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Every former student, family and/or friend of Texas A&M University is welcome to venture on a Traveling Aggies Trip. If you are venturing solo, ask about our Booking Buddies program.
HOWDY, AGS!

Pack your bags and get ready for the trip of a lifetime! The Traveling Aggies are planning over 80 trips for this year alone, spreading our Aggie spirit to each and every continent. Whether you want to sit back and relax on a cruise through the beautiful European rivers or be the closest you’ve ever been to Antarctica’s magnificent glaciers and penguins, we definitely have a trip that will spark your curiosity! No matter your age, activity level, or college background, the Traveling Aggies welcome anyone and everyone. We collaborate with some of the nation’s greatest travel providers to be sure that you have the greatest experience possible.

Planning a trip can be stressful and overwhelming, so let us take care of that for you! With structured, yet flexible itineraries and highly-trained tour guides, all you need to do is pack your bags and come along for the ride. Experience the world and all its grandeur with fellow Aggies, taking a part of home along with you. We have trips planned that are definitely out of the box and one of a kind, so be sure to take a look through our catalog and be inspired to take that leap of faith and travel with us! We hope to see you soon!

Gig ’em!

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P.S. The Traveling Aggies welcome all former students, their families, friends and all other friends of Texas A&M University to join us on our tours!
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*Trip information current as of July 1, 2019*
2018 Travel Photo Contest

The Traveling Aggies’ annual Photo Contest concluded with over 100 entries in five categories: People, Places, Culture, Plants and Animals, and Howdy. For the 2019 Photo Contest, we will be splitting Plants and Animals into two separate categories, providing a total of six categories to enter your Traveling Aggies photos.

Who can enter?
If you have traveled with the Traveling Aggies after September 1, 2019, we invite you to submit your photos!

Number of Submissions:
You may submit one color or black & white photo for each category, per trip. Each photo submitted must be accompanied by its own entry form. Please securely attach the entry form to the photo that it is associated with.

Categories:
Photos will be judged according to five categories:
People - Persons traveling on the tour or living in the region
Places - Buildings, monuments, landscapes, scenery of region
Culture - Festivals/activities that are representative of a region
Plants/Animals - Animals or plants specific to the region
“Howdy” - Howdy the Gnome photographed on tours

Format:
Photos can be on high-quality photo paper, and size may not exceed 8x10 inches (please do not mount or frame photos). High quality JPEG images can be emailed to TravelingAggies@AggieNetwork.com. If you mail the photo, label each submission on the back legibly with your name, category and indicate which trip you took the photo on. Please complete all information on the entry form for your submission to be considered. Entry form can be found at tx.ag/PhotoContestForm.

Please submit all photos to:
Traveling Aggies Photo Contest
The Association of Former Students
505 George Bush Drive
College Station, TX 77840

2018 Photo Contest Winners

Plants & Animals (top left): “What’s for Lunch” – Irene Davis (The Best of Tanzania Migration Safari)
Places (top center): “Temple of Concorda Defied Nature” – Joy Taylor (Southern Italy and Sicily)
Culture (top right): “Aggies Honoring an Aggie” – Joe Demeter (Soldiers and Spies)
People (bottom left): “The Fundamental Venetian” – Erika Schmieder ’18 (Essential Europe)
Howdy (bottom right): “Howdy- and welcome to our Land Rover!” – Chris Claunch ’73 (The Best of Tanzania Migration Safari)
“Going with the Traveling Aggies is like a family trip without the problems.”
~ Carol and Chuck Middleton

“Wonderful adventure!! We had a blast.”
~ David ’81 and Joyce ’82 Rencurrel

“As long as I was with fellow Ags, I knew I would be fine, even in uncertain situations. (I was traveling by myself.)”
~ Nita McCullough ’72
“Going on a trip with the Traveling Aggies is an exceptional experience. You get the best of service and experience. In addition, the best of all is you get to make new Aggie friends!”

~ Shelia Simmons

“Never disappointed! Thank you.”

~ Betty Settlemeyer
Sunny Islands and Andes

GO NEXT/OCEANIA

January 3-22, 2020

Explore a variety of cultural traditions, exotic landscapes and historical archaeological sites cruising around the western coast of South America, Central America and the Caribbean aboard the elegant Marina. Arrive in Santiago de Chile, a city of dazzling skyscrapers surrounded by the snow-capped Andes, and travel to Coquimbo to bask in the comfortable desert climate. In vibrant Lima, enjoy baroque architecture or pay homage to pre-Columbian history at the ruins of Huaca Pucllana. In Salaverry, discover the many archaeological excavations, or travel to Trujillo, an energetic metropolis at the edge of the Andean foothills. Stroll along pristine coastlines in Manta, or hike through lush rainforest awash in the jeweled colors of its diverse flora and fauna. Cruise through the legendary waterway of the Panama Canal—an engineering masterpiece—before arriving in Puerto Limon, a tropical paradise full of mangrove wetlands, towering mountains and unique wildlife. Stroll white-sand beaches and sapphire waters in Roatán and see the largest barrier reef in the Caribbean. Lounge on the island paradise of Harvest Caye, then encounter Mayan ruins in Costa Maya. Before ending the trip in Miami, spend time on the island of Cozumel.

Starting at $4,499
Air Included
The Galápagos Islands

ORBRIDGE

January 22-29, 2020

Join us as we explore the Galápagos Islands—one of the most biologically unique places on earth. Undiscovered by Europeans until the 16th century, the Galápagos Islands hold a central position in modern history as the birthplace of the theory of evolution. Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978, the Galápagos Islands are home to a fascinating array of wildlife inhabiting an unspoiled ecosystem, living in harmony with their human visitors. 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. Your accommodations for this adventure are aboard 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.

Starting at $4,995
Plus Air
The Wolves and Wildlife of Yellowstone

ORBRIDGE

January 26 – February 1, 2020

Join fellow travelers on an extraordinary small-group winter adventure—a 7-day wildlife expedition to Yellowstone, North America’s best wolf-watching habitat. Experience the park when its beauty is more untouched by the outside world than any other time of the year, dressed magnificently with frost and snow and with visitors few and far between. Restful and magical landscapes are the setting for steaming geysers, trees covered in ice crystals, and the movements of bison, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, and other wildlife—followed closely by the park’s wolves.

“When you are going to a new land you have never visited before, it is great to travel with people you know you have something in common and experience new things together.”

~ Lynn Gibson ’77

Starting at $3,995

Plus Air
January 28 – February 10, 2020

Depart on a spectacular 14-day journey featuring a 9-night exclusive cruise to Antarctica, Earth’s last frontier. Cruise aboard the intimate L’Austral, one of the finest vessels in Antarctic waters, combining innovative design with personalized service. Experience the White Continent in its unspoiled state—fantastic icebergs, turquoise glaciers, bustling penguin rookeries and breaching whales—during the lingering light of the austral summer. Accompanied by the ship’s expert expedition team of naturalists, board Zodiac watercraft for excursions ashore and observe the playful antics of this region’s abundant wildlife. The delightful penguins and seals, in particular, are unafraid of human visitors. The expedition team will provide a series of enriching lectures on this pristine wilderness. Make the most of your time before departing for Antarctica by spending 2 nights in the 5-star Intercontinental Buenos Aires Hotel and touring Argentina’s vibrant capital city. Extend your journey with the exclusive 3-night Iguazu Falls Post-Program Option. This unique itinerary is an exceptional value and perennially popular!

Starting at $9,995

Plus Air
January 31 – February 13, 2020

Patagonia Explorer
ODYSSEYS UNLIMITED

Experience Patagonia, the unspoiled wilderness at land’s end, at two breathtaking national parks, along with the zest of a stay in Buenos Aires on this exhilarating 14-day small-group journey. Embarking on a day cruise through the storied Strait of Magellan, see Magdalena Island’s vast Magellanic penguin colony. At a ranch, get a close-up view of Patagonian Chile, meeting cowboys, watching a sheepdog exercise and enjoying a traditional asado-style barbecue lunch. Explore Torres del Paine National Park’s unparalleled landscape on 2 full-day excursions. More jaw-dropping scenery is in store in Argentine Patagonia with a day cruise through Los Glaciares National Park and an excursion to spectacular Perito Moreno glacier. In El Calafate’s Glaciarium museum, learn about the Patagonian Ice Field. Spend 2 final nights in sophisticated Buenos Aires, savoring its vibrant culture and interesting neighborhoods. Discover revered and remote Easter Island with its enigmatic moai statues on a 3-day/3-night pre-tour option.

Starting at $7,197
Air Included
February 1-11, 2020

Embark on a cruise to the colorful Caribbean aboard Oceania Cruises’ elegant Sirena. Begin your journey in Miami, a must-see vacation hot spot rich with the influence of Caribbean and Latin American culture. Spend two days at sea and arrive in Gustavia, the capital of St. Barts, and a paradise for snorkeling, diving, and swimming. Travel to Fort-de-France, a French-infused gem nestled snugly on the western shore of Martinique. In Castries, take in the waterfalls and reefs or visit the historic La Toc Battery, a well-preserved British fort built in 1888. Next, journey to St. John’s and spend the day indulging in upscale dining and shopping, or simply relax along the white sand coastline. Visit captivating San Juan, the capital city of Puerto Rico. Here, among forts and ramparts, wander the blue cobblestone streets and uncover the rich history that lies around each corner. Your journey will end back in sunny Miami, but before that, cruise to Great Stirrup Cay and hike up to the solar-powered lighthouse or unwind in a beachfront cabana.

Starting at $2,199
Air Included
Outrageous Outback

GO NEXT/OCEANIA

February 1-17, 2020

Take in the best of Australia and New Zealand—destinations of thrilling contrasts and incredible scenery—with sun-kissed golden beaches, lush green valleys, laid-back coastal towns, majestic fjords, and energetic urban landscapes. Depart Sydney for Eden, a sleepy seaside town that’s home to the fascinating Eden Killer Whale Museum, and sail to Melbourne, a dynamic cultural and sporting capital full of chic art galleries and gardens. Continue to Burnie to explore its many wilderness areas, including the renowned Burnie Penguin Observation Centre. Then, navigate one of the world’s most exquisite fjords, Milford Sound, with its dramatic cliffs, verdant forests and staggering waterfalls. Look for sunbathing fur seals and yellow-eyed penguins in Dunedin and stroll Akaroa’s streets framed by Colonial architecture. Discover the thriving art scene in Wellington and view art deco architecture in Napier. Take a stroll through Gisborne and find celebrated boutique wineries, surf beaches and one of the largest Māori meeting houses in New Zealand. Before ending your adventure in Auckland, visit Tauranga, rich with Māori culture, or discover the geothermal wonders of Rotorua.

