



VOYAGE GUIDE

# SPRING 2027



A Global Education Exploring  
Asia, Africa, & Europe



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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 has genuinely been one of the greatest highlights of my life. Not only was I able to circumnavigate the globe in the span of 3.5 months, but I was able to create unforgettable connections with myself, the world, and others around me.”**

Kristen Sew

*Undergraduate SAS alum*

SPRING 2027

## VOYAGE OVERVIEW



105

Days

11

Countries

12

Cities

3

Continents

12-15

College Credits

Join Semester at Sea as we sail to 11 countries in Asia, Africa, and Europe. You'll experience a wide range of cultures and histories — including the urban center of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam; a rural Indian village; the savory cuisines of Ghana; the rich cultural confluences of Morocco; and a whole lot more — all while living and learning aboard a ship you'll call home with a community that's 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.](#))



“

There really are no words to describe Semester at Sea. You come back from your voyage a changed person. It might be the cultural experiences or just the lifelong friends that you make. SAS really was the best semester of my college experience.”

Campbell Allen

*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**

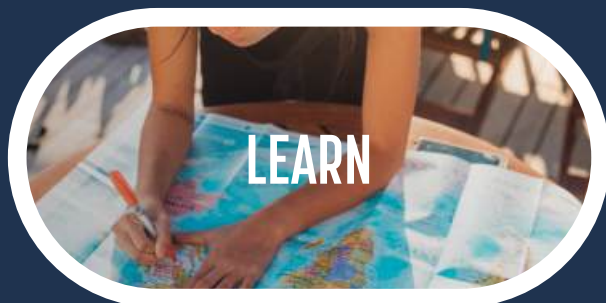
prior to the voyage

Course registration opens

[View Spring 2027 Academic Calendar](#)

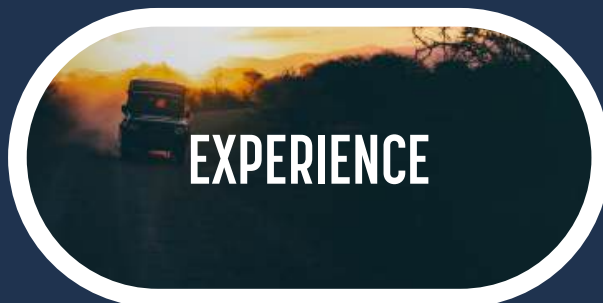
# HOW IT WORKS

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



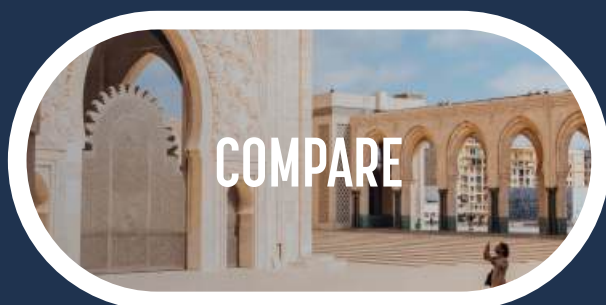
## LEARN

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.



## 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.



## COMPARE

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.



## INTEGRATE

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 Spring 2027, Semester at Sea will visit 11 countries across Europe, 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 SPRING 2027 DIVERSION PORTS

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



PENANG, MALAYSIA



MALÉ, MALDIVES



VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES



PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS



DURBAN, SA



WALVIS BAY, NAMIBIA



LAS PALMAS, CANARY ISLANDS,  
SPAIN



LA CORUÑA, SPAIN



LISBON, PORTUGAL



BREST, FRANCE

## THAILAND FACTS

**Capital**  
Bangkok

**Official Language(s)**  
Thai

**Religions**  
Theravada Buddhist

**Government**  
Constitutional monarchy

**Currency**  
Thai baht

**Population**  
71.6 million (2026)



EMBARK  
**BANGKOK, THAILAND**

Jan 05, 2027

This is where you will meet your shipmates for the first time! Before we embark, you'll get a chance to explore this vibrant, culture-rich city. 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.



## VIETNAM FACTS

**Capital**  
Hanoi

**Official Language(s)**  
Vietnamese

**Religions**  
Buddhism, Daoism, Confucianism, Catholicism, folk beliefs

**Government**  
Unitary socialist republic under Communist Party

**Currency**  
Vietnamese đồng

**Population**  
103.6 million (2026)

# HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Jan 12 – Jan 17

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

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



### 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.

## INDONESIA FACTS

**Capital**  
Jakarta

**Official Language(s)**  
Indonesian

**Religions**  
Islam, Christianity,  
Hinduism, Buddhism

**Government**  
Unitary presidential republic

**Currency**  
Indonesian rupiah

**Population**  
282.5 million (2026)

# SURABAYA, INDONESIA

Jan 23 – Jan 27

Surabaya, often called the “City of Heroes,” is a dynamic port city and a key historical center that offers a rich blend of Dutch colonial architecture, a bustling Chinatown, and a lively Arab Quarter featuring the ancient Sunan Ampel Mosque. Voyagers can explore House of Sampoerna (a preserved colonial-style compound with a museum), engage in history when visiting the towering Heroes Monument (Tugu Pahlawan), which commemorates the Battle of Surabaya, or journey to cross the Suramadu Bridge, the longest bridge in Indonesia, to reach Madura Island to witness traditional bull races.

