### **Dold World Journeys presents**

# 2017 Central Europe 16 Days

#### Germany - Poland - Slovakia - Hungary - Austria - Czech Republic



### **Dates & Prices**

 $\label{leave Sat. Aug. 26 - Return Sun. Sep. 10, 2017 - $5,085} \\ Single Room Supplement - $725 / Triple Reduction (N/A) / Land Only - $3,420 / Travel Insurance - fr. $229 / Travel Ins$ 

Save Up To \$100 with our Sign-up Discounts.

\$145 - Globus Journeys Club Discount (submit your Globus Journeys Club number to qualify).

### **Highlights**

- 13 nights in First, Superior First or Deluxe hotels. Modified First Class Globus. 13 (B) Full buffet Breakfasts; 2 (L) Lunches with one at Tatra Mountains ski-resort; 7 (D) Dinners with wine, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners in Berlin, a Polish Dinner and Folklore show in Krakow, and a Hungarian Dinner in Budapest.
- Escorted by **Alex Dold** from Honolulu. Specially chosen tour director while touring. Twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, hotel taxes, service charges, and tips for baggage handling.
- United Airlines from Honolulu. Private deluxe motorcoach with air-conditioning and emergency washroom.
- Guided sightseeing in Berlin, Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Vienna, Bratislava and Prague. Walking tour of the Kazimierz Quarter in Krakow and the town of Dresden.
- Special sights are the Brandenburg Gate, Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Checkpoint Charlie, Sanssouci Palace in Potsdam, Cathedral of St. John, the former Auschwitz Concentration Camp, Krakow's Remuh Synagogue, Matthias Coronation Church, famous Heldenplatz, the 1,000-year-old Hradcany Castle and more.
- Unique inclusions like a private Chopin Concert, The *Black Madonna* of Jasna Gora, World Famous Wieliczka Salt Mine, and Prague's Astronomical Clock.
- Scenic highlights include the Tatra Mountains, wooded forest of Slovakia, the glorious Danube River, the view from Fishermen's Bastion, the Hungarian Plains, Southern Moravia, Bohemia, and the Moldau River.

# **Itinerary**

- **Day 1. Honolulu Departure.** Our journey begins this evening with a departure for the west coast. Once the preliminary flight schedule is ready it will be displayed online at <u>doldworldjourneys.com</u> under the journey's page.
- Day 2. Via Newark, New Jersey to Berlin, Germany. To avoid long layovers, after our brief stop on the west coast we continue to the east coast for another comfort break. Then it is a non-stop flight to Berlin, Germany.
- **Day 3. Arrival in Berlin, Germany.** Our arrival is in the early morning. After clearing customs formalities, we are met by our specially chosen European Tour Director, and transfer to the NH Berlin-Mitte Hotel, where we spend the next two nights. Our rooms will be ready for us to freshen up and rejuvenate. In the afternoon, all are welcomed to wander with Alex to help us acclimate. Tonight celebrate the start of our journey with a welcome dinner at our hotel. (D)
- **Day 4. Discovering Berlin.** Our guided sightseeing in this once-divided metropolis includes the Ku'damm, the restored Reichstag, a picture stop at monumental **Brandenburg Gate** and the Holocaust Memorial, Charlottenburg Palace, and the 210-foot Victory Column in the vast Tiergarten Park. We visit the **Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church**, drive along Unter den Linden Boulevard, and pass the German State Opera House and end our day at the famous *Checkpoint Charlie*.

This afternoon drive out to **Potsdam** for a stroll in the stunning gardens of **Sanssouci Palace**. This historical building was used by the allied heads of state US President Truman, the Soviet leader Stalin and British Prime ministers Churchill and Attlee in the summer of 1945 to discuss peace treaties and post-war-order. (B)

- **Day 5. Via Poznan, Poland to Warsaw.** After breakfast our coach takes us across the **Polish border**. Enjoy vistas of rural life in the fertile central plains and take a break in historic **Poznan**, with its charming City Hall and Gothic Churches. We continue to **Warsaw** where we spend the next two nights at the Sofitel Victoria. (B), (D)
- **Day 6. Exploring Warsaw.** Our Local Guide will explain to us about the tormented, often tragic history of this important gateway city between East and West. We'll see the medieval *Stare Miasto* (Old Quarter) with its market square and 14th-century **Cathedral of St. John**, the "wedding cake" Palace of Culture and Science, neoclassical Lazienki Palace, and the remnants of the **Jewish ghetto**. As a special treat we attend a private **Chopin Concert**. (B)
- **Day 7. Via Czestochowa and Auschwitz to Krakow.** A fascinating morning is in store for us as we visit the beautiful **Jasna Gora**, a *Paulite Monastery* near **Czestochowa**, and admire its portrait of **Our Lady The Black Madonna**. Supposedly the painting is done by St. Luke, the evangelist. Venerated as the "*Queen of Poland*," this painting has become the country's national symbol.

