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Please direct alumni travel program questions to **umtravel@umn.edu** or **800-862-5867.** Visit **UMNAlumni.org/travel** for complete tour information. Dear Minnesota Alumni Travelers and Friends,

I am pleased to introduce our 2023 travel guide with both hope and optimism that we will be venturing about the world together more freely in the coming days.

Whether you are dreaming about big bucket list destinations or jaunts closer to home, I hope to see you on a Minnesota Alumni Travel program whenever you are ready. We have a great lineup of 50 destinations in 2023 and many great 2022 tours with space remaining.

Don't miss out on learning more about the tours that interest you—simply fill out the card at the center of this guide, mail it back to us in the postage-paid envelope, and we'll make sure you receive the full tour details once they become available. We also invite you to visit our website (UMNAlumni.org/travel) for upto-date tour details throughout the year. Please email umtravel@umn.edu or call (800)862-5867 with any travel questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Happy Traveling and Ski-U-Mah!

#### **Tour Safety Protocols and Cancellation Policies**

The safety and comfort of our travelers continues to be our top priority. To learn more about the safety protocols each of our tour providers employ, as well as their cancellation policies, please visit **UMNAlumni.org/toursafety**.

# WHAT OUR PAST TRAVELERS HAVE TO SAY...

"The cruise ship, Go Next, and everyone involved with planning and putting together excursions was fantastic. The trip was easy and relaxing."

David Moes
Mediterranean Pathways

"We enjoyed the village life aspect of getting to know and stay in one place, and going out on day trips. Also there was a nice blend of activities and opportunities for unstructured time."

Joan Freeberg
Village Life in Dordogne

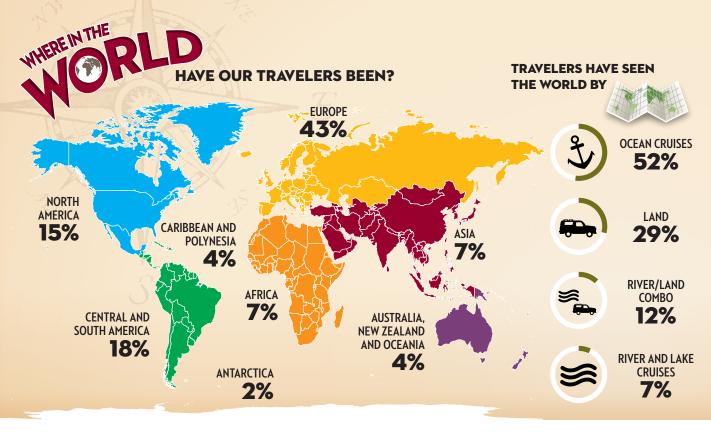
"The amount of time spent at each location as well as all the information communicated throughout the tour created a wonderful learning experience. The tour guides and tour facilitators were excellent!"

Larry Schmidt
Normandy, 75th Anniversary
of D-Day

"The guides were exceptional. They took care of every detail, and were able to answer any questions we had. We liked all the VIP treatment too! We felt our money was well spent touring through the U of M."

Sue Schwickert
Machu Picchu to the Galapagos

Details and pricing are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit UMNAlumni.org/travel



## JANUARY

**Expedition to Antarctica** 

January 4 - 17, 2023 • From \$9,995

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Cruise round-trip Ushuaia, Argentina, to Antarctica's Neumayer Channel, Port Lockroy, Wiencke Island, and Petermann Island. Walk on the continent after multiple landings. Enjoy guided excursions aboard Zodiac craft amid intricate ecosystems and abundant wildlife, including humpback whales, leopard seals and Adélie penguins. Spend two nights in the Five-Star InterContinental Buenos Aires Hotel and tour Argentina's vibrant capital city. Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option. **Gohagan & Company** 

## The Wolves and Wildlife of Yellowstone

January 7 - 14, 2023 • From \$4,995

Join us on an extraordinary winter wildlife expedition to Yellowstone–North America's best wolf-watching habitat. Dressed magnificently with frost and snow, and with visitors few and far between, experience an ecosystem when its beauty is more untouched than any other time of the year. Safari aboard custom vehicles with expert naturalists and learn about the animals, environment, hydrothermal activity, and history of the park. **Orbridge** 

