

Dear Parent (s),
 Congratulations on your student's upcoming graduation! Have you thought about a once-in-a-lifetime graduation gift for your Virginia Tech graduate? The Virginia Tech Alumni Association is pleased to announce, for our eleventh year, a celebratory summer tour of Europe designed for new Tech graduates. This comprehensive tour of Europe is designed for new graduates of Virginia Tech—a wonderful gift that continues your son or daughter's education long after school, offering the opportunity to visit Europe's must see destinations before settling down into a new job or graduate school.

They will travel in comfort and safety, accompanied by representatives of the AESU organization. In fact, group travel provides increased security, for there are no hardships or uncertainties, no going it alone! AESU's staff combines over thirty years of experience in travel. Your traveler will be aided by a private tour escort, private motorcoach driver, and several local city guides. With Virginia Tech and AESU, your son or daughter will be with their own "alumni family."

As you will see from the enclosed flyer, the Essential Europe is a great **value tour**. It offers:

- Fun, hassle-free travel with fellow Tech graduates.
- Insights into other people, places and cultures that will be a source of personal enrichment.
- Experiences that will broaden their world view and provide an advantage in today's global society.
- A vacation to remember and a reward for hard work.

Your son or daughter's education will not stop when they graduate from Virginia Tech. Education is a life-long process and travel offers unparalleled opportunities for hands-on learning. We hope that your graduate will be able to experience this great opportunity, see exciting destinations, learn more about our world, relax and unwind on a great holiday, and continue a strong relationship with Virginia Tech for Life.

I hope your son our daughter will be able to join us this summer for this amazing experience! Use the provided registration form to book early and reserve your space on this popular tour! I encourage you to use travel insurance being offered through the VT Alumni Association, www.alumni.vt.edu/travel/ insurance. Feel free to contact AESU at (800) 638-7640.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Tillar, Jr. '69
 Vice President for Alumni Relations

YOUR BASE LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 23 nights in superior tourist class hotels with private bath/shower, double occupancy
 - including overnight ship Italy-Greece (4 per cabin)
- ALL breakfasts [B]
- 11 three-course dinners [D] as per itinerary
- Private tour director for the entire duration of tour
- ALL scheduled sightseeing
 - Guided tours in London, Paris, Florence and Rome, Pompeii and Athens, led by a local historian
 - Seine River Cruise
 - Rhine River Cruise
 - Amsterdam Canal Cruise
 - ROMA-PASS (full access to public transport system, reduced admission to museums, music events, theater, etc.)
 - Admission to Colosseum & Forum, Pompeii and Acropolis
- Intra-European transportation by air-conditioned motorcoach
- ALL service charges and local taxes
- Luggage Tag and Travel Guides

For specific tour-related questions, please contact:
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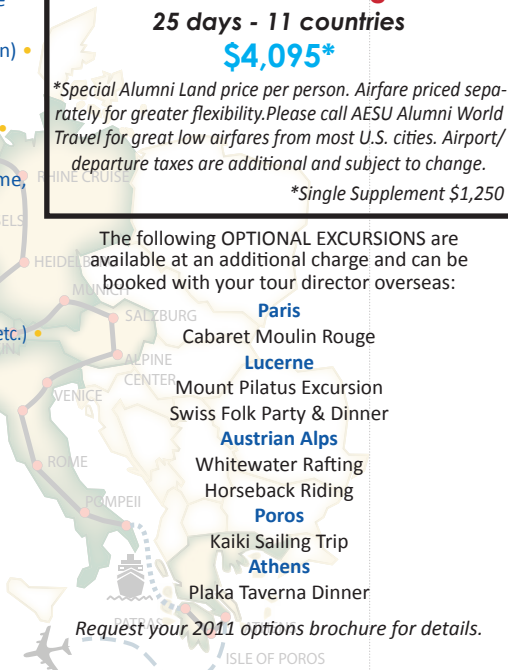
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**Single Supplement \$1,250*

The following OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS are available at an additional charge and can be booked with your tour director overseas:

- Paris**
Cabaret Moulin Rouge
- Lucerne**
Mount Pilatus Excursion
Swiss Folk Party & Dinner
- Austrian Alps**
Whitewater Rafting
Horseback Riding
- Poros**
Kaiki Sailing Trip
- Athens**
Plaka Taverna Dinner

Request your 2011 options brochure for details.



