GRADUATE CELEBRATE

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STUDENT & GRADUATION TRIP

19 DAYS / 8 COUNTRIES

plus optional 5-day extension to Southern Italy & Greece

England - France - Belgium - Holland - Germany
Austria - Italy - Vatican City - Greece

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MAY 28 - JUNE 14, 2017
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Dear UT Senior,

As you approach graduation, consider asking your parents for the ultimate commencement gift! The Texas Exes are offering a celebratory summer tour we call Essential Europe.

Visit Europe’s must-see destinations before starting a new job or embarking on your graduate school journey. Designed specifically for new grads, this comprehensive tour of Europe has proven to be exciting and unforgettable. Last year’s 78 new Texas Exes came home with countless wonderful memories. “This trip was amazing,” said one alumnus, “I truly feel like I got a taste of everything!” Another Longhorn traveler said, “This is by far some of the most memorable and special experiences I have had in my life. It was a great opportunity to be able to travel to Europe with people my age. Sharing the common bond of UT made it even better.”

The 19-day, 8-country trip, with an optional 5-day extension to Greece, is an unbeatable value for the countless experiences and European treasures you will witness.

It offers:

- Opportunity for fun, hassle-free travel with other graduates
- Insights into other people, places, and cultures that will be a source of personal enrichment
- Visit must see places and enjoy experiences that will broaden your world view and provide an advantage in today’s global job market
- A vacation to remember and a reward for four years of hard work.

Your education will continue on post-graduation as education is a life-long process and what a better way to learn than through travel. The Texas Exes have proudly been sponsoring tours for alumni since 1961.

Hopefully, you are able to participate in this great opportunity to see exciting new places, learn more about the European continent, relax and unwind, and continue to build lasting relationships with fellow Texas Exes. When you combine all of this, you have the ingredients for a very special experience abroad. Please contact Janice Garcia at 512-471-3801 or 1-800-594-3900 or garcia@alumni.utexas.edu with questions or to register. The reservation form may also be faxed back to Janice at 512-672-6134.

We look forward to you joining us on our new graduate trip of the year!

Best regards,

Leslie Cedar, BBA ’89, MBA ’98
CEO and Executive Director
Texas Exes®

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19-day base land package: $3,898
ADD $765 for the optional 5-day extension

Rates are based on two people sharing one room. AESU can arrange a shared room with a same gender traveler at no additional cost. To guarantee a single room, supplements of $985 for the 19-day tour and $325 for the 5-day optional extension will apply.

*Special Alumni Land price per person. Airfare priced separately for greater flexibility. Please call AESU Alumni World Travel for great low airfares from most U.S. cities. Airport/Departure taxes are additional and subject to change.
WHAT DO I GET?

COVERAGE
When you book your grad trip with us the necessities of travel are taken care of.
These include:
- Superior Tourist Class Hotels
- All Land Transportation
- Daily Breakfast
- Special Cultural Dinners
- Knowledgeable Tour Director
- Museum Passes, Admissions
(See more of the inclusions on page 4)

EDUCATION & ADVENTURE
Whether you can’t wait to immerse yourself in the beautiful historic sites of Mozart’s birthplace in Salzburg and the astonishing works of Michaelangelo and Botticelli in Florence or you’re more inclined to relax on the sun-kissed beaches of the Greek Isles, your grad trip provides a balance of historical education and complete sensory and cultural immersion into the vivacious life of every country visited. Make countless memories with fellow graduates who have strong school spirit and an affinity for travel and exploration!

THE VERDICT?
Don’t miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime to explore the places you have been dreaming of or reading about in your text 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!

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ESSENTIAL EUROPE

19 DAYS (plus an optional 5-day extension to Southern Italy & Greece)

COUNTRIES VISITED:

England - France - Belgium - Holland - Germany -
Austria - Italy - Vatican City - Greece

ABOUT THE TRIP:

Reward yourself for all your hard work with the ultimate escape. The Essential Europe tour offers you 24 days of exploration, adventure, and insight into many of Europe’s most popular and breathtaking countries. The aptly named Essential Europe tour provides something for everyone, whether you're inclined to engage with locals on the London pub crawl, seek adventure parasailing in the Greek Isles, or you prefer to photograph the majesty of Il Duomo in Florence and unleash your inner Julie Andrews in the Austrian hills. The beauty of this journey is the balance of fun excursions, time at leisure and fascinating looks into history and ancient territories. This leaves our tour goers with a well-rounded experience and an opened mind, not to mention memories and new friends to last a lifetime. Make the Essential Europe your summer getaway, unleash your inner adventurer.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome orientation * Guided tour of London’s Pomp & Pageantry * English Channel * White Cliffs of Dover * French bistro dinner * Paris 2-day museum pass * Seine River cruise * Brussels Grand’Place * Dutch-Indonesian rice table dinner * Amsterdam canal cruise * Edam cheese farm * Bicycling in windmill country * Cologne Gothic Cathedral * Rhine River cruise * Heidelberg Castle * Germany’s Romantic Road * Munich Glockenspiel * Berchtesgaden salt mines * Salzburg Mozart sights * Alpine stay * Murano Island & Glass-blowing workshop * Roma pass * Pasta party * Rome’s Trevi Fountain & ancient illuminated ruins * Vatican City * Optional extension: Tour of Pompeii Archeological site * Overnight ship to Greece * Greek Island activities, including swimming, sunbathing and special Greek dinners & BBQ * Bike ride * Toga party * Athens Acropolis and Plaka district * Farewell Greek taverna dinner . . . AND MUCH MORE!

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:
(Not included in package price)

Paris, France - French cabaret show
Munich, Germany - Excursion to Dachau concentration camp
Austrian Alps, Austria - Whitewater rafting
Florence, Italy - Chianti excursion & Tuscan feast
Isle of Paros, Greece - Excursion to the Isle of Hydra (24-day tour only)

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

WHAT’S INCLUDED:

The 19-day land package includes:

- 17 nights at superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms
- Daily continental breakfasts
- 7 three-course specialty dinners & 1 lunch
- Ferry crossing from Dover to Calais
- Guided tours in London, Paris, Florence and Rome led by a local historian
- Seine River cruise & Rhine River cruise
- Amsterdam canal cruise
- 2-day Paris museum pass
- Tour of Versailles Palace
- Roma pass (full access to public transport system, reduced admission to museums, music events, theatre, etc.)
- Admission:
  - Heidelberg Castle
  - Berchtesgaden salt mines
  - Colosseum & Forum as part of Roma pass

The 5-day Southern Italy & Greece optional extension includes:

- 5 nights at superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms
- Daily continental breakfasts
- Includes overnight ship from Italy to Greece (4-share cabin)
- Tour of Versailles Palace
- Roma pass
- Guided tours in Pompeii & Athens led by a local historian
- Admission:
  - Pompeii excavations
  - Acropolis

PLUS:

- Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour
- All scheduled sightseeing
- All intra-European transportation by air-conditioned motor coach as per itinerary
- All service charges and local taxes
- Luggage tag and travel guides
- Included tour highlights

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**DAY 1  TRAVEL TO LONDON**
The Essential Europe begins with an overnight flight to “Merry Old England.”
Meals: In-flight

**DAY 2  LONDON**
Enjoy a free afternoon to relax and unwind. In the evening we’ll have our welcome orientation followed by a fun London pub crawl.
Meals: In-flight

**DAY 3  LONDON**
Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and Piccadilly Circus: These familiar names become familiar places on our morning tour of London. During an afternoon at leisure, browse the many food, craft and clothing stalls at popular Camden Market, walk in the footsteps of Harry Potter at Leadenhall Market - aka Diagon Alley or take a ride on the London Eye for a birds-eye view of the city and the opportunity to take great photographs. After dusk, consider taking in some Shakespeare at the Globe Theater by the Thames River or attending a West End show.
Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 4  LONDON * ENGLISH CHANNEL * PARIS**
Travel to southeast England today and board our ship to the continent. Motor through northern France and arrive in Paris, “City of Lights.” We’ll dine together at our French bistro dinner, and then enjoy a romantic Seine River cruise.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 5  PARIS**
During our morning tour of Paris, see the hunchback “Quasimodo’s” Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood, and the Eiffel Tower’s steel lacework. Free time in the afternoon – visit Left Bank bookstalls, or shop the chic boutiques of Paris. Consider joining our optional can-can cabaret show tonight.
Meals: Breakfast
Optional activity: French cabaret show

