



## **VMFA Member Travel Programs for 2024**

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### **VMFA Member Travel**

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Member Travel Program brings together museum members at every level who share a desire for cultural enrichment and social engagement, as well as a spirit of discovery. The program was created more than thirty years ago to offer domestic and international excursions tailored to this unique community, drawn together by their membership in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. We hope to increase the presence of VMFA in the lives of our members beyond the physical confines of our museum through experience with the origins of our collections, exposure to the cultures that gave life to these artistic expressions, and personal interactions with the dedicated museum staff who bring VMFA's treasures to the public. The VMFA Member Travel Program is designed to develop and strengthen the relationship between members and the museum. Our distinctive combination of cultural enrichment, fellowship and exceptional amenities distinguish the VMFA Member Travel Program from other commercially available tour offerings.

If you are not already a member of VMFA and wish to participate in a Member Travel program, you may join the museum online using our website at:

[About Membership - Membership \(vmfa.museum\)](https://www.vmfa.museum/membership)

For more details, check the Member Travel Website at:

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Note: Information above is correct as of 3.26.2024. Availability, details and pricing are subject to change.

### **MACHU PICCHU TO THE GALAPAGOS**

**June 25–July 10, 2024**

*16 days for \$9,393 total price from Washington, D.C.*

*(\$8,495 air & land inclusive plus \$898 airline taxes and departure fees)*

Single supplement: \$2,595

Land only: \$8,295

Machu Picchu's enigmatic ruins and the fascinating Galapagos Islands rank among South America's greatest treasures, and a small group tour is the ideal way to experience both. This outstanding 16-day adventure begins with Lima's highlights. Traverse the magnificent Sacred Valley, visiting impressive Incan sites and indigenous villages during a two-night stay. After taking a scenic train ride to Machu Picchu, tour and absorb this astounding site on two separate days, overnighing nearby. Then encounter the history and beauty of Cuzco and Quito, both UNESCO sites. Spend the next four nights on the Galapagos' beautiful Santa Cruz Island; the relaxed stay here includes cruising on a private yacht to two nearby islands to learn about Darwin's incredible "living laboratory" from an expert naturalist guide. After this unique experience, return to Quito for a final day of touring. Discover the Amazon's amazing flora, fauna, and villages with an exceptional 4-day/4-night pre-tour option.

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**JOURNEY through CENTRAL EUROPE, with special VMFA Exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest: American, born Hungary: The Hungarian-American Photographic Legacy  
July 23–August 7, 2024**

16 days for \$5,597 total price from Washington, D.C.  
(\$4,995 air & land inclusive plus \$602 airline taxes and departure fees)  
Single supplement: \$1,395  
Land only: \$4,595

Leisurely and comprehensive, this 16-day small group tour provides a generous overview of four fascinating Eastern European nations. The journey begins in Poland's capital, Warsaw, where sightseeing includes the faithfully rebuilt Old Town and moving visits to the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps. Next is historic Krakow with its celebrated medieval Old Town, and touring of the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a virtual underground city carved from salt. Travel through the snowcapped Tatra Mountains to Budapest and get acquainted with the "Paris of the East," with the special VMFA exhibition at the **Museum of Fine Arts, American, Born Hungary, co-curated by VMFA Director Alex Nyerges**. After stops along the scenic Danube Bend, reach beloved Vienna and enjoy a classical music performance and visits to the grand Opera House and majestic Schönbrunn Palace. In elegant Prague, the final destination, touring includes the medieval Old Town, the Castle District, and the historic Jewish Quarter. Experience Germany's cosmopolitan capital with an optional 4-day/3-night post-tour Berlin extension.

