GW ADVENTURES
TRAVEL PLANNER 2016
Greetings, GW Alumni:

Welcome to the 2016 GW Adventures Travel Planner. Inside these pages you will find a collection of snapshots that highlight the broad range of educational excursions available to alumni, parents, and friends of GW. Whether you are a seasoned traveler or an alumnus embarking on your first trip with us, this planner has all of the information you need to begin your journey.

As you flip through these pages, learn more about the captivating trips we have arranged for you in 2016. From cruising the Mediterranean and experiencing the art and culture of Cuba to trekking through magnificent India and exploring the wilds of Tanzania, GW alumni have amazing opportunities to explore the world.

I invite you to sit back and consider what your next journey may be. We would love to begin or renew our relationship with you and hope that one of our GW Adventures programs will fit into your travel plans for 2016.

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GW Adventures fill up quickly, so book in advance for 2016!
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The Details:  
January 23 – February 2, 2016  
Free round-trip airfare from select North American cities is included  
Optional shore excursions are available for purchase  
From $2,699 per person, double occupancy  
Complimentary bottle of wine provided for each cabin  
Provider: Go Next  
800.842.9023

From sun-kissed islands dotted with emerald palms and pastel colonial architecture to powdery moon-white beaches lapped by translucent aqua seas, discover a serene Caribbean paradise on this 10-night luxury cruise. From Miami, sail aboard Oceania Cruises’ newest ship, Riviera, to stunning islands including the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, St. Barts, Antigua, St. Lucia, and St. Maarten. Encounter a blend of beautifully restored Victorian mansions, candy-colored parliament buildings, and 18th-century forts in cosmopolitan Nassau. Experience the charming colonial character of Old San Juan with its blue-tinted cobblestone streets, brightly painted buildings, and ornate balconies. Discover Gustavia’s chic atmosphere, from its glittering harbor lined with sleek yachts to its red-roofed villas nestled among lush greenery. Explore the famous Georgian-era Nelson’s Dockyard in St. John’s and admire the pretty gingerbread cottages in Castries. Before returning to Miami, take in Philipsburg’s delightful Dutch architecture, snorkel Shipwreck Cove, or kayak the scenic Simpson Bay Lagoon.

Wings Over Tanzania During the Great Migration

During this 12-day journey of a lifetime, observe one of Earth’s greatest natural spectacles—the annual Great Migration—by land and air, the best way to experience Africa’s premier safari destination. Visit four of Tanzania’s finest game parks—Lake Manyara, Tarangire and the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater—with deluxe accommodations in Serena Safari Lodge and the comfortable Tarangire Safari Lodge Tented Camp. Enjoy unique perspectives aboard two privately-chartered aircraft flights and daily game drives revealing vast herds of elephant, wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, and Cape buffalo, as well as magnificent lions, cheetahs, and leopards.

The Details:  
January 18 – 29, 2016  
From $6,995 per person, double occupancy  
All accommodations, all game drives, and most meals are included  
Two chartered flights eliminate long dusty drives to and from Tanzania’s plains and maximize the time on safari  
Provider: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company  
800.922.3088
The Details: January 27–February 6, 2016
From $2,795 per person, double occupancy
Includes excursions and educational programs
Extensive meal program featuring wine with dinner
Optional post-trip extension: Four-night cruise of the Galapagos Islands

Provider: AHI
800.323.7373

Land-Based Program
Excursions and educational experiences on land

Discover the incredible treasures of Ecuador, a small diverse country on the equatorial line, during this 10-night journey that takes you through its ideal climate, indigenous and colonial culture, and centuries-old traditions. Explore the historic district of Quito, Ecuador’s capital and your home for a total of four nights. Travel outside the city to the town of Otavalo, which boasts bustling traditional crafts markets. Admire the rural scenery including volcanoes and pristine lakes. Experience the vibrant open-air museum of Cuenca, a beautiful city in the heart of the Andes where you’ll spend six nights. Journey to the Ingapirca ruins and observe the artistic traditions of Chordeleg and Gualaceo. End in Mitad del Mundo, home to an equatorial marker that dates from the 18th century.
The Details: February 14 – 22, 2016
From $5,495 per person, double occupancy
Three meals daily, including dinner in a private family-run paladar with wine, beer, and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner. Coffee or tea with all meals
Comprehensive, immersive itinerary includes accommodations, travel, dining, and touring, allowing time to fully experience the people and sites of the Caribbean’s largest island
Provider: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
800.922.3088

