

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION IN BERLIN

2022 YOUNG ALUMNI ADVENTURE

US DEPARTURE DATE: DECEMBER 28, 2022 | LAND TOUR START DATE: DECEMBER 29, 2022
RETURN DATE: JANUARY 2, 2023

LAND PACKAGE FROM: \$1,975



START YOUR ADVENTURE.

Dear Young Alumni and Friends!

Can you think of a better way to travel than with fellow Oregon State Young Alumni?

The Oregon State Alumni Association young alumni travel program, designed for grads ages 22 – 35, offers you this opportunity by bringing you together with individuals in the same age range, with similar backgrounds and experiences, while enriching you on well-designed, hassle-free tours of the world.

These programs provide social, cultural, and recreational activities and many opportunities for learning enrichment and enjoying a connection back to Oregon State. Our journeys are of great quality and value, operated by a travel company with over 45 years of experience in the young travel market.

In this brochure you will find a detailed itinerary, travel dates and pricing.

If you have any questions about this tour, please contact our tour operator AESU Alumni World Travel by calling 800-638-7640 or email alumni@aesu.com.

To make an online booking, please visit our young alumni tour landing page www.aesu.com/oregonstate and select this tour to be directed to the tour web site.

We are looking forward to traveling with you this coming season.

Sincerely,

Your friends at the OSU Alumni Association



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6 DAYS 
BERLIN, GERMANY



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

6-Day Land Package Transportation and Lodging

- 4 nights in superior tourist class hotels or better, 2-share rooms with private bath/shower
- All intra-European transportation by motor coach as per itinerary
- Transfers between Berlin airport and hotel with purchase of AESU group airfare

Meals

- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 specialty dinners, New Year's day traditional champagne & curry-wurst

Activities & Admissions

- Guided tour of Berlin, led by a local historian
- 4-day Berlin Welcome Card, providing unlimited use of public transportation in central Berlin
 - Admission to the Reichstag
 - New Year's Eve party
 - Spectacular fireworks at midnight
- Berlin city sights, Brandenburg Gate, Potsdamer Platz, Kurfuerstendamm, TV Tower, Sony Center, Hackesche Hoefe and more

Optional Excursions

(not included in land package price):

Excursion to Potsdam:

UNESCO World Heritage Site Sanssouci Palace, Glienicke Bridge 'Bridge of Spies,' Dutch Quarter lunch, Russian Village, micro-brewery tour and tasting

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ABOUT THE TRIP:

Berlin, capital of Germany and urban hub since the 13th-century, has emerged as a hip, youthful, and energetic metropolis. It's a place with a rich and tumultuous history that evolved into the most vibrant and exciting city in Europe. It is not only known for its cutting-edge contemporary art, and architecture, but also for its burlesque shows, decadent parties and underground clubs. So it shouldn't come as a surprise that it's also one of the best places to spend New Year's Eve. In an explosion of energy, debauchery and diversity, the city's 'anything-goes' attitude takes hold of the New Year and fireworks light up the evening for an unforgettable night. But don't take our word for it – join us and find out yourself!

DAY 1 - TRAVEL TO GERMANY

Our Europe-bound jet heads for Berlin, Germany.

Meals: In-flight



DAY 2 - BERLIN: LAND TOUR START DATE

Welcome to Berlin. Upon arrival, make your way to the hotel in the city. After check-in, take some time to rest up or start exploring the town. A rare example of art nouveau architecture in Berlin is the courtyard complex 'Hackesche Höfe' in the Mitte district. It is a vibrant urban quarter combining art, work, gastronomy and entertainment. Join us here for a welcome dinner of German specialties and a program orientation with your tour director.

Meals: In-flight, Dinner



DAY 3 - BERLIN

Our local historian will provide a perfect introduction to Berlin with some of the city's most important sites, including the Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial, and the Reichstag. We will have a look at how Berlin, after decades of destruction and despair, has become the most vibrant, exciting city in Europe and dig through the layers of history of this fascinating place. After lunch, as our tour ends, we'll have a better sense of this amazing city to continue the exploration on our own. Visit one of the numerous world-class museums just around the corner, take a stroll in the neighborhood for a good German beer, or hop on an S- or U-Bahn to visit another exciting part of the capital using your included Berlin Card. The city's nightlife ranges from mild to very wild, much of it starting late and carrying on to the next morning. Berlin is famous for its burlesque shows which were most popular in the mid-nineteenth century but have recently made a come-back. If you opt to go, be prepared for anything.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



