

TRAVEL PROGRAM 2025



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LETTER FROM THE ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR

Dear WashU alumni, parents, and friends:

One of many things I love about working in University Advancement is the opportunity it provides to get to know so many of you. Whether it is reminiscing at reunion or connecting at Commencement, interacting with the WashU community is always enjoyable and energizing. Frequently, the topic of conversation turns to travel, at which point I usually chime in with news about the WashU Travel Program. Sometimes, the response is: “WashU has a travel program?” We sure do! It’s sponsored by the Alumni Association and this year marks its 50th anniversary.

Over the years, our travelers have told us how much they enjoy taking trips with like-minded individuals who share a connection to WashU and appreciate educational travel. Another often cited highlight is the chance to get to know and learn from our esteemed faculty, who join select tours each year. Recently, we asked some of our travelers about their favorite trips and why they travel with WashU. We were inspired by their responses and have included a few of them in the pages that follow.

In the summer of 2023, we hired David Webb to run the Travel Program full-time and develop related education-oriented initiatives for our alumni, parents, and friends. I’m so happy to have David on the team. He’s a former WashU faculty member and a fellow travel enthusiast who’s committed to creating opportunities for the university community to explore and learn together. I can’t wait to see where things go. Speaking of “go,” we have a portfolio of wonderful destinations lined up for 2025 and hope to see you on an upcoming tour!

The WashU Travel Program offer endless opportunities for fun, adventure, and lifelong learning. I am inspired by the collective enthusiasm, dedication, and curiosity of our travelers. Thank you for your involvement and support. I look forward to the road ahead and the many journeys to come.

Sincerely,



Susan Cohen
Associate Vice Chancellor,
Engagement and Annual Giving Programs



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear fellow travelers:

Greetings from WashU! I am sure many of you have fond memories of seeing Brookings Hall for the first time and walking through that iconic archway on your way across campus. You may have noticed an inscription on the eastern façade that reads; *Discere Si Cupias Intra: Salvere Iubemus*, “If you wish to learn, enter: we welcome you.” No matter how long it has been since you last entered campus, that invitation still stands.

As the director of the WashU Travel Program, I invite you to continue your learning journey by exploring the world with us on an upcoming trip. This invitation is open to alumni, parents, and friends of the university. Every member of the WashU community is welcome!

In the following pages, you will find a list of trips we have planned for 2025, perspectives from past travelers, and general information about the Travel Program. We created this digital catalog for convenience and flexibility. You can peruse the “flipbook” version directly on our [website](#), or you can download a PDF version to share with friends and family.

If you have any questions about the program or our upcoming trips, please feel free to contact me directly at davidewebb@wustl.edu or 314-935-0474.

Sincerely,



David Webb
Director, Travel Program & Education





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WHY TRAVEL WITH WASHU?

WHAT BETTER WAY TO CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY OF LIFE-LONG LEARNING THAN BY EXPLORING THE WORLD WITH FELLOW WASHU ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS?

The Travel Program partners with the world's leading affinity travel organizations – companies with decades of experience in planning travel programs that go beyond the ordinary group tour – to offer exciting destinations with itineraries that meet our objective of learning through travel.



PATAGONIA, 2019

Each year, select trips welcome WashU faculty members who join the tour to share their expertise and insights on topics related to the destination. Whether you are a seasoned traveler or eager to begin, the Travel Program is a wonderful way to experience the world and meet other curious explorers.

We are proud to present our 2025 catalog, featuring upcoming trips, insights from our travelers, and helpful tips to guide you along your journeys. Bon voyage!

TRAVEL TRAVELL LOG

WE CHATTED WITH THESE FREQUENT WASHU TRAVELERS WHO RECENTLY TOOK AN EXCURSION TO THE BOTTOM OF THE WORLD. FIND OUT WHAT MADE THEIR TRIP WITH THE TRAVEL PROGRAM SO GREAT.

TRAVEL PROGRAM 2025

GUEST MANIFEST

NAME:

Ilene L. Follman
(BA '65, MA '93)

and Burt E. Follman

No. OF TRIPS TAKEN: 4

MOST RECENT DESTINATION:

Expedition to Antarctica

DATE: 2023



ANTARCTICA, 2023

WHY DO YOU TRAVEL?

We travel to share new experiences with one another, fellow travelers, and residents of travel destinations. Each tour offers opportunities to learn about aspects of the culture, history, contemporary issues, topography, flora, fauna, arts, crafts, and cuisine of that destination.

WHAT STOOD OUT TO YOU ABOUT THE LAST TRIP YOU TOOK WITH WASHU?

