TRAVEL BEYOND BOUNDARIES.
SEE THE WORLD WITH BLUE.
An extraordinary adventure awaits you. One that will move you, connect you and ultimately change you. Whether you are swimming with sea turtles in the pristine waters of the Galapagos, beholding the majestic landscapes of New Zealand, or encountering refined art technique firsthand in northern Washington’s storied studios, the Alumni Association is ready to tailor your once-in-a-lifetime expedition. We’ve spent more than 53 years perfecting these journeys. We open doors that others can’t. We keep our trips small and exclusive. And we infuse every journey with enrichment, excellence, and camaraderie. Come. Travel beyond expectations. See the world with Blue.
Unique and interesting itineraries. For 53+ years, we’ve been traveling to one destination: different, to places that have thousands of stories to tell, unreachable places, giving access that only we can provide. Don’t just travel. Immerse, indulge, and enrich...with us.

Hosted by U-M experts. Led by, and featuring lectures from, U-M experts, faculty, and alumni, every single trip invites you to learn and live the culture that surrounds you. Every journey is designed to enlighten, educate, and fulfill...body, mind, and soul.

5-star accommodations. All inclusive. Where you stay is just as important as what you experience. In fact, they’re one in the same. That’s why we seek the very best locations, the finest cuisine, and superior service, all customized for each and every one of our trips...and every single guest.
From the architectural heritage of Havana to exploring the unforgettable scenery of California’s national parks, indulge in absolute North American majesty.
DATES: March 25 - April 2
TOUR OPERATOR: Go Next
TYPE: Land
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderately Active
PRICE: TBD

Cuba’s turbulent economic and political past and vibrant present unfold on this nine-day adventure to reveal the rich culture, compelling history, and architectural majesty of this long-forbidden island on the verge of great change. Engage with the true heart and soul of this colorful country: the diverse, inspiring people who call it home. During your visits to Havana, Cienfuegos, Trinidad, and Santa Clara, you will connect with Cuban citizens from all walks of life, including artists, educators and entrepreneurs, to discover the realities of this incredibly fascinating nation.

Trip details such as dates and price are subject to change.
AVAILABLE TRIPS

North America

Stars of Western Cuba
March 11-18

Cuban Discovery
March 25-April 2

Southern Culture and Civil War
June 3-12

Majestic Alaska Big Ten Cruise
June 20-30

Great Parks of California
July 1-9

Discover Southeast Alaska
July 21-28

Canadian Rockies
August 17-23

“ACCOMMODATIONS WERE EXCELLENT; OUR TOUR GUIDE WAS PHENOMENAL AND EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS. HE WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND TO MAKE OUR TRIP SUCCESSFUL.”

Bruce, MD ’67 and Ruth Ann Brintnall
From the unique wildlife of the Galapagos to the soaring mountains of Patagonia, you’ll be doused in different from start to finish.
THE UNIQUE ITINERARY AND KNOWLEDGEABLE GUIDES MADE OUR TRIP A WONDERFUL AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE.

Katie Grimm '10

DATES:
October 18 - 25

TOUR OPERATOR:
Orbridge

TYPE:
Land/Cruise Combo

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL:
Moderately Active

PRICE:
Starting at $3,995 per person based on double occupancy, airfare not included

Appreciate the diversity of life first-hand while observing the flightless cormorant, the Galapagos penguin, blue-footed boobies, giant tortoises, marine and land iguanas, and the famous “Darwin’s finches.” Swim with sea lions, and snorkel among colorful tropical fish and sea turtles. Discover amazing aquatic wildlife as you observe through a glass-bottom boat in the clear waters of the world’s second largest marine reserve. Explore remote coraline beaches and secluded inlets, such as Gardner Bay and visit the lush, historic highlands of Santa Cruz Island, one of the first sites visited by Darwin.

FEATURED TRIP >
The Galapagos Islands

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Available Trips

South & Central America

Cruise the Peruvian Amazon
January 13-22

Panama Canal & Costa Rica
January 27-February 4

Antarctica
February 9-22

Treasures of South America
February 28-March 12

Machu Picchu to Galapagos
May 30-June 13

The Galapagos Islands
October 18-25

Patagonian Frontiers
November 2-18

“I LIKE THAT EVERYTHING WAS TAKEN CARE OF BEFORE I LEFT AND ALL I HAD TO DO WAS ENJOY THE TRIP.”

Jeremy Teaberry, ’04
From the bustling streets of Kyoto to the hidden wonders of Bangkok, these are distinctive journeys beyond compare.
You’ll tour Tokyo, Japan’s financial, commercial, and political capital, including the Imperial Palace District and Meiji Shrine. Take in the stunning scenery of Mt. Fuji in Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park, and enjoy a relaxing cruise on Ashi Lake. Enjoy an overnight stay in a ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn, then take a bullet train to explore historic Takayama’s ancient streets and houses and culturally rich Kanazawa, including the famed Kenrokuen Garden. Visit Kyoto, Japan’s cultural capital and one of its largest cities, spared destruction during World War II, where you will attend a traditional tea ceremony and take a cycling tour of the Gion district.

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AVAILABLE TRIPS

Asia & The Pacific

- Treasures of Thailand
  January 12-26
- Journey through Vietnam
  February 6-21
- Tahiti and French Polynesia
  February 9-19
- Mystical India
  February 12-28
- Exploring Australia and New Zealand
  March 13-April 4
- Outrageous Outback
  April 7-23
- Ancient Traditions of Japan
  April 30-May 10
- Insider’s Japan
  October 9-21
- Mystique of the Orient
  October 18-28

"AN OUTSTANDING, ONCE IN A LIFETIME TRIP THAT WE LOVED."

