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Special UNA Exchange and Culture Tour to Budapest
With optional extension to Bratislava & Vienna*

Day 1: (Dinner=D, Breakfast=B)

Arrive at the airport three (3) hours prior to your international flight. Dinner and breakfast will be served en route. Try to get some rest!

Day 2: (Lunch=L, Reception=R)

Welcome to Budapest, the Pearl of the Danube! At the airport you will be greeted by your local guide who will assist you with the transfer to your hotel.



After some time to settle into your rooms and freshen up, and a nice lunch in a nearby restaurant, embark on a sightseeing tour of Buda (on the western bank of the Danube) with your guide. Your tour will include a visit to the city's medieval Castle, its most beautiful Gothic Church, the Matthias Church, the Baroque Royal Palace, and the early 20th century fortress of the Citadel. Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andr ssy Avenue, has been on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 1987!

Tonight's welcome reception tentatively scheduled to be hosted by the Embassy of the United States, and will give you a chance to informally meet your local peers: the officials and members of UNA-Hungary.

Day 3: (B, L)

After breakfast at your hotel, board your motorcoach to discover the secrets of Pest on the eastern shore of the Danube. There will be only a small amount of walking, so everyone should feel free to come along. Your tour will include the Heroes' Square – an open-air "exhibition" of Hungary's 1000-year history; the glittering Opera House; the impressive St. Stephen Basilica; and the large complex of the Parliament building on the bank of the Danube, just to name a few.



After lunch at a local restaurant, spend the afternoon free at your leisure – your guide will be happy to assist with suggestions. Dinner will be on your own today.

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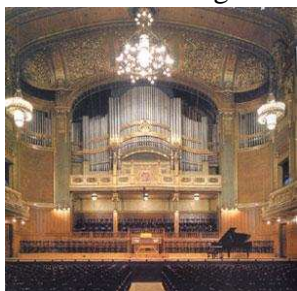
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Day 4: (B)

Visit the headquarters of the United Nations Association of Hungary, meet President Mihaly Simai (honorary president of WFUNA) and General Secretary Ervin Gombos, and enjoy a day of presentations on a variety of topics, revolving around UNA-Hungary’s work and Hungary’s contribution to the work of various UN organizations (UNESCO, UNICEF, WHO, UNDP, WTO, etc. We will invite speakers representing UNA-Hungary’s Councils (Environmental & Sustainable Development Council, Council for Human Rights, Minorities and Refugees, Council on Health and Population, Council of Former UN Staff Members and Experts) and Working Groups (on Disarmament and Peacekeeping, on International Development Cooperation, and on Drug Abuse), as well as officials of UNHCR’s Regional Office - full schedule of speakers and topics to be announced later.



Spend the remainder of the day free at your leisure: visit some of the museums, spend some relaxing time in one of the city’s spas, go shopping for some great gifts, or just stroll down the streets lined with beautiful buildings. Your guide will be happy to advise you and help you make any arrangements. If you like, you can top off the day with attending an optional concert (choral, symphonic or dance; choices to be announced later) at one of the city’s many prestigious halls!

Day 5: (B, L)

Join your guide on a day trip to one of the following UNESCO World Heritage Sites:

Old Village of Hollókő (Date of Inscription: 1987)

Hollokő is an outstanding example of a deliberately preserved traditional settlement. This village, which developed mainly during the 17th and 18th centuries, is a living example of rural life before the agricultural revolution of the 20th century.



Millenary Benedictine Abbey of Pannonhalma (DOI: 1996)

The first Benedictine monks settled here in 996. They went on to convert the Hungarians, to found the country's first school and, in 1055, to write the first document in Hungarian. From the time of its founding, this monastic community has promoted culture throughout central Europe. Its 1,000-year history can be seen in the succession of architectural styles of the monastic buildings (the oldest dating from 1224), which still today house a school and the monastic community. The site is of outstanding universal value illustrating in an exceptional manner the structure and setting of an early Christian Monastery that has evolved over a thousand years of continuous use. Its location and the early date of its foundation

bear unique witness to the propagation and continuity of Christianity in Central Europe.

Tokaj Wine Region (Date of Inscription: 2002)

The cultural landscape of Tokaj graphically demonstrates the long tradition of wine production in this region of low hills and river valleys. The intricate pattern of vineyards, farms, villages and small towns, with their historic networks of deep wine cellars, illustrates every facet of the production of the famous Tokaj wines, the quality and management of which have been strictly regulated for nearly three centuries. The Tokaj wine region represents a distinct viticultural



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tradition that has existed for at least a thousand years and which has survived intact up to the present.

The trip will include a guided tour of the local sights (museums / wine cellars) and lunch. Dinner is on your own today after returning to Budapest.

Day 6: (B)

Enjoy a free day in Budapest; as before, your guide will be available with suggestions. This is also your chance for last-minute gift-shopping!

Day 7: (B, D)

Board your private motorcoach today for a short ride to the town of Gödöllő. Today's trip will combine meetings with Ms. Beata Palfalvy Sandor, head of the International Relations Department at the St. Stephen University, and her associates at local UN and NATO bodies; and a guided visit to the unique Baroque palace of the town.



Gödöllő, about half an hour outside Budapest, is best known for the most outstanding 18th century Baroque palace and its 71-acre park. The palace was originally erected by Count Antal Grassalkovich in 1730 and became the summer residence of Emperor Franz Joseph I and Queen Elizabeth (known as Sisi) from 1867, and of the Hungarian governor between 1920 and 1945. Although badly damaged over the years, the palace has recently been beautifully reconstructed and a museum opened for the visitors. Nine restored rooms of the central wing, the grandiose white-and-golden stuccoed main lounge and the

king's and queen's former suite offer glimpses of glorious times long since past. True to the spirit of Count Grassalkovich, who was a patron of arts, the palace and its courtyard host many cultural events and concerts round the year.

