



CULTURAL CALENDAR

Travel Programs Summer 2019–Spring 2020

Museum Travel Alliance (MTA) is a consortium of museums whose patrons and members are passionate about cultural travel. MTA is able to offer its constituents access to a curated selection of exclusive travel opportunities led by renowned scholars and curators. Travel with like-minded enthusiasts on international and domestic journeys that awaken new insights into art and culture. Visit UNESCO World Heritage sites, travel on elegant chartered vessels and luxury trains, go behind the scenes of major cultural institutions, discover world masterpieces in context, and enjoy local culinary delights. Please join us!



CULTURAL JOURNEYS 2019

Guggenheim Museum, Bilbao, Spain

Conquering Heroes: From Joan of Arc to Eisenhower: Normandy to Paris Aboard AmaLya

June 4 to 13, 2019 LIMITED OFFER!

Book now and take \$500 per person off the rate below.

Visit Omaha Beach to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day before a seven-night cruise on the Seine River. Explore ancient *châteaux*, monasteries, and cities, and learn from lectures on the art, architecture, and history of the region. Optional Normandy prelude. *Cruise rates from \$6,999*

Waterways of the Tsars: Moscow to St. Petersburg Aboard Volga Dream

June 5 to 15, 2019 LIMITED OFFER!

Book now and take \$750 per person off the rate below.

Spend three nights at the Four Seasons in Moscow, then sail the Volga River into Russia's heartland. Call at Uglich to hear an *cappella* choir inside a 15th-century church. Visit two medieval monasteries in Goritsy, explore the magical island of Kizhi, and call at the village of Svirstroy. Our ship docks in St. Petersburg for the end of our cruise. Optional St. Petersburg postlude. *Cruise rates from \$8,999*

Swiss Sophistication: Zurich & Basel Featuring Art Basel

June 12 to 20, 2019

Spend a week with an art historian exploring some of the many museums in Basel, Zurich, and beyond, with day trips to iconic cultural destinations in Germany and France. A special highlight will be a visit to Art Basel, the outstanding international exhibition of modern and contemporary art. *Land rate \$7,899*

Palaces & Personalities: England in the Age of Victoria

June 18 to 27, 2019

During the bicentennial of Queen Victoria's birth, explore the world inhabited by Great Britain's second longest reigning monarch. On an eight-day journey in London and the southern counties, visit palaces and homes that Queen Victoria frequented, and enjoy behind-the-scenes access to many sites of historical and artistic importance associated with her reign. *Land rate: \$8,999*

Basque Legacies: Art, Gastronomy & Design From Bilbao to Biarritz

June 26 to July 5, 2019

Join a popular Met lecturer who is from the region for a journey through the Basque Country. Walk the ancient streets of Bilbao's Old Town. Then, fast forward to the 20th century and beyond with a visit to an automotive museum, a morning at the Frank Gehry-designed Guggenheim, and meals at innovative restaurants. Finish on the French side in glamorous Biarritz. *Land rate \$9,999*

The Art & Architecture of Chicago

June 28 to July 2, 2019

Experience iconic 19th- and 20th-century art and architecture in the dynamic city of Chicago. As the birthplace of the modern skyscraper, Chicago continues to build on its historic past with distinguished art institutions, monuments, and private collections, all of which we'll enjoy. Also visit the Art Institute of Chicago, the Chicago Cultural Center, and other key sites. *Land rate \$4,999*

Adriatic Odyssey:

Dubrovnik to Venice Aboard Sea Cloud

June 30 to July 8, 2019 LIMITED OFFER!

Book now and take \$1,000 per person off the rate below.

Explore ancient towns and impressive archaeological sites during a classic voyage. Admire the Romanesque and Renaissance architecture of lesser-known Trogir, Croatia. In Italy, stop in Urbino, a medieval gem, and in Ravenna, to view extraordinary mosaics in early Christian churches. Optional Dubrovnik prelude. *Cruise rates from \$9,999*



Londonderry, Ireland

Castles & Collections of the Celtic Isles: Dublin to Edinburgh Aboard Sea Cloud II

July 6 to 17, 2019 LIMITED OFFER!

Book now and take \$1,000 per person off the rate below.

