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## GOAL

The goal of the Sightseeing Sooners travel program is to provide educational travel opportunities for our alumni and friends, and to carry the strong Sooner spirit to every part of the world.

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Sightseeing Sooners travel program will offer dozens of trips in 2021 that will visit all seven continents. The offerings include ocean and river cruises, land tours, nature and wildlife experiences, along with other types of programming.

Sightseeing Sooners provides alumni and friends the opportunity to travel together on trips that provide enriching and quality educational travel opportunities and are always under the direction of top-rated tour directors and operators. Our goal is to create a unique experience for our travelers and connect alumni back to their alma mater in a special way.

## DISCLAIMER

Dates, schedules, pricing, and program details listed in this catalog are all subject to change. Please verify details, dates and pricing prior to booking a reservation directly with the tour operator and check [www.ou.edu/alumni/travel](http://www.ou.edu/alumni/travel) for updates throughout the year.

The University of Oklahoma Alumni Association provides the service of facilitating unique travel opportunities for its alumni and friends. Though the Sightseeing Sooners travel program works with its tour operators to offer interesting and educational trips, please remember that OU does not conduct tours, nor does it act as an agent for guests interested in tours. The Sightseeing Sooners travel program, instead, functions as a facilitator with tour operators with whom our travelers make arrangements for completing travel. We are pleased to act as a liaison with tour operators should you have any questions before, during, or after your tour.

We encourage you to familiarize yourself with each tour operator's cancellation and refund policy, and also to investigate other services such as trip cancellation insurance before making reservations. The University of Oklahoma Alumni Association is not responsible for changes to trips or travel arrangements, or for losses or additional expenses resulting from travel.



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## EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA

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Estimated pricing at \$9,995 per person, double occupancy



## THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

JAN. 19-26, 2021 | OCEAN CRUISE

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This exciting journey features a day of guided touring in Quito plus an intimate cruise through the archipelago with up-close access to endemic species. Expert naturalists guide you through the wonders of this national park, whale sanctuary, and marine reserve. Accommodations for this adventure are aboard the *Isabela II*, a 40-guest vessel with spacious cabins, local cuisine, and a staff dedicated to ensuring both your comfort and maximum enjoyment of this truly extraordinary destination and its diverse inhabitants. Sailing by small ship allows for flexibility in the itinerary to maximize wildlife viewing, as well as access to exclusive ports.

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# TALES OF THE TASMAN

JAN. 31-FEB. 16, 2021 | OCEAN CRUISE | SYDNEY TO AUCKLAND

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# FEBRUARY

## MYTHS, MAYANS AND MARINAS

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## TREASURES OF JORDAN

FEB. 22-MARCH 4, 2021 | LAND TOUR

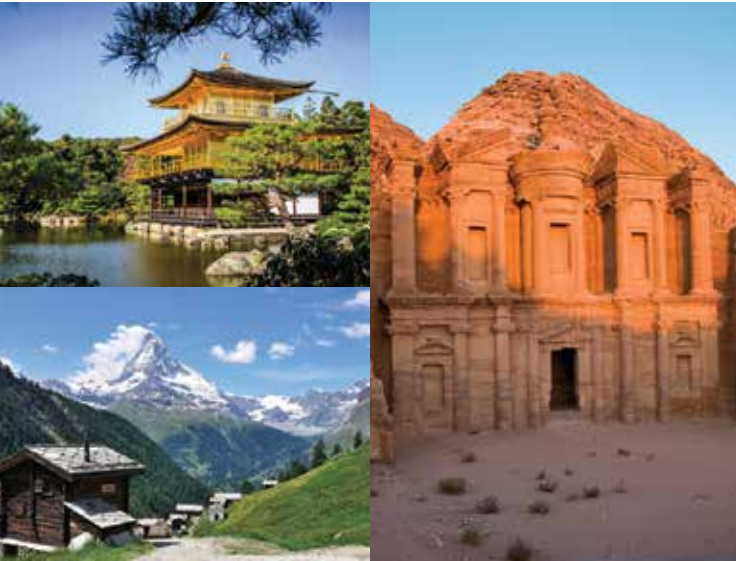
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Photo: Aerial of Pointe du Hoc, Normandy



# MARCH

## LEGENDS TO LAGOONS

MARCH 15-25, 2021 | OCEAN CRUISE | PAPEETE TO PAPEETE

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Sail on Oceania Cruises' *Regatta* and discover Papeete's pristine beaches and lagoons, take in the vivid colors of Moorea, and search for rare birds in Fakarava. See one of the world's tallest waterfalls in Nuku Hiva and abundant marine life in Rangiroa, lounge under a coconut palm in Bora Bora, and relax on the calm shores of Raiatea.

