

# TRAVEL *Sooner!*

SIGHTSEEING SOONERS

2019 CATALOG







## DEAR ALUMNI & FRIENDS,

Greetings from the OU Alumni Association!

We are pleased to unveil our Sightseeing Sooners tour selections for 2019, where we will once again visit all 7 continents on a record-setting 40 tours! We hope that you will take advantage of one or more of the wonderful travel opportunities in the coming year. While visiting exotic, historical or educational destinations, you will have the added value of traveling with your OU family and reconnecting to your alma mater in a meaningful and life-changing way! If you have never traveled with us before, we invite you to give Sightseeing Sooners a try and be a part of this special group. Our tours are open to anyone so if you have family or friends you enjoy traveling with, please feel free to invite them to join you on these once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Our tours are designed to promote educational and cultural experiences for our alumni and friends, and when you

travel with Sightseeing Sooners, a portion of your tour price will come right back to the OU Alumni Association. Within this catalog, you will find a variety of destinations, price ranges and modes of travel. Please note the icon legend to guide you as you learn about the different tours and what they include. This catalog is meant to give you a preview of the tours we will be offering in the calendar year of 2019. Please be aware that in this ever-changing travel climate, all prices, itineraries, dates and departures listed in this catalog are subject to change. Detailed brochures about each tour will be mailed approximately 6-9 months prior to departure. If there are specific brochures you want to make sure you receive, please contact me at the OU Alumni Association at 405-325-1224 or [lquirk@ou.edu](mailto:lquirk@ou.edu), or you can request brochures on our website at [www.ou.edu/alumni/travel](http://www.ou.edu/alumni/travel).

I cannot stress enough the importance of booking a tour as early as you can to ensure you get the space you want! Tours fill up very quickly and “early booking deadlines” are not a guarantee of space. If you see something you are interested in don’t wait, book now!

This is an exciting time for our Sightseeing Sooners program as it continues to gain momentum and interest among our beloved OU family of alumni and friends. Our success could not happen without the loyal and committed support from people like you, so thank you!

Enjoy looking through this extensive catalog and come “travel Sooner” with us in 2019!

Sincerely,

**LEA ANN QUIRK**

Director of Alumni Programs  
OU Alumni Association






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## SIGHTSEEING SOONERS INFORMATION

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### MISSION

The goal of the Sightseeing Sooners travel program is to provide educational travel opportunities for our alumni and friends and to carry the strong Sooner spirit to every part of the world.

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Sightseeing Sooners travel program will offer 40 trips in 2019 that will visit all 7 continents. The offerings include ocean and river cruises, land tours, nature and wildlife experiences, along with other types of programming. Sightseeing Sooners provides alumni and friends the opportunity to travel together on trips that provide enriching and quality educational travel opportunities, sometimes with an OU faculty member, but always under the direction of top-rated tour directors and operators. Our goal is to create a unique OU experience for our travelers and connect alumni back to their alma mater in a special way.

### DISCLAIMER

Dates, schedules, pricing and program details listed in this catalog are all subject to change. Please verify details, dates and pricing prior to booking a reservation directly with the tour operator and check [www.ou.edu/alumni/travel](http://www.ou.edu/alumni/travel) for updates throughout the year.

The University of Oklahoma Alumni Association provides the service of facilitating unique travel opportunities for its alumni and friends. Though the Sightseeing Sooners travel program works with its tour operators to offer interesting and educational trips, please remember that OU does not conduct tours, nor does it act as an agent for guests interested in tours. The Sightseeing Sooners travel program, instead, functions as a facilitator with tour operators with whom our travelers make arrangements for completing travel. We are pleased to act as a liaison with tour operators should you have any questions before, during or after your tour. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with each tour operator's cancellation and refund policy, and also to investigate other services such as trip cancellation insurance. The University of Oklahoma Alumni Association is not responsible for changes to trips or travel arrangements, or for losses or additional expenses resulting from travel.

### 2019 TRAVEL PROVIDERS

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## 2019 SIGHTSEEING SOONERS TRIPS



- 6** Costa Rica's Natural Heritage  
January 5-15
- 6** Expedition to Antarctica  
January 5-18
- 7** Sparkling South Pacific  
January 31-February 10
- 7** Exploring Australia & New Zealand  
February 4-25
- 8** Journey To Southern Africa  
February 12-27
- 8** Sailing the Windward Islands  
February 26-March 5
- 9** Cuba: Art, Culture & People  
March 3-11
- 9** Singapore, Thailand & Angkor Wat  
March 10-23
- 10** Treasures of Portugal & Southern Spain  
March 11-25
- 10** Rio, Iguassu Falls & Buenos Aires  
March 30-April 8



- 11** Flavors of Chile & Argentina  
April 3-12
- 11** Atlantic Encounters  
April 5-19
- 12** Southern Grandeur  
April 7-15
- 12** Dutch Waterways  
April 8-16
- 13** California Rail Discovery  
April 24-30
- 13** Legendary Europe  
May 7-15
- 14** Tuscany & Cortona  
May 7-15
- 14** Journey Along the Elbe  
May 19-30
- 15** Ancient Traditions of the  
Inland Sea of Japan  
May 22-June 1



- 15** D-Day: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
May 29-June 7
- 16** Canadian Maritimes  
June 21-30
- 16** Gaelic Glory  
June 26-July 5
- 17** Rhine Highlights  
July 9-17
- 17** Riches of the Emerald Isle  
July 10-19
- 18** Discover Southeast Alaska  
July 19-26
- 18** Northern Frontiers  
July 22-August 4
- 19** Majestic Great Lakes  
August 2-11
- 19** Cambridge, Oxford & The Cotswolds  
August 9-17
- 20** Mediterranean Pathways  
August 22-September 2



- 20** North Atlantic Quest  
September 10-27
- 21** Grand Danube Passage  
September 20-October 4
- 21** Masterpiece Montage  
September 30-October 11
- 22** Fall Foliage of Canada & New England  
October 8-19
- 22** Cruise the Heart of Europe  
October 9-24
- 23** Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta  
October 11-16
- 23** Amsterdam, Luxembourg & Brussels  
October 12-21
- 24** Normandy & Honfleur: The 75th Anniversary of D-Day  
October 26-November 3
- 24** Cuba Charms  
October 29-November 9
- 25** Rome: The City Experience  
November 2-8
- 25** Cruising Coastal Vietnam  
November 5-19



# [ADVENTURE LEGEND + PRICE CHART]



Ocean Cruise



Land Tour



River Cruise



Lake Cruise



Rail Component



Airfare  
Included



Single  
Traveler



Nature &  
Wildlife



Food & Wine



Online Booking  
Available



History  
Focused



OU Hosted Trip  
[See list of hosts  
on page 26]

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Starting price is at or under  
\$2,999 per person

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Starting price is between  
\$3,000 - \$5,999 per person

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Starting price is  
\$6000 or above per person



# COSTA RICA'S NATURAL HERITAGE

JANUARY 5-15, 2019 | *Land Tour*



WITH OU HOST, DR. INGO SCHLUPP

In this small Central American democracy kissed by nature, you discover staggering biodiversity in four distinct regions, from cloud forest to rain forest; Central Valley to Pacific Coast. This OU exclusive departure will accommodate up to 18 guests and begins its 11-day exploration in cosmopolitan San Jose. Travel through the Central Valley to Poas Volcano National Park, and visit the Doka Coffee Estate. Explore the Botanical Orchid Garden en route to the Arenal region and magnificent Arenal Volcano. During your three-night stay, visit a local elementary school, experience the rainforest on a Hanging Bridges walk, and tour Ecocentro Danaus Biological Reserve. Continue on to the amazingly diverse Monteverde Cloud Forest Biological Reserve and its Hummingbird Gallery. Your tropical journey concludes with a three-night stay at a Guanacaste beachfront resort hotel, and a Tempisque River “floating safari.” Encounter more exceptional biodiversity on a 4-day/3-night pre-tour option to Tortuguero National Park.