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DAY 4 - BERLIN * Optional Potsdam excursion * New Year's Eve Celebration

Today is free for you to explore the city. Our free time suggestions include a visit to Checkpoint Charlie, one of the most famous crossing points between West and East Germany back in the day. It was revamped to make it look exactly as it did during the Cold War, therefore providing an amazing selfie opportunity. Consider a visit to one of the many fabulous museums on the Museumsinsel or see the Holocaust Memorial, an open space structure and a place of contemplation, remembrance and warning. If you are interested in an excursion that takes you outside of the city, join us on an optional visit of Potsdam. This excursion includes seeing Germany's largest UNESCO World Heritage site, the French-style Park Sanssouci, complete with the picture-perfect Sanssouci Palace, the Dutch Quarter, known for its 134 red, two-story brick houses called Holländerhäuser ("Dutch houses"), that were built for Dutch immigrants and a visit to a local micro-brewery including a tour and tasting, plus a hearty lunch. Let's get ready for a night of dining, celebration and fireworks. After our spectacular dinner, we will ring in the New Year at one of Berlin's hot spots called 'Silvester an der Spree,' where you will find yourself surrounded by the city's coolest party crowd. DJs promising techno, hip hop and R&B music await us, as well as a heated patio providing the perfect opportunity to dance the night away. It just wouldn't be New Year's Eve without a sky filled with colorful, electric fireworks, and the people of Berlin take this seriously. The streets ignite in a burst of sound, color and energy. Happy New Year 2023!

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Optional activity: Potsdam excursion

DAY 5 - BERLIN

Happy New Year! Let's toast to the New Year Berlin-style with a glass of champagne and a curry-wurst, a smoked sausage, fried and served sliced with spiced and curry flavored tomato sauce and a side of fries. Then, go window shopping on Kurfürstendamm or Ku'Damm, Berlin's famous shopping street, or enjoy a New Year's doughnut, called 'Berliner' or 'Krapfen' at one of the city's coffee shops. At tonight's dinner, bid farewell to new-found friends and make plans for your next young alumni adventure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (snack), Dinner

DAY 6 - TRAVEL HOME

Travel home today with fond memories to last a lifetime and lots of energy for the New Year.

Meals: Breakfast



PROGRAM ACCOMMODATIONS

TOUR DIRECTORS

Your tour includes the services of a professional tour director throughout the land package. We are very proud of our tour directors. They are young professionals; multi-lingual and carefully selected graduates from major universities. They are eager to show the world through the eyes of an adventurer. Our tour directors know this is a trip of a lifetime and will share their knowledge as well as interesting little-known facts. Our qualified tour directors and staff of local experts mean a trouble-free journey with the added security of group travel.



HOTELS

Our hotels are superior tourist class or better, with private bathrooms. They are centrally located and many offer great extra amenities such as pools, gyms or roof top bars. All land package rates are based on two people sharing a room. If a single room is desired, a supplement of \$480 applies. If traveling solo and not wanting to pay the single supplement, AESU will attempt to arrange a share with a same gender traveler. If a share cannot be arranged the single supplement will apply.



ACTIVITY LEVEL: 2 (easy to moderate)

This is a single-country, multi-destination trip by motor coach. This tour requires light to moderate physical activity combined with short travel days. Activities include city or nature walking, with stops along the way. Travelers should be able to climb a set of stairs, walk up or down slight slopes, and navigate some uneven terrain or cobblestone. Optional excursions may be offered at a higher activity level. This journey is appropriate for travelers who are physically fit, lead active lives, and are comfortable participating in the itinerary activities, and able to handle their own luggage.

Travel to and from the tour is not factored into the activity level ratings.



"NOT ONLY WAS THIS AN AMAZING TRIP, IT WAS A WAKE UP CALL TO SEE THE WORLD."

