


2019 Travel Program



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About the Washington University Alumni Association Travel Program

The Travel Program is dedicated to giving travelers enriching cultural experiences while strengthening their connection with each other and to Washington University.

By traveling with the Alumni Association, you will be able to explore regions from every corner of the world. Our itineraries offer an exciting blend of exotic destinations and traditional locales, and are led by experienced guides and some include talented faculty. While the WashU connection is an important component of our program, trips are open to all travel enthusiasts including friends of the university who want to take part in educational travel opportunities.

Alumni Association Travel Committee

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Important Things to Know

- » The Travel Committee recommends that you purchase travel insurance for every trip on which you plan to embark. Many unforeseen things can happen to prevent travel and this helps ensure that your fees will be refunded. Please consult the partner travel company for each trip about travel insurance.
- » All prices, itineraries and dates are subject to change.
- » Prices listed do not include airfare and V.A.T. unless indicated in the trip description.

Questions?

Washington University Travel Program Office

Email: alumni.travel@wustl.edu
Phone: (314) 935-7378 or (866) WU-Trips
Website: travel.wustl.edu



New Zealand

February 6–21

From \$5,995 » AHI

Experience Maori culture, exciting city life, and glacier-carved fjords on this 13-night adventure. Explore Auckland and Dunedin, witness Maori traditions and the intense haka war dance, and immerse yourself in the incomparable beauty of New Zealand. Cruise Lake Manapouri and Doubtful Sound in Fiordland National Park. Trek through the enchanting backdrops of The Lord of the Rings films and stand before the Franz Josef Glacier. Embark on an inspiring TranzAlpine train ride through the beautiful Southern Alps to Christchurch. This small-group trip features first-class accommodations, enlightening lectures, an extensive meal program, and wine with dinner.



Belize to Tikal: Reefs, Rivers, and Ruins of the Maya World

March 10–18

From \$5,760 » Lindblad Expeditions

Discover the vibrant reefs of Belize and the dramatic Maya ruins of Tikal during this comprehensive land-and-sea expedition. Board the 100-guest National Geographic Quest to snorkel, kayak, Zodiac, and stand-up paddleboard along the Mesoamerican Reef, the largest reef in the Northern Hemisphere. Venture to Tikal to explore stone temples swathed in the rainforest teeming with wildlife. Experience the expansive Maya ruins, including the rarely-visited Yaxha. Explore alongside an expedition leader, veteran naturalists, a Lindblad Expeditions–National Geographic-certified photo instructor, an undersea specialist, and a wellness specialist.





Andalucía, Southern Spain: In a Parador

April 11–19

From \$2,795 » AHI

Experience romantic southern Spain on a seven-night journey in Andalucía. Stay in a modern, first-class parador in Antequera and discover the history of Al-Andalus, as this region of Spain was known during eight centuries of Moorish control. See the courtyards and fountains of the Alhambra in Granada, the iconic red-and-white arches of La Mezquita in Córdoba, and the imposing Alcázar in Sevilla. Explore Ronda and Málaga and watch an entrancing flamenco performance. Enjoy special lunches at an organic winery and the Parador de Granada. This small-group program features an extensive meal plan, including wine with dinner. **No single supplement!**



Southern Africa: Luxury Safaris, Rovos Rail, & Cape Town

April 28–May 13

From \$7,295 » AHI

Experience the thrill of safari, observing the calculated moves of lions, leopards, hawks, and falcons in South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe on this 12-night adventure. Explore laid-back Cape Town and drive along the scenic Cape Peninsula. Walk in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela at Robben Island and visit vibrant Soweto. Feel the power of the mighty Victoria Falls and savor a taste of the golden age of travel aboard the elegant Rovos Rail. This small-group program features deluxe accommodations and an extensive meal program, including wine with dinner.





Greece: Island Life and Ancient Sites

May 2–10

From \$2,295 » AHI

Experience life on the Greek island of Poros. Stroll by the sparkling sea, where octopus hang to dry outside waterfront tavernas and locals pass the time at the kafenion, the neighborhood coffee shop. From Poros, ideally located for exploring ancient Greece sites, discover the 2,400-year-old theater in Epidaurus and the ruins of Mycenae. Visit the island of Hydra and Nafplio, Greece's first capital. Visit the Acropolis and tour Athens. Enjoy first-class accommodations during two nights in Athens and five nights on Poros and an extensive meal plan, including wine with dinner.



