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The Texas Exes' travel program, the Flying Longhorns®, was founded in 1961 on the premise that education doesn't end when you leave the university. In fact, graduation marks the beginning of a lifelong learning odyssey, and travel is a natural part of that. It shapes our minds, expands our knowledge, alters our attitudes, and enhances our understanding. And it is great fun to travel in the company of others who share some of your background and concerns.

Maybe you've fantasized about visiting ancient Greco-Roman ruins, sailing into Monte Carlo harbor, exploring the art collection at the Louvre, or observing penguins in the Galápagos Islands. We can make your travel dreams come true, whether on a Flying Longhorns group tour, or a custom journey tailored to you.

With any Flying Longhorns trip, group or custom, all you have to do is sign up and show up—we do the rest. Bags are managed, reservations are in place, lovely accommodations are vetted and clean, transportation is waiting, and the drinks are cold—all of which is, as one frequent participant put it, "priceless!"

But the best part about traveling with Flying Longhorns Travel is that you will travel with UT alumni, Texas Exes members, and their friends and family. As Texans, we know a lot about warmth, generosity, flexibility, good humor, and having fun.

Every traveler's participation in the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program helps to further the association's core purpose: to organize alumni and friends to champion and advance the mission of the University of Texas at Austin. We do this through programming that focuses on student success, alumni engagement, advocacy, and communicating the value of UT.

Check our website (texasexes.org/travel) for updates on the trips listed in this guide; changes can often occur with travel plans! You'll also find information about 2016 trips that might still have availability, as well as complete details on our travel program, access to individual trip brochures once they're published, and other useful links.

Travel with us, relax, and join in on the fun!

Best regards,

Leslie Cedar

Leslie Cedar, BS '89, MBA '98
CEO and Executive Director
Texas Exes



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The Texas Exes' sponsorship means that the tour operator has met our criteria for financial responsibility, established reputation, guaranteed departures, professional staff, quality of operation and accommodations, and all-around dependability. We have partnered with many of the companies listed below for more than 20 years.

AESU ALUMNI WORLD TRAVEL has provided and guided our graduation trip for 15 consecutive years. For over 38 years AESU has been a leader in the student and young professional travel market.

ALUMNI HOLIDAYS INTERNATIONAL, INC. (AHI) is a family-owned company that has been providing high-quality and high-value educational travel experiences to alumni association groups for more than 54 years.

BEYOND GROUP TRAVEL, INC. is based in Houston, and operated by Linda Triplett and Cindy Chambers. Beyond Group Travel can boast numerous repeat travelers due to their unwavering attention to detail and insistence on the best.

CHINA ADVOCATES was founded in 1986 and is a specialty travel company that develops thematic tours with a sole focus of creating unforgettable itineraries that allow travelers to immerse themselves in the rich cultures and ancient landscapes of our destinations.

GO NEXT has provided unique travel experiences to various destinations around the world for more than 40 years. Go Next provides Texas Exes group access to Oceania and other exciting cruises.

INTERNATIONAL EXPEDITIONS has 36 years of experience developing authentic and immersive tours to Earth's great wildlife and cultural destinations, interpreted by superb naturalist guides and historians. Discover your true nature with these pioneers in ecotourism to the Amazon, Cuba, and Botswana including the Okavango Delta.

ODYSSEYS UNLIMITED offers a wide variety of international tours designed specifically for small groups, providing a high level of quality at excellent value. With special airline contracts, they are able to include international as well as "internal" flights in their tour prices.

ORBRIDGE DESTINATION SPECIALISTS offers more than 31 years of combined experience, and represents a new breed of alumni travel with a focus on a few select destinations and intimate departures with top accommodations and small, deluxe ships. All programs are geared to provide guests an in-depth view of a region, ecosystem, or culture.

ROYAL ADVENTURES, INC. has more than 20 years of experience in Latin America and offers unparalleled expertise in designing escorted journeys to this region.

SOFIA TRAVEL is a small, family-owned and family-run company with deep roots in Greece. They are dedicated to personal attention to ensure that their travelers have a matchless travel experience that is both comfortable and unforgettable. They have more than 25 years of experience in leading tours to Greece & Italy.

SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT TRAVEL (SET) has a combined 95 years of ownership and management experience. The SET partners and team share a common vision: to become the country's number one provider of sports-related group travel services.

TCS WORLD TRAVEL operates high-end journeys of a lifetime via luxurious private aircraft to locations all around the world with an emphasis on extraordinary destinations and in-depth educational experiences.

THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY was founded in 1984 with the mission of offering a variety of special-interest tours with educational themes. Whether on deluxe river cruises, safaris, or land programs, each Gohagan tour offers special features not available to the traveling public.

USI/TRAVEL INSURANCE SERVICES has been in operation since 1873. This company has been a Texas Exes Flying Longhorns program business partner for many years. We have found them to be honest, generous, eager to resolve claims quickly, and solvent, and we are happy to endorse their three-level SELECT program.

TRIPS

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- ACTIVITY LEVELS
- Easy 
 - Moderately Active 
 - Active 
 - Very Active 

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


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FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRIPS

Many of our programs make wonderful family vacations! Two new multigenerational programs are featured here, and throughout the guide. Look for  to indicate other family-friendly trips. Please contact us for more details or with questions.

YOUNG ALUMNI TRIPS

We offer the “Essential Europe” trip for brand-new alumni—that is, UT students graduating in December 2016 or May 2017. The “Iceland Expedition” is the perfect adventure for alumni who recently participated in “Essential Europe,” or any UT alumni, family, and friends who are 40 years of age or younger and looking for an active trip with time to explore on your own.



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NEW FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRIPS

Galapagos Islands & Machu Picchu

July 12-19, 2017 and July 19-24, 2017
From \$3,995 per person
Orbridge Destination Specialists

**These programs can be taken separately or combined into one program as the dates run back-to-back.*

Undiscovered by Europeans until the 16th century, the Galapagos Islands hold a central position in modern scientific and evolutionary history. From your accommodations on the *Isabela II*, you can explore these fascinating islands and observe the iconic species that have become exquisitely adapted to the surrounding environment. Because the human presence is still relatively minimal, much of the wildlife is remarkably unafraid of visitors.

Travel to the mist-shrouded mountain citadel of the Incas on this deluxe program to Machu Picchu, Cusco, and the Sacred Valley. Ride the train through the Urubamba valley, visit a traditional Andean rural community and a modern artists' colony, marvel at the massive stone stairs at Ollantaytambo, enjoy the congeniality of a Peruvian family meal in their home outside of Cusco.

Activity Level 

Eastern Caribbean Family Legacy Cruise

June 17-24, 2017
From \$899 per person
Go Next

Spend a week on Norwegian Cruise Line's newest ship, *Norwegian Escape*, as you sail to the islands of the Eastern Caribbean. Depart from sunny Miami to make your way to the U.S. Virgin Islands for vividly colorful snorkeling in St. Thomas. Sip tropical drinks on a pristine beach to the beat of Caribbean music on the British Virgin Island of Tortola. Or go exploring in a 4x4 vehicle when you arrive in Nassau. Whatever you choose, there's no wrong way to relax and let loose on this vacation.

Activity Level 



YOUNG ALUMNI TRIPS

Essential Europe

May 28-June 14, 2017
From \$3,898 per person
AESU

From the pomp and pageantry of London to the snow-capped Austrian Alps; from the glorious art of Florence to the sun-kissed beaches of Greece, Europe's infinite variety of people, places, and traditions are the perfect setting for a journey that celebrates and educates. Capture the flavor of the cities and the beauty of the countryside; sample the delicacies and specialties of nine wondrous countries—Europe, in all its splendor, awaits.

