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2024 TRAVEL GUIDE



Dear Minnesota Alumni Travelers and Friends,

I am excited to share our 2024 travel guide with you! With 51 amazing tours, I'm certain you'll find something to satisfy your wanderlust. And when you travel with Minnesota Alumni Travel and our trusted tour providers, you can be sure you'll be well-cared for, your itinerary will be crafted with educational, cultural and insider experiences in mind, and you'll have the University in common with your fellow travelers.

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 up-to-date tour details throughout the year or to view space remaining for 2023 tours.

Please email UMTravel@umn.edu or call (800)862-5867 with any travel questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

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*Tour prices listed are per person, assuming double occupancy. Solo travelers are welcome on all our tours, but the solo-friendly icon denotes tours with either no or low single supplement cost.



Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D-Day in 2024

In 2019, I was fortunate enough to host a group of alumni in Normandy for the 75th anniversary of D-Day on a profoundly meaningful and educational tour. In 2024, we'll offer a few carefully selected tours highlighting this important history. I hope you'll join us in remembering the 80th anniversary of D-Day whether in your own reflections or on one of our alumni tours.

—Audra



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1. **Great Destinations:** 50 tour destinations annually, including options on every continent
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JANUARY

Machu Picchu to the Galapagos



January 9-24, 2024 • From \$8,993

Encounter two of South America's greatest treasures on this 16-day small group tour, exploring Machu Picchu's enigmatic ruins and witnessing the fascinating Galapagos Islands' wonders on a four-night adventure. Further discoveries await in Lima, the Sacred Valley, Cuzco and Quito. Experience the Amazon rainforest with an exceptional four-day/four-night pre-tour option. **Odysseys Unlimited**

Antarctica Discovery



January 11- 22, 2024 • From \$10,995

Embark from Ushuaia, Argentina, and cruise through the Drake Passage to the South Shetland Islands amid the Antarctic Peninsula—exploring the dramatic landscapes and remarkable wildlife that call this continent home. Trek through penguin rookeries, observe vast flocks of seabirds, learn about Antarctic ice conditions and more. Your expedition vessel is the modern, 190-guest *Ocean Victory*, a nimble craft designed specifically for polar cruising. **Orbridge**

Tahiti and French Polynesia



January 16-26, 2024 • From \$6,295

Set sail for the idyllic islands and motus of French Polynesia. Enjoy unmatched small-ship sailing amid the emerald-green peaks, chalk-white atolls and beryl-blue lagoons of the Society Islands. Explore the South Pacific's unique history, culture and topography on Tahiti; Mo'orea; Ra'iatea; Taha'a; Bora Bora; and Huahine. Also included: two nights in the five-star Intercontinental Tahiti in Pape'ete and round-trip economy-class air from Los Angeles. **Gohagan & Company**

Bali, Singapore, Thailand & Angkor Wat



January 23 - February 7, 2024 • From \$5,495

From the lovely shores of Bali to modern Singapore, exciting Bangkok to legendary Angkor, this incredible journey reveals the best of Southeast Asia! Thrill to Bali's traditional culture, explore Singapore's diverse neighborhoods, cruise along Bangkok's legendary canals and explore the jungle-clad temples of Angkor. Enjoy first-class accommodations, an extensive meal plan and flights to Singapore, Bangkok and Siem Reap. **AHI Travel**



FEBRUARY

Maori Heritage



February 8-24, 2024 • From \$7,699

Escape to the great Down Under on this 16-night adventure through Australia and New Zealand aboard Oceania Cruises' *Regatta*. Experience colorful geysers, hot springs and Maori culture. Cruise along captivating fjords as craggy cliffs tower over you. Watch for kangaroos, sea lions and other exotic wildlife. Sip vintage wine at famous vineyards and adventure through an exhilarating mix of natural and urban wonders. **Go Next**



STUNNING NATURE AND BEAUTIFUL CULTURE OF BALI, INDONESIA

By Sarah Lempa

Bali might as well be the dictionary definition for “tropical paradise.” I’m talking postcard-worthy waters, powdery shorelines, and thick jungles teeming with wildlife. From the soaring cliffs of Uluwatu to the verdant jungles of Ubud, Bali holds an impressive series of jaw-dropping landscapes just waiting to be explored.