## ODYSSEYS UNLIMITED

Estimated prices starting at \$4,181, per person, double occupancy, roundtrip airfare included



# EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA

JANUARY 5-18, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



Join us for this spectacular 14-day journey featuring a nine-night exclusively chartered cruise to Antarctica, Earth's last frontier. Cruise aboard the five-star ice class ship, LE BORÉAL, one of the finest vessels in Antarctic waters, combining innovative design with personalized service and featuring private balconies in 95% of the 110 deluxe, ocean-view Suites and Staterooms. Experience “The White Continent” in its unspoiled state—fantastically shaped icebergs, turquoise glaciers, bustling penguin rookeries and breaching whales—during the lingering light of the austral summer. Accompanied by the ship's expert expedition team of naturalists, board sturdy Zodiac watercraft for excursions ashore and observe the playful antics of this region's abundant wildlife—penguins and seals, in particular, are unafraid of human visitors. The expedition team will provide a series of enriching lectures on this pristine wilderness. Spend two nights in the Five-Star INTERCONTINENTAL BUENOS AIRES HOTEL, including a tour of Argentina's vibrant capital city. Extend your journey with the exclusive three-night Iguazú Falls Post-Program Option. This unique itinerary is an exceptional value and perennially popular!

## GOHAGAN & CO.

Estimated prices starting at \$9,995 per person, double occupancy





# SPARKLING SOUTH PACIFIC

JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 10, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



## PAPEETE TO PAPEETE

WITH OU HOSTS, JP AND ALLY AUDAS

Settle into laid-back island life as you encounter the South Pacific's pristine beaches and glistening lagoons aboard the luxurious Marina. Spend a day exploring Papeete, the capital of French Polynesia in the tropical paradise of Tahiti. The island's volcanic peaks overlook lush rainforest, black-sand beaches and cascading waterfalls. Embark Marina and sail to verdant Moorea. Take in the colors of this paradise—the greens of the volcanically-formed cliffs, the blues of the still-watered lagoons and the white pops of the small tiare flower. Spend two days in Bora Bora, known as the most romantic island in the world, and two days in Raiatea, an island dotted with vanilla plantations that spread the rich, sweet scent. Before ending the cruise back in Papeete, stop in relaxed Huahine. Minimally impacted by modern times, this is the perfect place to relax and take in the sunshine, pristine natural areas and easy-going attitudes of the locals.

For more information or to book online, please visit

<https://www.gonext.com/groups/university-of-oklahoma-alumni-association/>.

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Prices starting at \$4,299 per person, double occupancy, roundtrip airfare included



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# EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

FEBRUARY 4-25 | *Land Tour*



## WITH OU HOST, DEAN SUZETTE GRILLOT

On this OU exclusive departure, your remarkable 22-day small group journey to the Lands Down Under begins in Cairns. Ride the historic railway to Kuranda then descend via the Skyrail gondolas. Board a boat for a day-long excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. In Alice Springs, embark on an Aboriginal "dreamtime" tour and learn about the Walpiri tribespeople's ancient culture. Watch the sun set over fabled Ayers Rock. Travel to Sydney where you tour the iconic Opera House; board a catamaran for a Sydney Harbour cruise; and enjoy ample leisure time. Tour Featherdale Wildlife Park, where koalas roam free. Fly to New Zealand and explore Mt. Cook National Park, then you take a cruise through Milford Sound's breathtaking fjords. Visit geothermal Rotorua and experience Maori culture at a traditional hangi dinner. Celebrate your journey's end in Auckland. Enjoy more time in the "City of Sails" at your own pace on an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

## ODYSSEYS UNLIMITED

Estimated prices starting at \$10,384, per person, double occupancy, roundtrip airfare included



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## JOURNEY TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

FEBRUARY 12-27, 2019 | *Land Tour*



Experience the abundant wildlife of Southern Africa on diverse safaris in South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe. With expert trackers leading the way, observe lions lazing under the shade, hawks gliding gracefully across the sky, elephants lumbering on their expedition, cheetah waiting patiently for the right moment to pounce on its prey and many more moments in the lives of nature's most magnificent wildlife. You will explore colorful Cape Town, nestled between Table Mountain and the sea; walk in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela on Robben Island; take a scenic trip along the Cape Peninsula; and absorb the energy of lively Soweto. Feel the power of the mighty Victoria Falls and savor a taste of the golden age of train journeys aboard the elegant Rovos Rail. This small-group program features deluxe accommodations and an extensive meal program, including wine with dinner on your 12-night adventure. To book online or for more information, visit <https://ou.ahitravel.com>.

### AHI TRAVEL

Estimated prices starting at \$6,995 per person, double occupancy



## SAILING THE WINDWARD ISLANDS

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 5, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



### BARBADOS TO ST. LUCIA

Elude the depths of winter and experience seafaring in its most timeless form on this custom-designed, seven-night sailing experience amid the Caribbean's tropical Windward Islands. Enjoy classic "life under sail"—the very best way to see the islands—aboard the exclusively chartered, 64-passenger, three-masted sailing yacht LE PONANT, featuring all ocean-view Staterooms and an Observation Platform, ideal for viewing marine life and snorkeling amidst colorful coral reefs. Cruise into secluded harbors, exploring the natural and cultural treasures of the Windward Islands and, of course, the ever-blue ocean. Visit Bridgetown, Barbados, known for colonial architecture and vibrant Bajan culture; Grenada, the Spice Island; St. Vincent and the Grenadines, including the awe-inspiring lagoons of Tobago Cays Marine Park, Union Island with its dramatic volcanic peaks juxtaposing its flat and shallow coral reefs, and Bequia's seaside Old Hegg Turtle Sanctuary; Martinique's Clément Plantation and Rum Distillery; and St. Lucia's Diamond Falls Botanical Gardens, Soufrière Volcano and Sulphur Springs.