Estimated pricing starting at \$4,049 per person, double occupancy



## SICILY IN DEPTH

MARCH 25-APRIL 5, 2021 | LAND TOUR

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Known as the crossroads of the Mediterranean, the "toe" in Italy's boot, and "God's Kitchen," Sicily is all this and more, as your stellar small group journey around this Italian island reveals. This 12-day idyll encompasses lively cities, ancient ruins, and delectable cuisine – truly a feast for all the senses.

Estimated pricing starting at \$4,524 per person, double occupancy



# JOURNEY TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

MARCH 28-APRIL 12, 2021 | LAND TOUR

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Thrill to the wildlife and wonder of South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana on this 12-night journey. Witness abundant animal life and tour historic Cape Town. Follow in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela on Robben Island and see his home in Soweto. Travel in Victorian elegance on Rovos Rail through Hwange Game Reserve to majestic Victoria Falls! Relish the riches of this wondrous continent!

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## SPRINGTIME COASTS OF THE SOUTH

APRIL 14-25, 2021 | OCEAN CRUISE | FREEPORT TO CHARLESTON

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Experience enchanting destinations as you travel up the Atlantic coast of the United States aboard Victory Cruise Lines' *M/V Victory I*. Try your hand at snorkeling in Freeport and discover the Kennedy Space Center in Port Canaveral. Soak up the sun in Fernandina Beach, enjoy the hospitality of beautiful Charleston, and visit the art galleries and charming cafés of Beaufort. Sample fresh-caught shrimp at a Brunswick bistro and explore Savannah, the "Hostess City of the South."

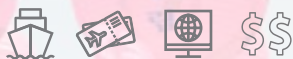
Estimated pricing starting at \$3,199 per person, double occupancy



## PRISMATIC JAPAN

APRIL 20–MAY 1, 2021 | OCEAN CRUISE | TOKYO TO TOKYO

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Discover the many delights of spring's arrival in Japan during this ten-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' elegant *Nautica*. Enjoy Shimizu's world-class sushi and take in the sacred temples of Kyoto. Explore Hiroshima's thriving metropolis and admire Busan's delicate balance of tradition and modernity. Travel to Sasebo to see the azalea-covered mountainsides before venturing to Kagoshima, where Japan's Sakurajima reigns supreme as the country's most active volcano.

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## SOUTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS

APRIL 25–MAY 6, 2021 | LAND TOUR

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Join us on a journey to the exceptional national parks and monuments of the Southwest. Travel to Grand Canyon National Park for awe-inspiring views from the park's rim. Admire the beauty of light striking Antelope Canyon's narrow sandstone walls. Continue to Utah where you'll spend enjoyable time at Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks. With the guidance of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader and the comforts of a private motor coach, there is no better way to visit our national parks.

Estimated pricing starting at \$3,995 per person, double occupancy



## ITALY: 1944

APRIL 26–MAY 2, 2021 | LAND TOUR

National WWII Museum



Venture into Italy to examine the beginnings of its liberation and hear the stories of the men who fought there. Starting in Rome and continuing in Florence, this tour features luxurious accommodations and expert local battlefield guides who paint a compelling picture of the struggles and triumphs the Allies faced in 1944. This Italian journey of "Mud, Mountains, and Mules" is one that should not be missed.

Estimated pricing starting at \$4,695 per person, double occupancy



## THE KENTUCKY DERBY

APRIL 28–MAY 2, 2021 | LAND TOUR

Sports Entertainment Travel



Delight in the horse capital of the world with an exclusive Kentucky Derby experience in Lexington. Enjoy downtown accommodations at the Lexington Marriott City Center while exploring what makes the Run for the Roses a truly special event including the Belle of Louisville, the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, working horse farm tours, Keeneland race track, and more! Sit front and center for all the excitement on Derby Day, take in the sights, grandeur (and hats!!) at Churchill Downs. This specialty tour offers an unforgettable way to experience "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports".

