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2011 travel catalog

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Join us on an exciting journey to some of the most exotic and fascinating locations around the world. The Mississippi State University Traveling Bulldogs program provides opportunities for our alumni and friends to cultivate their passion for learning through travel. We hope your experience with Traveling Bulldogs provides an occasion for you to connect with other university alumni, to reconnect with MSU and to enrich your understanding of other cultures around the world.

Inside this brochure is a list of destinations that have been hand-picked by our travel partners based upon many years’ experience exploring the world. We offer trips to these destinations with accommodations ranging from luxury tours and cruises to outdoor adventures. Wherever you go, you’ll be able to sample distinctive cuisine, one-of-a-kind vistas and cultural and historical flavors of the area. Attentive and knowledgeable tour directors will handle the details of your trip so you may spend your time immersed in the best that travel has to offer. Our goal is to have all of our alumni travelers say…”This was the BEST trip ever!”

We hope to see you on one of our 2011 Traveling Bulldogs adventures. If there is ever anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Go Dawgs!

Jimmy W. Abraham, ’75, ’77
Associate Vice President, Development and Alumni Executive Director, MSU Alumni Association

P.S. Special price saving offers may be available for MSU Traveling Bulldogs for a limited time! Please inquire about your preferred trip(s).
The Red Sea, The Nile Valley & The Holy Land (Egypt, Jordan, Israel)

April 15–27, 2011

From approximately $4,695 (plus airfare)

Travel Arrangements by Thomas P. Gohagan & Company

Five thousand years of human history, achievement and faith are explored on this one-of-a-kind journey through Egypt, Jordan and Israel. Join us as we sail the Red Sea aboard the exclusively chartered M.Y. HARMONY V, a deluxe ship with only 25 cabins. Stand face to face with the Sphinx in the shadow of Giza’s pyramids and spend one night in the awe-inspiring city of Luxor. Travel to the sixth-century Monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai, bask in the glory of the legendary “Rose-Red City” of Petra, and discover the sacred sites of the Holy Land in the cities of Jerusalem and Nazareth. A Cairo Pre-Program Option is also offered.
For centuries, Israel has been a focal point for three of the world’s major religions. This tiny nation, approximately the size of New Jersey, is replete with historic and spiritual milestones. Admire the architectural beauty of Tel Aviv. Explore Roman ruins at Caesarea and the well-preserved Crusader fort at Akko. Walk along the storied shores of the Sea of Galilee to the Mount of Beatitudes. See the Golan Heights, and delight in panoramic views from the gold-domed Bahá’í World Center. Stroll the winding lanes of Jerusalem. Visit the Temple Mount and see the Garden of Gethsemane from the Mount of Olives. Descend into the spectacular Jordan Valley and marvel at the Dead Sea—the lowest dry-land point on earth—and the fortress of Masada. Join us on this truly amazing program for an experience you will always remember.
Israel  November 12-21, 2011
From approximately $2,595 (plus airfare)
Travel Arrangements by AHI Travel
Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. L’AUSTRAL, launching in 2011, from the bustling bazaars and sparkling mosques of Istanbul, across the glistening waters of the Aegean, to the mythical relics of Troy, Delos and Athens. Set your own pace by choosing from the attractively priced shore excursions in Troy and Ephesus and on Santorini, Pátmos, Rhodes and Delos. Led by a culinary expert, the exclusive “C’est Bon! Culinary Traditions” program celebrates the region’s local cuisines and wines through culinary lectures, demonstrations and tastings and a selection of specially arranged optional shore excursions. Extend your journey with a Pre-Cruise Option in Istanbul or Cappadocia and a Post-Cruise Option in Athens.
Sail through thousands of years of history as you cruise the Mediterranean on Oceania Cruises’ newest ship, Marina. Lose yourself at sea in the comfort and luxuries of fine cuisine, upscale amenities and lavishly-appointed staterooms. Immerse yourself in the ancient legends, traditions and cultures of Turkey, Cyprus, Israel, Egypt and Greece, each destination with a different story to tell. From pyramids to palaces, discover the cradle of history.
Cradle of History — Oceania Cruises

September 18 - October 1, 2011

From $4,499 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)