Upon arrival, all my senses were met with something completely new. Motorbikes whizzed about the winding roads of Denpasar, the island’s main hub, where international arrivals are welcomed warmly. The fragrant scents of Balinese incense and balmy tropical heat wafted through the air. And the towering volcanoes, strikingly green rice fields, and more beaches than one could possibly explore in one trip? Well, let’s just say there are endless reasons to rave about Bali’s scenery.

It’s the warmth and culture of the people of Indonesia, however, that sets this destination apart. I’ve exchanged countless smiles and laughs that transcend language barriers; friendliness is something you’ll find in abundance in Bali. The island is rich in tradition, between religious customs of Balinese-Hinduism and ancient history that remains a part of modern life.

Alongside jungle walks and beach days, you can dive deep into Balinese culture by visiting ancient temples, sampling all the divine flavors of Indonesian cuisine, and checking out cultural events. It’s hard to pick favorite sights among so many to choose from—but Uluwatu Temple, situated on a gigantic cliff overlooking the ocean, is a formidable place to start.

Even after years of coming and going from Bali, I’ve still got dozens of things to check off on my “must see” list. Save your appetite for some Indonesian satay, and by all means, pack your swimwear.

■ Visit Bali with us: *Bali, Singapore, Thailand & Angkor Wat* in January

Angkor Wat and Vietnam by Sea

February 21- March 6, 2024 •
From \$7,395



This exceptional itinerary includes a cruise from Haiphong to Saigon, two nights in Hanoi, and three nights in Siem Reap. Featuring guest speakers Kim Phuc, famously photographed as a child in 1972 Vietnam, and Jim Laurie, a TV news correspondent during the Vietnam War, this unique program encompasses the breadth of Vietnamese history and culture paired with the imperial and artistic traditions of Cambodia.

Gohagan & Company

Taste of the Caribbean and Panama Canal

February 26 - March 7, 2024 •
From \$3,299



Explore beautiful pieces of history while enjoying pristine beaches along the Panama Canal and Caribbean Sea for 10 nights aboard Oceania Cruises’ *Sirena*. Travel through a modern marvel—the Panama Canal, relax on the beautiful white beaches of Santa Marta while viewing the white-peaked Sierra Nevada or explore the ocean world with a scuba diving excursion in the Cayman Islands. **Go Next**

MARCH

Hawaii Three Island Adventure

March 12-20, 2024 • From \$6,075



Discover the “Paradise of the Pacific” on this tour featuring Oahu, The Big Island and Maui. Start with a tour of Honolulu and Pearl Harbor, spend time on the Big Island learning about the unique geological and cultural landscapes found at Volcanoes National Park and continue to Maui for more spectacular sights of majestic waterfalls, and lush tropical foliage. **Premier World Discovery**



Finland ~ Arctic Magnificence



March 31- April 8, 2024 • From \$4,495

Embrace Finland's majestic beauty and Nordic charm on this active journey! Explore vibrant Helsinki and indulge in the quintessentially Finnish tradition of a rejuvenating sauna. In northern Lapland, gaze at the awe-inspiring Northern Lights from your glass-domed cabin, plus enjoy a snowshoe trek by moonlight and a fast-paced dogsled ride. You'll also tour the splendid old town of Tallinn, Estonia!

AHI Travel

"It was an enjoyable experience... as most of us were near the same age and had many of the same college experiences."

– Lawrence
Adriatic & Aegean Array

APRIL

The Masters



April 10-13, 2024 • From \$6,499

Stay in historic Savannah and play the Club at Savannah Harbor, designed by Robert Cupp and Sam Snead. Head to Augusta National for Friday at the Masters to see who will advance for the chance to don the green jacket. This specialty tour offers the perfect combination of golf, relaxation, southern charm and the opportunity to be a part of the historic tournament that is the Masters.

Sports and Entertainment Travel

The Charm of the Amalfi Coast



April 10-18, 2024 • From \$3,895

Your Italian daydreams will come to life on this handcrafted, small-group journey along the Amalfi Coast! Enjoy seven nights in Sorrento, venturing out to the special towns of Ravello, Amalfi and Positano. Unravel history during excursions to Pompeii, Herculaneum and Paestum, visit a rural farm and experience bustling Naples. Plus, tuck into delicious local dishes and engage with the region's welcoming locals.

