

Dear UCSB Senior,

As you start thinking about graduation, the UCSB Alumni Association's Gaucho Getaways travel program invites you to participate in our summer tour of Europe. "Essential Europe", our 12th annual graduation tour is designed especially for UCSB seniors and your friends. With its extensive inclusions compared to similar offerings, this comprehensive trip provides the opportunity to visit Europe's "must-see" destinations before you settle into graduate school or a new job. It is also a great balance of planned activities and time for independent exploration, allowing you to visit the sites most important to you.

This exclusive UCSB departure is 27 days in length and traverses: England, Belgium, Netherlands, France, Liechtenstein, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Vatican City, Italy and Greece. From the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace to the antiquities and beaches of Greece, you'll make friends and memories of a lifetime. You can also opt for the shorter 22 day program which ends in Rome.

"Get a chance to see more during this trip than you would doing Europe any other way...and you get to know a lot of amazing people in the process...it's the best way to go...this trip makes the traveling process very easy and enjoyable, without the worries of wondering if you have caught the right train/bus...sit back and truly enjoy everything around you." Dariann Lucarelli, UCSB traveler.

The price for the land portion includes hotels, included meals, transportation by air conditioned motor coach, ferry transfers, all scheduled sites and admissions per the itinerary, priceless memories, a great learning experience, a lot of fun and much more!

Air has been priced separately to allow you to use frequent flier miles, or to book your own independent pre- or post-trip extension. Assistance with booking air can be provided as well.

I hope you will be able to join us this summer for this amazing experience! If you have questions, please contact Gaucho Getaways at 805-893-4611 or gaucho.getaways@ia.ucsb.edu. Don't miss out! Please return your reservation form promptly to reserve space on this trip.

Warmest Regards,

  
Susan Goodale '86  
Gaucho Getaways Coordinator

*Our travel program is a benefit of membership in the UCSB Alumni Association and a service to our members. We require that all participants be current members. Please call for more details.*

#### OUR LAND PACKAGE INCLUDES:

##### 22-day base package:

- 20 nights in select tourist class hotels with private bath/shower, double occupancy
- ALL breakfasts served European Continental style [B]
- 9 three-course specialty dinners [D]
- Guided tours in London, Paris, Florence and Rome led by a local guide
- Rhine River Cruise
- Amsterdam Canal Cruise
- 2-day Museum Pass in Paris
- Swiss Folklore Show & Dinner
- Guided tour of the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence
- Admission to Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence, Colosseum & Forum as part of ROMA pass
- ROMA-Pass (full access to public transport system, reduced admission to museums, music events, theatre, etc.)

##### 5-day Greece extension

- 5 nights in select tourist class hotels with private bath/shower, double occupancy in Southern Italy & Greece:
  - including 1 overnight ship from Italy to Greece (4 per cabin)
- All breakfasts [B]
- 4 three-course specialty dinners [D] and 1 lunch [L] as indicated in the itinerary
- Guided tours in Pompeii & Athens led by a local guide
- Admission to Pompeii & Acropolis
- Private tour director for the entire duration of the tour
- All scheduled sightseeing
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- All service charges and local taxes
- Luggage tags and travel guides
- Plus included bonus highlights

**BASE LAND PRICE**  
**\$3,943 plus airfare\***  
**ADD \$855 for optional 5-day extension**

\*Special Alumni Land price per person. Airfare priced separately for greater flexibility. Please call AESU Alumni World Travel 800-638-7640 for great low airfares from most U.S. cities.

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
- Austrian Alps**  
Whitewater Rafting  
Wind Surfing
- Munich**  
Dachau Excursion
- Florence**  
Chianti Excursion  
Tuscan Feast
- Poros**  
Kaiki Sailing Trip

Request your 2011 options brochure for details.

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact:

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Santa Barbara, CA 93106-1102  
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## 12th Annual Graduation Trip

**June 28- July 19, 2011**

**\*extended tour ends July 24**



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**DAY 1 TRAVEL TO LONDON**

Your Essential Europe trip begins with an overnight flight to “Merry Old England.” [In-flight Meals]



**DAY 2 LONDON**

Explore London on your own this afternoon. Attend our welcome orientation, pub crawl and dinner tonight. [In-flight meals, D]

**DAY 3 LONDON**

Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, and Piccadilly Circus: these familiar names become familiar places on our morning tour. The afternoon is yours to explore on your own. See the Crown Jewels at the London Tower or visit Westminster Abbey. In the evening perhaps attend a play at London’s West End. [B]

