DEAR SIGHTSEEING SOONER

Greetings from the OU Alumni Association! We are excited to unveil our Sightseeing Sooners tour selections for 2014. We hope that you will take advantage of one or more of the wonderful travel opportunities in the coming year. While visiting exotic, historical and educational destinations you will have the added value of traveling with other Sooners and reconnecting to your alma mater in an exciting way. If you have never traveled with us before we invite you to give Sightseeing Sooners a try and be a part of this exclusive group!

Our tours are designed to promote educational and cultural experiences for our alumni and friends. As you will see through this catalog, we offer 2 different modes of travel: Cruising and Land Tours. Within these categories you will find a variety of destinations and price ranges. This catalog is meant to give you a preview of the tours we will be offering in the calendar year of 2014. Please be aware that in this ever-changing travel climate, all prices, itineraries, dates and departures are subject to change.

Detailed travel brochures about each trip will be mailed to you 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) 325-1710 or at lquirk@ou.edu.

Boomer Sooner and Safe Travels!

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TRAVEL PROVIDERS
Cruises
PANAMA CANAL – THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
ALUMNI TRAVELERS
January 5-15, 2014
Prices starting at $2,280 per person, double occupancy

Come and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal! As you sail on the beautiful Azamara Quest, travel through the locks of the historic canal on a journey between the Atlantic and the Pacific. The Panama Canal is both an engineering masterpiece and a natural wonder. Connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, the passageway crosses the huge, man-made Gatun Lake and the amazing Gaillard Cut, blasted out of solid mountainside. The great locks raise and lower your ship along a 50-mile waterway -- sometimes with just inches to spare on either side. Venture through the virgin rain forests and bask in the sun on the world’s most beautiful beaches. Multiple ports will give your vacation a variety. Quaint villages one day. Mayan ruins the next. Peppered with relaxing beach trips and adventurous excursions of sailing above the trees and diving deep beneath the seas. This program includes all meals, alcohol, tips, bottled water and specialty coffees.

TAHITIAN JEWELS – PAPEETE TO PAPEETE
GO NEXT AND OCEANIA CRUISES
January 15-25, 2014
Prices starting at $3,299 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)

Savor the tropical splendor of emerald-green palms, white sand beaches and brilliant turquoise waters as you sail aboard the luxurious Oceania Cruise’s Marina to the most stunning destinations in the South Pacific, the gorgeous Polynesian islands. Experience a cruise with the finest service, accommodations and cuisine at sea, where every port of call is an island paradise. Admire multihued lagoons around Moorea and discover the region’s cultural heritage on beautiful Raiatea. Be engulfed by magnificent tropical beauty on romantic Bora Bora and wander the black sand beaches of Nuku Hiva. Sail to Hiva Oa, artist Paul Gauguin’s idyllic island home, and enchant your senses with colorful sea life at Rangiroa, before returning to Papeete on the lovely island of Tahiti. Set adrift, catch the breeze and discover Polynesia’s most beautiful gems on this exceptional voyage.
CARIBBEAN PEARLS — MIAMI TO MIAMI
GO NEXT AND OCEANIA CRUISES
February 21 – March 4, 2014
Prices starting at $2,399 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)

Cruise the turquoise waters of the radiant Caribbean aboard the exquisite Riviera, Oceania Cruises newest vessel offering unparalleled accommodations and service, with the finest cuisine at sea. Set sail from Miami and cruise the warm Caribbean waters to the idyllic islands of Grand Turk, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, St. Barts, Tortola, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas. Surround yourself with serene beauty on Grand Turk, where colonial architecture mingles with Caribbean-style dwellings. In San Juan’s old town, meander cobblestone streets past centuries-old Spanish structures; admire the colorful Dutch-influenced buildings in Philipsburg; and explore gorgeous St. Barts, an unspoiled paradise. Sail to lush Tortola, home to the famous Cane Bay Garden Beach, relax among the swaying palm trees in La Romana and see elegant Victorian mansions in Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas. Discover the pearls of the Caribbean on the cruise of a lifetime.