Activity Level 

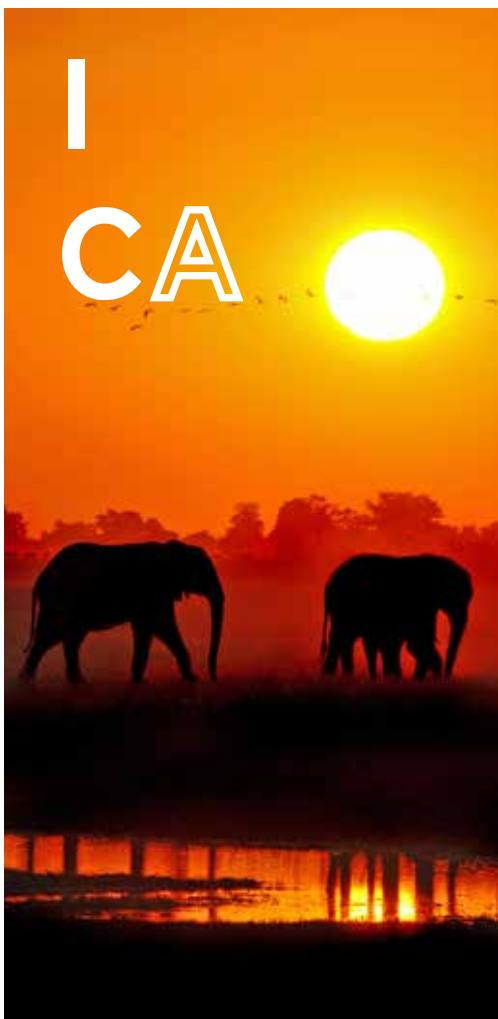
Iceland Expedition

Aug. 10-13, 2017
From \$998 per person
AESU

Iceland's unspoiled landscapes are shaped by forces of nature. The range of natural treasures: deep fjords, vast volcanic deserts, stunning coastlines, black sand beaches, glaciers, and waterfalls make Iceland a highly unique destination. The Northern Lights are among the most spectacular phenomena on earth, and Iceland is the perfect place to see them. Reykjavik has gained a reputation for legendary nightlife being one of the hottest places to party in the world today!

Activity Level 





AFRICA

Legends of the Nile

Jan. 24-Feb. 4, 2017
From \$4,795 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Join us on an exploration of Cairo and the Egyptian Museum's remarkable antiquities. Discover the enigmatic Sphinx and the Great Pyramid of Giza. Travel to Luxor and the intriguing Valleys of the Kings and Queens. Visit the Oriental Institute's Chicago House to see its epigraphic survey project. Board an elegant ship and cruise along the Nile to visit the fascinating temples of Karnak, Edfu, and Kom Ombo. See the High Dam at Aswan and travel to explore the massive temple at Abu Simbel.

Activity Level



Wings Over Tanzania

Feb. 17-28, 2017
From \$7,995 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co.

During this 12-day journey of a lifetime, observe one of Earth's greatest natural spectacles, the annual Great Migration, by land and air. Visit four of Tanzania's finest game parks: Tarangire, Lake Manyara, the Serengeti, and Ngorongoro Crater—with deluxe accommodations in Serena Safari Lodges. Enjoy unique perspectives aboard two privately chartered aircraft flights and daily game drives revealing vast herds of elephant, wildebeest, zebra, gazelle, and Cape buffalo, as well as magnificent lion, cheetah, and leopard.

Activity Level



Treasures of Southern Africa

Oct. 3-18, 2017
From \$6,795 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Follow in the footsteps of the great explorers on an adventure like no other. From Cape Town, see historic Robben Island, and then track big game at the Thornybush Game Reserve near Kruger National Park. Next, fly to Johannesburg to visit the historic township of Soweto, former home of Nelson Mandela. Board a Rovos Rail train in Pretoria for the fascinating journey through Botswana and Zimbabwe. Visit the thundering Victoria Falls before traveling on to Chobe National Park.

Activity Level



Botswana Safari

Oct. 30-Nov. 8, 2017
From \$9,476 per person
International Expeditions

This safari program showcases the highlights of Botswana: the blue-green wetlands of the Okavango Delta, the wildlife-rich Linyanti River system, and the Savuti Channel. Experience game drives on foot and at night, and explore the Okavango in a traditional mokoro boat, seeing some of the world's most endangered species like the lion, cheetah, and white and black rhinoceros.

Activity Level



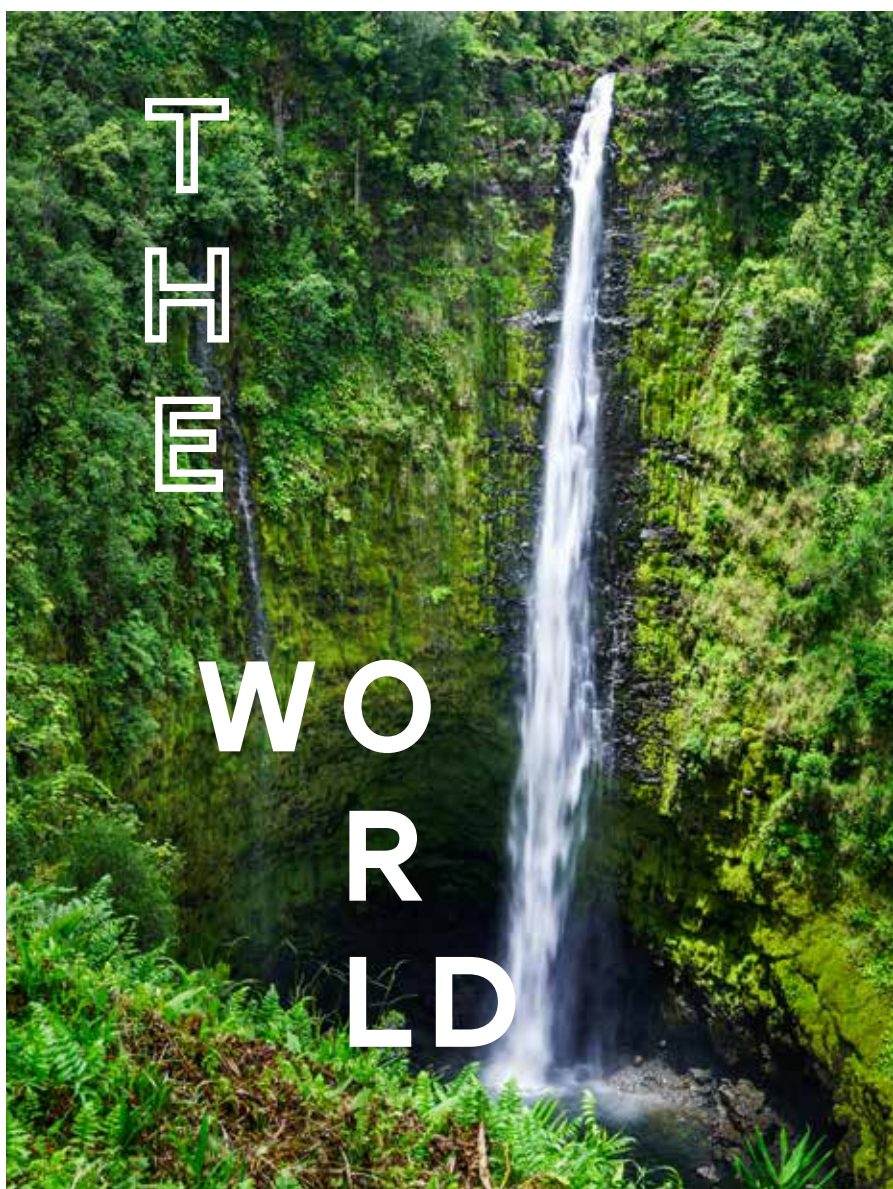
This trip was flawless. We were well taken care of and had great fun while learning an astonishing amount of information about Egypt's history, culture, religions, and daily life. I want to return soon. It's my new favorite place!