Starting at $6,899
Air Included
Journey to Southern Africa

February 2-17, 2020

Encounter wildlife and wonder on this 12-night adventure through South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana. Scout lions, elephants, leopards, rhinos and more, with expert trackers leading your small group on lavish safari excursions. Learn about the majestic African animals and efforts to conserve them and their pristine habitat. Explore Cape Town, where Table Mountain towers over colorful streets, splendid gardens and glistening beaches. Spot penguins on a scenic drive along the Cape Peninsula to the Cape of Good Hope. Travel to Johannesburg and Soweto to see the home of Nelson Mandela and visit community leaders at a local youth program. Explore Hwange National Park on a game drive, feel the power of crashing Victoria Falls and spot elephants along the Chobe River on a safari cruise. This once-in-a-lifetime journey includes a journey on the elegant Rovos Rail, 2 flights within South Africa and an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner.

Starting at $7,495
Plus Air and VAT

SOLD OUT!
ADDITIONAL DATES AVAILABLE

April 12-27, 2020

TRAVELING AGGIES® | 2020 TRIP CATALOG 11
On this most extraordinary safari, you will explore Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater and Olduvai Gorge, and observe nature’s greatest spectacle, the Great Migration across the Serengeti Plains. Experience unparalleled wildlife viewing, deluxe accommodations including luxury tented camping, and gourmet meals while you visit villages and local communities accompanied by highly skilled safari guides.

February 13-25, 2020

SAFARI LEGACY

Best of Tanzania
A Migration Safari

Starting at $7,398
Plus Air
Begin your journey in New Orleans with an included 2-night hotel stay and tours of the National WWII Museum and the “Big Easy” during Mardi Gras. During your stay in New Orleans, you may choose to try traditional southern cuisine in the city’s legendary French Quarter or experience the Spanish moss and knotted oaks of City Park. Board the American Queen and sail to St. Francisville, a quaint but influential town celebrated for its more than 140 buildings and plantation homes on the National Register of Historic Places. In Natchez, a quintessential southern town full of antebellum architecture, see one of the oldest European settlements in the Lower Mississippi River Valley. Then, discover Vicksburg—the “Red-Carpet City of the South”—which radiates southern hospitality and was the site of a dramatic siege in the Civil War. Travel to Baton Rouge, Louisiana’s capital, and spend the day exploring the LSU Museum of Art or the USS Kidd, a retired WWII destroyer. Before returning to New Orleans, cruise the famed Mississippi to Nottoway and tour the famous Nottoway Plantation house, the largest antebellum plantation house in the South.
In this small, nature-kissed Central American democracy, your small group sets out on a relaxed yet comprehensive 11-day exploration to discover staggering biodiversity in four distinct regions, from cloud forest to rainforest; Central Valley to Pacific coast. See the Poás volcano, one of the world’s largest craters, and learn about Costa Rica’s prized export at the Doka Coffee Estate. In Carrizal, admire wondrous orchids. During a 3-night stay in the Arenal region, enjoy magnificent views of the Arenal volcano. Meet the children at a local elementary school, then encounter Arenal’s natural splendor at the remarkable EcoCentro Danaus biological reserve. Experience the rainforest’s wonders from canopy level on a Hanging Bridges walk. Continuing on to the amazingly diverse Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, explore this “green cathedral.” Spend 3 final nights at a beautiful Guanacaste beachfront resort, and take a “floating safari” on the Tempisque river. Discover more ecological wonders with a 4-day/3-night Tortuguero National Park pre-tour option.
Discover Egypt and the Nile Valley

ORBRIDGE

February 21 – March 5, 2020

Wander the fabled land of pharaohs and kings—where colossal pyramids, legendary tombs and towering temples cascade across the terrain. An unhurried, 14-day journey down the Nile River aboard Sonesta St. George I reveals seemingly limitless vistas of vast deserts contrasted by metropolitan cities. From biblical times through to the modern day, Egypt has been the site of monumental historical events, staggering technological achievements and compelling human stories. Before embarkation, enjoy 2 full days exploring Cairo, visiting the Great Pyramid and the Sphinx, the Egyptian Museum of Antiquities and Khan El-Khalili bazaar. In Luxor, view Karnak Temple—one of the largest religious buildings in the world. Travel north beside the Nile to Abydos to marvel at the colorful carvings at Abydos Temple. Visit the Valley of the Kings and Nobles, the Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut and the Colossi of Memnon. Accompanied by expert Egyptologists, you’ll gain in-depth knowledge of Egypt and its antiquities. In the evenings, relax at some of the area’s most opulent hotels.

Starting at $5,995

Plus Air
Cruising the Windward Islands

GOHAGAN

February 22-29, 2020

Eclude the depths of winter and experience the sport of sailing on the high seas in its most timeless form on this 7-night cruise experience aboard the exclusively chartered, 5-star, small expedition ship Le Champlain. Amid the deep blue sea of the Caribbean’s tropical Windward Islands, cruise into secluded harbors, and visit a multitude of cities and islands, including Grenada, the Spice Island, and Martinique’s Clément Plantation and Rum Distillery. Stop in Mayreau, located in the Grenadines and St. Vincent, and dip into the awe-inspiring lagoons of Tobago Cays Marine Park. Discover Union Island, with its dramatic volcanic peaks juxtaposing its flat and shallow coral reefs, and Soufrière, St. Lucia’s Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens and Volcano and Sulphur Springs. Before departing, explore Bequia’s seaside Old Hegg Turtle Sanctuary, and Bridgetown, Barbados, known for its colonial architecture and vibrant Bajan culture. Grenada Pre-Cruise and Barbados Post-Cruise Options are available.
The Grand Canyon is “the one great sight which every American should see,” President Theodore Roosevelt said when he first laid eyes on one of nature’s most awe-inspiring sights. Every traveler should explore our own beautiful American West, and that is exactly what you will do on this exciting travel program to Arizona. This travel experience features a combination of American West highlights with the scenery of Grand Canyon National Park & the red rocks of Sedona. Study Native American history at the Montezuma Castle National Monument and experience the Old West nostalgia of 2 train rides and 5 nights at a resort property in Sedona, Arizona. Just north of Phoenix, Sedona is known for its upscale resorts, artist galleries and breathtaking red rock scenery, and is the perfect “home base” for this 6-day adventure.

Starting at $2,995
Air Included

Starting at $2,995
Air Included
Baja California and the Sea of Cortez: Among the Great Whales

LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS

March 7-14, 2020

Travel with us to Baja California and the Sea of Cortez aboard a 50-cabin expedition ship, the National Geographic Venture. We’ll enter the California gray whale birthing lagoon of Bahía Magdalena for close encounters with these gentle giants—a rare privilege in the natural world. We’ll also snorkel, kayak and paddleboard among sea lions and hike the pristine desert islands through forests of towering cacti and up striking desert canyons. Explore under the guidance of an expedition leader, five veteran naturalists, including a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor, an undersea specialist, and wellness specialist. Their knowledge and passion for Baja California is the key to your once-in-a-lifetime experience.
Exploring Australia and New Zealand

ODYSSEYS UNLIMITED

March 9-30, 2020

Fascinating culture and natural splendor await in the Lands Down Under on this wide-ranging, 22-day, small-group journey. Begin in Cairns, riding the historic railway to Kuranda then descending via a Skyrail gondola. Swim and snorkel during a day-long Great Barrier Reef excursion. In Alice Springs, embark on an Aboriginal “dreamtime” tour, meeting Walpiri tribespeople, and watch the sun set over Ayers Rock.

Highlights during a 3-night Sydney stay include a Sydney Harbour catamaran cruise, Featherdale Wildlife Park, the iconic Opera House, and ample leisure time. Discover New Zealand’s Christchurch and explore Mount Cook National Park, then take a cruise through Milford Sound’s breathtaking fjords. Tour scenic Queenstown and take another cruise to a working ranch. In geothermal Rotorua, experience Maori culture at a traditional hangi dinner. After seeing Auckland’s sights, celebrate your journey’s end or enjoy more time in the “City of Sails” on an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

Starting at $9,484
Air Included
Starting at $2,889
Plus Air

Scotland and St. Paddy’s Day

CHECK:EUROPE

March 10-21, 2020

Edinburgh, the medieval city of Harry Potter, will be our first stop in Scotland. From there, we will make our way to Sterling Castle, the Wallace Monument and the Whisky Trail into the Highlands. If we’re lucky, we might even see Ben Nevis before we hop over to the Emerald Island and celebrate St. Paddy’s Day in Galway. Our journey takes us along the Wild Atlantic Way to the Cliffs of Moher and to Bunratty Castle’s medieval banquet. We will end in Dublin, where we’ll discover the origins of Ireland’s favorite, Guinness.

“Even after many previous Traveling Aggies trips, this one was the Best Trip Ever. We laugh and say that we always come home with NEW best friends, and once again, this is true. What a gift it is that we have such diverse people of all ages on our trips, to enhance our view of the world.”

~ Judy Turner ’78
On March 11, 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippine island of Corregidor in a small fleet of PT boats. His journey to Corregidor had been one of a fighting retreat. The Japanese pushed the outnumbered and outgunned Americans and their Filipino allies out of Manila and into the Bataan Peninsula. His evacuation, ordered by President Roosevelt, foreshadowed the fall of Bataan, Corregidor, and the whole of the Philippines. His famous declaration, “I shall return,” came to symbolize his deep connection to the Philippines. Victory in the Pacific: World War II in the Philippines explores the American spirit defending the Philippines, the horrors of the Bataan Death March, and the treacherous urban fighting in Manila. Best-selling author James M. Scott joins the tour to add historical insight from his recent book Rampage: MacArthur, Yamashita, and the Battle of Manila.
Laid-back island life awaits you in the South Pacific on this spectacular cruise aboard the luxurious Regatta. Spend a day exploring Papeete, the capital of French Polynesia in the tropical paradise of Tahiti. The island’s volcanic peaks overlook lush rainforest, black-sand beaches and sapphire waterfalls. Sail to verdant Mo’orea and take in the colors of this paradise—the greens of the volcanically-formed cliffs, the blues of the quiet lagoons, and the white blossoms of tiaré, Tahiti’s national flower. Fakarava, the following port, is home to many rare plant and animal species. Search for unique tropical birds before continuing to Nuku Hiva, where you can see crystal-blue lagoons and Polynesia’s tallest waterfall, the Cascade de Vaipo. Then, sail to Rangiroa, where one of the largest atolls in the world creates a natural aquarium with an abundance of marine life. Spend 2 days in Bora Bora, known as the most romantic island in the world. Before ending the cruise back in Papeete, spend time in Raiatea, a picturesque island with calm waters, emerald mountains and endless blue skies.
Springtime in Washington, D.C.

