

CULTURAL CALENDAR

2023 Travel Programs





Dear Members:

It's with great pleasure that we offer you access to a selection of tours as a benefit of your museum membership. Like you, I love history and travel, and the Museum Travel Alliance weaves the two into memorable vacations that we are proud to offer to our members.

I've had the opportunity to take a trip in partnership with the Museum Travel Alliance and would love to share a few highlights of that experience. A cruise through the Canary Islands, Morocco, Spain, and Portugal provided me and my fellow travelers with singularly unique experiences. We began by exploring the volcanic island group of the Canaries, where each island had a different topography and feel. We then visited Madeira and looked at the connection between the islands and early exploration of the Americas.

The tour threaded together the influence of Muslim architecture across the region, in the tilework, building design, and the numerous gardens—each a unique delight. We were greeted by museum directors, city leaders, and other dignitaries at every stop. We had access to experts, exhibits and galleries, not available to the public. The MTA speakers provided us with a deeper historical understanding of the region's architecture, natural wonders, and cultural heritage over a 500-year period.

This roster of tours is available only to select museums, and we are pleased to be one of those museums.

To reserve a place on any program featured in this catalog, please call the Museum Travel Alliance at 212-324-1893 or email trips@museumtravelalliance.com, and mention your affiliation with the History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff. I hope you get to experience one of these trips. It will be unforgettable, I promise.

Sincerely,
Carol Summerfield
Executive Director,
History Center of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff



Ghent, Belgium (left) and Diego Velázquez, Las Meninas, 1656, Museo del Prado, Madrid (right)

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CULTURAL JOURNEYS 2023



PLEASE SEND ME MORE INFORMATION ON THE 2023 TRIP(S) CHECKED BELOW.

WINTER 2023

- ☐ Ancient & Modern Southeast Asia Featuring the Bangkok Art Biennale, Singapore & Indonesia
- ☐ Cultural Treasures of Mexico: Oaxaca & San Miguel de Allende

SPRING 2023

- ☐ **Great Artists** Diego Velázquez, Capturing Truth in Art: Seville & Madrid
- ☐ Los Angeles Art & Architecture: The Many Faces of a City
- ☐ The Medici in Florence: Legends & Artistic Legacies
- ☐ Belgium, Holland & Vermeer: Bruges to Amsterdam Aboard *Magnifique IV*
- ☐ Northern Spain: Art in the Footsteps of St. James
- ☐ Hudson Valley: Artistic Legacy & Historical Estates

SUMMER 2023

- ☐ Celtic Classics: The English Channel & the Irish Sea Aboard *Sea Cloud Spirit*
- ☐ Swiss Sophistication: Zürich & Basel Featuring Art Basel
- ☐ L'Esprit Artistique of the Moselle: Germany, France & Luxembourg Aboard *Princesse Royal*
- ☐ Aegean Odyssey From the Bronze Age to the Byzantines: Istanbul to Athens Aboard *Sea Cloud II*

FALL 2023

- ☐ Sicily by Sail: Round-Trip Valletta Aboard *Sea Cloud II*
- ☐ Portugal's Enchanting Douro Valley: Round-Trip Porto Aboard *AmaDouro*

Photos: Novices at Ayutthaya Historical Park, Thailand (above). Front cover: Segesta, Sicily, Italy. Back cover: Tulip Fields, Holland



Monte Albán, Mexico

WINTER 2023

Ancient & Modern Southeast Asia Featuring the Bangkok Art Biennale, Singapore & Indonesia January 6 to 19, 2023

With Christopher Noey, Lecturer

Experience Southeast Asia's diversity, from serene Buddhist monuments to futuristic cities and contemporary art festivals. Admire Bangkok's ancient treasures, Singapore's exquisite gardens, and Buddhist and Hindu temples in Borobudur and Bali. In the company of Asian art scholar Christopher Noey, enjoy backstage passes to the Bangkok Art Biennale and Singapore's ART SG.