Be among the first U.S. travelers in nearly 50 years to visit Cuba. This highly anticipated nine-day program provides an unprecedented “People to People” opportunity. By special arrangement and U.S. Treasury-approved license, see the UNESCO World Heritage site of Old Havana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, Guanabacoa, Regla, and Pinar del Rio. Enjoy deluxe accommodations, including Havana’s historic Hotel Nacional de Cuba. Accompanied by experienced, English-speaking Cuban hosts, immerse yourself in Cuba’s history, culture, art, language, cuisine, and daily life. Interact with local experts including musicians, artists, farmers, academics, and architects. Savor authentic Cuban cuisine in private, family-run paladares and fine restaurants.

Land-Based Program
Excursions and educational experiences on land

Discover glorious scenery, cosmopolitan cities, and captivating aboriginal heritage in the land Down Under while cruising aboard Oceania Cruises’ elegant Marina from Sydney to Auckland. Relax on Eden’s golden beaches, explore Geelong’s charming waterfront, and admire Melbourne’s graceful Victorian architecture. Take in the timeless natural treasures of Tasmania, where Hobart—Australia’s second-oldest city—beckons with handsome Georgian architecture and majestic views of Mount Wellington. Then cruise the glassy waters of Milford Sound fjord, a magnificent sight with its towering cliffs swathed in verdant forests. Delve into the Scottish heritage of Dunedin, New Zealand’s southern gem, and glimpse the fascinating Maori culture of Akaroa. Stroll the sparkling waterfront in Picton and experience the blissful white-sand beaches and boutique wineries in Gisborne. Discover sweeping bay views at Tauranga or head to nearby Rotorua, renowned for its steaming geysers and thermal pools. Before concluding your adventure in Auckland, savor tranquility in the idyllic Bay of Islands.

Cruise Program
River or ocean cruising
Airfare Included
Provider: Go Next
800.842.9023

Complimentary bottle of wine provided for each cabin

Tasman Treasures
Free round-trip airfare from select North American cities is included
Optional shore excursions are available for purchase
From $6,999 per person, double occupancy
Provider: Go Next
800.842.9023

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Airfare Included
Provider: Go Next
800.842.9023

Complimentary bottle of wine provided for each cabin

Tasman Treasures
Discover all that is French and fabulous in the Great Land of Inspiration—the magical region of Provence, where sun-drenched beaches and undulating hills tie the Mediterranean to the Alps. This International Explorations program provides an authentic, customizable three-week introduction to living abroad. Reside in your own apartment in beautiful Aix-en-Provence and immerse yourself in the region’s lifestyle, customs, art, history, and cuisine. Mingle with locals and embark on exciting excursions, including tours of Arles, Les Baux, the Luberon Valley, Marseille, and Avignon, and a visit to a French winery.

In addition to the base program, select from three sets of activities geared toward your individual interests: language, cuisine, or art and architecture. These options allow you to customize your adventure, giving you the opportunity to take French language classes, learn to cook regional culinary delights, or visit additional museums and architectural gems.

