

SENIOR SOFTBALL TOUR 2021

Jewels of Eastern Europe

Prague & Budapest

August 19 – 31, 2021

Join us on an adventure of a lifetime to two of the most beautiful and magical cities in Europe: Prague and Budapest.

Cruise on the River Danube in Budapest, feast on a Gypsy dinner, play ball in the famous wine village of Szentendre and get a personal tour from our host ballplayers of their picturesque town, and in Prague you'll have a chance to explore 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.

DAY 1

Thursday
August 19

Prague

Arrive into Prague's International Airport after an overnight flight from America. Clear Immigration and Customs and meet your Tour representative in the arrival's hall.



After getting settled in our hotel, meet fellow players and their families and friends at the Welcome Dinner in the Hotel. Team managers will get together with players to over strategy for the International Games!

■ **Hotel Occidental Prague 5 Czech Republic (6 Nights)**

DAY 2

Friday
August 20

Prague

After breakfast in the Hotel, you'll have the morning free to explore and get a flavor of the beautiful city of Prague.



This afternoon, players will have a chance to practice and get to know each other on the field.

This evening, the group will enjoy a dinner at the Hotel and share their adventures of the day.

DAY 3
Saturday
August 21

Prague Full-Day: Jewel of Eastern Europe Classic

After breakfast in the Hotel, the group will board the motorcoach for a short trip to the **Jewel of Eastern Europe Classic** tournament against Prague teams.

The tournament provides a unique opportunity to dip below the surface of traditional international travel and meet folks from the Host Country. The games give players a chance to get to know their teammates – players from throughout the US – and Prague players.

This evening is free to explore Prague.

DAY 4
Sunday
August 22

Prague Full-Day: Jewel of Eastern Europe Classic

After breakfast in the Hotel, the group will board the motorcoach for a short trip to the finals of the **Jewel of Eastern Europe Classic** tournament against Prague teams.

After the tournament championships, there will be an awards ceremony and a transfer to the Dutch Pub to enjoy a team dinner and get together with Prague players and their families. (*Note: the dinner and drinks are not included in the package price*)

DAY 5
Monday
August 23

Prague

After our Hotel breakfast, we have a full day to discover Prague.

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 church 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.

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 in the afternoon we'll return to the hotel to get ready for dinner with your Tour friends at the Hotel.

DAY 6
Tuesday
August 24

Prague – Karlstein Castle

After our Hotel breakfast, we are off to explore more beauty near Prague!



Our stop is Karlstejn Castle, 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, we'll enjoy a group lunch served at a typical Czech local restaurant.

This evening we'll enjoy an Illumination Evening Dinner cruise on the Vlatava River.

DAY 7
Wednesday
August 25

Prague to Budapest

After our breakfast in the Hotel, we board our motorcoach and drive south into the Slovak Republic, stopping in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia.

Bratislava 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 our journey to Budapest in Hungary, where we'll check into our Hotel. After we get settled, the group will get together for a dinner at a nearby restaurant.

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

DAY 8
Thursday
August 26

Budapest

Today, after our breakfast in the Hotel, we'll board our motorcoach to begin a fascinating day exploring Budapest.



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 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 1,000 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 is included during the city tour.

You'll have the evening free to explore Budapest on your own.

DAY 9
Friday
August 27

Budapest

This morning, after breakfast in the Hotel, you'll have free time to explore on your own.

This afternoon, players will board the motorcoach for an afternoon practice to get ready for our weekend tournament with Budapest and Szentendre teams.

This evening we'll have dinner at a nearby local restaurant.

DAY 10
Saturday
August 28

Budapest: Eastern European Challenge Cup

After breakfast in the Hotel, the group will board the motorcoach and head to the **Eastern European Challenge Cup** tournament in the idyllic wine village of Szentendre against Budapest and local teams.

The Host Szentendre team is planning to give us a private tour of the village and a get-together after the games.

DAY 11
Sunday
August 29

Budapest: Eastern European Challenge Cup

After breakfast in the Hotel, the group will board the motorcoach and head to the finals of the **Eastern European Challenge Cup** tournament in the idyllic wine village of Szentendre against Budapest and local teams.



After the games, we'll take part in an Awards Ceremony and head back to the hotel for an evening free to explore Budapest.

