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TRAVELING BULLDOGS 2014 CATALOG
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Travel the world with the Mississippi State University Alumni Association. For over a decade, the MSU Traveling Bulldogs program has taken alumni and friends around the world to exotic and thrilling locations.

From Paris to Madrid to Athens to Istanbul, exciting opportunities await in the U.S. and abroad for wanderers and explorers. Hand picked and arranged by two of MSU’s travel partners, each destination will thrill Bulldogs of any generation. Trips include historical walking tours and lectures, tours of some of the world’s most amazing architecture, and views of breathtaking coastlines and landscapes. With 13 travel packages, our 2014 trips will not fail to amaze!

Join the Traveling Bulldogs on one of our exhilarating trips around the world. Discover cities of old and enjoy the companionship of fellow alumni and friends, as well as travelers from other alumni institutions. Whether a sandy island shore, the cobblestone streets of an ancient city, or a quaint, country town, the MSU Traveling Bulldogs program is bound to have the adventure for you!

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Discover captivating ports, ancient ruins and nature’s wild beauty aboard the Oceania Cruises Marina, a vessel replete with breathtaking amenities and outstanding cuisine. From Venice, sail to Split, where a centuries-old Roman palace and Croatia’s oldest museum await. Stroll the streets through the port of Kotor, a medieval town enclosed by impressive walls. Visit Durres, where remnants of its ancient past surface in a 2nd-century amphitheater and a Byzantine forum. Discover the island of Corfu, with lush emerald hills and white sand beaches. Sicily’s town of Taormina offers a blend of ancient ruins and vibrant modern shops. Explore the streets and of Sorrento, or travel to Capri, an island of quaint villages and ancient villas, before ending your voyage in Rome.

**Accent on the Adriatic**

**EUROPE**

**DATE:** October 20-28, 2014  
**PRICE:** From $2,499 and up (Including airfare)  
**PARTNER:** GoNext  
**COUNTRIES:** Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Greece and Italy
Autumn in America’s Heartland

Experience the breathtaking beauty of autumn along the Mississippi River. Begin in St. Paul, a culturally rich city with fascinating museums and parks, before boarding the American Queen, an authentic paddlewheel steamboat that brings to life the river lore of Mark Twain. Cruise south to Red Wing, and enjoy a walking tour of its many historic sites. Visit La Crosse, a Victorian architectural gem highlighted by towering bluffs and a scenic river walk. Take in a three-state fall vista in Dubuque, which is home to a vibrant revitalized riverfront, and revel in Davenport’s dynamic parks and downtown. Savor more charm in Burlington, Iowa, home to snake alley, “the Crookedest Street in the World.” Continue to Mark Twain’s boyhood home in Hannibal, Missouri, before concluding in St. Louis.

DATE: September 19–27, 2014
PRICE: From $2,549 and up (Airfare not included)
PARTNER: GoNext
DESTINATION: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri
Discover distant monarchies, Baroque palaces and stunning harbors aboard Oceania Cruises elegant Marina. Beginning in Copenhagen, sail to the German port of Warnemünde and enjoy its seaside promenade, or take a drive to Berlin and to see the Berlin Wall. Cruise to Lithuania and stroll past timber-framed buildings in Klaipeda’s Old Town, and then to Riga, a UNESCO World Heritage Site dubbed the “Paris of the East.” Head to Helsinki, a renowned international design mecca, full of modern art and architecture. Soak up St. Petersburg’s onion-domed cathedrals and fabled palaces, or head to Moscow and visit Red Square and St. Basil’s Cathedral. Before ending in Stockholm, visit Estonia to admire Tallinn’s beautifully preserved medieval architecture. Create unforgettable memories as you sail the Baltic Sea.
Celtic Lands: 70th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings

Cruise for eight nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. LE BORÉAL from Portsmouth, England, to France, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. By special arrangement, University of Pennsylvania professor Dwight David Eisenhower II, grandson of General and President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and historian Celia Sandys, granddaughter of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, will join you to provide exclusive lectures and personal insights. Enjoy guided excursions in each port of call, including the hallowed beaches of Normandy 70 years after the Allied Forces made their historic landings. Also visit two UNESCO World Heritage sites: Caernarfon Castle near Holyhead, Wales, and the fascinating Giant’s Causeway in Northern Ireland, a great natural wonder.

