

MARQUETTE EXPLORERS

ALUMNI & FRIENDS TRAVEL PROGRAM

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ALUMNI WORLD TRAVEL



ABOUT US

- Founded in 1977
- Trusted partner in the educational travel market for over 47 years
- Original pioneer of young alumni and graduation tour programs
- Leadership position in the young-adult educational travel market
- Specializes in developing and implementing dynamic, adventurous travel programs that fulfill the needs of people who want to travel with a purpose
- Dedicated reservations staff
- Contracted airfare with Star Alliance Carriers

2025 TRAVEL PROGRAMS
designed for

MARQUETTE
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ALUMNI & FRIENDS TRAVEL PROGRAM

Graduation Tours

- Classic Europe

Young Alumni Journeys

- Galapagos Eco Experience
 - Greek Island Hopper
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CLASSIC EUROPE GRAD TRIP

Designed for traditional age grads



12 days – 4 countries
plus and optional 5-day extension to Southern Italy & Greece

- Day 1 | Fly to London, UK
- Day 2 | Land tour start: London
- Day 3 | London
- Day 4 | London – Paris
- Day 5 | Paris
- Day 6 | Paris – French Riviera
- Day 7 | French Riviera
- Day 8 | French Riviera – Pisa - Tuscany
- Day 9 | Tuscany
- Day 10 | Tuscany - Rome
- Day 11 | Rome - Vatican City
- Day 12 | Fly Home OR continue to Southern Italy & Greece – Overnight ship to Greece



- Day 13 | Isle of Poros
- Day 14 | Isle of Poros
- Day 16 | Isle of Poros - Athens
- Day 18 | Travel Home



**Day 1:
Flight to London, UK**

- Travelers have signed up for group app (BAND) to communicate with AESU Tour Director and travelers
- Overnight flight to London
- AESU can assist travelers with airfare from most US gateway cities
- Meals included today: In-flight



**Day 2:
Land tour start day: London**

- AESU Tour Director meets group at London Heathrow airport (travelers with AESU flights only)
- Airport transfer included with purchased AESU group airfare
- Welcome orientation
- Welcome cocktail
- London pub crawl
- Meals included today: In-flight



**Day 3:
London**

- 1-day group tube pass
- Tour of London guided by a local expert
- Personal audio headset
- See Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Tower Bridge and more
- Meals included today: Breakfast



**Day 4:
London - Paris**

- English Channel Eurostar train
- Tour of Paris guided by a local expert
- See the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Place de la Concorde, Arc de Triomphe and more
- See Paris-by-night illuminations
- French bistro dinner
- Seine River cruise
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Dinner



**Day 5:
Paris**

- 24-hour Paris travel card with unlimited access to public transportation system
- Meals included today: Breakfast
- *Optional activities today: visit to French perfumery and museum (free of charge, French cabaret show (additional cost)*



**Day 6:
Paris - French Riviera**

- High-speed train to Nice
- See Promenade d'Anglais, Place Massena and more
- French brasserie dinner
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Dinner



**Day 7:
French Riviera**

- See the French Riviera beaches & promenades
- Meals included today: Breakfast
- *Optional activities today: excursion to Monte Carlo & Cannes (additional cost) | Please note: this option cannot be offered during the Grand Prix in Monaco*



**Day 8:
French Riviera - Pisa -
Tuscany**

- Private motor coach from the French Riviera to Tuscany
- See the scenic Côte D'Azur
- Visit to Pisa with its Leaning Tower
- Meals included today: Breakfast



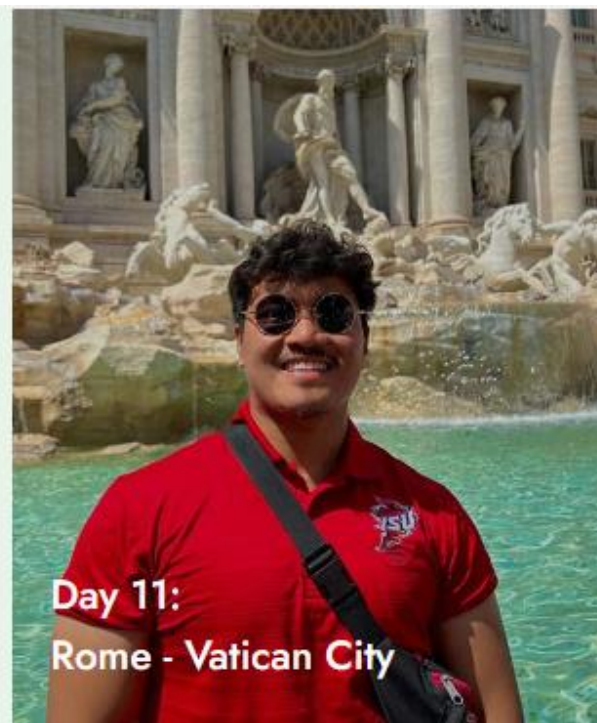
Day 9:
Tuscany

- Chianti wine tasting
- Tuscan experience
- Tuscan dinner
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Dinner