### GOHAGAN & CO.

Estimated prices starting at \$4,695, per person, double occupancy





## CUBA: ART, CULTURE & PEOPLE

MARCH 3-11, 2019 | *Land Tour*



Join us in Cuba on an eight-night People-to-People educational exchange, licensed by the U.S. Treasury Department, and discover this beautiful island nation through authentic, meaningful experiences. Explore Old Havana with a Cuban guide. Learn about higher education at the University of Havana, and the life of an artist at his studio. Interact with local drivers in a vintage convertible along the waterfront, and watch workers hand rolling Cuba's world-famous cigars at a factory. Venture to other parts of the island, and visit Las Terrazas, a model socialist community; enjoy the hospitality of a family of artists in Trinidad; and appreciate a musical performance in Cienfuegos. Lectures by local experts enhance your understanding of Cuba and its people. This small-group experience includes round-trip flights to Cuba from Miami, and first-class accommodations in Miami, Havana and Cienfuegos. Savor the delicious flavors of the local cuisine on the extensive meal plan. To book online or for more information, visit <https://ou.ahitravel.com>.

### AHI TRAVEL

Estimated prices starting at \$4,995 per person, double occupancy



## SINGAPORE, THAILAND & ANGKOR WAT

MARCH 10-23, 2019 | *Land Tour with Train*



### FEATURING THE EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS

In modern cities and centuries-old ruins, discover the diversity of Southeast Asia during a 10-night journey to Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Cambodia. Explore Singapore's Malaysian and Chinese roots in traditional neighborhoods, and taste homemade dumplings at a cooking demonstration. Embark on a two-night train journey to Bangkok aboard the elegant Eastern & Oriental Express, which transports you back to the golden age of travel in its cherry-paneled cars. In Kuala Kangsar and Kanchanaburi, choose from a selection of included excursions featuring hiking, river cruises, plantation tours and more. In Bangkok, visit golden temples and cruise the Thonburi canals for a look at everyday life. Explore the ruins of the ancient capital of Ayutthaya. Fly to Siem Reap, and discover the serene Angkor temples, as well as cultural shows introducing you to

Cambodian music and dance. Enjoy deluxe accommodations and an extensive meal plan with wine at dinner. To book online or for more information, visit

<https://ou.ahitravel.com>.

### AHI TRAVEL

Estimated prices starting at \$6,995 per person, double occupancy





## TREASURES OF PORTUGAL & SOUTHERN SPAIN

MARCH 11-25, 2019 | *Land Tour*



WITH OU HOST, DR. ALAN LEVENSON

An OU exclusive departure, this distinctive 15-day journey takes your small group through the Iberian Peninsula to the intimate lodgings of Spain's paradores and Portugal's pousadas. Begin with Lisbon's highlights, including iconic Belem Tower and the National Palace of Queluz. Travel through the picturesque Alentejo region to one of Portugal's finest pousadas in Evora, a treasure-trove of Roman and Moorish heritage and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Next, encounter Merida, a Spanish town boasting outstanding Roman ruins. In Spain's Andalusia region, discover Seville's beauty and romance, and explore the cultural gem of Cordoba. Spend two nights in charming Ronda then travel to Granada, the former Moorish stronghold with its renowned fortress, the Alhambra. Visit medieval Toledo before savoring a three-night stay in monumental Madrid, where you see the imposing 18th-century Royal Palace, the world-renowned Prado museum, and vast Plaza Mayor. Enjoy Barcelona on your own on an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension.

### ODYSSEYS UNLIMITED

From \$4,778 per person, double occupancy, roundtrip airfare included



## RIO, IGUASSU FALLS & BUENOS AIRES

MARCH 31-APRIL 8, 2019 | *Land Tour*



Take in all the highlights of Brazil and Argentina, from spicy and seductive Rio de Janeiro to elegant and refined Buenos Aires. In Rio, you will visit the two most famous mountains, Sugarloaf and Corcovado, to take in scenic vistas and see the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue. You will also get the chance to visit a samba school, where Carnival dance rehearsals take place. In beautiful Buenos Aires, you will visit the Plaza de Mayo to see historic sites and cultural hubs, including the aristocratic Recoleta neighborhood and the grave of Eva Peron. Between these two cultural hot spots, you'll experience the ultimate in outdoor adventure, with the chance to admire the formidable Iguazú waterscape from every angle. There are other excursions available to add to your itinerary as well. To book online or for more information, visit

<http://OURio.grouptoursite.com>.

### GO AHEAD TOURS

Estimated prices start at \$4,079 per person, double occupancy, roundtrip airfare included





# FLAVORS OF CHILE & ARGENTINA

APRIL 3-12, 2019 | *Land Tour*



From glaciers to deserts, and rosés to reds, discover the endless diversity along this continent's edge. Embrace the myriad of treasures cultivated by welcoming locals as you unwind and experience the spirited traditions of this prismatic land. Experience the views over Santiago from Cerro San Cristobal's peak before visiting la Chascona—one of Nobel Prize winner Pablo Neruda's three homes in Chile. During a tour and tasting at Santa Rita Winery, learn about the property's rich history and view pre-Hispanic relics from Atacameños, Mapuches, and Rapa Nui cultures. Later in the week, you'll become a winemaker for the day at Santa Rita as you take part of each step of the winemaking process, from tasting and blending to corking and labeling. Visit Fundacion Origenes, a non-governmental organization that includes an organic sustainable agricultural farm and school for local children. Explore the historic port city of picturesque Valparaiso—named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2003—with a history dating back to 1536, and partake in a Chilean cooking class during which you'll prepare a traditional meal. After arriving in Mendoza, embark on a panoramic city tour before visiting an olive oil factory founded in 1906. Then enjoy a full day amidst the vineyards at Uco Valley, nestled at the base of the Andes.

## ORBRIDGE

Estimated pricing from \$4,995 per person, double occupancy



# ATLANTIC ENCOUNTERS

APRIL 5-19, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



## NEW YORK TO LONDON

Take in renowned sights on both sides of the Atlantic—first in Canada, then in Ireland and France. First, sail to Saint John, a town located on the unique Bay of Fundy. Witness the Reversing Falls, a daily tidal phenomenon, and take in nineteenth-century Victorian-style buildings before continuing to Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia. St. John's, the following port, is often described as a mini San Francisco with its multi-colored row houses that cascade down the steep hilly slopes. Take in scenic views of the large harbor, or consider visiting the nearby lively town of Cork to explore its seventeenth-century alleyways that lead to historic and cultural sites. Next, sail to Ireland's capital, Dublin. The city packs character into neatly lined rows of Georgian buildings, gleaming edifices, and quaint cobblestone streets. Before ending your cruise in Southampton, visit Le Havre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For more information or to book online, please visit

<https://www.gonext.com/groups/university-of-oklahoma-alumni-association/>.

## GO NEXT

Estimated prices starting at \$3,899 per person,  
double occupancy roundtrip airfare included





## SOUTHERN GRANDEUR

APRIL 7-15, 2019 | *River Cruise*



### MEMPHIS TO NEW ORLEANS

Relax into the history and hospitality of the South on this week-long riverboat experience. Before embarking on the stately American Queen, spend the night in Memphis, a town with rich blues heritage and compelling Civil War sites. Then, travel to Vicksburg—known as the “Red Carpet City of the South”—and enjoy an array of boutiques and museums in its charming downtown district. Sail to Natchez, the oldest city on the Mississippi, graced with stunning gardens and palatial mansions, and then to Baton Rouge. This capital city’s unique political history is reflected in a collection of memorable landmarks, from the elegantly furnished Old Governor’s Mansion to the imposing neo-Gothic Old State Capitol. Continue to St. Francisville, a beautiful town with unique shops and historic homes to discover. Before disembarking in New Orleans, journey to Nottoway and explore the impressive halls of the largest plantation house in the South. For more information or to book online, please visit <https://www.gonext.com/groups/university-of-oklahoma-alumni-association/>.