AHI Travel

Through the Pillars of Hercules: Lisbon to Barcelona



April 10-19, 2024 • From \$5,595

Trace the cultural legacy of the most-storied civilization of the Middle Ages on this spectacular five-star cruise aboard the four-masted sailing yacht, *Wind Star*, featuring the Iberian Peninsula and Portugal's breathtaking Algarve coast. Visit 10 spectacular cities—Lisbon; Portimão; Seville; Gibraltar; Tangier; Malaga; Granada; Valencia; Tarragona; and Barcelona—with excursions at every port.

Gohagan & Company

Normandy ~ France



April 13-21, 2024 • From \$3,995

Immerse yourself in Normandy's remarkable history and enchanting beauty on this first-class journey based in the captivating port town of Honfleur. Explore Omaha and Utah Beach and other renowned D-Day sites during the 80th anniversary year of this crucial operation. Take in stunning Mont-Saint-Michel, the Bayeux Tapestry and enjoy a wine tasting and lunch at a 10th-century castle. No single supplement! **AHI Travel**



MAY

Pearls of Dalmatia



May 4-18, 2024 • From \$5,684

Absorb Croatia's remarkable history and unspoiled Dalmatian coastline on this captivating 15-day journey. As your small group travels from Zagreb to beloved Dubrovnik, see why this cherished region lays a claim on the hearts of all who visit. Highlights include: scenic Lake Bled, Plitvice Lakes National Park and Diocletian's Palace. Discover the Balkan gem of Montenegro with an optional four-day/three-night post-tour extension.

Odysseys Unlimited

Easy Company: England to the Eagle's Nest



May 6-18, 2024 • From \$7,999

The HBO miniseries *Band of Brothers* tells the legendary story of Easy Company, the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne. Now, you can follow in their footsteps from England, through the hedgerows of Normandy, down Hell's Highway, through the last line of defense at Bastogne, all the way to Hitler's Eagle's Nest. Hear the incredible stories of heroism and triumph on this very special tour where you'll be accompanied by an original cast member from the miniseries.

The National WWII Museum

South Africa Spotlight



May 9-21, 2024 • From \$4,999

Experience one of the world's most riveting wildlife destinations on this 10-night cruise through South Africa aboard Oceania Cruises' *Nautica*. Embark in Cape Town and see the flat-topped Table Mountain in the distance as you set sail for Walvis Bay. Encounter the small-town charm and dip your toes in the pristine sands of local beaches in Port Elizabeth. **Go Next**

Southwest National Parks

May 15-23, 2024 • From \$4,995

Travel to Grand Canyon National Park for awe-inspiring views from the park's rim. Admire the beauty of light striking Antelope Canyon's narrow sandstone walls. Share a peaceful evening with Navajo storytellers, and ponder cultures past and present at a petroglyph site during a river raft ride down Glen Canyon. Continue to Utah where you'll spend time at Bryce Canyon and Zion National Parks. **Orbridge**

Marvelous Mediterranean

May 15-25, 2024 • From \$3,699

From Barcelona to Rome—say goodbye to the mundane on this captivating 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Sirena*. Sample paella in Valencia and visit the astonishing City of Arts and Sciences. Feel the sand between your toes on a gorgeous Saint-Tropez beach. Wander the Tuscan hills and sip world-class wines in an ancient Italian wine cellar in Livorno. **Go Next**

Scottish Isles and the Norwegian Fjords

May 24 - June 1, 2024 • From \$5,795

Trace the legacies of Viking and Celtic clans on this extraordinary voyage across the misty peaks of Scotland and the pristine natural beauty of Norway's mighty fjords. Cruise into ports accessible only by small ship. Discover the Orkney Islands' Neolithic history, featuring a special presentation on the Ness of Brodgar by archaeologist Nick Card. Enjoy a specially arranged ride on Norway's legendary Flåm Railway. **Gohagan & Company**

JUNE

Celtic Lands

June 4 - 14, 2024 • From \$6,995

Discover the legacy of the Celts in Scotland, Ireland, Wales and France on this carefully curated itinerary. Enjoy two full-day excursions to the historic D-Day beaches of Normandy—each accompanied by acclaimed historians Dwight David Eisenhower II and Allen Packwood OBE, in Cherbourg, France. Continue your cruise to Dublin, Ireland; Wales, and onward to the Isles of Iona and Tobermory before concluding in Glasgow, Scotland. **Gohagan & Company**

"I enjoyed the camaraderie that developed among the group. Couldn't have found a nicer group of people."

