PRINCETON JOURNEYS

Budapest, Bratislava, and Prague:
Central Europe's Storied Capitals
October 22-31, 2027



Itinerary

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

Friday, October 22-Saturday, October 23 | Depart Home / Arrive Budapest, Hungary
Depart the U.S. on flights to Budapest, Hungary, arriving on October 23. Transfer to the iconic Corinthia Budapest, a historic property built during the golden age of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and your home for the next four nights. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers.
Corinthia Budapest (D)

Sunday, October 24 | Budapest
Enjoy a morning lecture from your study leader, then set out to explore UNESCO-listed Budapest. Walk along cosmopolitan Andrassy Avenue, flanked by eclectic neo-Renaissance

palaces. Continue to Heroes' Square and the prominent Millennium Memorial, completed in 1900 and commemorating the thousandth anniversary of the Hungarian conquest of the Carpathian Basin. Conclude today's exploration with a tour of the architecturally distinctive House of Music, a newer attraction showcasing Hungary's contributions to the universal language of music.
Corinthia Budapest (B, L)

Monday, October 25 | Budapest
Start the day with a walking tour of Castle Hill, enjoying breathtaking views from its neo-Gothic Fisherman's Bastion. Then step inside the stunning Matthias Church, where King Matthias Corvinus held both of his royal weddings in the 15th century. For an authentic lunch, indulge in a strudel-making demonstration and tasting at a local strudel house. Afterwards, a local Jewish youth will meet group at the Shoes on the Danube Bank Monument, a haunting tribute to the Jews who were executed there during the Holocaust. End the day with a tour of the iconic Parliament Building, whose façade dominates the Budapest skyline.
Corinthia Budapest (B, L)

Tuesday, October 26 | Budapest
Begin the day with a visit to the magnificent Opera House. Next, explore the Franz Liszt Memorial Museum housed inside the Old Academy of Music, where the great composer lived and taught during his final years. Step inside Dohany Street Synagogue, the largest synagogue in Europe, and savor the flavors of Hungary at the bustling Great Market Hall. After lunch and time at leisure, gather for a magical evening dinner cruise along the Danube, with nighttime views of the Parliament Building and the castle district glowing on the hill above Buda.
Corinthia Budapest (B, D)

Wednesday, October 27 | Bratislava, Slovakia
Set out for Bratislava, Slovakia, arriving in time for lunch and a walking tour of the medieval streets, historic sites, and whimsical bronze statues of this capital city situated astride the Danube. Enjoy an afternoon lecture with dinner at leisure to explore this compact "hidden gem" of a city on your own. Overnight at the Grand Hotel River Park, located on the Danube waterfront with views of the Bratislava Castle and Old Town.
Grand Hotel River Park (B, L)

Thursday, October 28 | Prague, Czech Republic
Continue your adventure today to Prague, Czech Republic, stopping in Kutna Hora for lunch and time to stretch your legs with a brief walking tour. Explore the Gothic Cathedral of St. Barbara with soaring vaults, medieval frescoes, and distinctive spires, and visit the "Bone Church," where the remains of thousands of people from a medieval cemetery were later arranged into elaborate decorations. Arrive in Prague with time to rest and enjoy dinner at leisure.
W Prague (B, L)

Friday, October 29 | Prague
Gather for a final lecture from your study leader before a morning exploration of Prague's UNESCO-designated Old Town followed by a visit to the Jewish Quarter. In the Old Town, where the settlement of Prague first began, step into a medieval fairytale, wandering a maze of cobblestone streets and admiring its Town Hall and 15th-century astronomical clock. Visit the impressive Jewish Cemetery, with more than 12,000 tombstones packed densely together and stacked 12 layers deep in some places, and the "Old-New" Synagogue, the oldest working synagogue in Europe. In the afternoon, participate in a hands-on glassblowing workshop, a tradition dating back to the 13th century. The evening is at leisure to enjoy this great city at your own pace.
W Prague (B, L)

Saturday, October 30 | Prague
Spend the morning discovering more of the "City of a Hundred Spires," beginning with Prague Castle, the largest ancient castle in the world and symbol of Prague. The expansive complex includes St. Vitus Cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture; the baroque Matthias Gate; and the Renaissance Garden planted in the 16th century. Step inside Strahov Monastery, housing one of the oldest continuously working libraries in Europe, and walk along Golden Lane featuring a row of tiny 16th-century houses set against one of Prague Castle's fortress walls. Enjoy lunch on your own and an afternoon at leisure before gathering for a festive farewell dinner to celebrate your journey through Central Europe's great capitals.
W Prague (B, D)

Sunday, October 31 | Depart Prague
After breakfast, depart for the airport for flights home.
(B)

Please note: Itinerary is subject to change.