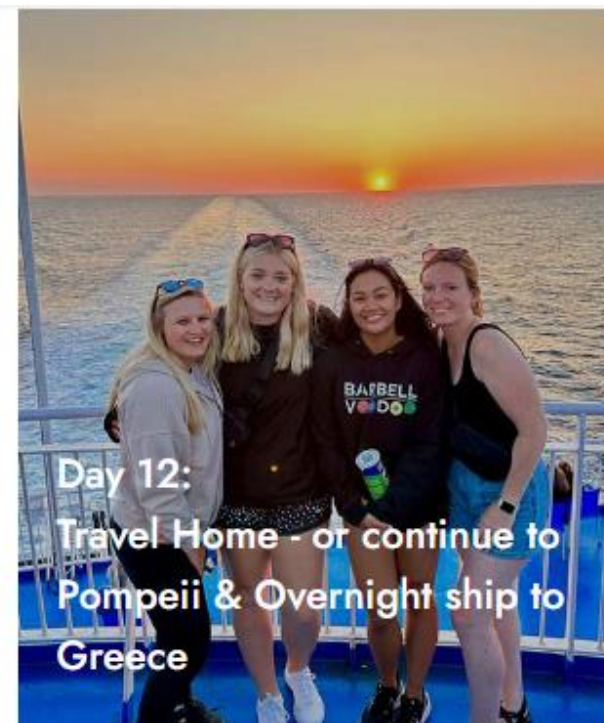
Day 10:
Tuscany - Rome - Vatican City

- Tour of Rome and Vatican City guided by a local expert
- Personal audio headset
- See the Colosseum, Circus Maximus, Pantheon, Vatican City with St. Peter's Basilica and more
- Roma Pass with access to Caesar's Roman Forum
- Unlimited access to local transportation with Roma Pass
- Meals included today: Breakfast



Day 11:
Rome - Vatican City

- See Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and more
- Unlimited access to local transportation
- Viva Italia pizza party
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 12:
Travel Home - or continue to
Pompeii & Overnight ship to
Greece

- Tour of the Pompeii excavations guided by a local expert
- Personal audio headset
- Scenic overnight ship from Italy to Greece
- Transfer from hotel to airport included with purchased AESU group airfare
- Meals included today: Breakfast



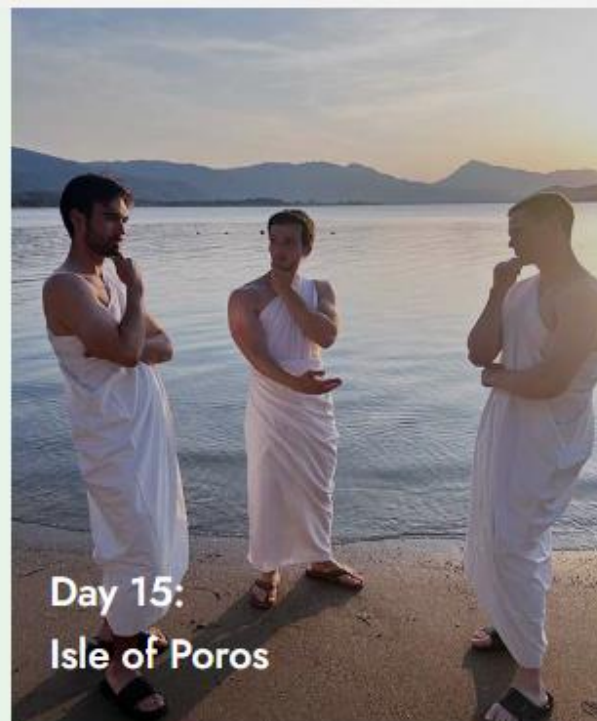
Day 13:
Isle of Poros

- Relaxing pool and beach time
- Enjoy iconic Greek sunsets
- Welcome cocktail
- Traditional Greek dinner at a local taverna
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Dinner