In contrast we step back into a dark history with a stop in **Auschwitz** to visit what is left of the **Concentration Camp**, a chilling reminder of the Holocaust. Evening arrival in **Krakow** for our two night stay at the Best Western Plus Q. (B), (D)

**Day 8. Experiencing Krakow.** Our morning guided sightseeing in ancient Krakow features a visit to **St. Mary's Church**. Take pictures of the impressive Wawel Royal Castle, and drive past the Oskar Schindler Factory. Then enjoy a walking tour of **Kazimierz Quarter** where we visit the area where scenes of the movie *Schindler's List* were filmed, the **Remuh Synagogue**, and the Jewish cemetery.

In the afternoon, we explore Europe's oldest salt mine and considered to be one of the world's wonders. The **Wieliczka Salt Mine's** attractions include dozens of impressive statues and an entire chapel that has been hand carved out of the rock by the miners. Tonight we savor a delicious **Polish** dinner and folklore show. (B), (D)

- **Day 9. Via Donovaly, Slovakia to Budapest, Hungry.** Today a scenic drive through the heart of mountainous and densely wooded **Slovakia**, where brown bears still roam free, brings us to **Donovaly**, a popular ski-resort in the **Tatra Mountains**. Here lunch has been specially prepared for us. Continue to the twin towns of **Buda** and **Pest**, proud capital of Hungary. This evening, we may wish to join an optional private dinner cruise on the Danube River, the perfect introduction to this fascinating city. Two nights at the Courtyard by Marriott City Center. (B), (L)
- **Day 10. Savoring Budapest.** Our Local Guide takes us through Central Europe's most cosmopolitan city. View the elegant Andrassy Avenue, the Thermal Baths, and the world's second-largest Jewish synagogue. From the lacy lookout towers of **Fishermen's Bastion**, enjoy a panoramic view of the sprawling city. Later we visit the 13th-century **Matthias Coronation Church** and **Heroes' Square**. The rest of the day is at leisure. Alex and our Tour Director will be available to make the best of our stay. Tonight, we savor a delectable **Hungarian specialty dinner**. (B), (D)

- **Day 11. To Vienna, Austria.** Today we drive through the *Hungarian plains* to **Vienna**, once the center of the mighty *Habsburg Empire*. Meet our local guide and start our sightseeing with vistas of Prater Park with its giant Ferris wheel. Then, drive along the elegant Ringstrasse. Pass the impressive State Opera House, the Jewish quarter, and stop at the Hofburg Palace, winter residence of the Austrian imperial family. Marvel at the impressive courtyards and famous **Heldenplatz**, and visit awesome **St. Stephen's Cathedral**. Our next two nights are at the Austria Trend Hotel Savoyen. (B)
- **Day 12. Excursion to Bratislava, Slovakia.** After breakfast we drive to **Bratislava**, the economic and political center of the **Slovakian Republic**. Here we enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of the castle while strolling with our local expert through the streets of the medieval Old Town. Visit the gothic St. Martin's Cathedral or the Primate's Palace and shop on the main square. In the afternoon we return to **Vienna** with time to experience a Mozart and Strauss concert and/or venture out with Alex. (B)
- **Day 13. Via Telc, Czech Republic to Prague.** Our coach crosses the **Czech** border and enters *Moravia*. We stop in one of the most beautiful towns in the Czech Republic, **Telc**, where a special lunch with local specialties awaits us. In the afternoon, continue through the rich farmlands of *Moravia* and *Bohemia* to **Prague** and Andel's By Vienna House, our home for the next two nights. Tonight is our chance to join an optional outing to explore Prague by night. (B), (L), (D)
- **Day 14. Discovering Prague.** Our guided sightseeing in this golden university city includes a visit to **Hradcany Castle Grounds**. Also view St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Town, the Jewish ghetto, and the **Astronomical Clock**, once the envy of all Europe. The balance of our day is free to do as we please. Alex and our Tour Director will have some suggestions. (B)
- **Day 15. Via Dresden, Germany to Berlin.** We re-enter **Germany** and stop in **Dresden**, the former capital of *Saxony*. Often referred to as the "*Florence on the Elbe*," this city was badly damaged by Allied bombing in February 1945 and has since been restored to its baroque splendor. During our walking tour, admire the architecture of the Zwinger Palace and Semper Opera. Next, return to Berlin, where we savor a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant including wine and good company. NH Berlin-Mitte. (B), (D)
- **Day 16. To Honolulu.** Vivid memories of a historical European experience are with us as we basically retrace our original flight schedule to return home. Our flight arrives in Honolulu in the late evening. (B)

# **General Conditions – Central Europe**

**DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT**: A \$250 per person *credit card* deposit processed by the Globus Family is required to secure your space. Please **do not** send money. Once we receive your Reservation Form we will contact you. This deposit is part of your final payment, which is due no later than **65 days** prior to departure. You will receive a final payment request approximately two weeks before its due date. Final payment will be divided, with the land portion going to the Globus Family and the International airfare plus any non-chargeable costs going to ES International (DWJ's airline ticketing agent).