Pricing

- $9,350 per person, sharing
- $10,945 per person, single occupancy
- A deposit of $1,000 per person is due upon registration.

Program Rates Include
All accommodation based on double occupancy per itinerary with local service charge and tax (standard hotel check-in/out times apply unless otherwise noted) • Group arrival and departure transfers on arrival/departure days • Transportation by private vehicle • All sightseeing and excursions including entrance fees • Local English-speaking guides • Special cultural features as stated in itinerary • Services of a Tour Manager, Staff Host, and Study Leader • Whisper headsets throughout the tour • Meals as listed in itinerary: breakfast daily, 5 lunches, and 3 dinners • Bottled/purified water, soft drinks, coffee or tea with group lunches, plus wine or beer with group dinners • Gratuities to tour manager, local guides, and drivers • Baggage handling at hotels • Comprehensive destination preparation information packet

Program Rates Do Not Include
International airfare to/from the start and ending cities • Air taxes or fuel surcharges • Increases in local taxes/VAT • Pre- or post-tour services • Visa or passport fees • Medical and trip cancellation/interruption insurance • food or beverages not included in group meals • Items of a personal nature, such as laundry, alcohol, telephone expense, excess baggage fees, photo/video expenses inside museums (where allowed) • Other items not expressly listed as included.

Is This Journey Right for Me?

- **Walking**: To participate safely in this tour, you should be able to comfortably walk four miles per day on uneven surfaces, including in historic city and town centers and historic sites with limited accessibility infrastructure. There is no strenuous hiking on this program.
- **Transportation**: This trip moves between three different hotels, with transport from one destination to the next via air-conditioned motorcoach. The longest drive is from Bratislava to Prague via Kutna Hora which totals 225 miles.
- **Food**: This immersive program offers many opportunities to try local cuisine. Throughout the tour, a variety of traditional and international meals will be offered, along with meals at leisure to explore the local dining scene.
- **Accommodations**: The hotels on this program are upscale, luxury properties well located for exploring each city.
- **Group Size**: This program is exclusive to Princeton Journeys and limited to 28 participants. Your study leaders, Kim Scheppele and Serguei Oushakine, will travel with you for the duration of the program and deliver lectures in a small-group setting.
- **Holidays:** October 23 is a national holiday in Hungary (1956 Revolution Day) and October 28 is Czech Independence Day. Holiday hours may apply at some sites and businesses on these dates.

Booking Terms and Conditions

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Reservations, Forms & Payments The quickest way to pre-reserve is to register online here. Next, place a deposit by credit card for Tour Account Number 27C145O, here. Deposits are $1000 per person, are 50% non-refundable up to 91 days prior to the trip start, and fully non-refundable thereafter as well as non-transferable. When you reserve a MIR Tour, you agree to sign our Release, Limitation of Liability, Assumption of Risk & Binding Arbitration Agreement ("Release"). The Release, these Booking Terms and Conditions, your completed Reservation & Payment Authorization Form (collectively, "Forms") in a timely manner.

Final tour payments are required by check, wire transfer or ACH. The Tour balance is due as indicated on your invoice or latest by 75 days prior to departure. Full payment for Tours is due at the time of booking for reservations made at or within final payment deadlines, as MIR may be required immediately to pay for third-party services and in full, on your behalf. Failure to deliver complete payment on schedule is considered notification of cancellation by default and subject to cancellation charges. Once we receive your deposit, we will confirm your space and send you a confirmation notice, subject to availability; and on receipt of your completed Forms, we will send a comprehensive confirmation packet which includes the Tour itinerary, destination preparatory information, suggested packing and reading lists, and a preliminary invoice. Visa details may be included or will follow separately. A final packet is generally sent 2-3 weeks prior to departure. Documents are sent electronically.

Tour Cost Prices listed are per person in U.S. dollars, based on double occupancy. Tour inclusions are those described in the daily itineraries and typically include: accommodations; meals on group Tours; guided activities and entrance fees; services of English-speaking guides; group baggage handling; and most group Tour gratuities. The quoted Tour price represents a package price for the services offered and an itemization of component costs will not be provided. The Tour cost on this program also includes the internal airfare, related taxes, and fuel surcharges. Tour costs do not include any airport arrival/departure fees or country taxes; custom or immigration fees; passport fees, visas or other travel documents; some meals; alcoholic beverages; travel insurance; single supplement costs (by choice or circumstance); personal expenses and all personal items; or expenses arising from delays, modifications or any cause beyond our control.