Sail the shimmering waters of the Caribbean to spectacular islands aboard the exquisite Oceania Cruises Riviera. Discover natural splendors and exciting ports as you cruise from Miami to Grand Turk, Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, St. Barts, Tortola, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL
ALUMNI TRAVELERS
February 14-18, 2014
Prices starting at $2,699 per person, double occupancy

Discover the beautiful golden coast of California the way you’ve never seen it before. Relax and enjoy the warm sunshine and cool breeze of the Pacific Ocean while sailing on the beautiful Azamara Quest. Breathtaking coastlines stretch as far as the eye can see. Historic missions and churches give Santa Barbara and Monterey a unique European and Spanish flavor. Three full days in San Francisco allow plenty of time to explore one of the most fascinating cities rich in culture and diversity. While in San Francisco, wine connoisseurs will be in heaven visiting the many vineyards in the Napa and Sonoma valleys. The Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Pier 39 at Fisherman’s Wharf, China Town, the Financial District, Twin Peaks, and Ghirardelli Square are a few of the many must see attractions in San Francisco. This program includes meals, alcohol, tips, bottled water and specialty coffees.
SAMB A RHYTHMS — BUENOS AIRES TO RIO DE JANEIRO
GO NEXT AND OCEANIA CRUISES
March 16 – 29, 2014
Prices starting at $3,999 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)

Travel where pulsating rhythms, natural beauty and colorful traditions thrive along South America’s east coast while cruising on Oceania Cruises’ Regatta, a superb haven of elegance. Spend a day in Buenos Aires, an unforgettable city known as the “Paris of South America,” before departing for cosmopolitan Montevideo and the chic resort town of Punta del Este. Continue to some of Brazil’s most captivating ports of call—charming Rio Grande, quaint Porto Belo, cosmopolitan São Paulo, historic Parati, the unspoiled island of Ilha Grande and the resort town of Buzios—and discover sparkling beaches, exotic wildlife, botanical gardens and colonial Portuguese architecture. Conclude your sea-swept adventure in Rio de Janeiro, whose stunning harbor is marked by the iconic Sugarloaf Mountain. From the glamorous boutiques of Buenos Aires to the exotic nature reserves of Brazil, experience the rhythms of South America on this tantalizing voyage.

HISTORIC REFLECTIONS — BARCELONA TO ATHENS
GO NEXT AND OCEANIA CRUISES
April 20–May 1, 2014
Prices starting at $3,499 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)

History comes to life on this extraordinary voyage that reflects the heart and soul of the Mediterranean. Uncover cultural and historical treasures as you sail the shores of France, Monaco, Italy, Turkey and Greece aboard Oceania Cruises’ newest ship, Riviera, which offers one of the best cruising experiences at sea. Depart Barcelona for the colorful French city of Marseille and explore its historic old town or head into the Provençal countryside where you’ll find the lovely towns of Aix and Avignon. Next visit Monte Carlo, the glittering playground on the renowned French Riviera, before continuing to the celebrated city of Florence, bursting with world-class art and architecture. Majestic Rome offers up its stunning wealth of historical monuments and then the colorful towns of Amalfi and Positano, set on dramatic seaside slopes, captivate all who visit. Stop at Taormina for a Sicilian blend of ancient ruins and modern comforts; reward yourself with an exploration of ancient Ephesus near Kusadasi, Turkey; and unwind on the Greek isle of Santorini with its spectacular volcano-carved landscapes, before concluding your voyage in Athens, Greece. From Florence’s fabled Renaissance architecture to Amalfi’s 12th-century Capuchin monastery, from Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel in Rome to the famed Library of Celsus in Ephesus, old world history comes alive on this seafaring adventure.
New York, Boston, Washington D.C., Philadelphia. These historic cities comprise numerous and celebrated cultural institutions and we have created a voyage aboard the beautiful 138-guest Yorktown, that presents a comprehensive survey of each. In Washington, D.C. admire the National Gallery of Art’s broad collection. Climb the famous staircase leading to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which contains the largest collection of Philadelphia native Thomas Eakins’s work. After a relaxing visit to the historic resort town of Cape May it’s on to New York City, whose cultural institutions are among the most extraordinary in the world. Visit the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, which tells the fascinating story of how one woman enabled a community of artists to flourish. In Boston, wander the great halls of the Museum of Fine Arts. Whether it’s the grand masterpieces and the impressive structures that house them, the contemporary galleries of cosmopolitan cities, or the charming and historic homes-turned-museums, this itinerary captures it all.

