



# OVER & BACK

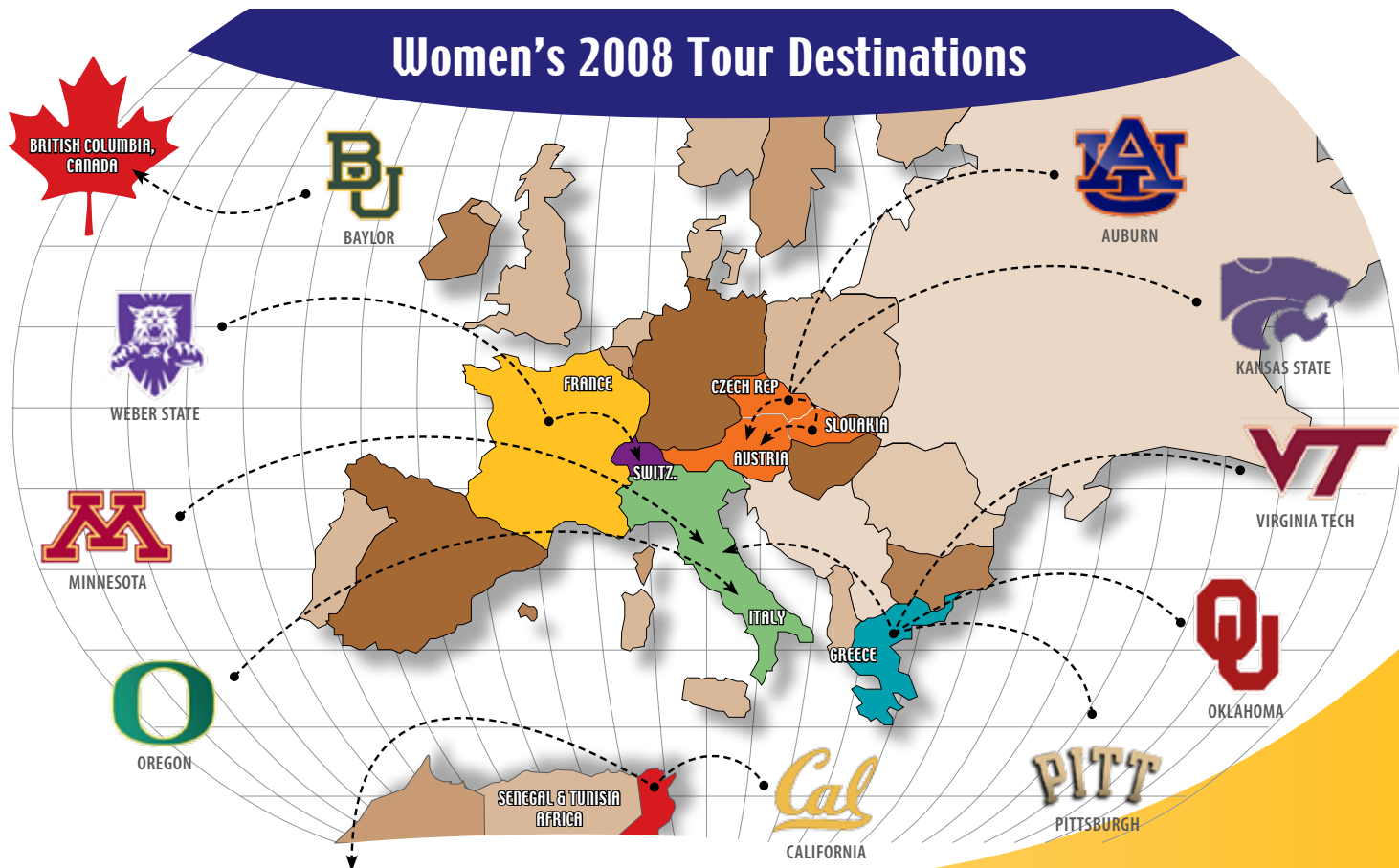
## WOMEN'S EDITION

### 2008 SUMMER & LABOR DAY TOURS STILL AVAILABLE

Need extra game experience? Want to build team chemistry? Foreign tours can assist with these team goals and more. There are two types of foreign tours teams can take, longer summer trips and shorter Labor Day trips. Summer break tours typically run 9-10 days with about 5 games, allowing greater opportunity for building team chemistry. Tours during the Labor Day break (if your school is in session) offer different advantages, including bringing your freshmen. Labor Day tours are a shorter, more intense alternative to the summer tours, lasting in general 3-4 days with 2-3 games played. Regardless of which option you choose, both afford ten days of practice before the tour. Coaches get a head start on teaching skills and concepts that other schools won't cover until October.

**TOUR DESTINATION OPTIONS INCLUDE: Europe, Australia, Africa, Canada and the Bahamas**

**TOUR TEAMS:** **Summer - 2007:** Wyoming, Arizona State, Marquette, Iowa, Montana State, San Diego, Kansas, Charlotte, Vanderbilt  
**Fall - 2007:** Arkansas, New Mexico State, Wichita State



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## UConn, Wake Forest Win in Paradise

In what was arguably the best tournament field assembled anywhere this season, Connecticut powered their way to the St. Thomas division championship over a field that included Duke, Stanford, Purdue, Temple and ODU. Maya Moore earned the tournament MVP in her first outing as a collegiate player, undoubtedly the first of many such honors for the standout from Connecticut. Wake Forest earned the St. John division championship trophy by beating Texas A&M, Indiana and Wichita State.