#### GO NEXT

Estimated prices starting at \$2,799 per person, double occupancy



## DUTCH WATERWAYS

APRIL 8-16, 2019 | *River Cruise*



### AMSTERDAM TO ANTWERP

Glide through the waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium during a seven-night cruise and discover Old World cities, picture-perfect towns, and centuries of history and culture. This journey aboard an exclusively chartered, first-class river ship features excursions in Amsterdam, where a special canal cruiser takes you through tree-lined canals to see the city’s highlights; the serene village of Giethoorn, where charming Dutch houses can be reached only on foot or by boat; and Antwerp, which has an impressive medieval cityscape. The rest of the trip is of your own design. In the other ports, choose from a selection of included excursions, which range from cycling to exploring art museums to chocolate tasting to, of course, tiptoeing through tulips. Enjoy an extensive meal plan featuring wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner. There is no supplement for solo travelers. To book online or for more information, visit <https://ou.ahitravel.com>.

#### AHI TRAVEL

Estimated prices starting at \$2,595 per person, no single supplement





# CALIFORNIA RAIL DISCOVERY

APRIL 24-30, 2019 | *Land Tour with Train*



A crimson bridge, cable cars, a sparkling bay and streets lined with elegant Victorian homes—San Francisco is undeniably one of the world’s great cities. Reason enough to join us on a spectacular seven-day journey through northern California on the California Rail Discovery. Begin your trip with a two night stay along Fisherman’s Wharf in San Francisco. The next day cross the Golden Gate Bridge for a visit to the picturesque town of Sausalito and then on to Sacramento to visit the world-renowned California State Railroad Museum. Board the famous Napa Valley Wine Train the next day to relive history through the Napa Valley onboard vintage Pullman railcars – this is sure to be a highlight.

The following morning board Amtrak’s California Zephyr and head east into the spectacular snow-capped Sierra Mountain range where we will disembark in the Reno/Tahoe area. The next two nights are spent on the shores of Lake Tahoe at the Lake Tahoe Resort. Visit Carson City and the historic town of Virginia City.

A Paddle wheeler cruise of Lake Tahoe and then a farewell dinner will cap off your adventure out west.

## PREMIER WORLD DISCOVERY

Estimated prices starting at \$3,195 per person, double occupancy, roundtrip airfare included



# LEGENDARY EUROPE

MAY 7-15, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



## MONTE CARLO TO ROME

Take in some of the most storied European sights on this remarkable voyage aboard Riviera. Sail to Marseille, France’s oldest city and gateway to the picturesque landscapes and medieval towns of Provence. Continue to Barcelona, where modern sophistication lives harmoniously with historic tradition, and striking architecture mingles with medieval structures. Visit Ajaccio on the lush island of Corsica and discover the city’s relics that celebrate Napoleon Bonaparte, who was born here. In Portofino, a fishing village turned seaside resort, you’ll find plenty of boutique shops and sidewalk cafés to explore. Before ending your trip in Civitavecchia, sail to Livorno, a jumping-off point for adventures in the monument-rich cities of Florence and Pisa and the idyllic

Tuscan countryside. For more information or to book online, please visit

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Estimated prices starting at \$2,599 per person, double occupancy roundtrip airfare included





## TUSCANY & CORTONA

MAY 7-15, 2019 | *Land Tour*



Discover Tuscany's rolling hills and fertile valleys during a seven-night journey through this iconic region of Italy. In Cortona, a town steeped in history, settle in to your deluxe, intimate hotel overlooking a beautiful valley. Delight your senses as you sip Tuscany's famous Brunello di Montalcino wine, and savor locally produced cheeses and prosciutto at a Val d'Orcia winery. Discover the treasures of Florence, including the Ponte Vecchio and the 14th-century Piazza della Signoria. Visit Montepulciano, walking through its ancient winding streets, and marvel at Siena's Gothic structures and remarkable Duomo. Immerse yourself in Cortona's Etruscan legacy at the Praetorian Palace and the Museum of the Etruscan Academy. Local guides and expert speakers provide fascinating insight during included excursions and lectures, and you'll learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking demonstration. This small-group program includes deluxe accommodations and an extensive meal plan, complemented by wine with dinner. To book online or for more information, visit <https://ou.ahitravel.com>.

### AHI TRAVEL

Estimated prices starting at \$2,995 per person, double occupancy



## JOURNEY ALONG THE ELBE

MAY 19-30, 2019 | *River Cruise*



### BERLIN TO PRAGUE

Cruise through enchanting scenery and centuries of history aboard an exclusively chartered paddleboat cruiser. Christened in 2016, the MS Elbe Princesse transports you into the heart of cities in Germany and the Czech Republic along the Elbe and Vltava rivers. Enjoy eight nights onboard, plus one night each in first-class hotels in Berlin and Prague. See Berlin's famed landmarks, including the Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate.

Stroll through Potsdam's terraced Sanssouci gardens and Cecilienhof Palace.

In Wittenberg, delve into Martin Luther's revolutionary teachings. Gaze over the spectacular Elbe Sandstone Mountains, delight in Litomerice's colorful architecture and explore Prague's Old Town. In addition, enjoy a choice of included excursions featuring cycling, a beer tasting, history tours and more. Insightful lectures along the way give you deeper insight into the history and heritage of these destinations. This expertly planned journey includes first-class hotel and ship accommodations, and an extensive meal plan with complimentary drinks onboard.

To book online or for more information, visit <https://ou.ahitravel.com>.

### AHI TRAVEL

Estimated prices starting at \$4,695 per person, double occupancy





## ANCIENT TRADITIONS OF THE INLAND SEA OF JAPAN

MAY 22-JUNE 1, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



Experience the timeless splendor of Japan and South Korea on this unique, custom-designed itinerary, featuring two nights in Kyoto and a seven-night cruise across the full length of the serene Inland Sea of Japan from Himeji, including historic ports of Japan such as Miyajima, Sakaiminato, and Moji and Ulsan, South Korea. On board the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship LE SOLÉAL, featuring only 110 ocean-view Suites and Staterooms, enjoy this 280-mile stretch of scenic, tranquil ocean with port calls at captivating points of interest, including seven UNESCO World Heritage sites. In the enchanting city of Kyoto, visit opulent temples and the Nijo Castle, an imperial gem.

Walk through the imposing Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, tour the Itsukushima Shrine in Miyajima with its awe-inspiring Great Torii Gate, and see the impressive Himeji Castle, the largest and best-preserved feudal structure from medieval Japan. In Gyeongju, South Korea, visit the Buddhist Bulguksa Temple and the ancient Silla Kingdom Royal Burial Mounds. Tokyo Pre-Program and Kanazawa Post-Program Options are available.