**DAY 6  PARIS**
This morning we visit the Palace of Versailles, well known as France’s famed Sun King, Louis XIV’s, residence. Our museum pass gives us access to the Hall of Mirrors, the King’s Grand Chambers and more. Marvel at the sheer size of the palace, one of the most beautiful castles in the world with an astonishing 700 rooms. The afternoon is free to explore the “City of Lights.” Have a portrait done by Place du Tertre artists or sample sinful French pastries. The free evening is perfect for watching the world go by from a sidewalk café on the Champs Elysées.
Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 7  PARIS * BRUSSELS * AMSTERDAM**
Motor to Belgium and Brussels, and see the Grand’ Place, a perfect medieval square, and the statue of naughty Mennekin-Pis. Continue to Amsterdam and enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.
Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 8  DUTCH COUNTRYSIDE**
Go biking through 13th-century Dutch fishing villages along the lisse Lake beaches today, watch wooden shoes being carved and sample Edam cheese at a cheese farm. Free time this afternoon in Amsterdam to tour the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum, or visit Anne Frank’s house. This evening we invite you to a scrumptious Dutch-Indonesian rice table dinner, a specialty in Holland as Indonesia was once a Dutch colony. Afterwards we admire the Netherlands’ capital gliding through some of the 165 romantic canals aboard a glass-topped canal boat.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 9  COLOGNE * RHINE RIVER CRUISE * HEIDELBERG**
Cross the German border into Cologne, famous for the world’s largest gothic cathedral. Embark on a cruise along the fabled Rhine River, passing steeply sloped vineyards, ancient castles, and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Continue to Heidelberg, the “City of the Student Prince” and climb to the ruins of the Castle of the Palatine Elector for a bird’s-eye view of the city and the Neckar River.
Meals: Breakfast

**DAY 10  HEIDELBERG * ROTHENBURG * MUNICH**
Germany’s Romantic Road takes us to Rothenburg ob der Tauber. This medieval city is celebrated not only for its well-preserved gothic and baroque buildings and walls, but also for its unspoiled picturesque setting. Enjoy lunch at a local Gasthaus before continuing our journey to the fun-filled Oktoberfest city of Munich. Free evening to check out the oompah-pah bands at the famous Hofbräuhaus.
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

**DAY 11  MUNICH**
Enjoy a full day at your leisure. Consider visiting the BMW museum, seeing the Glockenspiel Chimes at the market square, the 1972 Olympic Village or shopping for Bavarian beer steins and lederhosen on Maximilianstrasse. Consider an optional excursion to the Dachau concentration camp this afternoon. Tonight, we’ll dine on authentic Bavarian fare.
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Optional activity: Excursion to Dachau concentration camp

**DAY 12  MUNICH * BERCHTESGADEN SALT MINES * SALZBURG * ALPINE CENTER**
This morning, we continue to Berchtesgaden. Dressed in miner’s clothing, enjoy a ride on a funicular and down slides through the salt mine.
Our next stop is Salzburg, Mozart’s birthplace and site where the classic movie, “Sound of Music” was filmed. Explore the narrow streets lined with colorful wrought iron signs and shops before we continue our journey to Europe’s largest alpine sports region. Be our pampered guest for two nights of fitness and fun while nestled in the snow-capped Austrian mountains at our Alpine Center.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 13 ALPINE CENTER**
All day today is at our leisure; go for a hike in the Alps or join the fun and excitement of whitewater rafting. A hearty Austrian dinner awaits after all that activity.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Optional activity:** Whitewater rafting

**DAY 14 AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT * VENICE**
The picturesque landscape of the Austrian Lake District brings us to sunny Italy’s Venice—“Sinking City in the Sea.” We cruise to Murano Island, Venice’s glassmaking center since the 13th century where we visit a workshop and watch famous Venetian glass being made. Back in Venice, we walk along the narrow maze of back streets and bridges that take us to St. Mark’s Square with the Campanile, Doge’s Palace and flocks of friendly pigeons. Consider a romantic gondola ride this evening gliding through the intricate maze of canals beneath arched bridges passing 12th and 18th-century marble palaces.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 15 VENICE * FLORENCE**
Through the fertile Po Valley we approach Florence, Golden City of the Renaissance and birthplace of Michelangelo. Our Florence art tour includes the Gates of Paradise, the marble Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Giotto’s bell tower, then there’s free time for shopping and museums. Get ready for an optional dinner of pure Italian delights at “Il Latini” tonight.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Optional activity:** Tuscan feast

**DAY 16 FLORENCE**
A free day to explore the Uffizi Gallery and see the collections of Giotta, Botticelli, Raphael and da Vinci. The Galleria dell’Accademia houses several sculptures by Michelangelo including his famous David. Enjoy our dinner of traditional Florentine fare.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Optional activity:** Chianti excursion