— R.J. BRYANT
2016 LEGENDS OF THE NILE





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Wild Encounters by Private Jet

Feb. 17-March 8, 2017
From \$83,950 per person
TCS World Travel

This 20-day itinerary immerses you in the planet's diverse ecosystems for an up-close look at rare and iconic animals, birds, and marine life. Trek through the verdant bamboo forests of Rwanda in search of the majestic mountain gorilla. Venture deep into India's national parks, one of the last places on Earth where the elusive Bengal tiger freely roams in the wild. Encounter remarkable big cats and great migrating herds on a classic safari across the Serengeti Plain.

Activity Level 

Around the World Classic by Private Jet

Sept. 27-Oct. 20, 2017
From \$79,950 per person
TCS World Travel

Explore nine of the world's most iconic destinations on this 24-day journey of a lifetime. Witness the wonders of nature on the Serengeti Plain and snorkel at the Great Barrier Reef. Walk ancient corridors in the Lost City of Petra and discover the majestic work of the Inca at Machu Picchu. Gaze at humankind's greatest monument to love, the Taj Mahal, and marvel at the enigmatic moai of Easter Island.

Activity Level 



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Mystical India

Jan. 5-21, 2017
From \$5,187 per person, includes air from DFW & Houston
Odysseys Unlimited

Mystical and spiritual, India abounds with riches that invite personal exploration. Begin the tour exploring both Old Delhi and New Delhi. Continue to the “pink city” of Jaipur and enjoy a home-hosted dinner with a Rajasthan family. Spend two nights at Ranthambore Tiger Preserve and search for elusive Bengal tigers and other wildlife. Travel to Agra to visit the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Witness Hindu pilgrims performing their rituals on the Ganges River in Varanasi.

Activity Level



Cruising Tahiti & French Polynesia

Feb. 9-19, 2017
From \$6,395 per person, includes air from LAX
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

Join us for nine extraordinary nights in French Polynesia, the Society Islands and the Tuamotu Archipelago, with seven nights aboard the five-star-plus *M.S. Paul Gauguin* and two nights in Papeete, Tahiti. This splendid opportunity includes a whole host of complimentary features aboard ship: all onboard gratuities, select beverages replenished in your stateroom and served with lunch and dinner, watersports and even personal butler service in Suites and the highest-category staterooms. Post-program option in a deluxe seaside resort on Bora Bora is offered.

Activity Level



Exploring Australia & New Zealand

March 1-23, 2017
From \$9,857 per person, includes air from DFW & Houston
Odysseys Unlimited

Your journey begins in Cairns, the gateway to Australia’s Far North. Board a boat for a day-long excursion to the Great Barrier Reef. Embark on an Aboriginal dreamtime tour and watch the sun set over the fabled sandstone monolith at Ayers Rock. Tour Sydney’s famous beaches, its harbor, and iconic Opera House, then fly to New Zealand and explore Mt. Cook National Park. In Rotorua, experience a geothermal reserve and the Maori culture at a traditional hangi performance. Celebrate your journey’s end in Auckland.

Activity Level



Outrageous Outback

April 7-23, 2017
From \$6,799 per person, includes air
Go Next

Discover rugged outback scenery, cosmopolitan cities, and whimsical wildlife on this odyssey aboard Oceania Cruises’ elegant *Sirena*. Relax on Eden’s golden beaches, take in Melbourne’s Victorian architecture, and browse the Makers’ Workshop in Burnie, Tasmania. Then cruise the glassy waters of Milford Sound fjord and delve into the Scottish heritage of Dunedin. Take a cable car ride to the top of Mount Victoria, offering stunning panoramic views of Wellington. Before concluding your adventure in Auckland, laze on Tauranga’s beaches or head to nearby Rotorua.

Activity Level



Ancient Traditions of the Inland Sea of Japan

April 30-May 10, 2017
From \$5,795 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

Experience the timeless splendor of Japan and South Korea on this seven-night cruise across the historic Inland Sea with two nights in Kyoto. On board the exclusively chartered, five-star, small ship *M.S. L'Austral*, featuring only 110 ocean-view suites and staterooms, enjoy port calls at captivating points of interest. From enchanting Kyoto to storied Hiroshima, from Miyajima to the Buddhist wonders of Gyeongju, South Korea, relish in the awe-inspiring beauty of historic ports of Japan and South Korea.

Activity Level  

China Romance

May 9-20, 2017
From \$5,190 per person
China Advocates

Explore China's magnificent history and culture, and witness the changing dynamics of modern China. Discover the Temple of Heaven and the Forbidden City in colorful Beijing. Take in the sweeping views along the Great Wall at Mutianyu. Fly to Guilin to experience southern China's effusive charm. Explore Hangzhou, the most inspiring synthesis of modernity and nature in Asia. Finally, soak up cosmopolitan Shanghai, the city that busies itself with shaping China's future.

Activity Level    

Mystique of the Orient

Oct 17-29, 2017
From \$6,995 per person, includes air from LAX
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

This exclusive nine-night cruise from Hong Kong, "Crossroads of the East," to vibrant Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City) aboard the five-star, small ship *M.S. L'Austral* showcases the fascinating treasures of Vietnam and four UNESCO World Heritage sites. Tour dynamic Hanoi, cruise majestic Ha Long Bay, visit the Forbidden Purple City in Huế, and admire beautiful architecture in Hoi An. Complimentary alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages are served throughout the cruise.

Activity Level  

Classic China & the Yangtze

Oct. 18-31, 2017
From \$5,184 per person, includes air from DFW & Houston
Odysseys Unlimited

Begin your 14-day tour in Beijing, visiting Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the Great Wall. In Xian visit the museum of nearly 8,000 life-size terra cotta warriors. Fly to Chongqing to see the zoo housing the beloved pandas. Board a ship for a three-night cruise on the Yangtze, passing through the Three Gorges and Smaller Gorges. Conclude the tour in Shanghai and see the Bund, the renowned Shanghai Museum, and the 16th-century Yu Yuan Gardens.

Activity Level    



TEXAS EXES FLYING LONGHORNS ALUMNI PARTNERS IN TRAVEL FOR OVER 28 YEARS

For nearly 30 years, Gohagan & Company has been creating unique and innovative travel programs for discerning Texas Exes members, friends and families. We have come to rely on Gohagan & Company for singular travel programs of the very highest standards to confidently travel the world, in style and comfort. *Our passengers don't just see the world, they experience it.*



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PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE EXPERIENCE
January 31 to February 9, 2017
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FROM \$6995 PER PERSON



EXPEDITION TO
ANTARCTICA
February 9 to 22, 2017
Aboard the M.S. LE SOLÉAL
FROM \$10,245 PER PERSON



CRUISING TAHITI AND
FRENCH POLYNESIA
February 9 to 19, 2017
Aboard the M.S. PAUL GAUGUIN
FROM \$6395 PER PERSON



PASSAGE THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL
AND COSTA RICA
February 17 to 25, 2017
Aboard the M.V. STAR PRIDE
FROM \$4795 PER PERSON



WINGS OVER TANZANIA
DURING THE GREAT MIGRATION
February 17 to 28, 2017
FROM \$7995 PER PERSON



RIVER LIFE® ALONG THE WATERWAYS OF
HOLLAND AND BELGIUM
April 19 to 27, 2017
Aboard the M.S. AMADEUS SILVER II
FROM APPROXIMATELY \$2995 PER PERSON



ANCIENT TRADITIONS OF THE
INLAND SEA OF JAPAN
April 30 to May 10, 2017
Aboard the M.S. L'AUSTRAL
FROM APPROXIMATELY \$5795 PER PERSON

EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED SMALL SHIP CRUISING

Gohagan & Company specializes in offering exclusively chartered small ship cruising. Smaller ships can call at ports not accessible to larger cruise vessels and provide a more intimate yacht-like cruise experience as well as more personalized service. Enhanced by world-class guides and academic experts, our itineraries have been carefully designed to create travel experiences of a lifetime.