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You never know how much an interaction with someone can truly impact the way you think about something. Semester at Sea taught me to think differently about how I go about my life, how I make my everyday decisions, and where my priorities lie.

Alyse Kelly  
Undergraduate SAS alum

[Explore Field Programs](#)

## 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)

# SINGAPORE

Jan 30 – Jan 31

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 magnificent Sultan Mosque with its golden dome, or visit the Sri Veeramakaliamman Temple and explore the exhibits at the Indian Heritage Centre.



**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](#)

## INDIA FACTS

**Capital**  
New Delhi

**Official Language(s)**  
Hindi, English

**Religions**  
Hinduism, Buddhism,  
Jainism, Sikhism

**Government**  
Parliamentary federal  
republic

**Currency**  
Indian rupee

**Population**  
1.48 billion (2026)

# CHENNAI, INDIA

**Feb 05 – Feb 10**

As one of the most populous nations in the world, India is bustling with traditions and customs influenced by a variety of ethnicities and religions. Over the course of five to six days, Semester at Sea voyagers experience some of India's many treasures, from the soaring minarets of the Taj Mahal to the serene banks of the Ganges River to the rural, traditional village of Chendamangalam.

## POPULAR INDIA FIELD PROGRAMS

[Explore Field Programs](#)



**New Delhi and Agra's Taj Mahal**  
Spend two nights in New Delhi and visit the spellbinding Taj Mahal.



**Foodies on Foot – Kochi-Style**  
Sample selections from Kochi's street vendors on an evening foodie tour.



**Beach and Backwater Cycling Adventure**  
Pedal through mangrove forests, small fishing villages, and the tranquil backwaters beyond Kochi.

## KENYA FACTS

**Capital**  
Nairobi

**Official Language(s)**  
Swahili, English

**Religions**  
Protestant Christianity,  
Catholicism, Islam,  
indigenous religions

**Government**  
Presidential republic and  
unitary representative  
democracy

**Currency**  
Kenyan shilling

**Population**  
59.1 million (2026)

# MOMBASA, KENYA

Feb 19 – Feb 23

When it comes to wildlife destinations, Kenya is hard to beat. Between parks, reserves, and private conservations, Kenya is home to some of the most diverse wildlife populations on the planet. Voyagers may visit the grassy plains of Amboseli National Park, where elephants are silhouetted against Mount Kilimanjaro, among other animals such as giraffes, zebras, hippos, lions, cheetahs, and more. Students also have the chance to see Lake Turkana, a UNESCO world heritage site recognized for holding ancient artifacts from the oldest humans found to date.

## POPULAR KENYA FIELD PROGRAMS

Explore Field Programs



**Saving Seas with Kenya Groove**  
Participate in a beach clean-up with a crew from Ocean Sole, an innovative company turning washed up flip flops into upcycled works of art.



**Tastes of Mombasa**  
Experience some of the local delicacies of Mombasa and gain a deeper insight into the Swahili street food scene.



**Tsavo East in a Day**  
Spend a day on safari to see a large variety of animals including lions, leopards, cheetahs, zebras, giraffes, impala, striped hyena, ostriches, gazelles, buffalo, elephants, and more.

## SOUTH AFRICA FACTS

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

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

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

**Government**  
Parliamentary constitutional republic

**Currency**  
South African rand (ZAR)

**Population**  
65.5 million (2026)

# CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Mar 04 – Mar 09

Whether hiking Table Mountain for one of the world's best 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 SOUTH AFRICA 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.



### Cape Town, Robben Island, and the Legacy of Apartheid

Visit Robben Island, site of Nelson Mandela's imprisonment, and learn about the dark history of apartheid.

## GHANA FACTS

**Capital**  
Accra

**Official Language(s)**  
English

**Religions**  
Christianity, Islam,  
Indigenous religions

**Government**  
Unitary presidential  
constitutional republic

**Currency**  
Ghanaian cedi

**Population**  
35.9 million (2026)

# TEMA & TAKORADI, GHANA

Mar 17 – Mar 22

Ghana is a sub-Saharan country bursting with life. Outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy treks through the Accra plains and neighboring reserves. Field Programs include upcycled craft workshops and visiting the Cape Coast Slave Dungeons for a historical Ghanaian perspective on the 17th-century slave trade. Additional highlights include an authentic village immersion experience or an adventurous canopy walk.