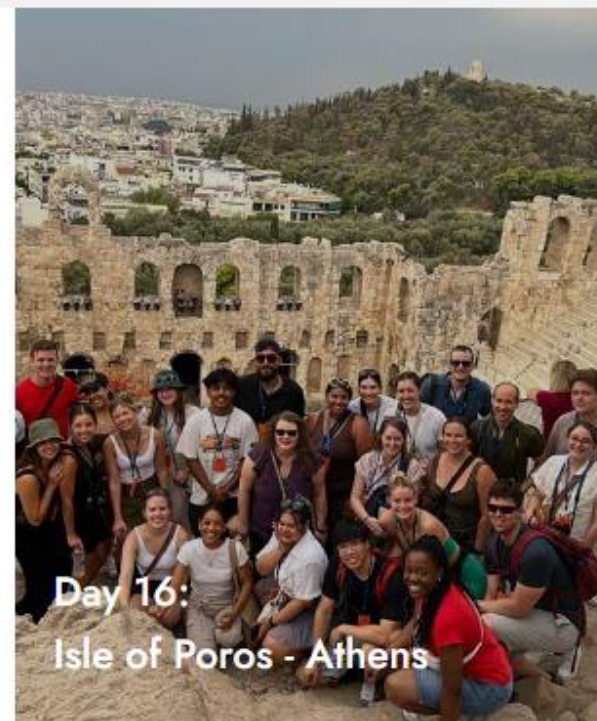
Day 14:
Isle of Poros

- Explore the white-washed village center of Poros
- Beach and pool
- Meals included today: Breakfast
- *Optional activity today: watersports(additional cost)*



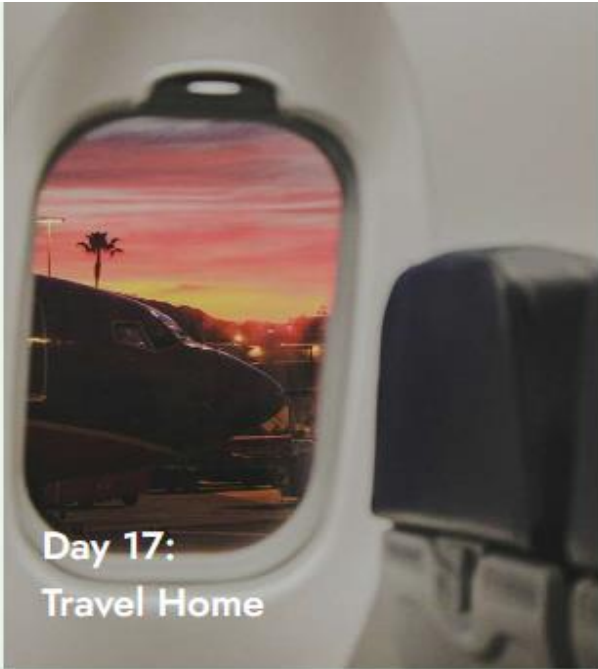
Day 15:
Isle of Poros

- Bike rental on the Isle of Poros
- Beach and pool
- Toga party
- Greek island farewell dinner
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 16:
Isle of Poros - Athens

- Tour of Athens guided by a local expert
- Acropolis admission
- Greek tavern farewell dinner
- Greek music and dancing
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Dinner



- Transfer from hotel to airport included with purchased AESU group airfare
- Meals included today: Breakfast, In-flight

2025 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Tour Dates

- US departure date: May 20, 2025
- Rome return: May 31, 2025
- Athens return: June 5, 2025

Land package price:

- 12-day land package: \$4,285 per person in a 2-share room
- 17-day land package: \$5,470 per person in a 2-share room

Single Supplement:

- 12-day land package: \$1,345
- 17-day land package: \$1,840

WHY TAKE THIS TRIP?

- Celebrate your college successes with fellow grads
- Reward yourself for all the hard work
- See, visit and explore the places you read about in your study books
- Looking for an amazing grad gift? Ask for this trip.
- Make friendships and memories that will last you a lifetime
- Expand your horizons and gain benefits in the job market
- Just have fun!