Belgium and Holland aboard Magnifique III

May 10–18

From \$4,999 » Arrangements Abroad

Enjoy an enchanting cruise through the Netherlands and Belgium from the intriguing Dutch capital of Amsterdam to the tiny Belgian town of Bruges. Follow meandering rivers and canals aboard the newly built Magnifique III, a boutique river boat with accommodations for only 36 travelers. Discover storybook villages, idyllic countryside, and outstanding art and architecture. For more active travelers, experience the Low Countries like locals do—by bike—during optional daily cycling tours.





National Parks and Lodges of the Old West

June 5–14

From \$3,995 » Orbridge

Trace historic paths and marvel at the natural splendors of the Old West with an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader. Experience the storied sights and monuments of Badlands National Park, Custer State Park, Spearfish Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, and Grand Teton National Park. Observe bison herds, enjoy a chuck wagon cookout, visit Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial, see a woolly mammoth dig site, and witness otherworldly geothermal sites at the volcanically active caldera of Yellowstone. This excursion features wonderfully atmospheric hotels and lodges, including landmark lodging within the parks, and comfortable travel by private motor coach.



Paris Noir: The African-American Experience

June 30–July 8

From \$3,495 » AHI

featuring Gerald Early, Merle Kling Professor of Modern Letters

Following World War I, many African-American artists, musicians, and scholars found a home in Paris, the City of Light. Trace the rich history of the city's African-American community through specially designed walking tours and talks. View a documentary about the African-American influence in 1920s and 1930s Paris and meet the filmmakers. Enjoy quintessential Parisian experiences: the cuisine, a Seine cruise, and traveling on the Métro. This small-group program, ideal for active travelers, features first-class accommodations and an extensive meal plan, including wine with dinner.





Canadian Rockies: Parks and Resorts

July 12–18

From \$3,995 » Orbridge

featuring Jennifer R. Smith, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences

Head north for a peak-season journey to the glorious Canadian Rockies and relax at legendary resorts, including Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, and Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. Canoe, golf, or walk nearby trails, taking in the fresh air and awe-inspiring landscapes. Accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader, explore the magnificent ranges in Banff and Jasper National Parks and cruise through the glacial water of Maligne Lake.



Imperial Splendors of Russia

July 24–August 2

From \$3,695 » AHI

Immerse yourself in Russian culture during eight nights in Moscow and St. Petersburg. In Moscow, stroll through the Kremlin and admire the iconic domes of St. Basil's Cathedral, view collections of Russian art, jewelry, and other treasures, and visit opulent Metro stations. Travel by high-speed train to St. Petersburg, visit Peterhof, Catherine Palace, and the State Hermitage Museum. Go behind the scenes at the Mariinsky Theater and travel to the countryside for a folk show and vodka tasting at a traditional country house. Enjoy first-class accommodations and an extensive meal program, featuring wine with dinner.





Ancient Civilizations: Cruising the Adriatic and Aegean Seas

September 15–23
From \$4,395 » Gohagan

featuring Timothy Moore, John and Penelope Biggs Distinguished Professor of Classics

Cruise along the stunning Dalmatian coast and through the Corinth Canal from Venice to Athens aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star Le Lyrial. Visit five countries and six UNESCO World Heritage sites with Roman, Greek, Byzantine, Venetian, and Slavic influences. Tour Diocletian's Palace in Split, the walled city of Dubrovnik, Kotor's medieval fortifications, the remarkable archaeological site of Butrint, Corfu's Old Town, and ancient Delphi. Enjoy a Coastal Life® Forum with local residents and a folk music performance. Venice pre-cruise and Athens post-cruise options are available.



75th Anniversary of D-Day: Normandy and Honfleur

September 21–29
From \$3,195 » AHI

Discover the essence of Normandy and its pivotal role in history during this seven-night, small-group journey. Explore Mont Saint-Michel, the medieval monastery that seemingly rises from the sea. Taste Normandy's contributions to French cuisine and sip calvados, the region's celebrated cider brandy, in an apple orchard. As the world marks the 75th anniversary of D-Day, spend two full days visiting Omaha and Utah beaches, the Normandy American Cemetery, and other battle-related sites. Enjoy engaging lectures and first-class accommodations in Honfleur and an extensive meal plan, featuring wine with dinner. **No single supplement!**





Romance of the Douro River: Lisbon, Porto, and the Alto Douro Wine Region

October 1–12

From \$3,795 » AHI

Portugal's charm is as epic as its history. Spend three nights in Lisbon and visit the 16th-century Hieronymites Monastery, and Belém Tower. Continue on a seven-night cruise of the Douro River aboard the exclusively chartered MS Gil Eanes. Glide through the scenic valley where port, Portugal's famous sweet fortified wine, is produced. Enjoy a port tasting while exploring wine country. Choose from a selection of included excursions: cycling, historic tours, and more. Enjoy an extensive meal plan and a generous selection of complimentary beverages onboard. **No single supplement!**



