

Educational Journeys (FAMs)

*All prices include most meals and lodging. Gratuities are not included.
To check availability, please email the contact listed below.*

Classical Hungarian Vibes: Culture, Music, & Wine | March 13-16, 2022 (4 Days, 3 Nights)

Hungary possesses many unknown secrets: glamorous architecture, adventurous history, unique classical music heritage, colorful gastronomy, hidden cultural treasures, and traditions! Come to Hungary and treat yourself to a unique cultural experience organized by engaged travel specialist: Cityrama DMC, ETS Hungary DMC, Violin Travel DMC!



Early Bird (Expires January 7, 2022)	Regular (Starts January 8, 2022)
Double & Single Occupancy: EUR 329 per person	Double & Single Occupancy EUR 379 per person

Inclusions: 3 nights in a 4* Radisson Blu Béke hotel, most meals, dedicated tour director, transportation throughout the tour, and entrance fees

Please note: You must arrive by March 13, 2022, at 2:00 PM to Downtown Budapest to join this Educational Journey. Pre-hotel nights can be accommodated through the tour operator.

This tour will operate with a minimum of 15 guests and a maximum of 19 guests.

To book this Educational Journey, please contact:

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March 13, 2022 – Day 1: Dinner Included

Budapest by night

See the capital in lights, then spend the rest of an unforgettable evening in an excellent Hungarian restaurant. This excursion will begin with an evening bus tour of Budapest's downtown area, offering unique views of the city's Parliament Building, Chain Bridge, Royal Palace, and other famous landmarks, all dazzlingly illuminated by nighttime lights. During the tour, there will be several stops for photo opportunities. At the end of the tour, you will be able to try a classic Hungarian 4-course menu in a dining hall with an exceptional ambiance.



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March 14, 2022 – Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included

In the footsteps of legends and history - Highlights of Buda Castle & the wine region of Etyek



This tour will start at the Castle Gardens, Austro-Hungarian Queen (Sisi) Elisabeth's favorite park. A walking tour will follow through the intimate, atmospheric cobblestone streets of the Castle district with an expert guide, who will tell you about the history of the area and recount stories of the many nobles and artists who lived there.

During the tour, you will enjoy an exclusive live private concert as well. You will also be able to visit Buda Castle's newest attraction, the charming Saint Stephen's Hall, a masterpiece of turn-of-the-century Hungarian applied art. Its interior is based on a Romanesque design and Hungarian ornamentation and character. The Buda Castle district is one of the best-known districts in Budapest. Since 1987 the Buda Castle Quarter has been a UNESCO World Heritage List site. The area features several medieval monuments, 17th-18th century dwellings, and imposing public buildings, including iconic sites such as Matthias Church, where many Hungarian Kings and Queens were crowned, and Fisherman's Bastion, which, with its breathtaking panoramic views of the city, is one of the most photographic locations in Budapest.

Lunch will take place in a 300-year-old heritage-listed house located on the Buda Castle district's oldest street. Now transformed into a unique culinary oasis, this exclusive lunch will be served underneath the building in a secret two-story cellar, the largest contiguous cellar in the area.

The Etyek wine region covers an area of 5600 hectares. Winemaking has been the most important field of activity in this region since the 11th century. Mostly white wines are made here, utilizing champagne processes in stainless steel barrels to create sparkling wines and light, fresh wines. The region's soil is limestone-based, rich in minerals, and ideal for growing white grape varieties such as Olaszrizling, Chardonnay, Rhine Riesling, Pinot Blanc, Grüner Veltliner, and Sauvignon Blanc. You will have the chance to visit authentic and modern wineries, with wine tasting sessions featuring a selection of the best wines the region can offer and the opportunity to enjoy traditional hand-made Hungarian pastry products.

At the end of the excursion, you will be provided dinner in a restaurant on Etyek's 'gastro promenade,' featuring traditionally created Hungarian specialties made with exclusively selected ingredients.



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March 15, 2022 – Day 3: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Included

A day among the thousand years old heritages - Pannonhalma Archabbey

Today, you'll travel to Pannonhalma Archabbey, where you get an insight into the life of the Benedictines in many programs. The foundation of the Monastery on Pannon Hill dates back more than 1000 years, and it became part of the World Heritage 25 years ago. You'll begin the program with a short, private pipe organ concert in the distinguished acoustics minster. Following that, you'll visit the most important sights of the Monastery, as the library with a unique collection of more than 400.000 books and even the places where Pope John Paul II has spent time during his visit. After a light lunch with Hungarian tastes, you will have time for a walk in the grandiose botanical garden or even at the canopy walkway with an amazing view of the vineyards in the neighborhood. During the afternoon, the monks will share their hundreds of years old experiences in cultivating herbal plants. You can also gain some insider tips for the perfumery in the brand-new fragrance museum and get richer with some local products. Later, in the vinery of the Monastery, you'll have the chance to taste the excellent wines of the Archabbey. We'll finish the day in Pannonhalma with a delicious 4-course dinner and local drinks and then say goodbye to the Millennial walls.



March 16, 2022 – Day 4: Breakfast Included

After breakfast, you'll depart to Budapest Downtown to join the ASTA Global River Cruise Expo.

Accommodation: Radisson Blu Béke Hotel**** in Budapest

Tradition meets contemporary design in this renewed hotel, situated in the heart of the city.