**GOHAGAN & CO.**

Estimated prices starting at \$5,995 per person, double occupancy



## D-DAY 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

MAY 29-JUNE 7, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



### AN ICONIC JOURNEY OF REMEMBRANCE AMSTERDAM TO DOVER

Join The National WWII Museum aboard the all-new Seabourn Ovation to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the invasion of Normandy and liberation of France. Sailing down the North Sea and English Channel coast from Amsterdam to Normandy, the Ovation's stops include Rotterdam, Bruges, Ghent, Dunkirk, Calais, Dieppe, the beaches and hedgerows of Normandy, and disembarkation in Dover. Extend your stay with a pre-tour in Amsterdam or a post-tour in London. This exceptional journey allows you to travel with a number of heroic WWII servicemen, hear their stories, and pay homage to their fallen brothers – truly an honor and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

**NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM**

Estimated prices start at 12,599 per person, double occupancy





## CANADIAN MARITIMES

JUNE 21-30, 2019 | *Land Tour*



Spend 11 days discovering the stunning beauty, history and people of the Canadian provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Experience the vast beauty, sprawling landscapes, charming towns and welcoming locals. A rich fishing history and strong maritime traditions allow these communities the ability to trace their heritage back to European colonists of 1605. First enjoy beautiful Halifax—Nova Scotia's bustling capital—during a panoramic city tour including visits to the Citadel National Historic Site and Fairview Cemetery, the final resting place for 150 victims of the Titanic. During a tour of the south shore, explore the stunning landscape of the charming fishing village, Peggy's Cove. Continue on to picturesque Lunenburg—one of only two towns in North America designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. En route to Digby, stop at the national historic site of Grand-Pré—which commemorates the area as the center of Acadian settlement from 1682 to 1755. Set out on a panoramic city tour of Saint John, a charming port city on the Bay of Fundy, which is one of the Seven Wonders of North America due to its tide differential and geological treasures like fossils and minerals. Finally, experience Tea with Eleanor on Campobello Island and learn how Eleanor Roosevelt and her family impacted this quaint area.

### ORBRIDGE

Estimated prices starting at \$3,995 per person, double occupancy



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## GAELIC GLORY

JUNE 26-JULY 5, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



### DUBLIN TO DUBLIN

Immerse yourself in history and tradition as we sail through the Emerald and the British Isles, aboard Oceania Cruises' Nautica. Embark Nautica in Dublin and head back in time to Viking-founded Waterford, the oldest city on the east coast of Ireland.

Admire nature's bounty in the delightful fishing town of Cobh and take in the unparalleled beauty of Bantry—a town rich with glens, streams, and forests. See Gaelic heritage come to life in Galway at An Taibhdhearc—the national Irish language theater of Ireland—and explore historic Londonderry, the only completely walled city remaining in the British Isles. While in Belfast, birthplace of the Titanic, discover an industrial city polished into a beautiful Northern Irish destination, and embrace Viking history at the museums in Douglas.

For more information or to book online, please visit

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## RHINE HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 9-17, 2019 | *River Cruise*



### AMSTERDAM TO BASEL

From Amsterdam to Basel, and everywhere in between, romance is alive and well on the Rhine River and its idyllic tributary, the Moselle. The Rhine has become as much an icon of Northern Europe as the pristine castles, fairy-tale villages, and lush forests that dot its banks. As you cruise its shores and explore its treasures, you're sure to fall in love with a landscape you didn't believe could truly exist. Embark on an all-inclusive, credit-card free luxury river cruise aboard the state-of-the-art Scenic Opal, with a meticulously planned itinerary, unique and unforgettable shore excursions, and all onboard drinks and dining included.

There is no better way to experience the Rhine and immerse yourself in the history and culture that line the banks. For more information or to book online, please visit <https://www.gonext.com/groups/university-of-oklahoma-alumni-association/>.

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## RICHES OF THE EMERALD ISLE

JULY 10-19, 2019 | *Land Tour*



Embark on a 10-night adventure that introduces you to Ireland's Celtic heritage and fascinating landscapes. From storytelling to dancing, whiskey tasting and a special farm-to-fork meal, experience Irish culture, cuisine and traditions. Explore the Dingle Peninsula, where Irish is the first language, and visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College in Dublin. Delve into Ireland's natural history during a walk through the Burren's limestone terrain. Marvel at the incredibly diverse flora and fauna of this unique landscape, and keep an eye out for coral fossils, clues that this region once was an ocean floor. Feel the mighty wind along the Cliffs of Moher, cruise to the Aran Island of Inishmore to learn more about island life from a local guide, and explore Killarney National Park by horse-drawn carriage. This program features first-class accommodations in Ennis, Killarney, Mallow and Dublin. A generous meal program includes wine at dinner. To book online or for more information, visit <https://ou.ahitravel.com>.

### AHI TRAVEL

Estimated prices start at \$4,195 per person, double occupancy



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## DISCOVER SOUTHEAST ALASKA

JULY 19-26, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



Head out on 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 66-guest Admiralty 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. Capture the sight of whales breaching next to your boat, bears fishing along the shoreline and eagles looking down from their nests—all part of nature's amazing show.

This program also offers an optional pre-extension to Denali National Park. Explore this vast and stunningly beautiful wilderness—home to Mt. Denali, the highest mountain in North America. Ride the Alaska Railroad, stay in a hilltop lodge with panoramic views located inside the park, and learn how this magnificent area became one of our nation's most breathtaking conservation areas.

### ORBRIDGE

Estimated prices start at \$3,495 per person, double occupancy



## NORTHERN FRONTIERS

JULY 22-AUGUST 4, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



### OSLO TO LONDON

The majesty of Northern Europe awaits you as you embark on Oceania Cruises' Marina in Norway's sophisticated capital of Oslo. Travel to Skagen, where the Baltic and the North Sea meet, and see the stark beauty of the north, its crisp blue sky, golden sand beaches, and picturesque white windmills. Visit the town of Haugesund, once the royal seat of the Vikings, now a cozy coastal city set against the backdrop of lofty mountains and the wild sea. Continue to the tiny village of Flåm, located in the innermost point of Sognefjord, the world's second longest and deepest fjord. Later, discover Harstand, a gem in the heart of Norway, with its rich Norwegian culture, striking mountain vistas and rainbow colored wooden houses. Before disembarking in London, sail to Bergen, a town surrounded by sapphire waters, verdant hillsides and snow-capped mountains.

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# THE MAJESTIC GREAT LAKES

AUGUST 2-11, 2019 | *Lake Cruise*



## CHICAGO TO TORONTO

Explore the verdant wilderness, rocky shores and pristine islands of North America as you sail the Great Lakes aboard the 202-guest M/V Victory I. Embarking in the cultural hub of Chicago, you'll leave the Windy City and cruise scenic Lake Michigan on your way to the idyllic Victorian atmosphere of Mackinac Island. Traverse the legendary Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, the Midwest's oldest city; sail the shimmering waters of Georgian Bay; and explore the native traditions of Manitoulin Island. Relive the glory days of the American automobile at the Henry Ford Museum in Detroit, and celebrate music history at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland. Cap off your cruise by experiencing the immensity and grandeur of Niagara Falls from the thrilling perspective of a Hornblower vessel before disembarking in Toronto, one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world.