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This trip exceeded all our expectations, from the stunning limestone islands of Ha long Bay to the visual bounty of Bangkok's Royal Palace. And what made this trip even more memorable were our fellow travelers. This was one of the best trips we've ever taken.

— WILBUR & ALICE RAML
2015 THE MEKONG RIVER DISCOVERY



Make your reservations by calling Ms. Shelley Norton at (512) 840-5628 or (800) 594-3938. Direct questions to her at shelley.norton@texasexes.org, or visit www.texasexes.org/travel.

Membership in Texas Exes is a requirement for participation in the Flying Longhorns travel program. At least one membership is required from among each family traveling. Alumni, friends of the University, UT faculty and staff, and parents of current UT students are welcome to join. Our dues are 80% tax-deductible!



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Portrait of Chile & Argentina

Jan. 21- Feb. 2, 2017
From \$4,695 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Journey to a South American oasis where landscapes flaunt snowcapped Andean peaks and sprawling metropolises unveil rich cultural treasures. Explore Viña del Mar and Valparaiso before dining with cowboys at a Chilean ranch. Sail into Argentina and immerse yourself in Bariloche. Discover the allure of Buenos Aires and see the famed Casa Rosada, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Teatro Colón. Delight in an evening featuring dinner and tango lessons in an Argentine home.

Activity Level

Island Life Cruising Cuba

Jan. 31-Feb. 9, 2017
From \$6,995 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

Be among the first U.S. travelers in over 50 years to experience Cuba while sailing aboard the exclusively chartered, three-masted *M.Y. Le Ponant*. This 10-day program provides an unprecedented people-to-people opportunity. Traverse the breadth of Cuba, from Santiago de Cuba to Havana, with six nights aboard the ship and three nights in Havana. See Old Havana, Cienfuegos, Trinidad, and the Viñales Valley. Accompanied by experienced, English-speaking Cuban hosts, immerse yourself in Cuba's history, culture, art, language, cuisine, and daily life.

Activity Level

Cuba

Feb. 2-11, 2017
From \$5,398 per person
International Expeditions

This is a special moment in history to explore a place that has remained isolated for decades. For those who want to experience Cuba before the inevitable changes that increased tourism and foreign involvement are bound to bring, there is simply no better time than now. Cuba's cultural must-see destinations include Trinidad, Bay of Pigs, Vinales, and of course, Havana. This itinerary offers a full schedule of engaging and immersive experiences.

Activity Level

Expedition to Antarctica

Feb. 9-21, 2017
From \$10,245 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

Join us for this spectacular 14-day journey featuring a nine-night, exclusively chartered cruise to Antarctica, Earth's last frontier, aboard the intimate M.S. *Le Soléal*. Experience the white continent in its unspoiled state—fantastically shaped icebergs, turquoise glaciers, bustling penguin rookeries, and breaching whales. Accompanied by the ship's expert team of naturalists, board sturdy Zodiac watercraft for excursions ashore and observe Antarctica's abundant wildlife. Spend two nights in vibrant Buenos Aires.

Activity Level



Passage through the Panama Canal &

Costa Rica 🏠

Feb. 17-25, 2017
From \$4,795 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

Join this spectacular nine-day journey from the Costa Rican rainforest through the mighty locks of the Panama Canal. Spend one night in a deluxe hotel in San José, Costa Rica. Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star, all-suite *M.V. Star Pride*. Explore the terrestrial wonders of Costa Rica's national parks and wildlife refuges. Experience a daylight passage through the canal to remote island paradises and pristine waters home to diverse marine life. Tour Panama City and visit Panama's San Blas Islands.

Activity Level 🏠 🏠 🏠 🏠

Chile & Patagonia

Feb. 17-27, 2017
From \$7,395 per person
Royal Adventures, Inc.

Patagonia's pristine wilderness makes it one of the world's top destinations. Discover Santiago, Valparaíso, and wine country before continuing to the superb Chilean Lake District with its glacier-fed turquoise waters. In Torres del Paine National Park, enjoy a dramatic landscape of grasslands and glaciers teaming with wildlife. This majestic adventure concludes back in Santiago for a farewell lunch in the famed wine country of the Maipo Valley.

Activity Level 🏠 🏠 🏠 🏠

The Amazon Voyage 🏠

March 3-12, 2017
From \$4,948 per person
International Expeditions

Enjoy the Amazon aboard the 31-guest *La Estrella Amazonica* that features spacious cabins with private balconies and ensuite facilities and the river's largest observation deck. Join expert guides and observe exotic wildlife during daily explorations. Set out on a guided kayak expedition into narrow tributaries. Visit a local village where Riberenos welcome you with joy, interest, and anticipation. Spend evenings cruising the headwaters of Earth's most legendary river, stargazing and storytelling as Peruvian lore becomes part of your personal story.

Activity Level 🏠 🏠

The Galapagos Islands

March 14-21, 2017
From \$7,790 per person
Royal Adventures, Inc.

Join a voyage to the Galápagos Islands to observe the abundance of wildlife that inspired Charles Darwin. Among the spectacular geology of these volcanic islands, observe giant Galápagos tortoises, frigate birds, blue-footed boobies, Darwin's finches, Galápagos penguins, marine iguanas, and sea lions. Each day offers several face-to-face encounters with animals and birds that are unafraid of humans. Our home amongst the islands will be the newly refurbished *M.V. Santa Cruz II*, an expedition ship accommodating 90 guests.

Activity Level 🏠 🏠 🏠 🏠



"The highlight of our trip was Thornybush Game Lodge. We saw all of the big five plus many other animals. The AHI Travel Director, Marc, was excellent."

Carolyn - Texas-Exes Traveler
(Treasures of Southern Africa ~ 2016)



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- ▶ Uncover magnificent history on **Legends of the Nile**.
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Along the Waterways of Holland & Belgium

April 19-27, 2017
From \$2,995 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

Cruise for seven nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe, small river ship *M.S. Amadeus Silver II* when Holland's breathtaking tulip fields are in bloom. Meet local residents during the exclusive RIVER LIFE FORUM® for a personal perspective of the Low Countries' modern life and cultural heritage. Expert-led excursions include a private canal cruise in Bruges, the world-class Kröller-Müller Museum, famous Keukenhof Gardens, Hoorn, Maastricht, and Antwerp. Amsterdam pre-cruise and Brussels post-cruise options are offered.

Activity Level 

Provence & The French Riviera

April 27-May 7, 2017
From \$3,355 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Settle in Avignon and begin your exploration with a visit to the Palace of the Popes and a cruise on the Rhône. Continue on to see Arles and its Roman amphitheater, the hilltop village of Les Baux, and St. Remy where Van Gogh once lived. Visit Châteauneuf-du-Pape, known for its superb wine. Marvel at the ingenious Pont du Gard, the three-level Roman aqueduct. Explore Nice, including the Chagall Museum. Discover glamorous Monaco and Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat and the exquisite Villa de Rothschild.