Join us this spring on a grand voyage, aboard the 138-guest Yorktown, from New York City to Canada’s dazzling waterways, stopping in New England’s most charming towns along the way. We first call in Newport, Rhode Island, an important colonial seaport, and later a mecca for Gilded Age mansions. Then, it’s up the coast, to historic Boston and Maine’s majestic and historical lands. Revel in the beauty of Acadia National Park and discover the deep and layered history of Nova Scotia’s many cultures. Enjoy the pastoral landscape of Prince Edward Island and pay a visit to the Anne of Green Gables House, the inspiration of Lucy Maud Montgomery’s classic novel. Take in breathtaking views as we sail to Quebec, where you may amble amongst the romantic cobblestoned streets, before disembarking in Montreal. This grand, two-week voyage is one not to be missed.
EUROPEAN TAPESTRY — LISBON TO LONDON
GO NEXT AND OCEANIA CRUISES

June 10–18, 2014
Prices starting at $2,499 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)

Encounter remarkable and evocative cities in Portugal, Spain and France as you weave your way through the colorful tapestry of Western Europe aboard the elegant and intimate Oceania Cruises Nautica. Depart from Lisbon and sail up Portugal's coast to Oporto, where an urban liveliness provides a modern sheen to the Renaissance architecture of the city’s cathedral area and the preserved medieval Barredo quarter. Continue north along the Atlantic coast to La Coruña, Spain, and view Europe's oldest working lighthouse, or take in Santiago de Compostela with its legendary cathedral marking a 9th-century pilgrimage route. In Bilbao, witness amazing modern and contemporary art at the thrillingly designed Guggenheim Museum. Complete your European tapestry with two days in Bordeaux, France, the city punctuated by Gothic churches, broad avenues and 18th-century mansions; and the region marked by famed vineyards and glorious château-dotted estates. Spend a day sailing along French shores and into the English Channel before arriving in England and the port of Southampton.

ALASKAN FRONTIERS & GLACIERS
GO NEXT AND OCEANIA CRUISES

July 19–29, 2014
Prices starting at $2,999 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)

Revel in the rugged, unspoiled beauty of Alaska, America’s last frontier, as you sail its coastline aboard the elegant and intimate Oceania Cruises Regatta. Depart from Seattle and sail through the scenic Seymour Narrows along Canada’s coast to Alaska and the small wilderness outpost of Ketchikan, known as the “Salmon Capital of the World.” Next is Alaska’s capital, Juneau, an exhilarating blend of nature and modern culture. Marvel at the spectacular Hubbard Glacier, the longest tidewater glacier in Alaska, followed by a visit to Icy Strait Point, a secluded seaport nestled in the pristine, Alaskan wilderness. Continue to Sitka, an astoundingly picturesque city known for its many historic attractions, including the Sitka National Historical Park, which boasts a totem-lined forest trail. Continue onward to Wrangell, one of the oldest settlements in Alaska. Sail south to Canada’s largest island and the lovely city of Victoria, a former British colony that has retained much of its colonial splendor, before returning to Seattle. Savor the majestic beauty of ancient glaciers, soaring mountains and exceptional wildlife on this Alaskan cruise.
BEST OF THE BRITISH ISLES — LONDON TO LONDON
GO NEXT AND OCEANIA CRUISES
July 22–August 2, 2014
Prices starting at $4,299 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)

