



Customized Faculty-Led Programs

PROPOSAL FOR LYNCHBURG COLLEGE v2 10/4/16

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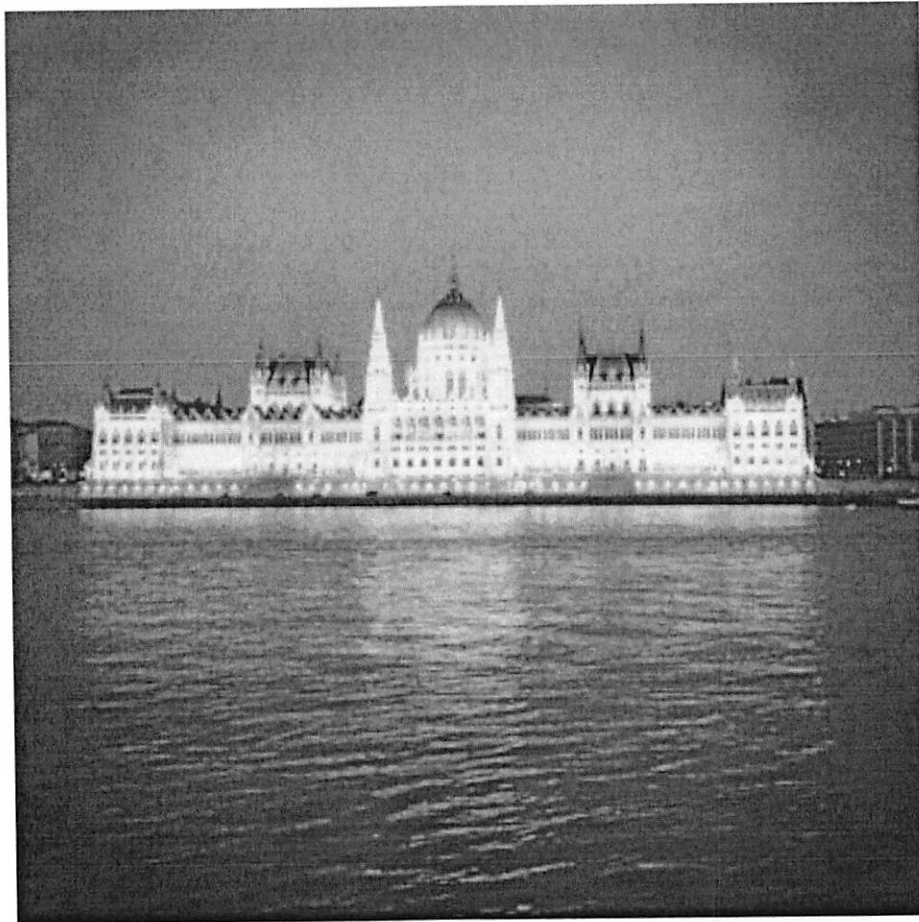
11 days/9 nights

Budapest (3), Vienna (3), Prague (3)

Departure Date: March 9, 2017

Return Date: March 19, 2017

US Gateway: Flights not included





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Day 1, Thurs, Mar 9, 2017
Overnight flight to Budapest.

Day 2, Fri, Mar 10, 2017: Budapest

Upon arrival to Budapest airport meet your travel director and transfer to the city. Situated on the opposite banks of the Danube River, the former cities of Buda and Pest are linked by a series of graceful bridges. Your introductory tour includes views of the decorative Parliament building, seat of the National Assembly; Vaci Utca, a pedestrian street lined with shops and restaurants; Heroes' Square with the Millennium Column, an 118-foot-high Corinthian column topped with a statue of the archangel Gabriel, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The balance of the day is at leisure. **(B, D)**

Day 3, Sat, Mar 11, 2017: Budapest

Sightseeing this morning focuses on the Castle Hill area. You'll visit the 13th-century **Matthias Church** and the **Fisherman's Bastion**, then see the Royal Palace. In the afternoon visit the **Dohany street synagogue** of Budapest, the second largest in the world, and its museum. Tonight, enjoy dinner with entertainment in a typical Csarda restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 4, Sun, Mar 12, 2017: Budapest

Full day excursion along the "Blue Danube" with stops in Visegrád and Szentendre. Transfer to Visegrád Hill for fantastic photo opportunities of the Danube Bend from **the small castle**. Continue to the picturesque artists' village, Szentendre. Walk through the baroque town center. Pop into souvenir shops, and discover restaurants, coffee shops, and art galleries in the many listed buildings. Return to Budapest for an overnight. **(B)**

Day 5, Mon, Mar 13, 2017: Vienna

Travel to Vienna, with a stop en-route in Bratislava. For centuries, this city has been famous for its charm and beauty. The beautifully restored old town with its winding lanes and medieval courtyards is nestled between the steep Castle Hill and the Danube River. On a guided walk explore historic, lively pedestrian streets of this charming city where local street vendors offer regional gifts. Continue to Vienna, the "City of Waltz." Your time is free to start discovering the city's delights, from shopping to architecture to pastries. **(B)**



Day 6, Tue, Mar 14, 2017: Vienna

On a morning sightseeing tour, view the Hofburg Palace, once the seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Then view the Belvedere Palace, Prater Amusement Park, the UN Buildings, St. Stephen's Cathedral and other reminders of the city's Imperial History. Continue with a guided tour of the **Opera House**. In the evening enjoy a **Concert of Strauss's & Mozart's music**. (B)

Day 7, Wed, Mar 15, 2017: Vienna

This morning visit the **Belvedere Palace complex**, with its magnificent art collection including "The Kiss" by Gustave Klimt. Continue with a visit to Vienna's central cemetery (Zentralfriedhof) where Schubert, Beethoven, Brahms, Strauss. Schoenberg and other notable composers & artists are interred or honored. Then visit the **Museum of Mozarthaus** and **House of Music**. Evening at leisure and overnight. (B)

Day 8, Thu, Mar 16, 2017: Prague

Travel to Prague, the capital of Czech Republic. Upon arrival tour the old part of the city to view the Old Town Square, the famous Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, St. Nicholas Church, Charles Bridge and more. Tonight, enjoy an **opera performance**. Overnight. (B)

Day 9, Fri, Mar 17, 2017: Prague

Excursion to the place where German occupation during the Second World War induced the most tragic chapter in the history of one town. Visit the two components of the former Nazi occupation. One was a concentration camp, prison in a so-called small fortress just outside the town, which generally served as a transit camp for political prisoners. The other was the entire town of Terezin itself, which was turned into a Jewish ghetto. The visit includes a tour of the camp, a movie presentation, an inside visit of the **Small and Big fortress**, and a short visit of Terezin; total duration of the visit is approximately 7 hours. Return to your hotel in Prague. Overnight. (B)

Day 10, Sat, Mar 18, 2017: Prague

Cross the Vltava River to see the Royal Castle of Hradcany and visit the **Cathedral of St. Vitus**, the **Old Royal Palace**, **St. George's Basilica** and the **Golden Lane** with the **Daliborka Tower**. Also see the Lobkowitz palace for a visit of the **museum** and a **midday classical concert**. The balance of the day is at leisure. Tonight, gather for dinner with a **folklore performance** in a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11, Sun, Mar 19, 2017

Transfer to Prague airport for return flight to USA. (B)