The last WashU trip we took was to Antarctica in January 2023. It was wonderful to share such an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience with fellow WashU alums from across the U.S.! Professors from four different universities, including WashU, offered talks daily in their area of expertise, deepening our understanding of the seventh continent. They – along with naturalists who accompanied each of our twice-daily zodiac landings – provided a truly incredible learning experience throughout the expedition!



WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO SOMEONE WHO IS CONSIDERING TRAVELING WITH WASHU FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would definitely recommend WashU travel to others who are considering trips sponsored by the university. The trips we have taken have been well planned and have offered excellent opportunities to become immersed as much as possible in the destination.

DO YOU HAVE ANY TRAVEL TIPS, TRICKS, OR ADVICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?

- Keep an open mind to embrace new surroundings and experiences
- Be flexible, as itineraries sometimes change due to unexpected circumstances
- Be respectful of cultural differences
- Try to learn a few words or phrases in the country's language

2025 TRIPS

Let your imagination run wild as you peruse our 2025 tours! Additional details and booking information is available on our website: travel.washu.edu You can also call us at **314-935-0474**.

WINTER (JANUARY-FEBRUARY)

Cuba and its People
(featuring Havana)

Chilean Wonders:
Lake District and Patagonia

Tahiti and French Polynesia

Africa's Gold Coast:
Togo and Ghana

SPRING (MARCH-MAY)

Intriguing India

Dutch Waterways:
Amsterdam to Antwerp

Machu Picchu to the Galapagos

Cuba and its People
(featuring Havana)

Enchanting Gems Austria:
Graz and Salzburg

Flavors of Sicily



**SUMMER
(JUNE-AUGUST)**

Cruising the Italian Riviera

Discover Southeast Alaska

Canadian Rockies Explorer

Exploring Iceland

**FALL
(SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER)**

Provence

Coastal Gems of the Emerald Isle

Grand Seine River
and Normandy Passage

Southwest National Parks

Journey to Antarctica



CUBA AND ITS PEOPLE **(FEATURING HAVANA)**

JANUARY 10-17, 2025

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TRAVEL.WUSTL.EDU



Get ready for an unforgettable immersion into Cuba's fascinating history and high-spirited culture. Behind Havana's striking cityscape, you'll find the heart of Cuba: its people. Meet local experts who share insights and perspectives on their country.

This is a chance to experience life through the eyes of community leaders, business owners, residents, and artists, each of whom has their own unique way of expressing a deep passion for the rich history and colorful culture of Cuba.



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CHILEAN WONDERS:
LAKE DISTRICT AND PATAGONIA
FEBRUARY 10-21, 2025

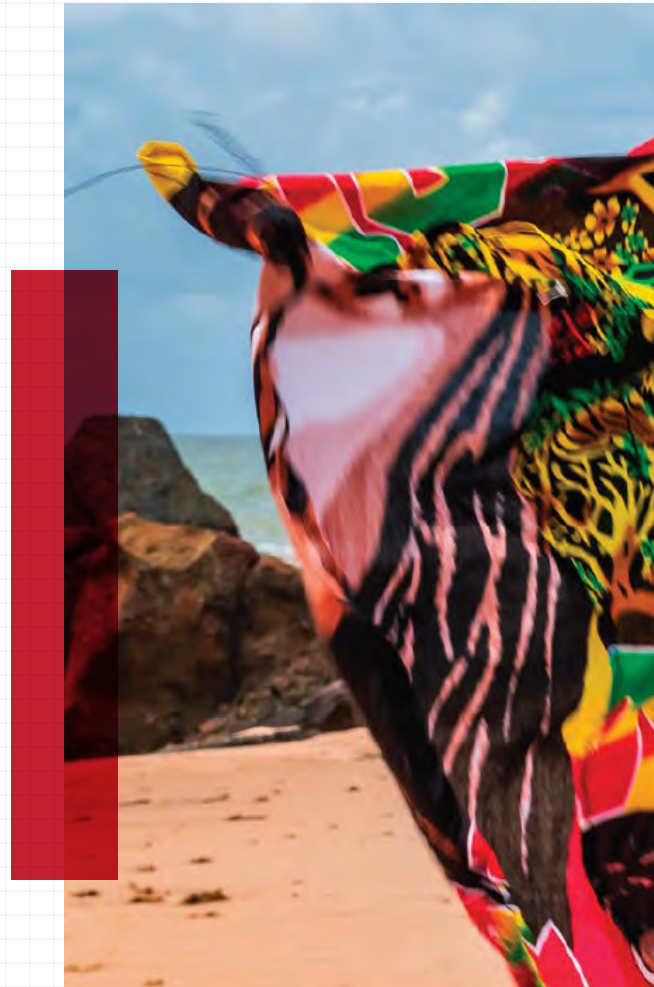
Embark on an extraordinary, nine-night, small-group adventure in Chile. This slender South American jewel – over 2,500 miles long but only about 110 miles wide – is packed with distinctive regions and diverse natural landscapes. Enjoy the lively ambiance and local cuisine of Santiago. Spot penguins along the coast of Chiloé Island, cruise Lake Todos los Santos, and savor a traditional Chilean barbecue in the breathtaking Lake District. Further south, take in the jaw-dropping grandeur of Torres del Paine National Park, one of the world’s greatest national parks and home to some of Patagonia’s most spectacular glaciers.