YOUNG ALUMNI JOURNEYS

Designed for travelers ages 22 - 35



GALAPAGOS ECO EXPLORER

Millennials consider the ethical impact of their trips more than any other generation. Their awareness and perception toward sustainability from a travel perspective exists on various levels. On their search for an incredible destination that offers a profound and fulfilling experience, they are eager to explore a place that is renowned for its unparalleled ecological importance as a living laboratory of evolution. The remote Galapagos islands are home to a diverse array of unique and endemic species, inspiring Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection and serving as a critical hub for scientific research and conservation efforts to this day.



8 days | 6 nights

- Day 1 | Flight to Ecuador & Land tour start date
- Day 2 | Quito
- Day 3 | Quito - Flight to Galapagos, Santa Cruz Island
- Day 4 | Santa Cruz Island - Isabela Island - Tintoreras
- Day 5 | Isabela Island - Sierra Negra Volcanos
- Day 6 | Isabela Island - Santa Cruz Island - Tortuga Bay
- Day 7 | Santa Cruz Island - Flight to Quito - Travel Home
- Day 8 | Arrive Home





DAY 1

- Travelers have signed up for group app (BAND) to communicate with AESU Tour Director and travelers
- AESU can assist travelers with airfare
- Flight to Quito
- AESU Tour Director meets group at Quito airport (travelers with AESU flights only)
- Airport transfer included with purchased AESU group airfare
- Welcome cocktail & orientation (subject to flight arrivals)



DAY 2

- Tour of Quito, guided by a local historian
- Admission to churches, where applicable, Middle of the World and Inti-Nan museum
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Lunch, Welcome dinner



DAY 3

- Flight from Quito to Santa Cruz Island
- Guided tour of Santa Cruz Island
- Visit to Charles Darwin Research Station
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 4

- Motor boat ride from Santa Cruz to Isabela Island
- Guided tour of Tintorerías
- Bicycle ride to the Wetlands Complex and the Wall of Tears
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 5

- Guided hike of Sierra Negra Volcano
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 6

- Motor boat from Isabela to Santa Cruz Island
- Tortuga Bay beach snorkeling
- Swimming with (harmless) sharks
- Opunita Kakteen cactus forest
- Las Grietas emerald water swim
- Optional activity: Tortuga Bay kayaking or paddle boarding
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Dinner



DAY 7

- Flight to Quito
- Private airport transfer
- Meals included today: Breakfast, In-flight