Visit romantic estates, exotic gardens, and prehistoric settlements on a luxury summer cruise. Highlights include private tours of a Georgian mansion outside Londonderry and a country estate near Belfast. Explore the celebrated Inverewe Gardens and the windswept Orkney Islands. Optional Dublin prelude and Edinburgh postlude. *Cruise rates from \$10,999*

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Undiscovered Greek Islands Aboard *Sea Cloud* July 21 to 29, 2019

Immerse yourself in the ancient wonders of Greece during a delightful summertime voyage aboard a legendary ship. Optional Athens prelude. *Cruise rates from \$8,999*



Golestan Palace, Tehran, Iran

Architecture, Gardens & Design in Iran

September 12 to 22, 2019

Explore the rich architecture, art, and culture of Iran. Discover opulent mosques and museums. Venture to Persepolis, former capital of the Persian Empire, and in Isfahan stroll the magnificent square. In Kashan see the renowned Fin Garden. Conclude in Tehran to view the Golestan Palace Complex and marvel at the dazzling Peacock Throne and jewelry collection. Note: due to visa guidelines, the deadline to enroll in this program is May 15, 2019. *Land rate \$6,999*

Vía de la Plata: Seville to Santiago Along the Way of St. James

September 12 to 23, 2019

Join an art historian who is a native of Spain to hike along scenic sections of the Vía de la Plata pilgrimage route. From Seville, follow the path taken by the Romans, Moors, and Spanish through the historic cities of Mérida, Plasencia, and León. Enjoy breathtaking architecture, art treasures, exquisite cuisine, and regional wines. Conclude with a special Mass at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. *Land rate \$8,999*

Scottish Sojourn Featuring the *Royal Scotsman*

September 14 to 23, 2019

See Scotland with a specialist in the luxury arts of the Middle Ages. During five days in Edinburgh, tour the oldest inhabited home in Scotland, enjoy a private reception in an impressive Georgian townhouse, and take a day trip to the newly opened V&A Dundee. Then, board the *Royal Scotsman* to discover the countryside's misty glens and brooding castles. Optional Glasgow postlude. *Land/rail rate \$12,999*

A Berkshires Late Summer Escape

September 15 to 20, 2019

Extend summer on a September immersion in the arts of this picturesque New England region. With an expert in American art, enjoy special access to museums in Stockbridge, Lenox, Williamstown, and North Adams; an insider visit to the Museum at Williams College; and private receptions and exclusive visits to some of the area's finest museums and sites. *Land rate \$5,999*

Ireland's Historic Homes & Glorious Gardens

September 16 to 24, 2019

Join an expert museum educator for a new twist on a classic trip to the magnificent homes and gardens of Ireland. Discover Dublin's elegant Georgian architecture, world-class museums, and sumptuous estates and grounds. In charming Kilkenny, visit castles and a magnificent cathedral, and dine at a Michelin-starred restaurant. Conclude in Galway to discover imposing Kylemore Abbey. Optional Belfast prelude. *Land rate \$8,779*

Arts & Culture of Montreal

September 23 to 27, 2019

Experience the thrilling art scene of a sophisticated Canadian city with a specialist in American paintings and sculpture. Enjoy curator-led tours of the MAC-Contemporary Art Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts, visit a private art collection, browse contemporary galleries, and attend a concert at the state-of-the-art Maison Symphonique de Montréal. *Land rate \$5,299*

Sicily by Sail: Valletta to Catania Aboard *Sea Cloud II* October 3 to 11, 2019

Discover the glories of the ancient world while traveling aboard a three-masted sailing ship. Admire Sicily's diverse landscapes from the comfort of *Sea Cloud II*, sail into legendary harbors, and step ashore to admire temples, theaters, and glittering mosaics. Optional Valletta prelude. *Cruise rates from \$7,999*

Sicily by Sail: Catania to Naples Aboard *Sea Cloud II* October 10 to 18, 2019

Experience the thrill of sailing around Sicily to Naples aboard the elegant *Sea Cloud II*. Autumn, when the heat and crowds of summer are gone, is the perfect time to discover the island's countless cultural marvels, from Greek to Arab to Byzantine to Baroque. Optional Taormina prelude and optional Sorrento postlude. *Cruise rates from \$7,999*

A Journey into Antiquity: Egypt & The Nile

October 14 to 25, 2019

Discover Egypt's timeless treasures during a journey that combines travel by plane and riverboat. In the company of a curator who is an expert in Egyptian art, explore Cairo, Giza, and Luxor before a cruise to Aswan. Fly to Abu Simbel to see the temples of Ramses II and Queen Nefertari. Optional Jordan postlude. *Land/cruise rates from \$9,999*