## POPULAR GHANA FIELD PROGRAMS

[Explore Field Programs](#)



### Exploring Ghana's Cocoa and Chocolate Industries

Visit a chocolate factory to get a behind-the-scenes understanding of cocoa, from cultivation to chocolate creation.



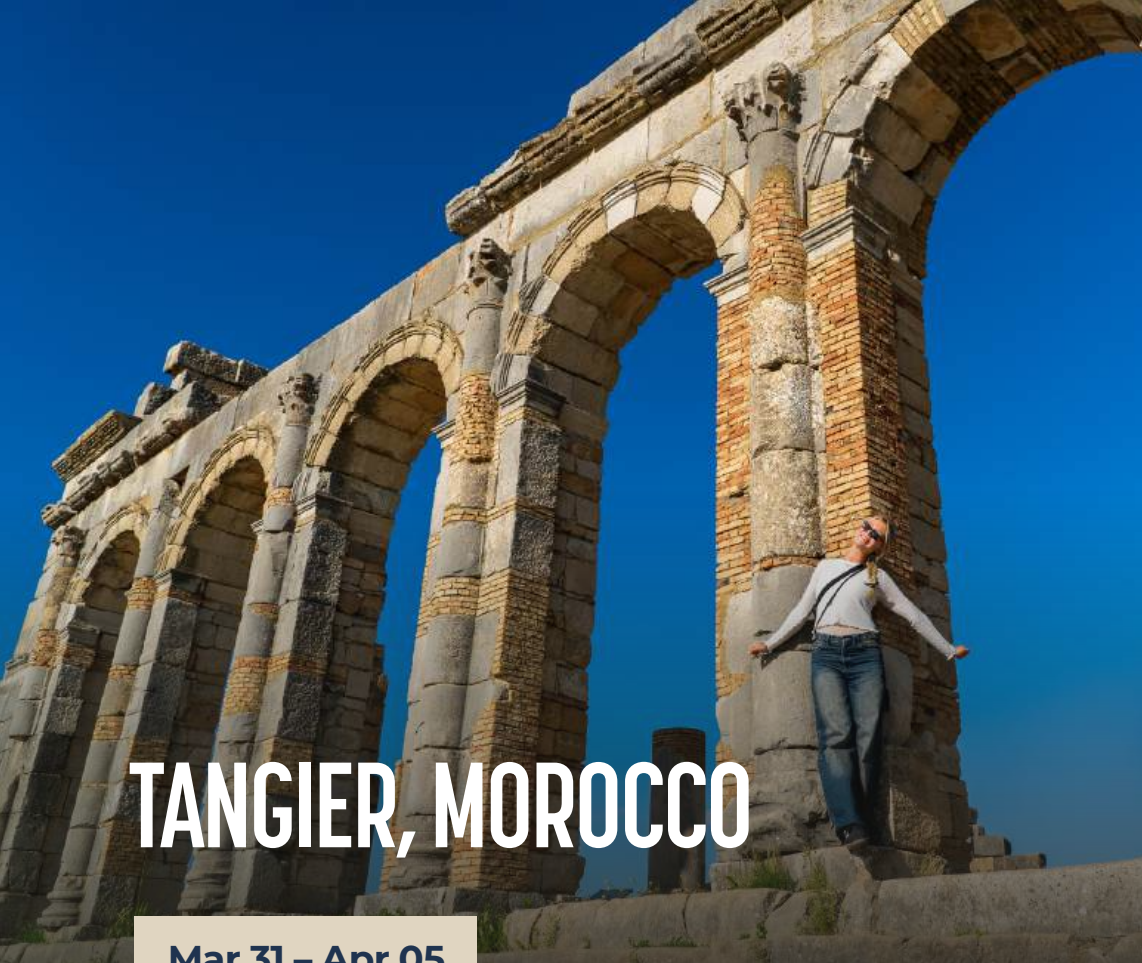
### Sharing Stories with Ghana's Young Entrepreneurs

Learn about local young people's journeys of entrepreneurship over a communal lunch.



### Adventures in Southern Ghana

Hike to the tallest waterfall in Ghana, participate in a village Ghanaian ceremony, and visit Cape Coast Castle during this three-night trip.



# TANGIER, MOROCCO

**Mar 31 – Apr 05**

## 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**  
39.2 million (2026)

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](#)



**Sahara Camel Trek**  
Sleep under the stars in a nomadic camp and settle in for a camel trek into the desert.



**Marrakech Medina and Majorelle Gardens**  
Get a taste of Marrakesh, possibly the most important of Morocco's four former imperial cities.