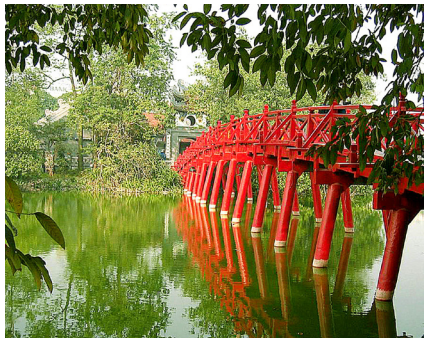
Artists and Aristocrats: From Rome to Barcelona

October 29–November 6

From \$2,299 (Airfare included from select cities) » Go Next

Experience the legacy of great patrons, painters, and popes on this weeklong voyage. Sail from Civitavecchia to Livorno, an entry to adventures in Florence and Pisa and the idyllic Tuscan countryside. Stop in extravagant Monte Carlo, surrounded by Nice, Èze, and Cannes, all connected by the famous Grand Corniche. Enjoy the best natural sand beaches on the French Riviera in Antibes and continue to Marseille, France's oldest city and gateway to picturesque Provence and Palma de Mallorca. Visit Valencia, famed for its unique mix of Baroque cathedrals, futuristic architecture, and lush parks, before ending your cruise in Barcelona.





Coastal Vietnam and Angkor Wat

November 5–19

From \$6,795 » Gohagan

featuring Tristram R. Kidder, Edward S. and Tedi Macias Professor in Arts & Sciences and chair of the Department of Anthropology

Voyage through Vietnam and Cambodia, where lush landscapes and centuries-old culture exist in harmony. This exceptional itinerary features two nights in Vietnam's capital city of Hanoi, a seven-night cruise from Haiphong to Saigon, and three nights in Siem Reap, doorway to the magnificent, jungle-fringed temples of Cambodia. Enjoy five-star cruising aboard the newly launched Le Lapérouse, exploring Vietnam's ancient pagodas and bustling sampan-filled harbors. Featuring numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites—Ha Long Bay, Hue, Hoi An, and Angkor Wat—this program is a spectacular blend of Southeast Asia's storied history and dynamic modernity.



Patagonian Frontiers

November 8–24

From \$7,369 (includes air)>>Odysseys

Conquer two of the last great frontiers, southern Patagonia and Torres del Paine, during this 17-day, small-group journey. Spend three nights in vibrant Buenos Aires before cruising the Tierra del Fuego archipelago for four nights. Highlights include Cape Horn, spectacular glacier excursions, and Magdalena Island's immense penguin colony. Disembark at Punta Arenas and travel to Torres del Paine National Park for three nights with daily excursions. In Chile's Lake District, experience Vicente Rosales National Park and conclude your adventure in Santiago. Discover Iguazu Falls with a two-night pre-tour option.



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I register for a trip?

If you would like to reserve space on a trip, please contact the travel company directly. Deposits, payable by check or credit card, are required at the time of reservation. Space cannot be guaranteed until a deposit has been received.

Do I have to be a Washington University alum to participate in the Travel Program?

We welcome anyone interested in educational travel in our program. Although Washington University affiliations are an important part of our program, we welcome alumni, families and friends of students and graduates, and others who wish to participate in quality learning and travel experiences.

Do Washington University faculty accompany the trips?

Washington University faculty will accompany some of the trips listed in this brochure.

What does the price of the trip include?

Prices listed are per person, based on double occupancy. Trips generally include accommodations, coach and/or ship transportation, baggage handling, most meals and sightseeing, as specified in the trip brochure. Trips do not include passport and visa fees, some gratuities and personal travel insurance. Airfare varies by program so call the travel company for more information. All pre- and post-trip options are offered at an additional charge.

Once I've made a reservation, can I cancel?

Cancellation policies vary according to individual travel company policies. Please contact the company. Trip cancellation insurance, available for all programs, is highly recommended.

Do trips sell out?

Yes. We have a limited number of spots for each program. If the program of your choice is fully subscribed, they will place you on a waiting list. In some instances, an alternate date is scheduled.

How can I get a brochure?

You may request brochures by calling (314) 935-7378 or email alumni.travel@wustl.edu.

Can I call the travel company directly?

We encourage you to contact the individual travel companies for specific questions regarding each trip. When you call, please let them know you are inquiring about a Washington University in St. Louis trip.

AHI Travel: (800) 654-4762

Arrangements Abroad: (800) 221-1944

Gohagan & Company: (800) 922-3088

Go Next: (800) 842-9023

Lindblad: (888) 773-9007

Odysseys Unlimited: (888) 370-6765

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