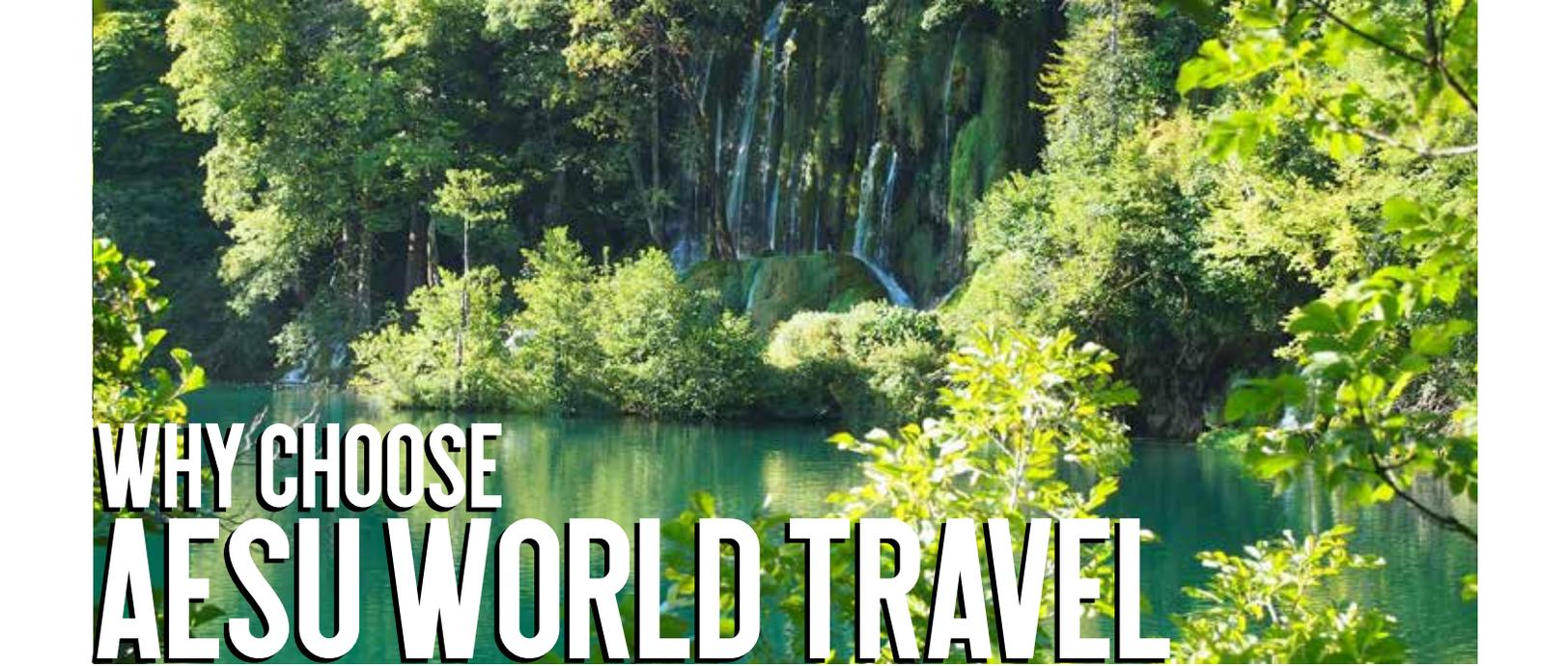
# CAPTIVATING CROATIA

THE GATES OF KING'S LANDING

# JUST GO

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# WHY CHOOSE AESU WORLD TRAVEL

## 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

8-day base land package: \$1,675 \*

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 \$575 for the 8-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 amazing scenery of lively Croatia and enjoy its delicious delicacies or you're more inclined to soak up every bit of 'Game of Thrones' magic you can, the tour provides a beautiful balance of historical education and complete sensory and cultural immersion into the vivacious life of this country.

## 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 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

# CAPTIVATING CROATIA

8 DAYS

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## ABOUT THE TRIP :

For over 20 years, George RR. Martin's Song of Ice and Fire books have transported us to exotic locales without leaving the library. Then the HBO TV series, Game of Thrones, showed us where to find these destinations in our own world. The Red Keep gardens, Meereen, Slaver's Bay, and King's Landing, they're all real locations and they're waiting for you in Croatia!

## HIGHLIGHTS :

Welcome orientation \* Zagreb city sights \* Plitvice Lakes National Park, UNESCO World Heritage Site \* Nature hike \* UNESCO World Heritage Site Diocletian Palace in Split \* Game of Thrones filming locations \* Adriatic beaches \* Medieval Stronghold, Klis Fortress \* Salt producing towns of Ston and Mali Ston \* World's second largest defense wall \* Castles and Dungeons \* UNESCO World Heritage Site Dubrovnik \* Tastes of local cuisine \* Guided tours with Game of Thrones experts ... AND MUCH MORE!

## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS :

(Not included in package price)

- 1/2 day walking tour of Zagreb
- All day Aquatic Adventure from Split

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.

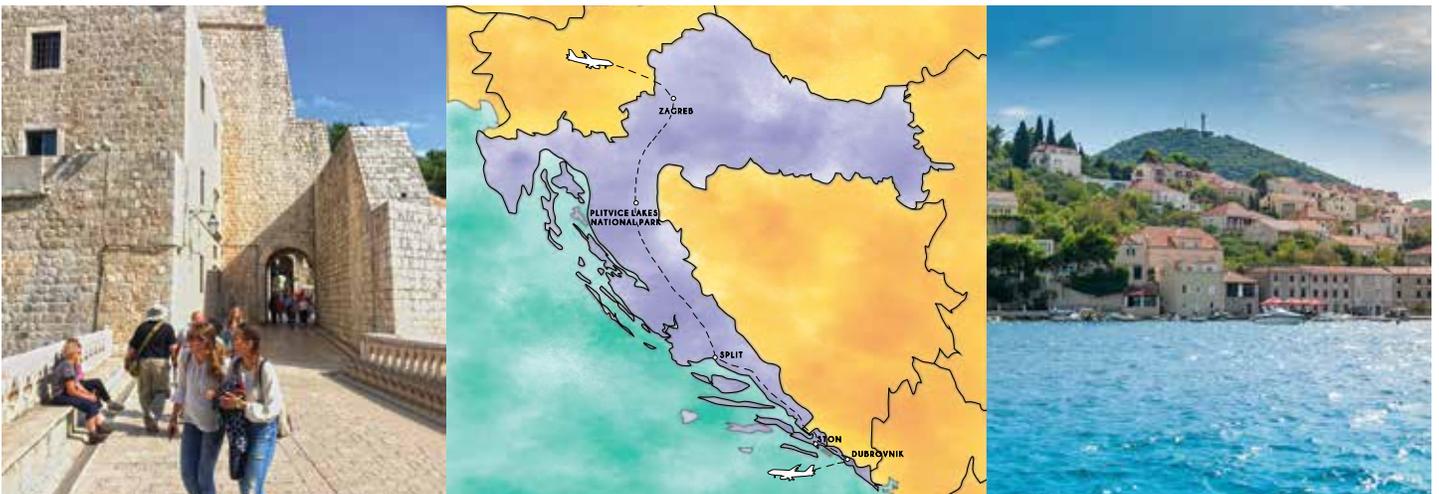
## WHAT'S INCLUDED :

The land package includes:

6 nights in superior tourist class hotels with private bath/ shower, twin-share rooms · Daily continental breakfasts · 3 specialty dinners and 1 picnic lunch · Guided tours in Split, Dubrovnik and Trsteno with local historian and Game of Thrones expert · Admissions: Plitvice Lakes National Park, Split Diocletian's Palace and Dungeons, Klis Fortress, Trsteno Arboretum, Dubrovnik city walls and Fortress Lovrijenac

PLUS:

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



# CAPTIVATING CROATIA

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO ZAGREB

Today, we embark on our overnight flight to Zagreb.

**Meals:** In-flight

### DAY 2 - ZAGREB - LAND TOUR START DATE

Welcome to Zagreb. The capital city of Croatia has it all: culture, arts, music, architecture and good eats. Explore the city on your own, relax, or join us on an optional walking tour with a local historian. Visit the medieval Upper Town, Zagreb's oldest district. It sits, perched atop two hills and is surrounded by elegant neo-Gothic cathedrals. Zagreb is lined with pastel-colored baroque palaces, once home to the city's nobility, a truly stunning sight to behold. While exploring this fantastic city, be sure to check out Gornji Grad and the Church of St. Mark's, the Art Pavilion and the Meštrović Gallery or the Croatian National Theater. Tonight join the welcome cocktail and cevapčići dinner with our travel companions.

**Meals:** Welcome cocktail and dinner

### DAY 3 - ZAGREB - PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK - SPLIT

Depart Zagreb early in the morning for a drive south to Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of Europe's great natural wonders. This is truly one of the most amazing primeval forests, featuring 16 terraced lakes, laced together by waterfalls and miles of wooden walkways and bridges. Take advantage of the park's free boat and train rides to get the most out of your visit and enjoy a picnic lunch at one of the park's al fresco dining areas. Our journey continues to the historic port city of Split, Croatia's second-largest city. This bustling city offers a perfect balance between traditional and modern lifestyles. The jewel in the center of town is the breath-taking Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most impressive Roman monuments in the world. Enjoy a typical Dalmatian dinner, then stroll along the lively harbor by the sparkling Adriatic Sea.

**Meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Optional activity:** 1/2 day walking tour of Zagreb

### DAY 4 - SPLIT

On our morning tour of Split with a local historian and 'Game of Thrones' expert, we discover exciting filming locations. The palace was built in the early 4th century as a retirement estate for the Diocletian, who spared no expense, importing marble from Italy and Greece, and columns and sphinxes from Egypt. Diocletian's Palace was used as the setting for several scenes in the city of Meereen. We follow in Daenerys' footsteps as we explore this 1,700-year-old structure, visiting the throne room and the dungeons where she kept her dragons. Today the palace is a living monument, with residences and colorful shops that started to occupy the ruins of the palace around the 7th century. This afternoon, continue your own exploration of Split, sample fresh local seafood, or relax on the beach.

**Meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 5 - SPLIT

Spend the day as you wish, or join us on an optional all-day aquatic adventure exploring the Blue & Green Caves, Stiniva Cove, and the popular islands of Biševo, Vis, and Hvar with its lavender fields, lofty peaks, and yacht-filled marinas. Our excursion includes time for swimming, snorkeling, and exploration of the islands.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Optional activity:** Aquatic Adventure from Split

### DAY 6 - SPLIT - KLIS FORTRESS - STON - TRSTENO ARBORETUM - DUBROVNIK

This morning we visit Klis Fortress, a small medieval stronghold that provided the backdrop for the City of Meereen. It dates back to the 7th century and has been the seat of many Croatian rulers. We continue our drive along the dramatic coastline, crossing Bosnia Herzegovina, before arriving at Ston, and Mali Ston, both salt-producing towns. The city's defensive walls are world-famous and second largest in the world after the Great Wall of China. After lunch on your own and time to explore the town, our journey continues to Trsteno Arboretum, the oldest arboretum in this part of the world. It was built in the late 15th century to house plants and seeds brought back from foreign countries by the Gozze family. The aqueduct used for irrigation purposes is still in use today and the stunning belvedere pavilion overlooking the Dalmatian Coast and the Adriatic Sea were the gardens of the Red Keep. We arrive in Dubrovnik, 'Pearl of the Adriatic' and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Game of Thrones lovers have arrived in King's Landing, the 'jack pot' of filming locations.

**Meals:** Breakfast

# CAPTIVATING CROATIA

## ITINERARY CONTINUED

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### DAY 7 - DUBROVNIK

With our in-the-know guide, enjoy views of the red-roofed, terracotta skyline that is easily recognizable as King's Landing. Visit Fort Lovrijenac, known as the "Red Keep," the Stairs to the Great Sept of Baelor, Minčeta Tower as House of the Undying, St. Dominika Street, location of many market scenes and famous for Cersei's Walk of Shame. Stop at Pile Bay, aka Blackwater Bay, with amazing views of both Bokar and Lovrijenac Fort. Dubrovnik is not only a feast for Game of Thrones fans, but will enchant all visitors with its marble streets, imposing stone walls rising from steep cliffs, churches, monuments and picturesque coves and beaches. Tonight, join us for our farewell Croatian dinner where we compare notes on filming locations and what sites you enjoyed exploring the most.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Farewell dinner

### DAY 8 - TRAVEL HOME

After breakfast the land program ends and we bid farewell to our new-found friends and make plans for a reunion trip.

**Meals:** Breakfast

# THE GATES OF KING'S LANDING

## INSIDE THE WORLD OF GAME OF THRONES

Game of Thrones set designers and producers have their work cut out for them. Bringing George R.R. Martin's fantastical landscapes and architecture to life is no small feat. The scenery and ancient architecture throughout Croatia served as an unbelievable source of inspiration for the filming crew.

Croatia's culture, style, and atmosphere seamlessly melt into the fantasy, excitement, and storytelling the Game of Thrones franchise is known for. Croatia's culture is waiting to be experienced and, lucky for us, many Game of Thrones filming locations are ready to be explored! Join us on this trip to see these historical sights first hand and let your imagination run wild as we explore the Roman, Medieval and Renaissance locations that inspired the Game of Thrones cast and crew.



### KLIS FORTRESS

This medieval fortress is perched on an isolated rocky ridge and has some of the most gorgeous views overlooking the city of Split, the Adriatic Sea and the surrounding areas. With over 2,000 years of history, this fortress was originally founded by the Illyrians in the 2nd century BC and was used as a stronghold before being taken by the Romans. After the fall of the Roman Empire, the fortress became a seat for several Croatian Kings. It became home to Khaleesi when she overtook Meereen, the largest of the 3 great slaver cities, in Season 3 of Game of Thrones. Daenerys vowed to 'answer justice with injustice' by nailing the city's former rulers to crosses for hundreds to see right outside of her new fortress, while all of the city's former slaves chanted 'Mhysa, mhysa,' (mother, mother) to vow their support to their new queen.



