



# ART & GARDENS OF EASTERN EUROPE



THE SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE GARDENS

## EXPLORING BUDAPEST, VIENNA & PRAGUE WITH MARIAN ST. CLAIR AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> - SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> 2018

Marian St. Clair and Discover Europe have once again joined forces to create an itinerary that highlights the gardens, the museums, and the landscape of a region in full bloom. The pace is never frantic, yet the days are pleasantly full and there are bound to be some unexpected diversions and adventures along the way. As scintillating and sparkling as the jewels in a Hapsburg crown, the magnificent combination of Budapest, Vienna, and Prague brings you deep into the heart of old-world Eastern European elegance.

While the Czech Republic and Hungary are two of Eastern Europe's more recent success stories, much of their charm lies in the history and cultural wealth of their ancient positions in Europe—the former as the capital of the Holy Roman Empire; the latter as the seat of the Hapsburg Empire, an empire that stretched around the world, encompassing Austria and the legendary city of Vienna. Throughout, their proud historical legacy is embodied in the grand architecture and fabulous museums of all three.

With a lovely mix of city time and train travel through beautiful countryside, you'll experience both rural charm and extraordinary sophistication and beauty. From Hungary's twin cities of Buda and Pest, like opposing pearls on either side of the Danube, we continue on to the Austrian capital and jewel in the Hapsburg crown, Vienna, where culture reigns supreme and imperial palaces meet towering Gothic cathedrals. Crossing the border from Austria into the Czech Republic, we end our journey in Prague, the "city of a hundred spires," renowned for its centuries-old beauty, spread out along the banks of the Vltava River.

Before summer's end, join Marian and other fellow art and garden lovers on an unforgettable journey through a region that boasts a cultural history second to none on ART & GARDENS OF EASTERN EUROPE.

### THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	<b>\$3360</b>
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	<b>\$ 880</b>

### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

- HOTELS:** 9 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels. All hotel taxes and service charges included.
- COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary.
- MEALS:** Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 4 dinners.
- GUIDES:** Fully qualified Discover Europe tour guide throughout. Local guides in each city.
- EXPENSES:** Portage of one large suitcase per person.
- ENTRANCES:** Entrance fees and tickets to all sites and events included in the itinerary.

*Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.  
Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.*



**THURSDAY, AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>** - Departure from your chosen US gateway city.

**OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>** - Morning arrival at Budapest airport for the transfer to your city-center hotel. There will be time to unpack and relax before your guide gives an arrival orientation briefing. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: BUDAPEST**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>** - Morning sightseeing of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, with a local guide, introduces the local history. We'll view the magnificent Parliament building on the banks of the Danube, built to rival London's Palace of Westminster, drive through Heroes' Square and past the Opera House. We'll stop at the Seminarium Centrale to visit the cloister garden - a wonderful oasis of peace in the midst of the bustling city. We continue over the Elizabeth Bridge and on to the Citadel atop Gellert Hill. The afternoon and evening are free to explore the local shops, to take one of the thermal spa treatments for which the city is famous, and to sample the local cuisine at a neighborhood restaurant.

**(B) OVERNIGHT: BUDAPEST**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>** - A full day excursion just to the north of the city today takes us to the region known as the Danube Bend. We begin with a visit to the cobbled streets of the artist's village of Szentendre and then board our river cruise to Visegrad, dominated by the 13<sup>th</sup>-century castle at the top of the hill. We'll stop for lunch (included) at a riverside cafe and then visit Ezstergom, the ancient religious capital of medieval Hungary. From here our coach returns us to Budapest, stopping at the National Botanical Garden in Vacratot for a guided tour. Originally designed by Jambor Vilmos, gardener to Archduke Joseph, the garden was taken over by the Hungarian Academy of Science after World War II. The evening is free in Budapest. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: BUDAPEST**

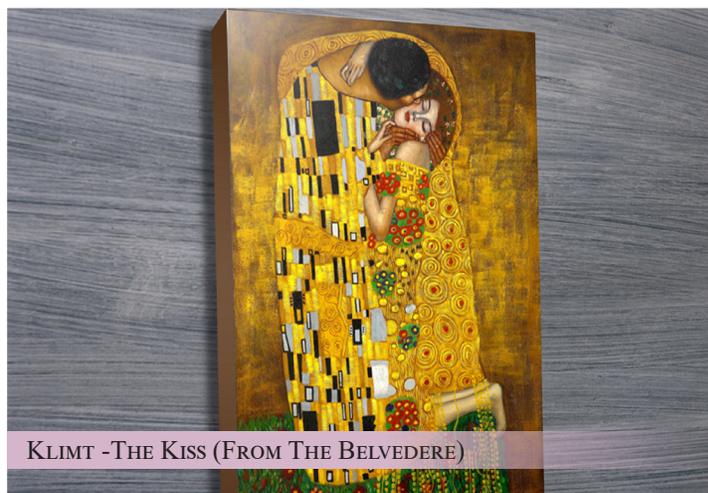
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>** - This morning we take the train from Budapest to Vienna, passing through the countryside of Western Transdanubia. Upon arrival in Vienna, a local guide takes us on a panoramic tour of this jewel of the Hapsburgs, including a visit to the ornate Vienna Opera House, one of Europe's grandest. We'll have dinner at our hotel in the evening **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: VIENNA**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we visit the majestic Schonbrunn Palace, the 1,440-room summer palace of the Hapsburg emperors - and it's magnificent gardens. Originally a hunting lodge, the surrounding parkland was transformed into a formal garden. The original plans for which were drawn up in 1695 by Jean Trehet, a pupil of Andre Le Notre, the designer of the gardens at Versailles. You will be free to spend as much of the day here as you wish before returning to the city center for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: VIENNA**



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we begin with a tour of the Belvedere Palace and Gardens. We'll begin in the Museum, famous for its Klimt exhibit, and then continue on to the gardens. Divided into 3 sections, we'll visit the Palace Garden, the Privy Garden and the Alpine Garden. The rest of the day is free to explore the gorgeous old capital.