Take in the rich history and dramatic scenery of the British Isles aboard Oceania Cruises’ elegant Marina as you cruise to captivating ports and cities in Scotland, Ireland and England. Depart Southampton and head to Edinburgh, Scotland’s hypnotic capital, filled with mesmerizing streets and squares, and crowned by the cliffs and medieval ramparts of Edinburgh Castle. Explore the maritime port of Invergordon or travel into the famed Scottish Highlands where ancient clan castles rise from the ruggedly beautiful hillsides. Visit Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands, and marvel at the medieval St. Magnus Cathedral or head to Skara Brae, a 5,000-year-old village. Cruise to the Isle of Skye and find Portree, a picturesque harbor town and home to the Dunvegan Castle, the oldest continuously inhabited castle in Scotland. Next venture to the Emerald Isle, first stopping in Belfast, Northern Ireland, a vibrant masterpiece adorned with Victorian architecture, historic pubs and elegant gardens. Then discover Ireland’s capital, Dublin, a cosmopolitan city that still exudes the charms of the 18th century, before visiting Cork, a stunning riverside city crisscrossed by bridges. Sail to England’s dramatic Jurassic Coast and discover Portland, a destination with unparalleled natural beauty. Here you will find one of Henry VIII’s best-preserved coastal fortresses, Portland Castle, before concluding your enchanting voyage in London.

BALTIC TREASURES — COPENHAGAN TO STOCKHOLM
GO NEXT AND OCEANIA CRUISES
August 17–28, 2014
Prices starting at $4,299 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)

Baltic treasures abound on this voyage to some of Northern Europe’s most legendary ports aboard Oceania Cruises elegant Nautica. Discover distant monarchies, Baroque palaces and stunning harbors as you cruise the Baltic Sea to Germany, Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, Russia, Estonia and Sweden. Beginning in Copenhagen, sail to the delightful German port of Warnemünde and enjoy its lovely seaside promenade, or take a short drive to Berlin and view weathered remnants of the iconic Berlin Wall and other notable landmarks. Cruise to Lithuania and stroll past charming timber-framed buildings in Klaipeda’s Old Town, and then on to Latvia’s capital Riga, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dubbed the “Paris of the East.” Head to the Finnish capital of Helsinki, a renowned international design mecca, where you’ll discover a splash of modern art and architecture. Delight in almost three full days to soak up St. Petersburg and explore its gorgeous onion-domed cathedrals and fabled palaces, or perhaps head south on a day trip to Moscow and visit famed sites like Red Square and St. Basil’s Cathedral. Before concluding your journey in Stockholm, visit Estonia to admire Tallinn’s beautifully preserved medieval architecture. Create unforgettable memories as you sail the legendary Baltic Sea.
BLACK SEA SERENADE — ISTANBUL TO ATHENS
GO NEXT AND OCEANIA CRUISES
September 21-October 2, 2014
Prices starting at $3,999 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)

Discover a treasure chest of diverse cultures and historic gems in the countries clustered around the Black Sea aboard Oceania Cruises’ elegant Riviera, stopping in Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine, Russia and Turkey. Depart from Istanbul for Bulgaria, and explore the ancient town of Nessebar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take in the historic magnificence of its fortress walls, numerous Byzantine churches and wooden houses from the 18th and 19th century. Continue to the Romanian city of Constanta and explore Roman-era relics and the marvelous ruins of Histria. Sail to the Ukraine and stop in Odessa, home to the famous Potemkin Steps and a stunning five-domed cathedral. Uncover more Ukrainian history in Sevastopol, where you can view ancient Greek walls and lovely architectural monuments, and Yalta, home to opulent tsarist palaces and the romantic Swallow’s Nest Castle. Continue to Russia and the lovely resort town of Sochi, site of the 2014 Winter Olympics, before cruising to Turkey. Visit Sinop and admire the beauty of its harbor and the ancient fortifications that have protected the city for centuries. Head ashore at Kusadasi and explore the famed ruins of Ephesus with its remarkable Library of Celsus and Temple of Artemis—one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Your epic Black Sea voyage concludes in Athens, the cradle of Western civilization.

ACCENT ON THE ADRIATIC: ITALY — CROATIA — MONTENEGRO — ALBANIA — GREECE
GO NEXT AND OCEANIA CRUISES
October 20-28 2014
Prices starting at $2,499 per person double occupancy (including airfare)

