



ANGEL *Adventures*

MEREDITH COLLEGE ALUMNAE TRAVEL PROGRAM

Budapest to Prague: The Grandest Tour Ever! June 5-20, 2025

If the title of our early summer 2025, Meredith Travel tour brings to mind dreams of wedding cake castles, dancing horses, decadent desserts, and the beautiful, blue Danube, then this tour is for you. I don't think we have ever planned a tour with more diverse experiences, more local food and beverage explorations, more contrasts between city and country, and more magnificent architecture—royal, religious, and secular.

We will tour art-filled castles—each more grand than the last-- in four countries: Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, and Austria, including the second largest complex in Europe at Ceske Krumlov and the largest in the WORLD in Prague. Splendid churches and Melk Abbey will vie for the title of the most elaborately designed baroque edifices we shall see. And then for a change of architectural style, the Art Nouveau Gellert Baths in Budapest, a 1918 spa on a truly grand scale, will provide it. We will be immersed in the history of the region as we tour the Aquinicum Museum and Archeological Park in Budapest to see the Celtic and Roman past. But so much of history and the traditions of these countries live on to the present day. Early in our tour we will visit a famous equestrian park where we will see those dancing horses, followed by dinner with a Gypsy orchestra. What's on the menu? Hungarian BBQ! How will it compare to the finest BBQ in the world, found right here in North Carolina? Yours to discover. What farming traditions live on? Learn directly from a farmer as we visit his property and see how cheese is made—with a meal included, of course. How was wine, beer, and liqueur made in the past—and now? Winery visits, a liqueur museum tour, and a tour and meal in the 13th century town known as “Budweis,” continue our cultural food and beverage immersion. We will make chocolate bars in Vienna and sample coffee and kuchen. Food is essential to this tour.

From gypsy music to Mozart, Chopin and Strauss, we will enjoy a concert of favorite Viennese composers in a lovely venue as well as tour the Vienna Opera house. AND we learn how to waltz at a dance lesson!

As always there will be orientation walking tours with a local guide in each city to showcase the architectural, cultural, and ethnic diversity. One that we're especially looking forward to is a tour of Vienna at night that will let us see the city at its sparkling best. Add lunch while cruising the Danube to the list of “tours”—perfection!

We hope you will join us for what we truly believe will be our grandest tour of them all.

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