Land rate \$13,599 per person, double rate

Cultural Treasures of Mexico: Oaxaca & San Miguel de Allende February 4 to 10, 2023

With Rika Burnham, Lecturer

Experience two enchanting cities, Oaxaca and San Miguel de Allende, both UNESCO-recognized for their well-preserved history, marvelous cuisine, and complex cultures. Venture just outside Oaxaca for an exclusive, expert-led inside look at one of the most impressive archaeological sites in Mexico, Monte Albán, first occupied in 500 B.C.

Land rate \$4,999 per person, double rate

SPRING 2023

Great Artists

Diego Velázquez, Capturing Truth in Art: Seville & Madrid March 4 to 11, 2023

With Rika Burnham, Lecturer

In the revered Spanish painter's hometown of Seville, discover his early works with exclusive access to private collections and *palacios*. In Madrid, admire a wealth of his treasures, including his much-analyzed 1656 masterpiece, the enigmatic *Las Meninas*, on a before-hours tour of the Museo del Prado.

Land Rate: \$9,999 per person, double rate

Los Angeles Art & Architecture: The Many Faces of a City

March 5 to 10, 2023

With Dr. Sylvia Yount, Lawrence A. Fleischman Curator in Charge of the American Wing

Immerse yourself in a five-day exploration of the eclectic vistas, museums, and neighborhoods of Los Angeles, with a focus on its art and architecture that have captivated so many. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the city's most inventive spaces, including homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and his followers, and take an exclusive sneak peek at George Lucas's new museum.

Land Rate: \$6,999 per person, double rate

The Medici in Florence: Legends & Artistic Legacies May 1 to 10, 2023

With Linda Wolk-Simon, Lecturer

Go behind the scenes of the Medici family's grand residential *palazzos* and country villas, and join experts for private tours of the museums and cathedrals housing works from artists the family patronized. You will also meet some of the world's most experienced conservation experts, and exclusively see a few masterpieces under restoration.

Land Rate: \$10,999 per person, double rate

Belgium, Holland & Vermeer: Bruges to Amsterdam Aboard *Magnifique IV* May 2 to 11, 2023

With Alice W. Schwarz, Lecturer and Educator

Cruise meandering rivers and canals through storybook villages and idyllic countryside aboard *Magnifique IV*. Go behind the scenes of museums, cathedrals, tulip gardens, and other cultural treasures, including Bruges' artistic gems and Ghent's newly restored *Adoration of the Mystic Lamb*. Conclude in Amsterdam at the Rijksmuseum, with a special look at the largest-ever Vermeer exhibition.

Cruise Rates: From \$8,999 per person, double rate



Palazzina e Bastione del Cavaliere, Boboli Gardens, Florence



Walking the Camino, Northern Spain

Northern Spain: Art in the Footsteps of St. James May 8 to 20, 2023

*With Keith Christiansen, Curator Emeritus,
Department of European Paintings*

Along the famous Camino de Santiago, experience Northern Spain's ancient heritage as you behold precious treasures in flamboyant cathedrals and exceptional museums. You will also enjoy a private tour of contemporary art in the Frank Gehry-designed Museo Guggenheim Bilbao.

Land Rate: \$11,999 per person, double rate

Hudson Valley: Artistic Legacy & Historical Estates May 21 to 25, 2023

Just a short drive from New York City, the Hudson Valley boasts dramatic river vistas, a rich and diverse artistic heritage, marvelous food and wine, and deep ties to early American history. In the beauty of spring, join us for a behind-the-scenes look at some of the Hudson Valley's most extraordinary art collections, gardens, and homes, including estates once owned by the Rockefellers, the Vanderbilts, and the Roosevelts.

Land Rate: \$3,999 per person, double rate



Lyndhurst, Hudson Valley



Bodnant Gardens, Wales

SUMMER 2023

Celtic Classics: The English Channel & the Irish Sea Aboard Sea Cloud Spirit

June 9 to 18, 2023

Aboard the newly launched *Sea Cloud Spirit*, sail from Portsmouth, England, as you see hidden delights on both sides of the English Channel. Cruise into the Irish Sea, stepping ashore to view enchanting islands, medieval ruins, dynamic museums, and literary landmarks along the way.