AFRICA'S GOLD COAST:

TOGO AND GHANA

FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 6, 2025

Venture into a land where kings still rule amid the ruins of castles and dungeons spread along a glittering coast. Experience colorful festivals and lively, celebratory rituals. Visit modern cities and rural villages standing on stilts in watery basins. This is the home of ancient traditions that have survived the encroachments of colonialism and modern life. Here you will uncover the secrets of ritual masks, talk to priestesses and kings, and witness regal traditions that have survived the test of time. Don't miss this unique opportunity to glimpse into the vibrant culture and intricate history of West Africa.



TAHITI AND

FRENCH POLYNESIA

FEBRUARY 21-MARCH 3, 2025

Set sail for the idyllic islands of French Polynesia on this spectacular 10-night tour. Take in the emerald-green peaks, chalk-white atolls, and bright blue lagoons of the Society Islands while sailing aboard the *Star Breeze* luxury liner. Immerse yourself in the South Pacific's spectacular history, rich culture, and unique topography. This exceptional itinerary includes a stay at the deluxe InterContinental Tahiti Resort and Spa and offers additional excursions for purchase if you want to customize your island adventure.



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“THIS WAS MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH GROUP TRAVEL. THE GROUP WAS SMALL, MANAGEABLE, AND COMPATIBLE. I APPRECIATED THE TRIP SCHEDULE – PLENTY TO DO, YET SOME FREE TIME. IT WAS NICE HAVING ALL THE FUNCTIONS PLANNED OUT SO ALL I HAD TO DO WAS TO BE ON TIME FOR THE BUS. THE HOTEL, PLANNED MEALS, TOUR GUIDES, AND BUS WERE ALL VERY NICE.” – WASHU TRAVELER, NORMANDY

INTRIGUING INDIA

MARCH 7-21, 2025

Join us on a remarkable journey through India's interior, where every moment promises a blend of historical and cultural discovery. Uncover this vibrant country's rich tapestry while exploring iconic landmarks and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, like the Red Fort, Agra Fort, Hawa Mahal (the Palace of the Winds), and the renowned Taj Mahal. Experience the ecologically diverse wildlife of Keoladeo National Park on a panoramic rickshaw ride and connect with residents in local villages as you make your way through bustling bazaars filled with jewelry, textiles, crafts, food, and spices.



“THE PROGRAM FAR EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS. THE ACCOMMODATIONS WERE FIRST-RATE. THE LOGISTICS WERE HANDLED WELL. THE EXCURSIONS WERE FANTASTIC. THE FOOD WAS EXCELLENT. I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PROGRAM.”

– WASHU TRAVELER, LEGENDS OF THE NILE

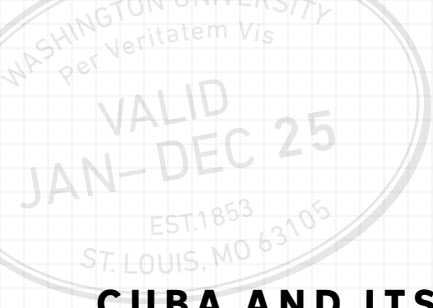


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DUTCH WATERWAYS: **AMSTERDAM TO ANTWERP** **APRIL 1-9, 2025**

Embark on a seven-night cruise of the intimate waterways of the Netherlands and Belgium. Stroll along Amsterdam’s lively canals and through stunning tulip fields at Keukenhof, one of the world’s largest flower gardens. Admire the wonderfully preserved Gothic architecture of Bruges and the historic charm of Old Town Antwerp. Other ports of call along this cruise include Enkhuizen, a beautiful Dutch Golden Age city, and Veere, a laid-back harbor town. In several of these ports, enjoy your choice of included cultural and culinary experiences.