— Colleen
Machu Picchu to the Galapagos

Historical Baseball Tour

June 2024 DATES TBA • From \$4,599

Join us on this historical baseball experience that takes a deep dive into the historical aspects of America's favorite pastime. We will visit two historical baseball parks in Yankee Stadium and Fenway Park. Including behind the scenes access, live game action and a private tour of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, this tour won't disappoint. **Sports and Entertainment Travel**

Coastal Gems of the Emerald Isle

June 9-21, 2024 • From \$5,295

Discover Ireland's sensational coastal landscapes, from the western Wild Atlantic Way to northern County Donegal's pristine scenery on this small-group adventure. Marvel at windswept sea cliffs and Giant's Causeway, plus stroll through Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Watch sheepdogs herding a flock, listen to a traditional storyteller and taste classic dishes on a culinary tour! First-class hotels, including a castle estate, complete your travel experience. **AHI Travel**

Greek & Turkish Delights

June 12-19, 2024 • From \$4,199

Immerse yourself in the history and culture of Greece and Turkey. Be among the first to sail Oceania Cruises' new ship, *Vista*, on this cruise from Athens to Istanbul. Behold breathtaking Santorini and enjoy pristine beaches in Rhodes. Dive into traditional Turkish culture on the turquoise coast, and in Kusadasi view the ruins of one of the most preserved ancient cities in the world. **Go Next**

Discover Southeast Alaska

June 21-28, 2024 • From \$4,995

Join us for a summertime expedition through some of nature's more secluded landscapes as we discover the remote inner reaches of Alaska's Inside Passage aboard the 76-guest *Chichagof Dream*. Enjoy the agility and flexibility of small-ship travel, up-close encounters with wildlife, stunning scenery, cultural experiences and the guidance of two expert naturalists including an Orbridge Expedition Leader. **Orbridge**

The Great Journey Through Europe

June 30 - July 11, 2024 • From \$4,295

Journey through the Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland, cruising the Moselle and Rhine rivers. Spend two nights each in Lucerne and Zermatt. Ride aboard three legendary railways—the Gornergrat Bahn for views of the Matterhorn; the Glacier Express from Zermatt to Andermatt; and the Pilatus Railway, the world's steepest cogwheel railway. Also enjoy a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne. **Gohagan & Company**



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

JULY

Cape Cod & The Islands



July 13-19, 2024 • From \$3,775

Enjoy your first night in exciting Boston and then head out for 5 nights at one hotel on 'The Cape' to experience its beauty and history. Visit mansion-filled Newport, Provincetown and ferry to the two most scenic and famous Islands off 'The Cape', Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket. Enjoy a visit to Plimoth Plantation, a re-creation of the Pilgrim's 1627 village.

Premier World Discovery

Great Pacific Northwest



July 21-29, 2024 • From \$4,799

Captivating history and mesmerizing scenery unfold in the majestic Pacific Northwest on this adventure aboard American Queen Voyages' *American Empress*®, with an included one-night stay in Vancouver, WA. Climb the Astoria Column, see the power of the Bonneville Dam and learn about gold mining history in The Dalles. Stroll through downtown Richland and trace the path of Lewis and Clark in Clarkston. **Go Next**

Princes & Promenades



July 23- August 4, 2024 • From \$4,799

Step into a fairytale on this 12-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Nautica*. From Stockholm to Dublin explore storied castles, medieval quarters and UNESCO-listed World Heritage sites. Spend time in Finland, Estonia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, England and Ireland and go behind the scenes in some of the world's most fascinating towns. **Go Next**

