

SENIOR SOFTBALL TOUR 2020

Jewels of Eastern Europe – Prague & Budapest

October 15 – 27, 2020

Day 1 Thursday October 15

Prague

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Arrive into Prague's International Airport, Clear Immigration and Customs and meet your Tour representative in the arrival's hall.

Free time for bathroom and currency exchange before transferring to the Group's hotel in Prague's city area and check in for the next **6 Nights**



Welcome Dinner in the hotel.

Hotel Royal Prague Czech Republic (6 Nights)

Day 2 Friday October 16

Prague

B, D

Breakfast in Hotel
Morning free at leisure in Prague

After an independent lunch the teams will transfer to ball field for the afternoon practice.

Return transfer back to hotel.

Dinner in the hotel or a nearby local restaurant (**within walking distance of hotel**)

Remainder of evening free at leisure

Day 3 Saturday October 17 Prague Full Day Tournament **B**

Breakfast in Hotel
Transfer to Ball field for the Softball Tournament in Prague. The Tournament will either be the Fall edition of the Heavy Hitters Tournament which benefits the Prague



Education Fund, or a tournament with Prague area teams.

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Return transfer to hotel after tournament.
Dinner on your own
Evening free

Day 4 Sunday October 18 **Prague Full Day Tournament** **B**

Breakfast in Hotel

Transfer to Ball field for the conclusion and awards of the Prague Tournament.

Return transfer to hotel after tournament.
Dinner on your own
Evening free



Day 5 Monday October 19 **Prague** **B,D**

Breakfast in Hotel

This magical city of bridges, cathedrals, gold-tipped towers and church domes, has been mirrored in the surface of the swan-filled Vltava River for more than ten centuries. Almost undamaged by WWII, Prague's medieval center remains a wonderful mixture of cobbled lanes, walled courtyards, cathedrals and countless spires all in the shadow of her majestic 9th century castle that looks eastward as the sun sets behind her. Prague is also a modern and vibrant city full of energy, music, cultural art, fine dining and special events catering to the independent traveler's thirst for adventure.

It is regarded by many as one of Europe's most charming, colorful and beautiful cities, Prague has become the most popular travel destination in Central Europe along with Vienna and Krakow. Millions of tourists visit the city every year.



During our tour you are going to see all of the most interesting historical sights of Prague – the Municipal House, Wenceslas Square, the National Museum,

Charles Square followed by a ride along the beautiful riverside, across the River Vltava to Prague Castle. By walk you will return to the city center to the Old Town Square. Here you can admire the Tyn Church, St. Nicholas Church and the Astronomical clock on the Old Town Hall.

Late afternoon return to your hotel.

Dinner in the hotel or a nearby local restaurant (**within walking distance of hotel**)

Day 6 Tuesday October 20

Prague – Karlstein Castle B, L, D

Breakfast in Hotel

Morning transfer to Karlstein and Karlstein Castle



Karlštejn Castle is a large Gothic castle founded 1348 CE by Charles IV, Holy Roman Emperor-elect and King of Bohemia. The castle served as a place for safekeeping the Imperial Regalia as well as the Bohemian/Czech crown jewels, holy relics, and other royal treasures.

Located about 30 kilometers (19 miles) southwest of Prague above the village of the same name, it is one of the most famous and most frequently visited castles in the Czech Republic.

Before returning to Prague lunch is served at a typical Czech local restaurant
Return transfer back to your hotel by early afternoon for free time in the Old City.

Illumination Evening Dinner cruise on the Vlatava River.

Day 7 Wednesday October 21 Prague to Budapest **B,D**

Breakfast in hotel

Driving south this morning we depart Prague, making a short coffee stop in the area of Brno, Czech Republic.

Continuing south we arrive into the Slovak Republic. Here we will make a longer stop it the Capital city of Bratislava

Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is set along the Danube River by the border with Austria and Hungary. It's surrounded by vineyards and the Little Carpathian Mountains, crisscrossed with forested hiking and cycling trails. The pedestrian-only, 18th-century old town is known for its lively bars and cafes. Perched atop a hill, the reconstructed Bratislava Castle overlooks old town and the Danube.

After our break in Bratislava our tour will continue to Budapest in Hungary

On arrival in Budapest, check into your hotel for the next 6 nights

Dinner in the hotel or a nearby local restaurant (**within walking distance of hotel**)



Hotel in Mercure City Center Budapest, Hungary (6 Nights)

Day 8 Thursday October 22 Budapest **B,L**

Breakfast in hotel

Full Day sightseeing tour of Budapest with local step on guide.

Budapest, Hungary's capital is bisected by the River Danube. Its 19th-century Chain Bridge connects the hilly Buda district with flat Pest. A funicular runs up Castle Hill to



Buda's Old Town, where the Budapest History Museum traces city life from Roman times onward. Trinity Square is home to 13th-century Matthias Church and the turrets of the Fishermen's Bastion, which offer sweeping views.