Estimated pricing starting at \$3,499 per person, double occupancy





## PASSAGE TO IBERIA

MAY 11-24, 2021 | OCEAN CRUISE | ROME TO LISBON

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Sail on Oceania Cruises' beautiful *Riviera* and see the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Circuit de Monaco in Monte Carlo. Lounge on the beach in Antibes, explore La Rambla in Barcelona, and sample paella in Valencia. In Melilla, see the only Gothic structure in all of Africa. Venture into St. Michael's Cave in Gibraltar and stroll down the Wharf of the Caravels in Huelva.

Estimated pricing starting at \$3,849 per person, double occupancy



## FLAVORS OF CHIANTI

MAY 20-28, 2021 | LAND TOUR

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Embrace the bewitching enchantment, bucolic ambiance, and charismatic culture of Chianti. Meander through Tuscany's colorful cities, cypress-studded hilltop towns and idyllic vineyards during this small-group journey. Explore this Italian countryside that provides overwhelming inspiration for artists, chefs, and vintners alike. Each invigorating day is enriched by historical site visits, cultural activities and interactions, memorable cuisine, and festive wine tastings.

Estimated pricing starting at \$4,995 per person, double occupancy





## APULIA: UNDISCOVERED ITALY

MAY 26–JUNE 3, 2020 | LAND TOUR

AHI Travel



Life is different in Apulia, Italy's rustic, sun-kissed southern region. Experience Mediterranean meals savored slowly amidst olive groves and family vineyards. Tour ancient villages atop limestone cliffs and see boats bobbing in Adriatic seaports where time stands still. Relish Apulia's heart-warming charm, its landmarks, and its famously fresh, simple dishes on this journey. No single supplement!

Estimated pricing starting at \$3,095 per person, no single supplement



## ANCIENT GREECE

MAY 27–JUNE 9, 2021 | LAND TOUR

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Unearth the ancient world's grandeur on this singular 14-day small group journey combining premier archaeological sites with the beauty and lore of the Aegean and her isles. As the ancient world comes alive in Athens and the Peloponnese, Crete and Santorini, celebrate the glory that was, and still is, Greece.

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Explore the forests, fjords, and the old frontier of Alaska on this unforgettable week-long trip aboard Oceania Cruises' *Regatta*. Embark in the bustling cultural hub of Vancouver and cruise the Inside Passage. See native totems in Ketchikan, shop for Alaskan art in Juneau, and discover Skagway's gold rush legacy. Explore Sitka's native heritage, cruise Hubbard Glacier, and end your journey in Seward near Kenai Fjords National Park.

Estimated pricing starting at \$2,149 per person, double occupancy



## BRITISH ISLES & LOWLANDS

JUNE 12-23, 2021 | OCEAN CRUISE

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Cruise the Celtic shores of England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Scotland on this adventure aboard Oceania Cruises' *Sirena*. Your journey begins in London, a city steeped in history, culture, and art. Explore the flora and fauna and the Isle of Portland and indulge yourself in Cork, Ireland's "foodie capital." Take in stunning views in Bantry, listen to live folk music in Galway, and see the Gothic-style Guildhall in Londonderry. Visit the Titanic museum in Belfast, take in Victorian architecture in Glasgow, and spend a day in Dublin, the cosmopolitan capital of Ireland.

Estimated pricing starting at \$4,399 per person, double occupancy



## NORDIC MAGNIFICENCE

JUNE 20-30, 2021 | LAND TOUR

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Treat yourself to a Nordic adventure. Feel the region's cozy, optimistic charm as you explore enchanting Copenhagen, Oslo and Bergen. Discover palaces, modern architecture and Viking history. Storybook landscapes unfold as you cruise canals and the North Sea, and ride the Bergen Railway to Norway's pristine Aurlandsfjord on this nine-night, small-group journey.

