



EURO EXPLORER: AMSTERDAM & LONDON

YOUNG ALUMNI TRIP

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Land package:
From \$1,595



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Dear Young Alumni & Friends:



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Join the University of Alabama Alumni Association on this exciting 7-day journey and explore London and Amsterdam in the company of like-minded Alabama grads and alumni.

From the winding canals, beautiful streetscapes and incredible museums of Amsterdam to the majestic Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and river Thames in London, discover what makes people fall in love with these two incomparable cities.

In small teams discover each city on a treasure hunt using hand-held tablets, featuring Google maps. On this fun yet competitive sightseeing tour, track competing teams, answer questions, complete tasks and challenges that will be activated when you and your group are in a particular location. This hands-on experience will leave you with facts and stories that will be remembered for a lifetime.

Participate in optional activities or plan your free time with new friends. The program offers a great balance of planned and educational activities and time for independent exploration, time to relax, and create an adventure all your own.

We hope you will be able to join us for this amazing experience! Book early to reserve your space on this very popular tour. Book your journey on-line at www.alumniworldtravel.com/2018/UA.html or please contact us at 205-348-1553 or email mtrabucco@alumni.ua.edu.

We look forward to having you travel with us.

Sincerely,

Jamie Burke
Alumni Tour Coordinator
The University of Alabama

WHAT DO I GET



COVERAGE

When you book your grad trip with us the necessities of travel are taken care of

These include:

SUPERIOR TOURIST CLASS HOTELS
ALL LAND TRANSPORTATION
DAILY BREAKFAST
SPECIAL CULTURAL DINNERS
KNOWLEDGABLE TOUR DIRECTOR
MUSEUM PASSES & CITY CARDS

(See more in the inclusions on page 4)

EDUCATIONAL & ADVENTUROUS

Whether you can't wait to immerse yourself in the beautiful historic sight of Westminster Abbey and exploring the Van Gogh Museum or you prefer to get the behind-the-scenes look into the Heineken Brewery and the magic of Harry Potter, this tour provides a beautiful balance of historical education and complete sensory and cultural immersion into the vivacious life of every city visited.

THE VERDICT?

Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime to explore the places you have been dreaming of or reading about in books. Make some new best friends from around the world and create memories that will keep this journey alive forever.

It's not rocket science, group travel is a safer way to explore the world. This trip provides you with an exciting approach to learning and taking in all the history and culture around you.

Open your mind, see the world and have the most fun you've ever had.

GO - EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS!

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7 DAYS

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ABOUT THE TRIP:

From the winding canals, quaint streetscapes and world-class museums of Amsterdam to the majestic Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and the river Thames in London, discover these two amazing cities in a unique way. By competing in fun, high-tech GPS scavenger hunts that take us off the beaten path, we will learn fascinating historical facts and visit interesting landmarks. Customize this journey with optional experiences such as a bike ride in the Dutch countryside. Harry Potter fans may consider a tour of the studio where the movie magic began. Secrets will be revealed. Join the adventure!

HIGHLIGHTS:

Welcome group orientation with private tour director * Dutch-Indonesian rice table welcome dinner * Scavenger hunts in London and Amsterdam with hand-held tablets * 3-day 'I amsterdam city card' providing free access to many museums and attractions PLUS a canal boat ride * High speed trains * 2-day London pass with access to many tours, museums and attractions, including fast track entry, hop-on hop-off sightseeing bus tour and unlimited use of public transportation * Farewell fish & chips dinner and much more....

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

(Not included in package price)

Amsterdam:

Heineken experience - There is something exceptional about the taste of the world's best beers and certainly Heineken pilsner belongs to this group. The brewery was established in Amsterdam in 1864 and today Heineken is a huge multinational company, one of the three largest beer producers in the world. You will learn the history of the Heineken family, find out how the logo has evolved, and follow the brewing process from water all the way through to bottling. Enjoy a tasting session at the end of the tour.