#### Journey Through Vietnam 👩

January 28 - February 11, 2023 • From \$4,497

Encounter Vietnam's breathtaking natural beauty, abiding tradition, and profoundly hospitable people on this comprehensive 15-day journey from French-accented Hanoi and stunning Ha Long Bay to imperial Hue and charming Hoi An; from the Mekong Delta to Saigon. Discover amazing Angkor Wat and Phnom Penh with an optional 5-day/3-night post-tour extension. **Odysseys Unlimited** 

#### Kiwi and Aussie Explorer

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January 28 - February 13, 2023 • From \$6,649

Escape with us to the great down under on this 14-night journey through New Zealand and Australia aboard Oceania Cruises' *Regatta*. In Napier, sip local wine while getting a glimpse of Māori culture. Enjoy the beach in Timaru and cruise the Fjords of Milford Sound. Spend two days in Melbourne, where you can catch sight of kookaburras and wallabies. **Go Next** 

## FEBRUARY

#### Passage Through the Panama Canal and Costa Rica

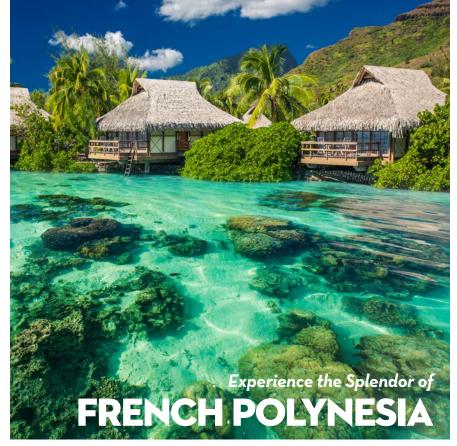
February 3 - 11, 2023 • From \$4,995

Spend one night in San José, Costa Rica, then cruise from the Costa Rican rainforest through the mighty locks of the Panama Canal. Explore the wonders of Costa Rica's Curú National Wildlife Refuge and Manuel Antonio National Park. Tour Panama City and experience a daylight passage through the awe-inspiring Panama Canal. San José Pre-Program and/or Panama City Post-Program options. **Gohagan & Company** 

## The Galapagos Islands 🕴 😂

February 18 - 25, 2023 • From \$4,995

Designated the first UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Galapagos Islands are home to a fascinating array of wildlife inhabiting an unspoiled ecosystem, living in harmony with their human visitors. Explore with us aboard the Isabela II, a 40-guest vessel with spacious cabins, local cuisine, and a staff dedicated to ensuring both your comfort and maximum enjoyment. **Orbridge** 



by Matthew McCabe

ocated 2,400 miles from Hawaii, 4,300 miles from Chile, and 3,000 miles from Australia, Tahiti is a tropical paradise isolated from the hustle and bustle of modern life. The largest and most populous, Tahiti is the gateway to the diverse splendor of the 118 islands of French Polynesia.

Tahiti's sister island, Mo'orea, is just a 45-minute boat ride west. Mo'orea is a lush, green diamond in the heart of the South Pacific, ideal for outdoor enthusiasts. Hiking, biking, and quad trails snake through its central jungles. Head up to Belvedere Point to view the towering 3,960-foot peak of Mount Tohivea and the two bays on Mo'orea's northern coast.

Raiatea and Bora Bora provide a chance to learn about Polynesian beliefs and explore under the sea. Raiatea is the ancient "center" of Polynesian life, with beautiful botanical gardens and the ancient Taputapuatea worship site, both begging to be explored. Famous with honeymooners, Bora Bora is surrounded by a lagoon and barrier reef, providing the best opportunities to snorkel, dive, kayak, and paddleboard.