Giza, Egypt



CULTURAL JOURNEYS 2020

Cádiz, Spain

Lebanon: Past & Present

February 23 to March 2, 2020

Explore Lebanon's historic sites and contemporary art with a curator specializing in the Ancient Near East. Visit the new Dalloul Art Foundation, meet with the director of the National Museum, and see some of Beirut's top galleries. Outside of the capital, discover palaces in the City of Emirs, explore the ancient cities of Baalbek and Byblos, and stroll through Lebanon's famous cedars. *Land rate \$6,899*

Mexico Mosaic: Discovering Mayan and Colonial Legacies in the Yucatán

February 18 to 25, 2020

Experience UNESCO-listed Uxmal, considered the most beautiful collection of pre-Columbian architecture in existence anywhere. Stay in beautifully restored haciendas and view spectacular contemporary art installations that merge modern and ancient worlds. *Land rate \$8,999*

Met Classics: Rome

March 16 to 22, 2020

Join a popular Met lecturer in Rome to focus on the great masters from the Renaissance to the Baroque. Stroll through lively piazzas, walk down cobbled streets in charming neighborhoods, step inside palatial residences, and experience the awe-inspiring Vatican. *Land rate \$TBA*

Mediterranean Masterpieces:

Cádiz to Nice Aboard Sea Cloud II

April 16 to 25, 2020

Experience Cádiz before embarking *Sea Cloud II* to sail along stunning Mediterranean coastlines. Call at Gibraltar to discover its military history. In Spain, admire the Alhambra and Valencia's UNESCO-listed historic quarter. View the architectural highlights of Marseille, France before disembarking in Nice. Optional Seville prelude; optional Nice/French Riviera postlude. *Cruise rates from \$8,999*

Crossroads of Cultures:

Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia Aboard Sea Spirit

April 17 to 30, 2020

See the Canary Islands' historic towns and lush gardens, then spend a day on Portuguese Madeira. Cruise east to Morocco to explore Marrakesh, Casablanca, and Rabat. Continue to Gibraltar to ascend its legendary rock. In Spain, step ashore in Cádiz for an excursion to Seville. Pause in Sagres and Lagos in Portugal, before concluding in Lisbon. Optional Lisbon postlude. *Cruise rates from \$8,999*

China: Horizons Along the Yangtze River on the Sanctuary Yangtzi Explorer

October 16 to 31, 2019

Join an art historian on a journey to Beijing and Shanghai, the ancient capital of Xi'an, and along the majestic Yangtze River. Spend a day in beautiful Suzhou. Everywhere we travel, museum directors, and private citizens will extend warm welcomes, making this program a true insider's experience.

Land/cruise rate \$12,999

The Arts in America's Heartland: Crystal Bridges & Kansas City

October 20 to 24, 2019

Discover dynamic collections in Kansas City with a curator who is a Kansas City native. See the city's best museums on private curatorial visits, then continue to Bentonville, Arkansas, to explore the Crystal Bridges Museum with an expert. Experience how Moshe Safdie's nature-centric design perfectly complements the exceptional works selected by Alice Walton. *Land rate \$4,999*

Met Classics: Paris

October 22 to 28, 2019

Spend five inspiring days in Paris with a popular lecturer. Enjoy private and behind-the-scenes visits to highly regarded collections and museums including the Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, and the Louis Vuitton Foundation. Other highlights on this classic trip are a concert in Sainte Chapelle and a special tour of the Opéra Garnier. *Land rate \$5,699*



Junk boats on Halong Bay, Vietnam, photo by Rory Morgan

In the Realm of Angkor: The Glories of Vietnam & Cambodia

November 1 to 16, 2019

Experience the treasures of Vietnam and Cambodia with a specialist in Asian art. In Hanoi, meet an American gallery owner. Admire Halong Bay during an overnight cruise aboard a deluxe junk boat. In Vietnam, also visit Hue, Hoi An, Danang, and Ho Chi Minh City. Conclude in Siem Reap, Cambodia to discover Angkor's legendary temples. *Land rate \$11,499*

Vienna: A New Year's Celebration

December 27, 2019 to January 3, 2020

Discover the best of Vienna's artistic and musical pleasures with a Met conservator. Toast the New Year in imperial splendor at the lavish *Grand Bal*. Enter the Imperial Treasury before public hours, watch the legendary Lipizzaner stallions, and enjoy a performance at the Vienna State Opera House. *Land rate \$11,599*

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Forbidden City, Beijing, China, photo by gptlist

Please send me more information on the 2019 & 2020 trip(s) checked below.

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Front cover: Alhambra, Granada, Spain
Back cover: Sea Cloud.

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Enclosed is my ADVANCE deposit (of \$1,000 per person, per trip), which will hold my place on the following program(s)

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