

# HOPS. GRAINS & SLAINTE

A JOURNEY OF TASTE, KNOWLEDGE AND ADVENTURE

## JOURNEYS FOR YOUNG ALUMNI

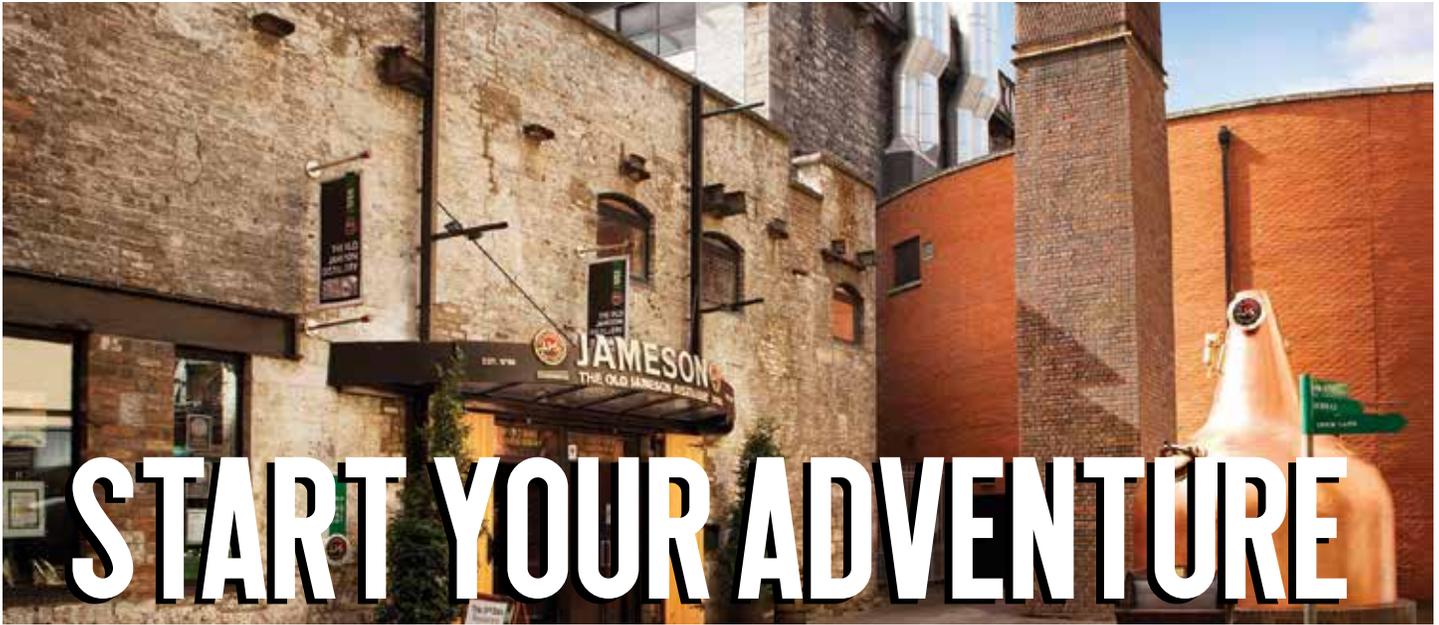
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Land package price from \$1,895 per person

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**WILLIAM & MARY**  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Dear Young Alumni and Friends!

Can you think of a better way to travel than with fellow William & Mary Young Alumni?

The William & Mary Alumni Journeys young alumni travel program offers you this opportunity by bringing you together with individuals in the same age range, with similar backgrounds and experiences, while enriching you on a well-designed, hassle-free tours of the world.

Travel with young alumni and friends of peer institutions, ages 22 - 35. This programs provides social, cultural, and recreational activities and many opportunities for learning enrichment and enjoying a connection back to the William & Mary. The tour is of great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 40 years of experience in the young professional travel market. In this brochure you will find a detailed itinerary, travel dates, pricing and information on how to book.

If you have any questions about our young alumni travel program, please contact our tour operator, AESU Alumni World Travel, at [alumni@aesu.com](mailto:alumni@aesu.com) or call 800-638-7640.

