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# Journey Through Central Europe

May 20-June 4, 2025

**16 days for \$6,097 total price from Newark**  
(\$5,295 air & land inclusive plus \$802 airline taxes and fees)



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An Exclusive Departure for  
Alumni and Friends of Rider University



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Dear Rider University Alumni and Friends,

Join us on an exclusive 16-day journey throughout Central Europe. Your odyssey to this remarkable region spans four countries and weaves together the area's deep history with the monumental events of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Discover the charm of Budapest, Vienna, Warsaw, Krakow and Prague, and explore significant cultural, historical and scenic sites along the way. Highlights of this tour include touring Vienna's majestic Schönbrunn Palace and seeing Josefov, Prague's historic Jewish ghetto. Explore the unique Wieliczka Salt Mine near Krakow and bear witness to history at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Conclude your journey in Prague, with ample free time to explore the city on your own. For those interested in exploring the cosmopolitan German capital, an optional four-day/three-night Berlin post-tour extension is available.

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

Sincerely,

*Natalie M. Pollard*

Natalie M. Pollard '93, '98  
Director of Alumni Relations

## RIDER UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: JOURNEY THROUGH CENTRAL EUROPE

To reserve your place on tour, **please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**. Please have the information outlined below available to share with an Odysseys Unlimited Travel Counselor.

**If you prefer**, you may also complete this Reservation Form and submit it to Odysseys Unlimited's office. Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.** and include with the form. Final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**  
**Attn: Special Interest Groups**  
**One Newton Place**  
**275 Washington Street, Suite 300**  
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### JOURNEY THROUGH CENTRAL EUROPE • MAY 20-JUNE 4, 2025

I/We would like to request \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). (Deposit amount is \$500 per person.)

Full Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 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)

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

Tour membership limited to 24 alumni & friends

# Journey Through Central Europe

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*Whether you're seeking to recapture your ancestral heritage or simply wish to discover a beautiful and poignant part of the world, this small group tour offers ample opportunity for enrichment, enlightenment, and enjoyment. With both comprehensive touring and time for independent exploration, it provides a generous overview of four 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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*

## Physical Activity Level

**3** **Moderate**

*Walk 2-4 miles per day, often on uneven terrain or cobblestones; extensive walking at Auschwitz/Birkenau (5+ miles); many stairs throughout tour, often 100+ at one time (Wieliczka Salt Mine); several long days of travel via motorcoach*

**Day 4: Warsaw/Krakow** Today we journey south to Krakow, Poland's third-largest city and 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 ranks as the largest medieval square in Europe. Upon arrival late this morning, we have time for lunch on our own before we embark on a tour of the city's historic area, featuring St. Mary's Church; the Royal Chambers of Wawel Castle, seat of royalty for more than 500 years; and Wawel Cathedral, the national church. We dine together tonight at our hotel. *B,D*

## Your Tour at a Glance

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 Hotel Bohemia Prague	Sup. First Class
16	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.*

**Day 5: Auschwitz** We travel this morning 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 I, used mainly to hold prisoners, as well as the vast camp at Birkenau (Auschwitz II), where more than one million people died during the Holocaust. After this somber visit, we return to Krakow where the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration. *B,L*

Cover photo: Nighttime view of Prague's Charles Bridge, which connects Old Town with Prague Castle



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

**Day 6: Krakow** This morning we tour the Wieliczka Salt Mine, 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*

**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. Continuing our journey, we reach our hotel in Buda's elegant Castle District early this evening and dine there together tonight. *B,L,D*

**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 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*

**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. *B*

**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. Dinner tonight is on our own, an opportunity, perhaps, to try Vienna's famed Wiener Schnitzel. *B,L*

**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. *B,D*

**Day 12: Vienna Woods** This morning we enjoy a tour of the Vienna Woods, which gained renown

## Post-Tour Extension

June 4-7, 2025

### Berlin – On Your Own

4 days/3 nights for \$1,195 total price

Single Supplement: \$495

*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
- Transfer from rail station and to airport



# WHITHER WILL MY PATH YET LEAD ME?"

– HERMANN HESSE

during the heyday of the Austrian Empire. We visit the medieval abbey of Heiligenkreuz and the health spa town of Baden-Baden before returning to Vienna, where the remainder of the day is free to explore as we wish. *B*

**Day 13: Vienna/Prague** We leave this morning for Prague, proud capital of the Czech Republic. We reach Prague this afternoon and join our tour director for an informal walk through Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site. *B,L*

**Day 14: Prague** We spend the morning exploring the Hradcany (castle) district, home of the distinctive castle towering above the Vltava River. Dating to the 9<sup>th</sup> 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. *B*



*Prague's ancient Jewish Cemetery*

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. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner at our hotel. *B,D*

**Day 16: Depart for U.S.** We transfer to the airport early today for our connecting flights to the U.S. *B*

## 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
- 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



*Budapest's Gothic Parliament sits on the Danube.*

## Tour Departs: May 20, 2025

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

Newark	\$6,097
Boston, New York	\$5,997
Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$6,197
Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Miami, Orlando, Tampa	\$6,297
Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,397
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$4,995

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$802, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,395. All prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,795 per person; Premium Economy – \$1,595 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

**Please note:** This trip involves considerable walking up hills or stairs, and on uneven or cobblestone streets. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this tour to the fullest.

**For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765 Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time**

**If you need to contact Rider University, please call Natalie Pollard, Director of Alumni Relations, at 609-896-5340 email [pollardn@rider.edu](mailto:pollardn@rider.edu).**

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas, if required; immunizations and inoculations; 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 Odyssey 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 Odyssey Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your 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, Odyssey 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.**

**Responsibility:** The liability of Rider University, 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. Rider University 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 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 considerable 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, Rider University 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 assignment on your international flight is 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 nonrefundable 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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