**International Explorations: The Art of Living - Provence**

**The Details:**
March 4 – 26, 2016
From $3,995 per person, double occupancy
Ample leisure time to explore and adventure independently
Extensive meal program
Includes furnished accommodations and a French cell phone
Provider: AHI
800.323.7373

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**Journey Through the Amazon**

Journey deep into the heart of the Amazon on a 22-night luxury cruise, where the calls of exotic wildlife echo amid verdant forests and each secluded town offers a glimpse into fascinating history. Spend a day in Rio de Janeiro, a stunning metropolis surrounded by magnificent mountains, before embarking on a unique voyage of discovery aboard Oceania Cruises’ intimate Regatta. Experience Recife, dubbed the “Venice of Brazil” for its winding bridges and waterways. Relax on Alter do Chão’s blissful white-sand beaches, stroll past wooden stilt-houses in the remote village of Boca da Valeria, behold Manaus’ regal pastel opera house, and explore the floating market at Parintins. Witness the “Wedding of the Waters” at Santarem, where the deep blue waters of the Tapajós river meet the creamy brown-colored Amazon River. Then discover the wild, haunting beauty of Devil’s Island, the former site of an infamous French penal colony. Before concluding your odyssey in Miami, encounter the Caribbean charms of sun-kissed islands, including Barbados, St. Barts, Puerto Rico, and the Bahamas.

**The Details:**
March 10 – April 2, 2016
Free round-trip airfare from select North American cities is included
Optional shore excursions are available for purchase
From $6,499 per person, double occupancy
Complimentary bottle of wine provided for each cabin
Provider: Go Next
800.842.9023

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Cruise Program
River or ocean cruising
Airfare Included
There is no better week to visit Ireland than the week of St. Patrick’s Day. Drop in on the Emerald Isle during one of the most festive times of the year, exploring its most vibrant cities and namesake emerald countryside. Start your journey in Galway and discover the local energy and living traditions of Ireland's third-largest city. Explore two of the country's most dramatic landscapes—the Cliffs of Moher and the Burren—on your way to Cork and the famous Blarney Castle. Finally, settle in for the celebrations in Dublin. Don some green, grab a pint, and join the local residents for the city’s legendary St. Patrick’s Day parade.

**The Details:**
March 12 – 19, 2016
From $1,769 per person, double occupancy
Provider: GoAhead Tours
877 264-1348

**A Week in Ireland: St. Patrick’s Day**
Experience an exotic kaleidoscope of colors, sounds, cultures, and ancient histories in Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, and Indonesia. Visit elaborate temples, palaces, and shrines throughout this exciting program. Discover Bangkok on a tuk-tuk, marvel at the opulence of the Grand Palace, visit Wat Pho, and see other key landmarks. Learn about endangered Asian elephants, cruise the Chao Phraya River, and immerse yourself in the beauty of ancient Siam in Ayutthaya. Then celebrate the golden age of travel for three nights aboard the legendary Eastern & Oriental Express Train. Journey under the Bridge on the River Kwai on a raft, and visit colonial Georgetown — a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore lively Singapore before flying to Bali. Observe daily life on the Island of the Gods at a housing compound and at the famous market in Ubud. Admire Bali’s breathtaking scenery, volcanoes, jungles, and white-sand beaches.

**Eastern & Oriental Express**

Experience the rich traditions and profound historical significance of France and Great Britain on this outstanding seven-night cruise from Bordeaux to London aboard the exclusively chartered, Five-Star small ship M.S. L’Austral. This custom-designed itinerary features five UNESCO World Heritage sites and a memorable cruise up England’s storied River Thames to the illustrious Tower Bridge. Visit Bordeaux’s Port of the Moon, Belle-Île-en-Mer, Guernsey, and Mont-Saint-Michel. Experience the hallowed beaches of Normandy accompanied by special guest speaker, Dwight D. Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

**Stepping Stones of Western Europe**

APRIL

**The Details:**
**April 22 – May 4, 2016**

From $6,495 per person, double occupancy

Includes excursions and educational programs

Extensive meal program

Provider: AHI
800.323.7373

**Land-Based Program**

**Excursions and educational experiences on land**

**Cruise Program**

River or ocean cruising

**The Details:**
**April 23 – May 1, 2016**

From $3,995 per person, double occupancy

All meals throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single unassigned seatings

Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner

Pre-cruise trip to Bordeaux and post-cruise trip to London options available

Provider: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
800.922.3088
The Details:
April 24 – May 5, 2016
Free round-trip airfare from select North American cities is included
Optional shore excursions are available for purchase
From $3,799 per person, double occupancy
Complimentary bottle of wine provided for each cabin
Provider: Go Next
800.842.9023

Mediterranean Passage

Take in wonderful centuries-old architecture, dramatic coastal vistas, and timeless medieval centers as Oceania Cruises' elegant Riviera takes you from Spain to celebrated ports in France, Monaco, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. Depart Barcelona for France's oldest city, Marseille, a gateway to the quaint villages and postcard-worthy landscapes of Provence. Experience the glamorous atmosphere at Monte Carlo, home to the impressive Prince's Palace and the world's most prestigious casino. Sail to the port of Livorno, a jumping-off point to explore the glorious Tuscan countryside or the world-class Renaissance cities of Florence and Pisa. Behold Rome's marvelous ancient structures, stroll the café-lined streets of Sorrento, and discover amazing views of Mount Etna from the Sicilian town of Taormina. Relax on the Ionian island of Zakynthos, graced with verdant scenery and pristine sandy beaches. Before concluding your voyage in Istanbul, take in majestic vistas on Santorini, a stunning natural spectacle of volcano-carved landscapes and blue-domed, whitewashed villages.
Experience the timeless splendor of Japan and South Korea on this unique itinerary, cruising the full length of the historic Inland Sea of Japan round trip from Osaka. On board the exclusively-chartered, five-star small ship M.S. Le Soléal, featuring only 110 ocean-view suites and staterooms, enjoy this 280-mile stretch of scenic ocean with port calls at captivating points of interest, including four UNESCO World Heritage sites. From three nights in enchanting Kyoto and Okayama, to storied Hiroshima and Miyajima, to the Buddhist wonders of Gyeongju, South Korea, relish in the awe-inspiring beauty of historic ports of Japan and South Korea.

Land-Cruise Mixed Program
Activities on land and by sea

Inland Sea of Japan & South Korea

Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner
Pre-cruise trip to Tokyo option available
Provider: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
800.922.3088

Come experience the 142nd running of the Kentucky Derby in all its time-honored tradition. Recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the “top ten events to experience in a lifetime,” the Kentucky Derby is the leading stakes race for three-year-old thoroughbred horses. One of the oldest continuously-held sporting events in the world, the “Run for the Roses” was first contested back in 1875 and has enjoyed many special horses including Triple Crown champions Secretariat, Affirmed, and Seattle Slew.

Land-Based Program
Excursions and educational experiences on land

Sports Fan Experience
Athletics as a primary focus

Provider: PrimeSport
877.211.8417
The Details:
May 7 – 15, 2016
Select shore excursions are included
From $3,999 per person, double occupancy
Includes complimentary wine and beer with dinner. Cappuccino, specialty coffees, bottled water, and soft drinks are provided throughout the journey.
Provider: Go Next
800.842.9023

Follow the passage of Lewis and Clark’s fabled expedition to the Pacific coast as you journey through a geological masterpiece of astounding landscapes. From verdant forests and magnificent mountains to breathtaking gorges and sparkling waterfalls, experience the natural majesty of the Pacific Northwest while cruising the Columbia and Snake Rivers aboard the American Empress, the largest and most elegant riverboat west of the Mississippi.

Begin with a stay in Spokane, Washington’s second largest city, graced with beautiful parks and world-class museums. Embark on your river cruise in Clarkston, Washington, where rich Native American culture springs to life at the nearby Nez Perce National Historical Park. Follow the footsteps of Lewis and Clark and their legendary Shoshone guide to Sacajawea State Park, the site of the famed explorers’ 1805 campsite. Then delve into unique pioneer history at The Dalles—the end of the Oregon Trail—and take in magnificent scenery in Stevenson, Washington, home to the renowned Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center. Visit the Bonneville Dam, a monument to human ingenuity, and revel in the small-town charms of the oldest city west of the Rockies, Astoria, before your voyage concludes in the “City of Roses,” Portland.

