University of Chicago Alumni Association presents

DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

September 10-26, 2015

17 days from $5,197 total price from Boston, New York
($4,495 air & land inclusive plus $702 airline taxes and departure fees)

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Odysseys Unlimited,
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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for
Alumni and Friends of the University of Chicago

Featuring Kinga Kosmala, AM’05, PhD’11, as Faculty Lecturer
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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

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 sightsee-
ing and classical music performance … Old-world
Bratislava … 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 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: 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

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Post-Tour Extension

September 26-28, 2015

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

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Philadelphia, Washington, DC $5,397
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa $5,497
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle $5,597
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Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight:
Business Class – $3,595 per person; Premium Economy – $795 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

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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 an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• University of Chicago Faculty Lecturer
• 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

Day 14: Bratislava/Brno/Prague We leave this morning for Prague, proud capital of the Czech Republic. Along the way we stop for lunch in Brno and a brief tour of the country’s second largest city. 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 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.

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

Meet Your Faculty Lecturer

Kinga Kosmala, AM’05, PhD’11, is a lecturer in Polish at the University of Chicago. Her research interests include reportage, urban studies, narrative ethics, and Polish language pedagogy. She is the author of Ryszard Kapuściński: Reportage and Ethics or Fading Tyranny of the Narrative. Her recent publications include the article “Olga Stanisławska’s Charles de Gaulle Roundabout: Raw Facts and the Danger of Finalizing Narratives” and a book review of Polish Cinema Now! Focus on Contemporary Polish Cinema. In the spring, she will publish a chapter in The Reception of Herodotus in Antiquity and Beyond.

Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner in a palace in the Prague Castle complex.

Vienna’s majestic Schönbrunn Palace

Cities, like dreams, are made of desires and fears …”
– Italo Calvino

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Dear Chicago Alumni, Parents, Families, 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—Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria, and the Czech Republic—and weaves together the area’s deep history with the monumental events of the 20th century. We are pleased to have Kinga Kosmala, AM’05, PhD’11, as our Faculty Lecturer.

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. Traveling in a small group allows for unique flexibility and personal encounters along the way, such as a dinner in Bratislava at the restaurant of a local family and a private classical piano recital in Warsaw. Also, there is ample free time for independent exploration.

Space on this program is limited to 24 Chicago alumni, family, and friends, and will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Best Wishes,

Kate Heilman
Associate Director, Travel and Education
Alumni Association

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RESERVATION FORM:
DISCOVERING EASTERN EUROPE

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ people on Discovering Eastern Europe departing September 10, 2015. 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 mail check (along with completed form) to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax reservation to 617-454-9199.

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University of Chicago Affiliation: Guest 1______________________ Guest 2______________________
Address __________________________________________________________________________________________
City _________________________________________________________ State __________ ZIP __________________
Home Ph. (______) _________________________________ Cell Ph. (______) __________________________________
E-mail ____________________________________________ Badge Name(s) ___________________________________

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 Extension “Prague - On Your Own”: Please sign me/us up q

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Discovering Eastern Europe, September 10-26, 2015, 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
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 and is payable by check or credit card.
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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.

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Health and Medical Issues
Odysseys Unlimited, the University of Chicago, and the University of Chicago Alumni Association 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 and ships 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 anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment and safety of the other passengers. In that event, the University of Chicago, the University of Chicago Alumni Association, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information
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