DISCOVERING
EASTERN EUROPE
June 26 - July 12, 2018

17 days from $4,997 total price from Boston, New York
($4,495 air & land inclusive plus $502 airline taxes and fees)

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A Special Small Group Tour for the Columbia Alumni Association Travel Study Program
Dear Fellow Columbian

Travel with the Columbia Alumni Association (CAA) from June 26-July 12, 2018, on a special 17-day journey to Eastern Europe. Your odyssey spans five countries and weaves together the area’s deep history with the monumental events of the 20th century. Discover the charms of Budapest, Vienna, Warsaw, Krakow, and Prague. Explore significant cultural and historical sites such as Vienna’s majestic Schönbrunn Palace, the unique Wieliczka Salt Mines near Krakow, and the concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau.

The CAA is a global network connecting Columbians of all Schools to one another and to the intellectual and social fabric of Columbia University, even after graduation. It links over 330,000 alumni through more than 100 Regional Clubs and Shared Interest Groups, online resources, and over 200 thought-provoking programs around the world. The CAA Travel Study Program is one of the benefits offered to Columbia alumni and is an opportunity to continue one’s Columbia education through new intellectual, cultural, and geographical horizons.

Space on this air-inclusive tour is limited to just 24 participants and will be shared with a cosponsoring alumni association. Please contact the Alumni Travel Study Program at travelstudy@columbia.edu or 866-325-8664 for more details.

Sincerely,

Donna H. MacPhee ’89CC, P: ’17CC
Vice President for Alumni Relations
President, Columbia Alumni Association

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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person(s) on Discovering Eastern Europe departing June 26, 2018. 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: Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program, P.O. Box 930, Riverside, CT 06878. Phone: 866-325-8664; fax: 203-724-0844; e-mail: travelstudy@columbia.edu; website: http://alumni.columbia.edu/travel.

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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);q

Post-Tour “Berlin – On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up q

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Discovering Eastern Europe, June 26-July 12, 2018, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _________________________________________________________________ Date__________________

Method of Payment  q Check  q American Express  q Discover  q MasterCard  q VISA
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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.
Discovering Eastern Europe

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Whether 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.

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. B

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 snowcapped 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.  

Day 8: 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 river. 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.  

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.  

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 Neszmély where we stop for lunch; we 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.  

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.  

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 18th-century classical-style Archbishop’s Palace. After checking in at our hotel, we have time to refresh before dinner tonight at the restaurant of a local family.  

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

Post-Tour Extension

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<td><strong>BERLIN – ON YOUR OWN</strong></td>
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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
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 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 16: 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

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

Tour Departs: June 26, 2018

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

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

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Philadelphia, Washington, DC $5,197
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa $5,297
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle $5,397

Land Only (transfers not included) $4,195

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 $1,195. 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.

For reservations and information, please contact the Columbia Alumni Association Travel Study Program at 866-325-8664, or fax 203-724-0844, or e-mail travelstudy@columbia.edu

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– WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART
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 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. 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 for 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.

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 Columbia Alumni Association, its agent, TSS, LLC (collectively known as TSS), and its operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. act solely as agents for the passenger with respect to, all transportation, hotel, and other tour arrangements; and neither assume nor bear any responsibility or liability for any injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity arising in connection with the services of any ship, airplane, train, automobile, motorcoach, carriage, or other conveyance; or for the actions of any third party involved in conveying the passenger or otherwise affecting these tours. TSS and its operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., are not responsible for damages, additional expenses, or any other losses due to cancellation, strike, or other changes in air or other services; sickness; weather; strikes; war; civil disturbances; acts or threats of terrorism; travel warnings or bans; termination or suspension of war risks or other carrier insurance; quarantine; acts of God; or causes beyond our control. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent sponsors. All such losses must be borne by the passenger, and tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. In the event of cancellation, delay, or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting, in lieu of the cancelled tour, such rescheduled tour(s) or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by us; or, at the option of receiving a refund of as much as such advance tour expenditures as we are able to recover on the passenger’s behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc.; but we shall not have any obligation to the passenger nor bear any liability beyond the foregoing. We reserve the right to make alterations to the tour’s itinerary and to substitute hotels, vessels, or study leaders. We reserve the right to cancel, delay, or reschedule any tour prior to departure, and so long as this is not due to any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall be entitled to a full refund of all monies paid to that point if they so desire. No refund shall be made for any unused portion of the tour. By forwarding payment(s), the passenger certifies that they and/or their dependents, minor(s), or others covered thereby do not have any mental, physical, or other condition of disability that could create a hazard for them or other passengers. We reserve the right to decline to accept, or to decline to retain any person as a member of any tour should such person’s health, condition, or actions adversely affect or threaten the welfare or safety of other passengers, or otherwise impede the tour. Baggage or valuables brought on the tour shall be transported, handled, and stored at the passenger’s risk entirely, and we shall bear no liability or responsibility for any damage or other loss thereby. We cannot guarantee the size of the Columbia group. Resolution of disputes arising hereunder shall be effected exclusively in the state or federal courts presiding in Greenwich, CT, pursuant to applicable Connecticut or federal law. The Columbia Alumni Association may receive nominal compensation for this travel program, contingent upon a minimum number of Columbia University-affiliated participants traveling under the auspices of the Columbia Alumni Association Travel Study Program.

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 assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignment. Due to the nature of tour operator ticketing, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer miles accrual, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own air 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 air 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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