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# CAMBRIDGE, OXFORD & THE COTSWOLDS

AUGUST 9-17, 2019 | *Land Tour*



## FEATURING "DOWNTON ABBEY"

Enjoy this extraordinary opportunity to travel in a small group to the historic university towns of Oxford and Cambridge, and through the idyllic Cotswolds, discovering the true character of England's town and country life. Spend three nights in Cambridge and four nights in the Five-Star MACDONALD RANDOLPH HOTEL in the heart of Oxford. Tour Victorian Highclere Castle, also known as "Downton Abbey"; discover the storybook charm of the Cotswolds' villages; call on stunning Blenheim Palace, birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and a UNESCO World Heritage site; and hear about contemporary life from the locals during the exclusive TOWN & COUNTRY LIFE® FORUM. London Post-Program Option.

## GOHAGAN & CO.

Estimated prices start at \$4,395 per person, double occupancy





## MEDITERRANEAN PATHWAYS

AUGUST 22-SEPTEMBER 2, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



### ROME TO VENICE

Sail to incredible destinations in Italy, Greece, Croatia and Turkey aboard the luxurious Sirena. Embark in Civitavecchia, the port for legendary Rome, and head to Sorrento, a city that delights with cobblestone streets, a seaside promenade, vibrant southern Italian culture and then to stunning Capri, with its jagged, cavernous coastline.

After a stop in Sicily, sail on to Greece. Corfu offers a lush landscape of olive groves, wildflowers, white-sand beaches, and emerald hills and mountains and Mykonos, known as Little Venice, is home to iconic windmills. Browse the colorful market at Kusadasi, a jumping-off point to explore the archaeological wonders of Ephesus, one of the world's best-preserved Greco-Roman cities. Finally, sail to Venice, and stroll through the winding narrow alleyways to find hidden piazzas, romantic trattorias and charming old shops.

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## NORTH ATLANTIC QUEST

SEPTEMBER 10-27, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



### REYKJAVÍK TO NEW YORK

Sail the northern reaches of the North Atlantic on this cruise to Iceland, Greenland, Canada and New England. Start with an overnight stay in Reykjavík, which blends ancient maritime history and Nordic tradition with a lively modern edge. On your way to Greenland, sail the breathtakingly beautiful Prince Christian Sound, a fifty-five-mile-long channel dotted with icebergs and surrounded by towering glacier-carved mountains. Before cruising across the Labrador Sea and the Strait of Belle Isle, spend time in Nuuk, Greenland's capital that offers memorable sites highlighting the city's culture and the country's history. Once in Canada, see landmarks from the 1700s in Sydney, experience the small-town feel of big-city Halifax, and witness the Reversing Falls, a daily tidal phenomenon, in Saint John. Before ending your cruise in New York, visit Bar Harbor, which boasts some of the Eastern Seaboard's most stunning vistas, and Boston, New England's largest city that abounds with history and architectural grandeur.

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## GRAND DANUBE PASSAGE

SEPTEMBER 20-OCTOBER 4, 2019 | *River Cruise*



### PRAGUE TO SOFIA

Travel through nine European countries to discover Old World capitals and charming villages along the mighty Danube River. Enjoy three nights in Prague, Czech Republic, sail the Danube for eight nights and complete your adventure with two nights in Sofia, Bulgaria. During this exciting journey, discover Roman ruins, castles, cathedrals, synagogues, mosques and fortresses — all part of the complex history of this region. Feast your eyes on gorgeous panoramas of Budapest illuminated at night, the lush Wachau Valley and the immense Iron Gate Gorge, and immerse yourself in authentic cultural experiences. Onboard, enjoy a Serbian folk show and a performance of the Viennese waltz. In several ports, choose from a selection of included excursions, featuring culinary outings, cycling, art tours and more. Enjoy first-class ship accommodations and deluxe hotels. The extensive meal plan features wine and beer with lunch and dinner. There is no single supplement for solo travelers. To book online or for more information, visit <https://ou.ahitravel.com>.

#### AHI TRAVEL

Estimated prices starting at \$4,795 per person, no single supplement



## MASTERPIECE MONTAGE

SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 11, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



### ROME TO BARCELONA

Discover enduring masterpieces of art and architecture, enthralling history and unique natural attractions as you cruise along the Mediterranean coast. Embark Sirena in Civitavecchia, just outside Rome, and sail to Livorno, a jumping-off point for adventures in the monument-rich cities of Florence and Pisa and the idyllic Tuscan countryside. Then, take in Corsica's stunning rugged countryside while you visit Ajaccio, the birthplace of Napoleon Bonaparte. Spend time exploring its boutique shops and sidewalk cafés before continuing to Monte Carlo, an extravagant city surrounded by the renowned destinations of Nice, Èze and Cannes. Finally, before ending the cruise in Barcelona, travel to Palma de Mallorca, a town with impressive architecture, and to Valencia, famed for its unique mix of Baroque cathedrals, futuristic architecture and lush parks. For more information or to book online, please visit <https://www.gonext.com/groups/university-of-oklahoma-alumni-association/>.

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## FALL FOLIAGE OF CANADA AND NEW ENGLAND

OCTOBER 8-19, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



### MONTRÉAL TO NEW YORK

Take in vibrant fall colors in Canada and along the coast of New England on Oceania Cruises' Riviera. Depart from Montréal and sail to Québec City to stroll romantic cobbled stone streets and admire centuries-old architecture. Visit the setting of the historic conference that led to the formation of Canada in Charlottetown, located on Prince Edward Island—the setting of *Anne of Green Gables*. Saint John is home to geological marvels like the Reversing Falls, a daily tidal phenomenon that reverses the flow of the Saint John River, and Portland bustles with a thriving music and art scene. Visit Bar Harbor for sweeping natural vistas, and Boston, one of America's oldest and most influential cities, to learn about its remarkable history. Finally, before ending your cruise in New York, stop in Newport to take in the city's remarkable shoreline and opulent

Gilded Age mansions. For more information or to book online, please visit <https://www.gonext.com/groups/university-of-oklahoma-alumni-association/>.

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## CRUISE THE HEART OF EUROPE

OCTOBER 9-24, 2019 | *River Cruise*



### AMSTERDAM TO BUDAPEST

Touring through the heartland of Europe, the continent's great rivers made possible the expansion of art, culture and trade. On this one-of-a-kind journey through five countries, cruise the charming canals of Amsterdam and navigate the mighty Rhine, Main and Danube rivers. Explore great cities, such as Amsterdam, Budapest, Cologne, Passau and Würzburg, and the charming towns of Koblenz, Melk and Miltenberg. Marvel at the beauty of the Middle Rhine and Wachau valleys. Personalize your experience in eight ports with a choice of included shore excursions that range from culinary tours to cycling adventures to museum visits. Local speakers complement your excursions with engaging talks about your destinations, and you even have a chance to learn the Viennese waltz. This expertly crafted journey includes 14 nights aboard an exclusively chartered first-class river cruiser, all meals, and wine, beer or soft drinks with lunch and dinner. No single supplement! To book online or for more information, visit <https://ou.ahitravel.com>.