Discover captivating ports, ancient ruins and the wild beauty of nature as you cruise the azure waters of the Adriatic aboard the deluxe Oceania Cruises Marina, an elegant vessel replete with breathtaking amenities and outstanding cuisine. Set out from Venice and sail to Split, Croatia’s jewel along the Adriatic Sea, where a centuries-old Roman palace and Croatia’s oldest museum filled with intriguing relics await. Stroll the pink-paved streets that wind through Montenegro’s coastal port of Kotor, a medieval town enclosed by impressive walls. Spend time in Durres, where remnants of its ancient past surface in a 2nd-century amphitheater and the columns of an amazing Byzantine forum. Discover the verdant island of Corfu, where beauty abounds among the lush emerald hills and white sand beaches. Perched on a cliff overlooking the sea, Sicily’s timeless town of Taormina offers a blend of ancient Greek and Roman ruins and vibrant modern shops, which have enticed authors and artists for centuries. Explore the charming trove of cobblestone streets and stunning panoramas of Sorrento, or travel to Capri, a lovely island of stunning panoramas, quaint villages and ancient villas, before concluding your Adriatic adventure in Rome. From historic Adriatic ports to celebrated Italian panoramas, this extraordinary voyage truly enchants and delivers.
ANTEBELLUM SOUTH & GEORGIA’S GOLDEN ISLES
TRAVEL DYNAMICS INTERNATIONAL
November 7-14, 2014
Prices starting at $3,995 per person

This segment of America’s grand Intracoastal Waterway is rife with natural history, cultural attractions, and historic sites. As we sail on the 138-guest, Yorktown, our journey begins in the multifaceted city of Charleston, adorned with Palmetto trees and wrought-iron balustrades. Call in Beaufort and spend time exploring its numerous charming galleries, strolling the magnificent waterfront park, and traveling back in time with a visit to the city’s preserved historic homes. Nature lovers won’t want to miss a visit to nearby Hunting Island, home to the loggerhead turtle and more than 100 bird species. We visit delightful Savannah, Georgia’s oldest city. Call at remote Cumberland Island, with its picturesque sand dunes and incredible wildlife. Visit the impressive mansions on Jekyll Island, once used as wintertime retreats for the Rockefellers and Vanderbilts. Glimpse rare wildlife off St. Simons Island such as European fallow deer, armadillos, and alligators. Relax aboard ship and revel in the beauty of the Low Country as we continue along the Intracoastal Waterway. Our journey concludes in Jacksonville, Florida.

CARIBBEAN GETAWAY
ALUMNI TRAVELERS
December 6-13, 2014
Prices starting at $769 per person, double occupancy

When it comes to beautiful white-sand beaches and sparkling blue waters, the Caribbean is in a league of its own. Beyond their tropical paradise settings, the Caribbean islands are home to rich culture and complex histories. A collection of British, French and Spanish settler nations, the Caribbean has been shaped by waves of migration that have combined to form a unique blend of customs, cuisine, and traditions. Swim, sunbathe, shop, dine and dance in the most relaxing region of the world while sailing on the beautiful Celebrity Solstice. The historic Old City in San Juan, the modern and pristine shops in St. Thomas and the world famous beaches in St. Maarten offer a perfect variety for new and seasoned travelers alike.
Land Tours
CLASSIC SAFARI: KENYA & TANZANIA
ODYSSEY’S UNLIMITED
January 15-31, 2014
Prices starting at $7,095 (airfare included, additional taxes may apply)

Embark on a true safari experience as a small group enjoying quintessential wildlife viewing in Kenya and Tanzania. Travel from grasslands to highlands, through reserves and national parks, to experience firsthand views of the local wildlife and natural landscapes. Highlights include the vast plains and green covered hills of Masai Mara, where you’re as likely to encounter Maasai tribesmen as elephants and zebra; and Ngorongoro Crater, where you’ll see Africa in microcosm. Enjoy intimate visits to Amboseli National Park in the shadow of Mt. Kilimanjaro; and Serengeti National Park, considered the finest preserve in all Africa. With twice daily game drives in most parks, you’re likely to see the pride of the continent including lions, leopards, wildebeest, Thomson’s gazelle, hippos, black rhino, and buffalo, just to name a few. Conclude at peaceful Lake Manyara, one of Tanzania’s smallest and most diverse national parks and an area noted for its abundant bird life, including masses of dazzling pink flamingoes.