Discover the Canadian Rockies by Rail



July 31 - August 6, 2024 • From \$5,995

Join us for a well-paced sojourn through Canada's glorious Rocky Mountains—highlighted by two days traveling aboard the Rocky Mountaineer in GoldLeaf Service—with visits to the stunning areas of Lake Louise and Banff. Enjoy a guided tour through Yoho National Park and leisure time to explore Banff National Park as well as three nights at the magnificent Rimrock Resort Hotel in Banff. **Orbridge**



EXPERIENCE THE BREATHTAKING COLORS OF CURACAO

by Matthew McCabe

No visit to the Dutch Caribbean is complete without a stop in Willemstad. The capital of Curacao, Willemstad is home to a rich combination of Spanish, Dutch, and Creole culture. Beyond the brilliant pastels of the Dutch Colonial architecture, this gem of a city has a lot to offer visitors.

Willemstad: Punda and Otrobanda

Willemstad consists of two distinct districts: Punda and Otrobanda. The Otrobanda district is home to countless shops, restaurants, and bars. When you need a break for food, Otrobanda is where you want to be. From here, you can look across St. Anna Bay at Punda's distinctive Dutch Colonial waterfront, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Queen Emma Bridge spans St. Anna Bay, linking the Otrobanda and Punda districts.

This floating pontoon bridge, built in 1888, swings open to permit maritime traffic to pass. On the Punda side, you can visit the Handelskade, Willemstad's famous floating market offering fresh produce and fish. If you're looking to bring home authentic trinkets, the shops in the Punda district offer a great alternative to the typical tourist shop. Don't forget to visit the Mikve Israel-Emanuel Synagogue too. Built in 1732, it is the oldest Jewish temple in continuous use in the New World.

Too Many Beaches to Count

Curacao is known for its beaches and diving sites, from the coral reefs at Blauwbaai to the rehabilitated reefs at Playa Porto Mari. Shete Boka National Park has the famous Boka Tabla, a sheer cliff where massive waves crash ashore. Tides permitting, you can see these waves from an underground cavern while enjoying natural relief from the island's heat and humidity.

■ Visit Curacao with us: *Taste of the Caribbean and Panama Canal* in February



CROATIA CALLING

by Elizabeth Foy Larsen

If your definition of paradise does not include vineyards that glow gold in the late afternoon sun, lapis-colored waves spilling over white pebble beaches, and walled cities that contain centuries of stories, Croatia is not for you. Thankfully, for the rest of us, this country of four million people on the Dalmatian Coast has held on to its abundant charms throughout the stresses of the centuries, including the more recent breakup of the former Yugoslavia and the Croatian War of Independence, which was fought between 1991 and 1995.

While the islands deservedly hog the raves, and charming Dubrovnik is famous as the fictional setting for King's Landing in "Game of Thrones," a visit to Split is also a must, if only to marvel at wonders of Diocletian's Palace. Built by the Roman Emperor Diocletian at the turn of the 4th Century AD as his retirement compound, it's a UNESCO World Heritage site. With seven acres of Corinthian columns, a Romanesque belfry, and even a black granite sphinx, it's an architect's dream.

But there's also plenty to take in on a more human scale. Step down into the cellar and look up. Those holes are antiquity's plumbing; it turns out that the piles and piles and piles of human feces and other trash actually preserved the rooms until, in 1968, a team led by the Town Planning Institute of Dalmatia and our very own University of Minnesota embarked on an excavation process that would last until 1975.

Today, the palace is part of the city and is home to fashion boutiques, gourmet restaurants, and even apartments and hotels. It's a lively scene—it feels more like a nightclub when the sun goes down. But it's also a testament to the durability of the classics.

■ Visit Croatia with us: *Pearls of Dalmatia* in May or *Hadrian's Italian Homecoming* in October

AUGUST

Irish Emeralds

August 4-14, 2024 • From \$4,799



Join us as we explore the gorgeous green coasts of Ireland on a 10-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Nautica*. Visit Waterford—a 1,110-year-old Viking town, Cork—the culinary capital of Ireland and Bantry Bay, a region where whiskey distilleries, fishing villages and Irish pubs uphold the nation's strong traditions. Venture to the countryside of Galway and take in the dramatic Cliffs of Moher.

Go Next

Southern Africa Odyssey

August 8-25, 2024 • From \$8,854



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 four-day/three-night post-tour extension.