Cruising the Elbe River

Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, superior first-class M.S. Swiss Ruby to explore the incomparable treasures and timeless traditions of the Elbe River Valley, from historic Berlin and Dresden to the medieval towns and stunning countryside of Bohemia and “Saxon Switzerland.” Meet local residents for a personal perspective on life in the region. Visit four UNESCO World Heritage sites of Berlin, Wittenberg, Potsdam, and Prague. Special expert-led excursions include a backstage tour of Dresden’s Semper Opera House, a tour of Martin Luther’s home, and a private Bach organ recital.

Provider: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
800.922.3088

Cruise Program
River or ocean cruising
Family Friendly
Accommodates participants of all ages
Flavors of Sicily

No other island pulls you in as tightly and feeds the soul so completely as Sicily. Dive into the complex layers of Sicilian lore forged from a marriage of contrasts. Working side-by-side in the kitchens of celebrated chefs, learn time-tested techniques and modern twists with locally grown food and boutique wines. Visit the coastal towns of Taormina and Syracuse – and experience for yourself the vivid, flamboyant outdoor markets that breathe life into everyday shopping in Sicily. Stop at a winery for a delicious lunch and learn how the cultivation of the ancient fertile lands around Mount Etna influences the wine. Take in Sicily’s archaeological masterpieces including the Ancient Theatre of Taormina and the Villa Romana del Casale in Piazza Armerina.

The Details:
May 20 – 28, 2016
From $4,995 per person, double occupancy
Provider: Orbridge
866.639.0079

Family Friendly
Accommodates participants of all ages

Foodies Abroad
International cuisine and beverage as a primary focus

Land-Based Program
Excursions and educational experiences on land

Changing Tides of History: Cruising the Baltic Sea, page 30
The Details:
June 15 – 24, 2016
From $5,995 per person, double occupancy

All meals throughout the cruise, featuring fine international and regional cuisine, served at single unassigned seatings

Complimentary wine and beer served with lunch and dinner

Pre-cruise Wonders of Norway and post-cruise Splendors of Stockholm options available

Provider: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
800.922.3088

Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic States, the magnificent imperial riches of St. Petersburg, and the spectacular “White Nights of Summer” on this remarkable six-country, eight-night Baltic Sea cruise. By special arrangement, enjoy enriching presentations by former President of Poland Lech Wałęsa and Brown University Professor Sergei N. Khrushchev, son of Nikita Khrushchev, former Premier of the U.S.S.R. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star M.S. Le Boreàl from Copenhagen, Denmark to Stockholm, Sweden. Visit the Polish city of Gdansk, then on to charming Tallin, the capital of Estonia. Spend two days amidst the grandeur of St. Petersburg, followed by Helsinki, Finland and Visby, Sweden. Your cruise concludes in Stockholm.

Cruise Program
River or ocean cruising
The Details:
July 25 – August 4, 2016
From $3,499 per person, double occupancy
Includes select expert-led shore excursions
Informative and enriching lectures
Complimentary coffee, water, juice, soft drinks, beer, wine, and cocktails (excluding premium brands)
Provider: Go Next
800.842.9023
Immerse yourself in the unspoiled glory of Alaska, America’s last frontier, as you cruise its coastline aboard Oceania Cruises’ graceful Regatta. Depart from Seattle and sail the Inside Passage along Canada’s coast to Alaska and the small wilderness outpost of Ketchikan, once known as the “Salmon Capital of the World.” Then visit Wrangell, a quaint timber and fishing community renowned for its Petroglyph Beach and intriguing gold rush history. Continue to Alaska’s capital, Juneau, where an exhilarating blend of nature and modern culture awaits. Take in the spectacular sight of Alaska’s longest tidewater glacier, Hubbard Glacier. Stop at Skagway, a gateway to the famed Klondike gold fields. Explore Sitka, home to the Sitka National Historical Park. Before returning to Seattle, journey to Canada’s lovely city of Victoria, a former British colony distinguished by its charming houses, picturesque gardens, and colonial heritage.