Destinations like Fakarava and far-flung Nuku Hiva offer even more opportunities to explore. Fakarava is an unspoiled gem from an era before international tourism and modern life. Its massive lagoon is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve with natural splendor above and below the surface of the water. Nuku Hiva is sure to delight history buffs and cultural enthusiasts. Here, you can stand where Robert Lewis Stevenson once stood and see the island as he described in the first chapter of In the South Seas in 1896. By day, shop local markets, and by night, take in a Polynesian barbecue on the beach.

Visit French Polynesia with us on Tahitian Legends in April.

#### Mystical India



February 23-March 11, 2023 • From \$5,287

Mystical and spiritual, chaotic and confounding, India overflows with riches. Your small group travels the classic Golden Triangle - bustling Delhi; Agra, with its sublime Taj Mahal; and Jaipur, the "pink city"—searches for Bengal tigers at Ranthambore, and experience Varanasi's holiness. Absorb Nepal's beauty on an optional 6-day/4-night post-tour extension. Low single supplement cost. **Odysseys Unlimited** 

## MARCH

**Great Trains & Grand Canyons** 



March 12 - March 17, 2023 • From \$3,495

Every traveler should explore our own beautiful American West - and that is exactly what you will do on this exciting tour in Arizona. Featuring the scenery of Grand Canyon National Park & the red rocks of Sedona, the Native American history at the Montezuma Castle National Monument, the Old West nostalgia of two train rides and 5 nights at a picturesque property in Sedona. Premier World Discovery



March 19 - April 6, 2023 • From \$4,299

Join us for the adventure of a lifetime on an 18-night journey from Lima to Miami aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina. Cruise the Panama Canal, explore Mayan ruins in Costa Maya and swim the reef in Harvest Caye. The treasures of Guatemala await you in Santo Tomas. Relax on the beach in Roatan and discover Puerto Limon's incredible wildlife at Cahuita National Park. Go Next

#### **Japanese Immersion**



March 22 - April 2, 2023 • From \$5,199

Join us for a memorable exploration of Japan and South Korea for 10-nights aboard Oceania Cruises' Nautica. Experience Tokyo's neon wonderland. View the breathtaking temples and shrines of Japan's old imperial capital, Kyoto. Take a walk through the budding cherry blossoms and sample sushi at Shimizu's dockside fish market. Go Next

## APRIL

#### **Tahitian Legends**

April 6 - 16, 2023 • From \$4,699

Come with us to French Polynesia! This 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' Regatta is the perfect antidote to the winter doldrums. Snorkel in Papeete (Tahiti), canoe through the lagoon in Mo'orea, and watch for rare birds in Fakarava. See one of the world's tallest waterfalls in Nuku Hiva, take a glass-bottom boat ride in Rangiroa and sail a catamaran in Bora Bora. **Go Next** 

#### Apulia Undiscovered Italy



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April 12 - 20, 2023 • From \$3,295

Discover Apulia, Italy's rustic, sun-kissed southern region. From your base of Polignano a Mare, tour ancient villages, cerulean seaports and storied landmarks. Savor Mediterranean meals amid olive groves and family vineyards. From Locorotondo to Alberobello, Ostuni to Trani, you'll relish Apulia's charms, landmarks and heart-warming traditions. This small-group journey features a firstclass hotel and an extensive meal plan with wine at dinner. No single supplement! **AHI Travel** 

#### Sailing Through the Pillars of Hercules: Lisbon to Barcelona

April 12 - 21, 2023 • From \$5,395

Experience the Iberian Peninsula and Portugal's breathtaking Algarve coast by sail. Visit eight spectacular cities—Lisbon, Portimão, Seville, Gibraltar, Cartagena, Valencia, and Barcelona—with a call at the Moroccan port town of Tangier on the Strait of Gibraltar. Stand on the "Top of the Rock" in Gibraltar. Lisbon Pre-Program and/or Barcelona Post-Program Options. **Gohagan & Company** 

#### Charms of the South

April 17 - 25, 2023 • From \$2,199

Come aboard the American Countess for a memorable 7-night cruise up the Mississippi River with American Queen Voyages. Stroll the French Quarter in New Orleans and view the largest remaining historic mansion in the South. Take in the Museum of African American History and Culture in Natchez and absorb the history of the Mississippi and Civil War in Vicksburg and Greenville. **Go Next** 