COSTA RICA’S NATURAL HERITAGE
ODYSSEY’S UNLIMITED
March 3-14, 2014
Prices starting at $2,795 (airfare included, additional taxes may apply)

Your 12-day educational journey begins in cosmopolitan San Jose. Embark on an excursion through the Central Valley to Poas Volcano National Park before continuing on to the Doka Coffee Estate where you’ll learn about Costa Rica’s most important export and have lunch. After visiting La Garita at the Botanical Orchid Garden, enjoy magnificent vistas of Arenal Volcano from this evening’s lodge. Take guided walks through Monteverde’s biological reserve learning about the amazing bio-diversity in this relatively small area. Float along the Tempisque River where you will have opportunity to see abundant bird- and wildlife. End your tropical journey at a secluded Pacific beach resort. Towering volcanoes, exotic flora and fauna, and stunning sunsets will make this natural voyage a trip to remember! A 4-day/3-night optional post-tour extension allows you to further discover Costa Rica’s bio-diversity with a guided stay within Tortuguero National Park.
EASTERN & ORIENTAL EXPRESS – BANGKOK TO BALI
AHI
March 25-April 6, 2014
Prices starting at $5,995 + VAT + AIR

Experience an exotic kaleidoscope of colors, sounds, cultures and ancient histories on this exciting 10-night journey to Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. Visit elaborate temples, palaces and shrines throughout this exciting program. Discover Bangkok in a tuk-tuk, marvel at the opulence of the Grand Palace, visit Wat Pho and more. 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 as it takes you through rural Thailand and Malaysia. Raft down the Kwai Yai River, and visit colonial Georgetown, a historic Malaysian city. Explore lively Singapore before flying to Bali. Observe daily life during a special excursion to a traditional Balinese housing compound and at the famous market in Ubud. Admire Bali’s breathtaking scenery, volcanoes, jungles and white-sand beaches. This program includes all excursions, deluxe accommodations and an extensive meal plan.

SPAIN – INTERNATIONAL LIFESTYLES EXPLORATIONS
AHI
April 19-May 13, 2014
Prices starting at $4,495 + VAT + AIR

Spain is a wonderful destination for those who dream of learning a second language and exploring another culture. Discover this nation’s allure for yourself on a three-week, authentic introduction to living overseas. Reside in your own apartment in Salamanca, a historic city in the Castilla y León region near Madrid. Salamanca offers the conveniences of a metropolis and the intimacy of a small university town. Nearly every region in Spain has a different dialect, but residing in this region, you will learn to speak Castilian Spanish, the country’s standard dialect. Enjoy language instruction combined with an immersion into the customs, history and cuisine of Spain, courtesy of your Lifestyle Guide. Join your fellow participants for tapas every Friday night and catch up on the events of the week. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage towns of Ávila and Segovia, delve further into Spanish culture and history during other informative and entertaining excursions, and more. Celebrate your accomplishments with a graduation dinner. This program also includes two nights in Madrid. This unique adventure includes an extensive meal program, first-class accommodations, a Spanish cell phone and ample independent leisure time to pursue your individual interests.
PORTRAIT OF ITALY
ODYSSEY’S UNLIMITED

May 24-June 9, 2014
Prices starting at $4,695 (airfare included, additional taxes may apply)

Experience the best of Italy’s countryside and its famed cities—Rome, Florence, and Venice – on this small group tour. Our 17-day journey showcases ancient sites, vivid ruins, priceless art, outstanding cuisine, and unique lodgings, including a restored Tuscan villa. Starting in Italy’s Campania region, we’ll stay in the stunning seaside resort of Amalfi and visit Pompeii and Sorrento. Our next stop is Montecassino, whose Abbey is a center for medieval art. During three days in Rome we’ll see the city’s most famous sights and enjoy ample free time. Then it’s on to Umbria and Tuscany with their traditional villages and medieval hill towns—Orvieto, Assisi, Siena, San Gimignano. In Florence we’ll immerse ourselves in Renaissance art and in Chianti we’ll enjoy a wine tasting at a local winery. Our journey concludes in magical Venice, with tours of St. Mark’s Square and time on our own to explore the city. Spend some additional time “On Your Own” in Venice as an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

