

SEMESTER AT
SEA

VOYAGE GUIDE
FALL 2027



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ABOUT SEMESTER AT SEA

OUR MISSION

Journeys of discovery that spark bold solutions to global challenges.



The Institute for Shipboard Education (ISE) is a 501c3 nonprofit based in Fort Collins, Colorado, that administers the Semester at Sea (SAS) study abroad program in conjunction with Colorado State University.

With the world as our campus, our programs integrate [multi-country study](#), [interdisciplinary coursework](#), and [experiential learning](#) for meaningful engagement in the global community.

ISE is an internationally recognized leader in educating global citizens who engage in comparative learning experiences and positively impact our interdependent world. Since 1963, more than 73,000 individuals from 1,700 institutions have traveled to over 60 countries with Semester at Sea and its predecessor programs.

[Read Our Story](#)



Semester at Sea will challenge and shape you unexpectedly. Embrace new experiences, cultures, and perspectives, because the moments that push you beyond familiarity are the ones that lead to the most growth.”

Yulnet Casher
Undergraduate SAS alum

FALL 2027

VOYAGE OVERVIEW



104

Days

11

Countries

11

Cities

4

Continents

12-15

College Credits

Join Semester at Sea as we sail to 11 countries across Europe, South America, Africa, and Asia. You'll experience a wide range of cultures and histories — including the rich maritime customs of Portugal; the eclectic streets of Salvador, Brazil; the vibrant night markets of Vietnam; and much more. You'll do it all while living and learning aboard a ship you'll call home, with a community designed to build friendships for life.

With guided [Field Programs](#) and plenty of opportunities for in-country travel on your own or with fellow SAS voyagers, you'll explore your interests and deepen your understanding of the world. Bring a sense of adventure and a willingness to discover the world as your campus. (Psst — it also helps to know what to actually bring in your suitcase. [Get the full SAS Packing List Guide here.](#))



Never underestimate the power of human connection. Be open to as much change as possible; this will be the most enriching experience of your life.”

Alyse Kelly

Undergraduate SAS alum

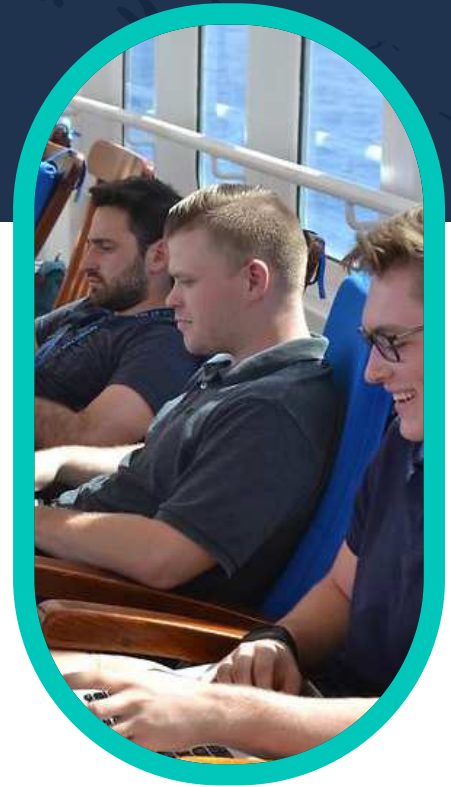
ACADEMICS

For more than half a century, Semester at Sea has served as a pioneer and leader in multi-country, comparative education.



Semester at Sea offers dozens of courses across a wide range of disciplines. The academic component of the program is built around global comparative studies, a form of international education that identifies and connects the world's peoples, patterns, cultures, and traditions. Courses are offered at the undergraduate level and are accredited by [Colorado State University](#).

[Explore Frequently Offered Courses](#)



TIMELINE

Fall 2026 courses are posted as they are approved by our academic partner, Colorado State University.

9-12 MONTHS

prior to the voyage

Courses are listed

6-9 MONTHS

prior to the voyage

Syllabi are available

3-4 MONTHS

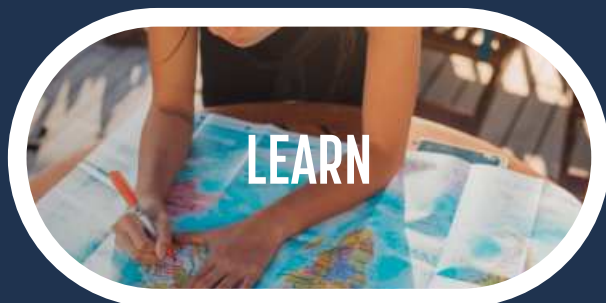
prior to the voyage

Course registration opens

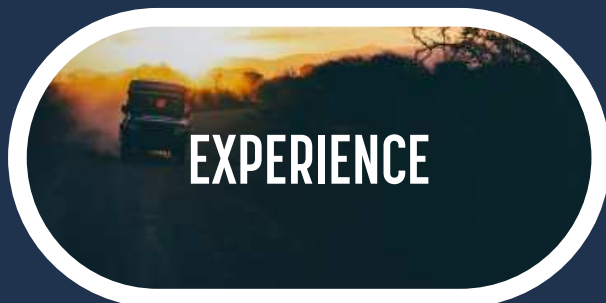
[View Spring 2027 Academic Calendar](#)

