An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of Duke University

With Dr. Beth Holmgren, Professor of Slavic and Eurasian Studies, Duke University

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Dear Duke Alumni and Friends,

Discover the charm of Budapest, Vienna, Warsaw, Krakow, and Prague, and explore significant cultural, historical and scenic sites along the way. Highlights include touring Vienna’s majestic Schönbrunn Palace and seeing Josefov, Prague’s historic Jewish ghetto. Explore the unique Wieliczka Salt Mine near Krakow, and visit Auschwitz-Birkenau. Conclude your journey in Prague, with ample free time to explore the city on your own. For those interested in exploring the cosmopolitan German capital, a four-day/three-night post-tour Berlin “On Your Own” extension is available.

Space on this exclusive 16-day departure is limited to 24 guests. Your educational program will be led by a knowledgeable and attentive Odysseys Tour Director as well as expert local guides. Your Duke study leader for the program is Dr. Beth Holmgren, Professor of Slavic and Eurasian Studies at Duke University. Holmgren completed her undergraduate studies at Grinnell College and earned her Ph.D. at Harvard University. She is trained in Polish Studies and Russian Studies with special expertise in narrative and film analysis, performance studies, gender studies, diasporic studies, and cultural history. Call to reserve your space today at (919) 684-2988!

Forever Duke,

Beth Ray-Schroeder ’83
Director, Duke Alumni Travels
Duke Alumni Association

DUKE ALUMNI TRAVELS RESERVATION FORM – DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Discovering Eastern Europe departing May 26, 2020. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Duke Alumni Travels, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708. Or you may fax this form securely to (919) 660-0148. For more information, please call Duke Alumni Travels at (919) 684-2988. For trip information only, please contact Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. at (888) 370–6765.

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Please book my/our air from ___________________________ I/We request an air upgrade to _________________
I will share a room with _____________________________________ I request a single room (limited availability)
Post-Tour “Berlin – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up
Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Discovering Eastern Europe, May 26–June 10, 2020, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.
Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________ Date__________________

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.
Discovering Eastern Europe

16 days from $4,897 total price from Boston, New York ($4,395 air & land inclusive plus $502 airline taxes and fees)

Whether you’re seeking to recapture your ancestral heritage or simply wish to discover a beautiful and poignant part of the world, this small group tour offers ample opportunity for enrichment, enlightenment, and enjoyment. With both comprehensive touring and time for independent exploration, it provides a generous overview of four distinctly different – and fascinating – nations.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Warsaw, Poland

Day 2: Arrive Warsaw After arriving in the Polish capital late this morning, we have free time before we gather for tonight’s welcome dinner at our hotel. D

Day 3: Warsaw Virtually destroyed during World War II, Warsaw was rebuilt in the decades that followed. With the fall of Communism, the city has become more dynamic and progressive while retaining much of its distinct character. We tour this phoenix city today, visiting the faithfully rebuilt Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site; and the Royal Castle, whose origins date to the late 13th century. We also tour the area of the former Jewish Ghetto and the Jewish Cemetery. This afternoon is free for independent exploration; before dinner on our own tonight we enjoy a private classical piano recital. B

Day 4: Warsaw/Auschwitz/Krakow Today we journey south to the industrial city of Oswiecim – Auschwitz in German – and the concentration camp that is now a museum chronicling the horrors of the Nazis’ Final Solution. We tour Auschwitz and also visit the vast camp at Birkenau before traveling on to Krakow, arriving late this afternoon. B,L,D

Day 5: Krakow A major center of Polish culture and education, Krakow survived World War II intact, leaving it with more historic buildings and monuments than anywhere else in the country. Its authentic Old Town is a UNESCO cultural site, and the Main Market Square the largest medieval square in Europe. This morning’s tour includes the historic area; St. Mary’s Church; the Royal Chambers of Wawel Castle, seat of royalty for more than 500 years; and Wawel Cathedral, the national church. The remainder of the day is free to explore this charming city independently. Lunch and dinner today are on our own. B

Day 6: Krakow This morning we tour the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site that is a virtual underground city, with galleries, lakes, chapels, and murals – all carved from salt. The mine’s...
centerpiece is the Chapel of Saint Kinga, with its chandelier and mural of The Last Supper, carved by three miners over a period of 68 years. Then we return to Krakow, where the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration, with lunch and dinner on our own in this historic capital. B

Day 7: Krakow/Slovakia/Budapest Heading south today we travel through the snowcapped Tatra Mountains into the country of Slovakia, where we stop for lunch. Continuing our journey, we reach our hotel in Buda’s elegant Castle District early this evening and dine there together tonight. B,L,D