Dutch countryside excursion - Let the good times roll on an optional bike ride through 13th century Dutch fishing villages along the IJssel Lake beaches. See windmills, watch wooden shoes being carved, and sample Edam cheese at a quaint cheese farm. The cost includes round-trip transfer by private motor coach, bike rental, and Edam cheese sampling.

London:

The making of Harry Potter - Now the doors are open for everyone at the studio where it first began. On this optional excursion, you'll have the chance to go behind-the-scenes to see detailed sets, costumes, props and animatronics. Warner Bros. Studio Tour London provides a unique showcase of the extraordinary British artistry, technology and talent that went into making the most successful film series of all time.

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



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 5 nights at superior tourist hotels or better, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower
- Daily continental breakfast
- Welcome group orientation with private tour director
- Dutch-Indonesian rice table welcome dinner in Amsterdam
- Fish 'n Chips farewell dinner in London
- Airport transfers with purchase of AESU group airfare
- 2nd class rail ticket from Amsterdam to London via Brussels including EUROSTAR from Brussels to London
- Interactive group city tours with hand-held tablets in Amsterdam & London
- 3-day 'I amsterdam city card' (including free entry to many of Amsterdam's museums and attractions, free canal cruise, unlimited use of public transportation, additional discounts, city map)
- 2-day London Pass (including unlimited travel across Central London, free entry to over 60 attractions, tours and museums, fast track entry, Hop-On Hop-Off sightseeing bus tour, guidebook)
- Airport/rail station transfers by private motor-coach as per itinerary
- City sights via travel cards

PLUS:

- Private tour director for the entire duration of the land tour
- All scheduled sightseeing
- All ground transportation by private motor coach, train or public transportation via travel cards, as per itinerary
- All service charges and local taxes

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DAY 1 TRAVEL TO AMSTERDAM

Our adventure begins as we depart by overnight flight to the “city below sea level” – Amsterdam.

Meals: In-flight

DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

We are in for a real treat in the land of windmills and tulips. The included ‘I amsterdam city card’ will provide access to public transportation and free admission to select sights and excursions. This afternoon, consider joining an optional visit to the Heineken museum in its former brewery featuring a sensational interactive tour and samples of their perfectly frothed brews. The city is known for its sparkling nightlife and famous flower markets and our welcome dinner will be a traditional Dutch-Indonesian rice table.

Meals: In-flight, Welcome dinner

Optional activity: Heineken experience

DAY 3 AMSTERDAM

The city streets of Amsterdam are our playground as we explore, learn and compete in our unique, interactive Euro Explorer event. Armed with our tablet as the tour guide, we work together in small groups to locate hotspots, answer questions and earn points. Along the way we delve into historical happenings, identify famous people and places and discover fun facts—interactive learning and entertainment at its best! After lunch, use the ‘I amsterdam city card’ and visit one of the included sights.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 AMSTERDAM

Our ‘I amsterdam city card’ may find us admiring the Dutch capital gliding through some of the 165 romantic canals aboard a glass-topped canal boat. In almost every corner of the city one can bump into a masterpiece. From Rembrandt’s Night Watch, to the world’s largest collection of Vincent Van Gogh, to the many Golden Age treasures at the Rijksmuseum, there is much to discover. Let the good times roll on an optional bike ride through 13th century Dutch fishing villages along the IJssel Lake beaches. Watch wooden shoes being carved and sample Edam cheese at a cheese farm before returning to Amsterdam for an evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Optional activity: Dutch countryside excursion

DAY 5 AMSTERDAM TO LONDON

Enjoy the train ride that takes us via Brussels to London in just about 4 hours. After check-in, we collect our team members and tablet, then get out and explore London on this next scavenger

hunt. We meet the challenges that stretch grey matter and get our group thinking creatively to win this challenge. At the end of this second hunt we will evaluate talents and honor those with the best hunting skills. This evening join us on a pub crawl.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 LONDON