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**SCANDANAVIA AND THE BALTIC SEA  
July 31–August 10, 2024**

*From \$6,995 plus air*

Discover the lands and legacies forged by centuries of Baltic history on a 9-night cruise to visit 7 countries, featuring special guest speaker Lech Wałęsa, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former President of Poland. This Polish national hero will be speaking by exclusive arrangement about the establishment of the Polish Solidarity labor movement and the struggles he overcame when confronting a Soviet-backed regime—a message that will be more poignant than ever. Explore the cultural rebirth of Scandinavia and the Baltic states on this one-of-a-kind itinerary with excursions to Gothenburg, Sweden; Copenhagen, Denmark, Gdansk, Poland; Riga, Latvia; Helsinki, Finland; and Tallinn, Estonia. Enhance your journey with the Wonders of Norway Pre-Program and/or the Stockholm Post-Program options.

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## **SCOTLAND: HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS**

**August 12–23, 2024**

*12 days for \$7,096 total price from Washington, D.C.*

*(\$6,395 air & land inclusive plus \$701 airline taxes and departure fees)*

Single supplement: \$1,595

Land only: \$5,895

From city to country, loch to glen, encounter breathtaking natural beauty, a colorful past, and a cosmopolitan present on this sweet small group journey. The 12-day Scottish sojourn begins in vibrant Glasgow with a tour highlighting its distinct architecture, and a private tour of historic Pollok House. Setting out for the scenic Highlands and stays in Fort William and Aviemore, stop at bonnie Loch Lomond and dramatic Glencoe. Embark on a stunning Isle of Skye excursion, and a boat ride on fabled Loch Ness. History unfolds at Urquhart Castle and the evocative Culloden Moor battle site. After a falconry demonstration, sample a local distillery's whisky. Watch a sheepdog demonstration en route to Saint Andrews for exploration of this legendary town. With three nights in stately Edinburgh, see Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood, and other highlights, and explore independently. As a special treat, enjoy a performance of the famed Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

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## **NORTHERN ITALY from the Alps to the Adriatic**

**September 7–21, 2024**

*15 days for \$5,974 total price from Washington, D.C.*

*(\$5,395 air & land inclusive plus \$579 airline taxes and departure fees)*

Single supplement: \$1,395

Land only: \$4,895

This leisurely 15-day exploration of Italy's varied northern regions offers your small group a refreshing perspective on a well-known land. Experience the Lake District with a relaxing three-night stay on Lake Maggiore, visiting charming Orta San Giulio and cruising to the beautiful island of Isola Bella. Sample the "king of wines" at a Barolo winery. A three-night sojourn in an Italian Riviera town, Santa Margherita, follows, with a boat trip to renowned Portofino and an excursion to the spectacular Cinque Terre. Journeying to beloved Tuscany, stop in atmospheric Lucca; then explore wondrous Florence, Tuscany's crown jewel, during a three-night stay. Discover exquisite Siena and storied Verona and spend two nights in Bolzano, gateway to the magnificent Dolomites. Two nights in treasured Venice, with touring of iconic St. Mark's Square and independent exploration, conclude the journey. Savor more time in this most beautiful of cities with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

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## **INSIDER'S JAPAN**

**September 25–October 7, 2024**

*13 days for \$7,884 total price from Washington, D.C.*

*(\$7,195 air & land inclusive plus \$689 airline taxes and departure fees)*

Single supplement: \$1,695

Land only: \$5,895

A truly foreign and fascinating land of rich traditions and dizzying modernity is revealed on this well-crafted 13-day small group tour. See Tokyo and Kyoto's highlights, engage in local life, and head off the beaten path to alluring historic destinations. Begin in amazing Tokyo, where sightseeing includes the imposing Imperial Palace, Meiji Shrine, and a calligrapher's gallery. Then encounter magnificent Mt. Fuji and cruise on scenic Ashi Lake. After overnighting in a traditional *ryokan* inn, travel by express train to lovely Takayama in the Japanese Alps. A traditional tea ceremony and a cooking class offer opportunities to experience Japanese culture firsthand. In culturally rich Kanazawa, visit famed Kenrokuen Garden and a gold leaf museum. Touring of Japan's cultural capital, Kyoto, includes the beloved Golden Pavilion temple, the extravagant Nijo-jo Castle, and the important Fushimi Inari shrine. Discover cosmopolitan Hiroshima, reborn from its atomic destruction, with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