Estimated pricing starting at \$4,595 per person, double occupancy



## THE GREAT JOURNEY THROUGH EUROPE

JUNE 20-30, 2021 | LAND TOUR

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Estimated pricing starting at \$4,695 per person, double occupancy



## CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

JULY 10-16, 2021 | LAND TOUR

Premier World Discovery



Lodge for five nights on The Cape to experience its beauty and history. Enjoy a night in Boston and a tour of historic Boston with dinner at a local restaurant. Take a ferry ride to Martha's Vineyard to see the colorful Victorian cottages of Oak Bluffs and Edgartown and view beautiful pristine beaches along the shore. Cruise to scenic and historic Nantucket Island, with a visit to the Nantucket Whaling Museum. In Newport, Rhode Island, enjoy a guided tour of The Breakers mansion and see additional exquisite mansions from the turn of the century along the "Ten Mile Drive." The tour concludes with a traditional New England Lobster Farewell Dinner.

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# RHINE HIGHLIGHTS

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## GRANDEUR OF ICELAND

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Behold the inspiring landscapes of Iceland during this unforgettable seven-night adventure. From our base in Reykjavik, we'll journey through lands boasting unique land formations, waterfalls, hot springs and authentic, charming villages. Visit the Golden Circle, watch a fascinating storytelling performance, indulge in a traditional feast and thrill to a whale-watching cruise!

Estimated pricing starting at \$3,895 per person, double occupancy



# NORTH AMERICAN WATERWAYS

AUG. 18-30, 2021 | LAKE CRUISE | MONTRÉAL TO CHICAGO

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Visit all five of the Great Lakes on this epic eleven-night journey aboard Victory Cruise Lines' *M/V Victory II*. Begin your journey with an included one-night hotel stay in the spirited city of Montréal. Cruise through the Thousand Islands, indulge in upscale dining in Toronto, and see Niagara Falls up close. Explore the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland and visit a local brewery in Detroit. Tour New Fort Brady in Sault Ste. Marie and look for horse-drawn carriages on Mackinac Island.

Estimated pricing starting at \$6,399 per person, double occupancy



# GRAND DANUBE PASSAGE

AUG. 23-SEPT. 6, 2021 | RIVER CRUISE

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See Europe from a new vantage point on this unforgettable Grand Danube Passage. Experience eight countries, including stays in Sofia, Bulgaria, and Prague, Czech Republic. Gain new insights into each destination's history, regional cuisine, soul-stirring landmarks and architecture, and toast traditions with local wine!

Estimated pricing starting at \$4,995 per person, no single supplement



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# SEPTEMBER



## ENCHANTING BAVARIA

SEPT. 2-10, 2021 | LAND TOUR

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Bask in Bavaria's natural splendor, from highland peaks and shimmering lakes to peaceful valleys and a deep river gorge, on this seven-night adventure. Cruise Lake Constance, admire the storybook Neuschwanstein Castle, visit a baroque abbey and delve into traditions at craft workshops and local farms. Enjoy a music-filled Bavarian party in an alpine hut and fondue with amazing views on a Swiss mountaintop!

Estimated pricing starting at \$3,695 per person, double occupancy

## HISTORICAL TREASURES

SEPT. 4-19, 2021 | OCEAN CRUISE | ATHENS TO ROME

Go Next & Oceania Cruises



Take an epic adventure to some of the most historic sites of the Mediterranean on this two-week journey aboard Oceania Cruises' *Nautica*. Lounge on the black sand beaches of Santorini, see the Temple of Apollo in Rhodes, and explore Roman villas in Paphos. Uncover biblical treasures in Ashdod and Jerusalem. Walk through the gardens of Haifa, tour a Minoan palace in Heraklion, and visit the site of ancient Sparta in Gythio. Stroll the Piazza del Duomo in Catania and enjoy fresh-caught seafood in Sorrento.

Estimated pricing starting at \$5,099 per person, double occupancy



## TORONTO TO VANCOUVER BY RAIL

SEPT. 7-13, 2021 | LAND TOUR

Orbridge



Join this once-in-a-lifetime train trip across Canada—a small-group journey from Toronto across the expanse of five provinces, through the Canadian Rockies to the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy upgraded Prestige Class premium accommodations onboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*, providing the perfect combination of modern and elegant cabins, private concierge service, delightful meals prepared by onboard chefs, all-inclusive bar service, and observation cars that allow for unobstructed viewing of Canada's great wilderness.