Travel Arrangements by Go Next
Jewels of the Mediterranean & Greek Isles – Oceania Cruises

Trip Date: April 12–23, 2011
Price: From $3,499 per person, double occupancy (including airfare)
Partner: Travel Arrangements by Go Next

This alluring voyage presents a magical blend of ancient Mediterranean ports and celebrated destinations as you cruise on the elegant Oceania Cruises’ Insignia. Lose yourself at sea in the comfort and luxuries of fine cuisine, upscale amenities, a staff devoted to your every need and lavishly-appointed staterooms. Depart from Athens and traverse the deep blue sea to some of Europe’s most enthralling ports. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Turkey, Greece and Italy, each destination with something distinctive to experience. A true Mediterranean odyssey!
This spectacular 14-day journey captures the essence—the stark contrasts, magnificent natural wonders and dynamic cultures—of Australia and New Zealand. Accompanied by a marine biologist, explore the Great Barrier Reef for three nights aboard the intimate CORAL PRINCESS, outfitted with a glass-bottom boat and snorkeling equipment. Cruise Milford Sound’s spectacular fjords; visit Queenstown, Lake Wakatipu and the Remarkable Mountains from Bob’s Peak; and dine with a Christchurch family. Stay in sophisticated Sydney, Australia, renowned for its architecture and harbor setting; visit the world famous Sydney Opera House; and learn about the Aborigines. A two-night Auckland Pre-Program Option and a two-night Ayers Rock Post-Program Option are offered.
Cruising the Great Barrier Reef – Australia & New Zealand
February 6-19, 2011
From $4,195 per person (plus airfare)
Travel Arrangements by Thomas P. Goagan & Company
DESTINATION: EUROPE

AMALFI: THE DIVINE COAST

Pompeii

ITALY

Herculaneum
Pompeii
Ravello
Sorrento
Capri
Amalfi
Viestri sul Mare
Positano
Delight in the scenic grandeur of the Amalfi Coast, with its varied architecture and amazing vertical landscape. Nicknamed *The Divine Coast*, the serpentine Amalfi Drive winds around towering cliffs and sandy coves, past charming villages, brightly colored villas and cascading flower gardens. During your stay in Vietri sul Mare, venture out to see the town of Ravello with its spectacular 13th-century Villa Rufolo and the dramatic cliffs of Positano, Italy’s most vertical town. Explore the charming seaside resort of Amalfi, and the cliff-top village of Sorrento, overlooking the Bay of Naples. Discover an epoch suspended in time at the fabled ruins of Herculaneum and Pompeii. See the Temples of Hera and Athena at Paestum, and immerse yourself in the extraordinary beauty and classical antiquity of Capri, the *Isle of Dreams*. 
Discover the living heritage of the Celtic people on this eight-night cruise from the ancient Norman port of Honfleur past the misty islands of the Celtic and Irish Seas, to Scotland’s historic capital of Edinburgh aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. LE BOREAL. By special arrangement, enjoy enriching lectures by President Dwight D. Eisenhower’s grandson and Sir Winston Churchill’s granddaughter. Walk along Normandy’s D-Day landing beaches, see the 9th-century Book of Kells in Dublin and visit 700-year-old Caernarfon Castle. Drive through the breathtaking Snowdonia Mountains and admire the stark beauty of Scotland’s Inner Hebrides and Orkney Islands. A Paris Pre-Cruise Option and an Edinburgh Post-Cruise Option are offered.
DESTINATION: EUROPE

ROME: AN INSIDER’S PERSPECTIVE
TRIP Rome: An Insider’s Perspective

DATE February 7–15, 2011

PRICE From approximately $2,395 (plus airfare)

