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2019 INSIDER SERIES
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You may think group travel isn’t for you, but this is traveling like you’ve never done before. Dive into these specially-curated adventures that focus on subjects and activities central to your life. From invigorating days of biking to inspiring days at the theater, these trips do much more than take you to exciting new places. The Insider Series offers up unparalleled access on these immersive trips that take you inside and behind the scenes to offer experiences unavailable to the average traveler.
GO BEHIND THE CURTAIN

HAMILTON IN SAN FRANCISCO

Join us for a day at the theater to see the award-winning production at the Orpheum Theatre in San Francisco. Witness the story of founding father Alexander Hamilton told through the hip-hop musings of Lin-Manuel Miranda. Prime seats are available to Michigan alumni, family and friends for this award-winning performance. After the show, our guests will enjoy a private meet-and-greet reception with cast members to call this unique day of drama a wrap. Reserve your seat today for the performance of the century.

Dates
Feb 23

Tour Operator
Michigan Alumni Travel

Type
Land

Price
Starting at $500, plus airfare
Fun Fact: Hamilton took home 11 Tony Awards in 2016.
TAKE IT TRACKSIDE

THE KENTUCKY DERBY

Experience more than the races at the Kentucky Derby. Kick things off with a welcome reception, open bar, and speaker from the racing industry. Wake up early to arrive at Dawn of the Downs to watch the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oats morning workouts. You’ll spend a day exploring the Kentucky Derby Museum and sampling some of the finest libations of a local distillery along the Bourbon Trail. Take it trackside to see the horses up-close before touring a local equestrian farm and hitting the town to explore local shops and festivities. A photographer will be on hand to capture your Derby Day finest at breakfast before heading out to witness “The most exciting two minutes in sports.”

Dates
May 1-5

Tour Operator
SET

Type
Land

Price
Starting at $2,979, plus airfare
Fun Fact: Around 120,000 mint juleps are enjoyed at the Kentucky Derby each year.
THE MASTERS

Take your place along the fairway of the 2019 Masters tournament. On this trip, you’ll do more than fulfill your dream of watching the greatest players compete in the Masters, you’ll also get to play a round yourself. After a leisurely arrival and welcome reception, your evening will be free to explore historic Savannah, Georgia. Waking up to Southern sunshine, you’ll have the option to spend the morning playing 18-holes at The Club at Savannah Harbor, with prizes awarded to the day’s top golfers. After a morning on the fairway, you’ll have a Masters viewing party lined up downtown with food, drinks, and transportation. Spend the last day in Augusta watching your favorite pros make the cut first hand. Call today to take your place along the green.

**Dates**
Apr 10-13

**Tour Operator**
SET

**Type**
Land

**Price**
Starting at $3,979, plus airfare
Fun Fact: Gary Player is the only Masters winner to not have his green jacket locked up at Augusta. He was able to keep it by “forgetting” to bring it back after he won the ‘61 tournament.
GO FOR A GLASS OF BORDEAUX

SOUTHERN FRANCE

Immerse yourself in the local lifestyle and history of Southern France. We welcome travelers with a cocktail reception at the hotel de Sèze with hosts Michael Gould and Aline Cotél. Cotél, an alumna, Professor of Engineering, and French native will show you Southern France through the eyes of a local. You’ll spend days touring wineries across the renowned Bordeaux region of France while learning firsthand from the people who make some of the world’s finest wines. Explore historic villages and tour the unique architecture of the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Get your hands clean at an artisanal soap factory where you’ll learn the processes involved in making this little handheld luxury. Spend your last days in France at Chateau Ladausse. The local cuisine is to die for, and you’ll even try your hand at whipping up a culinary delight of your own.

Dates
May 26-Jun 6

Tour Operator
Chateau Ladausse

Type
Land

Price
Starting at $5,499, plus airfare
Fun Fact: In the late 1800’s Bordeaux vineyards were almost entirely wiped out by pests. The region’s wine industry was rescued by grafting native vines onto pest-resistant American rootstock.
NORTHERN MICHIGAN BIKE TOUR

Experience the unique culture of the Leelanau Peninsula by bike on this active adventure. Arrive at your centrally located hotel in downtown Traverse City and meet with your ride leader for a personalized bike fitting. Throughout the week you’ll hit the trails on self-selected rides ranging from 20-50 miles in length. Spend mornings leisurely pedaling along the shores of northern Michigan and afternoons getting your heart rate up on the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail. This trip isn’t all exercise though. You’ll enjoy picnic lunches and locally made cheeses while overlooking orchards and wineries. There’s also an opportunity for a much-needed excursion to the spa or to spend time on the green at the Manitou Passage Golf Club. During this trip, you’ll even ride around Glen Lake and explore Michigan’s very own natural wonder, the Sleeping Bear Dunes. Your last day of biking concludes in downtown Traverse City for a brewery tour and wrap-up celebration. Put your best bike shorts on and book your trip today.

Dates
Sep 12-18

Tour Operator
Grand Traverse Bike Tours

Type
Land

Price
Starting at $2,399, plus airfare
Fun Fact: The Leelanau Peninsula is the cherry capital of the world and the wine capital of Michigan.
STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

MAIZE AND BLUE ON BROADWAY

You may have been to Broadway, but we’re doing Broadway in a new way. Dedicate a week to engulfing yourself in drama and the arts with Maize and Blue on Broadway. Spend your time watching three different performances in conjunction with theatre discussions led by Emeritus Chair of the Musical Theatre Department, Brent Wagner. This new spin on a classic New York attraction will provide backstage access and tours to see how it all comes together and multiple chances to meet the cast and crews that bring performances to life. While being kept on the edge of your seat, you will still have plenty of time to tour the town and dig into the dining scene with a group lunch outing to the famed Lattanzi restaurant. Get your backstage pass by booking today.

Dates
May 2019

Tour Operator
Conlin Travel

Type
Land

Price
Call for more information
Fun Fact: Phantom is the longest running show on Broadway since 1988 with more than 11,400 performances and counting.
VISIT CALIFORNIA’S WINE COUNTRY

PEDAL, PADDLE, & PINOT ADVENTURE

Enjoy the sunshine and smell the grapes. After being picked up from the airport and fitted with your bike, head to Petaluma for a ride through the ranches and farms of rural Sonoma County. Over five days you’ll cover 100+ miles by bike through the rolling hills and valleys that make up America’s wine country. Along these paths, you will stop and tour wineries, picnic amongst the redwoods, and dine at local bistros. Breaking away from the trails for a morning, we paddle out into Tomales Bay accompanied by a local naturalist to explore and learn about the local wildlife. In the evenings, you’ll be taken to your picturesque accommodations overlooking Doran Beach where you can sip wine from the comfort of your private balcony overlooking the Pacific.

Dates
Sep 15-20

Tour Operator
Black Sheep Adventures

Type
Land

Price
Starting at $3,395, plus airfare
Fun Fact: 90% of all the American wine is produced in California.
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