Estimated pricing starting at \$5,995 per person, double occupancy



## YOSEMITE, DEATH VALLEY & GREAT PARKS OF CALIFORNIA

SEPT. 26-OCT. 3, 2021 | LAND TOUR

Orbridge



Survey the dramatic landscapes of three of Nevada and California's national parks as nature testifies to its size, beauty, and diversity. Discover the vast desert region of Death Valley National Park—home to both the lowest point in North America at 282 feet below sea level and the world's highest recorded temperature at 134 degrees Fahrenheit. Admire the iconic waterfalls, deep valleys, grand meadows, and extensive wilderness of Yosemite. And marvel at the celebrated groves of sequoia giants at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Estimated pricing starting at \$3,995 per person, double occupancy



## ROMANCE OF THE DOURO RIVER

SEPT. 29-OCT. 10, 2021 | RIVER CRUISE

AHI Travel



The romantic splendor of the Douro River is yours to enjoy on this 10-night journey. Savor the iconic waterway and its winemaking history on a 7-night cruise and venture beyond to see Portugal's capital city of Lisbon, the Alto Douro Wine Region, elegant Salamanca, Spain, and more on this sun-kissed sojourn. No single supplement!

Estimated pricing starting at \$3,995 per person, no single supplement





# OCTOBER

## ANCIENT GREECE: AN AEGEAN ODYSSEY

OCT. 1-9, 2021 | OCEAN CRUISE

Gohagan & Co.



Join this unparalleled nine-day Aegean Odyssey from Athens, Greece, aboard the Five-Star *Le Bougainville*. Visit Delos, Mykonos, Pátmos, Rhodes and Santorini and explore the legendary ruins of Ephesus, Mycenae and Epidaurus. Engage with local residents during the Island Life Forum. Athens and Cape Sounion Pre-Program and Delphi and Thebes Post Program Options.

Estimated pricing starting at \$4,995 per person, double occupancy



## FALL VOYAGE ON MARK TWAIN'S MISSISSIPPI

OCT. 2-10, 2021 | RIVER CRUISE | ST. LOUIS TO RED WING

Go Next



See Mark Twain's boyhood home in Hannibal and discover how the Mississippi shaped America's former lumber capital in Clinton. Stroll Dubuque's revitalized riverwalk and take in views from the world's shortest, steepest scenic railway. Experience La Crosse's brewing heritage and autumn-colored bluffs and seek out the famous Red Wing pottery.

Estimated pricing starting at \$2,599 per person, double occupancy



## NEW ENGLAND RAILS & TRAILS

OCT. 6-13, 2021 | LAND TOUR

Premier World Discovery



Immerse yourself in the vibrant fall colors of New England! Ride the rails from Massachusetts to Maine and back on this seven-night journey. Highlights include Boston, the White Mountains, breathtaking vistas aboard the Cog Railway as you summit Mount Washington and a drive through the Quechee Gorge, “Vermont’s Little Grand Canyon.” Pay a visit to the home of Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, founded in 1978 in a renovated gas station. Before concluding your trip back in Boston, get a taste of Maine with a farewell lobster dinner.

Estimated pricing starting from \$3,925 per person, double occupancy



## AROUND THE WORLD BY PRIVATE JET

OCT. 10-31, 2021 | PRIVATE JET

TCS World Travel



The world’s most iconic places, remarkable experiences and not-to-be-missed natural wonders are waiting for you on our flagship journey. This globe-circling expedition combines a life list of legendary destinations, from the Serengeti to the Taj Mahal, Angkor Wat to Easter Island, into one seamless, elegant itinerary.