**DAY 4 LONDON \* ENGLISH CHANNEL \* PARIS**

Traveling through southern England and Kent, we board our ferry and pass the White Cliffs of Dover while crossing the English Channel. Motor through northern France for a late afternoon arrival in the “City of Lights.” Dine together at our French bistro dinner. [B,D]

**DAY 5 PARIS \* Optional Cabaret Show**

Our local historian shows us unforgettable Parisian landmarks, including Notre Dame Cathedral. See the Place de la Concorde, where the guillotine once stood, and the Eiffel Tower. Enjoy the afternoon—and use your 2-day museum pass to explore the Louvre and the Picasso Museums. Consider joining our optional can-can cabaret show tonight. [B]

**DAY 6 PARIS**

A full day at leisure today to visit Sacre Coeur, the artists’ area of Montmartre or the magnificent Palace of Versailles. Our included Paris 2-day Museum pass allows access to over 70 museums and monuments in and around Paris. Don’t miss the Eiffel Tower’s spectacular light show as well! [B]

**DAY 7 PARIS \* BRUSSELS \* AMSTERDAM**

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

**DAY 8 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 9 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 10 BLACK FOREST \* RHINE FALLS \* SWISS ALPS**

Journey south into the Black Forest. Stop in the forest with free time for lunch or some delicious Black Forest cake. The Rhine Falls, Europe’s largest waterfalls, come into view as we cross the Swiss border. Our route brings us to “William Tell country” and the world-famous resort areas surrounding Lucerne. [B]

**DAY 11 LUCERNE AREA \* Optional Mt. Pilatus Excursion**

Stroll Lucerne’s scenic cobblestone streets and walk along the 14th-century covered wooden bridges. Join our optional excursion up the steepest funicular in the world (48% grade) to Mt. Pilatus. Our popular Swiss folklore and dinner party is tonight. Enjoy Swiss fondue and join in on song, dance and traditional Swiss fun. [B,D]

**DAY 12 LUCERNE \* LIECHTENSTEIN \* MUNICH**

Depart for Munich, stopping en-route in the tiny principality of Liechtenstein. Enjoy time to explore the Oktoberfest city of Munich; visit the Olympic Park, the English Park and the Glockenspiel chimes. After dinner, check out the oompah-pah bands at the famous Hofbräuhaus. [B,D]

**DAY 13 MUNICH \* Optional Excursion to Dachau**

Enjoy a full day at your leisure. Why not visiting the BMW museum, the 1972 Olympic Village or shopping for Bavarian beer steins and lederhosen on Maximilianstrasse. Consider joining an optional excursion to the Dachau

concentration camp this afternoon. [B]

**DAY 14 MUNICH \* SALZBURG \* AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT: ZELL AM SEE**

Travel to Salzburg, Mozart’s birthplace and home of the famous summer music festival and the Sound of Music movie. Discover the countless architectural and historical highlights of this enchanting baroque city. Explore narrow streets lined with colorful wrought iron signs and shops before we continue to Europe’s largest alpine sports region. Be pampered and enjoy fun and fitness while staying at the shores of Zellar Lake beneath the snow-capped Austrian mountains. [B,D]

**DAY 15-16 ZELL AM SEE \* Optional Whitewater Rafting and Wind Surfing**

Your days are at leisure. Hike, swim and bike around the lake. Optional whitewater rafting and wind surfing are available. [B,D], [B,D]

**DAY 17 AUSTRIAN LAKE DISTRICT \* VENICE**

The picturesque landscape of the Austrian Lake District brings us to sunny Italy’s Venice - “Sinking City in the Sea.” Our walking tour highlights include the Bridge of Sighs, the labyrinth of alleys, old world bridges and St. Mark’s Square. On your own, visit the Doges Palace, the top of the Campanile and stroll by the fish and produce market. 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 18 VENICE \* FLORENCE \* Optional Tuscan Feast at ‘Il Latini’**

Travel through the beautiful Po Valley to Florence, Golden City of the Renaissance, and birthplace of Michelangelo. Our Florence art tour showcases the Gates of Paradise, the marble Santa Maria del Fiore Cathedral and Giotto’s bell tower. Our city tour ends with a guided visit to one of the world’s foremost art museums, the Galleria dell’Accademia, housing Michelangelo’s “David.” Get ready for an optional dinner of pure Italian delights at Il Latini tonight. [B]

**DAY 19 FLORENCE \* Optional Chianti Excursion**

Embark on explorations of your own to such sites as Palazzo Pitti, Santa Croce and a gelateria. Join our optional excursion this afternoon to Castello di Verrazzano in the historic land of Chianti Classico. Visit the centuries-old wine cellars and sample their famous wines and olive oils. Afterwards we head to Greve in Chianti, one of the area’s most picturesque towns. [B]