HOW IT WORKS

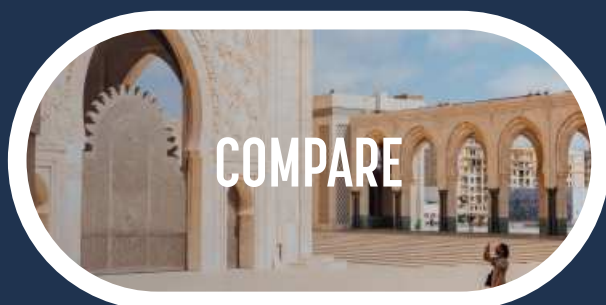
Students on SAS voyages learn to think critically through experiential coursework during their semester-long journey visiting multiple countries by ship.



Through coursework, co-curricular activities, and expert guidance, students gain knowledge and insights about the countries on the itineraries to give relevant and crucial context to the in-country experience.



The in-country element provides hands-on experiential learning, giving students the ability to engage with diverse people, places, and cultures around the world.



Traveling from country to country gives students the opportunity to compare and contrast the similarities and differences of cultures through an academic lens in order to gain deeper insights into our world.



As the voyage progresses, students will integrate new knowledge and understanding into the classroom, discussions, and community activities, creating a lasting impact and gaining a well-rounded experience.

FIELD WORK & FIELD PROGRAMS

When we arrive in each country, student voyagers will either explore on land via required Field Work for their classes, participate in optional Semester at Sea-designed [Field Programs](#), or plan their own independent [travel experiences](#).

COURSE OFFERING INFORMATION

- Semester at Sea students take four courses, including the required core course, IE 200 Global Studies, for a total, full-time course load of 12 credits.
- 70–72 courses will be offered on the Spring 2027 Voyage.
- Courses are taught both in the classroom on board the ship and through organized and independent fieldwork in the visited countries.
- Each course has an experiential Field Class in one of the ports.

DESTINATIONS

In Fall 2027, Semester at Sea will visit 11 countries across Europe, South America, Africa, and Asia.



Destinations were chosen for their diverse range of cultures and histories, the quality of their ports, and the learning opportunities available to voyagers. When not at sea, students will spend an average of 45 days on land, either participating in Field Work, Field Programs, or thoughtfully-planned personal travel.

The following pages provide details about each destination, including the official languages, currency, and potential Field Programs. Please note that Field Program offerings are subject to change according to interest, itinerary updates, instructor/guide availability, etc.



On SAS, I had the opportunity to feel a bond and closeness with people with whom I wouldn't have otherwise had a connection. I learned about their lives, their children's lives, their daily struggles, their most significant times of joy, and began to really care. As I traveled, I became more connected not only to the people I met, but all people everywhere."

Danny Greene

Undergraduate SAS alum





A NOTE ON DIVERSION PORTS

Even the best-laid travel plans need a Plan B. On average, nearly half of our voyages require an itinerary change due to unforeseen factors — weather, political unrest, and other health and safety considerations. As such, we maintain a list of safe, accessible, and culturally rich diversion ports that are selected to meet our program’s academic and experiential standards. Every destination must pass a comprehensive health and safety assessment, regardless of being a planned or diversion port.

POTENTIAL FALL 2027 DIVERSION PORTS

This list is subject to change, and additional ports may be included as required.



CADIZ, SPAIN



LAS PALMAS, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN



NATAL, BRAZIL



WALVIS BAY, NAMIBIA



MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE



MOMBASA, KENYA



VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES



MALE, MALDIVES



PENANG, MALAYSIA

NETHERLANDS FACTS

Capital
Amsterdam

Official Language(s)
Dutch

Religions
Roman Catholicism,
Protestantism

Government
Unitary state, constitutional
monarchy, monarchy,
hereditary monarchy,
parliamentary system,
federacy, representative
democracy

Currency
Euro

Population
18.4 million (2026)



EMBARK IJMUIDEN, NETHERLANDS

Sep 09, 2027

This is where you will meet your shipmates for the first time! Before we embark, you'll get a chance to explore this picturesque city with a rich artistic heritage. Just a short distance from IJmuiden, the capital city of Amsterdam offers innovative restaurants, a strong bike culture, charming canals, and world-class museums. Highlights include visiting the Anne Frank House, biking along the canals, or exploring the waterways via boat.



PORTUGAL FACTS

Capital
Lisbon

Official Language(s)
Portuguese

Religions
Roman Catholicism

Government
Republic, unitary state, parliamentary system, democratic republic

Currency
Euro

Population
10.4 million (2026)

LEIXÕES (OPORTO), PORTUGAL

Sep 15–Sep 18

Emerging as one of Europe’s unsung travel destinations, Portugal has a distinctive culture largely influenced by its maritime history and close relationship with the sea. Semester at Sea voyagers experience Portugal’s past and present through intersecting academic pursuits — from studying the mathematics of Moorish architecture to learning about the history of (and sampling) ocean-based Portuguese cuisine.