Travelers' Responsibilities & Eligibility Travelers are responsible for selecting an appropriate Tour that matches their interests and physical abilities and for preparing for the Tour by studying the itinerary and all additional Tour information sent by MIR. Travelers agree to conform to the local laws and customs and to act respectfully to their travel companions, as well as to comply with the directions by the Tour manager or guide including regarding personal hygiene guidelines in order to reduce the risk of travelers' disease, and to comply with the policy that smoking is not allowed in vehicles, trains, aboard flights, or other specified non-smoking areas. MIR recommends travelers review both the U.S. State Department and U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) published and updated country-specific-information for travelers found here:

Traveler Cancellations Notice of change or cancellation must be made in writing to MIR by email (info@mircorp.com) or fax (206-624-7360).The date that MIR receives the written cancellation determines the cancellation charge applicable. Departure is defined as set forth in your itinerary, regardless of the date that you may depart from your location of origin. If you must cancel before Departure, be advised MIR must assess cancellation charges based on its cancellation schedule to cover non-refundable, non-recoverable Tour expenses including monies committed to airlines, railways, hotels, government bodies and other suppliers on your behalf, and other expenses. Cancellation fees are based on the following schedule: if received: 91 days or more before Departure, the deposit is 50% non-refundable; 90 days or less, the non-refundable deposit due or paid in full of $1000; 61-75 days before Departure, 50% of the Tour cost; 60 days or less before Departure, or at or after Tour Departure, no refund. Cancellation terms apply to all Tour components including single supplements, pre- and/or post-Tours, hotel nights and any other confirmed arrangements made on a traveler's behalf. Your decision not to participate on the Tour due to State Department warnings, fear of travel, if you do not have a valid passport or are unable to obtain a valid visa, or the like will be deemed a cancellation. MIR is not responsible for any expenses incurred by travelers in preparation for the Tour (e.g. non-refundable airline tickets, seat reservations, passport or visa fees, travel insurance, gear or equipment, etc.), including in the event of Tour cancellation for any reason. No refunds will be provided for any unused portion of a Tour once the Tour begins, including if you leave a Tour for any reason, miss the Tour's Departure date, or have to be removed from a Tour. There are no exceptions to this cancellation and refund policy, including for: reasons related to weather; terrorism; civil strife; airline default; strikes; personal, family or medical emergencies; your decision to not go on a Tour because of governmental/travel warnings or advisories, including but not limited U.S. State Department or World Health Organization warnings; or any other circumstances beyond our control. For this reason, we strongly suggest that you secure comprehensive Tour cancellation and interruption insurance for your Tour. One option for insurance will be sent to you on signup. You may also find alternative insurance. We also highly recommend that you consider securing "cancel for any reason" travel coverage (CFAR), which must be obtained soon after your first deposit is paid for your travels.

Tour Cancellations and Changes by MIR In the event that there are fewer than the minimum participants listed in your scheduled group Tour itinerary, you may be offered to pay a surcharge or accept a Tour modification to ensure that the journey departs as scheduled with a smaller group. MIR reserves the right to cancel any group Tour due to insufficient enrollment. In such case, travelers will be informed no later than 30 days prior to departure and are entitled to receive a full refund of the Tour cost paid MIR reserves the right to cancel, alter or postpone a Tour without prior notice at any time prior to departure or after a Tour commences for the safety and/or comfort of travelers, or if is not viable for us to operate the planned itinerary, and for circumstances of Force Majeure. MIR will not be responsible or liable for deposits, payments, incidental expenses, policies or penalties for other services not included in the Tour price (such as airline tickets) or other items (such as other Tours, hotel reservations or cruises) handled by travelers and not through MIR. If a Tour is cancelled due to reasons within MIR's control and not for reasons due to Force Majeure, we will offer you:

(a) Travel credit equal to the Tour cost that you have paid. Or,

(b) A refund equal to the Tour cost that you have paid. If a Tour is cancelled due to Force Majeure (see definition below), we will offer you one or more of the following choices, in our discretion:

(c) Travel credit equal to the Tour cost that you have paid minus any unrecoverable costs and monies, which includes our Tour Planning and Administrative Fee. Unrecoverable costs and monies include but are not limited to deposit monies that we have received from you and forwarded to our Suppliers, cancellation penalties imposed by Supplier, and our Tour Planning and Administrative Fee, which covers our time and costs in planning, booking and organizing your participation in a MIR Tour. Or,
(d) A refund equal to the Tour cost that you have paid minus any 1) unrecoverable costs and monies, and 2) our Tour Planning and Administrative Fee. Tour Planning and Administrative Fee: $500 per person.