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CUBA AND ITS PEOPLE #2 (FEATURING HAVANA)

APRIL 18-25, 2025

Get ready for an unforgettable immersion into Cuba’s fascinating history and high-spirited culture. Behind Havana’s striking cityscape, you’ll find the heart of Cuba: its people. Meet local experts who share insights and perspectives on their country.

This is a chance to experience life through the eyes of community leaders, business owners, residents, and artists, each of whom has their own unique way of expressing a deep passion for the rich history and colorful culture of Cuba.

MACHU PICCHU TO THE GALAPAGOS

APRIL 15-30, 2025

Visit two of South America’s greatest treasures on a small group tour: the enigmatic ruins at Machu Picchu, where you will stay overnight at an intimate on-site hotel, and the fascinating Galapagos Islands, Darwin’s “living laboratory,” for a four-night, island-based adventure.





ENCHANTING GEMS AUSTRIA: GRAZ AND SALZBURG

APRIL 23-MAY 2, 2025

Experience Austria during an eight-night stay packed with history, music, natural beauty, and delicious cuisine. Enjoy four nights at first-class hotels in the heart of Graz and Salzburg. Get acquainted with the legend and legacy of Mozart in his birthplace of Salzburg, including a walking tour of the landmarks of his life, a performance of his works, and a three-course authentic Austrian dinner. Celebrate the 60th anniversary of “The Sound of Music” with the option to take a guided tour of iconic filming locations around Salzburg. In the Styria region, take a guided tour of the mighty Riegersburg Castle and visit the renowned Lipizzaner stallions.

FLAVORS OF SICILY

MAY 2-10, 2025

Join us on a captivating, nine-day journey through the heart of Sicily to discover this lively island’s historical and cultural treasures. Explore renowned archaeological and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, indulge in delicious cuisine and wine, and partake in hands-on cooking classes with celebrated chefs who share recipes and culinary techniques passed down through generations. This immersive experience promises to engage all your senses and leave you with memories to last a lifetime.

**“THE TRIP WAS WELL
PLANNED AND ORGANIZED.
THE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE OF
THE HIGHEST QUALITY AND THE
GUIDE WAS VERY GOOD.”**

– WASHU TRAVELER, SWISS ALPS

CRUISING THE
ITALIAN RIVIERA:
TUSCANY, CINQUE TERRE
AND THE AMALFI COAST

JUNE 20-28, 2025

Experience the best of the Italian Riviera on this remarkable seven-night cruise aboard the deluxe small ship, *World Navigator*. Customize your Tuscan experience with optional visits to Florence or Lucca (included in the price of the tour). Enjoy excursions to the cliffside villages of Cinque Terre, the fortified Corsican town of Bonifacio, and the UNESCO-inscribed ruins of Pompeii. Visit Amalfi and the Isle of Capri on an incomparable journey that concludes with a guided tour of a museum devoted to the history of the 1943 Allied landings in Sicily – led by guest speaker Dwight David Eisenhower II.