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#### AHI TRAVEL

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# ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

OCTOBER 11-16, 2019 | *Land Tour*



Travel with us to the Land of Enchantment to enjoy New Mexico's beautiful landscapes, history and architecture. A highlight will be the world-famous Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, the world's largest and most famous hot air ballooning event. Witness the Mass Ascension, which includes more than 500 balloons taking to the sky. Also experience the balloons up close and illuminated on solid ground during the Balloon Glow. Enjoy three nights in Santa Fe, founded in 1607, making it America's oldest state capital city and third oldest continuously inhabited U.S. city. Learn more about New Mexico's Native American history and culture with visits to the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Bandelier National Monument and the Taos Pueblo. A few of the other attractions during this program include Old Town Albuquerque, a Taos City Tour, the "High Road to Taos" and Los Alamos Bradbury Museum, which tells the story of this isolated town and its role in the Manhattan Project.

## PREMIER WORLD DISCOVERY

Estimated prices start at \$2,825 per person, double occupancy, roundtrip airfare included



# AMSTERDAM, LUXEMBOURG & BRUSSELS

OCTOBER 13-21, 2019 | *Land Tour*



Wander past meandering canals, gabled houses, and blossoming gardens as you take in the picturesque charm of Amsterdam, Luxembourg and Brussels. Delve into the Dutch capital's laid-back cafe culture and view charming bridges and canals. Visit the Van Gogh Museum, Dam Square and the Royal Palace before journeying on to Luxembourg. Visit Luxembourg City's quaint, cobbled streets and visit the World War II monument and other historical sites. Moving on, you'll get the chance to explore historic Brussels, the unofficial capital of Europe, and experience local breweries, chocolate shops and more, as well as several Medieval churches and museums. Several optional excursions throughout the tour will be available to add to your itinerary. To book online or for more information, visit <http://OUAmsterdam.grouptoursite.com>.

## GO AHEAD TOURS

Estimated prices start at \$3,459 per person, double occupancy, roundtrip airfare included





## NORMANDY AND HONFLEUR

OCTOBER 26–NOVEMBER 3, 2019 | *Land Tour*



### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

From rolling green hills to the beautiful sea, discover the essence of Normandy as well as its pivotal role in history. On this seven-night journey, experience classic Norman culture. Explore Mont-Saint-Michel, where a medieval monastery seemingly rises out of the sea, and see the Bayeux Tapestry, the embroidered story of William the Conqueror's Battle of Hastings victory. Taste Normandy's contributions to French cuisine, and sip Calvados, the region's celebrated cider brandy, in an apple orchard. And as the world marks the 75th anniversary of D-Day, spend two full days visiting Omaha and Utah beaches, Normandy American Cemetery and other sites associated with this crucial World War II battle, plus gain insights during engaging lectures. Enjoy first-class accommodations in Honfleur and an extensive meal plan, featuring wine with dinner, on this small-group program. There is no supplement for solo travelers. To book online or for more information, visit <https://ou.ahitravel.com>.

#### AHI TRAVEL

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## CUBA CHARMS

OCTOBER 29–NOVEMBER 9, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



### MIAMI TO MIAMI

Sail the warm waters of the Caribbean in this exclusive journey to Cuba and the Bahamas. Arrive in Miami and check-in to your hotel. Enjoy dinner at your leisure, and then join us for a group lecture by Havana-born scholar Dr. Jaime Suchlicki, a consultant on the private and public sectors on Cuban and Latin American Affairs. Embark Oceania Cruises' Insignia and spend two days in Havana taking in its old-fashioned aesthetic, larger-than-life culture and fascinating heritage and history. Then, sail across the Caribbean Sea to Cienfuegos and take two days to explore the Pearl of the South—the city's French spirit, tranquil seaside setting and neoclassical architecture are sure to enchant. Stop in Santiago de Cuba, wedged between looming mountains and the aquamarine sea, the city offers a plethora of rich heritage and cultural diversions, come spend two exciting days amidst this dramatic backdrop. Other stops in the Bahamas are also included before ending your trip back in Miami.

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## ROME: THE CITY EXPERIENCE

NOVEMBER 3-8, 2019 | *Land Tour*



Step wholeheartedly into the Roman experience and make the Eternal City your home away from home. Explore legendary landmarks like the Colosseum and the Arch of Constantine while you mingle with locals who go about their lives in the shadow of ancient ruins. There will also be an opportunity to participate in a special cooking class and dinner, as you learn how to craft handmade pasta with the help of a local chef and paired with Italian wine. We promise, you're going to leave feeling like an insider! There are other optional excursions available to add to your itinerary as well. To book online or for more information, visit <http://OUrome.grouptoursite.com>.

### GO AHEAD TOURS

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## CRUISING COASTAL VIETNAM

NOVEMBER 5-19, 2019 | *Ocean Cruise*



### HAIPHONG TO SAIGON

Voyage through Vietnam and Cambodia, where lush landscape and centuries-old culture are harmoniously linked, on this exceptional itinerary featuring two nights in Vietnam's capital city of Hanoi; a seven-night cruise from Haiphong to Saigon; and three nights in Siem Reap to experience the magnificent, jungle-fringed temples of Cambodia. Enjoy Five-Star cruising aboard the newly launched LE LAPÉROUSE, exploring Vietnam's ancient pagodas and bustling sampan-filled harbors.

Featuring five UNESCO World Heritage sites—Ha Long Bay, Hue, Hoi An and Angkor Wat—this program is a spectacular blend of Southeast Asia's ancient world and dynamic modernity for an incredible value. Hong Kong Pre-Program and Bangkok post-program options are available.

### GOHAGAN & CO.

Estimated prices starting at \$6,795 per person, double occupancy





## MEET THE 2019 HOSTS

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### **JP AND ALLY AUDAS: HOSTS FOR - SPARKLING SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN CRUISE | JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

JP Audas serves as the Associate Vice President for Alumni and Development at the University of Oklahoma. He received his BBA in Business Marketing from OU in 1987 and his Masters of Human Relations in 1998. JP has been privileged to call OU his professional home for over 25 years. Ally Audas is a 1998 OU grad with a degree in Elementary Education. JP and Ally have served previously as Sightseeing Sooners hosts, on cruises in the Mediterranean and the Greek Isles, as well as a land tour of the Amalfi Coast in Italy. JP also hosted a trip to the Kentucky Derby for the OU Alumni Association. Both enjoy the shared affinity and enthusiasm that abounds when OU alumni and friends get together and many have enjoyed traveling with them over the years.

