



## Educational Journeys (FAMs)

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

### Cultural Adventures: Back to the Past | March 13-16, 2022 (4 Days, 3 Nights)

Option	Early Bird (Expires January 7, 2022)	Regular Starts (January 8, 2022)
Day Tours with No Accommodation	EUR 345 per person	EUR 380 per person
Double Occupancy at Prestige Hotel	EUR 510 per person	EUR 560 per person
Single Occupancy at Prestige Hotel	EUR 675 per person	EUR 745 per person
Double Occupancy at Parisi Udvar Hotel	EUR 640 per person	EUR 705 per person
Single Occupancy at Parisi Udvar Hotel:	EUR 865 per person	EUR 955 per person

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

Please note: You must arrive by March 13, 2022, at 11:00 AM 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 20 guests and a maximum of 25 guests.

To book this Educational Journey, please contact:

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#### March 13, 2022 – Day 1: Dinner Included

On this day – after your arrival and transfer to the chosen hotel – we will welcome you to the Urban Betyár Restaurant & Ethnographic Visitor Center for a lovely evening. The restaurant is one of the highlights for locals and travelers in the Hungarian capital city, near St. Stephen's Basilica, and offers an extraordinary gastronomic and ethnographic experience in Hungary. You can enjoy a 3-course Hungarian-style dinner, with unlimited drink consumption during your meal in a charming atmosphere.

An English-speaking guide will accompany you during your walk to the restaurant and back to the hotel, and in the meantime tell you some stories about this area.



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

After having breakfast, our guide will meet and greet you in the lobby of the Hotel Parisi Udvar. The day starts with a walking tour along the pedestrian zone of Váci Street to the Central Market Hall, a famously covered market that ranks among the largest food markets in Europe. The ground floor is filled with food shops (butcher-delicatessen, fruits, and vegetables) with garlands of paprika, garlic and onions, wines, and spirits. At the same time, the gallery is stocked with stands of artesian crafts. Here you'll enjoy a Langos (typical Hungarian salty dough) tasting program and afterward some free time, where you can stroll around and buy souvenirs.



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Afterward, we'll go to a Goulash Cooking Course, combined with lunch. The Chefparade Goulash Cooking Program is always a hands-on experience. Every member of the group is involved in the cooking process, following our chef's instructions. The 3.5 hours long program contains welcome snacks and drinks and a 1.5 hour-long cooking session. The chefs say a few words about the menu and give some instructions about safety and other operational pieces of information. The teams form randomly, and every team will prepare a dish for everybody. After cooking, we'll serve your lunch, a 3 courses menu with drinks.

After lunch, we'll visit the Royal Palace of Gödöllő by coach. The rich landlord and royal treasurer built this magnificent Baroque edifice, Count Antal Grassalkovich I. in the 17th century; later, it was given to Austrian Emperor Francis Joseph as a retreat on his coronation as Hungarian King. Francis Joseph and Queen Elisabeth spent many of their summers with their children in this mansion surrounded by spacious gardens and game parks and stables. During a guided walk in the beautiful premises, you can get acquainted with the everyday life of the royal couple when they were "off duty." At the end of the program, you'll be invited to have coffee or a refreshing fruit juice in the stylish patisserie on the ground floor. After the visit, we'll transfer back to Budapest.

In the evening, you can enjoy your dinner at a befittingly vibrant and joyous restaurant located in the famous Pesti Vigadó. The restaurant invites all those who wish to experience light-hearted merriment fashioned in the 'carpe diem' style for a delicious meal. You are invited to a 3-course dinner with a glass of water, 2 glasses of wine and a cup of coffee.



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

Discover the two stunning cities of the picturesque Danube Bend: Esztergom and Visegrád. Enjoy the beautiful landscapes and the mixture of the medieval and 19th-century atmosphere these settlements offer along the River Danube. In the early morning hours, your coach and guide await you to spend an adventurous day with you. The route takes 1.5 hours, so you will have some time to relax on the bus. After arriving in Esztergom – which once was the country's capital and is still the center of the Hungarian Catholic Church – you will meet your local guide on the top of Castle Hill, where you will spend half of your day. The program starts in the Castle of Esztergom, where you will have some fantastic surprises that music lovers will highly appreciate.

After the Castle, you will visit the largest Cathedral of Hungary, which also happens to be the burial place of famous cardinals such as József Mindszenty. You may choose to visit the Treasury of the Cathedral as well. The tour continues with a nice walk through a little hidden path called "Katzenstiege - Cat Stairs" from where you can admire the beautiful panorama. The Esztergom program ends at Prímás Pince restaurant, where you are our guest for a 2-course lunch with 2 drinks of your choice.

After lunch, you will be transferred to Visegrád – the city whose name was first mentioned in a charter dating back to 1009 – for a historical experience. After arriving, the bus will take you to the Citadel, the town's symbol, one of the most prominent and most photographed sights of the Danube Bend, dominating the top of a steep hill above the town. The top of the hill offers a breathtaking view of the Danube Bend.

After admiring the scenery, you'll participate in a Knights tournament show, a medieval program organized all year long, performed by the Saint George Knightly Order in the open-air theatre of the Lower Castle in

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Visegrád. Guests are welcomed by fanfare on arrival to the tournament. A king and a queen are selected from the guests, and they are dressed in robes and get crowned. On the king's call, the knights march in and show their targetting and fighting skills with medieval weapons to the royal couple and their guests. At the end of the show, guests can try some of the weapons with the help of the knights. During the winter season, tournaments are organized in an indoor venue next to the Royal Palace. The program ends at Renaissance Restaurant, where you can enjoy a pure Royal Feast. Taste the Rich plate of Matthias King or Solomon King in the company of some cold drinks, that you can ask for next to your meal for a 1.5 hour-long period.

Once you've filled your stomach, we'll transfer you back to your hotel in Budapest.



### **March 16, 2022 – Day 4: Breakfast Included**

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