March 19-23, 2020

Spend 4 nights at the historic Willard Intercontinental Hotel, perfectly located near the White House and the National Mall. Trip highlights include a welcome cocktail reception, illuminated evening tour of the national monuments, private tours of the Capitol Building and Library of Congress, a visit to President Lincoln’s cottage, a private after-hours evening at Mount Vernon, farewell dinner reception and other tours exclusive to our Traveling Aggies group. Meet Aggies who live and work in D.C., including U.S. Rep. Bill Flores ’76. This visit to our nation’s capital is not to be missed. Trip highlights subject to change based on scheduling and current world events.

~ Linda Morrison ’84 & Paul Mikula

Starting at $2,499

Plus Air
Upper Amazon

Lindblad Expeditions

March 21-30, 2020

There’s a sense of enchantment in the Amazon as tropical kingbirds, great kiskadees and other birds swoop and call. The river is a thoroughfare, with a passing fisherman in a carved dugout, a larger canoe with children on their way to school, and trees so close in these headwaters that you can reach out and touch them. Once the night curtain drops on a spectacular sunset, a symphony begins, more sonically lush and dense than the world’s finest concert halls could contain. Above the din and the dampening canopy of green, Orion and the Southern Cross illuminate the night sky. Rise early to hear the song of the oriole blackbird and chattering parrots with your morning coffee. Take advantage of your naturalists’ knowledge to learn fascinating facts as we travel aboard the exquisite, 28-guest Delfin II.

“\You show up knowing no one, leave with a lot of new friends.\”

~ Dan ’66 & Mary Ann Rich

Starting at $7,410

Plus Air
New Zealand ~
Land of the Long White Cloud

AHI TRAVEL

March 25 – April 9, 2020

Experience wonder and welcome in New Zealand on this 13-night journey through the country’s breathtaking natural landscapes. Get to know Auckland’s mix of modern life and Māori traditions as you tour the city nestled between dormant volcanoes and scenic coastlines, then thrill to a Māori haka war dance. Fly to Dunedin on the South Island to learn how Scottish heritage influences Kiwi life. Take in the town’s quaint Victorian architecture and sample craft beers at a local brewery. Near Queenstown, explore Middle-earth while visiting locales used in the filming of The Lord of the Rings, then marvel at the rain forests of Fiordland National Park and cruise across Doubtful Sound, the park’s deepest fiord. See the ice blue Franz Josef Glacier up close on a walk along the glacier’s valley, then journey across the Southern Alps on the celebrated TranzAlpine rail. This small-group trip features first-class accommodations, enlightening lectures, extensive meals and wine with dinner.

Starting at $5,995
Plus Air and VAT
Encounter a land of extraordinary beauty and belief, of history and hospitality, on this exceptional 12-day small-group journey. Explore ancient Jaffa and Israel’s cultural capital, Tel Aviv, with its “White City” district—a UNESCO site. Experience the unique Ein Hod artists’ village. In Galilee’s hills, overnight at a hotel on the grounds of kibbutz, visiting a local winery and Capernaum’s ruins. Staying at a historic hotel on the Sea of Galilee’s shores, see the New Testament come to life at Tiberias, the Mount of Beatitudes and Nazareth. Based in Jerusalem’s legendary King David Jerusalem Hotel for a final 5 nights, tour the “City of Gold’s” most treasured sights. Enjoy an ethnic cooking demonstration in Ein Karem. On a Dead Sea excursion, explore the Qumran Caves, tour Masada’s celebrated ruins and float on the storied lake. Discover stunning “rose-red” Petra and Amman with an optional 5-day/4-night Jordan post-tour extension.

Starting at $6,284
Air Included
March 31 – April 11, 2020

Discover ancient Egypt along the Nile River. This thrilling 10-night adventure features 4 nights on Sonesta St. George I—a first-class ship—plus 5 nights in Cairo and 1 night in Luxor. The Great Pyramids of Giza, the Valley of the Kings and the tomb of King Tutankhamun come to life with an expert, licensed Egyptologist by your side during all excursions. Stroll the burial grounds at the Temple of Karnak, witness the gold burial mask and sarcophagus of Tutankhamun at the Egyptian Museum and learn how ancient treasures are restored and preserved with special access at the Oriental Institute’s Chicago House in Luxor. Witness the Great Temple of Ramses II carved out of a mountain, seek out fantastic treasures in Cairo’s old bazaar and visit venerable mosques and Coptic Christian churches. This small-group trip includes flights to Luxor and Abu Simbel, first-class hotel and cruise accommodations and an extensive meal program with wine at dinner.

Starting at $4,995
Plus Air and Port Fee

SOLD OUT!
ADDITIONAL DATES AVAILABLE
November 10-21, 2020
Discover the shores and shrines of the land of the rising sun during this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' elegant Nautica. Embark in Tokyo, a city that balances tradition and modernity, then sail to Shimizu, where you can bask in the serenity of the woodlands or view majestic Mount Fuji. In Kyoto, Japan’s old Imperial capital, walk through Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines. Next, visit Hiroshima, a city with a range of restaurants, museums and gardens, whose charm is not overshadowed by its tragic history. Cruise along the waters of the Kanmon Straits to Busan, the second-largest city in South Korea, and stroll through its fish market or stop into a trendy café. Experience Nagasaki’s array of churches, temples and shrines. Before the ship returns to Tokyo, enjoy a day in Kagoshima. This city embraces travelers with a mild climate, streets lined with palm trees, and, just off the coast, Sakurajima—one of Japan’s most active volcanoes.
Enjoy spring in Belgium and the Netherlands aboard the Scenic Opal. Embark in Amsterdam and sail to Rotterdam. Tour this bustling metropolis of bold, innovative architecture or take in the famed windmills of Kinderdijk. Visit Veere to take a guided tour or instead, visit the Delta Works of Holland, one of the Wonders of the Modern World. Next, visit Antwerp, a city filled with Renaissance architecture and once home to Flemish Baroque artist Peter Paul Rubens. Sail to Arnhem to indulge your love of history at the Open Air Museum or the Airborne Museum, or cycle through Hoge Veluwe National Park. Continue to Hoorn to see well-preserved buildings of the Dutch Golden Age, or visit the towns of Edam, renowned for its cheese, and Volendam, a fishing village of swaying boats and colorful houses. Before your journey ends in Amsterdam, witness the beauty of the Keukenhof Gardens, where over seven million bulbs flower annually.

"Strangers upon meeting, becoming friends during the trip, then keeping up with them after the trip."

~ Patrick ‘71 & Sue ’94 Mahoney

April 14-22, 2020

Starting at $3,999

Plus Air
Sketches of Sicily

AHI TRAVEL

April 15-24, 2020

The Mediterranean’s largest island, Sicily, a diverse outpost once ruled by ancient Greeks, the Phoenicians, Arabs, French and Spanish, just to name a few. Immerse yourself in Sicily’s myths, legends and tumultuous past while staying in first-class accommodations in three different areas: Palermo, Caltagirone and Taormina. In bustling Palermo, explore ancient landmarks and its liveliest market. See medieval castles in Erice, a Doric temple in Segesta, and Agrigento’s Valley of the Temples. Feast your eyes on brilliant Roman mosaics at Villa Romana del Casale and hand-painted majolica ceramics in Caltagirone. Witness awe-inspiring views of the coast in Taormina. In Syracuse, see the well-preserved ancient theater and wind your way through the elegant lanes of Old Town. Lunch at an olive oil farm, learn how to make Sicilian pizza and discuss Sicily’s agriculture, cuisine and its mafia legacy with local experts. This 8-night, small-group program features an extensive meal plan and wine with dinner.
April 21-29, 2020

Embrace Tuscany and its romantic Old World way of life on a 7-night journey based in the hilltop town of Cortona, the romantic walled-city that set the scene for much of the film Under the Tuscan Sun. Venture out to sip Brunello di Montalcino at a family-owned winery and savor locally produced cheeses and prosciutto at Val d’Orcia. Survey the cypress-dotted Umbrian landscape from hilltop Orvieto. Delight in Orvieto’s captivating piazzas and feast your eyes on dazzling mosaics inside its massive cathedral. Stroll ancient streets in Montepulciano and marvel at Siena’s remarkable Gothic architecture. Linger inside the Basilica of San Francesco in Assisi, in the lovely hometown of Italy’s patron saint. Along the way, enjoy lunch on a fourth-generation olive farm, and gain insight into Renaissance art, Tuscan cuisine, contemporary Italian life and more from local experts. This small-group program includes first-class accommodations and an extensive meal plan, complemented by wine with dinner.

“Now, we have been on seven trips with the Traveling Aggies, and we have thoroughly enjoyed every one of them and the friends we made that have lasted well past the ending of each vacation.”

Cliff Blackerby ’02
Savor Burgundy wines, lavender-scented foothills, culinary traditions and world-renowned landmarks as you cruise the Rhône and Saône rivers in southern France. Travel with ease as you enjoy 7 nights on an exclusively chartered first-class ship. Visit the Palais des Papes in the medieval walled city of Avignon and follow in the footsteps of gladiators in Arles. Explore Beaune, the winemaking capital of the Burgundy region, and delight in Lyon, replete with scenic parks and riverside paths. In several ports, choose from a selection of included excursions: Consider a guided bike tour along the river or a safari in Camargue, France’s rugged cowboy country. This delightful journey in southern France includes an extensive meal plan, plus wine and beer with lunch and dinner. There is no single supplement for solo travelers.
April 28 – May 9, 2020

board Oceania Cruises’ elegant Riviera, experience the beauty and culture of the western Mediterranean. Begin your voyage in Barcelona, the sun-kissed capital of Spain’s Catalonia region. Sail on Riviera to Palamós and stroll its narrow medieval streets lined with brightly painted buildings. In Marseille, see the beautiful Cathédrale de Marseille Notre Dame de la Major and meander through the picturesque countryside of Provence. Next, sail to Monte Carlo and visit the site of the famed Grand Prix. Travel to Saint-Tropez and mingle with the elite at the beach clubs that line the sand with restaurants and colorful umbrellas. The next stop is Florence, a city filled with the masterpieces of the Renaissance. Nearby, discover the monument-rich city of Pisa and the captivating Tuscan countryside. Then, sail to Valletta to experience its history, culture and old-world beauty. In Messina, explore the Piazza del Duomo, featuring one of the world’s largest astronomical clocks. Before ending your journey in Rome, stop in Sorrento to stroll the cobblestone streets or travel to visit the legendary ruins of Pompeii.