We will see the famous Chain Bridge, pass by the Elisabeth Bridge and the Downtown Parish Church, then take the small boulevard to show you the famous Central Market Hall, the National Museum and the largest Synagogue of Europe from outside.

We then take the Andrassy Avenue, pass by the St Stephen's Basilica as well as the Opera House and stop at Heroes' Square to show you the statues of the most famous Hungarian kings and dukes while giving you a brief overview of the last 1000 years of Hungarian history.



Next, we discover the City Park on foot (Europe's largest thermal spa, Budapest Zoo and Vajdahunyad Castle).

After this pleasant walk we drive over to the Buda side and stop in the Castle District. We walk to the Matthias Church and the Fishermen's Bastion (from where you can enjoy the beautiful panorama) and other main attractions of the area.

Next, we drive to the Gellert Hill (Citadel) and show you the most spectacular view of Budapest.

Lunch to be included during the city tour.

Returning to the hotel by late afternoon.

Dinner on your own.

Evening free

Day 9 Friday October 23

Budapest

B, D

Breakfast in hotel

Morning free time in Budapest.

Afternoon, the teams will transfer to the ball field for the afternoon practice.



After practice transfer back to the hotel.

Dinner in the hotel or a nearby local restaurant (**within walking distance of hotel**)

Day 10 Saturday October 24 **Budapest Full Day Tournament** **B**

Breakfast in Hotel

Transfer to the idyllic wine village of **Szentendre** for The Eastern European Challenge Cup with Szentendre and Budapest teams.



This evening the Host Team is planning a barbeque and a visit of the village.

Return transfer to hotel after tournament
Dinner on your own
Evening free

11 Sunday October 25 **Budapest Full Day Tournament** **B**

Breakfast in Hotel

Transfer to Ball field for final day and Awards Ceremony for the Eastern European Challenge Cup.

Return transfer to hotel after tournament
Dinner on your own Evening free



Day 12 Monday October 26

Budapest

B, D

Breakfast in Hotel

Morning Cruise on the Danube.



Afternoon free in Budapest for Last minute sightseeing & shopping
Farewell Gypsy Folklore dinner in a local restaurant (4 courses with wine & beer included)

Day 13 Tuesday October 27

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Breakfast in Hotel

Group transfer to Budapest International Airport for individual check in and flights back to the USA

B = Buffet Breakfast

D = Group Dinner

L = Lunch

Tour Highlights

- Welcome dinner
- 6 nights in 4* hotel Prague Center
- NAME 2 Full day Softball Tournaments in Prague
- Full day city tour of Prague with local guide
- ½ Day Tour to Karlstein Castle
- Lunch in local Karlstein Restaurant
- Illumination Dinner Cruise on the Vlatava River in Prague
- Scenic relocation drive stopping in Brno and Bratislava
- 6 nights in 4* hotel in Budapest Center
- Full day city tour of Budapest with local guide
- NAME 2 Full day Softball Tournaments in Budapest
- Visit to the famous wine village of Szentendre on the Danube River
- Cruise on the River Danube in Budapest
- Farewell Gypsy dinner, show & drinks included

What is included:

- ✓ 6 Nights in 4**** Tourist superior hotel in Budapest
 - ✓ 6 Nights in 4**** Tourist superior hotel in Prague
 - ✓ 12 hot / cold buffet breakfasts
 - ✓ 1 welcome dinner (3 courses excluding beverages)
 - ✓ 6 dinners (3 courses excluding beverages)
 - ✓ Farewell dinner & Hungarian folk show (Wine included)
 - ✓ All excursions, guided tours & sightseeing as per the Itinerary
 - ✓ All entrances as per the itinerary
 - ✓ Uniforms for players
 - ✓ All tournament entry fees.
 - ✓ SSUSA Luggage tags
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- ✓ Services of a professional tour manager / escort throughout
 - ✓ Land transportation by luxury coach with W.C & A/C
 - ✓ All road tolls, road taxes and parking fees
 - ✓ All entrance fees as per the Itinerary
 - ✓ All rooms with en-suite facilities
 - ✓ All city permits where required
 - ✓ Driver's & T/M's Accommodation
 - ✓ All group tipping
 - ✓ Any city Tourist taxes (**Tourist taxes**)

What is not included:

- ✓ Round trip airfare to and from the US gateway / Europe
- ✓ All items of a personal nature: i.e., telephone calls, laundry, pay TV, hotel mini bars, etc.
- ✓ All meals not specified in the Itinerary
- ✓ All entrances to museums, art galleries, etc. not specified in the itinerary.
- ✓ All private excursions not specified in the itinerary.
- ✓ Any public transport, taxi, local bus, rail or flights not specified in the itinerary.
- ✓ Luggage handling at the airport.
- ✓ Luggage handling at the hotels
- ✓ Travel Insurance (Medical & Travel delays and lost baggage)