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DISCOVER SOUTHEAST ALASKA

JULY 25-AUGUST 1, 2025

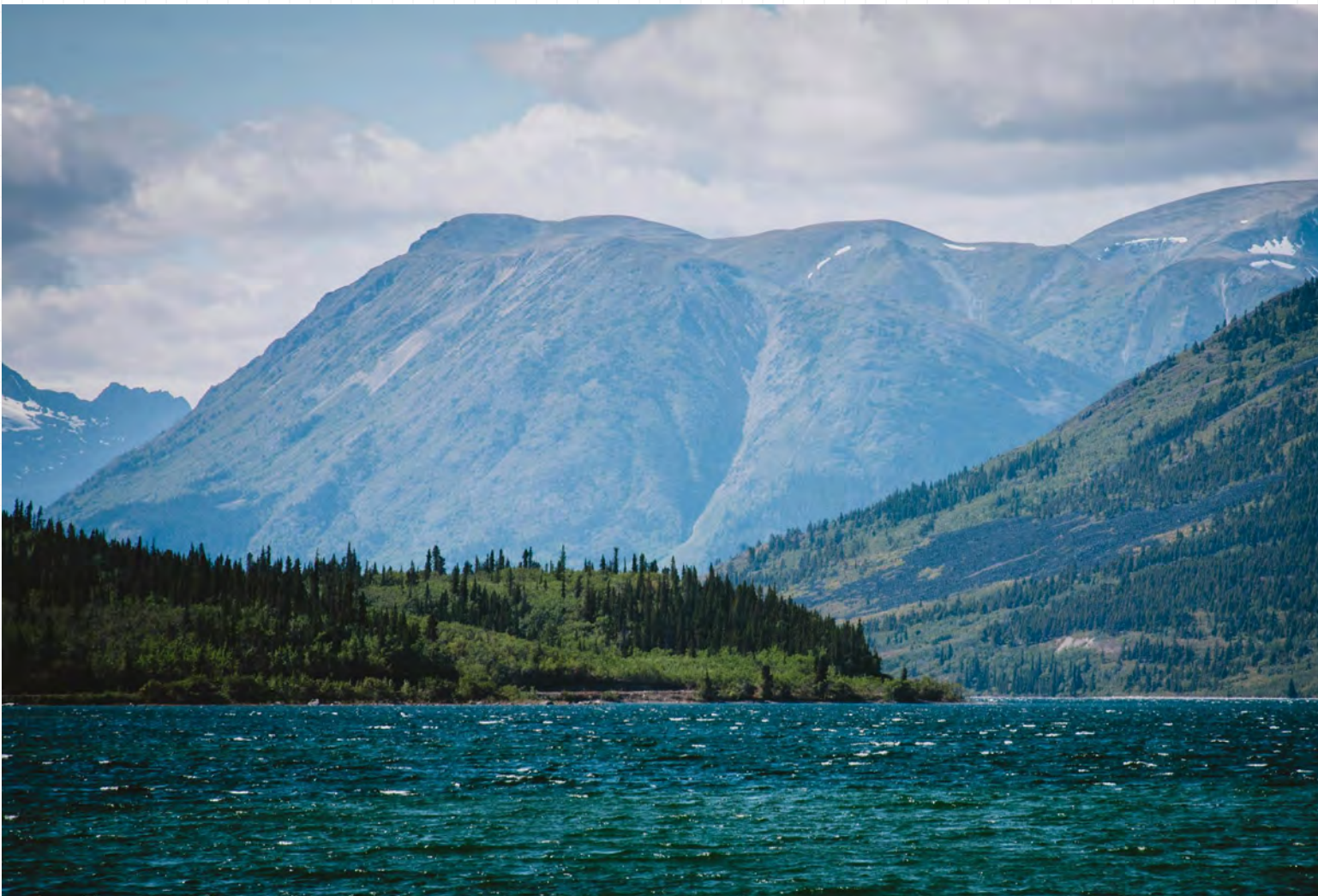
Enjoy the flexibility of small-ship travel during this expedition through Alaska's Inside Passage. Accompanied by expert naturalists and a knowledgeable crew, you will make your way through narrow channels and waterways inaccessible to larger vessels. You'll encounter Alaska's abundant wildlife, breathtaking scenery, and towering ice-blue glaciers as you explore some of the world's most secluded landscapes.



CANADIAN ROCKIES EXPLORER
(WITH GLACIER NATIONAL PARK)

AUGUST 13-23, 2025

One of North America's great unspoiled wildernesses, the Canadian Rockies offer bountiful rewards for outdoor-loving travelers. You'll stay in unique mountain lodges, ride in Glacier National Park's famed Red Jammers, visit cerulean Lake Louise, and set foot on Athabasca Glacier. The alpine scenery here is truly breathtaking – an unforgettable feast for the eyes.



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EXPLORING ICELAND

AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

Visit an astonishing land of massive glaciers, rumbling volcanoes, bubbling mud holes, powerful waterfalls, abundant bird life, and a population of only 340,000.

It's perfect for exploring in a small group tour, where you will get an up-close view of this geologic marvel and natural wonderland.

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PROVENCE **(FEATURING ART, CUISINE, AND WINE)**

SEPTEMBER 6-14, 2025

The elements of a quintessential Provençal experience—wine, cuisine, art, and architecture—come together on this scenic sojourn in the wine regions of Burgundy, Beaujolais, and the Rhône Valley. Cruise from historical Lyon to the ancient city of Arles along the fabled Rhône and Saône rivers aboard the deluxe, exclusively chartered *Voyage*. Experience southeast France’s breathtaking landscapes and the transcendent light that has inspired artists over the centuries.

COASTAL GEMS OF THE EMERALD ISLE **(FEATURING THE WILD ATLANTIC WAY)**

SEPTEMBER 7-19, 2025

Ireland’s gorgeous coastal scenery of towering cliffs and ruggedly beautiful islands await you on this magical exploration of the Wild Atlantic Way and County Donegal. Watch lively dogs herding sheep on a farm, hear tales from a traditional storyteller, and taste classic dishes on a culinary tour. You’ll also travel to Northern Ireland to admire the walled city of Derry-Londonderry and the otherworldly formations of Giant’s Causeway. Embrace the Emerald Isle’s natural splendor and welcoming culture on this rewarding journey.





