DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

May 2-18, 2017

17 days for $5,297 total price from San Francisco
($4,595 air & land inclusive plus $702 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni & Friends of the Cal Alumni Association

This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, six-time honoree Travel & Leisure’s World’s Best Tour Operators award.
Our goal is to provide the University of California, Berkeley community with an exciting combination of discovery, learning, and adventure in educationally-oriented travel. Cal Discoveries offers travelers value with thoughtfully-crafted excursions to experience new places, interesting people, and fascinating insights. When you travel with Cal Discoveries, you can be assured that we understand your desire for a strong educational component, a carefully-selected destination, and a Cal connection on every trip.

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- Experience “lifelong learning” with world-renowned Cal faculty and/or local experts
- Receive outstanding customer service from Cal Discoveries staff with more than 40 years of expertise
- Meet new friends and old and find interesting, inquisitive, Cal travel companions

Tour highlights include dynamic Warsaw and fascinating Krakow, a major center of Polish culture and education; the moving Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and State Museum; Budapest, Hungary’s charming capital; a classic music concert in Vienna; and Prague touring.

For further information, please call the Cal Discoveries office at 510.900.8222 or toll free at 888.225.2586. E-mail: caldiscoveries@alumni.berkeley.edu

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CAL DISCOVERIES RESERVATION FORM: DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ people on Discovering Eastern Europe departing May 2, 2017. I/We understand the final payment is due 95 days prior to departure (or by January 27, 2017). Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and mail deposit check to: Cal Discoveries, Cal Alumni Association, 1 Alumni House, Berkeley, CA 94720-7520.

Full Passport Name ____________________________ Date of Birth ________ Gender _____
E-mail ____________________________ Cal Class Year __________
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I will share a room with ____________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) □

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

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

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Discovering Eastern Europe, May 2-18, 2017, 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 __________________________________________________________________________
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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 January 27, 2017, and is payable by check or credit card.
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.  

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. 

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. 

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. 

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.

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Cover Photo: Our tour ends in beautiful medieval Prague. Pictured: Charles Bridge
Day 6: Krakow  This morning we tour the Wieliczka Salt Mines, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This afternoon is at leisure.  

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.  

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.  

Day 9: Budapest  We’re free to discover the “Paris of the East” on our own today.  

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.  

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.  

Post-Tour Extension

May 18-21, 2017

BERLIN – ON YOUR OWN

3 nights/4 days for $845 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
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.  

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.  

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 in a palace in the Prague Castle complex.  

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

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  

“We gained a fuller understanding of Central Europe’s history, its peoples and their cultures, while enjoying the company of engaging peers.”  
- Katherine L., Eastern Europe 2016
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 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 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.

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. 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, 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.

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CAA Membership Policy
One traveler per room, whether an alumni or friend, must be a current Cal Alumni Association member at the time of departure to participate in Cal Discoveries Travel offerings. Payment of $50 for seniors 65 years and over and $60 for others establishes a dues payable to CAA by separate check, or, if you prefer, provide a Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express number with expiration date for payment. You can also enroll online at alumni.berkeley.edu/join.

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 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 schedule approximately 2 1/2 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 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, 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.