### **DEAN SUZETTE GRILLOT: HOST FOR - EXPLORING AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND LAND TOUR | FEBRUARY 4-25, 2019**

Dr. Suzette Grillot was named Dean of OU's College of International Studies in 2012. She previously served as the College's Associate Dean from 2008-2012 and was essential to its creation and development. Additionally, Dean Grillot serves as the William J. Crowe, Jr. Chair in Geopolitics and the Vice Provost of International Programs. Dean Grillot is a prolific author, with articles published in the *British Journal of Political Science*, *International Politics*, and *Contemporary Policy*, among many others. In June 2012 Dean Grillot returned from a 10-month appointment as Faculty-in-Residence at OU's satellite campus in Arezzo, Italy. Grillot received a bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University, and earned her doctorate in Political Science from the University of Georgia. She joined the faculty at the University of Oklahoma in 1999. Dean Grillot has previously hosted the Portrait of Italy tour in 2014 and the South American Tapestry tour in 2016. She has a steady "fan club" of OU alumni and friends who have traveled with her on both tours and are always asking when she will be hosting next.



### **DR. ALAN T. LEVENSON: HOST FOR - TREASURES OF PORTUGAL & SOUTHERN SPAIN LAND TOUR | MARCH 11-25, 2019**

Alan T. Levenson holds the Schusterman/Josey Chair in Judaic History and has written extensively on the Jewish experience for both scholarly and popular audiences. He is the author of three books and many articles and is considered a leading authority on the modern Jewish experience. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Brown University magna cum laude, and his doctoral degree from The Ohio State University. He has recently completed work on a book about Genesis 37-50 from the Bible, tentatively titled "Joseph: A Portrait Through the Ages." Alan's first professional commitment remains teaching undergraduate and graduate students to write, speak and read more effectively. Alan previously hosted the Israel: Timeless Wonders tour for Sightseeing Sooners in 2017 and remains beloved by the OU alumni and friends who traveled with him.

### **DR. INGO SCHLUPP: HOST FOR - COSTA RICA'S NATURAL HERITAGE LAND TOUR | JANUARY 5-15, 2019**

Ingo Schlupp is a Professor of Biology at OU. He is an Evolutionary Ecologist and his work focuses on deep questions in Biology, including Biogeography and Speciation. He and his family hail from Germany and they moved to Norman in 2005 to join the OU family. He has conducted many field research trips to several countries, mainly to collect fishes for his research. He has published more than 150 peer-reviewed research articles and received several awards, including a research prize from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. After co-editing a book on Livebearing fishes, he is now working on a new book on Sexual Selection. Ingo enjoys reading broadly, and photography. Ingo previously hosted the Expedition to Antarctica tour in January, 2018 and was very popular with the OU alumni and friends he traveled with.





## WHO CAN TRAVEL WITH SIGHTSEEING SOONERS?

The opportunity to travel with Sightseeing Sooners and the OU Alumni Association is open to ALL OU alumni and friends and their families and friends!! You do not have to be a graduate of OU to travel with our program.

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT A CERTAIN TRIP?

Brochures or other available information may be requested from the OU Alumni Association online at [www.ou.edu/alumni/travel](http://www.ou.edu/alumni/travel), at various tour operator websites listed in this catalog (those that have online booking options) or by calling our office. Brochures for each trip will be mailed by the tour operator approximately 6-9 months prior to departure, however each tour operator makes their own decision on how many brochures to mail so not everyone in our travel pool receives every brochure. In most cases, there is no need to wait for a brochure to reserve space on a tour. Many tours fill quickly and we encourage you to call the tour operator to help you make your decision.

## DO YOU OFFER SPECIALS OR DISCOUNTS?

Most of our travel partners offer special discounts throughout the year. In most cases, these special discounts are an EBD (Early Booking Discount) price. Book early to get the best price and to take advantage of special amenities (see each trip brochure for more details)!

## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR A TRIP?

To register for the various travel opportunities listed in this catalog, please contact the respective tour operator for that program, or, if there is an online booking option available, visit the appropriate website. Contact information for the tour operators will be outlined in individual trip brochures operators is listed on page 3 of this catalog, will be outlined in individual trip brochures or you can call the OU Alumni Association to get contact information or visit our website.

## WHAT IF I'M ONLY BOOKING FOR MYSELF?

All trip pricing is based on double occupancy, or two people sharing a room or cabin, unless specified by the "no single supplement" text and icon. Many of the trips offered will require a single supplement for those who wish to travel alone. On most tours, a limited number of single rooms are available.

## MAY I ARRANGE MY OWN AIR TRAVEL?

If airfare is included with a trip and to lock in low fares, our tour operators have negotiated special rates with major airlines that may require you to take non-direct flights. Please feel free to discuss "land only" options with the tour operator should you desire a more direct flight or want to use frequent flyer miles. The OU Alumni Association has no control over air travel and sometimes challenging airport infrastructures. Important to remember: If you book your own flights, you are responsible for making connections with the main group.

## WILL MY TOUR INCLUDE AN OU FACULTY OR STAFF HOST?

A minimum number of participants is required to secure the services of an OU host, unless they have already been placed on a tour (see hosted trips for 2019 inside this catalog). We make every effort to send a host from OU on as many departures as possible as we know this greatly enhances the travelers' experience and makes the trip unique. If this is important to you in making your decision to travel with our program, please call us at 405-325-1224 to confirm our faculty/staff hosted tours and for more information.

## HOW MANY OU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS SHOULD I EXPECT TO TRAVEL WITH?

While we have high hopes that all of our 2019 tours will receive high reservation numbers, there are no guarantees and no way to predict the response to a particular tour. Our group sizes over the years have ranged from as small as 2 people to as large as 45. Our average sized group since 2012 has been around 14 travelers. If it's one of our OU exclusive, faculty-led tours, the group size is usually kept to a maximum size of 18-24. You can always call the OU Alumni Association to check the status of a trip's group size before or after you book a tour.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I NEED TO CANCEL? WILL I GET A REFUND?

Tour participants are subject to cancellation penalties as outlined in the individual trip brochures. Cancellation penalties are structured to coincide with advance payments that our tour operators must make to their suppliers and the penalties are strictly enforced due to these contractual commitments. Because our tour operators have different cancellation policies, please make sure that you understand all cancellation penalties prior to making your trip deposit. Each tour operator has a unique cancellation and refund policy. Please review each trip brochure carefully prior to reserving space on a tour. We also strongly encourage purchasing trip cancellation insurance.

## SHOULD I PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE? IF SO, HOW SOON DO I NEED TO ENROLL?

We strongly recommend that you purchase travel insurance to ensure coverage in case of illness, injury, medical evacuation, delay or unforeseen emergency. For your convenience, the OU Alumni Association has partnered with USI Travel Insurance Select to provide travel insurance to our travelers. We encourage you to call (800) 937-1387 for details and coverage options. We also ask you to research the many options of travel insurance available to you, as each person has individual needs. While we feel USI Travel Insurance Select offers some of the best possible coverage, you may purchase travel insurance from another provider. We also suggest that you check with your medical insurance provider to determine if you are covered outside the United States. Medicare does not provide coverage outside the United States.

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# SIGHTSEEING SOONERS



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Polar Bears of Churchill



Provincial French Countryside



Southwest National Parks



Timeless Cuba