POPULAR PORTUGAL FIELD PROGRAMS

Explore Field Programs

**Travel outside of the port country is strictly prohibited unless on an official Semester at Sea Field Program.*



Deep dive into Portuguese traditions and heritage through visits to the beautiful towns of Viana do Castelo and Barcelos.



Embark on a thrilling nature adventure rappelling in a river canyon! End the day with a delicious lunch.



Cross the world’s longest pedestrian suspension bridge on the Paiva Walkways, an 8km trail of fixed wooden decks along the Paiva River.



MOROCCO FACTS

Capital
Rabat

Official Language(s)
Arabic, Tamazight, Tachelhit, Tarifit, French

Religions
Islam

Government
Monarchy, unitary state, parliamentary system, constitutional monarchy

Currency
Moroccan dirham

Population
38.8 million (2026)

TANGIER, MOROCCO

Sep 22–Sep 27

The Kingdom of Morocco is an immensely rich cultural hub of north-western Africa. From urban exploration to desert excursions, experiencing Morocco on Semester at Sea serves as an introduction to the many brilliant facets of this confluence of cultures.

POPULAR MOROCCO FIELD PROGRAMS

[Explore Field Programs](#)



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Marrakech Nomad Camp and the Agafay Desert (3 nights)
Experience a night in a Nomad camp, take a camel trek, and explore a number of important.



Biking Tangier
Explore Tangier's cultural crossroads with a three-hour guided bike journey that ends at stunning Cape Spartel.



Fes and Chefchaouen
Visit Fes, Morocco's oldest imperial city and a UNESCO World Heritage site, and explore Chefchaouen, known as the "blue city."



SALVADOR, BRAZIL

Oct 07–Oct 13

BRAZIL FACTS

Capital
Brasília

Official Language(s)
Portuguese

Religions
Secular state with no official religion; Roman Catholicism widely practiced

Government
Federal presidential constitutional republic

Currency
Brazilian real (BRL)

Population
213.6 million (2026)

Brazil is known for its rich Amazon rainforest, annual Carnival celebration, beautiful beaches, and historical landmarks, such as the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro and the breathtaking Iguazu Falls, which borders neighboring Argentina. Having recently visited Portugal, Semester at Sea voyagers can see traces of former Portuguese colonial rule, as well as how Brazil has evolved into a one-of-a-kind country.

POPULAR BRAZIL FIELD PROGRAMS

Explore Field Programs



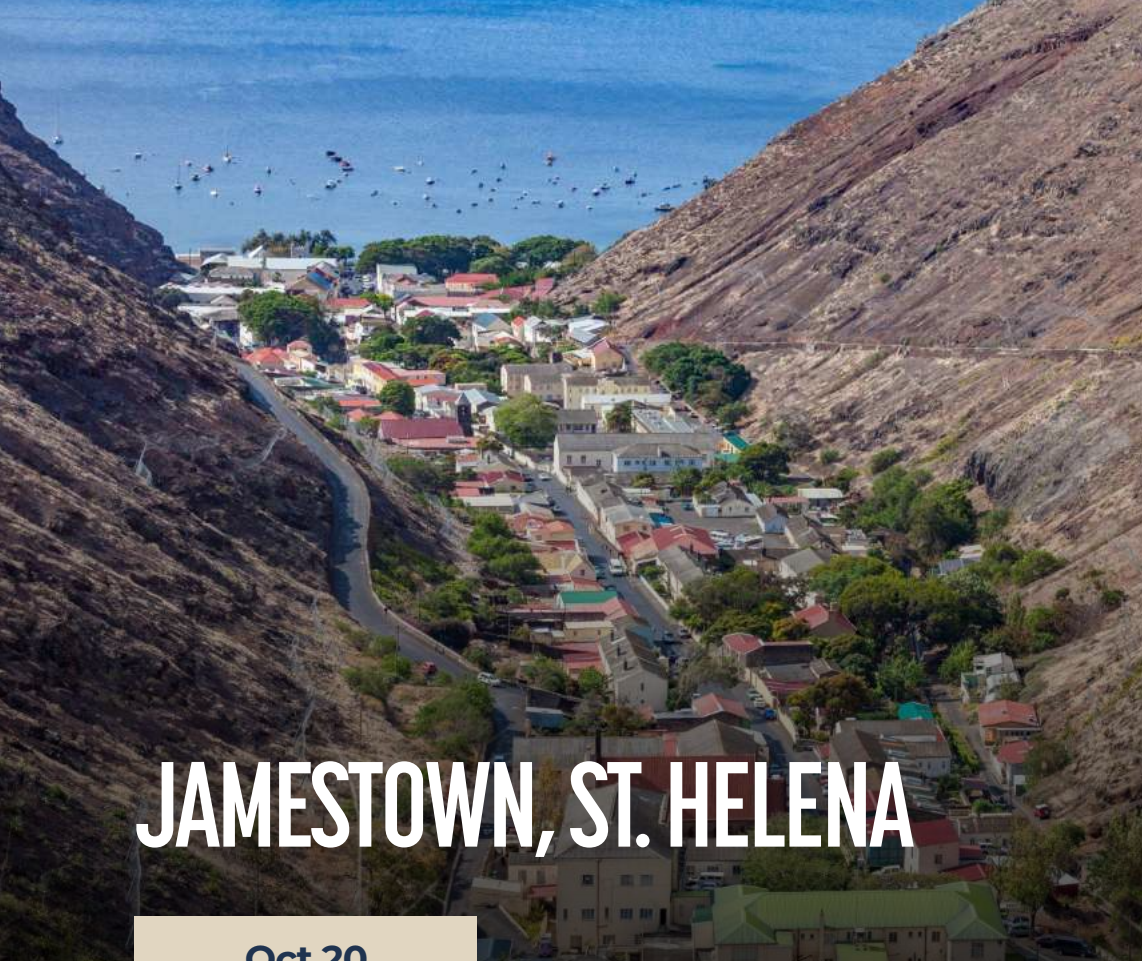
Riverboating in the Amazon
Come face-to-face with caimans, visit a cassava farm, and attend soccer matches with locals along the mighty Amazon River.