DAY 12
Monday
August 30

Budapest

After our breakfast in the Hotel, we'll board our motorcoach and head to the Danube River for a morning cruise.

This afternoon, you'll have free time in Budapest for last-minute sightseeing and shopping.

This evening, we'll have Farewell and Tour Awards at a Gypsy Folklore dinner in a local restaurant (*4 courses with wine and beer included*).

DAY 13
Tuesday
August 31

Back to the USA

After breakfast in the Hotel, we'll board our motorcoach and head to Budapest International Airport for individual check in and flights back to the USA with memories to last a lifetime.

Tour Highlights:

- Welcome dinner
- 6 nights in ★★★★ hotel Prague Center
- 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 ★★★★ hotel in Budapest Center
- Full day city tour of Budapest with local guide
- 2 Full day Softball Tournaments in Szentendre
- Visit to the famous wine village of Szentendre on the Danube River
- Cruise on the River Danube in Budapest
- Farewell Gypsy dinner, show and drinks included

What is included:

- 6 Nights in ★★★★ Tourist superior hotel in Prague
- 6 Nights in ★★★★ Tourist superior hotel in Budapest
- 12 hot / cold buffet breakfasts
- 1 welcome dinner (*3 courses excluding beverages*)
- 6 dinners (*3 courses excluding beverages*)
- 1 farewell dinner & Hungarian folk show (*Wine included*)
- All excursions, guided tours & sightseeing as per the Itinerary
- All entrances as per the itinerary
- 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

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*)
- Tipping
- Hotel Tourist taxes
- Currency Exchange supplement (*if required*)

Rates:

All prices per-person based on double occupancy.
The uniform is included (*Cap and Jersey for all persons on the tour. Players also receive pants and belt.*)

NOTE: Airline is not included.

- \$4,280.00 per player / \$4,220 per non-player.
Price for Previous SSUSA International Tour
Alumni \$4,180 per player / \$4,120 per non-player.
- Single Room Supplement: \$950.00 (*call first for availability*)
- To ensure your reservation please include your deposit of \$1,000.00 per person by May 15, 2021.
- Spots are limited, and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. **Full & Final payment should reach us no later than June 1, 2021.**

Make and mail payment and reservation form to:

Senior Softball USA Tours
9823 Old Winery Place, Suite 12
Sacramento, CA 95827

For credit card transactions please call: Anthony Ramos at 916-326-5303 (*Please note there is a 4% bank charge for credit card charges*) Please send in a copy of your passport and driver's license for our records.

Responsibility:

Senior Softball USA has contracted suppliers to provide transportation, accommodation and other services. Senior Softball USA or any employees thereof shall not be held responsible for accidents, illness, loss, damage, delay and expenses arising from acts of God, Pandemics, wars, strikes, quarantine, weather, irregularity, failure of planes, terrorist attacks, government restrictions or regulations, change in hotel accommodations, delays or other services and any other cause over which it has no control.

Terms & Conditions:**Passport:**

All passengers are required to possess a passport valid for at least 3 months from departure date. **Also, if required by government regulations, Covid-19 Vaccine documentation, showing that the client has been vaccinated.** Be sure to secure this documentation well in advance of departure. Please also check with Passport office if any visas are required for entry into Czech & Slovak Republics and Hungary. It is your responsibility and at your own cost to secure these before the start of the tour August 19, 2021. Custom Euro Tours and their partners SSUSA will accept no responsibility if personal Visas or Covid-19 documentation are not secured.

Flights:

Flights leaving the US arrive in Europe the following day. Therefore, it will be necessary to fly out the day before the tour starts.

Itinerary Variations:

We strive to improve tour itineraries. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right to vary itineraries.

Walking:

Please understand that in order to see European cities, a fair amount of walking is required. Please take comfortable walking shoes.

Travel Insurance:

It is **highly recommended** that all travelers purchase medical, travel delay, Trip Cancellation and lost baggage Insurance coverage before departure. Senior Softball USA will not be held responsible / liable for any losses due to any of the above mentioned circumstances or those listed in the responsibility section of the contract.

Single-Rooms:

Single-rooms are available for an additional supplement. Please call for single room availability.

Waiver:

Senior Softball USA reserves the right to substitute, change or cancel any of the included excursions in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

For more information, please email info@seniorsoftball.com, or call (916) 326-5303

(open 8 am -noon, Pacific Time, Monday- Friday)