Activity Level 

Paradores & Pousadas

May 1-15, 2017
From \$5,178 per person, includes air from DFW & Houston
Odysseys Unlimited

Begin the 15-day tour in Lisbon, then travel to Evora, a treasure-trove of Portuguese, Roman, and Moorish heritage and to Merida, a Spanish border town. Discover the romance of Seville, the Old Quarter and other highlights in Cordoba; spend two nights in Ronda and then travel to Granada. Visit medieval Toledo en route to Madrid where the tour concludes with visits to the 18th-century Royal Palace, the world-renowned Prado, and the vast Plaza Mayor.

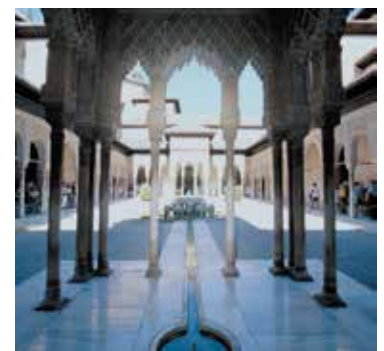
Activity Level 

Tuscany

May 2-10, 2017
From \$2,755 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Bursting with charming villages, ancient olive groves, bountiful vineyards and remarkable natural beauty, Tuscany's sun-warmed hills have attracted artists, writers, and travelers for centuries. Indulge your senses during an excursion to a local winery, visit Montepulciano, and travel to Siena and admire the Gaia Fountain, Mangia Tower, and the sprawling Piazza del Campo. Marvel at the splendor of Florence's urban masterpieces as you see the iconic Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the 14th-century Piazza della Signoria.

Activity Level 



NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

Normandy

May 8-16, 2017
From \$2,955 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Settle in the charming town of Honfleur, and delve into Norman history and culture. Take an emotional journey to Omaha Beach, the American Cemetery, and the inspiring Peace Memorial. Normandy's military past began much earlier than 1944; in Bayeux, see the famous Bayeux Tapestry, an embroidered history of the Battle of Hastings. Journey to Mont Saint-Michel, the fortress monastery guarded by the ebb and flow of the tide, and taste Calvados, the local cider brandy.

Activity Level 



Vineyards & Vignettes: Lisbon to London

May 23-June 1, 2017
From \$3,499 per person, includes air
Go Next

Colorful tiled churches, marvelous architecture and cuisine, and sun-dappled vineyards await you on this voyage aboard Oceania Cruises' *Nautica*. From Lisbon to London, encounter intriguing cities nestled on the coast of Portugal, northern Spain, and France. Visit the birthplace of port wine, Oporto, and see the Roman Tower of Hercules in La Coruña. Witness works of art at Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum. Soak up the charming atmosphere of Saint-Jean-de-Luz or laze on the sandy beaches of Biarritz. Conclude your adventure in London.

Activity Level 

Cruise the Face of Europe

May 29-June 13, 2017
From \$4,495 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Join us as we explore three magnificent rivers that flow through the heartland of Europe. Cruise the storied Danube, Main, and Rhine rivers as well as the charming canals of Amsterdam. Visits to historic cities, such as Bratislava, Budapest, Nuremberg, Vienna, Würzburg, and many more, fill your days. Marvel at the natural wonders, such as the bucolic Wachau Valley, and discover the unique cultural landscape of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley.

Activity Level 



Experiencing Italy

May 15-26, 2017
From \$4,345 per person
Sofia Travel

Enjoy the full Italian experience on this intimate, personalized tour. Soak up the beauty of Tuscany, marvel at the grandeur of Florence and Rome, and immerse yourself in the matchless culture and cuisine of Italy. Travel with the Sparks family through medieval Tuscan hill towns and family-run vineyards, enjoy engaging lectures on Roman society and Renaissance art, and stay in the most picturesque locations on this expertly curated journey. Extensions available to beautiful Venice or the Amalfi Coast.

Activity Level 



European Collage: Barcelona to Rome

May 27-June 4, 2017
From \$3,199 per person, includes air
Go Next

Begin your voyage in Barcelona and sail to Ibiza. Explore Ajaccio, the capital of Corsica, an island of lush pine forests and scenic gorges. Laze on sandy beaches at St.Tropez and see Monte Carlo's lavishly furnished casino. Cruise to Italy's west coast, where Portofino enchants all who visit with its majestically perched Castello Brown fortress. Before concluding your journey in Rome, experience the world-class cities of Florence and Pisa, or admire the soul-stirring landscapes of Tuscany.

Activity Level 

NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

Classic Ireland

June 6-17, 2017
From \$3,995 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Experience the best of Irish culture, music, and folklore during stays in Ennis, Killarney, Mallow, and Dublin. Explore 11th-century Ennis and stroll through coastal Galway. Drive through the unusual Burren landscape, visit the Poulnabrone Dolman tomb, and feel the mighty wind along the resplendent Cliffs of Moher. Enjoy a scenic cruise to Inishmore before exploring the Dun Aengus ruins. En route to Dublin, learn about Ireland's thoroughbreds before visiting St. Patrick's Cathedral and historic Trinity College in Dublin.

Activity Level 



Changing Tides of History: Cruising the Baltic Sea

June 8-17, 2017
From \$5,995 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

Experience the cultural rebirth of the Baltic states on this remarkable six-country, eight-night Baltic Sea cruise. Enjoy enriching presentations by former president of Poland Lech Wałęsa and noted author and scholar Sergei N. Khrushchev, son of Nikita Khrushchev, former premier of the U.S.S.R. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered five-star *M.S. Le Boréal* from Copenhagen to Stockholm, visiting Gdańsk, Poland; Tallin, Estonia; Helsinki, Finland; and Visby, Sweden.

Activity Level 

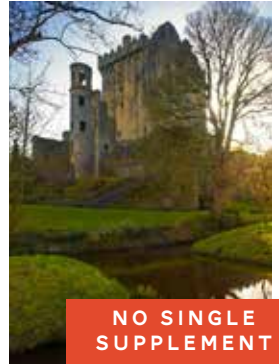


Swiss Alps & The Italian Lakes

June 23-July 2, 2017
From \$3,495 per person
Alumni Holidays International

The best of Swiss and Italian culture and heritage await you! From your Swiss base in St. Moritz, discover the alpine village of Zuoz. Marvel at the mountain scenery on the famed Bernina Express. Travel through the scenic Maloja Pass as you make your way to Stresa, which sits along Lake Maggiori and is your home in the lake district. Cruise the pristine waters of Lake Como, one of the many glacial lakes of the area.

Activity Level 

NO SINGLE
SUPPLEMENT

The Great Journey through Europe

June 24-July 4, 2017
From \$4,495 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

This extraordinary 11-day grand tour of Europe combines river, rail, lake, and mountain travel and features the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland. Cruise aboard the deluxe *M.S. Amadeus Silver II* along the Rhine River. Spend two nights each in Zermatt and Lucerne; ride aboard three legendary railways: the Gornergrat Bahn for breathtaking views of the Matterhorn, the Glacier Express from Zermatt to Lucerne, and the Pilatus Railway, the world's steepest cogwheel railway.

Activity Level 



Symphony on the Blue Danube

June 22-July 1, 2017
From \$3,595 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

Visit five countries on this exclusive journey to the cultural centers that inspired classical music's great masters. This unique combination of river and land travel includes three nights in Prague and a five-night cruise on the legendary Blue Danube from Passau, Germany to Budapest, Hungary, aboard the deluxe *M.S. Amadeus Brilliant*. The custom-designed itinerary has been carefully orchestrated to include private classical music performances and a comprehensive schedule of guided excursions.

