

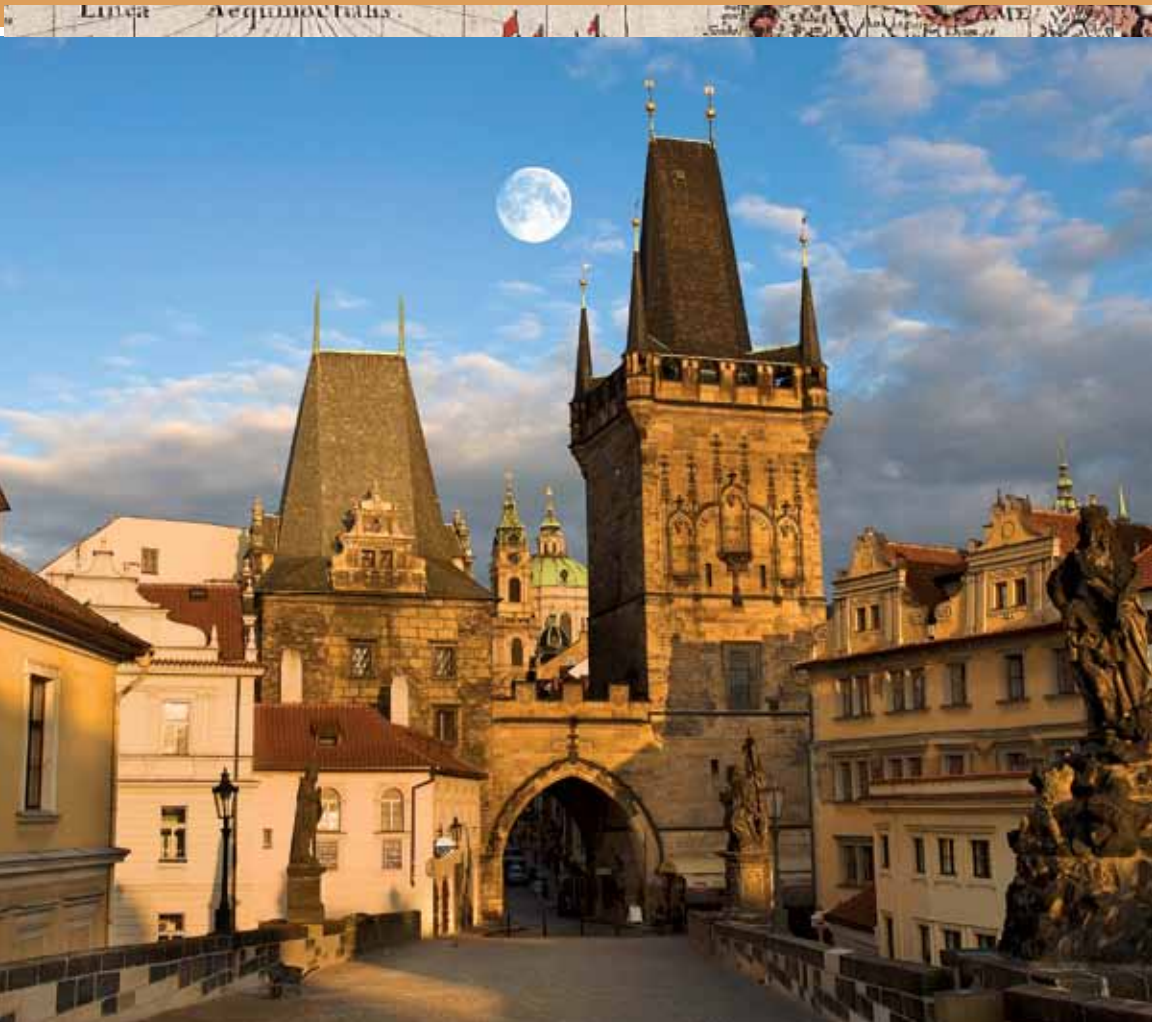


**Commonwealth
Club Travel**

presents

DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

POLAND, HUNGARY, AUSTRIA, SLOVAKIA
& THE CZECH REPUBLIC



October 5-21, 2013

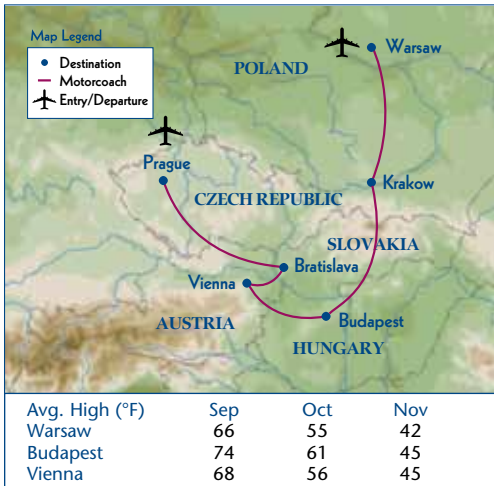
An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
The Commonwealth Club

Tour membership limited to 24 guests

DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

17 days from \$5,537 total price from San Francisco
(\$4,835 air & land inclusive plus \$702 airline taxes and departure fees)

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. It provides a generous overview of five distinctly different – and fascinating – nations.