Take advantage of the included 2-day London pass with free transportation and access to many of London’s famous museums. The travelcard includes travel on all London Underground, Buses, Trams and more. Skip the lines with fast track entry and see some of the city’s top attractions, such as the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Shakespeare’s Globe Theater, and the Churchill War Rooms—just for starters. People the world-over, both young and old, have been enchanted by the story of Harry Potter for over a decade. Now the doors are open for everyone at the studio where it first began. On this optional excursion, we have the chance to go behind-the-scenes to see detailed sets, costumes, props and animatronics. Warner Bros. Studio Tour London provides a unique showcase of the extraordinary British artistry, technology and talent that went into making the most successful film series of all time. Our farewell evening includes a dinner of traditional “fish ‘n chips” as you share the good times one last time before saying goodbye to new friends.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Optional activity: The making of Harry Potter

DAY 7 TRAVEL HOME

Our land tour ends with breakfast this morning. Europe’s scenic vistas melt into the distance as we head for home.

Meals: Breakfast, In-flight

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BEFORE YOU GO

HOW DO I BOOK?

Booking your trip is easy! To make your reservation click the "CHECK AVAILABILITY" button on any trip page to book your trip online, or you can call us at 1.800-638-7640 if you have any questions.

DO I NEED A PASSPORT? A VISA?

Travel to EUROPE: If you are an American or Canadian citizen, you only need a Passport. The easiest way to get a passport is through your local post office, County Court House, or Passport Agency. When applying, be sure to take with you: your genuine birth certificate, which includes the registrar's signature and a raised seal; two recent photographs that are 2" x 2", full face view, black/white or color; and ID, like your Driver's License. You may need a Visa for our tours if you are not an American or Canadian citizen. If you are a citizen of another country, you must contact the appropriate consulates for each nation on the itinerary; and you must obtain these visas on your own.

Travel BEYOND Europe: Check on Visa requirements (incl. American or Canadian citizens) with the respective consulate or embassy. Some countries may charge for a tourist visa on entry or a departure tax on leaving the country.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I NEED?

We recommend \$50-\$80 per day, depending on your spending habits. That money covers items of a personal nature, laundry, beverages with meals (except for coffee/tea at breakfast, water at dinner, and occasionally a glass of wine), meals not included on tour, and expenses for free-time activities (metro tickets, taxis, entrance fees). This amount does not include money for souvenir/gift shopping. We strongly recommend bringing a credit card (Visa, American Express, and Mastercard are the most widely accepted) as well as an ATM card. Check with your bank prior to departure to ensure your ATM card is usable overseas.

SHOULD I PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE?

We highly recommend travel insurance. (Some schools or alumni associations may offer travel insurance to you at a reduced rate.) If not, AESU also offers group travel insurance. Ask our reservations agent for details or click on this link: <https://www.mthross.com/index.php/consumer/portal/AESU3922MD>

HOW MUCH LUGGAGE SHOULD I TAKE?

Due to limited space on the tour motor coach, you may only bring ONE suitcase and ONE carry-on. Limit your suitcase size to no larger than 29" x 20" x 10" and your carry-on to no larger than 8" x 16" x 21". Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Keep in mind that throughout the duration of the tour, you are responsible for your own luggage, so do not pack more than you can carry. Laundry facilities are available in major cities.

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

The easiest way to make your tour stressful is to over pack! See more details in Planning & Packing section on your trip's Toolbox pages. Download our suggested packing list.

WHAT ABOUT PACKING DOCUMENTS?

Never pack your passport! Always keep it with you. The same goes for cash and credit cards. Pack 2 extra passport photos if possible (in the event that you misplace your passport); photo copies of your passport's personal data pages, your flight itinerary and e-ticket information; a listing of your credit card; and copies of any personal IDs. This info will be extremely valuable should you lose any actual documents. Always keep actual documents on your person, and never in your checked suitcase.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP

WHAT ARE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?