## MAY

#### Kentucky Derby

May 3 - 7, 2023 • From \$3,699

Delight in the horse capital of the world with an exclusive Kentucky Derby experience in Lexington. Sit front and center for all the excitement on Derby Day, take in the sights, grandeur (and hats!!) at Churchill Downs. Enjoy downtown accommodations and special experiences including the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, working horse farm tours, Keeneland race track, and more! **Sports and Entertainment Travel** 

#### **Dutch Waterways**

May 4 - 12, 2023 • From \$3,195

Glide along picturesque waterways in the Netherlands and Belgium on a seven-night, first-class river cruise and delight in the Old-World ambience of Amsterdam, Bruges and Antwerp. Revel in a remarkable, once-ina-lifetime exhibition of Vermeer paintings, the breathtaking tulips of Keukenhof Gardens and a choice of included cultural and culinary experiences! No single supplement! **AHI Travel** 



## Southern Africa Odyssey

May 4 - 21, 2023 • From \$8,754

This extraordinary 18-day small group journey reveals the magnificence of four distinct Southern African nations, from Zimbabwe's spectacular Victoria Falls and Botswana's exceptional Chobe National Park to Namibia's massive dunes and storied coast and South Africa's beautiful Cape Town. Experience the extraordinary Kruger region with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension. **Odysseys Unlimited** 

#### Legendary Turkey May 5 - 19, 2023 • From \$4,992

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From Istanbul, magnificent "Empress of the World," to ancient ruins, stunning landscapes, and the dramatic Turquoise Coast, Turkey offers an unparalleled 15-day small group experience where east meets west. Discover ancient Konya and the unique Cappadocia region with an optional 5-day/4-night post-tour extension. Low single supplement cost. **Odysseys Unlimited** 





#### **Mediterranean Legacies**

May 10 - 22, 2023 • From \$4,199

Tour the classic treasures of the Mediterranean on this 11-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Riviera*. Access ancient vineyards and hilltop towns in Provence. Make a stop at the Blue Mosque in Istanbul and meander the spice markets. Try your hand at the famous Monte Carlo Casino. See the whimsical Leaning Tower of Pisa and fall in love with Rome. **Go Next** 

#### European Coastal Civilizations

May 20 - 29, 2023 • From \$5,695

Explore coastal Portugal, Spain, France and England and commemorate the historic D-Day landings. Special guest Dwight D. Eisenhower II, historian and grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, accompanies you to the hallowed beaches of Normandy. Visit the renowned wine country of Oporto, Santiago de Compostela, the iconic Guggenheim Museum and the impressive abbey of Mont-Saint-Michel. Lisbon Pre-Program and/or London Post-Program Options. **Gohagan & Company** 



#### JUNE

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#### **Trans-Atlantic Cruise**

June 1 - 12, 2023 • From \$5,200

Cruise across the northern Atlantic Ocean to Dublin, Ireland, featuring port calls at Bar Harbor, Maine; Shelburne, Nova Scotia, Canada; and the picturesque island of Newfoundland, accessible only by small ship. Arrive in County Cork, Ireland, at the port village of Ringaskiddy, continuing up to Dublin. New York Pre-Program and/or Dublin Post-Program Options. **Gohagan & Company** 

#### D-Day: The Invasion of Normandy and Liberation of France

June 2 - 8, 2023 • From \$4,695

Offering a full week of touring in Normandy, this unforgettable journey offers great value and features top guides, superior accommodations in prime locations, comprehensive dining, and exclusive access to sites unseen on other programs. This tour is for both the advanced and amateur historian in search of the most authentic experience of Normandy as it was in 1944. **National WWII Museum** 

#### Ancient Cities and Seaside Retreats

June 6 - 15, 2023 • From \$3,599

Traverse the magnificent Mediterranean on this 8-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Sirena* from Valletta to Venice. Explore the well-preserved ancient city of Ephesus as you walk where chariots roamed. Visit a winery in the beautiful whitewashed, hilltop towns in Santorini. Roam the streets of Venice and see breathtaking views of the city as you cross the Accademia Bridge. **Go Next** 