Cruise Rates: From \$11,999 per person, double rate

Swiss Sophistication: Zürich & Basel Featuring Art Basel

June 11 to 19, 2023

With Christopher Noey, Lecturer

From a special visit to Art Basel, Europe's premier exhibition of modern and contemporary art, to a curator-led tour of Zürich's acclaimed Kunsthau, spend a week exploring the art wonders of these two Swiss cultural meccas, with day trips to iconic cultural destinations in Germany and France.

Land Rate: \$13,499 per person, double rate



Installation by Pipilotti Rist, Kunsthau Zürich, Switzerland

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Moselle Valley, Germany

L'Esprit Artistique of the Moselle: Germany, France & Luxembourg Aboard *Princesse Royal* June 20 to July 3, 2023

With Keith Christiansen, Curator Emeritus, Department of European Paintings

Uncover the underexplored artistic heritage of the picturesque Moselle Valley. Begin with special tours of historic museum collections in Frankfurt and Heidelberg, Germany. Then, embark on a seven-night Moselle River cruise. Conclude in lavish Luxembourg, enjoying a rare look at its cultural gems and a special visit to the Luxembourg National Museum of Art History.

Land/Cruise Rates: From \$9,999 per person, double rate

Aegean Odyssey From the Bronze Age to the Byzantines: Istanbul to Athens Aboard *Sea Cloud II* June 28 to July 6, 2023

Travel aboard *Sea Cloud II* to unspoiled Aegean islands, timeless villages, and ancient sites in Turkey and Greece. Step ashore to discover early Christian landmarks, Byzantine monasteries, and fascinating museums displaying rare finds.

Cruise Rates: From \$8,999 per person, double rate



Ruins of Ephesus, Turkey



Sea Cloud II

FALL 2023

Sicily by Sail: Round-Trip Valletta Aboard *Sea Cloud II* October 10 to 18, 2023

Some of the world's most extraordinary Greek temples grace the rugged landscape of Italy's entrancing island of Sicily. Discover these pearls of antiquity as you sail aboard *Sea Cloud II*. On this week-long cruise, Sicily will reveal her rich and unique culture as you walk in storied cities that were once centers of the Greco-Roman, Carthaginian, and Byzantine worlds, and enjoy warm welcomes to the dazzling private *palazzi* of local nobility.

Cruise Rates: From \$8,999 per person, double rate

Portugal's Enchanting Douro Valley: Round-Trip Porto Aboard *AmaDouro*

October 13 to 21, 2023

Savor enchanting vineyards, verdant landscapes, and tremendous cultural history on a river voyage through Portugal's Douro Valley, the birthplace of Port wine. As you embark on a round-trip journey from magical Porto, travel aboard the luxury riverboat *AmaDouro*, stepping ashore to explore timeless villages, tour remarkable collections at awe-inspiring museums, and sample world-renowned varieties.

Land/Cruise Rates: From \$6,999 per person, double rate

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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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PROGRAM DATES

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I understand this deposit (*payable by check, debit card or credit card*) is **fully refundable** until I receive and agree to the Terms & Conditions for the program. At that time, the trip deposit is subject to the cancellation policy outlined in the Terms & Conditions.

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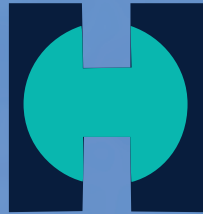
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The Museum Travel Alliance (MTA) offers its members and supporters access to extraordinary trips led by curators, scholars, and other experts. During journeys to fascinating, historically rich destinations around the globe, go behind the scenes at museums, mingle with local artists, and admire private collections. Travel on elegant ships and luxury trains. On all of our unique, high-end trips, enjoy traveling in the company of members from a number of museums and cultural institutions.

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