Sign-up discounts are combinable with other discounts, but are not transferable to other programs. **Land-only** space is limited. Land price does NOT include airport transfers, dayrooms, or pre or post night hotel accommodations. *These can be purchased*.

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND**: Full refund\* will be made, if cancellation is received up to **120 days** prior to departure; thereafter, only the monies which will be recovered from the hotels, tour operators, airlines, etc., will be refunded. No refund will be made for services not used once the tour commences. All refunds or penalties are subject to the rules and tariffs of the vendors concerned. (\*Note: once your airline ticket is issued it is non-refundable.) There is a \$25 fee for any changes made after 90 days.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**: We recommended purchasing travel insurance with your DEPOSIT. This will insure you are covered from a pre-existing condition AND "Cancel for Any Reason." We will send you a copy of the coverage offered for this journey. This insurance is refundable up to **120 days** prior to departure. You can also purchase insurance with final payment but **will not** be covered for a pre-existing condition or "Cancel for Any Reason."

**PRICE**: Prices are per person based on two people sharing a room/cabin and accurate as of November 18, 2016. Our program prices are guaranteed (unless taxes increase). We need a minimum of 14 people flying with the group to operate this program.

**PRICE INCLUDES**: The journey price includes airfare (and taxes) based on a special group fare, which is subject to certain restrictions; accommodations in First or Superior First Class hotels based on two people sharing a room/cabin with private facilities (bath or shower); meals as indicated in the itinerary: (B) breakfast, (L) lunch, and (D) dinner; and entrance fees where applicable.

**NOT INCLUDED**: The trip price does not include passport expenses; meals not listed in itinerary; all beverages; airport tax; airline baggage fee, baggage and health insurance; laundry expenses; and all items of a personal nature. Tips to tour directors, tour drivers, local guides, and hotel personnel; excursions; city sightseeing; and entrance fees are excluded unless specifically noted in the itinerary.

**PASSPORT AND DOCUMENTS**: A passport, valid 6 months past the date of your return with at least 4 blank pages, is required. Tourist Visas are not required for U.S. citizens on this journey. A copy of your passport is due with final payment.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT**: Single rooms are **limited**. For persons who wish to share hotel rooms, every effort will be made to find you a roommate; however, if this is not possible, the single supplement must be charged (*if a single room is still available*).

**SIGHTSEEING AND TRANSFERS**: All sightseeing and transfers are by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach with extra leg room. No Smoking on Cosmos coaches.

**BAGGAGE**: Due to limited motorcoach capacity, only one suitcase (50 lbs maximum) and one carry-on per person will be allowed. Porterage for this suitcase is included in the journey's price. Airline baggage fees are not included. No responsibility is accepted for loss of or damage to baggage or any of the passengers' belongings. We recommend buying travel insurance.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Dold World Journeys, LLC. and Group Voyagers Inc., dba Globus, 5301 S. Federal Circle, Littleton, CO 80123 (hereinafter referred to as "the Companies") are responsible to you in making arrangements for the tour services offered in the itinerary or on its Web site, including transportation, sightseeing, and hotel accommodations through independent contracts.

The carriers, hotels and other suppliers providing tour services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees, or servants of, or joint ventures with, the Companies or its affiliates. All certificates and other travel documents for tour services issued by the Companies are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the supplier and to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied. If, after tour departure, the services included in the tour cannot be supplied or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond the control of the Companies, the Companies will arrange for the provision of comparable services. Any resulting additional expense will be payable by tour participants and any resulting savings will be refunded by the Companies to tour participants.

The Companies reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant, to expel any tour participant from the tour, to make changes in the itinerary whenever the Companies deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the tour participants, and to cancel a tour at any time.

Any disability requiring special attention should be reported to Globus at the time the reservation is made. Globus will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but the Companies are not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, and other independent suppliers. The motorcoach company and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off transportation vehicles. Persons requiring such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion.

The tour participant agrees that neither the Companies nor its affiliates shall be liable for any damages, loss (including personal injury, death, and property loss), or expense occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or of any other person. Legal proceedings against the Companies may be instituted only in a state or federal court located within the State of Colorado, and any claim involved in such proceedings shall be decided in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado. Any legal proceedings against the Companies must be commenced within one year following the date of tour completion.

No person other than an authorized representative of the Companies, by a document in writing, is authorized to vary, add, or waive any term or condition in regard to this tour program, including any term or condition set forth in the preceding provisions. (Travel Agents Registration #7051)

## **Reservation Form**

### **Central Europe**

Date of Tour: August 26, 2017

To join our journey please complete, sign, and return by e-mail or mail. If the itinerary has been finalized a per person credit card deposit (and possibly insurance payment) will be due to hold your space.

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