Discovering Eastern Europe

16 days from $5,197 total price from Boston, New York
($4,695 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.

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Day 6: Krakow Today we journey south to Krakow, Poland’s second largest city and 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 ranks as the largest medieval square in Europe. Upon arrival late this morning, we have time for lunch on our own before we embark on a tour of the city’s historic area, featuring St. Mary’s Church; the Royal Chambers of Wawel Castle, seat of royalty for more than 500 years; and Wawel Cathedral, the national church. We dine together tonight at our hotel. B,D

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Warsaw sightseeing  •  Guided visits to Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps  •  Wieliczka Salt Mine, Krakow  •  Comprehensive Budapest touring  •  Scenic Danube Bend  •  Vienna sightseeing and classical music performance  •  Tour of elegant Prague, including Old Town Square, Prague Castle, Charles Bridge

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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

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 ceramicist Margit Kovacs. We continue on to the village of Neszmely where we stop for lunch; then reach the Austrian capital late this afternoon.

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 spa town of Baden before returning to Vienna, where the remainder of the day is free to explore as we wish. B

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

Post-Tour Extension  

June 8-11, 2022  

Berlin – On Your Own  

4 days/3 nights for $995 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 to and from airport

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  
- Dr. Holmgren as faculty, with a minimum number of travelers  
- 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)

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

Tour Depart: May 24, 2022  

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees  

- Boston, New York  $5,197  
- Philadelphia, Washington, DC  $5,397  
- Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa  $5,497  
- Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Raleigh-Durham, San Francisco, Seattle  $5,597  
- Land Only (transfers not included)  $4,495  

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. Your $500 deposit is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. All 2022 tour 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 in addition to the above costs. Upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change. Please note: This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to its fullest.

Duke Faculty  

Beth Holmgren is Professor of Polish and Russian Studies at Duke University. Holmgren earned her B.A. at Grinnell College and two M.A.’s and her Ph.D. at Harvard University. At Duke she is also a core faculty member in the Jewish Studies Program and holds secondary appointments in Theater Studies and Gender/Sexuality/Feminist Studies. Almost all of the courses that Holmgren teaches at Duke focus on Eastern Europe. These range from cultural studies – “City Stories: Prague, Warsaw, Budapest, Sarajevo” and “Modern Jewish Identities: Between Eastern Europe and the United States” – to film studies – “Spies Like Us: Screening Cold War Espionage” and “Trauma and Nostalgia: 21st-century Eastern European Film.” Over the course of her career, Holmgren has served her field in various outside organizations – i.e., the Association for Women in Slavic Studies (President, 2003-2005); the Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (President, 2008); and a board member of the Polish Studies Association (2016-2019).

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Gratuities

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Not Included in Your Tour Price

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Registration and Payment

A deposit of $500 per person confirms your reservation and is fully refundable up to 95 days prior to departure. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

A minimum number of participants is required to secure the services of a Duke Travels representative (faculty or host). Every attempt will be made to find a Duke host who will join the program to add a uniquely Duke perspective to the experience. If this is important to you in making your decision to travel with this program, please call 1-919-684-3046 before making your final payment.

Important Information About Your Tour

General Terms and Conditions

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

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Cancellations and Refunds
If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

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For Africa’s Wildlife, Egypt & the Eternal Nile, Patagonian Frontiers

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Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package, should you or your travel companion cancel your participation during the tour. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Changes to Your Reservation
We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a $100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.

Required Information
Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you passport information including the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Secure Flight program, as well as by our international travel partners: your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender (for further information, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue. In addition, airlines may require that we provide them with your contact information prior to departure.

Travel Documents
A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all tours in this catalog. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.
**Smoking**
For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. has a No Smoking policy (including e-cigarettes and vaping) on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

**Health and Medical Issues**
We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our 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. Please call or email 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 condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment of the other tour members. In that event, Duke University (DUKE) and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour. While we do our best to accommodate food allergy concerns, we cannot guarantee zero cross-contamination.

**Air Transportation**
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 assignment on your international flight is 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 departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour “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.

**Responsibility**
The liability of Duke University (DUKE), as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. (OU), as tour operator, is strictly limited. As operator, OU purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under their control. OU serves 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. DUKE and OU are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that maybe 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. OU 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 OU to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.
DUKE TRAVELS RESERVATION FORM

To reserve your place on tour, please call Duke Travels at (919) 684-2988 (preferred registration method) or email duketravels@duke.edu. Please have the information outlined below available to share with a Duke Travels representative. If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Form and mail it to Duke Travels’ office. Please alert Duke Travels to your pending reservations request.

Once this request is received by Duke Travels (either by phone, email, or mail), a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure.

For trip information only, please contact Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. at (888) 370-6765.

Send to: Duke Travels
Box 90572
Durham, NC 27708

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| Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): | Please sign me/us up □ |

I/We would like to request _________ place(s). (Deposit amount is $500 per person.)

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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) □

I/We request an upgrade to tent category ________ (for Africa’s Wildlife only)

I/We request an upgrade to cabin category ________ (for Patagonian Frontiers only)