DAY 8

- Arrive Home

GALAPAGOS ECO EXPLORER

Tour Dates

- April 5 - 11, 2025
- (arrive US 12 April)
- 8 days – 6 nights

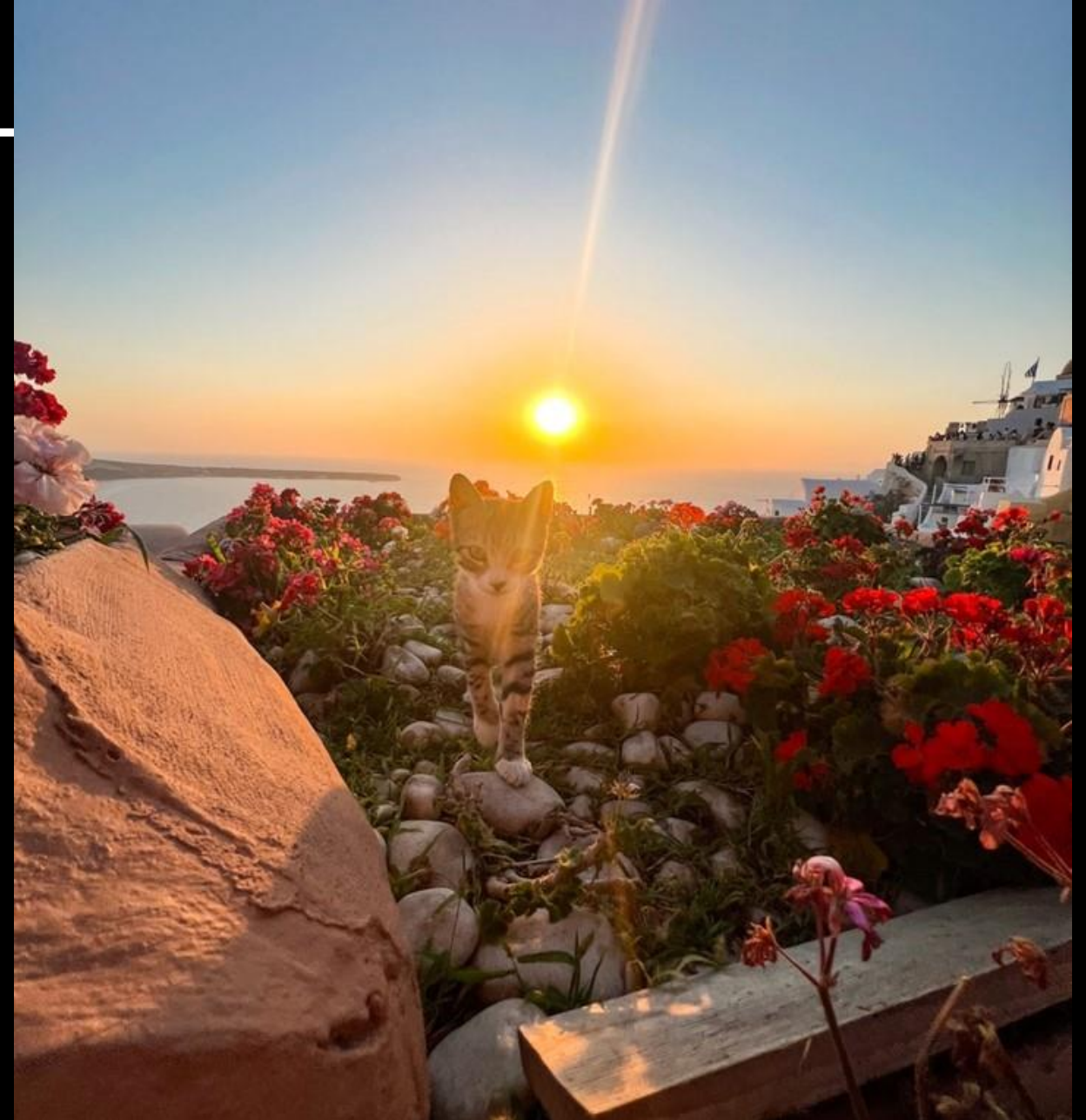
Land Package Price

- \$2,876 per person in 2-share
- \$725 single supplement
- *Galapagos Park entrance to be paid on site est. \$200*



GREEK ISLAND HOPPER

Bucket List Travelers have been dreaming about sun-kissed beaches, breath-taking views, or to be more specific: the Greek Islands of Mykonos and Santorini, known for their amazing seashores and dramatic landscapes overlooking azure waters. They are filled with archaeological treasures, history and culture – not to forget, delicious foods. Discover the myths and legends of ancient Athens, visit the magnificent Acropolis, and wander the paths of Plato, Socrates and Sophocles. This trip is on everyone's bucket list and now is the time to make dreams come true!



9 days | 7 nights

- Day 1 | Flight to Ecuador & Land tour start date
- Day 2 | Land tour start: Santorini Island
- Day 3 | Santorini Island
- Day 4 | Santorini Island
- Day 5 | Santorini to Mykonos Island
- Day 6 | Mykonos Island
- Day 7 | Mykonos Island to Athens
- Day 8 | Athens
- Day 9 | Travel Home





DAY 1

- Travelers have signed up for group app (BAND) to communicate with AESU Tour Director and travelers
- Overnight flight to Santorini island
- AESU can assist travelers with airfare

DAY 2

- AESU Tour Director meets group at Santorini airport (travelers with AESU flights only)
- Airport transfer included with purchased AESU group airfare
- Welcome orientation
- Meals included today: Welcome Greek Isles dinner

DAY 3

- Akrotiri, Cycladic Bronze Age settlement
- (admission included)
- Mountain top views from Mount Profitis Ilias, the monastery of Profitis Ilias built at the highest point of the island- offering amazing views over the entire island
- Hillside village of Pyrgos, in the Mount Profitis Ilias foothills
- Venetsanos winery, located above the port of Athinios, overlooking the magnificent Caldera.
- Wine tasting of wines made from the Assyrtiko grapes (white), Mandilaria grapes (red) and a blended rose.
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Island lunch

DAY 4

- Free day to explore the famous multi-colored beaches of Santorini
- Optional activity available today: Catamaran sailing excursion (extra cost)
- Meals included today: Breakfast



DAY 5

- Ship from Santorini to Mykonos
- Walking tour of Mykonos with local expert
- Mykonos windmills
- Alefkandra 'Little Venice'
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Mediterranean dinner