GRAND SEINE RIVER AND NORMANDY PASSAGE

SEPTEMBER 15-23, 2025

Unpack once and cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered *MS Renoir* as you make your way through the heart of France. Each day of this Seine River cruise offers unique views into French history and culture. You'll visit the Palace of Versailles, stroll the grounds of Monet's Giverny home, wander the halls of medieval abbeys in Rouen, and tour Honfleur, a port town that has captivated artists for centuries. This classic journey through northern France would not be complete without a stop in Normandy to explore historic D-Day sites and a walking tour of the City of Light covering some of Paris' most iconic landmarks.

**“THIS WAS AN AMAZING ADVENTURE. . . ALL PROMISES WERE DELIVERED! . . .
ONE OF THE BEST TRIPS I HAVE EVER BEEN ON AND I’VE BEEN JUST ABOUT
EVERYWHERE.” – WASHU TRAVELER, YELLOWSTONE**



SOUTHWEST NATIONAL PARKS

OCTOBER 8-16, 2025

Journey with us into the awe-inspiring realm of the American Southwest, a land of mesmerizing geological marvels tucked within our treasured national parks. Traverse the timeless landscapes of the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Zion, where the intricate dance of uplift and erosion has etched an extraordinary tapestry across the Southwest plateau. Delve into a world of hoodoos, slot canyons, arches, buttes, and mesas stretched across the horizon in a breathtaking display of nature's artistry.

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TRAVEL.WUSTL.EDU



JOURNEY TO ANTARCTICA: THE WHITE CONTINENT

NOVEMBER 7-16, 2025

Discover the Antarctic Peninsula, where white mountains roll endlessly to the horizon and massive glaciers churn icebergs into the sea. Travel with a diverse team of experts aboard a state-of-the-art expedition ship. Venture into channels and coves framed by towering peaks. Watch for whales off the bow; glide around enormous icebergs in Zodiacs; and hike, kayak, or perhaps cross-country ski in complete tranquility. Choose an active agenda or opt for relaxing downtime and shipboard camaraderie. Plus capture top quality photos with the help of a *National Geographic* photography expert.



BOTSWANA, 2023

**“ I WAS IMPRESSED
BY THE COLLECTIVE
CURIOSITY AND
INQUISITIVE NATURE
OF OUR GROUP.**

Being surrounded by a group of diverse but like-minded individuals was empowering and led us to grow intellectually as a group. It was wonderful to see them develop connections between each other that were based in their on-campus experiences, but also professional



A SENSE OF PRIDE

and extracurricular interests. Of course, having an accomplished WashU professor available to share their own research and help us interpret what we were experiencing was priceless and differentiates it from any other trip available. The trip felt special to me because it reflected

WashU's commitment to bringing intellectual capital to diverse audiences and to bear on the pressing challenges facing the world. It was a truly exceptional experience."

BRYCE KRUG | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT,
MCKELVEY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

F.A.Q.s

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR A TRIP?

If you would like to reserve a space on a trip, please contact the tour operator directly. Contact information is available on our website on the Travel Partner page and on the individual trip detail pages. If you subscribe to our mailing list, you will also find contact information printed on the paper brochures you receive in the mail. Deposits can be made by check or credit card and are required at the time of reservation. Some travel companies will offer a discount if you pay in full upfront. Space is not guaranteed.

DO I HAVE TO BE A WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ALUM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAVEL PROGRAM?

Washington University affiliations are an important part of our program, but you do not have to be an alum to travel with us. We welcome alumni, parents, families, and friends of students and graduates who are interested in participating in educational travel experiences with WashU.

ARE SINGLE ROOMS AVAILABLE?

Many trips will provide a single supplement for those who wish to room alone. On most tours, a limited number of single rooms are available. Single travelers can request to be matched with a roommate to reduce the cost and the tour operator will strive to find a compatible partner to share a room. On a few select tours offered by our tour operators, a single supplement fee is not required.

WHAT ARE THE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A TRIP?

To enjoy the travel experience, participants should be in good physical and mental health and feel comfortable keeping pace with a group. All tours require a certain degree of physical activity, such as walking and getting on and off ships, planes, buses, or other vehicles. Activity levels will vary based on the destination and itinerary. Extreme variations in altitude, temperature, and humidity should be considered when traveling in certain parts of the world and many excursions will involve walking on uneven terrain (e.g., cobblestone streets, hiking trails). Program participants who need special assistance and/or equipment must be accompanied by someone who can provide the required assistance. We recommend that you review the details on the trip website and contact the travel company directly if you have specific concerns or questions about the level of activity involved.

WHO WILL BE ON THE TOUR?