Starting at $3,399
Air Included
We were able to check off yet another item on our bucket list—the Kentucky Derby! We loved everything about this trip which included so many side trips— all things Derby! Awesome trip and Awesome Aggie Fellowship! Might need to do this one again!

~ Wade ’84 & Jessie Uptergrove
Immerse yourself in the true essence of Italian life in the fabled Lake District, an impossibly picturesque setting that has inspired poets, composers, artists and philosophers for centuries. For one full week, enjoy charming accommodations in the belle-époque Palace Hotel in the heart of lovely Como and just steps away from the local market. Cruise by private boat on Lake Como, Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta. During expert-guided excursions and time on your own, explore beautiful villages and artistic and architectural treasures. Visit Bellagio, Villa del Balbianello, Stresa, Isola Bella and the Sacro Monte di Orta, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Spend a day in Milan to visit the Duomo and Teatro alla Scala, and see Leonardo da Vinci’s masterpiece The Last Supper.

Enriching lectures and the exclusive Village Life® Forum with local residents provide personal perspectives. This popular program is an intimate and comprehensive travel experience at just the right pace, including exceptional accommodations, specially arranged meals and all excursions—an excellent value. Verona and Venice Post-Program Option available.
Ready to island hop in paradise? Join us in one of the most beautiful places in Europe, with ancient history and beautiful views of the Mediterranean. Greece is the land of the islands— islands of varying shapes and sizes, diverse personalities and endless possibilities. We will start and end in Athens and hop to the islands of Santorini and Mykonos, where some of the most beautiful beaches in the world are waiting for you. Here, under the sun, surrounded by crystal blue water, you will get the chance to relax your mind, body and soul. While you’re enjoying everything Greece has to offer, the world’s most exquisite Mediterranean flavors will be before you, including recipes that have been perfected over time by generations of Greek families, enjoyed best with a glass of Greek wine and a shot of ouzo.
Discovering Eastern Europe

ODYSSEYS UNLIMITED

May 2-17, 2020

Visit four fascinating Eastern European nations on this 16-day small group tour, beginning in Poland’s capital, Warsaw, and ending in Prague. Sightseeing in Warsaw includes the faithfully rebuilt Old Town and moving visits to the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps. Next, visit the celebrated medieval Old Town and tour the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a virtual underground city carved from salt. Travel through the snowcapped Tatra Mountains to Budapest and get acquainted with the “Paris of the East,” with its splendid architecture and lively café culture. After stops along the scenic Danube Bend, reach beloved Vienna and enjoy a classical music performance and visits to the grand Opera House and majestic Schönbrunn Palace. End the trip in Prague and tour the city’s Castle District and the historic Jewish Quarter. Experience Germany’s cosmopolitan capital on an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour Berlin extension.

“The Eastern Europe trip is one of my top three trips thus far. So much to see and do. Loved it!”

~ Jamie Pierce ’85

Starting at $4,897
Air Included
China and Tibet - The Himalayas and The Yangtze

GOHAGAN

May 9-24, 2020

Experience the best of China and enchanting Tibet—two lands whose stunning beauty forms the backdrop of centuries-old civilizations steeped in legend and tradition. This exceptional, custom-designed and comprehensive 16-day journey encompasses the breadth of China from the Himalayan “Rooftop of the World,” with 3 nights in seldom-visited “Sun City” of Lhasa, through the dramatic gorges of the Yangtze River and to the historic neighborhoods of Old Shanghai. Enjoy 5-star accommodations in centrally located hotels in Beijing, Xi’an and Lhasa and in Shanghai’s historic Fairmont Peace Hotel. Aboard the deluxe Victoria Jenna, cruise for 3 nights from Chongqing to Maoping. Tour the impressive Three Gorges Dam. Visit 8 UNESCO World Heritage sites. Walk along the Great Wall and through Beijing’s Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. Visit the ancient capital of Xi’an and view the impressive Terra Cotta Warriors. Explore magnificent Tibetan temples and monasteries, including Potala Palace, the former winter residence of the Dalai Lamas, and experience Shanghai’s Bund and Pudong districts, including the Shanghai Museum. Explore Hong Kong on an optional post-program extension.

Starting at $5,195
Air Included
Journey Along the Elbe

AHI TRAVEL

May 11-22, 2020

Let the Elbe River guide your next adventure as you cruise through centuries of history and scenic splendor in Germany and the Czech Republic. Enjoy 8 nights on board the Elbe Princesse, an elegant, modern paddleboat cruiser, plus 1 night each in first-class hotels in Berlin and Prague. See energetic Berlin’s famed landmarks, including the Brandenburg Gate. Stroll through Potsdam’s terraced Sanssouci gardens and the royal Cecilienhof Palace. In Wittenberg, follow in the footsteps of Martin Luther. Gaze over the spectacular Elbe Sandstone Mountains. Explore Prague’s majestic Old Town and stroll its romantic Charles Bridge. Visit the lovely town of Litomerice, founded in the 10th century.

Along the way, enjoy a choice of included excursions, such as a culinary tour, cycling or a brewery visit. This expertly planned journey includes enlightening lectures, first-class hotel and ship accommodations, and an extensive meal plan with complimentary drinks on board.

“Love meeting the Aggies. Interesting group with so different backgrounds as to jobs, interest in travels, etc.”

~ Rita Leisy

Starting at $5,095

Plus Air and Port Fee
Sail to incredible destinations in Greece and Turkey aboard Oceania Cruises’ Sirena. Embark on your journey in legendary Athens, built around the ruins of the ancient temple, the Parthenon, then journey to Volos and visit the Archaeological Museum of Volos and its collection of artifacts from the Bronze Age to the Hellenistic Period. Next, travel to Kavala and explore its museums and cultural landmarks, such as the Turkish Imaret or the Kamares Aqueduct. In Istanbul, tour the impressive Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, or the Grand Bazaar. Near Kuşadası, discover the ruins of the Ephesus, including the legendary Library of Celsus. Experience the wealth of impressive architecture and historic sites in Rhodes, and then travel to Mykonos to stroll its cobblestone streets dotted with classic Greek homes and churches. Before you disembark in Athens, revel in the Grecian beauty of Santorini, a breathtaking coastal city with indigo-domed churches and black sand beaches.
Essential Europe
Graduation Trip

May 14 – June 1, 2020

From the pomp and pageantry of London and the snow-capped Austrian Alps to the glorious art of Florence and sun-kissed beaches of Greece, Europe’s infinite variety of people, places and traditions is the perfect setting for a journey that celebrates and educates. Next to a good education, the best investment in your future is a trip to Europe. Before settling into that new job or graduate school, celebrate your college successes with an unforgettable voyage through 9 wondrous countries. Capture the flavor of the cities and the beauty of the countryside, climb the Eiffel Tower, bask under the Grecian sun and sample the delicacies and specialties of Germany, England, France, Italy, and Greece. Europe, in all its splendor, awaits.

“To start a trip as complete strangers and then 24 days later leave as a well traveled, adventurous family is something I will cherish forever.”

~ Taylor Helms ’17

Starting at $4,175
Plus Air
The Rise and Fall of Hitler’s Germany

THE NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

May 25 – June 5, 2020

In Europe, the journey to war began in the private meeting rooms and raucous public stadiums of Germany, where the Nazis concocted and then promoted their designs for a new world order, one founded on conquest and racial-purity ideals. As they launched the war on September 1, 1939, by invading Poland, Hitler and his followers unleashed a hell that would return to its birthplace in Berlin fewer than 6 years later. On this exclusive tour, designed by expert historian Dr. Alexandra Richie and The National WWII Museum, travel on a journey through Germany and Poland that takes you from Berlin to Auschwitz to Warsaw, focused on the devastating legacy of the Holocaust, the bombing raids and the last battles.

“A tour filled with history that will expand your knowledge of WWII or any tour you elect to try. Great group of exciting people you will meet to converse with throughout the tour. This tour will meet all and more of your exceptions so I highly recommend you sign up today.”

~ Ralph ’68 and Rita Leisy

Starting at $6,995 Plus Air
Ancient Adventures

GO NEXT/OCEANIA

May 25 – June 7, 2020

Explore enchanting destinations along the Mediterranean coastline aboard Oceania Cruises’ Riviera. Embark in Venice amid Venetian architecture and timeless piazzas. Sail to Koper and explore the Praetorian Palace. In Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage site, take in the 12th-century cathedral. Next, stroll through Dubrovnik, an ancient walled city on the Dalmatian Coast. Relax along the coastline in Corfu before setting off for Taormina, where you can visit the Teatro Antico di Taormina, an ancient Greco-Roman theater. Then, voyage to Amalfi and experience its ancient sites and iconic coastline. In Rome, discover the Colosseum and Michelangelo’s frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Travel to Florence and see the masterpieces of the Renaissance: Brunelleschi’s Duomo, the Baptistery, and Michelangelo’s David. Nearby, walk through the monument-rich city of Pisa and the captivating Tuscan countryside. The next port is Monte Carlo, where you’ll encounter its famous casino and the Circuit de Monaco, the site of the Grand Prix. Journey to Saint-Tropez, the heart of the French Riviera, and mingle with the elite among the more than 30 beach clubs that line the sand. Your journey will end in Barcelona, the sun-kissed capital of Spain, but before that, voyage to Marseille and wander through the ancient Le Panier neighborhood and the République quarter or explore the idyllic countryside of Provence.