The Magnificent Great Lakes

Picture yourself surrounded by pristine islands draped in verdant wilderness and rocky shores caressed by sparkling blue waters. From Montreal to Chicago, cruise all five Great Lakes and the scenic St. Lawrence River aboard the new 210-guest M.S. Saint Laurent. Treat yourself to elegant amenities and stunning vistas as this luxurious ship takes you to charming islands and lakeside towns steeped in intriguing maritime history. Encounter the voluminous grandeur of Niagara Falls, the thrilling perspective of a Hornblower vessel, and sail the shimmering waters of Georgian Bay, a striking setting with lush, pine-dotted islands. Explore the emerald jewel of Lake Huron, Manitoulin Island, rich with ancient native tradition. Witness the legendary Soo Locks at Sault Ste. Marie, and discover the Victorian atmosphere on idyllic Mackinac Island. From fresh, outstanding cuisine and free-flowing beverages to enriching lectures and complimentary expert-led shore excursions, this 10-day voyage promises a Great Lakes expedition like no other.
Imagine medieval castles silhouetted against striking blue skies. Envision beautiful, rugged lands steeped in history. Take in the dramatic scenery of the British Isles on a luxury cruise aboard OceaniaCruises’ majestic Marina. Depart Southampton and sail to the largest city in northeast England, Newcastle, a sophisticated cultural hub set along the River Tyne. Continue to Edinburgh, Scotland’s hypnotic capital. See the impressive neo-Gothic Guildhall at Londonderry, the only remaining walled city in Ireland, and stroll past charming pubs and Victorian architecture in Belfast, a bustling city famed for its unique shipbuilding heritage. Discover the Georgian elegance of Dublin, Ireland’s dynamic capital, and admire Liverpool’s remarkable cathedrals and celebrated galleries. Then journey to the delightful fishing town of Cobh, a gateway to lively Cork, home to the French-Gothic St. Finbarre’s Cathedral. Before concluding your voyage in Southampton, stop at Portland to experience the Jurassic Coast’s stunning scenery.
Come together to discover the best of London, and delve into the heritage of one of the world’s most influential and exciting cities. Stay for 10 nights in the fashionable royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, home to world-class museums, legendary department stores, and several members of the world’s most popular royal family. This specially-planned program introduces you to not only London’s most storied landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, St. Paul’s Cathedral, and the Globe Theatre, but also the town of Oxford and the Roman spa town of Bath. Enjoy special experiences, such as unique walks in the city and a look at London through the eyes of The Beatles.

The Details:
September 16 – 27, 2016
From $3,995 per person, double occupancy
Extensive meal program featuring wine with dinner
Includes an Oyster train card to use during leisure time
Provider: AHI
800.323.7373

Land-Based Program
Excursions and educational experiences on land

Jewels of the Aegean & Holy Lands
Immerse yourself in the ancient cultures, holy lands, and beautiful jewels of the Aegean on a luxury cruise to Greece, Israel, Cyprus, and Turkey. Board Oceania Cruises’ chic Riviera in Istanbul and sail to the lovely Greek island of Patmos, where glorious frescoes adorn the Monastery of St. John. Behold age-old temples in Haifa, Israel, a picturesque city built on the slopes of Mount Carmel. More wonders await in Jerusalem, the holiest city on earth for three major religions. Visit cosmopolitan Limassol, a gateway to the timeless riches of Cyprus, and unwind on the island of Rhodes, featuring spectacular archaeological sites and sweeping white-sand beaches. Take in Crete’s windmill-dotted landscapes, and explore Turkey’s vibrant port city of Kusadasi, situated near the amazing ruins of Ephesus. Discover a fascinating fusion of Eastern and Western cultures in the magnificent city astride two continents, Istanbul, where your unforgettable voyage concludes.