#### **British Isles Brilliance**

June 10 - 21, 2023 • From \$4,799

From London (Southampton) to Belfast, discover the legendary British Isles on this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Riviera*. See Scotland's castle-dotted Highlands and whisky distilleries and learn the legend of Loch Ness. Spot Shetland ponies and the remnants of Hadrian's Wall. Explore the UNESCO-listed Heart of Neolithic Orkney featuring the 5,000-year old Standing Stones of Stenness and more! **Go Next** 

#### Danube Delights with Prague



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June 21 - July 1, 2023 • From \$5,390

Experience the ultimate river cruise that touches Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary on this 7-night cruise aboard Emerald Cruises' *Emerald Dawn*. See Passau's soaring St. Stephen's Cathedral with the largest pipe organ in Europe. Tour Melk Abbey, an 18th-century monastery and spend two days exploring the wonders of Budapest. Also includes a 2-night pre-cruise program in Prague! **Go Next** 

## JULY

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#### Cruise the Rhine & Mosel Rivers: A Family Journey



July 3 - 14, 2023 • From \$4,695

Bask in breathtaking Swiss landscapes with your loved ones on a three-night, deluxe stay in Interlaken, then enjoy a sevennight, first-class cruise through France, Germany and the Netherlands! Delight in charming medieval towns, hilltop castles and a choice of included, family-friendly excursions in Interlaken, Strasbourg, Speyer, Heidelberg, Rüdesheim, Cologne and Amsterdam, plus onboard fun for the kids and teens. Open to ages 7+. No single supplement! **AHI Travel** 

#### Iceland and Scotland Adventure



July 8 - 21, 2023 • From \$5,099

Come with us on an unforgettable 12-night cruise through Belgium, Scotland, Denmark, and Iceland, aboard Oceania Cruises' *Riviera*! From London (Southampton) to Reykjavik, this tour is filled with gorgeous green coasts and iconic museums you don't want to miss. Explore the rich history of Edinburgh, visit the mysterious Faroe Islands and surround yourself with Icelandic folk culture in Akureyri and in Reykjavik. **Go Next** 

#### **Great Pacific Northwest**

July 9 - 17, 2023 • From \$3,899



Experience the beauty of the Pacific Northwest on this 7-night cruise aboard American Queen Voyages' American *Empress*, with an included 1-night stay in Vancouver, WA. Climb the Astoria Column in Astoria and see the power of the Bonneville Dam in Stevenson. Enjoy shops and cafes in downtown Richland and trace the path of Lewis and Clark in Clarkston. **Go Next** 

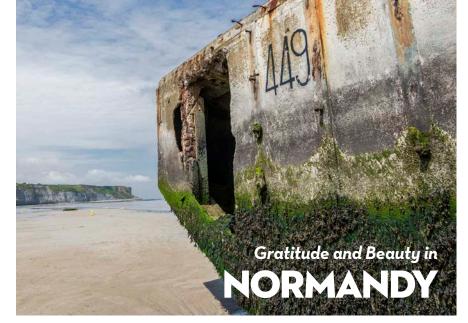
# Alaska's Glaciers and the Inside Passage



July 13 - 30, 2023 • From \$4,295

Discover the wonders of Elfin Cove, Ketchikan, Wrangell and Sitka on this exclusive expedition itinerary. Look for humpback whales at Point Adolphus and navigate inlets inaccessible to larger vessels for views of Alaska's spectacular scenery. Cruise Tracy Arm Fjord to majestic South Sawyer and Dawes Glaciers. Onboard naturalists provide lectures focused on local wildlife and landscapes. Vancouver Pre-Program and/or Denali/Fairbanks/ Anchorage Post-Program Options. **Gohagan & Company** 





#### by Audra Gerlach Ferrall

S tanding on Omaha Beach in low ocean to imagine the viewpoint of the young men charging from their Higgins boats in 1944 and soberly thought of the many who did not make it out of the water. And I became profoundly grateful that my grandfather, just 23 at the time, lived through the Normandy invasion—if he hadn't, I would not exist. The bravery of young soldiers