Odysseys Unlimited

Grand Danube Passage

August 9-24, 2024 • From \$5,895



Experience Europe from a new vantage point on this unforgettable Grand Danube Passage! Visit eight countries, including stays in Sofia, Bulgaria, and Prague, Czech Republic, and a nine-night Danube cruise. Gain insight into each destination's history, cuisine, soul-stirring landmarks and architecture. Plus, personalize your journey with a selection of included excursions. No single supplement!

AHI Travel

"This was a fabulous trip. Our tour guide Reda was out of this world and our host, Sara, was very helpful."

— Sara

Egypt and the Eternal Nile



A Vikings Crossing

August 24- September 11, 2024 •
From \$6,999

Travel the lands of the Vikings on this 18-night cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Nautica* from Edinburgh to Boston. Enjoy the ambience of Grundarfjordur's serene waterfalls and unique views like Kirkjufell or "church mountain." Tour a maritime museum or fish along the bay in Isafjordur. Surround yourself with Icelandic folk culture in Akureyri. Enjoy time in the mysterious Faroe Islands. **Go Next**



SEPTEMBER

Northern Lights and the Wildlife of Northern Manitoba

September 6-11, 2024 • From \$7,395

Venture with us into the vast Canadian north—a remote tundra teeming with glacial landforms, boreal forest and beautiful wilderness—accessible only by plane or boat. The destination: a supremely outfitted lodge that will be home base amidst days filled with wildlife spotting, outdoor adventures and evenings featuring delicious dinners followed by opportunities to watch for the northern lights. **Orbridge**



North American Waterways

September 6-18, 2024 • From \$6,099

Relax along majestic waterways from Chicago to Montreal as you spend 14 nights aboard American Queen Voyages' *Ocean Voyager*™. Travel back in time on Mackinac Island and take a ride on a horse-drawn carriage. Visit one of the oldest cities in America, Sault Ste. Marie, splash around Niagara Falls, snap photos from Toronto's CN Tower and explore Cleveland's rock music history. **Go Next**



Exploring Iceland

September 7-17, 2024 • From \$6,292

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 three-day/two-night post-tour extension. **Odysseys Unlimited**



Exploring Australia & New Zealand

September 7-28, 2024 • From \$10,084

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 three-day/two-night post-tour extension. **Odysseys Unlimited**



Delightful Douro with Lisbon

September 12-21, 2024 • From \$6,990

Discover vibrant culture, turquoise waters and sun-drenched vineyards as you sail through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Douro Valley on this seven-night cruise aboard Emerald Cruises' *Emerald Radiance*. Experience the magic of Lisbon during an included two-night pre-cruise program featuring a visit to the Belem Monumental Quarter, the Jeronimos Monastery and a stop at the Belem gardens. **Go Next**



Village Life Around the Italian Lakes

September 21-29, 2024 • From \$3,495

Northern Italy's fabled Lake District beckons with its shimmering glacial waters, soaring Alpine peaks and bijou towns. Visit Bellagio; Villa del Balbianello; Stresa; Isola Bella; San Giulio; and Sacro Monte di Orta, a UNESCO World Heritage site. In Milan, visit the Duomo and Teatro alla Scala, and enjoy a specially arranged viewing of Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*. **Gohagan & Company**



OCTOBER

Pacific Paradise

October 2-16, 2024 • From \$4,999

Escape to the Pacific on a 13-night cruise from San Diego to San Jose aboard American Queen Voyages' *Ocean Victory*. Search for migrating gray whales in the sparkling blue waters of Cabo San Lucas. In La Paz, find your wild side and swim with whale sharks, explore Manzanillo's quaint old-town plaza or join an eco-tour to see a waterfall or volcano. **Go Next**



"The variety of accommodations, experiences, food and adventures was remarkable. Our guides were professional, knowledgeable and used humor frequently making the tour a lot of fun."

— Nancy,
Treasures of Thailand





DIVE INTO THE LAND DOWN UNDER IN SYDNEY

By Sarah Lempa

Taking in Sydney in a jetlagged haze, I got instant validation. I knew right off the bat flying 20-something hours had been worth it. Pristine beaches with billowy blue waves, big city delights, and a fascinating mix of cultures – the capital of New South Wales holds some of Australia’s most iconic sights. And if you’re anything like me, you’ll forget all about the long flight once you take a gander at your surroundings.