DAY 6

- Free day to explore the famous Mykonos beaches
- Optional activity: Excursion to Delos island and archaeological site (extra cost)
- Meals included today: Breakfast



DAY 7

- Ship from Mykonos to Athens
- Free evening to visit Athens' Plaka District
- Meals included today: Breakfast



DAY 8

- Guided tour of Athens, led by a local historian
- Admission to the Acropolis museum
- Acropolis Visit, including admission to the Parthenon
- Meals included today: Breakfast, Greek Farewell taverna dinner

GREEK ISLAND HOPPER

Tour Dates

- June 14 - 22, 2025
- 9 days – 7 nights

Land Package Price

- \$2,665 per person in 2-share
- \$645 single supplement

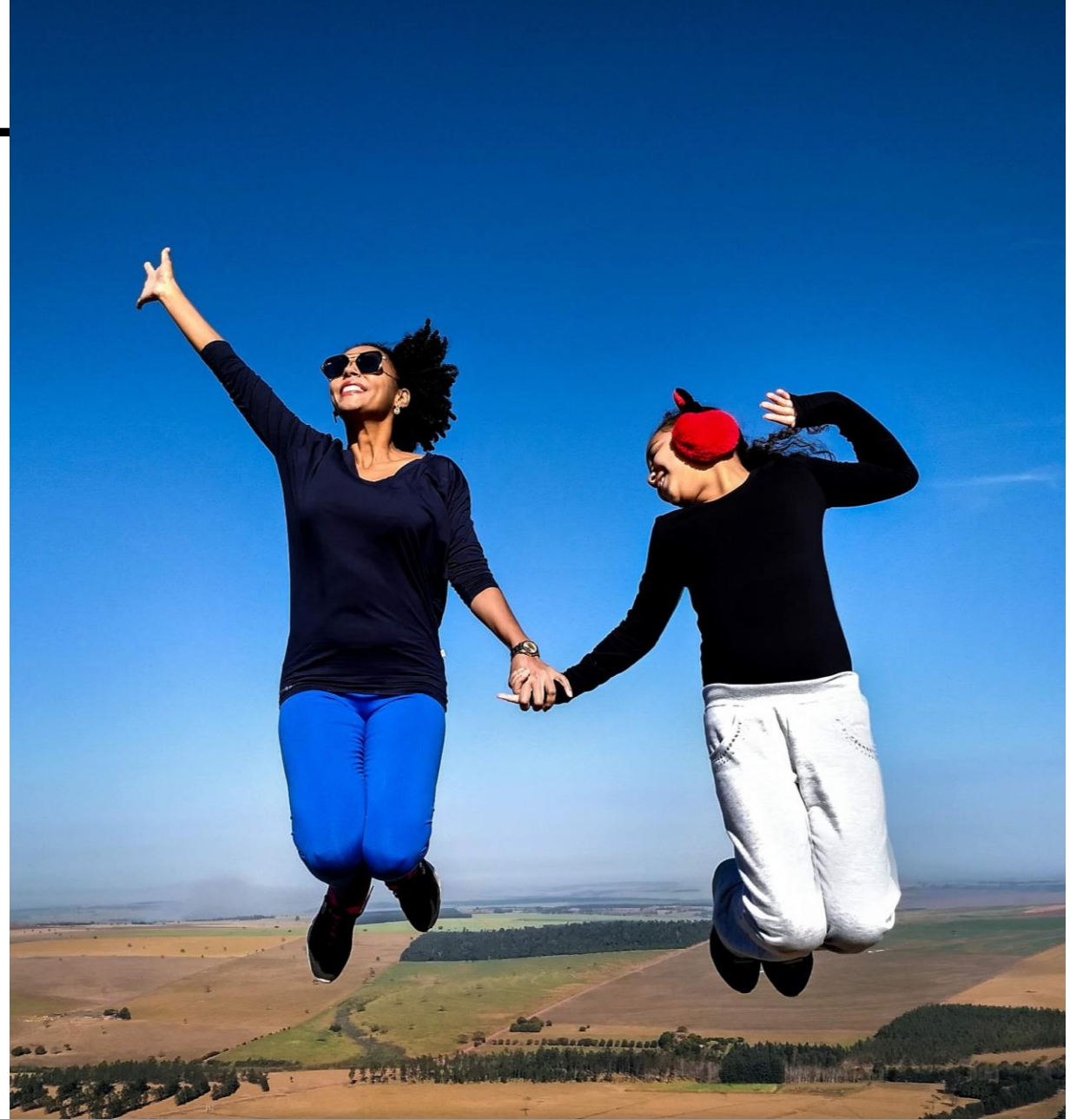


DAY 5

- Airport transfer included with purchased AESU group airfare
- Meals included today: Breakfast