Sincerely,

*Donna Coggins*

Donna Coggins  
Assistant Director of Business Development  
William & Mary



# WHAT DO I GET



## COVERAGE

When you book your Young Alumni trip, 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)

## EDUCATIONAL & ADVENTUROUS

Whether you can't wait to immerse yourself in the amazing scenery of the Emerald Isle and enjoy its delicious delicacies or you're more inclined to soak up every bit of information you can on the process of distilling Irish classics like Jameson and Tullamore Dew, this 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. Make 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**

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## 8 DAYS

### ABOUT THE TRIP:

This tour is unique, it speaks to those who have nodded and smiled along with all the facts stated above but also to those looking to learn and explore this new lifestyle. Ireland, as rich with history as it is with beauty, offers travelers the chance to explore all of these facets, provided by individuals and families who have spent a lifetime creating and perfecting these beverages and culinary experiences. Prepare to open your mind and your taste buds while travelling along the southern coast of Ireland from Dublin to Dingle. This journey is also filled with behind-the-scenes glimpses, sights you'll never forget, and plenty of knowledge. Don't wait, come with us on the trip of a lifetime. Sláinte!

### HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome dinner & orientation \* Dingle Distillery exploration \* Dingle harbor \* Historic castles \* West Kerry Micro Brewery crafting & sampling \* Macroom castle gate house \* Franciscan Well Microbrewery visit and brick oven pizza lunch \* English Market \* Jameson Distillery experience \* Midleton - historic market town \* Ballymaloe farm-to-table organic gardens including lunch \* Kildare sheep country \* Irish farewell dinner \* ... AND MUCH MORE!

### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

(Not included in package price)

- o Excursion to Tullamore Dew & Kilbeggan Distilleries
  - Tour and tasting at Tullamore Dew Distillery
  - Visit and tour of Birr Castle
  - Lunch in Birr
  - Tour and tasting at Kilbeggan Distillery
- o Excursion to Blarney:
  - Access to the Castle grounds, gardens, and Blarney stone
  - Visit to the town of Cobh
- o Dingle peninsula kayaking

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 or better 2-share rooms with private bath/shower \* Daily continental breakfast \* 3 specialty dinners \* 2 specialty lunches \* Franciscan Well Microbrewery \* English Market \* Guided tour of Ballymaloe organic gardens \* Tour and tastings at:  
· Dingle Distillery  
· West Kerry Micro Brewing Company  
· Jameson Distillery

### 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



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## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO IRELAND

Board your overnight flight to Dublin today.

[Meals In-flight](#)

### DAY 2 - ARRIVE IN DUBLIN - LAND TOUR START DATE

Welcome to Ireland! This afternoon join us for a visit to the Teeling Distillery, the only operational distillery in the city, for a tasting. The tour continues to the Guinness Storehouse, making sure to stop by Brewer's Dining Hall for a taste of Guinness straight from the source. Time permitting, we end the day with a tour of the historic Dublin Jameson Distillery where the spirit was originally distilled and bottled before moving to its new home in Midleton. At night, regroup for a welcome dinner and orientation with your tour director.

[Meals In-flight, dinner](#)

### DAY 3 - DUBLIN

Enjoy a free day to explore Dublin on your own. You may want to look into a hop-on-hop-off bus tour to see all that the city has to offer. Want to learn more about the art of distilling whiskey? Consider joining an optional excursion to the Tullamore Dew and Kilbeggan Distilleries. Tullamore Dew is a resoundingly popular Irish blend, particularly in overseas markets, where it is second only to Jameson, and Kilbeggan - the oldest working distillery in the world. This is an option you won't want to miss. Those going on the excursion can expect a full day of whiskey filled knowledge with a pit stop at Birr Castle and lunch in between tours.

[Meals Breakfast,](#)

[Optional activity: Excursion to Tullamore Dew and Kilbeggan Distilleries, Birr Castle and lunch](#)

### DAY 4 - DUBLIN - CORK

On route to Cork, we stop to explore the Jameson Distillery in Midleton. Continue to beautiful Ballymaloe, a famous cooking school in Southern Ireland run by celebrity chef Darina Allen. The farm is accompanied by a full restaurant, shop, and café. We'll tour the organic gardens of this amazing establishment that practiced 'farm-to-table' service before it was cool. Afterwards we'll enjoy lunch at the farm's restaurant before heading to the hotel in Cork. The rest of the night is open to exploring the city on your own.