Force Majeure MIR will not be deemed in breach of this agreement or otherwise liable to you, by reason of delay in performance or nonperformance of any of its obligations under this agreement to the extent that any such delay or nonperformance is due to any Force Majeure. "Force Majeure" means any circumstances beyond MIR's reasonable control, including without limitation: acts of God; forces of nature; terrorist activities; insurrection; explosion; flood; tempest; forceful wind; fire or accident; war or threat of war declared or undeclared; sabotage; civil disturbance; labor strikes; requisition; quarantine; sickness; pandemic; epidemic; diseases and viruses that are known, unknown or novel such as coronavirus/COVID-19 (including any spread thereof); foodborne, airborne, and communicable illnesses and disease; government interventions of any kind that affect domestic and/or international travel; government restrictions or warnings; diplomatic or health organization (e.g., World Health Organization) warnings; border closings; weather conditions; and unforeseen circumstances.

If Force Majeure prevents, significantly hinders, renders it difficult, makes it commercially impractical, or makes it impossible for us or our suppliers to provide the services including but not limited to your Tour, we and our suppliers shall be entitled to, and may in our complete and sole discretion, vary, delay, postpone, reschedule, alter or cancel any itinerary or arrangement in relation to the Tour, including the entire Tour itself. Regarding civil unrest, once we have investigated the prevailing situation, as we deem fit, it shall remain in our sole and absolute discretion whether to proceed with the Tour.

Health Clause Suppliers and government entities may quarantine, isolate, deny entry to or take other measures involving clients with symptoms of infectious diseases or illnesses in hotels and/or aboard confined modes of transport such as ships, trains, etc. No refunds will be provided to you for any unused portion of travel, damages, losses or other claims if you are quarantined. MIR is not responsible for any costs, damages or losses incurred by you in the event you are quarantined or otherwise interrupted from starting or completing your Tour or using portions thereof.

Limitation of Remedies The sole remedy for any default by MIR arising under this agreement shall be the return of the paid Tour cost, to the extent consistent with applicable law. To the maximum extent permitted under applicable law, MIR shall not be liable for any special, consequential, indirect, punitive, incidental, or other damages arising out of or in any way connected to this agreement, including lost profits, whether such damages arise in contract, negligence, tort, under statute, in equity, at law, or otherwise, even if MIR has been advised of the possibility of such damages. You expressly waive any right you, your heirs, or anyone acting on their own on your behalf, have to recover such damages.

Single Travelers If you prefer single accommodations, the single supplement fee/single occupancy rate is payable.

Air Reservations & Refunds MIR's in-house, full-service air department can assist with your air travel needs. Should you decide to take on the responsibility of making your own arrangements (including mileage-based reservations), please supply MIR with a copy of your air itinerary showing your full travel itinerary at the time of final payment for your Tour. Any contract or reservation for air travel is exclusively with the carrier, and not MIR – even if MIR assists with those arrangements as a convenience to you. Refunds for unused air tickets are subject to the rules of the respective air carrier(s) and may be subject to a MIR service fee of a minimum of $75/ticket. Advance seat assignment fees are typically non-refundable.

Traveler Documentation A valid passport with six months validity from the end of the Tour and with sufficient pages for entrance/exit and visa stamps are required for participation. Visas, vaccinations, permits and other documents may be required to participate, and travelers are responsible for obtaining and maintaining all necessary documents. While MIR may provide information and guidance on visas, vaccinations, climate, clothing, and baggage in good faith and as a courtesy to you, we are not responsible for any errors or omissions as to the information provided. MIR cannot guarantee visa or permit approval by foreign governments, and you assume sole responsibility for any adverse consequences resulting from incorrect, improperly issued or defective documentation.

Release, Limitations of Liability and Assumption of Risk & Binding Arbitration Agreement Reservation Form

You will be emailed a link to complete the Release form once you are confirmed on the tour. A preview of that document is available on request.