Activity Level 

A CHINA ROMANCE

May 9 - 20, 2017

Join fellow **Flying Longhorns** on an amazing insiders tour of China's natural beauty seen through the lens of local experiences. Journey to precipitous walls, sculpted rice terraces, winding rivers and serene lakes, all while staying in centrally located, first-class accommodations.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Climb atop one of the only structures seen from space, the **Great Wall of China**, and take in the sweeping views at Mutianyu.
- Have lunch with a local family in their traditional courtyard home in **Houhai** and explore the picturesque lake district on a pedicab.
- Watch local fishermen use Cormorant birds to hunt their daily catch in **Guilin** and enjoy the splendor of the mountains and cascading rice terraces of **Longsheng**.
- Explore **Xijie's** colorful markets for local crafts and visit with local villagers near **Yangshuo** for a sense of authentic rural life and exotic cuisine.
- The most inspiring synthesis of modernity and nature lies in **Hangzhou**, where you can pick tea at the **Meijiawu tea plantation** and ride boats across the sublime **West Lake**.
- Stroll along **Shanghai's** historic Bund for a view of the city's cosmopolitan charms. Wind down with the regions most exquisite cuisine at the **Xi Family Garden restaurant**.

PER PERSON PRICING: \$5,190 DOUBLE/\$1,690 SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

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EUROPE - RUSSIA

Waterways of Russia

June 28-July 9, 2017
From \$5,495 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

Cruise for 10 nights aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe, 90-passenger *M.S. Volga Dream* during this carefully crafted itinerary. Stay two nights in St. Petersburg, featuring a guided tour of the State Hermitage Museum, and two nights in fabled Moscow, with a visit to the Kremlin to see the magnificent collection of Fabergé eggs. Explore Russia's old-world heartland from 10th-century Uglich and medieval Yaroslavl to the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky monastery near Goritsy and the legendary open-air museum of Kizhi Island.

Activity Level



Exploring Iceland

July 8-18, 2017
From \$5,642 per person, includes air from DFW & Houston
Odysseys Unlimited

Discover the history and cultural heritage of Iceland on your 11-day tour, starting in Borgarnes. Tour the Snaefellsnes Peninsula with its bizarre rock formations and cliff birds, then enjoy three nights in Akureyri. Travel to Lake Myvatn and its environs of bubbling mud flats and lava fields, and stop at Godafoss. Visit Glacial River Canyon National Park and Dettifoss, Iceland's "Niagara." Explore Thingvellir National Park then conclude the tour with two nights in Iceland's capital, Reykjavik.

Activity Level



British Isles Legends

July 31-Aug. 13, 2017
From \$5,999 per person, includes air
Go Next

Aboard Oceania Cruises' majestic *Marina*, depart England's port of Southampton for Newcastle. Marvel at Edinburgh's hilltop castle, the city's crown jewel, and head ashore at Invergordon to immerse yourself in the wild beauty of the Scottish Highlands. Experience Glasgow's thriving gastronomic scene, admire Liverpool's striking avant-garde cathedral, and encounter iconic monuments in Dublin. Behold St. Cybi's Church in Holyhead and explore the delightful fishing town of Cobh. Before returning to Southampton, discover the charms of Portland.

Activity Level



Scotland

July 31-Aug. 8, 2017
From \$2,995 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Settle in historic Stirling, and visit Stirling Castle and the site of the historic Battle of Bannockburn. Visit Luss and Loch Lomond in the heart of The Trossachs National Park. Travel to St. Andrews, and visit the castle, cathedral and the Old Course. See the highlights of Edinburgh and admire the Forth Bridge. Attend the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, a spectacular performance by military bands from throughout Britain and the world.

Activity Level



Portrait of Ireland

Aug. 14-25, 2017
From \$4,195 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Journey across the Emerald Isle through Dublin, Belfast, Donegal, and County Mayo. Begin in Dublin with visits to Trinity College, St. Patrick's Cathedral, and Grafton Street. Learn about the tumultuous history of The Troubles during a locally guided tour in Belfast, and experience the Titanic interpretation center. Gape at dramatic basalt columns along Giant's Causeway and taste Irish whiskey at Old Bushmills Distillery. Cruise Donegal Bay, visit Glencolumcille, and stroll along Slieve League.

Activity Level

Join the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns on a bucket list trip to the Kentucky Derby and the world-renowned premier ballooning event, the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta!

KENTUCKY DERBY 143

May 3-7, 2017

- TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Four nights deluxe hotel accommodations at the Hyatt Regency located in downtown Lexington
 - Dawn at the Downs, Admission to the Kentucky Derby Museum, Distiller Tour, Keeneland Race Track and Working Horse Farm Tours
 - Second Floor reserved seating Kentucky Derby ticket on the front stretch at Churchill Downs (upgrades available) and more!

Prices starting at
\$3,099
per person, based on double occupancy

ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA

October 6-9, 2017

- TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**
- Three nights deluxe hotel accommodations at the Hotel Chaco located in Old Town Albuquerque
 - Admission to Balloon Fiesta Park for Saturday and Sunday's Dawn Patrol, Mass Ascension and evening Balloon Glow (four sessions)
 - Chasers' Club Hospitality and more!

Prices starting at
\$1,749
per person, based on double occupancy

Switzerland

Aug. 23-Sept. 2, 2017
From \$3,495 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Immerse yourself first in the German-speaking area of the country, and settle in lakeside Thun. Visit the towns of Kandersteg and Brienz, famous for woodworking and a steam train that winds its way up a mountain for a magnificent view of hundreds of mountains. Walk the Lauterbrunnen Valley to the car-free mountain village of Murren, and explore the capital of Bern. Conclude your journey with a stay in the French-speaking village of Villars-sur-Ollon.

Activity Level  

Croatia's Adriatic Coast

Sept. 4-15, 2017
From \$3,695 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Discover a land drenched in fascinating culture and heritage while exploring Croatia's cities, landscapes, and Dalmatian Coast. In Zagreb, see the fortified Upper Town and St. Mark's Church. Tramp through the lakes, waterfalls, and pine forests of Plitvice Lakes National Park. Explore the Roman heritage of Split during a visit to Diocletian's Palace. After traveling by ferry to Hvar, delve into the island's rich local heritage and visit a winery to sample a local vintage.

Activity Level  

Authentic Greece

Sept. 3-15, 2017
From \$4,295 per person
Sofia Travel

Travel off the tourist track with Dr. David and Elizabeth Iliadou Sparks, a former professor of Aegean Studies and a Greek native, for an insider's journey through authentic Greece. This personalized, family-run journey is custom designed for the Texas Exes, including hand-selected menus at local tavernas, engaging lectures on the legacy of the Greeks, unique sites in stunning locations, and choice accommodations in vibrant, matchless locales. Extension available to the stunning island of Santorini.

Activity Level  

Enchanting Greek Islands

Sept. 17-29, 2017
From \$5,895 per person
Sofia Travel

Join the Iliadou-Sparks family for the quintessential Greek island experience. Instead of rushed cruise stops, sip a drink along the unbelievably picturesque Venetian harbor of Chania, Crete; enjoy a freshly caught fish dinner on an uninhabited island off stunning Mykonos; sail the Aegean to the picture-perfect car-free island of Hydra; and be welcomed by the matchless hospitality of the locals on this personalized, off-the-beaten-path journey to three of the world's most beautiful destinations.

Activity Level  



Grand Danube Passage

Sept. 18-Oct. 3, 2017
From \$4,695 per person
Alumni Holidays International

Explore eight countries, discover old-world capitals, and stroll through charming villages dusting the banks along Europe's romantic and historic Danube River. Encounter Prague with visits to Prague Castle and the Old Jewish Quarter. Be captivated by the history and allure of Bratislava and Budapest. Wander through Kalemegdan Citadel and ornate Orthodox churches in Belgrade. Sail through the thrilling Iron Gate Gorge and tour Drobeta's Museum of the Iron Gate Region. Visit Vidin's Baba Vida fortress before seeing the fascinating highlights of Sofia.