In the evening, enjoy a special farewell banquet, to which all your local counterparts will be invited.

Day 8: (B, L & Snack en route)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to the Budapest Airport for your flight back to the US. Have a safe trip and...Welcome home!

Cost based on forty travelers and includes *all* services listed above (R/T air and all land accommodations, meetings, exchanges, meals, etc), travel insurance, plus a \$300pp minimum tax deductible contribution included as a donation for both UNA's

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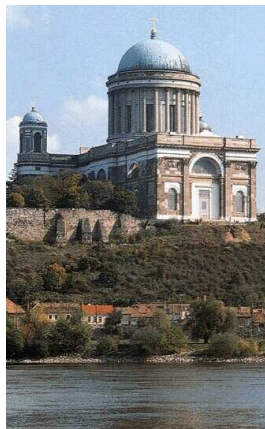
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Extension to Bratislava and Vienna



Day 8: (B, D)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel, board your private motorcoach and depart for Bratislava. Along the way, we will make a short stop in Esztergom, for a quick visit to Hungary's largest and most beautiful cathedral, right on the Slovak border!

Esztergom, situated right on the Slovak border, is the birthplace of Hungary's beloved first King, and later Saint, Stephen. The country's first capital in the 11th century, Esztergom was - and still is - the nation's ecclesiastical center. Dominating Castle Hill is the Basilica, Hungary's largest church with one of the world's largest altar paintings. An unparalleled collection of medieval and Renaissance ecclesiastical art fills the Christian Museum. Climb the dome of the Basilica for a unique view of the majestic Danube.

Upon arrival to Bratislava, check into your hotel and settle in, and enjoy a hearty meal at a nearby restaurant.

Located at the point where the Carpathian Mountains meet the Danube River, the Slovak capital of Bratislava is very beautiful. Dominating the skyline of Slovakia's capital is Bratislava Castle, perched 200 ft up a hill. Our favorite sights, however, are the numerous copper domed church spires interspersed throughout the city.



Day 9: (B, L)

After breakfast at the hotel, visit UNIFEM's Regional Office for Central and Eastern Europe in Bratislava, and meet its officials to learn about their work and activities. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant in town, and then join your local guide for a relaxed walking tour of the downtown area:



BRATISLAVA is the capital of the Slovak Republic and, with a population of 441,000, the country's largest city by far. Bratislava straddles the Danube River about 55 km downstream from Vienna, at the edge of the Danubian plain and within sight of the southern end of the Lesser Carpathian Mountains. Bratislava is actually a cheerful, energetic place with a respectable collection of Baroque architecture, some excellent museums and galleries, an active cultural (especially musical) life, a thriving café and bar scene - and relatively few tourists other than Austrian and Czech day-trippers. Stroll its winding streets to find the Gothic Old Town Hall with a Renaissance courtyard, the Gothic St. Martin Cathedral, and the many splendid Baroque buildings of the center. Most of Bratislava is on the north bank of the Danube. The city's historical heart, the old town (Staré mesto), is a confusing but compact half sq. km (much of it is now pedestrian only) marked out by the castle, námestie SNP and

Hviezdoslavovo námestie. From its ramparts you can see Austria (3 km south-west), and, on a clear day, Hungary (16 km south).

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Day 10: (B, D)

Take a full-day trip today to Vienna, capital of Austria – sister city of Bratislava. The schedule will include a visit to the Vienna United Nations headquarters, and guided tours of the center and the Schönbrunn Palace, both listed as UNESCO World Heritage!



Vienna is divided into 23 districts (Bezirke). The most important district, where the majority of Vienna's attractions and historic monuments are located, is the 1st District, the Innere Stadt. Much of it is closed to traffic and has been turned into a pedestrian zone. The "Inner City" is bounded by the Ringstrasse, a circular boulevard created to replace the ancient city walls in the late 19th century and, lined with magnificent buildings in widely divergent styles.

From the 18th century to 1918, Schönbrunn was the residence of the Habsburg emperors. Together with its gardens, the site of the world's first zoo in 1752, the site is of outstanding universal value being an especially well preserved example of the Baroque princely residential ensemble and a perfect example of Gesamtkunstwerk. The Palace and Gardens are exceptional by virtue of the evidence that they preserve of modifications over several centuries that vividly illustrate the tastes, interests and aspirations of successive Habsburg monarchs.



Before you return to Bratislava for the night, head for Grinzing or Heiligenstadt on the outskirts of Vienna, for a festive farewell dinner with wine and music!



While the Innere Stadt with its imperial majesty may be Vienna's trademark, the outlying wine districts of Grinzing and Heiligenstadt are the soul of the Viennese. Beethoven himself used to summer in Heiligenstadt when the city had not yet grown out to meet it. Ringing these towns are vineyards that produce a delightful new wine, and the owners of the vineyards built small wine taverns at the foot of them to sell this wine and hearty Austrian peasant food. Even if you do not partake of the water glasses of new wine, the Heuriger must not be missed with its traditional, almost Bavarian music and delicious food.

Day 11: (B, L & Snack en route)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to the Bratislava Airport for your flight back to the US. Have a safe trip and... Welcome home!

Other upgrades and optional travel available

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