PARTNER Travel Arrangements by AHI Travel

In ancient times, Rome was the center of a vast empire. Today, it is Italy’s historic, artistic and cultural heart. Travel back in time with a walk through the Colosseum and Roman Forum, marvel at the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, and examine the amazing network of the catacombs. Travel to Orvieto for a cooking class and the chance to explore this vibrant hill town. Delve into unexpected Rome with a special visit to Studio Cassio, which has restored ancient mosaics for over 100 years. In addition, travel to the ancient port of Ostia to view its impressive shrines and temples, all remarkably well-preserved.
Located in the center of the Jungfrau Region, Interlaken is your gateway to the Bernese Oberland, the magnificent heart of Alpine Switzerland. Popular as an upscale health spa in the 19th century, Interlaken still retains an elegant, cosmopolitan atmosphere. A paradise for skiers, the Jungfrau Region also offers a wide range of activities for non-skiers, such as skating, tobogganng, romantic horse-drawn sleigh rides and magnificent winter walks. In addition, a program of optional and included excursions allows you to make your time in Switzerland as structured as you wish. Stunning Alpine views, excellent skiing, and some of Switzerland’s most famous towns and cities make this a truly thrilling experience.
Swiss Winter Escapade

January 24-31, 2011

From $2,195 per person (plus airfare)

Travel Arrangements by AHI Travel
DESTINATION: EUROPE

CRUISE THE NORTH SEA: VIKINGS, KINGS & CASTLES
Uncover the cultural and historical riches of northern Europe while cruising on the grand and regal Oceania Cruises’ Marina. Lose yourself at sea in the comfort and luxuries of fine cuisine, upscale amenities, an attentive staff and lavishly-appointed staterooms. This exciting cruise traverses the North Sea with stops at some of the region’s most enthralling ports. Immerse yourself in the wonderful sights and sounds of Scotland, Norway, Ireland, the Isle of Man, Wales and England, each offering a distinctive and charming history for you to discover.
Follow the sounds of waterfalls, steel drums and exotic birds as you cruise the Caribbean, a world filled with cultural and natural marvels. Experience luxury while cruising on Oceania Cruises’ newest and most elegant vessel, Marina, complete with upscale amenities, lavish staterooms and the finest cuisine at sea. Your adventure sets sail from Miami to the beautiful islands of Tortola, St. Barts, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. John, Virgin Gorda, the Dominican Republic and Grand Turk. Snorkel vivid coral reefs, hike through lush rainforests and beneath waterfalls, explore colonial towns, and stroll pristine beaches as you discover the Caribbean.
Caribbean Pearls – Oceania Cruises
March 16 -28, 2011
From approximately $1,999 per person (including airfare)
Travel Arrangements by Go Next
DESTINATION: NORTH AMERICA

THE RUNNING
OF THE 137th
KENTUCKY DERBY

BARBARO

KENTUCKY
Come experience the 137th running of the Kentucky Derby and all its great tradition. Recognized as one of the "top ten events to experience in a lifetime," the Kentucky Derby is the leading stakes race for 3-year-old thoroughbred horses. One of the oldest continuously-held sporting events in the world, the "Run for the Roses" was first contested back in 1875. Don't miss the 2011 Kentucky Derby!
The Masters Golf Tournament – Augusta, Georgia

DATE April 6–9, 2011

PRICE From approximately $2,819 per person, double occupancy (plus airfare)

PARTNER Travel Arrangements by Premiere Global Sports

Come experience golf’s most historic event, The Masters Golf Tournament. The Masters is all about tradition, with a history dating back to 1934. From the green jacket to “Amen Corner,” everything is special about golf’s greatest event. All-time greats like Sam Snead, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan have won multiple green jackets, and, of course, Phil Mickelson recently won his third Masters! The 2011 Masters promises to continue its legacy of greatness.
The Masters Golf Tournament – Augusta, Georgia
April 6-9, 2011
From approximately $2,819 per person, double occupancy (plus airfare)
Travel Arrangements by Premiere Global Sports
PARTNER  AHI Travel (Alumni Holidays)

TRIPS  Israel, Amalfi Coast, Rome and Switzerland

CONTACT  1-800-323-7373

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PARTNER  Go Next

TRIPS  Mediterranean, North Sea, Cradle of History and Caribbean

CONTACT  1-800-842-9023

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PLEASE NOTE: All trip prices and dates are tentative and subject to change.

To find out more about the Traveling Bulldogs program, please contact Libba Andrews, associate director of the MSU Alumni Association, at landrews@alumni.msstate.edu or 662-325-3479. You may also visit us on the web at www.alumni.msstate.edu/travel.