Activity Level  

Flavors of Northern Italy

Oct. 7-15, 2017
From \$3,995 per person
Orbridge Destination Specialists

Join our small group for an intimate, nine-day journey to the culinary and cultural heart of Northern Italy. Settle into a beautiful, family owned wine estate outside Verona within reach is a connoisseur's pick of centuries-old wineries, artisan producers, and extraordinary historic sights. With each day highlighted by exclusive experiences, you'll access authentic Italy, learn from local Italians, and most of all, revel in la dolce vita—the joyful celebration of food, friends, and life.

Activity Level  

Trade Routes of Coastal Iberia

Oct. 9-17, 2017
From \$4,595 per person
Thomas P. Gohagan & Co

This nine-day voyage showcases the Iberian Peninsula between Barcelona, Spain, and Lisbon, Portugal. Cruise up Spain's legendary Guadalquivir River, into the heart of beautiful Seville. Visit Portugal's lesser-traveled Algarve region and the regal city of Granada, Spain. See the Strait of Gibraltar and call on the Balearic Island of Palma de Mallorca. Admire the modernist architecture of Valencia and cruise the ancient Mediterranean and Atlantic trade routes aboard the exclusively chartered, five-star small ship *M.S. Le Lyrial*.

Activity Level  

From beginning to end, the Flying Longhorns have once again set the standard for international group travel. With perfectly planned visits, we were able to visit eight of the most beautiful countries in Europe with fellow longhorns - what could be better?! Looking forward to our next planned travel with the Texas Exes in 2016.

— JAN WILLIAMSON
2015 CRUISE THE GRAND
DANUBE PASSAGE

Holiday Markets

Dec. 11-22, 2017
From \$2,795 per person
Alumni Holidays International

The holiday season provides a wonderful opportunity to get away and relax on an unhurried cruise through the heart of Europe that showcases delightful holiday traditions. Enjoy the start of the festive season as towns along the Rhine prepare for the holidays and open their charming Christkindlmarkts. Explore Cologne and Koblenz and sail through the scenic Rhine Gorge. Visit towns like Miltenberg, Würzburg, and Rothenburg adorned in their holiday best.

Activity Level 



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UNITED STATES - CANADA

Hawaii by Small Ship

Jan. 21-28, 2017
From \$4,995 per person
Orbridge Destination Specialists

Discover Hawaii aboard the 36-passenger Safari Explorer for an educational and active cruise among the islands of Hawaii. Discovering these islands by small ship allows us to discover remote shorelines and hideaway coves not usually visited—truly something special. Expert guides will lead your visit through secluded bays where you'll enjoy pristine nature by foot, kayak, sailboat, or skiff. You will also have the opportunity to experience traditional Hawaiian hospitality, music, and cuisine throughout the journey.

Activity Level 



Authentic Hawaii

March 7-12, 2017
From \$3,695 per person
China Advocates

Experience Hawaii's Big Island with an exclusive stay at a privately owned historic mansion located in Hilo. From the rugged volcanic landscape to the vibrant hues of flora and fauna, the scenic beauty of the Big Island is undeniably impressive. Explore Waipio Valley, observe the majesty of the Akaka Falls, hike Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, and visit the Imiloa Astronomy Center.

Activity Level 



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Kentucky Derby

May 3-7, 2017
From \$2,730 per person
Sports & Entertainment Travel

Delight in the horse capital of the world. Enjoy downtown accommodations while exploring what makes the Run for the Roses a truly special event, including Dawn at the Downs, the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, working horse farm tours, Keeneland race track, and more. Sit front and center for all the excitement on Derby Day, take in the sights, grandeur (and hats!) at Churchill Downs. This specialty tour offers an unforgettable way to experience "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports."

Activity Level 



Southwest National Parks

May 20-29, 2017
From \$3,995 per person
Orbridge Destination Specialists

Join us on a 10-day journey through a spectacular series of natural wonders in the American Southwest. At Bryce Canyon, Monument Valley, Zion National Park, and the Grand Canyon, admire otherworldly formations famously photographed by Ansel Adams. Go river rafting along Glen Canyon with a visit to a petroglyph site, admire the beauty of light striking Antelope Canyon's narrow sandstone walls, and marvel at the scenic vistas of Capitol Reef and Arches National Parks.

Activity Level 



Discover Southeast Alaska

July 7-14, 2017

From \$2,995 per person
Orbridge Destination Specialists

Discover the endless beauty, abundant wildlife, and native cultures of Southeast Alaska. Aboard the nimble, 66-passenger *Admiralty Dream*, you'll have access to the breathtaking byways of Alaska's Inside Passage. With skilled naturalists by your side, you'll encounter magnificent peaks and fjords, and ice blue glaciers of unfathomable proportions—while learning about the traditions of Alaska's indigenous cultures.

Activity Level 

Canadian Rockies Parks & Resorts

July 27-Aug. 2, 2017

From \$3,995 per person
Orbridge Destination Specialists

Accompanied by two Orbridge Expedition Leaders, find adventure in the vast lands and magnificent ranges of Banff, Yoho, and Jasper National Parks, the crystal waters of Lake Louise and Maligne Lake, and amidst the glacial masses of Icefields Parkway. Ride on top of the largest expanse of glaciers in the Rockies in a private Ice Explorer, cruise to world-famous Spirit Island, and get a bird's eye view of six mountain ranges on a gondola ride up Sulphur Mountain.

Activity Level 

Glacial Adventures of Alaska

July 28-Aug. 7, 2017

From \$3,999 per person, includes air
Go Next

Immerse yourself in the wild beauty of Alaska aboard Oceania Cruises' graceful *Regatta*. Depart from Seattle and sail the Inside Passage along Canada's coast to Alaska and the small wilderness outpost of Ketchikan. Then visit Wrangell, renowned for its intriguing gold-rush history. Continue to Juneau, where an exhilarating blend of nature and modern culture awaits. Take in the spectacular sight of Alaska's longest tidewater glacier, Hubbard Glacier; admire glorious vistas of Portage Cove from Haines; and explore Sitka.

Activity Level 

Polar Bears & Beluga Whales

Aug. 8-14, 2017

From \$3,995 per person
Orbridge Destination Specialists

Head north and discover the beauty and wildness of Churchill, Manitoba. Known as the "Polar Bear Capital of the World," this small town on the banks of the Hudson Bay is famous for these majestic animals, who spend summer and fall on the local shores before returning to the pack ice when it forms in early winter. During the summer they share the area with more than 60,000 beluga whales and a wide variety of other wildlife.

Activity Level 



Majestic Great Lakes

Aug. 21-30, 2017

From \$4,699 per person
Go Next

Picture yourself surrounded by pristine islands draped in verdant wilderness and rocky shores caressed by sparkling blue waters. From Chicago to Montreal, cruise all five Great Lakes and the scenic St. Lawrence River aboard the *M.S. Saint Laurent*. Treat yourself to elegant amenities and stunning vistas as this 210-guest ship takes you to charming islands and lakeside towns. From enriching lectures to expert-led shore excursions, this voyage promises a Great Lakes expedition like no other.

Activity Level 

Texas vs. USC Football Weekend

Sept. 14-17, 2017

From \$1,999 per person
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This West Coast weekend getaway will feature three-night's accommodations in the historical, multi-layered and fascinating City of Angels—Los Angeles, California. Our travelers will enjoy this three-day program with highlights including a welcome cocktail reception, hospitality room with continental breakfast buffet daily, optional sightseeing tours, transportation to and from the football game at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, and a private pre-game tailgate party. *Football ticket not included.