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## **TREASURES OF PERU with Machu Picchu & Lake Titicaca**

**September 25–October 5, 2024**

*11 days for \$5,087 total price from Washington, D.C.*

*(\$4,395 air & land inclusive plus \$692 airline taxes and departure fees)*

Single supplement: \$995

Land only: \$3,995

A land of treasures archaeological, cultural, and natural awaits your small group on this engaging 11-day tour. The Peruvian adventure begins with Lima's highlights, both colonial and modern, including the historic Casa Aliaga and the renowned Larco Herrera Museum. In historic Cuzco, visit the sacred sites of Koricancha and Santo Domingo. Experience Peru's rich cultural heritage in the beautiful Sacred Valley, exploring Pisac's colorful Indian market, admiring Ollantaytambo's massive ruins, and visiting indigenous villages. After a scenic train ride, encounter Machu Picchu's astounding ruins on two guided tours, overnighting at a nearby hotel. Returning to Cuzco, see Sacsayhuamán's impressive ruins and enjoy a tour highlight: lunch in a gracious family's home. Traverse Peru's dramatic *altiplano* with its snowcapped mountains to stunning Lake Titicaca, where a full-day exploration includes a boat ride to the Uros people's floating reed islands. Discover the Amazon rainforest's many wonders on an optional 4-day/4-night post-tour extension.

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**DISCOVERING PROVENCE with the French Riviera**

**September 30–October 11, 2024**

*12 days for \$5,297 total price from Washington, D.C.*

*(\$4,695 air & land inclusive plus \$602 airline taxes and departure fees)*

Single supplement: \$1,195

Land only: \$4,195

Discover beloved Provence, nestled between the Rhone and the Mediterranean, on this 12-day small group journey par excellence. A three-night stay in charming Aix-en-Provence offers a quintessential Provençal experience, from an excursion to the scenic Luberon region, including a Renaissance château and picturesque Roussillon, to visiting Cézanne's studio and dinner and a tasting at a winery. Explore historic Arles and witness the impressive Pont du Gard Roman aqueduct. Avignon sightseeing includes the massive Papal Palace, then enjoy a small group highlight: a Provençal cooking class. A multimedia art exhibition and visits to Les-Baux-de-Provence and Saint-Rémy-de-Provence follow. After touring medieval Aigues-Mortes, experience life at a traditional ranch in the rugged Camargue, and see the region's iconic pink flamingos. The journey ends with two nights in the prized French Riviera, where touring includes artists' haven Saint-Paul-de-Vence and cosmopolitan Nice. Savor more time in the French Riviera with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

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**ACROSS NORTHERN SPAIN & PORTUGAL with Paradores & Pousadas**

**October 13–29, 2024**

*17 days for \$5,974 total price from Washington, D.C.*

*(\$5,295 air & land inclusive plus \$679 airline taxes and departure fees)*

Single supplement: \$1,495

Land only: \$4,995

Fortified cities and fishing villages, rugged Atlantic coastline and commanding Pyrenees peaks, and intimate lodgings in historic *paradores* and *pousadas* – it all awaits on this singular 17-day small group journey. Your travels begin with highlights and independent exploration of fascinating Lisbon. In Oporto, take a Douro River cruise and sample the region's famed port wine. Discover beautiful Santiago de Compostela – last stop along the celebrated Way of St. James pilgrimage route – and then León's impressive architectural heritage. Continuing to Bilbao, visit the acclaimed Guggenheim and Fine Arts museums. Embark on a day-long excursion along the rugged Basque coastline, with a poignant stop in Guernica. Spending two nights in the stunning Pyrenees region, tour fabled Pamplona and experience the Chistau Valley's natural beauty. The journey's finale: a three-night stay in world-class Barcelona with touring and time at leisure. Discover more of this spirited city independently with an optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension.