- past traveler

BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS

EXCLUSIONS: These prices do not include passport and, if applicable, visa fees (Depending on your nationality, you may require visas in addition to a passport to enter certain countries. You must contact appropriate consulates for details on how to obtain on your own.); airport and government taxes; tipping of tour guide and driver (suggested \$5 per day for tour director, \$2-3 per day for driver); beverages with meals unless indicated otherwise; laundry; personal insurance; room service; telephone charges; all items of a personal nature; any vaccinations, pre/post trip testing/screening, airport transfers when a participant deviates from scheduled flights or travel dates; private transportation; and all items not specifically stated in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received by AESU in writing. Date of receipt will determine penalties assessed. Cancellation from time of booking until 120 days prior to departure will result in a \$300 cancellation fee. Cancellation between 119-90 days of departure will result in forfeiture of 25% of tour cost; between 89-60 days 35% of tour cost; between 59-30 days 50% of tour cost. Cancellation within 30 days of departure or a "no-show" at the time of departure will result in forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. Processing of cancellation refunds takes approximately 6-8 weeks.

AIRFARES are highly restrictive, NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-ENDORSABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE once ticketed. Once reservation is booked and paid for AESU reserves the right to issue tickets. Once ticketed, airfare portion is non-refundable. Cancellation of airfare reservations is subject to restrictions, regulations and additional penalties of the airlines used. Reservation changes are also subject to penalties. Travel insurance, including medical health and accident coverage, is compulsory. PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR POSSIBLE ADDITIONS TO CANCELLATION POLICIES LISTED ABOVE DEPENDING ON TRIP DESTINATION.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND BAGGAGE: All participants using AESU flights on regular group departure days and flights receive airport transfers (between airport & tour hotel) overseas. Land-Only participants (providing own flight overseas) do NOT receive airport transfers and must meet group at the first hotel after 3:00 p.m. on program start date. **FLIGHT DELAYS - ALL AIRPORTS:** In the event that airline schedule changes or delays force you to miss your airport transfer, just make your way to the first hotel listed on your hotel list. Many shuttle services are available as well as taxi or train options. As airline delays are beyond the control of AESU, additional expenses, if incurred, will be borne by the tour participant. (Save receipts for possible reimbursement by airline.) AESU is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules, or delays a flight for any reason. If you miss your departure flight, it is your responsibility to work with the airline on which you are ticketed to reach your destination. AESU is not responsible for any additional expenses you may incur prior to joining your trip. AESU is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled, or delayed flights. If you purchase your own airfare, book your overnight flight from the USA one day earlier than the land tour start date listed on our website. Participants should limit themselves to one checked bag per person and one carry-on per person. Check your airline's website for any additional luggage restrictions. Liability is clearly stated on the passenger contract.

RESPONSIBILITY: The responsibility of AESU as a tour operator, their agents, and any sponsoring association is limited. They act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters pertaining to accommodations, sightseeing and transportation whether by railroad, motorboat, motorcar, steamship or plane, and as such they shall not be liable for any personal injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned, whether by reason of any defect in any vehicle, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger, or in carrying out the arrangement of the tour. They can accept no responsibility for strike, war, quarantine, epidemic health risk, any force majeure event, weather and any other natural or unnatural causes. Additional expenses, if incurred under any of these circumstances, will be borne by the tour participant. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for himself/ herself or other passengers & accepts the terms of this contract. The right is reserved to decline, accept or retain any person as a member of the tour or to cancel or alter the tour as required. If improvements in the itinerary can be made, or unforeseen conditions beyond the Operator's control make changes necessary, they reserve the right to alter itineraries without penalty. **TRAVEL INSURANCE** is compulsory in the event of tour cancellation for any reason, medical expenses, personal accident, baggage and other personal items, liability and 24-hr emergency assistance. Trip insurance may be offered directly by your Alumni Association. In the event of cancellation due to insufficient number of participants, the Operator's liability shall be limited to a refund of land payments received from applicants, except non-refundable airfare and insurance. If the change or cancellation is due to force majeure or other similar events beyond Operator's control, a refund of land payments received from applicants will be made less reasonable expenses incurred by Operator in respect to applicant's land booking. Baggage and personal injury are at owner's risk entirely. The issuance or acceptance of vouchers or tickets shall be considered consent of the above conditions. The Operator reserves the right to increase the program price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel surcharges. The airlines concerned and their affiliates and agents are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board the aircrafts. The passenger ticket in use by said airlines, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/ or the passenger. All services are subject to the laws of the country in which these services are rendered. No refund or allowance will be made for absence during the tour, or for activities missed, even if for causes beyond the control of the participant. For complete terms & conditions, please refer to our web site at www.aesu.com.