

**AAMC BOARD OF GOVERNORS
TRAVEL COMMITTEE REPORT
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MISSION: To provide educational and cultural opportunities for Mills College alumnae through organized annual international and domestic travel programs, while earning revenue for the AAMC.

Members: Debi Wood, Co-chair; Gwen Foster, Co-Chair; Viji Nakka-Cammauf, Sheryl Wooldridge, Debra Dittman

Activities: In December, the Committee finalized the 2021 travel programs with both AHI and Gohagan. The first in-person meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for February 25.

The AHI travel program includes:

1. Morocco, Land of Enchantment: February 27-March 7;
2. Dutch Waterways on the MS Douce France: April 27-May 5;
3. Paris, featuring the African-American Experience: May 15-May 23;
4. Hills Towns of Italy (“Women Only” trip): May 25-June 2;
5. Nordic Magnificence (Denmark and Norway) on the DFDS Seaways: July 11-July 21;
6. Journey to Southern Africa: September 14-September 29;
7. Cuba and its People: November 10-November 17.

The Gohagan 2021 travel program includes:

Winter:

1. Wonders of the Galapagos Islands;
2. Panama Canal and Costa Rica.

Spring:

3. Springtime in Provence and Burgundy;
4. Celtic Lands (with two days in Normandy).

Summer:

9. Alaska’s Glaciers and the Inside Passage.

Fall:

10. Riviera, France, Italy and Spain;
11. Vietnam and Angkor Wat;
12. Village Life in the Italian Lakes.

The AHI 2020 travel program has departures almost every month this year:

1. Wonders of Peru: March 5-March 16, 2010;
2. Apulia: May 6-May 14;
3. Icelandic Cruise: June 22-July 6;
4. Tanzanian Serengeti Safari: June 29-July 10;
5. Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and the Passion Play: August 31-September 10;
6. Spain’s Andalucia in a Parador: September 10-September 18. Note that AHI just reduced the cost of this trip by \$500/couple.

Finally, the Gohagan travel programs for 2020 are:

1. Oberammergau and the Danube River;
2. Tahiti and French Polynesia;
3. Arctic Expedition.

We are happy to report that there are 8 Mills alumnae, and related travelers, booked for the Tanzanian Serengeti Safari which is now sold out. AHI will offer a second Tanzanian Safari trip from July 6-July 17, if there is additional interest in this program. AHI will provide updated brochures and also reach out to alumnae to generate additional interest for this new date. The price will hold through March 31. In addition, one alumna has booked the Spain Andalucia trip. Both companies reserve the right to change any itinerary and price as necessary.

As previously reported, AHI and Gohagan handle all marketing, information and communications for the 2021 itineraries without cost to the AAMC. Once the traveler books a program, AHI and Gohagan will communicate regularly with the traveler with updated details of the particular itinerary, up to the date of travel, and the contact for each itinerary.

It is important to note that most trips *do not* include roundtrip airfare from the traveler's departure city, and the solo traveler can expect to pay a single supplement for most trips.

Monitoring the Status of Coronavirus for Travelers

Finally, both AHI and Gohagan are closely monitoring the status of the global Coronavirus outbreak, and its potential effects on their travelers, staff, and cruise line crews as the cruise itineraries are set to get underway in the spring. The overwhelming majority of cases are found in China, while the number of cases elsewhere in the world is very low. No health measures related to the Coronavirus outbreak have been issued by the World Health Organization for travelers other than for those planning to visit China. No AHI or Gohagan 2020 travel program with Mills College includes an itinerary in China; there is a 2021 itinerary for *Vietnam and Angkor Wat* in Cambodia. AHI and Gohagan will provide further updates as necessary.

Submitted by Debi Wood and Gwen Foster.