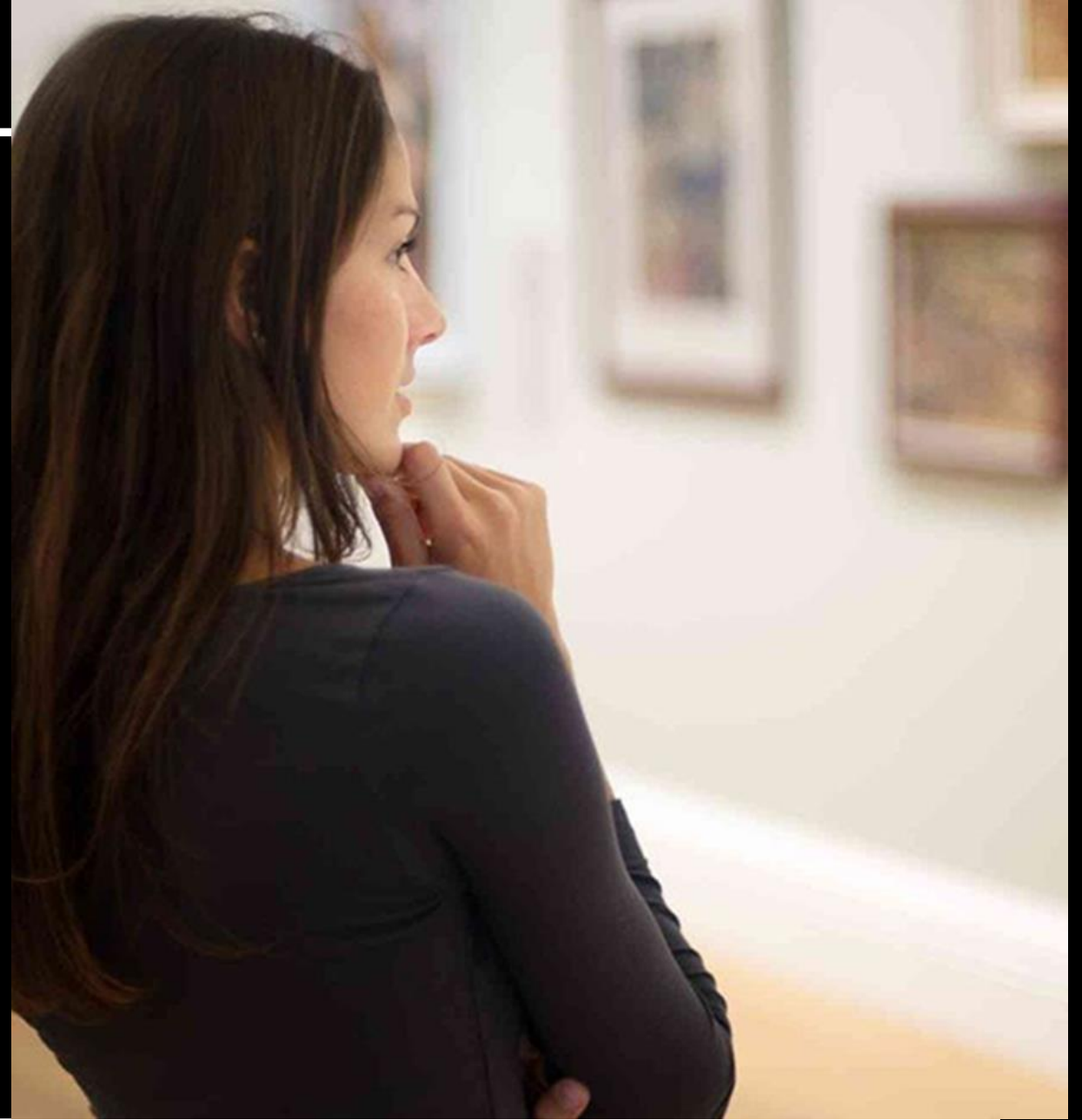
WHY TAKE A YOUNG ALUMNI TRIP?