A JOURNEY THROUGH CHINA, OLD AND NEW
CHINA ADVOCATES

June 7-18, 2014
Prices starting at $5,250 per person

Join us on this special 12-day exploration of China’s fascinating ancient sites and cultures, and the rise of modern cities. Starting in colorful Beijing, gaze upon the sweeping views of the Great Wall of China at Mutianyu and explore the world-renowned Forbidden City. In Xian, witness the extraordinary 2,300-year-old terracotta warriors, the entombed army of China’s first emperor. Journey to remote southwest China, an area known for sublime natural beauty and ancient minority cultures. Visit Kunming, home to 26 ethnic minorities and known as the “Land of Eternal Spring” for its mild climate and year-round blooms. Head to Lijiang for an extraordinary glimpse into the culture of the minority Naxi and Bai people as well as spectacular views of the snow-capped peaks of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Wander the lanes of the UNESCO World Heritage site, Lijiang Old Town, the most charming ancient town in China today. Finally, delve into the cosmopolitan ambiance of Shanghai, a vibrant metropolitan melting pot unlike any other city in the world.
DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE
ODYSSEY’S UNLIMITED
June 24-July 10, 2014
Prices starting at $4,395 (airfare included, additional taxes may apply)

Depart on a special odyssey through Central Europe that visits five distinctly different nations—Poland, Hungary, Austria, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic—focusing on the past as well as the monumental events of the last century. Tour Warsaw’s Old Town—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—and visit the haunting concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau. Explore Budapest and view the scenic Danube Bend. In Vienna, attend a classical music performance and tour majestic Schönbrunn Palace. Dine at a local family-owned restaurant in Bratislava and explore Prague’s acclaimed museums and architectural treasures. An optional 3-day/2-night post-tour “On Your Own” extension in Prague is available.

NORMANDY, 70TH ANNIVERSARY
AHI
July 1-9, 2014
Prices starting at $2,795 + VAT + AIR

On June 6, 1944, a heroic formation of Allied troops achieved the largest coordinated military invasion in history on the beaches of Normandy, triggering the beginning of the end of World War II. Walk through history on this exclusive journey through Normandy, featuring two full days of exploration that highlight this important victory during the 70th anniversary of D-Day. From your base in the charming town of Honfleur, journey to the D-Day landing beaches, including poignant Omaha Beach, led by a historian who will discuss D-Day’s events. Visit the American Military Cemetery, the Peace Memorial at Caen and the commune of Sainte Mère Église, one of the first towns liberated on D-Day. Stop at the German cemetery at La Cambe. In addition, you will travel to Monet’s home and studio in Giverny, indulge in a special tasting of Normandy’s famous Calvados brandy and visit the majestic Mont-Saint-Michel. This program offers an exceptional value that includes all excursions, educational programs, first-class accommodations, an extensive meal plan and wine with dinner.
DISCOVER SWITZERLAND
AHI
July 16-31, 2014
Prices starting at $3,995 + VAT + AIR

See the majesty of Switzerland’s landscape unfold before your eyes on this exclusive Small Group journey through its idyllic alpine meadows, crystal lakes and broad vistas. Spend seven nights each in the picturesque town of Meiringen and the traditional village of Villars-sur-Ollon. Discover the cultural and geographic heart of Europe by train, bus, boat and on guided walks. Your Swiss Rail Pass eases your travel throughout the county. Enjoy panoramic views set against the majestic Alps, and cruise magnificent lakes as you explore Magisalp, Brienz and Interlaken. Journey to Lucerne and the famous resorts of Grindelwald and Gstaad. Trek through Rosenlaui Gorge and view the stunning Reichenbach Falls. Visit historic Montreux and the Château of Chillon, made famous by the poetry of Lord Byron. Travel to Zermatt and witness the imposing Matterhorn. Visit the dynamic city of Lausanne and cosmopolitan Geneva. This remarkable experience includes an extensive meal plan, wine with dinner and time for independent exploration.