Saturday, October 5: Depart U.S. for Warsaw, Poland

Sunday, October 6: Arrive Warsaw After arriving in the Polish capital, we have free time before tonight's welcome dinner at our hotel. **D**

Monday, October 7: 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**

Tuesday, October 8: 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. **B,L,D**

Wednesday, October 9: 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

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Warsaw's Old Town ... Guided visits to Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps ... Wieliczka Salt Mines, Krakow ... Curator-led tour of Budapest's Fine Arts museum ... Classical music concert in Vienna ... Visit to Budapest's parliament building ... Private tour of Lobkowitz Museum followed by farewell dinner in the Prague Castle complex ... Briefing by U.S. foreign service staff ... Expert guides and special guest speakers throughout the tour

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	Bratislava	Radisson Blu Carlton	Sup. First Class
14-16	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: Prague ranks among Europe's most beautiful and popular urban settings.



We enjoy both guided touring and free time in Vienna.

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**

Thursday, October 10: Krakow This morning we tour the Wieliczka Salt Mines, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This afternoon we continue our educational lecture program. **B**

Friday, October 11: Krakow/Slovakia/Budapest Heading south today we travel through the snow-capped 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 this evening. **B,L**

Saturday, October 12: 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. Enjoy a curator-led tour of the Museum of Fine Arts this afternoon then savor a typical Hungarian dinner at a local restaurant. **B,D**

Sunday, October 13: Budapest Today you will hear from a guest speaker and also enjoy free time to discover the "Paris of the East" on your own. **B**

Monday, October 14: Budapest/Danube Bend/Vienna Today we pass through the

countryside of Western Transdanubia 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 this afternoon. **B,L**

Tuesday, October 15: 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**

Wednesday, October 16: 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 medieval spa town of Baden before returning to Vienna where the remainder of the day is free. **B**

Post-Tour Extension: October 21-23, 2013

PRAGUE – ON YOUR OWN

3 days/2 nights for \$295 total price

Single Supplement: \$195

Extend your stay in the alluring Czech capital.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Grand Bohemia Praha (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

Thursday, October 17: 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 Archbishops Palace. Tonight we dine at the restaurant of a local family. *B,D*

Friday, October 18: Bratislava/Brno/Prague
We leave this morning for Prague, proud capital of the Czech Republic. We stop for lunch in Brno and enjoy a brief tour of the country's second largest city. We reach Prague late afternoon for an informal walk through Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. *B,L*

Saturday, October 19: 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*

Sunday, October 20: 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. Enjoy a private tour of the exquisite Lobkowitz Museum, then celebrate your eastern

European adventure during a farewell dinner in the palatial settings of Prague Castle. *B,D*

Monday, October 21: Depart for U.S. We transfer to the airport early today for our connecting flights to the U.S. *B*



Budapest's Chain Bridge and Royal Palace.

Tour Departs: October 5, 2013

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

San Francisco, Los Angeles	\$5,537
Atlanta, Detroit, Miami	\$5,437
Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$5,337
Boston, New York	\$5,137
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,035

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges and departure fees of \$702, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Single travelers please add \$1,195. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges and departure fees) are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: \$3,595 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. You should be in relatively good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For information and reservations please contact the Commonwealth Club at 415-597-6720, or e-mail travel@commonwealthclub.org.

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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 a Professional European Tour Director
- Services of a Commonwealth Club Host with a minimum of 15 guests
- Special private cultural and educational highlights
- Private motorcoach transportation including bottled water throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



Dear Members and Friends of the Commonwealth Club,

We invite you to join us this fall on an in-depth tour to the heart of Eastern Europe. Culturally rich and exceptionally beautiful, Eastern Europe is ideal for the curious traveler. Our odyssey spans five countries — Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic — and weaves together the area’s deep history with the monumental events of the 20th century.

In addition to discovering the charms of Budapest, Vienna, Warsaw, Krakow, and Prague, we will enjoy exclusive educational highlights and have ample opportunity to explore significant cultural, historical, and scenic sites en route. Tour Vienna’s majestic Schönbrunn Palace; see Josefov, Prague’s historic Jewish ghetto; discover Budapest’s stunning Parliament; explore the unique Wieliczka Salt Mines near Krakow; and visit the haunting concentration camps of Auschwitz and Birkenau. You may also wish to take the optional post-tour extension in Prague.

Traveling in a small group allows for unique flexibility enabling you to enjoy personal encounters along the way, such as a cooking demonstration of the local cuisine in the picturesque village of Neszmély and a private classical piano recital in Warsaw. Throughout the trip you will learn from expert guides, foreign service staff, and guest speakers who bring contemporary issues to the forefront of our discussions.

Space is limited to a total of only 24 guests. Don’t be disappointed — make your reservations today!

Sincerely,

Kristina Nemeth
Director of Travel

COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$____(\$500 per person) for ____ people on Discovering Eastern Europe departing October 5, 2013. I/We understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (or by July 2, 2013). 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 to: Commonwealth Club Travel, 595 Market Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105. For reservations and information, call (415) 597-6720, or email travel@commonwealthclub.org. You may also fax your reservation to (415) 597-6729.

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph. (_____) _____ Cell Ph. (_____) _____

E-mail _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request a Business Class upgrade

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Post-Tour Extension: "Prague – On Your Own": Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Discovering Eastern Europe, October 5-21, 2013, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment

Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp.Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

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 (by July 2, 2013), and can be paid 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; gratuities for your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per person, per day); communication charges; optional sightseeing; 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 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 a guest makes any changes 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. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.**

Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth, and your 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.

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, 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, 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 line, 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. 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.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a considerable amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own.** If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. 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 Commonwealth Club assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

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