Betsy, ’62, MALS ’66 and Bob Herbst, ’62
AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST

From the dynamic diversity of Southern Africa to the dramatic ancient relics of Egypt, you'll experience fascination in every direction.
THE UNIQUE ITINERARY AND KNOWLEDGEABLE GUIDES MADE OUR TRIP A WONDERFUL AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE.

Katie Grimm '10

DATES: February 10 - 23

TOUR OPERATOR: Gohagan & Company

TYPE: Land

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderately Active

PRICE: Starting at $7,395 per person based on double occupancy, airfare not included

Travel with us on an incredible journey to experience the wonders of Southern Africa, where history is rich, the culture is diverse and the "Big Five" game viewing in pristine natural habitats is extraordinary. Admire the abundant flora and fauna on a safari cruise along Namibia’s Chobe River. Walk in the footsteps of Nelson Mandela’s long road to freedom from Soweto to Robben Island and on to Johannesburg. Savor glorious Cape Town, dramatically situated between Table Mountain and its stunning harbor. Visit Zimbabwe’s incomparable Victoria Falls, and stay steps away from “the smoke that thunders” in the legendary, 5-star colonial Victoria Falls Hotel.

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AVAILABLE TRIPS

Africa & the Middle East

The Pride of South Africa
February 10-23

Tanzania Adventure
February 18-March 4

Egypt and the Eternal Nile
February 20-March 6

Treasures of Southern Africa
April 9-24

Sacred Sanctuaries
April 18-29

Legendary Turkey
September 7-21

Israel: Timeless Wonders
October 24-November 4

Legends of the Nile
October 31-November 11

"OUR TOUR DIRECTOR WAS OUTSTANDING. SHE WENT FAR BEYOND WHAT I EXPECTED TO MAKE THE TOUR INFORMATIVE AND ENJOYABLE FOR EVERYONE."

Gary Mynar, '73, MBA'82
From the archaeologically rich region of Apulia to the fire and ice landscapes of Iceland, these are magical trips that transcend time and place.
Architectural gems abound in culturally rich Apulia. In Alberobello, visit the Trulli—mysterious, domed limestone dwellings. Explore the Sassi and the Park of the Rupestrian Churches—a complex of houses, churches, and monasteries built into the natural caves of Matera. Awaken your taste buds while savoring regional specialties during a tour, tasting and lunch at a locally owned and operated olive mill. See the lively regional capital, Bari, and the remarkable Roman amphitheater of Lecce, the Florence of the South. Steep yourself in the medieval charms of Trani and wander narrow, whitewashed streets in Greek-influenced Ostuni.
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"WELL ORGANIZED TOUR. GOOD MIX OF EDUCATION AND FREE TIME."

Mark Weshinsky, MBA'68
Explore, inspire, enrich.

Our Deep Blue series is travel taken to another level. Trips that take you further, and deeper, by focusing on activities and experiences that will inspire, push, and enrich you. These exclusive trips are specially curated by us based on our years of traveling with you and knowing the type of immersive experiences you love.

Live the experience.

With a focus on one geographic area, our goal is to let you dig deeply in everything that surrounds you. To establish bonds that won’t be broken. And to engage in art, exploration, and personal gratification that will lift you well beyond the expected.

A trip that has no end.

These aren’t just trips, they’re journeys, exclusive to you and your fellow Michigan alumni, that will stay with you forever. Yes, each trip comes to an end, but the enrichment and learning...has no end. So come and immerse yourself in an experience that’s deeply amazing.
FEATURED TRIP

Art & Culture in Northern Washington

DATES: August 8 - 14
TOUR OPERATOR: Creative Life Adventures NW
TYPE: Land
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderately Active
PRICE: Starting at $2,195 per person based on double occupancy, airfare not included

Learn and hear from local artists in some of northern Washington’s beautiful art studios and spend ample time in creating your own canvas of art to take home with you. Indulge in the local wine industry and sample some of the area's select offerings. Visit Nooksack Falls, a nearly 100-foot waterfall tucked away in the northern Cascades, along with the striking Picture Lake and Heather Meadows, where you’ll eat lunch. Take in the magnificent view of the mountains from Artist Point, famed as one of the best views in the United States. Take your travel deeper.
AVAILABLE TRIPS

Southern France
Spring 2017
Art & Culture in Northern Washington
August 8-14
Northern Michigan Bike Trip
Fall 2017
Weekend in Ann Arbor
Fall 2017

THE DEEP BLUE SERIES

"FROM THE BUS DRIVER, TO THE HOTELS, TO THE MANY SIDE TRIPS, TO THE GROUP EVENTS, IT WAS ALL VERY SPECIAL. THERE WERE SO MANY LITTLE EXTRAS THAT ENHANCED THE TRIP. LOVED EVERY MINUTE."

Gary Cox, '67
Above and beyond extraordinary, that is precisely where we promise to take you. Come and travel with us. Live and love new cultures. Immerse yourself in newfound experiences. Explore new places with new faces. And share the experience with fellow travelers that share your true love of Blue. This is travel like no place else, and it’s waiting to take you places you never thought possible.

Begin your journey, and contact us at alumnitravel@umich.edu or 855.764.0064.