The Details:
September 21 – October 2, 2016
From $4,099 per person, double occupancy
Free round-trip airfare from select North American cities is included
Optional shore excursions are available for purchase
Complimentary bottle of wine provided for each cabin
Provider: Go Next
800.842.9023

Cruise Program
River or ocean cruising
Airfare Included
This 10-day journey showcases a spectacular series of natural wonders in the American Southwest. At Bryce Canyon, Monument Valley, Zion National Park, and the Grand Canyon, admire otherworldly formations famously photographed by Ansel Adams—they are even more sublime in person. Go river rafting along Glen Canyon with a visit to a petroglyph site, admire the beauty of light striking Antelope Canyon’s narrow sandstone walls, and marvel at the scenic vistas of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Share an exciting evening with Navajo storytelling, and refresh in atmospheric hotels and lodges during this memorable trip through some of America’s favorite treasures!

Legends of the Nile

Experience the unique cultural heritage of Egypt and its wealth of historic treasures on a spectacular 10-night trip into the heart of this exotic country. In Cairo, view royal mummies in the renowned Egyptian Museum, discover the religious heritage of Coptic Cairo, and shop in the vibrant Khan el-Khalili bazaar. Journey to Giza to see the Great Pyramids and the Sphinx. Embark on a cruise of the Nile River to the Luxor and Karnak temple complexes and the seemingly endless Valley of the Kings and Queens. Continue to the Temple of Horus at Edfu, the impressive Temple of Kom Ombo, the Temple of Ramesses II in Abu Simbel, the Aswan Dam, and the island temple complex of Philae.

Provider: Orbridge
Provider: AHI
866.639.0079
800.323.7373

Cruise Program
River or ocean cruising

Land-Cruise
Mixed Program
Activities both on land and by sea
The Details:
October 1 – 9, 2016
From $2,995 per person, double occupancy
Includes excursions and educational programs
Extensive meal program featuring wine with dinner
No single supplement for solo travelers

Provider:
AHI
800.323.7373

Mysterious China - a land whose stunning beauty forms the backdrop to a 5,000-year-old civilization steeped in legend. This comprehensive, 14-day journey includes a three-night cruise along the fabled Yangtze River, from Chongqing through the Three Gorges to Yichang. Enjoy five-star hotel accommodations in Beijing, Xi’an, and Shanghai. View the “Sun City” of Tibet – Lhasa – one of the world’s highest cities with an elevation of 11,450 feet. Highlights include six UNESCO World Heritage sites: the Three Gorges Dam; Fengdu, the “City of Ghosts;” the Great Wall; Beijing’s Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square; ancient Xi’an’s Terra Cotta Warriors; and Old and New Shanghai.

The Details:
October 16 – 29, 2016
From $4,595 per person, double occupancy
Provider: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
800.922.3088

An area known for its sparkling turquoise sea, sun-kissed beaches, and charming towns, the Italian Riviera has been captivating visitors for centuries. Experience the enchantment of this famous region on a seven-night program that takes you to key landmarks and historic villages. Your home base is Sestri Levante, with its historic town center and brightly colored buildings framing the coastline. Venture to Santa Margherita, a town of colorful flowers, swaying palm trees, and hillside villas; then cruise to Portofino, playground of the rich and famous. Visit the walled city of Lucca, and explore Genoa, the maritime republic believed to be the birthplace of Christopher Columbus. Visit the picturesque villages of the Cinque Terre, the famous Five Lands. Journey to Carrara and discover the origin of the beautiful white marble that sculptors have turned into works of art for centuries.

Ancient Kingdoms of China & Tibet
Land-Based Program
Excursions and educational experiences on land
Immerse Yourself
Intensive experience around language and culture

Italian Riviera

Land-Cruise Mixed Program
Activities both on land and by sea

Ancient Kingdoms of China & Tibet
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Intensive experience around language and culture

Italian Riviera

Land-Cruise Mixed Program
Activities both on land and by sea

Ancient Kingdoms of China & Tibet
The Details:
October 23 – 31, 2016
From $2,799 per person, double occupancy
Includes complimentary wine and beer with dinner. Cappuccino, specialty coffees, bottled water and soft drinks are provided throughout the journey. Select shore excursions are included.
Provider: Go Next
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