SICILY & THE AMALFI COAST
AHI
September 19-28, 2014
Prices starting at $3,195 + VAT + AIR

As a cultural crossroads of the ancient world, Sicily abounds with enchanting natural beauty, impressive man-made creations seemingly untouched by time, fascinating culture and a vast history. Discover sun-bleached Greek temples, stately Roman ruins and ancient amphitheaters with near-perfect acoustics as you explore Taormina, Agrigento and Syracuse. Then, journey across the Strait of Messina to mainland Italy and the incomparable Amalfi Coast, where mountains erupt from the waters of the Mediterranean and pastel-painted buildings cascade down their sides. See why it is nicknamed The Divine Coast as you witness the region’s many treasures. Marvel at the spectacular, vertical town of Positano. Travel back in time as you roam through the remains of Pompeii, and delight in idyllic Naples and Sorrento. Immerse yourself in the enchantment of the town of Amalfi and Capri, the Isle of Dreams. This program includes deluxe accommodations in Taormina Mare and Vietri sul Mare, all excursions, presentations offering insight into local history and culture, and an extensive meal plan featuring wine with dinner.
## JANUARY
- **Panama Canal Ocean Cruise**
  - Date: January 5-15, 2014
  - Host: Alumni Travelers

- **Tahitian Jewels Ocean Cruise**
  - Date: January 14-25, 2014
  - Host: Go Next

- **Classic Safari: Kenya & Tanzania Land**
  - Date: January 15-31, 2014
  - Host: Odyssey’s Unlimited

## FEBRUARY
- **California Coastal Coastal Cruise**
  - Date: February 10-18, 2014
  - Host: Alumni Travelers

- **Caribbean Pearls Ocean Cruise**
  - Date: February 21-March 4, 2014
  - Host: Go Next

## MARCH
- **Costa Rica’s Natural Heritage Land**
  - Date: March 3-14, 2014
  - Host: Odyssey’s Unlimited

- **Samba Rhythms Ocean Cruise**
  - Date: March 16-29, 2014
  - Host: Go Next

- **Eastern & Oriental Express Land**
  - Date: March 25-April 6, 2014
  - Host: AHI

## APRIL
- **Lifestyle Explorations in Spain Land**
  - Date: April 19-May 13, 2014
  - Host: AHI

- **Historic Reflections Ocean Cruise**
  - Date: April 20-May 1, 2014
  - Host: Go Next

- **Great Art Centers Coastal Cruise**
  - Date: April 24-May 4, 2014
  - Host: Travel Dynamics

## MAY
- **A Springtime Voyage from New York to Montreal Coastal Cruise**
  - Date: May 27-June 10, 2014
  - Host: Travel Dynamics

- **Portrait of Italy Land**
  - Date: May 24-June 9, 2014
  - Host: Odyssey’s Unlimited

## JUNE
- **A Journey through China, Old and New Land**
  - Date: June 7-18, 2014
  - Host: China Advocates

- **European Tapestry Ocean Cruise**
  - Date: June 10-18, 2014
  - Host: Go Next

- **Discovering Eastern Europe Land**
  - Date: June 24-July 10, 2014
  - Host: Odyssey’s Unlimited
## SIGHTSEEING SOONERS — TRIPS FOR 2014

### JULY
- **Normandy, 70th Anniversary of D-Day**  
  Land  
  July 1-9, 2014  
  AHI
- **Discover Switzerland**  
  Land  
  July 16-31, 2014  
  AHI
- **Alaskan Frontiers & Glaciers**  
  Ocean Cruise  
  July 19-29, 2014  
  Go Next
- **Best of the British Isles**  
  Ocean Cruise  
  July 22-August 2, 2014  
  Go Next

### AUGUST
- **Baltic Treasures**  
  Ocean Cruise  
  August 17-28, 2014  
  Go Next

### SEPTEMBER
- **Sicily & the Amalfi Coast**  
  Land  
  September 19-28, 2014  
  AHI
- **Black Sea Serenade**  
  Ocean Cruise  
  September 21-October 2, 2014  
  Go Next

### OCTOBER
- **Accent on the Adriatic**  
  Ocean Cruise  
  October 20-28, 2014  
  Go Next

### NOVEMBER
- **Antebellum South**  
  River Cruise  
  November 7-14, 2014  
  Travel Dynamics

### DECEMBER
- **Caribbean Getaway**  
  Ocean Cruise  
  December 6-13, 2014  
  Alumni Travelers
Happy Travels!

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