Essential EUROPE



Virginia Tech for life
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11th Annual Graduation Trip
May 21 - June 14, 2011

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DAY 1 TRAVEL TO LONDON

The Essential Europe begins with an overnight flight to “Merry Old England.” [In-flight meals]

DAY 2 LONDON

Enjoy a free afternoon to relax and unwind. In the evening we’ll have our welcome orientation followed by a fun London Pub Crawl and traditional dinner. [In-flight meals, D]

DAY 3 LONDON

Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and Piccadilly Circus: these familiar names become familiar places on our morning tour. Afternoon at leisure, take in the city’s monuments or embark on a Harrods’ shopping spree. Why not attend a West End theater show tonight? [B]

DAY 4 LONDON

Enjoy a day at leisure in London. Explore the British Museum, the National Gallery or the London Dungeons. After dusk, you may want to take in some Shakespeare at the Globe Theater by the Thames River. [B]

DAY 5 LONDON * ENGLISH CHANNEL * PARIS

Travel to southeast England today and board our ship to the continent. Motor through northern France and arrive in Paris, “City of Lights.” We’ll dine together at our French Bistro dinner, and then enjoy our romantic Seine River cruise. [B,D]

DAY 6 PARIS * *Optional Cabaret Show*

Morning tour of Paris, see the hunchback “Quasimodo’s” Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood, and the Eiffel Tower’s steel lacework. Free time in the afternoon – visit Mona Lisa at the Louvre Museum, or shop the chic boutiques of Paris. Consider joining our optional can-can Cabaret Show tonight. [B]

DAY 7 PARIS

A full day at leisure to browse at Left Bank bookstalls, have your portrait done by Place du Tertre artists or sample sinful French pastries. Your free evening may find you watching the world go by from a sidewalk café on the Champs Elysées. [B]

DAY 8 PARIS * BRUSSELS * AMSTERDAM

Motor to Belgium and Brussels, and see the Grand’ Place, a perfect medieval square and the statue of naughty Mennekin-Pis. Continue to Amsterdam and enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure. [B]

DAY 9 DUTCH COUNTRYSIDE

Go biking through 13th-century Dutch fishing villages along the IJssel Lake beaches today, watch wooden shoes being carved and sample Edam cheese at a cheese farm. Free time this afternoon in Amsterdam to tour the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum, or visit Anne Frank’s house. This evening we invite you on a boat cruise on the canals of Amsterdam followed by our Dutch-Indonesian “Rice Table” dinner. [B,D]

DAY 10 COLOGNE * RHINE RIVER CRUISE * HEIDELBERG

Cross the German border into Cologne, famous for the world’s largest Gothic cathedral. Embark on a cruise along the fabled Rhine River, passing steeply sloped vineyards, ancient castles, and the legendary Lorelei Rock. Continue to Heidelberg, the “City of the Student Prince” and climb to the ruins of the Castle of the Palatine Elector for a bird’s-eye view of the city and the Neckar River. [B]

DAY 11 BLACK FOREST * RHINE FALLS * SWISS ALPS

Journey south into the mysterious Black Forest. Stop deep in the forest, with free time to watch cuckoo clocks being made, enjoy lunch or try some delicious Black Forest cake. The Rhine Falls, Europe’s largest waterfall, comes into view as we cross the Swiss border. Our route through Zurich brings us to William Tell Country and the world-famous resort areas surrounding Lucerne. [B]

DAY 12 LUCERNE AREA * *Optional Mount Pilatus Excursion and Swiss Folklore Party & Dinner*

Roam the picturesque old town of Lucerne this morning and catch up on your Swiss watch and chocolate shopping. In the afternoon, consider taking an excursion up on one of the highest mountains in central Switzerland to enjoy panoramic Alpine views. Consider joining our optional Swiss Folklore party dinner tonight. [B]



DAY 13 LUCERNE * LIECHTENSTEIN * MUNICH

Drive to the tiny Principality of Liechtenstein, then on to the fun-filled Oktoberfest city of Munich. After our authentic Bavarian dinner check out the oompah-pah bands at the famous Hofbräuhaus. [B,D]

DAY 14 MUNICH * SALZBURG * ALPINE CENTER

This morning, we continue to Salzburg, Mozart’s birthplace and site where the classic movie, “Sound of Music” was filmed. Explore the narrow streets lined with colorful wrought iron signs and shops before we continue our journey to Europe’s largest alpine sports region. Be our pampered guest for two nights of fitness and fun while nestled in the snow-capped Austrian mountains at our Alpine Center. [B,D]

DAY 15 ALPINE CENTER * *Optional Horseback Riding and Whitewater Rafting*

All day today is at our leisure; go for a hike in the Alps, take a ride on horseback through alpine meadows or join the fun and excitement of whitewater rafting. A hearty Austrian dinner awaits after all that activity. [B,D]

DAY 16 AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT * VENICE, ITALY

The picturesque landscape of the Austrian Lake District brings us to sunny Italy’s Venice—“Sinking City in the Sea.” Walk to St. Mark’s Square, stop at a Murano glass-blowing workshop and watch famous Venetian glass being made. Consider a romantic gondola ride this evening gliding through the intricate maze of canals beneath arched bridges passing 12th and 18th-century marble palaces. [B]