The 2008 Paradise Jam continues the tradition of stiff early-season competition with another strong field including: Baylor, California, Central Florida, Iowa, South Florida, Texas Tech, Villanova and Wisconsin.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam at University of the Virgin Islands is a 3-for-2 MTE tournament held annually in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Games are played at the state-of-the-art Sports and Fitness Center on the U.V.I. campus. The 2008 tournament is filled and only one spot remains for the 2009 tournament.

**Call now for entry into 2009 and beyond or go to [ParadiseJam.com](http://ParadiseJam.com) for more details.**



*Connecticut celebrates winning the 2008 St. Thomas division championship in the strongest Paradise Jam field ever.*



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### U.S. Virgin Islands Paradise Jam – St. Thomas USVI – 3-Game MTE – Thanksgiving

**2007 CHAMPIONS:** Connecticut & Wake Forest  
**2008 FIELD:** Baylor, California, Central Florida, Iowa, South Florida, Texas Tech, Villanova and Wisconsin  
**2009 FIELD:** Charlotte, Maryland, NC State, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Rutgers, Texas; *1 team needed*



### Junkanoo Jam – Grand Bahama Island – 2 Game Non-MTE – Thanksgiving

**2007 CHAMPIONS:** Georgia, NC State  
**2008 FIELD:** Arizona State, Arkansas, Florida, Hofstra, North Carolina, Oregon State, Pacific, Southern Illinois  
**2009 FIELD:** *8 teams needed*



### Basketball Travelers Tournaments – Various Hosts – 3-Game MTE – Various Dates

**2007 CHAMPIONS:** Baylor (Tip-Off), Texas Tech (Classic)  
**2008 FIELD:** New Mexico (Tip-Off Host), Idaho State, Alcorn State, DePaul  
**2009 FIELD:** Hosts, participants needed



### World Vision Classic – Various Hosts – 3-Game MTE – Various Dates

**2008 FIELD:** Texas (host), Dayton, Old Dominion, St. Marys  
**2009 FIELD:** Hosts, participants needed



### WBCA Classic – Various Hosts – 3 Game MTE – Various Dates

**2007 CHAMPION:** Penn State  
**2008 FIELD:** Marquette (host), Virginia, Utah; *1 team needed*  
**2009 FIELD:** Hosts, participants needed



### Orange County Clash – Anaheim, CA – 2-Game Non-MTE – Pre-Christmas

**2008 FIELD:** Cal-Irvine (host), Illinois State, UNC Greensboro, Western Michigan  
**2009 FIELD:** Cal-Irvine (host); *3 teams needed*



### Surf 'N Slam – San Diego, CA – 2-Game Non-MTE – Dec. 26-31

**2007 CHAMPIONS:** Seton Hall (Aztec Division), Texas (Torero Division)  
**2008 FIELD:** Univ. San Diego (host), New Mexico State; *2 teams needed* – San Diego State (host), Long Island, UTEP; *1 team needed*  
**2009 FIELD:** Univ. San Diego (host), New Mexico State; *2 teams needed* – San Diego State (host); *3 teams needed*

# WHO ELSE BUT NELS...A Note from Nels Hawkinson, Executive Director of Basketball Traveler's Inc.

In looking back over the past season, once again I am struck by the absolute blessing my involvement in NCAA women's basketball has been in my life for the past 26 years. If you include my time in coaching and business, that's more than half my life! I just returned from visiting several conference tournaments and it reminded me how important so many of you have become in my life. I come home to my family and tell them all about the time I've spent together with so many of you and of the stories we've shared. Their eyes glaze over a bit after the third or fourth story (I guess it's better in person) but my wife says she can tell that spending time with you energizes me, despite the long travel hours and countless hotel rooms.

Something about turning 50 this year has made me more introspective (me, introspective?) But it's true . . . more than ever, I feel a responsibility to reach out to those in the coaching profession who may either be struggling or rejoicing amidst the many circumstances life throws our way.

I'd like to share with you something Becky, one of my co-workers, gave me years ago:

Happy Moments . . . . . Praise God    Difficult Moments . . . . . Seek God    Quiet Moments . . . . . Worship God  
Painful Moments . . . . . Trust God    Every Moment . . . . . Thank God

I hope somehow I can return to you the blessing you've been to me, be it through encouragement, laughter, admonishment or friendship. I look forward to seeing many of you in Tampa!

Who else but



*Iowa Women pose in front of 14th-century cliff-top monastery near Meteora in central Greece.*

## IT'S NOT ALL GREEK TO IOWA

While most history students were relaxing after studying for finals week, the Iowa women were busy living it. The Hawkeyes flew to Greece in late May to play three games against the Greek national team and also to sightsee amidst the treasures of Athens, Thessaloniki and the Greek islands.

Iowa coach Lisa Bluder commented, "Our tour to Greece was spectacular! We had a great mix of highly competitive basketball games, tours of amazing historical sights and relaxing time to bond with our team. I know that the experience will help us next year in terms of improving our play and the chemistry that was developed among players and coaches."

Iowa tied for first place in the Big 10 conference regular season and is looking forward to the NCAA tournament.

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"Whatever you do, work at it  
with all your heart, as working for  
the Lord, not for men." ~ Col. 3:23



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