- Select from a variety of trips that are value priced and designed just for you
 - You need a max. of 5 vacation days to take a trip
 - Explore the world with like-minded individuals in your age range
 - Expand your horizons and discover the world
 - Unleash your inner adventurer
 - Stay connected to your alma mater
 - Take advantage of networking opportunities through travel
 - Create new friendships and make memories to last a lifetime
 - Just have fun!
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HOW TO BOOK:

www.aesu.com/marquette



Q & A

The AESU Team is looking forward to exploring the world with Marquette recent grads and young alumni.



THANK YOU

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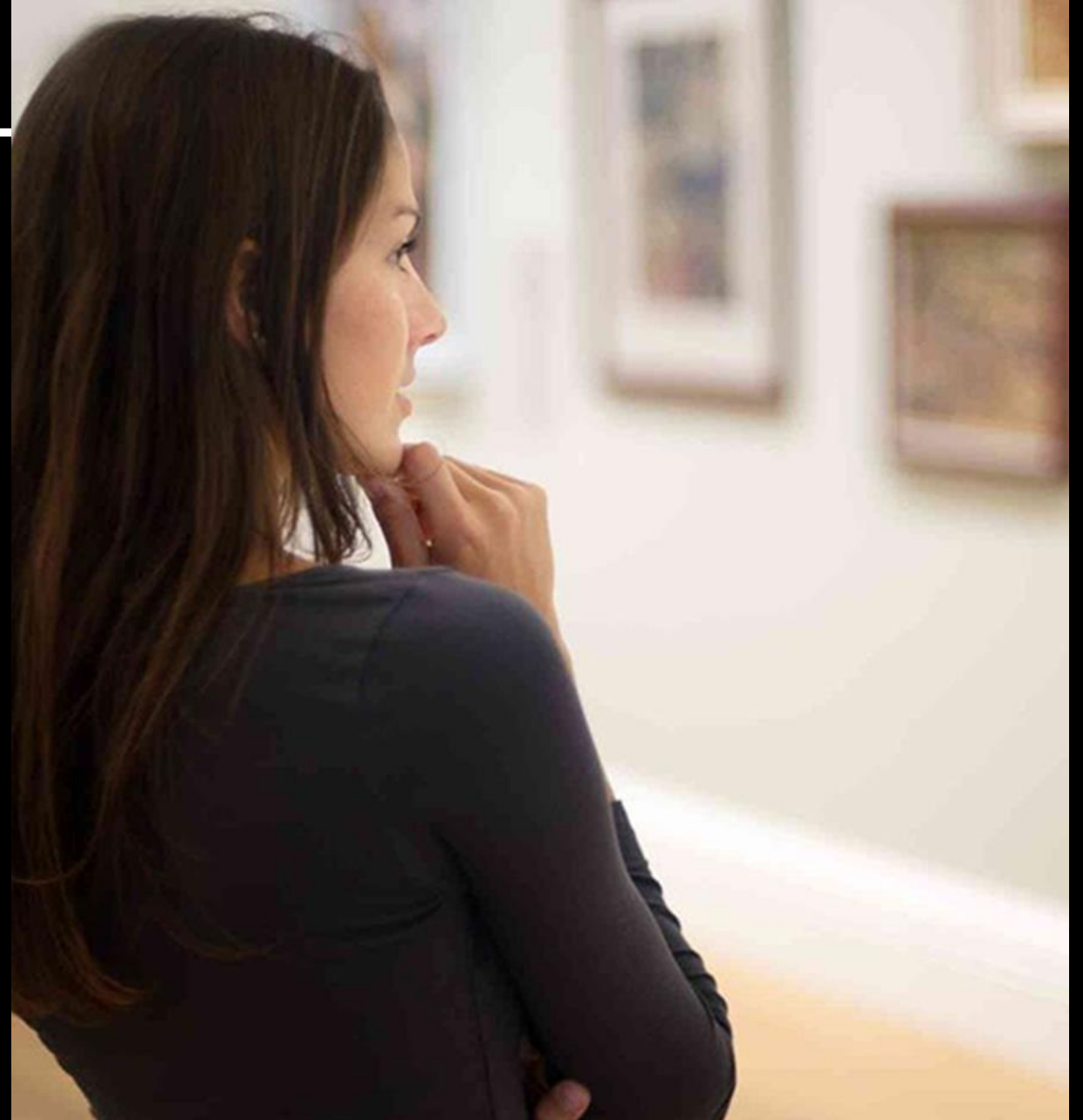
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