Starting at $4,399
Air Included
Riches of the Emerald Isle

AHI TRAVEL

May 27 – June 7, 2020

Experience the best of Ireland’s heritage and natural history on this 10-night adventure including stays in Ennis, Killarney, Mallow and Dublin. From dancing to storytelling to a special farm-to-fork meal, you’ll sample Irish culture, cuisine and traditions. Walk along the fossil-laden limestone terrain of the Burren and peer into a Neolithic portal tomb on the dramatic Cliffs of Moher—a UNESCO Global Geopark. On the Loop Head and Dingle Peninsulas, take in the stunning coastline from land and water. Cruise to the Aran Island of Inishmore to learn more about island life from a local guide, and explore Killarney National Park by horse-drawn carriage. Watch border collies corral sheep in the open countryside of the Ring of Kerry, and meet the shepherd to learn more about the dogs and flock. Cap off your journey in seaside Dublin and Dalkey Village. Your first-class accommodations are enhanced by a generous meal plan featuring wine with dinner.
Majestic Slovenia

AHI TRAVEL

May 28 – June 5, 2020

Tucked between Italy, Austria, Hungary and Croatia, Slovenia offers travelers a wonderful surprise. Mediterranean breezes, vast forests and Alpine peaks serve as a backdrop for the country’s enchanting cultural landscape. Join us for 7 nights in cosmopolitan Ljubljana. Shop the city’s lively market, crisscross its storied bridges and cruise the Ljubljanica River. Step into an Alpine storybook at Lake Bled, where swans glide in the shadow of a cliff-top castle. Visit the Church of the Assumption of Mary, sample honey at a bee farm and descend into fascinating Postojna Cave. Hear stories about past owners of the massive Renaissance Predjama Castle, built into the mouth of a cave. Stroll the seaside in pretty Piran and Portorož, see elegant white Lipizzaners in training on a farm and drive through the Logar Valley. Throughout the journey, enjoy fresh Slovenian fare and local wines. This small-group journey includes first-class accommodations, an extensive meal plan and wine with dinner. No single supplement.

“We have traveled the globe doing business and as tourists and have never found a better travel organization than the Traveling Aggies.”

~ Bill ’60 & Marilyn Stough

Starting at $3,295
Plus Air and VAT
The National WWII Museum embarks on an exclusive 7-day tour of France, visiting sites from Alex Kershaw’s New York Times best-sellers *The Bedford Boys* and *Avenue of Spies*, with the author himself serving as featured historian. Guests get an up-close view of the beaches of Normandy, while hearing stories of sacrifice about the “Bedford Boys” who came ashore with Company A, 116th Regiment, 29th Infantry Division, during the first wave at Omaha Beach on D-Day. Tour members also roam the breathtaking streets of Paris with Kershaw, who provides depth and context to the espionage that occurred there more than 70 years ago. You will stay in grand hotels, experience French hospitality at its most authentic and charming, enjoy great wine and cuisine at the most exclusive restaurants, and of course savor the stories of heroism and sacrifice that will stay with you long after you’ve sipped your last glass of champagne.

**June 3-9, 2020**

**Starting at $6,320**

*Plus Air*
Celtic Lands

GOHAGAN

June 7-16, 2020

 Commemorate the 76th anniversary of the D-Day landings during this once-in-a-lifetime, 8-night Celtic Lands journey. By exclusive arrangement, visit hallowed Utah and Omaha beaches in Normandy, France, with Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and meet Allen Packwood, director of the Churchill Archives Centre at the University of Cambridge. Cruise aboard the 5-star small ship Le Boréal from Honfleur, France, to Ireland, Wales and Scotland, with guided excursions in each port of call. Visit UNESCO World Heritage-designated Caernarfon Castle near Holyhead, Wales; admire the austere beauty of the Inner Hebridean Isles of Iona and Mull and their storied treasures of Iona Abbey and Duart Castle; walk in the footsteps of medieval and present-day princes in North Wales; and view relics of the rich Celtic heritage at Trinity College in Dublin, including the Book of Kells. Paris Pre-Cruise and Glasgow and Edinburgh Post-Cruise Options available.

“Close friends + new Aggie friends + beautiful destinations + awesome staff + excellent food = trip of a lifetime.”

~ Bob ‘80 + Joyce ‘80 Milner

Starting at $6,895
Plus Air
Baltic and Scandinavian Legacies

GO NEXT/OCEANIA

June 15-26, 2020

Take in the history and beauty of the Baltic and Scandinavian coastal cities aboard Oceania Cruises’ Marina. Begin your trip in Stockholm, a striking city built upon 14 islands, and from there, sail to Helsinki and stroll through its spacious green parks and open-air markets. Spend three days in Russia’s window to the West, St. Petersburg, with its pastel palaces, network of canals and arched bridges. Visit the Hermitage Museum and see a variety of exhibits, including the Egyptian collection, home to Egyptian mummies. In Tallinn, dine at a world-class restaurant, and in Riga, the “Paris of the East,” walk the medieval streets. Discover the history of Klaipėda’s Old Town, where a single surviving tower of a red brick castle remains. Experience the rich heritage of Gdansk and modernist architecture of Gdynia, and see the charming timber-framed homes in Rønne. Venture outside the city limits to take in the natural beauty of Bornholm’s ivory-white beaches. Before your voyage concludes in Copenhagen, travel to Warnemünde to nosh on local seafood or take a short drive to see the Berlin Wall or Brandenburg Gate.

Starting at $4,199
Air Included
June 26 – July 3, 2020

Set out on a summertime expedition through nature’s most secluded landscapes and discover the remote inner reaches of Alaska’s Inside Passage. Aboard the 66-guest Admiralty Dream, you’ll enjoy the agility and flexibility of small-ship travel, up-close encounters with wildlife, stunning scenery, and cultural experiences. With guidance from 2 expert naturalists, including an Orbridge Expedition Leader, capture the sight of whales breaching next to your boat, bears fishing along the shoreline, and eagles looking down from their nests—all part of nature’s amazing show. This program offers an optional pre-extension to Denali National Park. Explore this vast and stunningly beautiful wilderness—home to Mount Denali, the highest mountain in North America.

Starting at $3,495

Plus Air
Discover the iconic cities of the United Kingdom aboard Oceania Cruises’ Nautica. Begin your voyage in London, a city immersed in history, culture and art. Sail on Nautica to Newcastle, a cultural oasis set astride the River Tyne with premier art galleries, museums and inventive restaurants. Next, arrive in Edinburgh, the hilly capital of Scotland. Marvel at the 12th-century Edinburgh Castle that looms over the city atop Castle Rock and is home to Scotland’s crown jewels and the Stone of Destiny. Travel to Invergordon and explore the Scottish Highlands, where dramatic scenery has deep history and clan castles are profiled against the rolling hills and mossy glens. In Lerwick on the Shetland Islands, you can stroll through picturesque moors and flower-filled meadows. Travel to the Orkney Islands and, in Kirkwall, take in the sight of the St. Magnus Cathedral and the nearby 17th-century Earl’s Palace. Visit Stornoway, an epicenter of Gaelic culture and history, and view its colorful harbor, scenic coastal paths and rugged landscape. Then discover Glasgow, Scotland’s largest city and a dynamic metropolis on the banks of the River Clyde. Before ending your trip in Dublin, enjoy the unique flora and fauna of Fishguard in Wales.
Traveling with fellow Aggies & those who support TAMU is always a treat!!! The destination sites are the icing on the cake!!

~ Steve Cooper ’78

July 5-18, 2020

The Aggies are returning to South Africa, following on a very successful 2013 safari hunt. This 10-day hunt provides every tick on a hunter’s checklist for the safari of a lifetime. Our 2 luxury camps, operated by Wintershoek Safaris, boast over 185,000 game-rich acres featuring more than 35 species of trophy big game, including Cape buffalo bulls, kudu, wildebeest, impala, roan, sable and more. After a successful day in the field, our Aggie hunters can relax in warmth around the boma to toast and recount the day’s excitement. This is South Africa hunting at its very best!

Starting at $11,200
South Africa Domestic Charter Included

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~ Steve Cooper ’78
Great Journey through Europe

GOHAGAN

July 7-17, 2020

This extraordinary 11-day grand tour of Europe features an incredible combination of river, rail, lake and mountain travel, including 5 nights aboard the deluxe Amadeus Silver III. Journey through the western heart of the continent, cruising the most scenic sections of the Rhine River in the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland. Specially arranged guided excursions feature 6 UNESCO World Heritage sites. Explore Amsterdam’s storybook canals, visit Cologne’s Gothic cathedral, cruise through the heart of the Rhine River Valley, tour the Alsatian city of Strasbourg, walk through Berne’s Old Town and see the Jungfrau-Aletsch region of the Swiss Alps. Visit Germany’s medieval Rüdesheim and 13th-century Heidelberg Castle. Spend 2 nights each in Zermatt and Lucerne, Switzerland. Enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne and ride aboard 3 legendary railways: the Gornergrat Bahn for breathtaking views of the Matterhorn, the Glacier Express from Zermatt to Andermatt, and the Pilatus Railway, the world’s steepest cogwheel railway. Complement your journey with the 2-night Amsterdam Pre-Program Option.
National Parks and Lodges of the Old West

July 9-17, 2020

Nature’s beauty and a connection to the past are the gifts of this 10-day American expedition. Accompanied by an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader, trace the historic paths and natural splendors of the Old West. See and learn about the storied sights and monuments of Badlands National Park, Custer State Park, Spearfish Canyon, Yellowstone National Park, and Grand Teton National Park. Witness bison herds, savor a chuckwagon cookout, see Mount Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial, visit a wooly mammoth dig site, and, at the volcanically active caldera of Yellowstone, observe otherworldly geothermal sites. Wonderfully atmospheric hotels and lodges are highlights of this program, including landmark lodging within the parks themselves. Traveling comfortably in a private motor coach, there is no better way to see our national parks.

“Every Traveling Aggies trip we have been on has been excellent. I recommend the program to all Aggies.”

~ Arno Krebs ’64

Starting at $4,495

Plus Air
Immerse yourself in the magic of the fjords of Norway aboard Oceania Cruises’ elegant Marina. Your trip begins in Oslo, the capital city of Norway, which features a remarkable blend of stunning natural beauty and a thriving urban atmosphere. Next, travel to Skagen and nosh on locally caught seafood, or visit Grenen, the point where the North Sea and the Baltic Sea meet. In Haugesund, visit a Viking settlement where you can see a reconstructed Viking farm before traveling to Flåm, a tiny village at the innermost point of Sognefjord, Europe’s longest and deepest fjord. Pass by a roaring waterfall in the tranquil village of Hellesylt en route to Geiranger, a small village that sits in a UNESCO-listed fjord area. Explore Kristiansund: discover the traditional towns and churches along the scenic Atlantic Ocean Road. Then, tour Bodø, an inviting fishing village set against a mountainous backdrop. Trondheim, the next port, boasts the Nidaros Cathedral, the largest medieval building in Scandinavia, and Ålesund is the perfect place to hike, ski, or sight-see. Glimpse coastal cultural history from the Middle Ages to the present at the Hanseatic Museum in Bergen. Your trip will conclude in London, but first, stop in Stavanger to stroll its cobblestone lanes and peruse its galleries and boutiques.