Capoeira, Samba, and Percussion Workshops
Rhythm is everywhere you turn in Brazil; pick up a few moves in a dance or music workshop.



Praia do Forte Day Trip
Learn about biodiversity conservation efforts, including protecting sea turtle nesting grounds, in this beautiful beachside village.



ST. HELENA FACTS

Capital
Jamestown

Official Language(s)
English

Religions
Secular state with no official religion; Anglican Christian widely practiced

Government
Parliamentary representative democratic dependency under a constitutional monarchy (UK overseas territory)

Currency
Saint Helena pound (SHP)

Population
5,147 (2026)

JAMESTOWN, ST. HELENA

Oct 20

St. Helena is a small tropical island located in the South Atlantic Ocean, home to only a few thousand permanent residents. It is most known for the Jacob's Ladder staircase, where travelers can ascend 699 steps to breathtaking panoramic views. St. Helena also hosts lush hiking trails across the island — a perfect chance for voyagers to stretch their legs on the transatlantic crossing.

POPULAR ST. HELENA FIELD PROGRAMS

Explore Field Programs



Jamestown City Orientation
Get to know the capital city from local guides, including the history of the emperor Napoleon on the island.



Climb the Steps of Jacob's Ladder
Scale these remains of a 19th-century cable railway for spectacular views.



Whale Watch & Marine Mammal Tour
Keep an eye out for humpback whales, three species of dolphin, and maybe even the gentle whale shark!



SOUTH AFRICA FACTS

Capital
Cape Town (legislative), Pretoria (administrative), and Bloemfontein (judicial)

Official Language(s)
English, Afrikaans, Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, Swati, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu

Religions
Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, traditional African religions, Judaism

Government
Parliamentary republic system, constitutional republic

Currency
South African rand (ZAR)

Population
5.5 million (2026)

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Oct 26–Nov 01

Whether hiking Table Mountain for one of the world’s most iconic views, riding horseback on safari, or engaging with local entrepreneurs in Cape Town, Semester at Sea voyagers always fall in love with South Africa. As our southernmost port of call, this destination offers voyagers a unique chance to experience an array of cultures and expand their travel horizons.