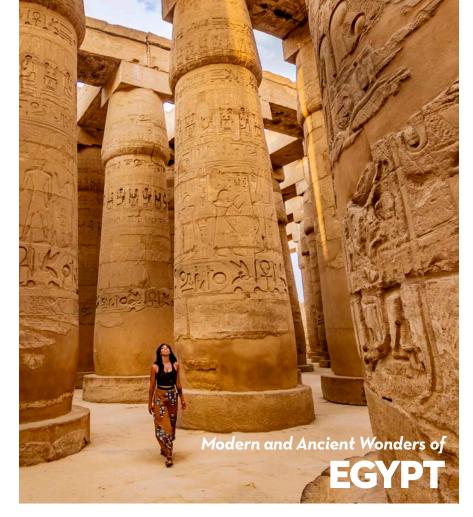


who waded onto Normandy's shores is astounding, even more so seeing the landing sites - huge guns, impenetrable concrete bunkers and even the natural cliffs imposing upon them as they fought to gain a foothold. Wandering the pristine, peaceful and tragically expansive Normandy American Cemetery I was overwhelmed again with gratitude for the lives given in defence of freedom.

Normandy houses many important WWII sites and museums; beyond these relatively recent events, there's deep history and plenty of natural beauty. Serene countryside, lush rolling hills where champion racehorses frolic, beautiful beaches and quaint villages with cobblestone streets and half-timbered buildings. It is understandable Monet, Rodin, Van Gogh and other Impressionists found a retreat from Paris and inspiration here the scenery and the light are very special.

Dial back a millennia at the Bayeux Tapestry and follow the story of the Norman Conquest of England in 1066 on a 230-foot medieval-era embroidery. Visit a lively street market to meet friendly residents and taste Calvados - an apple brandy the region is known for. Seafood dishes are a local specialty as well. Mont Saint Michel, which becomes an island at high tide and looks like a seashell spiraling up out of the water, is a stunning sight.

Visit Normandy with us: European Coastal Civilizations in May or on our D-Day tour in June.



#### by Kablia Thao

ike many, I have a list of destinations I have vowed to explore in this lifetime. For me, Egypt was one of those destinations and I could not have asked for a more incredible trip than Egypt and the Eternal Nile. The excitement of peering up at the towering statues in the temples of Abu Simbel, getting lost in the story of Horus and absorbing all the beautifully preserved colors inside the tombs in the Valley of the Kings. Some things you can be certain will be profound and expected on a bucket list trip. However, there are many things you will not be able to imagine until you experience them directly.

Arriving in Cairo, a city of 9.5 million, I was amazed at how the cars and people on the congested streets seemingly moved as if they were part of a river, all flowing together - chaotically and beautifully at the same time. Each knowing exactly the right amount of space to give or the perfect combination of honks to be able to cross multiple lanes of traffic. The endless rows of buildings in Cairo hover high above and it is as if the city expands up into the sky. You will be in awe of how all-encompassing Cairo seems. It is a stark contrast to the lush Aswan farms along the bank of the Nile River, but a welcomed and exciting contrast. There is something truly incredible about Egypt from the rich and intriguing ancient history to the lively people of the present day. Even now, two years after my trip, I still daydream and relive my memories of Egypt.

Visit Egypt with us on Egypt and the Eternal Nile in October.

#### AUGUST

#### Cotswold's Escape

August 3 – 11, 2023 • From \$3,695

Spend seven nights in Woodstock, and enjoy exploring honey-colored villages and colorful gardens. Stand beneath the towers of Oxford's storied university. Uncover the lives of Shakespeare and Sir Winston Churchill in Stratford-upon-Avon and Blenheim Palace. Visit picturesque villages, a family farm and Bath, filled with Georgian architecture. This small-group journey features a first-class hotel and an extensive meal plan. **AHI Travel** 