Activity Level 

Capitals & Coastlines of Canada & New England

Sept. 30-Oct. 10, 2017

From \$4,299 per person, includes air
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Experience Canada and New England on this luxury cruise aboard Oceania Cruises' *Insignia*. Depart Montreal and sail to Quebec City. Watch postcard-worthy scenery unfold at Saguenay, home to museums and artisan workshops. Browse St. Patrick's Church Museum in Sydney, stroll the lively waterfront at Halifax, and admire Saint John's Reversing Falls. Delight in Bar Harbor's stunning backdrop of sparkling blue waters and towering granite cliffs, or perhaps explore Acadia National Park. Before your odyssey concludes in New York, visit mansion-studded Newport.

Activity Level 

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

Oct. 6-9, 2017

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Hear the thrilling roar of hundreds of burners simultaneously igniting, turning the Balloon Fiesta Park into a remarkable site with hundreds of thousands of smiling, upturned faces, awestruck by the spectacular beauty of hot air balloons filling the big, blue New Mexico sky. Enjoy hotel accommodations and free time in Old Town Albuquerque, exploring museums, shops, and galleries. Sit front and center at the Chasers' Club hospitality patio for two morning and evening sessions featuring Dawn Patrol and Evening Glow.

Activity Level 



Autumn Colors: Chattanooga to Nashville

Oct. 22-30, 2017
 From \$2,699 per person
 Go Next

Set sail on a serene river cruise in autumn, a magnificent time of year when rolling landscapes are beautifully awash with a medley of rich colors. Begin your adventure in Chattanooga then board the *American Queen* and cruise to Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Admire the Frank Lloyd Wright–designed Rosenbaum House in Florence, and marvel at stately mansions in Savannah. Before concluding your voyage in Nashville, explore Dover, where beautiful scenery awaits along the Cumberland River.

Activity Level 



Thanksgiving in New York 🍗

Nov. 22-26, 2017
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Thanksgiving officially marks the start of the holiday season in New York City and we will have an exclusive, elevated, indoor view overlooking the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Together we will enjoy a bountiful breakfast buffet before we relish in the tradition of our nation's most famous parade. This four-night program also features a welcome cocktail reception, accommodations at a four-star Manhattan hotel, tickets to a Broadway show and Radio City Christmas Spectacular, and more.

Activity Level  



Holidays in New York 🍗

Nov. 30-Dec. 4, 2017
 From \$3,199 per person
 Beyond Group Travel, Inc.

Deluxe four-night program with accommodations in Midtown await us as we experience the holiday season Manhattan-style, with a variety of Broadway and seasonal shows, restaurants, and sightseeing, including the spectacularly lit tree at Rockefeller Center. We will have ample free time to shop, explore and revel in all the sights and sounds of the Big Apple at her finest during this wonderful time of year.

Activity Level  



Beyond Group Travel and the Flying Longhorns outdid themselves on this fabulous trip. We would recommend it to anyone who has ever wanted to see NYC at Thanksgiving.

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The goal of the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns Travel Program is to provide excellent and exciting discovery, adventure, and educationally oriented travel opportunities to Texas Exes members and their families. All trip participants are expected to enjoy traveling as part of a group—and also to be tolerant of the occasional changes, delays, or minor mishaps that are part of any kind of travel.

ELIGIBILITY & MEMBERSHIP

Participation in a Flying Longhorns trip is offered as a membership benefit. One Texas Exes membership among family members traveling is the minimum membership requirement. Membership from all travelers is welcomed, whether or not they attended or graduated from The University of Texas at Austin. Membership dues are non-refundable but are 80% tax-deductible. There are several levels available (details at texasexes.org/join.) Life Membership is a great option and can be paid in installments incurring no finance charges.

TRIP RESERVATIONS & CONDITIONS

Reservations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis with a paid deposit. Once a trip's brochure is published, please fax in the registration form included, or call the number listed with your credit card information. Early booking is encouraged to ensure availability. If the trip of your choice is full when we receive your reservation, you usually can be placed on a waiting list—and often you can be accommodated later. If a trip has not met a minimum number of participants at 120 days prior to departure, the trip could be rescheduled or cancelled.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

To enjoy the Flying Longhorns experience, participants have the responsibility to select a trip appropriate to their abilities and interests. The tour staff is responsible for the group as a whole and will not be able to assist individuals extensively. For most trips, the participant will need to have the ability to climb sets of stairs that may not have handrails, walk on uneven surfaces, stand for at least two hours, and keep pace with the other travelers during long, busy days that start early. We recommend that participants be able, in general, to walk a mile in 30 minutes or less.

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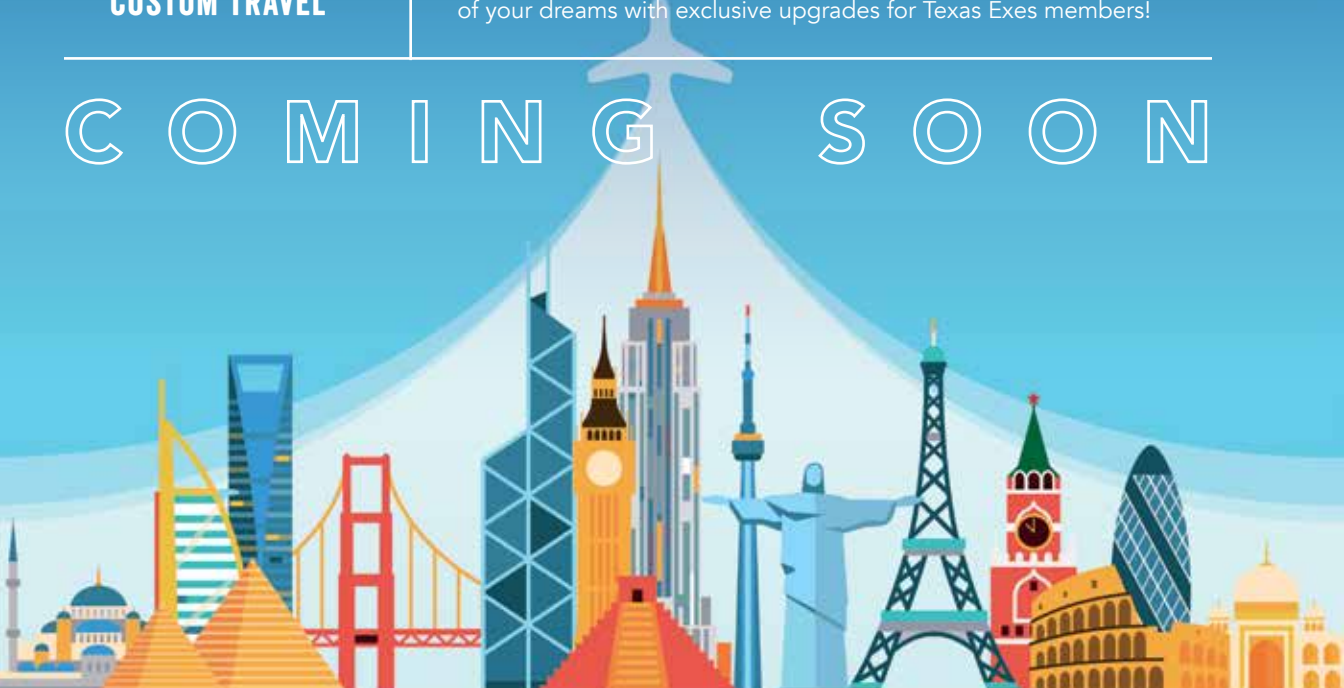
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