POPULAR KENYA FIELD PROGRAMS

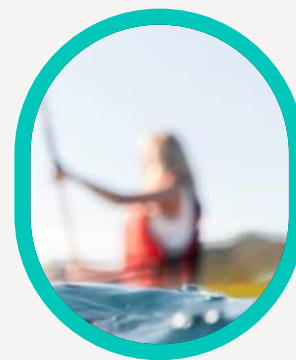
Explore Field Programs



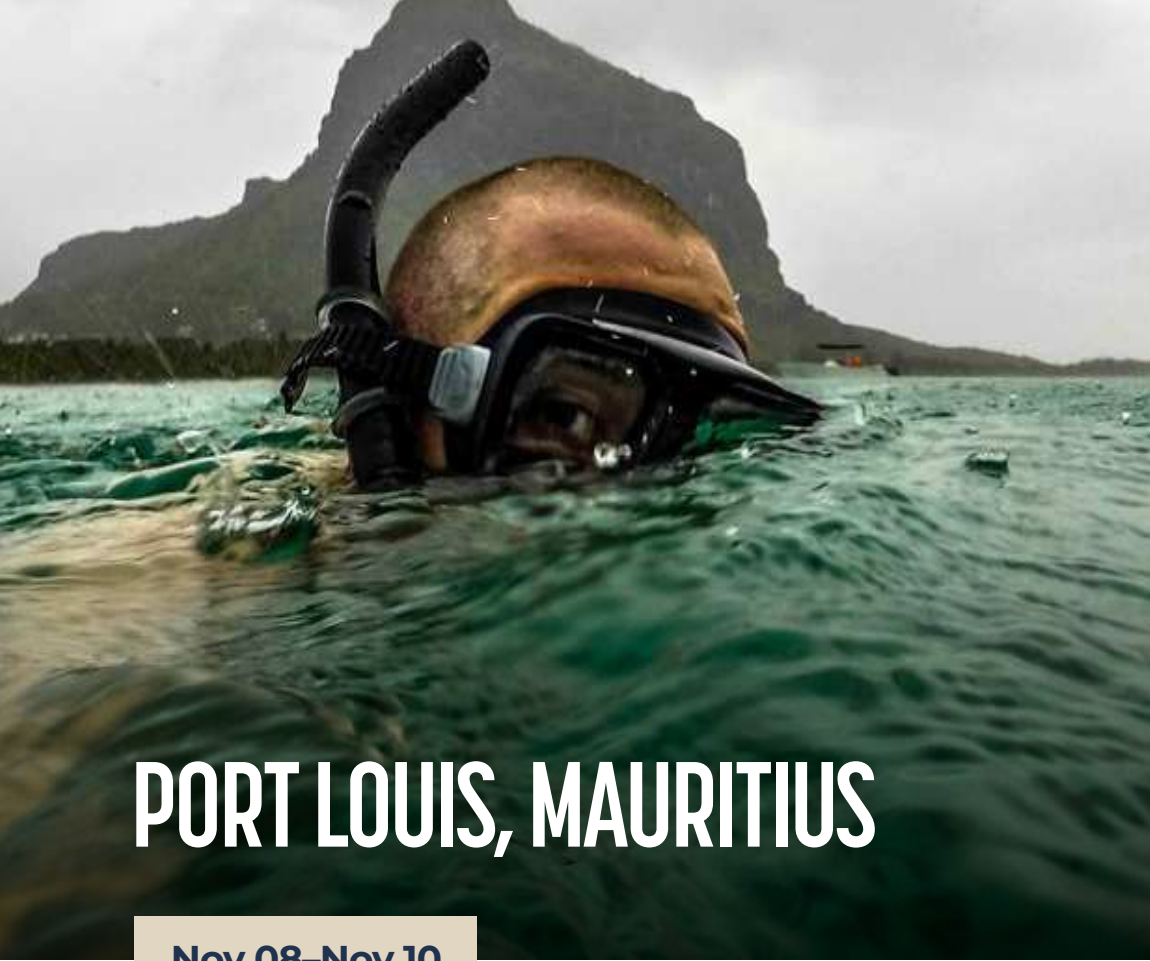
South African Cultural Dinner and Drumming
Enjoy a seasonal tasting menu while listening to archetypal African stories told live.



Cape Town City Orientation
Get your bearings in the city and finish with breathtaking views from the top of Table Mountain.



Kayaking Along the Atlantic Seaboard
Kayak along the coastline, where you may spot dolphins, seals, penguins, sunfish, and occasionally whales!



MAURITIUS FACTS

Capital
Port Louis

Official Language(s)
English

Religions
Christianity, Islam, Hinduism

Government
Parliamentary republic

Currency
Mauritian rupee

Population
1.3 million (2026)

PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS

Nov 08–Nov 10

Mauritius is a tropical paradise and the wealthiest African country. With a unique blend of cultures, welcoming people, and its reputation as one of the safest countries in Africa, this island nation in the Indian Ocean is a popular destination for travelers. The capital city of Port Louis is home to the mountain known as Le Pouce, which was first summited by Charles Darwin and is well worth the hike for great panoramic views of the island. Highlights of our visit may include exploring the volcanic wonders of Mauritius and swimming with wild dolphins.

POPULAR MAURITIUS FIELD PROGRAMS

[Explore Field Programs](#)



Sea Kayaking among the Mangroves

Embark on a sea kayaking adventure through vast, protected lagoons.



Spiritual and Cultural Diversity of Mauritius

Discover the island's many spiritual traditions through visits to some of its most significant religious locations.



Reef Conservation and Beach Clean-up

Take action with Reef Conservation, a local NGO that works to protect coastal and marine environments.



COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

Nov 18–Nov 23

GHANA FACTS

Capital
Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (Legislative), Colombo (Executive and Judicial)

Official Language(s)
Sinhala, Tamil

Religions
Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Christianity

Government
Unitary semi-presidential constitutional republic

Currency
Sri Lankan rupee (LKR)

Population
23.3 million (2026)

Sri Lanka is an island country located in the Indian Ocean, southeast of India. Known for their warm hospitality to travelers, visitors can explore rich tea plantations, scenic train rides, tranquil beaches, and rock fortresses featuring artistic murals and gorgeous city views.



Semester at Sea changed my life. From living on the ship, to traveling and experiencing new places – there is nothing like it. Learning about people’s history and culture before port arrival allowed me to connect to and respect the places I was privileged to visit, a skill that I’ve carried far beyond the voyage.”

Norma Orozco
Undergraduate SAS alum

[Explore Field Programs](#)



SINGAPORE

Nov 29–Nov 30

SINGAPORE FACTS

Capital
Singapore

Official Language(s)
English, Malay (National Language), Mandarin Chinese, Tamil

Religions
Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Taoism, Hinduism

Government
Unitary parliamentary republic

Currency
Singapore dollar (SGD)

Population
6,546,000 (2026)

The city-state of Singapore is renowned for its stunning modern architecture, lush urban gardens, and exceptional culinary scene. Must-see attractions include the futuristic Gardens by the Bay, home to the iconic Supertrees and climate-controlled conservatories, and the bustling Hawker Centers where you can experience its multicultural food culture. Indulge in Singapore’s UNESCO-recognised hawker culture at iconic centres like Lau Pa Sat, see the



Lean in to the opportunity of Semester at Sea. It’s going to be incredible regardless of how you do it, because every single person does it differently. But just keep an open mind, have fun, say yes — get some sleep! — and enjoy the voyage.”