[Meals Breakfast, lunch](#)

### DAY 5 - CORK

On this free day in Cork, see what the city has to offer or take a bus down to the fishing town of Kinsale for the day. This century's-old port offers a variety of activities from whale watching and sailing to ghost tours. Don't miss out on a deliciously fresh seafood dinner if you spend the day in this maritime town. You may want to consider joining an optional excursion to Blarney Castle. Spend the day exploring the grounds: leave a kiss at the Blarney Stone, then visit the heritage town of Cobh.

[Meals Breakfast](#)

[Optional activity: Trip to Blarney Castle & Cobh](#)

### DAY 6 - CORK - DINGLE

This morning we visit the English Market, which is one of the oldest and most well-known markets in Ireland. A blend of local organic foods mixed with fares from all over, this market has been around since the 18th century. Before heading to Dingle, we stop at the Franciscan Well Microbrewery to enjoy some lunch at the Well's brick oven pizza pub situated right on the River Lee. On the way to Dingle, we stop for refreshments in Macroom by the famous castle gate house before we continue to our hotel to check in and enjoy free time.

[Meals Breakfast, lunch](#)

### DAY 7 - DINGLE

Consider a morning kayaking excursion. Paddle around the peninsula and finish your trip off with amazing views and some serious relaxation, or enjoy a free morning before we begin a tour and tasting of the Dingle Distillery. Afterwards we head to the West Kerry Microbrewery for a visit. Meet the brewers who create this local Irish lager before sitting down and enjoying a pint. Spend the rest of the afternoon checking out some of the town's famous sights, insanely gorgeous views, go for a hike, then join us for our farewell dinner at a local pub.

[Meals Breakfast, dinner](#)

[Optional activity: Kayaking around the Dingle peninsula](#)

### DAY 8 - FLIGHT HOME

After breakfast the group says goodbye to Ireland, filled with not only delicious Irish food and spirits but also with knowledge of what exactly goes into making some of the great beverages of this country and a feeling of having seen how incredible this isle truly is.

[Meals Breakfast, in-flight](#)

"Whiskey is liquid sunshine." – George Bernard Shaw

The origins of Irish whiskey are as clear as one's head after enjoying several glasses of the golden, spicy spirit. It's commonly believed that around 1000 AD, Irish monks returned from their travels through the Mediterranean with a secret to distilling perfumes. In the classic Irish fashion, this method was quickly modified to produce a drinkable spirit and whiskey was born in all of its amber glory.

The foods of Ireland are defined by some of the finest ingredients in the world. Until recently, most were shipped to other countries' kitchens, but now a lot more of these ingredients are staying local. Ireland has also embraced international culture, influenced by travel and immigration causing it to evolve further. The first establishment to really hone in on this craft - which many know as farm-to-table dining. Ballymaloe. In the years since, has continued to inspire artisanal food producers that are now across the country, making the most of what nature provides.



## WEST KERRY MICRO BREWING COMPANY

West Kerry Brewery (or Beoir Chorca Dhuibhne in Irish) is a small traditional brewery in the West Kerry Gaeltacht on the Dingle Peninsula. The first brewery in Kerry since the 1800's, they are 100% authentic and brew and package their own beer. West Kerry Brewery is the most westerly brewery in Ireland, set in a mature garden with botanicals, which they experiment with in seasonal specials, making the beers truly authentic and indigenous.



## DINGLE DISTILLERY

The first whiskeys distilled and matured at the distillery were released in late 2016. The initiative to start a distillery in Dingle was that of the now deceased Oliver Hughes, who was also a founder of the Porterhouse brewing and restaurant group. The site, formerly the Fitzgerald sawmill, was converted for whiskey production in 2012, opening on 29 November and billing itself as an 'artisan' distillery. Using pot stills the distillery produces two casks of whiskey per day in Dingle, where the mildly cool climate is reportedly favorable for whiskey production. The distillery also has a still for the production of gin and vodka.



## FRANCISCAN WELL BREWERY

Founded by Shane Long in 1998, it is now Ireland's No.1 Craft Brewery. The brewery was founded on the North Mall in Cork City and is built on the site of an old Franciscan monastery and well dating back to the year 1219. Legend has it that water from the well had miraculous and curative properties, and people would come from afar to drink from it. When you first walk through the modest entrance of the Franciscan Well Brewery and Brew Pub you are struck by the passion of its brewers. This love for the well and its beer is infectious and emanates from all the staff. You quickly discover that the diverse and interesting clientele are also devotees in the strongest sense. The Brewery has combined modern technology with age old tradition, brewing classic beer styles including lager, ale, stout, and wheat beer, putting innovation at the forefront of the brewing process.