DATE: June 4-14, 2014
PRICE: From $5,695 and up (Airfare not included)
PARTNER: Thomas P. Gohagan and Company
DESTINATION: England, France, Ireland, Wales and Scotland
Discover ancient wonders on this Aegean odyssey while cruising aboard the Riviera, Oceania Cruise’s newest ship. Depart Athens for Santorini, a stunning spectacle of volcano-carved landscapes and blue-domed, whitewashed towns. Explore Kusadasi or visit the amazing ruins of Ephesus, a former Roman town that is now one of the best-preserved archaeological sites on the Mediterranean. Cruise to Rhodes, famous for its ancient Acropolis and former site of the Colossus. Savor its medieval walls and archaeological sites with white sand beaches and turquoise waters. Next stroll though Mykonos, a winding seaside maze of streets, before cruising to Kavala, home to neoclassical museums and a spectacular Byzantine fortress. Before your odyssey comes to a close, relish the impressive Blue Mosque, Topaki Palace and Grand Bazaar in Istanbul.
In the Wake of the Vikings

Join us for a unique, comprehensive, nine-day journey to Norway’s majestic fjords and Scotland’s rarely visited Shetland, Orkney and Inner Hebridean Islands. Cruise from Copenhagen to Glasgow aboard the exclusively chartered five-star small ship M.S. LE BORÉAL. Travel in the wake of early Viking explorers, cruising into ports accessible only to small ships, and visit three UNESCO World heritage sites. Highlights include Edvard Grieg’s former home with a private recital in Bergen; the Neolithic Ring of Brodgar, Skara Brae and Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands; the Callanish Stones on the Isle of Lewis; and Eilean Donan Castle on the Isle of Skye. This trip includes Copenhagen pre-cruise and Edinburgh post-cruise options.

DATE: May 21-29, 2014
PRICE: $3,995 and up (Airfare not included)
PARTNER: Thomas P. Gohagan and Company
DESTINATION: Denmark, Norway and Scotland
Journey to lands of antiquity aboard Oceania Cruises’ Insignia, and visit some of the Mediterranean’s most celebrated cities and ports. Begin in Venice, and explore its many artistic masterpieces and enchanting squares. Discover Croatia’s red-tiled jewel, Dubrovnik, a walled city molded by centuries of Roman, Venetian and Slavic dominance. Explore Kotor, a medieval town of pinked-paved streets enclosed by impressive walls. Sail to the emerald island of Corfu, where beauty abounds among the emerald hills and lush fields. Revel in the island of Zakynthos, boasting mountains, underwater caves and sandy beaches, where you may spot an endangered loggerhead sea turtle. Unwind in Santorini, the breathtaking result of a massive volcanic eruption thousands of years ago, and savor its striking panoramas before concluding in Athens.
Join this spectacular nine-day journey from the Costa Rican rainforest through the mighty locks of the Panama Canal during its 100th anniversary year. Spend one night in a deluxe hotel in San José, Costa Rica. Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, state-of-the-art M.Y. VARIETY VOYAGER, featuring only 36 deluxe cabins. Explore the terrestrial wonders of Costa Rica’s National Parks and Osa Peninsula and tour Panama City. Explore remote island paradises and cruise through the awe-inspiring Panama Canal. Visit Panama’s San Blas Islands and enjoy lectures by exclusive onboard study leaders. An optional Costa Rica pre-program and Cartagena post-program are available.