Max Eckerling
Undergraduate SAS alum

[Explore Field Programs](#)



VIETNAM FACTS

Capital
Hanoi

Official Language(s)
Vietnamese

Religions
Atheism, Daoism, Buddhism, Confucianism

Government
Unitary state, communist state, socialist state

Currency
Vietnamese dong

Population
102.2 million (2026)

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Apr 11 – Apr 14

Vietnam is known for its lush, emerald green mountains, outstanding cuisine, and welcoming citizens. Here you can explore the Cu Chi Tunnels, where Viet Cong soldiers lived and fought, travel by boat through the Mekong Delta, sample world-class phở, or bike through small rural villages. Students often enjoy a three-day trip to Cambodia from Vietnam to interact with an NGO that educates and trains disadvantaged locals in rural areas for employment in the hospitality industry.

POPULAR VIETNAM FIELD PROGRAMS

[Explore Field Programs](#)



Life Along the Mekong: Vietnam and Cambodia

Bike through Vinh Long village, visit the Angkor Wat temple, and learn about the impact of the Khmer Rouge movement.



Ho Chi Minh City Orientation

Explore cultural and architectural highlights of this bustling metropolis.



Vital Mangroves: Can Gio Reserve and Rung Sac Special Zone

Travel to Can Gio Biosphere Reserve for an up-close look at this high biodiversity area.



HONG KONG, HK SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

Dec 12–Dec 15

HONG KONG FACTS

Capital
City of Victoria

Official Language(s)
Cantonese, English

Religions
Chinese Folk Religions, Buddhism, Taoism, Protestantism, Catholicism

Government
Hong Kong Government or HKSAR Government

Currency
Hong Kong dollar

Population
7.4 million (2026)

Under British rule from 1841 until 1997, the powerful financial hub of Hong Kong still bears many traces of its colonial past. Semester at Sea voyagers encounter a mix of traditional Chinese customs, British architecture, Japanese cuisine, and the highest number of skyscrapers in the world.

POPULAR HONG KONG FIELD PROGRAMS

[Explore Field Programs](#)



Hong Kong's Street Art
Stroll around Hong Kong to find beautiful works of public art on buildings, giving the streets the feel of an art gallery.



Hiking Dragon's Back
Break out the hiking boots to scale Dragon's Back, one of the most popular trails near Hong Kong.



Buddhist Monastery and Lantau Island

Travel to Can Gio Biosphere Reserve for an up-close look at this high biodiversity area.



THAILAND FACTS

Capital
Bangkok

Official Language(s)
Thai

Religions
Theravada Buddhist

Government
Constitutional monarchy

Currency
Thai baht

Population
71.6 million (2026)

DISEMBARK BANGKOK, THAILAND

Dec 22

This is where voyagers will disembark and say goodbye to their shipboard home. But the adventure doesn't have to end here — many voyagers make independent plans for the final port.

Travelers flock to Thailand for the tranquil beaches, delicious cuisine, magnificent temples and scenery, colorful history, and archaeological sites. Affectionately nicknamed “a land of smiles,” Thai locals are known for being warm and welcoming, and their hospitality is considered to be world-class.

PROGRAM FEES

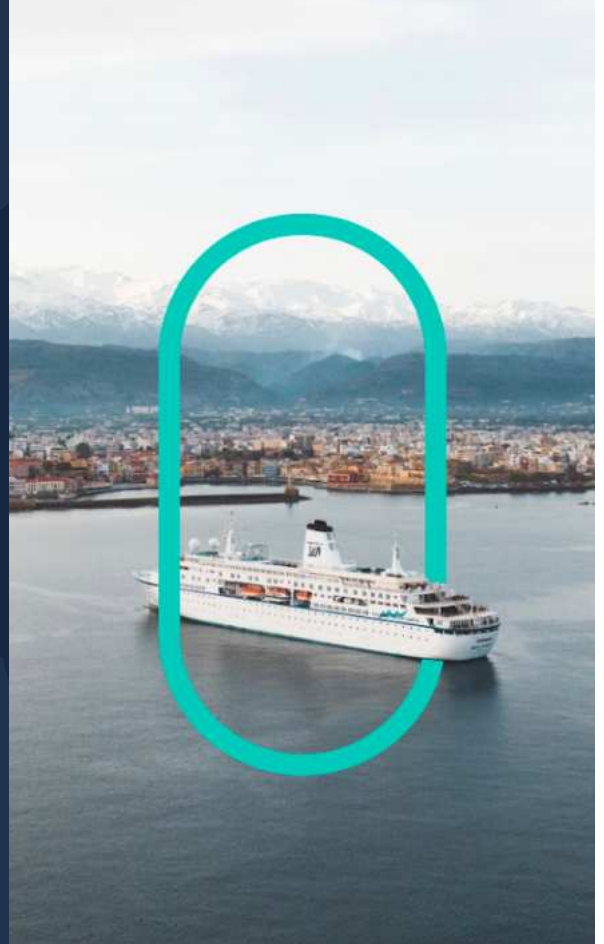


STUDENT PROGRAM FEES INCLUDE:

- Semester's tuition and travel
- Housing, meals, and amenities
- Academic Field Classes
- Email account
- Starter Internet package
- Comprehensive travel health insurance
- Pre-voyage advisement and on-site residential student services staff
- Fuel fee – subject to change depending on global cost fluctuations

ADDITIONAL VOYAGER EXPENSES

- Flights to embarkation/from debarkation
- Overnight stay prior to embarkation
- Travel visas and costs associated with passport renewal
- Textbooks
- Any appropriate vaccinations and boosters
- Between-meal food and beverages while onboard
- Laundry
- SAS Field Programs and personal travel in-country
- Fuel surcharge (if applicable)



COST CALCULATOR

Get an estimate of program expenses for your upcoming Semester at Sea voyage. Please note: This calculator provides an estimate of program fees only. Tuition costs and cabin fees are subject to change.

[Calculate Your Costs](#)

FINANCIAL AID

60% of Semester at Sea students receive some type of financial aid.



Spring 2027 voyagers may use any state and federal aid, grants, and merit scholarships for which they are eligible to fund their Semester at Sea voyage. Even students who do not qualify for standard forms of financial aid (such as Pell Grants) on their home campuses may be eligible for scholarships through the Institute for Shipboard Education | Semester at Sea.

SPRING 2027 VOYAGE STANDARD AWARD DEADLINES

- Application Opens: July 7, 2026
- Deadline: September 5, 2026
- Notification: September 15, 2026

Be sure to keep your eye on the calendar, because those application deadlines come up fast! The following are just some of the financial aid options available to Spring 2027 voyagers:

SCHOLARSHIPS

- [Alumni Funded Scholarships](#) – \$500–\$10,000
- [Davis UWC Scholarship](#) – Full & partial tuition
- [Global Journalism & Integrated Communications Fellowship](#) – \$3,500
- [Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities \(HACU\) Scholarship](#) – \$10,000
- [Historically Black Colleges & Universities \(HBCU\) Scholarship](#) – \$10,000
- [Inclusive Engagement Scholarship](#) – \$5,000 + Flights
- [International Student Advancement Award](#) – \$5,000
- [Minority Serving Institution \(MSI\) Scholarship](#) – \$5,000
- [Tutu Ubuntu Scholarship*](#) – \$30,000

**Available only for Spring voyages*

GRANTS

- [Merit Grants](#) - \$250-\$2,500
- [Need-Based Grants](#) - \$250-\$10,000
- [Pell Grant Match](#) - Varies
- [Student Assistant Grants](#) - \$4,000

OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS:

- [Federal loans & student aid](#)
- [Semester at Sea Monthly Payment Plan](#) - *Interest free!*
- [Outside funding sources](#)
- [Veterans benefits](#)

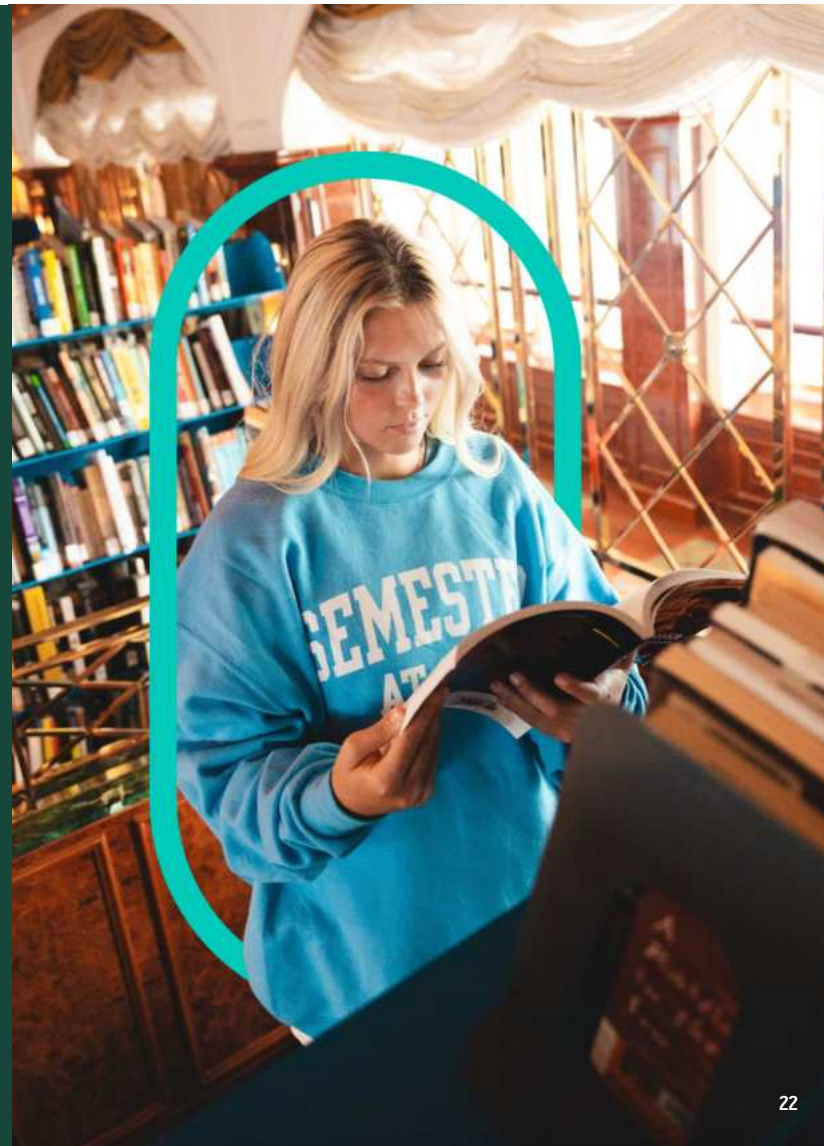
[See More Scholarships and Grants](#)