WashU often shares tours with other universities and organizations that have education-oriented travel programs. This is most common on cruises that can accommodate large numbers of guests. Typically, land-based tours are smaller, with a maximum capacity between 12-30 guests, depending on the tour operator and destination. On these smaller trips, tour operators give us a window of time to offer

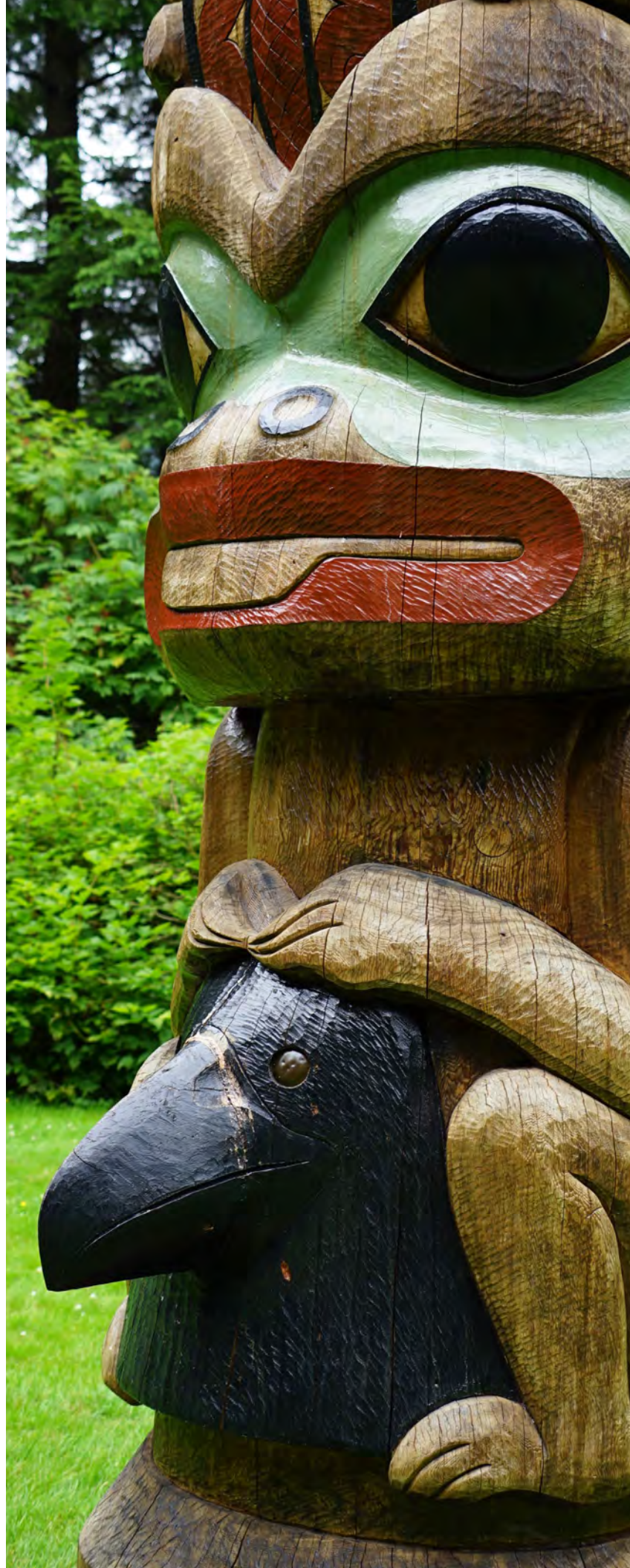
the trip exclusively to WashU travelers. If we are unable to book all the seats, the tour operator will open the tour up to another institution.

DO WASHU FACULTY MEMBERS GO ON THE TRIPS?

Each year, several of our trips feature Washington University faculty members who accompany the tour and share their expertise and insights. Faculty participation is listed in the summary-level details for the trip on the [Upcoming Destinations](#) page on our website (alumni.wustl.edu/traveldestinations). We can only send a faculty member if a minimum number of WashU travelers sign up for a trip. The minimum requirement varies by destination and tour operator.

HOW ARE TRIPS PRICED?

All tour prices listed are per person, based on double occupancy, current exchange rates, and tariffs at the time the tours are arranged. Single occupancy is available on a limited basis for each program at a supplemental charge (unless otherwise noted). Dates, prices, itineraries, and program details are subject to change and revision, but every effort will be made to conduct the tour program as planned and advertised.



F.A.Q.s

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WHAT DOES THE PRICE OF THE TRIP INCLUDE?