You may decide to visit the Hofburg Imperial Palace, built in 1279, which today houses the offices of the Austrian president, as well as the chapel where the Vienna Choir Boys perform and the hall of the Lipizzan stallions. Or discover the Sigmund Freud Museum, housed in the building where Freud lived and worked for 50 years and then take in St. Stephens' Cathedral, originally a Romanesque sanctuary and one of the greatest Gothic structures in Europe. Rich in culture (not to mention one of the world's largest wine-growing cities), Vienna oozes romance and invites long, leisurely walks. Be sure to stop at one of its famous coffeehouses for a curbside view of the city passing by! This evening we gather again at the hotel and then enjoy a performance at the Staatsoper (The Vienna State Opera - program to be advised). **(B) OVERNIGHT: VIENNA**



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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning, we take the train to Prague and relax in first-class comfort as we watch the countryside roll by. We arrive in the Czech capital in time to check into our hotel and take an afternoon panoramic sightseeing tour. We begin with a walking tour around Wenceslas Square and the Old Town with its famous Astronomical Clock atop the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Town Hall. Then we'll continue through the Jewish Ghetto to St. Nicholas Church and stroll along the banks of the Vltava River to the Charles Bridge. Dinner is included this evening after we return to our hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PRAGUE**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we visit Prague Castle and its wonderful gardens. From the Royal Garden, originally a Renaissance garden established in 1534, to the early 20th-century South Gardens and the acres under glass



of the Orangery and the Horticultural gardens, there is something here for every type of garden enthusiast. The afternoon and evening are free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: PRAGUE**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>** - A full day excursion into the beautiful Czech countryside today to Karlovy Vary, a beautiful old spa town beloved by the European nobility. We will have a walking tour of Karlovy Vary, a highlight of which will be a visit to the Moser Glassworks, established in 1857. There will be free time to have lunch and explore before we return to Prague for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PRAGUE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>** - This morning we transfer to Prague airport for return flights to the U.S. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, L - lunch, D - dinner

## REGISTRATION FORM

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please type or print.
2. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
3. Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
4. Complete both sides of this form.
5. Detach the bottom section and return to Discover Europe with your deposit of \$500 per person if this has not already been paid. Keep the top section for your records.

### DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

1. Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name.
2. Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.
3. Address. If you have a different address, please let us have the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.
4. Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you require any special meals both for the hotels and the airlines.
5. Health Information. It is very valuable for us to know ahead of time if you require any special assistance. Discover Europe tours are always paced for comfort, but inevitably there is also a certain amount of walking involved. Participants should have sufficient stamina to keep pace with the tour group and not cause delays. Please consult with your physician if you have any questions regarding your ability to participate fully.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

### INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

1. If transatlantic flights are not already included as part of your tour package, Discover Europe will be very happy to book these for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
2. If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Transportation to and from the hotel for arrival and departure arrangements that are separate from the group can be made at an additional cost.

### ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

Please tick the appropriate boxes.

1. If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
2. A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



### PASSENGER DETAILS: ART & GARDENS OF EASTERN EUROPE

(0830/GSE)

Passport Name:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title First Middle Last

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title First Middle Last

Known As: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Passport 1#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport 2#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp.Date: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
circle one

Secondary Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ work/cell/home  
circle one

Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Comments or Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

### Trip Details

Itinerary Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Return Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Airport or City: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to extend my trip to: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:**  
 DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.  
 95 Adams Street, Keene, NH 03431

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
3. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
4. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., and Marian St. Clair, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
5. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities, host or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
6. Conduct During the Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.

**TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS**

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the 6 months prior

- to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size between 15 and 20 participants. Should we end up with less than this, Discover Europe will work with Marian St. Clair to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

**REFUND POLICY**

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty per person.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
  - 90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
  - 60 - 31 days prior to departure: \$2000 per person
  - Fewer than 30 days prior to departure: no refund
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. Trip cancellation insurance is not included in your Discover Europe tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Information describing the services of a recommended travel insurance company will be made available to you upon registration.
6. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
8. Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

**INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS**

1. All inclusions on *Art and Gardens of Eastern Europe* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transatlantic airfare, travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's home to their chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers, items of a personal nature.



**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**FLIGHT INFORMATION**  
*(Please check one)*

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flights : Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged): \_\_\_\_\_

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**ROOMING REQUIREMENTS**

*(Please check one)*

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

We would like a double twin-bedded room

**PERMISSIONS**

Discover Europe may use any photographs taken during the tour in promotional materials. Yes No

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

**SIGNATURES**

I have read and agree to the attached Terms & Conditions and understand that travel insurance is not included in the trip.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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