**SOLD OUT:** New February date coming soon.
Discover the Mediterranean aboard Oceania Cruises *Riviera*, an elegant vessel replete with breathtaking amenities and outstanding cuisine. Depart Monte Carlo for Portofino and find a 16th-century castle overlooking a modern playground of villas and yachts. Journey to Rome and admire its stunning historical monuments and wonders. Head inland to the Tuscan countryside and cities of Florence and Pisa, bursting with world-class art and Renaissance architecture. Savor the city of Marseille, France, or explore its rich Provençal countryside dotted with medieval towns and quaint villages, before heading to Port Vendres. Continue to Palma de Mallorca, Spain, a beautiful island offering stunning architecture. Stroll the cobbled streets of Old Palma, or relax along the countryside sprinkled with windmills, before ending your journey in Barcelona.

**DATE:** November 7–15, 2014  
**PRICE:** $2,299 and up (Including airfare)  
**PARTNER:** GoNext  
**DESTINATION:** France, Spain and Italy
Travel where pulsating rhythms, natural beauty and colorful traditions thrive along South America’s east coast on Oceania Cruises’ *Regatta*. Spend a day in Buenos Aires, an unforgettable city known as the “Paris of South America,” before departing for Montevideo and the resort town of Punta del Este. Continue to some of Brazil’s most captivating ports of call—Rio Grande, Porto Belo, São Paulo, Parati, the island of Ilha Grande and the resort town of Buzios. Discover sparkling beaches, exotic wildlife, botanical gardens and colonial Portuguese architecture. Conclude your adventure in Rio de Janeiro, whose 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.

**Samba Rhythms**

**SOUTH AMERICA**

DATE: March 16–29, 2014  
PRICE: From $3,999 and up (Including airfare)  
PARTNER: GoNext  
DESTINATION: Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil
Visit six countries and up to eight UNESCO World Heritage sites on this exclusive journey to the cultural centers that inspired classical music’s great masters. This custom-designed itinerary includes three nights each in the medieval gems of Prague and Kraków and a five-night cruise on the legendary Blue Danube from Budapest, Hungary, to Passau, Germany, aboard the deluxe M.S. AMADEUS ELEGANT. Experience the musical heritage of Europe’s accomplished composers, including Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin. Enjoy a comprehensive schedule of exclusive expert lectures, classical music performances and guided excursions in Bratislava, Vienna, Dürnstein and Melk. A Budapest pre-program option and Warsaw post-program option are offered.

**Symphony on the Blue Danube**

**EUROPE**

DATE: September 13–25, 2014
PRICE: $3,995 and up (Airfare not included)
PARTNER: Thomas P. Gohagan and Company
DESTINATION: Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Germany, Austria and Slovakia
Tahitian Jewels

Savor the splendor of emerald-green palms, white sand beaches and turquoise waters as you sail aboard Oceania Cruises 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 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 island of Tahiti. Set adrift, catch the breeze, and discover Polynesia’s most beautiful gems.

**DATE:** January 25–February 4, 2014  
**PRICE:** From $3,299 and up (Including airfare)  
**PARTNER:** GoNext  
**DESTINATION:** French Polynesian Islands
Immerse yourself for one full week in quintessential England, with four nights in the five-star landmark Macdonald Randolph Hotel, and three nights in charming Cotswolds. Local guides lead you through legendary Oxford and the quaint villages. By special arrangement, Lord Charles Spencer-Churchill hosts an exclusive tour and private lunch in Blenheim Palace. Carefully designed excursions and cultural enhancements capture the true essence of this storybook region. Visit Bampton of Downton Abbey fame. Meet local residents during the exclusive Town and Country Forum™. An exclusive Cambridge pre-program and Canterbury post-program are available as options.

**DATE:** October 11-19, 2014  
**PRICE:** $3,795 (Airfare not included)  
**PARTNER:** Thomas P. Gohagan and Company  
**DESTINATION:** England
For nearly 40 years, GoNext has been designing and operating affordable, high quality, air-inclusive travel programs that appeal to varied interests and all age groups, exclusively available through associations and professional organizations. Each year, they offer new and exciting itineraries that exceed the expectations of even the most seasoned travelers. A wide selection of optional excursions allows the convenience and flexibility to personalize an itinerary, take part in excursions with fellow alumni, or explore on your own. With GoNext’s exceptional service and professional, on-site management, you can expect a seamless travel experience, leaving you to enjoy every moment.

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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.

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