Starting at $5,399
Air Included
Discover the beauty of cruising the Columbia and Snake Rivers on this outstanding journey aboard the American Empress. Arrive in Portland and make your way to Vancouver, a city that’s home to a bounty of colorful gardens and boasts easy access to the great outdoors. Enjoy an included 1-night stay at a hotel in Vancouver before boarding the elegant American Empress. Next, discover Astoria, the oldest city west of the Rockies, where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean. This “Little San Francisco” showcases steep hillside blanketed in Victorian homes, art deco buildings and a chic downtown studded with cafés and shops. Travel to The Dalles, between Mount Hood and Mount Adams, once known as the end of the Oregon Trail. Next, sail to Stevenson, nestled in the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. This laid-back town offers visitors small-town charm, riverfront parks, and cozy restaurants. Spend 2 days in Richland, part of the Tri-Cities metropolitan area known for its outdoor recreation and natural attractions. Visit Sacajawea State Park, where Lewis and Clark and their Shoshone guide camped in 1805 during their famous expedition. End your trip in Clarkston, situated in the beautiful Lewis-Clark Valley and touted as the gateway to Hells Canyon, North America’s deepest river gorge.
Travel through the iconic cities of the Great Lakes aboard the M/V Victory II. Your journey begins in Chicago, the “Windy City,” with an included one-night hotel stay. Spend time exploring the city and the next day, embark M/V Victory II to sail to Muskegon, the largest city on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan. Wander through its many outdoor parks, walk its twenty-six miles of sandy beaches, or tour the USS Silversides, an old-fashioned submarine. In Green Bay, shop for local goods or pop into a local craft brewery before traveling to Mackinac Island, a national historic landmark steeped in Victorian-era charm. Traverse the island on a horse-drawn carriage and gain insight into the island’s compelling history at Fort Mackinac. Take a scenic sailing of Lake Huron and head to Detroit, the “Motor City.” Spend your day exploring this must-see vacation destination and its sites, including the Henry Ford Museum and its vast collection of iconic objects. Your trip will end in Port Colborne, a city nestled near Niagara Falls, but first, travel to Cleveland. Here, visit the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the West Side Market, which offers fares from over 100 unique vendors.
Enchanting Ireland: A Tour of the Emerald Isle

ODYSSEYS UNLIMITED

July 26 – August 7, 2020

See Ireland’s many sights on this 13-day tour showcasing the country’s many charms – both old and new. As your journey begins in Dublin, visit Trinity College, St. Patrick’s Cathedral and the haunts of Ireland’s beloved literary sons. Once you depart for Galway, stop for tea at Tyrrellspass Castle. Then, journey through the legendary Connemara to beautiful Kylemore Abbey and take an excursion to Inishmore, largest of the dramatic Aran Islands. Travel along County Clare’s fabled coastline, encountering the rugged Burren and the majestic Cliffs of Moher. Ferrying to County Kerry, tour charming Killarney and historic Muckross House. Stop for an Irish sheepdog demonstration in Ring of Kerry, visit the famous Blarney Stone and see the celebrated Rock of Cashel. After touring Kilkenny, Ireland’s cultural capital, pay a final visit to Dublin. Savor the scenic Antrim Coast and lively Belfast on an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour Northern Ireland extension.

“Both my wife and I have some Irish ancestry and we found ourselves treated like family throughout.”

~ Robert E. Marshall ’60

Starting at $5,492
Air Included
Explore the forests and fjords of Alaska’s coastal cities on this unforgettable 11-night trip aboard Oceania Cruises’ Regatta. Your journey begins in Seward, a lively coastal city that was once home to the starting point of the historic Iditarod Trail. Cruise College Fjord to Hubbard Glacier, the longest tidewater glacier in Alaska, which enchants visitors with its awe-inspiring walls of ice. In Icy Strait Point, watch for whales spouting at the nearby Point Adolphus feeding area before sailing to Juneau, a thriving town full of natural wonders, totems and mountain scenery. Discover Skagway’s history at the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park. Sitka, the next port, is known for its fishing industry, annual music festival, and vast array of historic attractions. Ketchikan is host to the Tongass National Forest, the largest national forest in the United States.

Next, stop in Prince Rupert to experience its native culture and pioneer heritage. Then cruise the Inside Passage to Nanaimo, a vibrant coastal city that sits on the cusp of wilderness and offers travelers a mélange of galleries, shops and museums. Your voyage will conclude in Vancouver, a wonderland of diversity, culture and breathtaking natural vistas.

Starting at $4,199
Air Included
Scotland: Highlands and Islands

August 3-14, 2020

From loch to glen, encounter breathtaking natural beauty, a colorful past and a cosmopolitan present on this sweet small-group journey. The 12-day Scottish sojourn begins in Glasgow with views of its distinct architecture and a private tour of historic Pollok House. As you set out for the scenic Highlands, Fort William and Brora, stop at bonnie Loch Lomond and dramatic Glencoe. Embark on a stunning Isle of Skye excursion, and a boat ride on fabled Loch Ness. Visit Urquhart Castle’s evocative ruins and the hallowed Culloden Moor battle site. After a falconry demonstration, sample a local distillery’s whisky. Watch a sheepdog demonstration en route to legendary Saint Andrews for an overnight stay and touring. Then, journey to Edinburgh for a 3-night stay, see Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood and explore independently. As a special treat, enjoy a performance of the famed Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

“A Traveling Aggies trip is a first class adventure and a great way to meet Aggies of different backgrounds. You feel like you are traveling with old friends. The Traveling Aggies takes the stress out of traveling. They can even help with what to wear.”

~ Joan C. Horak

Starting at $5,796
Air Included
Switzerland, Germany, Austria and the Passion Play

AHI TRAVEL

August 11-21, 2020

Explore the northern Alps in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. Delight in views of majestic mountain peaks and wildflower-filled meadows while exploring medieval towns and baroque cities. In Oberammergau, watch a decennial performance of the Passion Play. Stroll through vibrant Munich and enjoy a traditional lunch in a beer garden. You can cruise the Bodensee, also called Lake Constance, shared by all 3 countries, and discover the charm of Lindau, the island city off the German shore. Visit Innsbruck in the Austrian Alps and stroll through Mozart’s Salzburg, where an evening is devoted to a concert of the genius composer’s best-known arias. Step inside a great medieval monastic library and learn how Switzerland’s famous Appenzeller cheese is produced at a dairy farm, plus savor a fondue dinner at a mountaintop restaurant. Enjoy an extensive meal plan with wine at dinner and first-class accommodations in Oberstaufen, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Salzburg and Munich on this small-group program.

Starting at $4,995
Plus Air and VAT
Imperial Splendors of Russia

August 12-21, 2020

Experience the opulence of the age of czars on this 8-night adventure through Moscow and St. Petersburg. In Moscow, stride across Red Square, wonder at St. Basil’s swirling domes and discover the city’s beautiful Metro stations. Inside the Kremlin walls, glimpse gilded crowns, carriages and Fabergé eggs. Visit Baroque Novodevichy Convent and its cemetery, the resting place of notables including Chekhov and Khrushchev. Then, travel by high-speed rail to St. Petersburg, Russia’s cultured “window to Europe,” and stroll among the city’s canals and lavish cathedrals. Visit Peterhof, the palace of Peter the Great, and Catherine Palace, the splendid summer home of the Romanovs. Watch dancers warm up at the Saint Petersburg Classic Ballet School and view the masterworks at the famed State Hermitage Museum. Along the way, local experts share the secrets of Russia’s culture and heritage. Enjoy a country lunch and vodka tasting, an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner and first-class accommodations.

Starting at $3,795
Plus Air and VAT

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Canadian Rockies Parks and Resorts

ORBRIDGE

August 14-20, 2020

Venture north for a well-paced journey to Canada’s glorious Rocky Mountains. Relax at legendary resorts, including Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, and Fairmont Banff Springs. Each resort offers a range of outdoor activities to consider: canoe, golf, or walk nearby trails to take in the fresh air, inspiring landscapes, and Rocky Mountain wildlife. Accompanied by an Orbridge Expedition Leader, take in the natural splendors of the crystal waters of Lake Louise and Moraine Lake and the magnificent ranges in Jasper and Banff National Parks. Enjoy a marvelous cruise around the glacial blue waters of Maligne Lake, sightsee aboard a gondola at Lake Louise Ski Resort, and visit Kootenay National Park.

“IT’S NOT THE DESTINATION THAT IS MOST IMPORTANT, BUT THE JOURNEY GETTING THERE.”

~Dara Pena ’75

Starting at $4,495
Air Included
Board the luxurious Scenic Amber in Budapest and enjoy a welcome reception, where you’ll raise your glass to the exciting days ahead. Uncover the city’s history on a guided tour that includes a piano concert or hike to Buda Hill for breathtaking views over the Danube. Cruise the river to Vienna and sip a glass of Austrian Sekt inside Palais Liechtenstein. Enjoy a private Viennese concert featuring the timeless music of Strauss and Mozart. The next day, tour Bratislava Castle or Schönbrunn Palace. Alternatively, visit the Belvedere Museum, which houses one of the greatest collections of Austrian art, as well as works by Claude Monet and Vincent van Gogh. Stop in Dürnstein and embark on a guided bike ride along the river to Melk or opt to continue to Melk via ship and visit a local winery or experience the 18th-century Benedictine abbey on a guided tour. Next, travel to Linz and take an excursion to the medieval Czech town of Ceský Krumlov and discover its UNESCO World Heritage site. Or, journey to Salzburg and explore the birthplace of Mozart and the city backdrop for the film *The Sound of Music*. Your voyage will conclude in Nuremberg, but before that, stroll through Regensburg on a walking tour or journey by ferry to Weltenburg Abbey, where you can sample beer from one of the oldest monastic breweries in the world. Enhance your experience with the optional Go Next Oberammergau & Munich Post-Cruise Program (1 night near Oberammergau with admission to the Passion Play and 3 nights near Munich) or the Prague Post-Cruise Program.