**DAY 20 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 21 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 22 ROME \* POMPEII \* OVERNIGHT SHIP TO GREECE**

Motor through sunny olive groves lining the way south. Visit Pompeii for a guided tour of the city buried in 79 AD by 20 feet of ash and lava after Mt. Vesuvius’ volcanic eruption. After lunch, continue across the boot of Italy to board our overnight ship to Greece. [B,L]

**DAY 23, 24, 25 GREEK ISLAND CENTER ON POROS \* Optional Sailing Trip**

After cruising through aquamarine waters, our ship docks at Patras. Motor along the Corinthian Sea coast through olive groves and across the Peloponnese to Galatas and Poros Island. Relax, swim, or take part in optional activities such as wakeboarding, parasailing and banana boating. We invite everyone to our Toga Party on the last night. Consider the optional Greek island sailing trip including a packed lunch. [B,D], [B,D], [B,D]

**DAY 26 ATHENS**

Morning transfer via ferry to Athens. Our historian takes us to the 2,400 year-old Parthenon, the Temple of Olympian Zeus and Constitution Square. This evening in Athens, follow the sounds of traditional bouzouki music and join our farewell taverna dinner in the Plaka District – Athens’ oldest neighborhood at the foot of the Acropolis. [B,D]

**DAY 27 TRAVEL HOME**

Reluctantly, bid adieu to Europe and new-found friends. Return home with great memories and thoughts of planning another trip! [B, In-flight meals]

**RESERVE YOUR EXCITING ESSENTIAL EUROPE TRIP TODAY!**

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

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Middle name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maiden 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Gender:  male  female  
 Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 I will room with \_\_\_\_\_

Passport/Place of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Land arrangements:**

London to Athens package (excluding international air) \$4,798 per person sharing twin or double room  
 Single Supplement add \$1,400 OR  Please pair me with same gender roommate  
 London to Rome package (excluding international air) \$3,943 per person sharing twin or double room  
 Single Supplement add \$1,150 OR  Please pair me with same gender roommate  
 If traveling as a single and not paying supplement, AESU will arrange same-gender shared accommodation.

**Air arrangements (Airfare subject to change and taxes are additional):**

Purchase of air LAX-London-Athens-LAX. Round trip air approx. \$ 1,161 plus tax (tax approx. \$480) OR  
 Purchase of air LAX-London-Rome-LAX. Round trip air approx. \$1,046 plus tax (tax approx. \$480)  
 I will purchase my own air. I am a land-only participant. I understand I am not eligible for the ground transfer in London & Athens (or Rome) to/from the airport.  
 I would like assistance with purchasing air but will be deviating from group schedule.

Here is my check for the deposit (payable to AESU) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person)  
 Enclosed is my full payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per person.  
 (Make checks payable to AESU Alumni World Travel.)

**MEMBERSHIP: Participants must be members of the UCSB Alumni Association. Members may bring guests from other schools. An annual membership may be purchased by including a check for \$60 payable to the UCSB Alumni Association.**

I am already a member  Accept my \$60 check  
 Authorization of Mastercard/Visa of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Alumni Association

**Charge my deposit to:**

Mastercard  Visa

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment of deposit indicates that I have read and agree to all terms and conditions. Each passenger must sign as this indicates agreement to the terms/conditions as described in this brochure. I/We also acknowledge signatures will be required on UCSB Alumni Association Waiver and Responsibility Statement. Reservations to be paid in full by March 30, 2011. Reservations received after this date are subject to availability and must be accompanied by payment in full. Within 90 days a late booking fee of \$50 per person will apply. AESU California Seller of Travel registration number: 2097761-40

**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 \$7 per day for tour director, \$5 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; portage; air-port transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received by AESU Alumni World Travel in writing. All cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$500 per person cancellation fee. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. In addition to \$500, cancellation between April 29 and May 28, 2011 will result forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between May 29 and June 12, 2011, 40%. Cancellation after June 12, 2011 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 Alumni World Travel reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airline reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes also subject to penalties. Medical health and accident insurance is compulsory.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS & BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU Alumni World Travel flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. London Gatwick arrivals please call AESU (800.638.7640) for details on transfer. Inter-airport transfers (i.e. between London Gatwick-Heathrow) are at passenger's expense. Land-Only participants (providing own flight to Europe) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 1:00 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. All programs start in Europe ONE DAY LATER THAN the USA departure dates listed. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract. RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU Alumni World Travel and the 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, 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 Alumni World Travel'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 Alumni World Travel'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 Alumni World Travel 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.alumnworldtravel.com](http://www.alumnworldtravel.com).

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I have read and agreed to all terms and conditions: X \_\_\_\_\_ Your signature here