“

I got TONS of scholarships, ranging from \$250-\$8,000, that I pieced together like a beautiful money quilt. My entire voyage was paid for (not including excursions, those were out of pocket) in scholarships!”

Madison May

Undergraduate SAS alum



HOW TO APPLY

Ready to embark on the adventure of a lifetime?



Follow steps 1–5 to apply as a traditional undergraduate college student. For other types of voyagers, please visit our Gap Year or Lifelong Learners pages.

[Gap Year Application](#)

[Lifelong Learner Application](#)

1 CREATE AN ACCOUNT

To start the application process, you must first create an account in the Online Application and Deposit Portal.

[Create Your Account](#)

2 CONTACT YOUR ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR

Your counselor will help answer all your questions and make sure you are ready to apply! Semester at Sea admissions counselors are located across the United States, and we have a dedicated counselor to support international students.

[Contact Admissions](#)

3 APPLY ONLINE

We accept applications year-round on a rolling basis. But applying early increases your chances of securing a spot on the ship, as voyages do fill up! Once you complete your application, there is a non-refundable application fee of \$75 to start the review process.

[Apply Now](#)

4 GET ACCEPTED AND PAY THE DEPOSIT

Once it's official, you will pay a \$1,000 deposit to reserve your cabin for the voyage. Your deposit is credited toward your program fees, and it is fully refundable up until the final payment deadline, usually around 90 days before your voyage begins.

[Review Admissions Requirements](#)

5 EXPLORE FUNDING OPTIONS

We are committed to helping make Semester at Sea accessible to a broad range of students. About 60% of voyagers receive some type of financial aid. You don't necessarily need to qualify for financial aid from your home university to be eligible for a grant or scholarship from Semester at Sea.

[Learn About Financial Aid](#)

Once you've been accepted, meet your shipmates and start packing!

Official voyage preparations begin five months before you set sail. Voyagers will receive all the information and support they need to get ready to sail the world with Semester at Sea.

But why wait? Start connecting with other future voyagers and SAS alumni on social media using [#semesteratsea](#).



I dreamt of going on SAS since middle school, and I'm forever grateful for the opportunities SAS brought me. I was given freedom to explore the world, and the comfort to know I wasn't alone. The bond between SAS students is so unique and genuine."

Isabella Worsham

Undergraduate SAS alum

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



IS THE PROGRAM OPEN TO STUDENTS IN ALL MAJORS?

Yes, students from all majors regularly enroll in Semester at Sea. More than 40 majors are typically represented on any given voyage.

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES OF GAINING ADMISSION?

Students who meet Semester at Sea's requirements are likely to be accepted. If you are in good academic standing and have a good record with regard to behavior on your home campus, you will be given every consideration. Semester at Sea operates with the philosophy that all undergraduate students should study abroad. We will work with you to help make it possible.

DO I HAVE TO APPLY FOR A SPECIFIC SEMESTER?

Yes, you must apply for a specific fall or spring voyage. However, you can transfer your application to a different voyage without reapplying. You will be required to provide updated transcripts to be considered for admission to the later voyage.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

For federal aid and loans, you should complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) on your home campus. The information that this process generates will be used both for federal aid and loans and for ISE/SAS assistance. For international students, please complete the ISE International Student Aid form, found in your student portal. Semester at Sea financial aid deadlines are typically 3.5 months prior to voyage embarkation date. Visit the [ISE Scholarships page](#) for applications and deadlines.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

Semester at Sea operates on a rolling admissions basis, meaning there are no application deadlines for specific semesters. However, it is recommended that you begin the application process 12 months before the semester in which you would like to participate. Applications will continue to be accepted until approximately one month before the start of the voyage.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Admissions for more information about applying.

[Request Information](#)

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When I walked on the ship, I knew no one and it was a bit scary. But by the end of the voyage I had met some of my best friends and had explored the world with them. Because of SAS, I now have friends all over the world and will continue to travel with my friends I made on the voyage. I am forever grateful for being able to be on [my voyage] and for the memories that were made.”

Megan Baniecke

Undergraduate SAS alum