**DAY 17 FLORENCE * ROME**
Travel past Chianti vineyards along the Highway of the Sun to the Eternal City of Rome. After check-in we have time to relax or explore baroque Rome. Stop to toss three coins in the Trevi Fountain, to ensure your return to Rome, see the Pantheon and sample the famous “gelati” ice cream at Piazza Navona.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 18 ROME * VATICAN CITY**
This morning we explore Capitol Hill with the most spectacular view of Caesar’s Roman Forum, center of political and social activity, with ancient ruins dating from the 8th century BC. Also see Nero’s Circus Maximus where chariot races were held. A trip across the Tiber River takes us to Vatican City - the world’s smallest state. Visit St. Peter’s Basilica housing Michelangelo’s magnificent “Pieta.” During afternoon free time, use the Roma Pass to visit the Colosseum, where gladiators fought to the death. Our dinner tonight is a mouth-watering pasta party complete with Italian specialties.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 19 ROME * TRAVEL HOME - or continue on to POMPEII * OVERNIGHT SHIP TO GREECE**
For some of us the celebratory tour of Europe ends in Rome this morning. Bid farewell to friends and “arrivederci” to Italy before jetting back home with memories to last a lifetime. For the rest of us: motor through sunny olive groves lining the way south to Pompeii, the city buried in 79 A.D. by 20 feet of ash and lava after Mt. Vesuvius’ volcanic eruption. We’ll walk the excavated streets still bearing marks of chariot wheels. Afterwards we cross the Italian “boot” and board our overnight ship to Greece.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 20, 21, 22 GREEK ISLAND CENTER**
After cruising through aquamarine waters, our ship docks at Patras. Motor along the Corinthian Sea coastline, across the Peloponnesse peninsula to Galatas and the island of Poros. Relax with three days of living like a Greek god or goddess - swim, sunbathe, or take part in optional activities such as waterskiing, wakeboarding, parasailing, banana-boating or tubing. We invite everyone to our Toga Party on the last night.

**Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner daily

**Optional activity:** Excursion to the Isle of Hydra

**DAY 23 ATHENS**
In the morning we board our ferry to Athens. See the 2,400-year-old Parthenon, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Constitution Square. A free afternoon may find us wandering the paths of Plato, Socrates and Sophocles or trying our bargaining skills at the markets of Monastiraki. This evening follow the sounds of traditional bouzouki music and join our farewell taverna dinner in the Plaka District – Athens’ oldest neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**DAY 24 TRAVEL HOME**
Reluctantly we say farewell to Europe and new-found friends. Jet back home with thoughts of planning the next European Adventure!

**Meals:** Breakfast, In-flight
WHAT ARE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?
European trips: 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: AESU & AESU Alumni World Travel Graduation Tours: All rates based on per person 2-share basis. Two persons booking together as roommates receive a 2-share room. Solo travelers will be accommodated in a 2-share room, depending on availability. This share basis means, if you travel on your own, you do NOT have to pay a single supplement*. AESU special tours & AESU Alumni World Travel Young Alumni tours: 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. The overnight ship from Italy to Greece offers 4-share cabins. Some tour companies offer budget programs that stay in remote cabin campsites utilizing sleeping bags or occasional hotels with 4 or more sharing a room with no bath. We do NOT believe that this is the best way to spend a night in Europe. You will 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. Single supplement only applies if single accommodations are requested. Independent hotel reservations, certain special tours always apply a single supplement. Please check your itinerary and also see roommate question regarding Young Alumni Programs.

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. When applying, be sure to take with you: your genuine birth certificate, which includes the registrars signature and a raised seal, two recent photographs that are 2” x 2”, full face view, black/white or color, and D, like your Drivers License. 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 consulates or embassy. Some countries may charge for a tourist visa an entry or a departure tax on leaving the country.

DO I NEED ANY VACCINATIONS?
Check with your doctor or the CDC (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.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?
Tours include breakfast daily, lunches & dinner as per itinerary. If you are a vegetarian, or have special dietary needs, please inform your tour director as soon as you arrive. All included meals of a personal nature, laundry, beverages with meals (except for coffee/tea at breakfast, water at dinner, and occasionally a glass of wine), 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.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?
The easiest way to make your tour stressless is to over pack! See more details in 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.