#### Norwegian Fjords & Midnight Sun



August 6 – 16, 2023 • From \$4,995

Treat yourself to an unforgettable, ninenight Norwegian adventure! Explore captivating Oslo, Bergen and far northern Tromsø. Discover sensational scenery, cultural treasures and life above the Arctic Circle on this first-class, small-group journey. Cruise along the breathtaking Aurlandsfjord, watch storybook landscapes unfold aboard mountain railways and experience the midnight sun phenomenon! **AHI Travel** 

#### Medieval Montage: Baltics and Scandinavia August 11 - 22, 2023 • From \$4.099



Join us for a voyage of discovery to Scandinavia and the Baltics on this 10-1

Scandinavia and the Baltics on this 10-night journey aboard Oceania Cruises' Marina. Hop on a historic train ride through the German countryside or see the Berlin Wall. See lovely Riga, "the Paris of the East," walk old Estonia's winding medieval lanes, spend two days in St. Petersburg and take in Helsinki's sleek modern architecture. **Go Next** 



#### **Enchanting Ireland**

August 17 - 29, 2023 • From \$6,192

From Dublin to Galway, Killarney to Kilkenny, this full yet well-paced 13-day tour showcases Ireland's many charms - old and new - to your small band of travelers. The Emerald Isle delights with magnificent scenery, abundant culture, and its people's warmth and hospitality. Experience Northern Ireland with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension. **Odysseys Unlimited** 

#### Trans-Siberian Railway

August 27 - September 9, 2023 • From \$9,995

Embark upon an unparalleled journey through history on this legendary network of rails. Enjoy modern amenities, comfortable lodging, and exciting excursions as you leisurely traverse two countries by private train during this epic adventure. Travel aboard the Tsar's Gold, to the Mongolian Alps to wonder at the majestic landscape and otherworldly rock formations. **Orbridge** 

#### SEPTEMBER

#### Village Life in Dordogne

September 7 - 15, 2023 • From \$3,995

Immerse yourself in the authentic provincial character of Dordogne in Sarlatla-Canéda, one of France's most beautiful and well-preserved medieval villages. Discover medieval castles and prehistoric treasures through specially arranged excursions to Rocamadour, Rouffignac and Lascaux. Enjoy the English-style Gardens of Eyrignac and a specially arranged gabare cruise on the Dordogne River. Bordeaux and Saint-Émilion Pre-Program and/or the Albi and Toulouse Post-Program Options. **Gohagan & Company** 

#### Tuscany ~ Lucca, Carrara and the Cinque Terre

September 16 - 24, 2023 • From \$3,395

From irresistible cuisine to cliffside villages and storied landmarks, discover the wonders of Tuscany during a seven-night stay in Lucca. Linger in Pisa, Carrara and the unforgettable Cinque Terre, sip wines at a countryside vineyard, and witness an Italian opera show! This small-group program features a first-class hotel and an extensive meal plan, complemented by wine with dinner. **AHI Travel** 

#### Autumn Vistas of Canada and New England

September 18 - 29, 2023 • From \$5,799

Sail the autumnal coasts of Canada and New England on this 11-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' newest ship, Vista. Try fresh-caught lobster in Boston, see the famous Reversing Falls in Saint John, participate in a fudge-making class in Sydney, and enjoy a performance at the Théâtre Palais Municipal in Saguenay. In Québec City, delight in high tea at the iconic Château Frontenac. **Go Next** 

#### **Exploring Iceland**

September 26 - October 6, 2023 • From \$5,497

Travel the breadth of an astonishing land on this 11-day small group tour. From the stunning Snaefellsnes Peninsula to wondrous Lake Mývatn and jaw-dropping Dettifoss waterfall, Iceland's many wonders are revealed before a two-night stay in sophisticated Reykjavik. Spend more time discovering Iceland's colorful capital with a 3-day/2-night post-tour extension. Low single supplement cost. **Odysseys Unlimited** 



## **OCTOBER**

#### Toronto to Vancouver by Rail October 3 - 9, 2023 • From \$5,995

Join this once-in-a-lifetime train trip across Canada—a small-group journey (26 guests) from Toronto, through the Canadian Rockies to the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy Prestige Class premium accommodations onboard VIA Rail's *The Canadian*, providing the perfect combination of modern and elegant cabins, private concierge service, delightful meals prepared by onboard chefs, all-inclusive bar service, and observation cars that allow for unobstructed viewing of Canada's great wilderness. **Orbridge** 