Sydney offers a taste of classic Aussie life enmeshed with a dazzling, world-class metropolis. The Sydney Opera House really is as cool in real life as it is in photos. The weather is dreamy. And the people? They’re a wonderful mix of both Aussie and international, yielding a fusion of exciting culture.

As much as I adore the city streets, it was the surrounding nature that ultimately had me say ‘Oh yeah, I’ll be back.’ Travel 20 minutes east from Sydney’s central business district and you’ll find Bondi, Bronte, and Coogee beaches: Three sparklingly clean, well-loved shorelines. One hour west of Sydney, the oh-so stunning Blue Mountains make up a rugged landscape fit for a postcard.

Spoiled for choice, I bounced between leafy neighborhoods and soft-sand beaches. The food scene is top-notch – ranging from fragrant coffee shops to high-end restaurants, global fare, and al fresco spots. If anything, the only issue you’ll have is deciding where and what to eat.

Combine all that – and then some – with the charm and hospitality of Australians, and you’ve got an unforgettable trip combination. It’s been a few years since my time in Australia, and I still find myself dreaming about those long, adventurous days spent under the sun.

■ Visit Sydney with us: *Maori Heritage* in February or *Exploring Australia & New Zealand* in September

Hadrian’s Italian Homecoming



October 3-13, 2024 • From \$4,599

Discover must-see Mediterranean destinations on this 10-night cruise from Barcelona to Venice aboard Oceania Cruises’ *Vista*. Sip specialty Menorcan wine as you embark in Barcelona. Glide down the famous Grand Corniche and try your hand at the Monte Carlo Casino. Take a tuk-tuk ride around the Bay of Kotor or go local in Split and cook some coastal cuisine with Croatian villagers. **Go Next**

Basque Country ~ Spain & France



October 5-13, 2024 • From \$3,595

Revel in a seven-night, first-class adventure across Basque Spain and France from your home base in beautiful San Sebastián, Spain’s culinary capital. Discover the chic beach resort of Biarritz and explore French Basque culture in St-Jean-de-Luz, Espelette and Bayonne. In Spain, savor a delicious dinner and conversation with local Basques, tour the Bilbao Guggenheim and stroll the streets of Hemingway’s Pamplona! **AHI Travel**

Classic Greece & Turkey



October 20-30, 2024 • From \$4,699

Immerse yourself in the history and culture of Greece and Turkey on this 10-night cruise from Athens to Istanbul aboard Oceania Cruises’ *Vista*. Visit the Minoan Palace of Knossos in Heraklion—the capital of Crete. Witness gorgeous groves of olives, oranges, and lemons in Limassol. Stroll the beautiful beaches of Miramaris and meander the grand spice markets in Istanbul. **Go Next**

“The tours were well organized. Plenty of free time to explore on your own. Fantastic experience!!”

– Josephine
Portrait of Italy

Egypt & The Eternal Nile



October 25-November 8, 2024 •
From \$5,897

Accompanied by an expert Egyptian guide, this singular 15-day small group journey reveals antiquity's treasures in Cairo, including the Great Pyramids, Sphinx, Memphis and Sakkara. We explore the ancient sites further 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 five-day/four-night post-tour Jordan extension. **Odysseys Unlimited**

NOVEMBER

Cruising Patagonia's Glaciers and the Chilean Fjords



November 2-13, 2024 • From \$6,995

Our unique expedition begins in Santiago, Chile, on an itinerary that takes you in the path of legendary explorers Captain Robert FitzRoy and Charles Darwin through the Strait of Magellan, Beagle Channel, Glacier Alley and Wulaia Bay. Enhance your voyage with the Easter Island Pre-Program and/or the Buenos Aires & Iguazú Falls Post-Program options. **Gohagan & Company**



Insider's Japan



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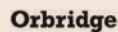
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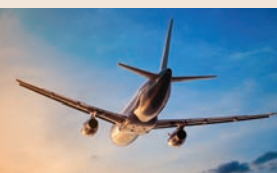


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