



# DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

April 30-May 15, 2019

**16 days for \$5,597 total price from San Francisco**  
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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for  
the Commonwealth Club

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

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**W**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.



**Tuesday, April 30: Depart U.S. for Warsaw, Poland**

**Wednesday, May 1: 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*

**Thursday, May 2: 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<sup>th</sup> century. We also tour the area of the former Jewish Ghetto, the Jewish Cemetery, and the Polin Museum of the History of Polish Jews, one of the most ambitious cultural institutions to rise in Poland. This afternoon is free for independent exploration; before dinner on our own tonight we enjoy a private classical piano recital. *B*

**Friday, May 3: Warsaw/Auschwitz/Krakow** Today we journey south to the industrial city of Oswiecim – Auschwitz in German – and the concentration camp that is now a state museum chronicling the horrors of the Nazi genocide. We tour Auschwitz-Birkenau before traveling on to Krakow, arriving late this afternoon. *B,L,D*

**Saturday, May 4: 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*

## Small Group Tour Highlights

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

Day	Itinerary	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
13-15	Prague	Grand Bohemia Praha	Sup. First Class
17	Depart Prague 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.*

Cover Photo: "City of 100 Spires," Prague ranks among Europe's most enchanting – and popular – destinations.



*We visit Vienna's majestic Schönbrunn Palace on May 10.*

**Sunday, May 5: Krakow** This morning we tour the Wieliczka Salt Mines, 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*

**Monday, May 6: Krakow/Slovakia/Budapest** Schedules permitting, we meet with foreign service staff at the U.S. Embassy before we head south 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*

**Tuesday, May 7: Budapest** Today's half-day tour of the Hungarian capital begins with a visit to Matthias Church 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*

**Wednesday, May 8: Budapest** Today we take in another U.S. Embassy visit (if schedules permit) before discovering the "Paris of the East" on your own today. *B*

**Thursday, May 9: 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*

**Friday, May 10: 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*

## Post-Tour Extension

May 15-18, 2019

### BERLIN – ON YOUR OWN

4 days/3 nights  
for \$895 total price  
Single Supplement: \$345

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

“HISTORY IS JUST NEW  
PEOPLE MAKING OLD MISTAKES.”

– SIGMUND FREUD

**Saturday, May 11: 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*

**Sunday, May 12: Vienna/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*



*Prague's ancient Jewish Cemetery*

**Monday, May 13: 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, and a private tour of the Lobkowicz Palace. 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*

**Tuesday, May 14: Prague** This morning's visit to Josefov, Prague's historic Jewish ghetto, includes the Old Jewish Cemetery with its centuries-old head-

## 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
- Educational lecture program with a minimum of 15 guests
- Additional Commonwealth Club representative at 20 guests
- 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



*Chain Bridge connects Buda and Pest.*

stones 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*

**Wednesday, May 15: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport early today for our connecting flights to the U.S. *B*

## Tour Departs: April 30, 2019

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

<b>San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle</b>	<b>\$5,597</b>
<b>Boston, New York</b>	<b>\$5,197</b>
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>\$5,497</b>
<b>Land Only (transfers not included)</b>	<b>\$4,495</b>

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 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

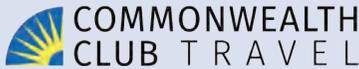
Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,595 per person; Premium Economy – \$995 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

**Contact Club Travel at**

**415-597-6720**

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Dear Club Travelers,

We invite you on an exclusive 16-day journey throughout 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 Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Vienna, 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 Auschwitz-Birkenau. Conclude your journey in Prague, with ample free time for independent exploration. An optional 4-day/3-night post-tour extension in Berlin is also available to those who are interested in extending their stay in Germany.

With space for only 24 guests on this departure, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your place on this memorable tour of Europe!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

**COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_(\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_ person(s) on **Discovering Eastern Europe** departing **April 30, 2019**. 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: The Commonwealth Club, 110 The Embarcadero, San Francisco, CA 94105. For reservations and information, please call (415) 597-6720, fax (415) 597-6729, or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org.**

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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, April 30-May 15, 2019**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. Please check one of the following options:

- I am a current member of the Commonwealth Club.
- Please use the credit card information below to sign me up or renew my membership.
- I will visit commonwealthclub.org/membership to sign up for a membership.

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

## 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 Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage 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 written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 change; 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.** If you make any changes to your 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 changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

### Eligibility

We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit [commonwealthclub.org/membership](http://commonwealthclub.org/membership) or call (415) 597-6720.

### Insurance

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be your only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

### Responsibility

The liability of the Commonwealth Club, 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 Commonwealth Club 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 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 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, the Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, 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.**

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