#### Exploring Australia and New Zealand



October 4 - 25, 2023 • From \$9,584

The Lands Down Under delight on this 22-day small group journey, from the spectacular Great Barrier Reef and the storied Outback to sophisticated Sydney; from towering Mt. Cook and breathtaking Milford Sound to high-spirited Queenstown and nautical Auckland. Enjoy additional time in Auckland with an optional 3 day/2night post-tour extension. Low single supplement cost. **Odysseys Unlimited** 

#### Across Spain and Portugal



October 6 - 22, 2023 • From \$5,874

This 17-day Iberian sojourn reveals a distinctive region's many treasures to your small group. Rugged Atlantic coastline and commanding Pyrenees peaks; Lisbon and vibrant Barcelona; splendid landscapes, fine art, and intimate lodgings in historic paradores and pousadas - it all awaits. Discover more of Barcelona with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension. Low single supplement cost. **Odysseys Unlimited** 



by Elizabeth Foy Larsen

Of course, Machu Picchu dazzles. Nestled in a ridge deep in the Peruvian Andes, this 15th century Inca citadel was "discovered" by the colonial world in 1911, when American explorer Hiram Bingham was led there by Melchor Arteaga, a local resident. Today, you can walk through the restored ruins: symmetrically-arranged buildings and plazas and temples that were built from white granite stones, which were so precisely arranged there was no need to bind them together with mortar.

The buildings are set against a stunning backdrop of mountains and dense foliage, which changes from lime to emerald to moss, depending on the angle of the sun. If you're lucky, you'll spot an Andean condor coasting above on an updraft.

While the scenery from the higher points is awe-inspiring, take time to savor the smaller views—especially those framed by the trapezoid-shaped windows in a temple that's named for them. These vistas are especially moving because you are able to experience this marvel on a more human scale and imagine a time when people lived in this mystical place. Archeologists have still not determined why Machu Picchu existed. Scientists are still working to excavate more of the site for clues.

If you still have juice in your legs—and don't suffer from a fear of heights—you can top off your visit with a hike up Huayna Picchu, which translates to "young peak" in Quechua. You may have to scramble up a few portions on your hands and feet, but you will be rewarded with an adventure that ends with unparalleled views of the citadel and the jagged peaks of the Andes.

Visit Machu Picchu with us: Wonders of Peru in October or add-on to our Galapagos trip in February.

#### Greek Isles and Turkish Riviera

October 23 - November 3, 2023 • From \$3,499

Bask in the beauty of authentic villages, pristine beaches, and ancient architecture on this 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' Sirena. Walk where chariots once roamed. Marvel at ancient architecture in Mytilene, Ephesus, and Rhodes. Savor the resplendent mountains of Limassol and the magnificent beaches of Agios Nikolaos (Crete) and Mykonos. **Go Next** 

#### Wonders of Peru

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October 26 - November 6, 2023 • From \$6,695

Delight in Peru's riches on this exciting, 10-night adventure! See Lima's grand colonial-era buildings and explore the impressive culture of the Incas while visiting Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley and Cusco. Marvel at abundant wildlife on a three-night luxury cruise in the Amazon rain forest. This active, smallgroup journey includes deluxe and firstclass hotels, round-trip air between Miami and Lima and two round-trip flights within Peru. **AHI Travel** 

#### Egypt and the Eternal Nile



October 30 - November 13, 2023 • From \$5,697

Accompanied by an expert Egyptian guide, this singular 15-day small group journey reveals antiquity's treasures in Cairo, then on a Lake Nasser cruise and a classic Nile voyage from Aswan to Luxor, before returning to Cairo. Discover fabled Petra, ancient Jerash, and Amman on an optional 5-day/4-night post-tour Jordan extension. Low single supplement cost. **Odysseys Unlimited** 



#### NOVEMBER

#### Macy's Thanksgiving **Day Parade**



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