### DIOCLETIAN PALACE SPLIT

The only remains of the Diocletian era in the city of Split today are the Diocletian Palace, the remains of walls and gates. While the rest of the city is made up of white stone buildings from different time periods, this ancient palace was constructed from local limestone and white marble. Built by the Emperor Diocletian who voluntarily gave up his throne on the Roman Empire, the palace and fortress ruins now serve as the main attraction of the city of Split, housing numerous cafes, shops, restaurants and apartments. You may recognize the interior of the palace from multiple seasons of Game of Thrones - it is home to Daenerys's throne room, it's where the dragons are kept and where they were trained, and it's where the memorable scene was filmed of the slaves of Meereen debating if they should join Daenerys's slave revolt, or if they should remain loyal to their masters.



### TRSTENO ARBORETUM

Up the coast, just 18 km Northwest of Dubrovnik, the Trsteno Arboretum is the oldest renaissance garden in Croatia, dating back to at least 1492 although its exact date of establishment is not known. The grounds of the garden are truly unique, partly in thanks to the Gučetić-Gozze family, the Arboretum's previous residents who requested ship captains bring back different plants and seeds from their travels to all types of exotic destinations. You can find plants from all over the world in the garden, including date-palms, Japanese banana trees, evergreen magnolia, varieties of cacti and other striking plants. Despite suffering extensive damage over the years, the Arboretum is mostly restored and was featured as a major filming location as the Gardens of King's Landing in Game of Thrones. You may even recognize some of the paths characters like Olena Tyrell, Margaery Tyrell, Varys and Lord Peter Baelish strolled along weaving plots and exchanging secrets.



### FORT LOVRIJENAC

Built on sheer rock over 120 feet high and overlooking the Adriatic Sea, Fort Lovrijenac was of prime importance for the defense for the western part of Dubrovnik against attack from both land and sea while also functioning as a major hub for entertainment as a theater. This incredible sight doubles as The Red Keep in Game of Thrones. The fortress serves of similar importance in housing and protecting the Royal Lannister family. This site was used as the filming location for many scenes from the series, including King Joffrey's infamous Name Day ceremony.

# THE GATES OF KING'S LANDING

## INSIDE THE WORLD OF GAME OF THRONES



### DUBROVNIK DOCKS

This was where Sansa stood as she made a game out of imagining where each ship was sailing off to when she was told by Littlefinger there may be a chance for her to escape King's Landing. However, when you visit you will not find yourself so eager to leave. The Dubrovnik Docks not only indulge you in rich views of the Adriatic Sea, but they also provide you with an opportunity to see the magnificence of Fort Lovrijenac from below.



### ST. DOMINICA STREET STEPS

Within the old, medieval city walls of Dubrovnik, St. Dominika Street is a long narrow pathway that allows you to appreciate and immerse yourself in all of the unique architecture of this city from within. Every Game of Thrones fan remembers Cersei's iconic walk of atonement in Season 5: the Septa repeats "Shame, shame, shame," as she walks Cersei naked down the steps and through a narrow, cobble street while townspeople throw things at her, yelling various profanities. However, be assured you will have a much more pleasant experience exploring this old city, taking in all of the fascinating and rich history found within its fortress walls.



### DUBROVNIK CITY GATES

The white stone beauty of the Dubrovnik City Walls gave the city its nickname as the Pearl of the Adriatic. The defensive walls run uninterrupted for 6,365 feet encircling the city and were built systematically to prevent the danger of foreign attacks. Today there are two gates used to enter the Old Town, though there used to be four: the Pile Gate (built in 1537) serves as the natural starting point to any visit in Dubrovnik, while the Ploče Gate encloses the city on the eastern side. Both gates have both an inner and outer gate, and though they now remain open, drawbridges used to be closed on a nightly basis to keep foreigners out of the city. These gates doubled as the gates of King's Landing in Game of Thrones, and were used to keep the royal capital's people safe.

# 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:

Hotel Academia  
Zagreb



Hotel Valamar Lacroma  
Dubrovnik

Hotel Luxe  
Split



## 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. 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 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 ABOUT OUR TRIPS

"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](http://www.aesu.com) and click the "CHECK AVAILABILITY" button on any trip page to book your trip online, or you can call us at 1-800-638-7640 if you have any questions.

### 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) at no extra cost. (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 ([wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel](http://wwwnc.cdc.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

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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 300 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](http://www.aesu.com).