DAY 17 VENICE * FLORENCE

Through the fertile Po Valley we approach Florence, Golden City of the Renaissance and birthplace of Michelangelo. Our Florence art tour includes the Gates of Paradise, the marble Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Giotto’s bell tower. Visit a Florentine leather workshop before free time for shopping and museums. Dinner will be traditional Florentine fare. [B,D]

DAY 18 FLORENCE * ROME

Travel past Chianti vineyards along the Highway of the Sun to the Eternal City of Rome. After check-in we have time to relax or explore baroque Rome: Stop to toss three coins in Trevi Fountain, see the Pantheon and sample the famous “gelati” ice cream at Piazza Navona. [B]

DAY 19 ROME * VATICAN CITY

Today’s city tour takes us to the Colosseum, where gladiators were thrown to the lions, and the historic ruins of Caesar’s Forum. Then on to Vatican City – the world’s smallest state. Visit St. Peter’s Basilica housing Michelangelo’s magnificent “Pieta.” Our dinner tonight is a mouth-watering Roman Banquet complete with Italian specialties. [B,D]

DAY 20 ROME * POMPEII * OVERNIGHT SHIP TO GREECE

Motor through sunny olive groves lining the way south to Pompeii, the city buried in 79 A.D. by 20 feet of ash and lava after Mt. Vesuvius’ volcanic eruption. Afterwards we cross the Italian “boot” and board our overnight ship to Greece. [B]

DAY 21, 22, 23 GREEK ISLAND CENTER * *Optional Kaiki Sailing Trip*

After cruising through aquamarine waters, our ship docks at Patras. Motor along the Corinthian Sea coastline across the Peloponnese peninsula to Galatas and the island of Poros. Relax with three days of living like a Greek god - swim, sunbathe, or take part in optional activities such as waterskiing, wakeboarding, parasailing, banana-boating or tubing. We invite everyone to our Farewell Toga Party on the last night. [B,D], [B,D], [B,D]

DAY 24 ATHENS * *Optional Greek Taverna Dinner*

In the morning we board our ferry to Athens. See the 2,400-year-old Parthenon, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Constitution Square. A free afternoon may find us wondering the paths of Plato, Socrates and Sophocles or trying our bargaining skills at the markets of Monastiraki. Enjoy a leisure evening in Athens or follow the sounds of traditional bouzouki music and join our optional Taverna dinner in the Plaka District – Athens’ oldest neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis. [B]

DAY 25 TRAVEL HOME

Reluctantly we say farewell to Europe and new-found friends. Jet back home with thoughts of planning the next European Adventure! [B, In-flight meals]

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BASE LAND PRICE
\$4,095 plus airfare*

*Special Alumni Land price per person. Airfare priced separately for greater flexibility. Please call AESU Alumni World Travel for great low airfares from most U.S. cities. Approximate round-trip airfare from Washington, D.C.: \$1,056 taxes not included.

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Passenger's Legal Name (as it appears on passport):

Title: _____

First name: _____

Middle name: _____

Last name: _____

☎ Home () _____

☎ Work () _____

☎ Cell () _____

e-mail: _____

Passport #: _____

(If passport information is not available at time of booking, please submit information before tour departure.)

Emergency contact/Name: _____

Mailing address: (WHERE ALL INVOICES AND FINAL DOCUMENTS ARE SENT)

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____

ZIP code: _____

Class year: _____

Date of birth: _____

Citizenship: _____

Gender: male female

Passport/Place of Issue: _____

Emergency contact/Phone: _____

Land arrangements:

\$4,095 per person based on two people sharing a twin or double room. I will room with _____

I will pay the single supplement of \$1250
If traveling as a single and not paying single supplement, AESU will arrange same-gender shared accommodation.

Air arrangements:

Please make round-trip flight reservations for me.
I am departing from (city) _____
(Discount airfares available from most US cities. Call AESU/Alumni World Travel @ 800.638.7640 for details. Airport/departure taxes are additional and subject to change.)

I will arrange my own flights to and from overseas.

I am paying by check.

Enclosed is my deposit of \$500 USD to secure my reservation.

Enclosed is my full payment of \$_____ per person.
(Make checks payable to AESU Alumni World Travel.)

Charge my deposit to:

- Mastercard Visa
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Card #: _____

Card ID: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Cardholder name: _____

Payment of deposit indicates that I have read and agree to all terms and conditions.

Reservations to be paid in full 90 days prior to departure. Reservations received after this date are subject to availability and must be accompanied by payment in full. A late booking fee of \$50 per person will apply if booking/payment is received less than 90 days prior departure. All prices reflect a cash discount. Payment of balance with credit card will result in a 4% processing fee. Airfare priced separately for greater flexibility. Please call AESU/Alumni World Travel 800-638-7640 for great airfares from most US cities.

Terms and Conditions

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$4-5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; portage; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

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