Estimated pricing starting from \$105,000 per person, double occupancy



## RAMBLAS & THE RIVIERAS

OCT. 25–NOV. 2, 2021 | OCEAN CRUISE | BARCELONA TO ROME

Go Next & Oceania Cruises



Sail along the sunny rivieras of Spain, France, Monaco, and Italy on this unforgettable seven night journey from Barcelona to Rome aboard Oceania Cruises’ *Marina*. Embark in Barcelona and then see Gothic and Moorish-influenced architecture in Palma de Mallorca. Explore the picturesque countryside of Provence, stroll the Grand Corniche for spectacular views of Monaco, and discover medieval hilltop villages outside of Antibes. Before journey’s end in Rome, travel to Florence, the heart of Renaissance art and architecture.

Estimated pricing begins at \$2,299 per person, double occupancy



## THE RIVER SEINE TO THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY

OCT. 31–NOV. 8, 2021 | RIVER CRUISE

National WWII Museum



Sail from the heart of Paris along the River Seine and enjoy four nights on the five-star, exclusively-chartered Uniworld *Joie de Vivre*. After four nights cruising the Seine, transfer deep into the breathtaking countryside of Normandy, where you’ll spend four nights in a stunning, historic French chateau, and the days touring the beaches, bridges, and hedgerows our servicemen fought through to achieve victory on D-day and beyond. Guests may choose to add an optional two-night pre-cruise program, *The Liberation of Paris*.

Estimated pricing begins at \$7,499 per person, double occupancy





# NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

## INSIDER'S JAPAN

NOV. 3-15, 2021 | LAND TOUR

Odysseys Unlimited



This truly fascinating, well-crafted 13-day small group tour features urban and pastoral highlights, with Tokyo, cultural capital Kyoto, and magnificent Mt. Fuji. Engage in local life and head off the beaten path to the lovely historic cities of Takayama and Kanazawa. Discover Hiroshima reborn with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

Estimated pricing starting at \$6,684 per person, double occupancy



## GREAT TRAINS & GRAND CANYONS

NOV. 7-12, 2021 | LAND TOUR

Premier World Discovery



Inspire your sense of adventure and board the Grand Canyon Railway for an epic journey to the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. This experience combines the scenery of the American West with Native American history at the Montezuma Castle National Monument, the Old West nostalgia of two train rides and 5 nights at a resort property in Sedona.

Estimated pricing starting at \$3,195 per person, double occupancy



## THE CHARM OF THE AMALFI COAST

NOV. 10-18, 2021 | LAND TOUR

AHI Travel



Let Italy's Amalfi Coast dazzle you with its stunning seaside tapestry. Enjoy 7 nights in Vietri sul Mare and explore cliff-side villages, olive and lemon groves, and ancient sites! Step back in time at Pompeii, sail to the Isle of Capri, witness Amalfi town and savor local dishes including authentic pizza made the Napolitano way!

Estimated pricing starting at \$3,495 per person, double occupancy



## CHILEAN WONDERS

NOV. 10-21, 2021 | LAND TOUR | LAKE DISTRICT & PATAGONIA

AHI Travel



Experience the wild nature and welcoming culture of Chile on this nine-night adventure of a lifetime. Explore dynamic Santiago and savor an asado—or barbecue—with Chilean cowboys. On Chiloé Island, peek at penguins in their natural habitat. Then surrender yourself to the icy mountain splendor of Patagonia's famed national parks.

Estimated pricing starting at \$4,495 per person, double occupancy



## DISCOVER EGYPT & THE NILE VALLEY

DEC. 2-15, 2021 | LAND TOUR WITH RIVER CRUISE

Orbridge



Wander the fabled land of pharaohs and kings—where colossal pyramids, legendary tombs, and towering temples cascade across the terrain. The mighty Nile River welcomes you for an unhurried 14-day expedition that reveals limitless vistas of infinite deserts contrasted by metropolitan cities. Traverse the Nile Valley like past explorers and discover ancient treasures including the Great Sphinx and the Temple of Horus. Accompanied by expert Egyptologists, you'll gain in-depth knowledge of Egypt and its antiquities. Then in the evenings, relax among some of the area's most opulent hotels.

Estimated pricing starting at \$5,995, per person, double occupancy



## HOLIDAY MARKETS

DEC. 11-19, 2021 | RIVER CRUISE | BASEL TO AMSTERDAM

AHI Travel



Embrace the joyous Old-World holiday spirit in Switzerland, Germany, France and the Netherlands on a seven-night, first-class Rhine River cruise! Explore enchanting, festive markets decked out for the holidays, stroll through medieval towns and personalize your journey with a choice of excursions, from wine tastings to culinary tours, in many ports.