European trips: We stay in superior tourist class hotels, 3-star or 4-star, all with private bath/shower. Our hotels have been especially selected for their European atmosphere, friendly hospitality, cleanliness and location. TOUR ROOMING POLICY: AESU & AESU Alumni World Travel Graduation tours: All rates based on per/person 2-share basis. Two persons booking together as roommates receive a 2-share room. Solo travelers will be accommodated in a 2-share room, depending on availability. This share basis means, if you travel on your own, you do NOT have to pay a single supplement.* AESU special tours & AESU Alumni World Travel Young Alumni tours: If you are traveling alone and do not want a single room, we will attempt to arrange for a 2-share room. If this is not possible, we will make arrangements for a single room and charge the applicable single supplement. The overnight ship from Italy to Greece offers 4-share cabins. Some tour companies offer budget programs that stay in remote cabin campsites utilizing sleeping bags or occasional hotels with 4 or more sharing a room with no bath. We do NOT believe that this is the best way to spend a night in Europe. You'll be furnished a complete hotel address list with your final documents. Properties are subject to change and any substitutions would be the equivalent of those listed. *Single supplement only applies if single accommodations are requested. Independent hotel reservations, certain special tours always apply a single supplement. Please check your itinerary and also see roommate question regarding Young Alumni Programs.

I DON'T HAVE A ROOMMATE, WHAT DO I DO?

European trips: Going solo is not a problem with AESU. Many of our participants don't have a travel companion when booking a trip. If you're traveling alone, we will arrange for you to share a room (same gender) at NO EXTRA COST. Our hotels are superior tourist class, ALL with private bath/shower. Usual accommodations are two sharing a room, however, if you prefer to stay in a single room, our reservations agent can make arrangements for a single at the applicable single supplement rate. (See above regarding exceptions.)

I KNOW SOME MEALS ARE INCLUDED, BUT WHAT ABOUT SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS?

Tours include breakfast daily, lunches & dinner as per itinerary. If you are a vegetarian, or have special dietary needs, please inform your tour director as soon as you arrive. All included meals are pre-paid, so a substitute meal is always up to the goodwill of the establishment. We cannot guarantee that all special requests will be granted, but, in the past, most restaurants have been cooperative. Please keep in mind that substitute meals may not be as varied as they are at home.

DO I NEED ANY VACCINATIONS?

Check with your doctor or the CDC (www.cdc.gov/travel) to find out if vaccinations are required. If you suffer from any form of illness, be sure to have an adequate supply of medicines before departing on your trip. You must advise us of any important medical condition you may have, before departure.

DOES AESU SUPPORT ECO TRAVEL?

Every traveler shares a common responsibility to preserve our planet's environment and respect its people. AESU enthusiastically endorses ASTA's 10 Commandments, which effectively reaffirm that responsibility. Let's live by these Commandments, to ensure our world's beauty is preserved for our generation and for generations to come. Thank you for the opportunity to travel together and to discover our remarkable world in a responsible manner. Over a decade ago AESU founded "TRAVEL FOR GOOD" — many years before large travel companies became active in environmental travel.

Link to US State Department Travel Website
<http://travel.state.gov/content/travel/english.html>

FOR MORE FAQ'S VISIT OUR WEBSITE

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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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; airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY EUROPE: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$300, cancellation between 60-31 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 30-16 days 40%. Cancellation within 16 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. **AIRFARES** are highly restrictive, **NON-REFUNDABLE**, **NON-ENDORSABLE** and **NON-TRANSFERABLE** once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory. **PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.**

AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 2:00 p.m. on program start date. **FLIGHT DELAYS – ALL AIRPORTS:** In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airfare, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond AESU's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. Trip cancellation insurance should be purchased by the individual traveler in the event cancellation of the tour is compelled by circumstances beyond our control. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, AESU's liability shall be limited to a FULL REFUND of all payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. AESU reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com.