Starting at $3,999

*Plus Air*
Swiss Alps and the Italian Lakes

AHI TRAVEL

August 19-28, 2020

From the high alpine splendor of St. Moritz, Switzerland, to the Italian lakes tucked into Italy’s Lombardy region — fall in love with two naturally beautiful, culturally distinct countries on this scenic 8-night journey. Spend 4 nights in St. Moritz, the mountain resort town loved by royals, celebrities and outdoor enthusiasts alike, and journey by train to the colorful Swiss town of Zuoz. Board the Bernina Express and gaze at dramatic vistas as you ride from snowy peaks to temperate Tirano in hours. Pass little Swiss villages on a drive to Tremezzo, sitting on the shores of Lake Como. Cruise to the quaint villages of Bellagio and Como, and see Leonardo da Vinci’s The Last Supper in Milan. Stroll through palace gardens in the Borromean Islands and learn cooking secrets at a family-owned restaurant. This engaging program includes first-class accommodations and an extensive meal plan including wine with dinner.

Starting at $3,695
Plus Air and VAT
Northern Serenade

GO NEXT/OCEANIA

August 29 – September 11, 2020

Take in the beauty of the northern reaches of Europe aboard Oceania Cruises’ Insignia. Depart for Iceland and arrive in Reykjavík, Iceland’s capital that blends maritime history, Nordic tradition and an effervescent modern edge. Sail to Tórshavn, and experience the beautiful fjords, farms and waterfalls before traveling to Lerwick, a cosmopolitan seaport town filled with rugged moors, lush valleys and petite Shetland ponies. In Haugesund, view a Viking settlement where you can see a reconstructed Viking farm. Spend the day in Kristiansand at the beach, indulging in upscale dining and shopping or strolling the old quarter, lined with charming wooden houses. Oslo, the next port, is a remarkable balance of stunning natural beauty and a thriving urban atmosphere. In Lysekil, saunter the waterfront promenades and hiking trails or explore the city’s maritime culture through its haute cuisine, informative aquariums and interactive island tours. Dine at one of the more than 15 Michelin-starred restaurants in Copenhagen before you travel to Lübeck, founding capital of the Hanseatic League and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Your journey will end in London, but first, cruise the Kiel Canal to Zeebrugge and meander through its narrow streets and bustling market or spend the day exploring Brussels and its famed Grand Palace.

Starting at $5,799
Air Included
Relics and Retreats

GO NEXT/OCEANIA

September 7-20, 2020

Begin your journey in Barcelona, a melting pot of Roman, Greek, Moorish and Catalan influences. Spend a day at sea aboard the luxurious Riviera before stopping at Valletta, a UNESCO World Heritage site brimming with history, culture and old-world beauty. Next, travel to Argostoli and discover the old town square and Koutavos Lagoon. In Kotor, wander the narrow streets and take in the Venetian architecture and 12th-century St. Tryphon Cathedral. Dubrovnik, the next stop, is an ancient walled city on the Dalmatian coast that retains its centuries-long allure. Stroll its pedestrian-only Old Town or stop into a snug café. Spend two days in Venice, the timeless city of piazzas and trattorias. Enjoy its world-class cuisine and charming old shops. Cruise to Corfu and relax along the idyllic coastline before sailing to Messina to see the Piazza del Duomo, which features the world’s largest astronomical clock and the Messina Cathedral. Your trip will conclude in Rome, but before that, wander the cobblestone streets in Sorrento or travel to visit the haunting ruins of Pompeii.
We begin our journey across the Alps in Venice, the home of Marco Polo, sampling an abundance of prosecco, cicchetti and Aperol Spritz. We continue into the Austrian Alps to visit one of Europe’s most natural valleys, where we will enjoy amazing scenery and homemade cooking surrounded by the beautiful Austrian Alps. Our trip will conclude at Oktoberfest, where we will celebrate at the biggest beer festival in the world!

Starting at $2,999
Plus Air

“Herbie O. takes care of every need of the travelers. We appreciate his attention to detail.”

~ Rhonda ’86 and Rob ’83 Putz
Immerse yourself in both ancient and modern Greek life on this 8-night adventure. Begin in Athens, where you’ll explore the Acropolis and gaze upon the classical beauty of the Parthenon. Embrace island life on Poros, one of the idyllic Saronic Islands, and stroll along the sparkling sea, whitewashed homes and neighborhood tavernas. Visit Epidaurus’ ancient theater, still in use today, and tour the ruins of Mycenae followed by lunch at a winery. Cruise to the car-free island of Hydra to visit the National Archives, and witness medieval Naflpio, perched on a rocky peninsula over the water. Discuss Greek life on Poros with locals over lunch, and learn about ancient Greece, the arts and more during enriching lectures with experts. This Greek odyssey features first-class accommodations, including 2 nights in Athens and 6 nights on Poros, as well as an extensive meal plan and wine with dinner. No single supplement.

September 17-26, 2020

Starting at $2,995
Plus Air and VAT
Since 1927, golf fans have flocked to see the USA vs. Europe Golf Championship. This biennial men’s golf competition featuring two teams of top players from Europe and the United States. The matches are played every two years, rotating between home courses in Europe and the United States. This event is known for its unrivaled golf setting for spectators, fans and players who travel to support and compete for their country. Join us when the United States plays to bring back the trophy at Wisconsin’s world-famous Whistling Straits Golf Course.

Even though we are not Aggies, we have been welcomed with open arms on so many trips and have loved the other travelers and enjoyed traveling with each group.”

~ James & Marjorie Waggoner
Fall Splendors of Canada and New England

GO NEXT/OCEANIA

September 26 – October 6, 2020

Begin your journey in New York and revel in the Big Apple’s world-class assortment of museums, theaters, restaurants and shops. Next, board Oceania Cruises’ Insignia and sail to Newport to see the famous Vanderbilt homes and The Breakers or visit the Castle Hill Lighthouse. Cruise through Cape Cod Canal and stop in Boston, one of America’s oldest and most influential cities. Spend the day shopping, taking in the scenic views and enjoying upscale dining. Experience the towering granite cliffs and rocky shoreline of Bar Harbor, a nature-lover’s paradise at the backdoor of Acadia National Park. In Saint John, wander through the streets lined with Victorian-style buildings or take a trip to see the Reversing Falls. Next, travel to Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia. Visit Citadel Hill or stroll the historic waterfront, an inviting scene for entertainment, restaurants and shops. Spend a day at sea and arrive in Sept-Îles, which boasts beaches, hiking trails and secluded hideaways. Take in the extraordinary wildlife of Saguenay’s unique fjord and its ecosystem that draws pods of visiting whales and seals. Montréal will be your final port, but before that, stop in Québec City, North America’s only walled city.

Starting at $4,199
Air Included
Romance of the Douro River

September 29 – October 10, 2020

The romantic Douro River meanders its way from Spain through northern Portugal, delivering a breathtaking landscape of sculpted hills, terraced vineyards and scenic splendor. Explore the historic river and its environs during a 7-night cruise on an exclusively chartered first-class ship. Before embarking, enjoy Lisbon and its highlights, including the Alfama neighborhood, a hillside maze of cobbled lanes and ancient landmarks. See the University of Coimbra, founded in 1290, and embark the ship in lively Porto, a colorful, historic town spread across the banks of the river. In Vila Real, taste local pastries and tour an 18th-century palace. Sip the region’s famous port wine at a traditional quinta on a drive along the Douro Wine Road. Enjoy pretty Lamego with its quintessential blue-and-white tiled staircase and elegant, sun-kissed Salamanca in Spain. This journey features a choice of included excursions and an extensive meal plan, plus a selection of complimentary beverages. No single supplement.

Starting at $3,995
Plus Air and Port Fee

~ David Loupot ’61
Hear the thrilling roar of hundreds of burners simultaneously igniting, turning the Balloon Fiesta Park into a remarkable site with hundreds of thousands of smiling, upturned faces, awestruck by the spectacular beauty of hot air balloons filling the big, blue New Mexico sky. Enjoy hotel accommodations and free time in Old Town Albuquerque, exploring museums, shops and galleries. Sit front and center at the Chasers’ Club hospitality patio for 2 morning and 1 evening sessions featuring Dawn Patrol and Evening Glow. Join us for special access to experience the world-renowned attraction—the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta!
Barcelona – Art, Culture and People

October 3-11, 2020

Fantastical architecture, ancient history, flavorful cuisine and the spirited Catalán culture are yours to enjoy on this 7-night adventure based in the seaside city of Barcelona. Feel time rewind as you meander through the Barri Gòtic, where medieval Barcelona flourished within Roman city walls. Delight in colorful Parc Güell and legendary Sagrada Família, both designed by celebrated architect Antoni Gaudí. Walk in the footsteps of avant-garde artist Pablo Picasso, who spent his formative years here. Immerse yourself in Catalán life as you stroll leafy boulevards and cook traditional dishes with a Catalán chef. In the nearby mountains at Montserrat, visit a Benedictine monastery tucked among the unusual rock formations, and sip cava, Spain’s sparkling wine, at a tasting in the Penedès region. Ideal for active travelers, this small-group program features first-class accommodations, exclusive lectures, and a generous meal plan, including wine with dinner.

Starting at $3,195
Plus Air and VAT
Medieval Sojourn

GO NEXT/OCEANIA

October 5-16, 2020

Encounter the history of the eastern Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises’ Marina. Begin in Barcelona, a thriving center of culture. From there, sail to Monte Carlo and take in the glamorous Monte Carlo Casino and the Circuit de Monaco, the site of the famed Grand Prix. In Rome, come face to face with history as you experience the ancient Roman Forum, the Colosseum, St. Peter’s Basilica and Michelangelo’s frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Explore Sorrento—stroll the seaside promenades and cobblestone streets or travel to see the legendary ruins of Pompeii. Next, stop in Santorini and see its breathtaking rock formations climbing from the volcanic floor. Near Kuşadası, discover the ruins of Ephesus, including the ruins of the Temple of Artemis—one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Before concluding your trip in Athens, sail to Mitilini—the “Garden of the Aegean”—and visit its ancient Roman theater and Byzantine castle.

Starting at $3,199
Air Included
Verona

October 9-17, 2020

Explore “fair Verona,” the Italian town made famous by Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet. Founded in the 1st century B.C., Verona has long been a favorite retreat for travelers, including Romans who rested here before crossing the Alps. Spend 7 nights at a first-class hotel and venture out to explore a family-owned winery in Valpolicella; admire beautiful Lake Garda, Italy’s largest lake; and sip grappa in the foothills of the Alps. In Vicenza, admire Palladio’s architectural genius and see the famous Teatro Olimpico. Zip to Venice on a high-speed train, cruise Venice’s Grand Canal and visit St. Mark’s Square, St. Mark’s Basilica and the Doge’s Palace. In Padua, see Italy’s largest town square; and Giotto’s famous Renaissance frescoes at Scrovegni Chapel. A visit to Villa Pisani, an opulent Venetian villa once home to Napoleon, rounds out the trip. This small-group journey includes an extensive meal plan including wine with dinner.