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

## SCOTLAND FACTS

**Capital**  
Edinburgh

**Official Language(s)**  
English, Scots, Scottish Gaelic

**Religions**  
Not religious, Church of Scotland (Presbyterian), Roman Catholic

**Government**  
Devolved parliamentary legislature within the United Kingdom's constitutional monarchy

**Currency**  
Pound sterling (GBP)

**Population**  
5,546,900 (2026)

# LEITH, SCOTLAND

**Apr 11 – Apr 14**

Scotland is home to dramatic contrasts, from the rugged, sparsely populated Highlands to its vibrant-yet-medieval cities like Edinburgh and Glasgow. Its history is a rich tapestry of clans, castles, and a long struggle for independence. Scotland is the birthplace of global phenomena like golf (invented in St. Andrews), Scotch whisky, and numerous world-changing inventions that include the telephone and penicillin. Modern ingenuity is seamlessly blended with proud traditions, from the sound of the Great Highland bagpipe to the colorful patterns of tartan worn by its people.



**Semester at Sea allowed me to be more independent and open-minded. It made me realize how valuable life truly is.”**

Sean Hickey  
*Undergraduate SAS alum*

[Explore Field Programs](#)

## GERMANY FACTS

### Capital

Berlin

### Official Language(s)

German

### Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant

### Government

Federal parliamentary constitutional republic

### Currency

Euro

### Population

84.9 million (2026)



**DISEMBARK**

**BREMERHAVEN, GERMANY**

**Apr 20**

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. Germany is a must-see destination for its combination of old-world charm and modern urban cities. From beautiful scenery and great architecture to lively festivals, exciting nightlife, and delicious traditional and global cuisine, Germany offers it all.

# 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

Student program fees vary depending on voyage and cabin type. In general, here is what you can expect to pay for a Semester at Sea voyage (before financial aid):

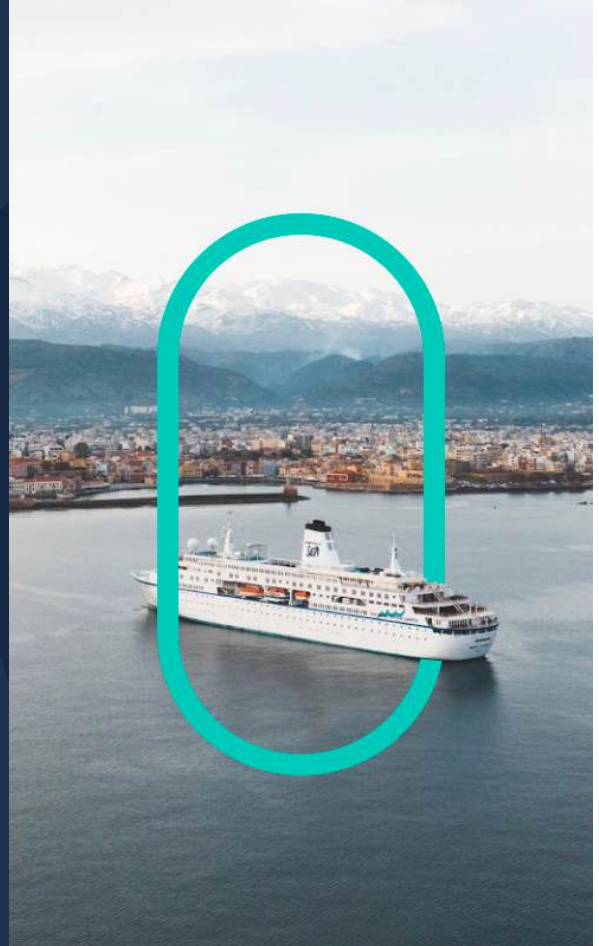
Billable Expenses ("Program Fees")	STANDARD CABINS	PREMIUM CABINS
Tuition	\$24,000	\$24,000
Room/Board	\$8,700	\$13,700
Fuel Fee*	\$1,900	\$1,900
Environmental Impact Offset	\$300	\$300
<b>Billable Program Fee Total</b>	<b>\$34,900</b>	<b>\$39,900</b>

\*(Expenses are subject to change depending on global cost fluctuations. Please review our [fuel surcharge policy](#).)

[Download Voyage Budget](#)

# 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)



ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES:		
Airfare	\$2,500	\$2,500
Visas	\$825	\$825
Immunizations	\$550	\$550
Personal & Field Programs	\$5,000	\$5,000
Local Transportation	\$550	\$550
Books	\$550	\$550
<b>Non-Billable Total</b>	<b>\$9,975</b>	<b>\$9,975</b>
<b>Total Cost of Attendance</b>	<b>Standard Cabins \$44,875</b>	<b>Premium Cabins \$49,875</b>

## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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*