No single supplement!

Estimated pricing begins at \$2,395 per person, no single supplement



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **WHO CAN TRAVEL WITH SIGHTSEEING SOONERS?**

The opportunity to travel with Sightseeing Sooners and the OU Alumni Association is open to ALL OU alumni and friends, and their families and friends! You do not have to be a graduate of OU to travel with our program.

## **WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A TRIP?**

Brochures or other available information may be requested from the OU Alumni Association online at [www.ou.edu/alumni/travel](http://www.ou.edu/alumni/travel), by contacting tour operators or by calling our office. Brochures for each trip will be mailed by the tour operator approximately six to nine months prior to departure. However, each tour operator chooses how many brochures to mail, which results in not everyone receiving every brochure. In most cases, there is no need to wait for a brochure to reserve space on a tour. Many tours fill quickly and we encourage you to call the tour operator to help you make your decision.

## **DO YOU OFFER SPECIALS OR DISCOUNTS?**

Most of our travel partners offer special discounts throughout the year. In most cases these special discounts are an Early Booking Discount price. Book early to get the best price and to take advantage of special amenities!

## **HOW DO I REGISTER FOR A TRIP?**

To register for the various travel opportunities listed in this catalog, please contact the respective tour operator for that program, or if there is an online booking option, visit the appropriate website. These links are available on our website. Contact information for the tour operators will be outlined in individual trip brochures or you can call the OU Alumni Association to get contact information or visit our website.

## **WHAT IF I'M TRAVELING SOLO?**

All trip pricing is based on double occupancy, or two people sharing a room or cabin, unless specified by the "no single supplement" text and icon. Many of the trips offered will require a single supplement for those who wish to travel alone. On most tours, a limited number of single rooms are available.

## **MAY I ARRANGE MY OWN AIR TRAVEL?**

If airfare is included with a trip and to lock in low airfares, our tour operators have negotiated special rates with major airlines that may require you to take non-direct flights. Please feel free to discuss "land only" options with the tour operator should you desire a more direct flight or want to use frequent flyer miles. The OU Alumni Association has no control over air travel and sometimes challenging airport infrastructures. Important to remember: If you book your own flights, you are responsible for making connections with the main group.

## **HOW MANY OU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS SHOULD I EXPECT TO TRAVEL WITH?**

While we hope that all of our 2021 tours will receive high reservation numbers, there are no guarantees and no way to predict the response to a particular tour. Our group sizes over the years have ranged from as small as two people to as large as 45. Our average size group in the last decade has been around 12 travelers. If it's one of our OU exclusive tours, the group size is usually kept to a maximum size of 24. You can always call the OU Alumni Association to check the status of a trip's group size before or after you book a tour.

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF I NEED TO CANCEL? WILL I GET A REFUND?**

Tour participants are subject to cancellation penalties as outlined in the individual trip brochures. Cancellation penalties are structured to coincide with advance payments that our tour operators must make to their suppliers, and the penalties are strictly enforced due to these contractual commitments. Because our tour operators have different cancellation policies, please make sure that you understand all cancellation penalties prior to making your trip deposit. Each tour operator has a unique cancellation and refund policy. Please review each trip brochure carefully prior to reserving space on a tour. We also strongly encourage purchasing trip cancellation insurance.

## **SHOULD I PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE? IF SO, HOW SOON DO I NEED TO ENROLL?**

We strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance to ensure coverage in case of illness, injury, medical evacuation, delay or unforeseen emergency. For your convenience, the OU Alumni Association has partnered with USI Travel Insurance Select to provide travel insurance to our travelers. We encourage you to call (800) 937-1387 for details and coverage options. We also ask you to research the many options of travel insurance available to you, as each person has individual needs. While we feel USI Travel Insurance Select offers some of the best possible coverage, you may purchase travel insurance from another provider. We also suggest that you check with your medical insurance provider to determine if you are covered outside the United States. Medicare does not provide coverage outside the United States.



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