The listed price is the starting price per person based on double occupancy. Trips typically include lodging, local transfers to and from the airport and other destinations on the tour, baggage handling, most meals, and sightseeing as specified in the brochure and on the trip details website. Trips do not include passport and visa fees, some gratuities, or personal travel insurance. Airfare varies by program, so please contact the travel company for more information. All pre- and post-trip extensions are offered at an additional charge.

IS AIRFARE INCLUDED, AND IF NOT, HOW DO AIRLINE ARRANGEMENTS WORK?

Some tours include airfare. If not, most of our tour operators offer an option to purchase airfare from various cities at an additional cost. You may also make your own arrangements with a preferred airline. If you choose to schedule your own flights, you will

be responsible for arranging your own round-trip ground transportation between the destination airport and the hotel. If airfare is included, routings are at the discretion of the tour operator and are based on flight availability and agreements among the air carriers and the tour operator. All special flight requests (specified carriers, routings, and departure/arrival times) may be subject to a deviation fee. Airline flights may not be eligible for upgrades with frequent flyer miles, and mileage credit may not be applicable with fares. Please contact the tour operator directly for more information on airfare options.

WHAT IS THE CANCELLATION POLICY?

Cancellation policies vary according to individual tour operators' policies. Cancellation penalties go into effect after the tour operator has received the deposit, and fees increase as you get closer to the departure date. Please read the terms and conditions for your specific tour and contact the tour operator for more information.



IS TRAVEL SAFE?

The WashU Travel Program and each of our tour operators consider the safety of our travelers to be a top priority. We recommend visiting the U.S. Department of State's Travel Resources website for up-to-date information on travel advisories, passport processing, pre-trip checklists, overseas emergency protocols, and more.

SHOULD I PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE?

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance to cover things like illness, injury, trip delays, medical evacuation, and emergencies. Most travel companies we work with partner with third-party insurance companies who offer a variety of travel insurance products and policies. The travel company can provide additional information and refer you to an agent who can explain coverage options and set you up with a policy.

Certain insurance packages require that you sign up within a specific window of time after making your trip deposit. Please contact the insurance provider directly for more information. If you would like the flexibility to cancel at will, you will want to choose a plan that has Cancel-For-Any-Reason (CFAR) coverage. CFAR requires you to purchase the insurance within 21 days (about 3 weeks) from the date of paying the tour deposit. We also recommend you check with your medical insurance provider to determine if you are covered outside of the United States. Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the U.S.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR OR RENEW A PASSPORT?

The U.S. Department of State has detailed information on how to apply for/renew a passport.

DO TRIPS SELL OUT?

Yes. We have a limited number of spots for each program. If a trip is sold out, you can ask the travel company to be added to the waitlist. In some cases, an additional departure date may be added to accommodate high demand.

HOW CAN I GET INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING TRIPS?

Sign up for our mailing list

(alumni.wustl.travelmail) to start receiving brochures in the mail from our travel partners and periodic emails (6-8 per year) from the Travel Program. Our travel partners mail trip brochures about 6-10 months before the tour's departure date. You can request a specific brochure by emailing us at alumni.travel@wustl.edu or calling 314-935-0474.

CAN I CALL THE TRAVEL COMPANY DIRECTLY?

We encourage you to contact the individual travel companies for specific questions regarding each trip. When you call, please let them know that you are inquiring about a Washington University trip. ❌

TRAVEL PARTNERS

We work with some of the most experienced tour operators in the educational travel industry. Please call the tour operator directly for questions about billing, airline seat assignments, or health concerns such as dietary restrictions, allergies, and mobility factors.

AHI TRAVEL
800-323-7373



CLASSIC ESCAPES
800-627-1244



GOHAGAN & COMPANY
800-922-3088



LINDBLAD EXPEDITIONS
844-931-0045



ODYSSEYS UNLIMITED
888-370-6765



ORBRIDGE
866-639-0079



TOUR OPERATORS

Our tours are selected from proposals presented by leading tour operators specializing in alumni affinity travel. These travel partners meet our strict criteria for fiscal responsibility, established reputation, professional staff, and quality operations. We only partner with tour operators who carry professional liability insurance.

Arrangements for programs are made by the tour operator designated for each tour. The WashU Travel Program does not conduct tours, nor does it act as a travel agent for guests interested in traveling with WashU. The Travel Program instead functions as a facilitator with tour operators with whom our travelers work directly to arrange the details of the tour, including making payments, submitting necessary travel documentation, booking airfare, etc. When signing up for a trip through the WashU Alumni Association you are signing a contract with the tour operator and not with the WashU Travel Program.

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Taormina, Sicily

“TO
TRAVEL
IS TO
LIVE.”

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

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