### Dukealumni TRAVELS

### DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

October 6-22, 2016

**17 days from \$4,397 total price from Boston, New York** (\$3,695 air & land inclusive plus \$702 airline taxes and fees)



A Special Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of Duke University

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#### Dear Duke Alumni and Friends,

We invite you to join us on a small group tour to beautiful Eastern Europe. Your odyssey to this remarkable region spans five countries and weaves together the area's deep history with the monumental events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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 Mines near Krakow, and visit the concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau. In Bratislava, we enjoy dinner at the restaurant of a local family and a private classical piano recital in Warsaw. Conclude your journey in Prague, with ample free time for independent exploration.

Space on this exclusive Duke departure is limited to 24 guests in total and will fill quickly. As the group grows in size, a Duke host will join the program to add a uniquely Duke perspective to the experience. Call today to reserve your place!

Forever Duke,

Belle Ray-Schroeder

Beth Ray-Schroeder '83 Director, Duke Alumni Travel Duke Alumni Association

#### DUKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RESERVATION FORM: DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ people on **Discovering Eastern Europe** departing **October 6, 2016**. I/We understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited**, **Inc.**, and send (with completed registration 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 Association at (800) FOR-DUKE or (919) 684-2988**. For trip information only, please contact **Odysseys Unlimited**, **Inc.**, at (888) 370–6765.

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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 **95 days prior to departure**, and is payable by check or credit card.

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We hether you're seeking to recapture your ancestral heritage or simply to discover a beautiful and poignant part of the world, this small group tour offers ample opportunity for enrichment, enlightenment, and enjoyment. Both leisurely and comprehensive, it provides a generous overview of five distinctly different – and fascinating – nations.



#### Your Small Group Tour Highlights

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

Day	ltinerary	Hotel	Rating		
1	Depart U.S. for Warsaw				
2-3	Warsaw	Polonia Palace	Sup. First Class		
4-6	Krakow	Hotel Pod Roza	Not rated		
7-9	Budapest	Hilton Budapest	Deluxe		
10-12	Vienna	Hilton Vienna Plaza	Deluxe		
13	Bratislava	Radisson Blu Carlton	Sup. First Class		
14-16	Prague	Grand Bohemia Praha	Sup. First Class		
17	Depart Pra	aue for U.S.			

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too small, too new, or too remote to be listed.

#### 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  $13^{th}$  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. **B** 

Cover Photo: Our tour ends in beautiful medieval Prague. Pictured: Charles Bridge



Vienna's majestic Schönbrunn Palace

**Day 6: Krakow** This morning we tour the Wieliczka Salt Mines, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This afternoon is at leisure. *B* 

**Day 7: Krakow/Slovakia/Budapest** Heading south today we travel through the snow-capped Tatra Mountains into the country of Slovakia, where we stop for lunch. We reach our hotel in Buda's elegant Castle District early this evening. *B*,*L* 

**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 river. Then we cross the Chain Bridge into Pest where we tour Dohany Synagogue, Europe's largest. The remainder of the day is 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. **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. 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 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/Bratislava** Mid-morning we depart for Bratislava, capital of the independent nation of Slovakia. Upon arrival we embark on a coach and walking tour of the historic Castle area, including a visit to the 18<sup>th</sup>-century classical-style Archbishops Palace. After checking in at our hotel, we have time to refresh before dinner tonight at the restaurant of a local family. *B*,*D* 

#### **Post-Tour Extension**

October 22-25, 2016

#### BERLIN – ON YOUR OWN

3 nights/4 days for \$795 total price Single Supplement: \$245

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 breakfast
- Berlin city orientation tour with local guide
- Transfer from rail station and to airport

#### "THE RIVER FLOWED FROM CENTURY TO CENTURY ..." -MILAN KUNDERA

**Day 14:** Bratislava/Prague We leave this morning for Prague, proud capital of the Czech Republic. We reach Prague late afternoon and join our tour director for an informal walk through Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. *B*,*L* 

**Day 15: Prague** We spend the morning exploring the Hradcany (castle) district, home of the distinctive castle towering above the Vltava River. Dating to the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16: Prague

This morning's visit to Josefov, Prague's historic Jewish ghetto, includes the Old Jewish Cemetery with its centuries-

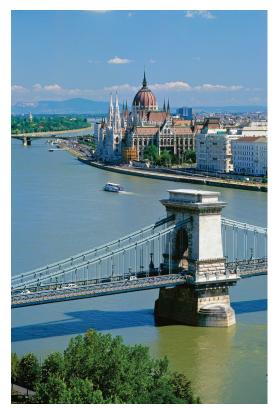
The Main Market Square of Krakow.

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 in a palace in the Prague Castle complex. *B*,*D* 

**Day 17: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport early today for our connecting flights to the U.S. *B* 

#### Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 15 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 25 meals: 15 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



The stately Chain Bridge links Budapest's east and west.

#### Tour Departs: October 6, 2016

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

Boston, New York	\$4,397
Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$4,597
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Raleigh-Durham, Tampa	\$4,697
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$4,797
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,295

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges and fees of \$702, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. All 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 – \$895 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, please call Duke Alumni Association at (800) FOR-DUKE or (919) 684-2988, Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM ET

# **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; gratuities to your Odysesys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

## Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **Cancel 95 days or more before departure: 5200 charge: Cancel 94.65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64.5 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 94.63 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64.5 days before departure: No refund. If a gast makes any charges to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure: Odysseys Unlimited. Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by 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 <b>changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon** any reason, you must privide your fuelgal name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and your gender. the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charge sasociated with the ticket's reissue.

### Responsibility

The liability of the Duke Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited. Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, 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 wongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The Duke Alumni Association 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 ferrorism, 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 line, and notir independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our fours as planned, but we reserve the right to make intinerary changes are cossary. 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 tour. There is a reasonable 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 our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracks from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysexys unlimited, Inc. and the Duke Alumni Association assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

# Air Transportation – Important Information

Observes Unlimited. Inc. Includes in its your price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel 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 schould approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guamete 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, uggrades, and airline taxes and departure less. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements. Land Only is available on most tours. Since <b>international** and **domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your won airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. <b>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.







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Guaranteed Small Group: Limited to 24 Guests