Day 8: Budapest Today’s half-day tour of the Hungarian capital begins adjacent to our hotel with a visit to Matthias Church, the symbol of Buda’s Castle District, and a stroll around Fisherman’s Bastion for outstanding views of the Pest side of the city across the Danube. Then we cross the Chain Bridge into Pest where we tour Dohany Synagogue, Europe’s largest. Following an afternoon at leisure, tonight we enjoy a typical Hungarian dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

Day 9: Budapest We’re free to discover the “Paris of the East” on our own today. With splendid architecture, a lively café culture, museums, and a royal castle, this city on the Danube offers endless opportunities for exploration and enjoyment. B

Day 10: Budapest/Danube Bend/Vienna Today we pass through the countryside of Western Transdanubia as we travel by coach to Vienna. En route we visit Szentendre, a small town packed with artisans’ shops and a museum showcasing the work of acclaimed ceramicist Margit Kovacs. We continue on to the village of Neszmely where we stop for lunch; we reach the Austrian capital late this afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own, an opportunity, perhaps, to try Vienna’s famed Wiener Schnitzel. B,L

Day 11: Vienna A half-day tour of this jewel of the Habsburg Empire includes a visit to the ornate Vienna Opera House, one of Europe’s grandest, and an inside visit to majestic Schönbrunn Palace. The afternoon is at leisure. Following dinner at a local restaurant, we attend a concert of classical music in this most musical of all cities. B,D

Day 12: Vienna Woods This morning we enjoy a tour of the Vienna Woods, which gained renown during the heyday of the Austrian Empire. We visit the medieval abbey of Heiligenkreuz and the health

We visit Vienna’s majestic Schönbrunn Palace on Day 11.

Post-Tour Extension

June 10-13, 2020

BERLIN – ON YOUR OWN

4 days/3 nights for $895 total price
Single Supplement: $395

Explore the cosmopolitan German capital – a city of art, culture, and history – as you wish.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Rail transportation Prague/Berlin
- 3 nights’ accommodations at Hotel am Steinplatz (Superior First Class)
- 3 meals: 3 breakfasts
- Transfer from rail station and to airport
spa town of Baden before returning to Vienna, where the remainder of the day is free to explore as we wish. 

Day 13: Vienna/Prague We leave this morning for Prague, proud capital of the Czech Republic. We reach Prague this afternoon and join our tour director for an informal walk through Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. B,L

Day 14: Prague We spend the morning exploring the Hradcany (castle) district, home of the distinctive castle towering above the Vltava River. Dating to the 9th century, the castle today is the seat of the president of the Czech Republic. Among the highlights of our tour: a visit to Gothic St. Vitus’ Cathedral and a stroll along Golden Lane, with its picturesque artisans’ cottages. The remainder of the day is free to continue exploring this enchanting city as we wish. Restaurants abound for lunch and dinner on our own today. B

Day 15: Prague This morning’s visit to Josefov, Prague’s historic Jewish ghetto, includes the Old Jewish Cemetery with its centuries-old headstones and generations buried atop one another, as well as several of the once-thriving synagogues now part of the Jewish Museum of Prague. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure, perhaps to stroll through Old Town Square or visit Wenceslas Square, site of the demonstrations that led to the Velvet Revolution. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. B,D

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 14 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 24 meals: 14 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- $100 frequent traveler credit towards your next Duke/Odysseys Unlimited tour ($200 after 3 tours; $300 after 10 tours)

Tour Departs: May 26, 2020

Prices include int’l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $502, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add $1,395. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed. Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – $3,595 per person; Premium Economy – $1,595 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

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Monday–Friday, 8:30 AM–5:30 PM EST

“Every path leads homeward.”
- Hermann Hesse

Prague’s Charles Bridge dates to 1357.

Day 16: Depart for U.S. We transfer to the airport early today for our connecting flights to the U.S. B
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price
Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: $10-$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional bag fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes
If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:
- Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge;
- Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price;
- Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price;
- Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price;
- Cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.

Responsibility
The liability of the Duke Alumni Association, Inc. ("DAA, Inc."); as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The DAA, Inc. and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues
We request that you be in good health to participate in this trip. There is a significant amount of walking and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the DAA, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

PLEASE NOTE: A minimum number of participants is needed to have a Duke University faculty or host accompany this trip. We make every effort to send a faculty lecturer on each departure, as our travelers tell us this greatly enhances their experience. However, due to faculty schedules, this may not always be possible; and due to group size, we may not qualify to send a host.