## THE ENGLISH MARKET

The term English Market was coined in the 19th century to distinguish the market from the nearby St. Peter's Market, which was known as the Irish Market. The market changed little over the next century or so until it was seriously damaged by fire on 19 June 1980 and had to be extensively refurbished by Cork City Council. The refurbishment work was done to preserve the original Victorian building's design and won a Gold Medal from the Europa Nostra heritage foundation for conservation shortly after its completion. Since its refurbishment, the market has become more multicultural, and a variety of fresh produce from around the world can be bought there. The market is still best known however for its fresh fish and butchers, and it serves many of the city's top restaurants.



## JAMESON DISTILLERY MIDLETON

The Midleton distilleries complex is situated in Midleton, County Cork, Ireland. It is owned by Pernod Ricard. Located alongside is the Old Midleton Distillery, established in the early 17th century, Midleton is one of the most modern distilleries in the world and has its production areas linked via fiber-optic networks. The Midleton factory, with a production capacity of 64 million litres per annum, is the largest in Ireland. The New Midleton Distillery is next to the Old Midleton distillery, home of the visitors centre called the Jameson Experience. Like the visitors centre in Dublin at the Old Jameson Distillery, the tour explains the history of Jameson Whiskey.



## BALLYMALOE

The Yeats Room of Ballymaloe House is a restaurant located in Shanagarry in County Cork, Ireland. The oldest parts in the present Ballymaloe House can be traced back to an Anglo-Norman castle built on this site around 1450. The castle was held by members of the Desmond FitzGerald families of Cloyne, particularly Sir John FitzEdmund FitzGerald. Ballymaloe, which was initially run by Myrtle Allen, is now known as one of the most impeccable places to eat. It is the originator of the 'farm-to-table' style dining. Myrtle Allen was even awarded a Michelin Star for her expertise in this style.



## JAMESON DISTILLERY DUBLIN

Jameson Distillery Bow St. is the original site where Jameson Irish Whiskey was distilled until 1971. Though now a top notch tourist locale and an excellent place to have an authentic Jameson tasting experience, Jameson still possesses much of the equipment used while distilling. Guided tours provide an inside look into this beloved whiskey at its very beginning stages of life when it was first created back in 1780.



## KILBEGGAN DISTILLERY

The distillery was founded in 1757. John Locke took over the distillery in 1843, and it was passed down to his granddaughters Mary Evelyn and Florence Emily in 1943. It was closed completely in 1957 and the building began to fall into disrepair. Twenty-five years after its closure, the community of Kilbeggan restored the distillery and opened it to the public as a whiskey distillery museum.



## TULLAMORE DEW DISTILLERY

The origins of Tullamore Dew date back to 1829, when a distillery was established in Tullamore by Michael Molloy. In 1954, the distillery ceased production, having, like many of those in Ireland at the time, been hit by declining sales due to a number of factors such as Prohibition, the Anglo-Irish Trade War and high taxes introduced by the Irish Free State. Nowadays, Tullamore Dew is a very commonly known whiskey across the globe, so to learn its origin and enjoy the freshest of tastings is quite the experience.



## GUINNESS STOREHOUSE

The building in which the Storehouse is located was constructed in 1902 as a fermentation plant for the St. James's Gate Brewery. In 1997, it was decided to convert the building into the Guinness Storehouse, replacing the Guinness Hop Store as the Brewery's visitor center. The Guinness Storehouse explains the history of Beer. The story is told through various interactive exhibition areas including ingredients, brewing, transport, cooperage, advertising and sponsorship.

# PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

## HOTELS

Our hotels are superior tourist class or better, luxury hotels in Dubai, 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:



Garden Inn  
Dublin



Metropolitan Hotel  
Cork,



Dingle Bay Hotel  
Dingle

## 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 1: EASY

This is a single-country tour. Standing and walking for extended periods of time during museum visits or city tours. Walking typically on flat terrain, stairways sometimes without handrails, elevators sometimes available.

Appropriate for: Travelers in good health with overall good mobility, and who are comfortable participating in at least three hours of activity per day.

### *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.

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# 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/passport.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 souvenirs/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. Your Alumni Association offers travel insurance. Please visit this web site for information or to purchase insurance: <https://selecttravelinsure.com/?pcode=32230>

## 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 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 ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.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).