Starting at $3,395
Plus Air and VAT
Young Alumni
Having Craic in Ireland

CHECK:EUROPE

October 10-19, 2020

There are an estimated 13,000 pubs in Ireland, each hosting some of the friendliest people in the world. They’ll help you if you get lost, ask about your life and try to get acquainted with you. They’ll sometimes even tell you their life stories over a pint. First, we’ll discover Dublin and the origins of Guinness. Then we continue to Kilkenny Castle, kiss the Blarney Stone and relax near Killarney National Park. We’ll climb the Cliffs of Moher and stop in the city of Athlone to have a pint at the world’s oldest pub before we end our journey in Temple Bar.

“It was an amazing experience! I would highly recommend this trip to anyone!”

~ Tyler Wiatrek ’16

Starting at $1,699
Plus Air
Italy’s Amalfi Coast has been luring travelers, artists and romantics for centuries. Treat yourself to the region’s scenic splendor during a 7-night adventure based in cliff-side Sorrento, overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. Stroll flower-filled alleyways in the vertical village of Positano and enjoy a nautical perspective during a cruise to the lovely town of Amalfi. Witness life as it was in A.D. 79 on a tour of Herculaneum and Pompeii, frozen in time by the ash and mudflows of Mount Vesuvius. See Paestum’s fascinating Greek ruins and explore the medieval streets of Old Naples, including majestic churches, panoramic views and the National Archaeological Museum. Relish the region’s culinary heritage with an authentic Neapolitan pizza lunch and visit a family-owned farm to taste local olive oils and cheeses. Enjoy first-class accommodations, expert-led discussions and an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner on this small-group adventure.

Starting at $3,395
*Plus Air and VAT*
Explore the coastal cities of the eastern Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises’ Marina. Begin in Athens, one of the world’s oldest cities. Travel to Rhodes and spend the day admiring the idyllic scenery of the largest of the Dodecanese. In Kuşadası, lounge on the beach or escape to the nearby ruins of the city of Ephesus. Discover the dramatic seascapes of Santorini before cruising to Katakolon, a peaceful town with seaside cafés and galleries. Relax along the coastline of Corfu, a unique coastal city with a colonial-style old town, and then discover the walled medieval city of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage site that showcases narrow streets and a 12th-century cathedral. Your journey will end with 2 days in the timeless city of Venice, but before that, stop in Zadar and tour its majestic churches and museums, and stroll down its seaside promenade.
As Darwin described it, “A little world within itself,” where life-altering encounters with animals—curious, or sublimely indifferent to our presence—happen like nowhere else on Earth. Each island is diversely fascinating and magical. You’ll discover the islands and habitats of this legendary volcanic archipelago aboard our intimate expedition ship, the 96-guest National Geographic Endeavour II, waking each day to fresh adventures. We’ll use our onboard fleet of nimble Zodiacs and kayaks to explore natural wonders up close. Gain remarkable insights from our knowledgeable team. Hike among the wildlife; investigate the vibrant sea—snorkel, stand-up paddleboard, and swim daily with sea lions, sea turtles, and penguins; and capture these moments in your best photos ever with the help of our Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor. Our expert expedition team does what it takes to ensure an unforgettable experience.

Starting at $7,410
Plus Air
Hudson River Fall Foliage Cruise

AHI TRAVEL

October 23-30, 2020

Cruise the Hudson River during fall foliage season and embrace a warm, iconic American landscape that has inspired great writers, artists and naturalists. Enjoy a night on the island of Manhattan, tucked proudly between the Hudson and East rivers. Take a narrated tour of the city and pause at the World Trade Center Memorial. During your 7-night cruise aboard the American Star, customize your journey with a selection of optional excursions in Troy, Albany, Kingston, Hyde Park, Catskill, West Point and Sleepy Hollow. Choose to tour family homes turned museums, including the home of FDR, iconic landscape painter Thomas Cole, writer Washington Irving and more. Discover the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, examine the Erie Canal, or visit Vassar College’s art center to see ancient Chinese artifacts. Enjoy a first-class ship and generous meal and beverage plan, plus insightful lectures and discussions with experts and historians onboard.

Starting at $4,995
Plus Air and Port Fee
Polar Bears of Churchill

October 24-29, 2020

This is a special opportunity to witness one of nature’s greatest spectacles. As polar bears await the formation of arctic sea ice over the Hudson Bay to begin their hunt for ringed seals, they descend upon the tiny seaport town of Churchill and form one of the largest congregations of polar bears in the world. During this annual spectacle, it is possible to observe, photograph and learn about these “Kings of the North.” Much like the bears themselves, visitors make their way to Churchill each fall when temperatures drop, brimming with anticipation. The reward: an experience of a lifetime.

“Going with the Traveling Aggies is the way to go!”

~ Jim Ellison

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Plus Air
Voyage through Vietnam and Cambodia, where lush landscape and centuries-old culture are harmoniously linked, on this exceptional itinerary featuring 2 nights in Vietnam’s capital city of Hanoi, an intriguing blend of French and Asian heritage, a 7-night cruise from Haiphong to Saigon and 3 nights in Siem Reap to experience the magnificent temples of Angkor. Enjoy 5-star cruising aboard the exclusively chartered Le Lapérouse, which features the world’s first luxury underwater observatory. Cruise the serene and storied shores of Vietnam, exploring its most captivating treasures, from tranquil ancient pagodas to bustling sampan-filled harbors, and tour the jungle-fringed ruins of Cambodia, steeped in mystery yet also revealing testaments to religious, imperial and artistic traditions. Featuring 4 UNESCO World Heritage sites—beautiful Ha Long Bay, the Forbidden Purple City in Hué, ancient Hoi An and the famed Temple of Angkor Wat, this unique program is a spectacular blend of Southeast Asia’s ancient world and dynamic modernity for an incredible value. Hong Kong Pre-Program and Bangkok Post-Program Options in world-renowned, 5-star hotels.
Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding, India overflows with riches. Staying at excellent hotels, your small group travels the classic Golden Triangle: bustling Delhi; Agra, home of the sublime Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, great city of the Rajput. Start your 19-day tour in the Indian capital, touring Old Delhi and New Delhi. Experience 2 days at the exotic Pushkar Camel Fair with its camel trading, feasts and other exciting entertainment. Discovery of the “pink city” of Jaipur includes the stunning Hawa Mahal palace, Amber Fort and a home-hosted dinner with a Rajasthan family. Spend 2 nights at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve, then meet Meena tribespeople in pastoral Kalakho. Travel to Agra to visit the awe-inspiring Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Experience life along the sacred Ganges in Hinduism’s holiest city, Varanasi, and visit nearby Sarnath, one of Buddhism’s holiest sites. An optional 5-day/4-night post-tour extension to Nepal includes extensive sightseeing.
Holidays in New York
BEYOND GROUP TRAVEL

December 3-7, 2020

This 4-night program in New York City features accommodations, welcome cocktail reception, tickets to 3 Broadway shows, farewell cocktail reception and dinner on Sunday evening—a wonderful weekend celebrating the holiday season on full display.

“I had so much fun on our trip. Even though I am not an Aggie (I am at heart) I felt so welcomed by everyone. I can’t wait for my next experience.”

~ Kelsey West

Starting at $2,699
Plus Air
For over a century, the city of Pasadena has attracted visitors for America’s celebration of the new year with the Tournament of Roses Parade and Rose Bowl game. The Tournament of Roses Parade is a festival of flowers and music, watched in person by hundreds of thousands along the parade route each year. Join us in Los Angeles to get behind-the-scenes access to all the Rose Bowl Parade festivities and much more. Enjoy private float viewing, Los Angeles private tours, New Year’s lunch on the Hornblower Yacht, an option to enjoy the Rose Bowl game, and other popular Los Angeles activities over the New Year holiday.
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Jennifer graduated from Texas A&M in 1987 with a bachelor’s degree in animal science. She also received a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics in 1988. While working full-time on campus, Jennifer completed her master’s degree in higher education administration in 1994. She received her doctorate in the same field in 1998. Her dissertation was titled, “Occupational Progress and Career Planning of Former Football Players in the Newly Created Big 12 Conference.”

Jennifer joined the staff of The Association of Former Students in May 2001 as the director of Travel Programs. During her 18 years with the Traveling Aggies, she has visited 83 countries and hosted over 245 trips. In 2018, she traveled 200,000 miles and was on the road for over 233 days while hosting 16 trips with 424 traveling Aggies. Jennifer serves on the Executive Advisory Board for the National Educational Travel Community and the Oceania Cruises Advisory Council.

Amy Kiser was born and raised in West Tennessee before moving to Aggieland in 2011. She attended Middle Tennessee State University and Union University, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing. Amy previously worked in emergency/trauma nursing in Memphis, Nashville and Jackson, Tennessee, before joining the Traveling Aggies in February 2015. Amy is married to Scott and has one Aggie, Jake ’21, and two future Aggies, McKane and Milbrey.
Lauren is a native Texan and loves her hometown of Dallas, but also cherishes the memories she’s made around the world. Lauren has worked at The Association of Former Students since 2014, when she joined the team as a development student assistant. After graduating in December 2016, she made the transition to full time in her current position with the Traveling Aggies as the travel program assistant. Lauren loves new adventures and all things Aggie. She is excited to have this opportunity to facilitate world travel and learning.

Marisa Liles was born and raised in Aggieland before earning a bachelor’s degree from Texas Tech University in restaurant, hotel and institutional management in 2009.

Marisa previously worked for The Fairmont Dallas as a business and leisure sales coordinator prior to returning to College Station. She joined the Bryan-College Station Convention and Visitors Bureau in 2010 as a destination sales executive before becoming the director of conventions sales in 2012. While at the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Marisa assisted more than 200 planners and organizations in bringing conferences and events to the Brazos Valley.

Marisa joined the Traveling Aggies in March 2014. Her Aggie family includes her father, Ben Liles ’73; her brother, Benjamin Liles ’05; her sister-in-law, Lindy Liles ’04; and her aunt and uncle, Linda ’69 and Mike ’70 Reagan.
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