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## **SINGAPORE, BALI, AND INDONESIA**

**October 17–November 1, 2024**

*From \$6,745 plus air*

Spend 2 nights in Singapore, 2 nights in Bali, and 8 nights cruising the islands of Indonesia, including Bali, Java, and Komodo Island on a luxury itinerary that blends nature, culture, and history. Visit the UNESCO-inscribed **Borobudur Temple, one of the largest Buddhist monuments in the world, and Prambanan Temple, the largest complex of Hindu temples in Indonesia.** Enjoy a guided walking safari of UNESCO-designated Komodo National Park, home to the largest lizard on Earth, the Komodo dragon. Enhance your tour with a Pre-Program visit to Cambodia and **Angkor Wat** and/or the Post-Program option in Bali.

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## **EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE**

**October 28–November 11, 2024 and November 11-25, 2024 (two departures)**

*15 days for \$5,397 total price from Washington, D.C.*

*(\$4,795 air, land, & cruise inclusive plus \$602 airline taxes and departure fees)*

Single supplement: \$1,295

Land only: \$4,395

Accompanied by an expert Egyptian guide, this singular 15-day small group journey through antiquity reveals a storied land's treasures. In Cairo, visit the acclaimed Egyptian Museum, Memphis's open-air museum, splendid Sakkara, and the astounding Pyramids of Giza with their Great Sphinx. Traveling to Abu Simbel for a fascinating three-night Lake Nasser cruise, see its imposing temples – the setting for a dramatic sound-and-light show – then sail on to ancient Nubia's other outstanding temples: Amada, Wadi el-Seboua, New Kalabsha, and Philae. After touring Aswan's massive dam, depart on a classic four-night Nile voyage, enjoying a sail aboard a traditional *felucca* and visiting Kom Ombo's unusual temple and Edfu's remarkably preserved Temple of Horus. Reaching Luxor, explore its awe-inspiring temple complexes. With two final nights in Cairo, tour the exotic Khan el-Khalili bazaar and historic Old Cairo. Discover fabled "rose red" Petra, ancient Jerash, and Amman with an optional 5-day/4-night post-tour Jordan extension.

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**THE ARABIAN GULF**  
**November 11–23, 2024**

*From \$7,495 plus air*

Experience the architectural wonder and breathtaking scenery of the Arabian Gulf on an extraordinary, 5-star land and sea itinerary that includes 2 nights in Dubai, 2 nights in Muscat, and a 7-night cruise from Muscat back to Dubai. On your city tour of Dubai, see the famous 7-star Burj Al Arab hotel and visit the world's tallest building, the iconic Burj Khalifa. Also experience the stunning new observation deck on the 52<sup>nd</sup> floor of The Palm Tower, located on the world's largest man-made island, engineered in the shape of a palm tree. Explore Oman's majestic capital city of Muscat and enjoy a full-day excursion to the Jabreen Forts, two of the best preserved of their kind in Oman. Discover the royal private home of the Ruler of Sarjah, beautiful mosques, ancient sites, and world-class museums on your cruise with calls at United Arab Emirates, Oman, Bahrain, and Qatar. Extend your journey with a 3-night Pre-Program Option in Kuwait and/or a 2-night Post-Program Option in the Arabian Desert.

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**CHRISTKINDLMÄRKTE along the DANUBE RIVER**  
**December 6–14, 2024**

*9 days from approximately \$3,495 plus air*

Celebrate the enduring magic of the Yuletide season on an enchanting 7-night river cruise to Europe's most beloved Christmas markets. Discover magnificent settings where cobblestoned streets strung with colorful lights meet festive market stalls of handcrafted ornaments, fine wooden toys, and irresistible holiday treats. This unique itinerary brings the old-world charm of the holidays to life in a vivid celebration of history and culture. Be inspired by some of Europe's most noteworthy landmarks—Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg, the 900-year-old Abbey of Melk in the legendary Wachau Valley, and the glamorous imperial monuments of Hapsburg Vienna. Enhance your expedition with the Vienna Pre-Program and Bavaria Post-Program options.

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