The Vesalius Trust

Art & Anatomy Tour

BUDAPEST • VIENNA • PRAGUE

October 7–18, 2018
Accommodations

**Hotel Parlament**
BUDAPEST
This four-star, stylish boutique hotel is located in the heart of Budapest, just a few steps from the banks of the Danube, the Hungarian House of Parliament, and St. Stephen's Basilica. All of its comfortable rooms have an Art Deco design with modern equipment. Guests can relax in the spa area featuring a hot tub and a sauna or the Lounge Bar offering a wide variety of cocktails. A lavish buffet breakfast is served in the hotel’s bright glass-roofed breakfast room, and happy hour is available from 10 am to 5 pm with complimentary tea, coffee, and mineral water.

**Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof**
VIENNA
This five-star, historic hotel is located in the heart of Vienna’s old city, steps away from the Hofburg Imperial Palace. The elegant rooms provide a perfect mix of traditional and modern design. Guests have access to the spa featuring a sauna and steam room as well as a fitness center. The hotel’s Restaurant Herrlich offers breakfast, lunch, or dinner. If the weather is nice, guests can enjoy the Schanigarten sidewalk café. Under a high glass dome, the hotel’s Herrenhof Bar offers coffee and Viennese pastries during the day, and cocktails in the evening.

**Iron Gate Hotel**
PRAGUE
This luxury, four-star boutique hotel is in the heart of Old Prague down a picturesque cobbled side street and just a short walk from the Astronomical Clock near Old Town Square. It is housed in a 14th-century building, which was carefully renovated with all modern upscale facilities while retaining its original works of art, charm, and ambiance. The hotel’s Deer Restaurant is open daily for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
**Custom Itinerary**

This custom travel program has been created uniquely for The Vesalius Trust.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018**

**Departures for Budapest**

Take independent overnight international flights to Budapest, Hungary.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018**

**Welcome to Budapest**

Upon arrival at Budapest’s international airport, take a group transfer to the boutique four-star Hotel Parlament in the center of old town. In the afternoon, follow a local guide on an orientation tour of downtown Budapest with its eclectic mix of ancient and modern buildings. Walk across Elisabeth Square and see the Danube Fountain and the lovers’ locks, visit the monumental Saint Stephen’s Basilica, and finish with a guided tour through Budapest’s Opera House, one of the most beautiful Neo-Renaissance buildings in Europe. Listen to a mini concert performed for us by an opera singer while toasting the start of our journey with a glass of champagne. Later, gather at a popular restaurant within walking distance of the hotel for a welcome dinner.

*Hotel Parlament, Budapest (D)*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018**

**Budapest’s Parliament, Semmelweis Museum & Danube Cruise**

Start with a special visit to the House of Parliament, with its exterior adorned by lace-like Gothic pinnacles. Standing proudly on the bank of the Danube and visible from almost any riverside vantage point, it has from the outset been one of Budapest’s most striking symbols. Inside we visit several of the over 700 rooms, including the spectacular Main Staircase, the Hungarian Coronation Jewels in the Dome Hall, and the Old Upper House Hall of the bicameral Hungarian Parliament. After lunch, enjoy a private visit of the Semmelweis Medical History Museum and National Medical History Library with special backstage access. The museum’s permanent exhibition represents the development of western medicine from the prehistoric age to the beginning of the 20th century, placing a special emphasis on the development of the Hungarian medical system and the work of Ignác Semmelweis. Later this afternoon, embark on an hour-and-a-half sunset cruise along the Danube River to admire the beautiful sights along the way. Dinner and the evening are independent.

*Hotel Parlament, Budapest (B, L)*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018**

**Budapest’s Castle Hill**

Dedicate the morning to explore Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that contains some of Budapest’s most important medieval monuments and museums. We commence with a visit to Matthias Church, the jewel of Castle Hill, with its remarkable stained-glass windows,
frescoes, and decorative tiled roof. We continue to the Fisherman’s Bastion, located on the site of the medieval fortifications behind the Matthias Church for a spectacular view of the city of Pest and the neo-Gothic Parliament building. In the Middle Ages this open space adjoining the church was used as the fish market, and in time of war the fishermen's guild was responsible for defending the ramparts bordering it. Next, we visit the Budapest History Museum within the Royal Palace of Buda Castle, the former seat and residence of the kings of Hungary for centuries. A royal castle was built here as early at the 13th century. View the main collection of Budapest's archaeological finds, displaying the evolution of the various settlements all the way from Roman times up until the 13th century. Descend Castle Hill via the funicular to enjoy spectacular panoramic views and have lunch at a popular brasserie and restaurant. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration.

Hotel Parliament, Budapest (B, L)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018

Bratislava & Arrival in Vienna

Depart Budapest in the early morning to drive northwest toward Vienna. On our way, make a stop to visit the charming old town of Bratislava in Slovakia. Take a guided walking tour to see the old town's main sites. See St. Martin's Cathedral, the official coronation site for eleven Hungarian kings, and walk through Bratislava’s oldest remaining fortification, the 13th-century gate of Michalska. After a traditional Slovak meal, visit the stunning Primate’s Palace, considered one of the most beautiful buildings in Bratislava for its pale pink and white exterior. Then walk to the Presidential Palace, also known as Grassalkovich Palace, built in 1760 as a summer residence of a Hungarian nobleman and frequented by the famous baroque composer Joseph Haydn in the 17th century. Admire the building's exterior architecture and stroll through the palace gardens. Continue on our drive to Vienna for check-in at the Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof in Vienna.

Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof, Vienna (B, L)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

Vienna

This morning, embark on a guided walking tour of Vienna’s Roman and Medieval core. Visit the hidden Minoriten Church with its remarkable life-sized 1816 mosaic replica of Leonardo da Vinci’s The Last Supper. Continue to the Gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral and take a close look at its wide variety of artistic treasures while also learning about its amazing history. Spend the afternoon at the Kunsthistorisches Museum on a guided tour of highlights from the museum’s incomparable Old Masters collection; particularly rich in Italian, Flemish, and Dutch works. Have lunch at the museum’s café. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof, Vienna (B, L)
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

Anatomy Conference in Vienna, Day 1

Today is dedicated to attending a conference in conjunction with the Narrenturm and Josephinum museums, organized by Joanna Ebenstein, co-founder of the Morbid Anatomy Museum and author of The Anatomical Venus. This two-day event will include scholarly lectures by representatives of the Josephinum, anatomical ceroplast Eleanor Crook, Eduard Winter of the Narrenturm, wax restorer Martina Peters of the Josephinum, and Laurens de Rooy of the Museum Vrolik among others. There will also be three behind-the-scene tours of the Federal Pathologic-Anatomical Museum; housed in the Narrenturm (Fool’s Tower), built in 1784 to house mental patients, it was where Salieri was interviewed in the film Amadeus. Lunch and dinner are independent today.

Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof, Vienna (B)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018

Anatomy Conference in Vienna, Day 2

Spend a second day attending a conference in conjunction with the Narrenturm and Josephinum museums, organized by Joanna Ebenstein, co-founder of the Morbid Anatomy Museum and author of The Anatomical Venus. This two-day event will include scholarly lectures by representatives of the Josephinum, anatomical ceroplast Eleanor Crook, Eduard Winter of the Narrenturm, wax restorer Martina Peters of the Josephinum, and Laurens de Rooy of the Museum Vrolik among others. There will also be three behind-the-scene tours of the Federal Pathologic-Anatomical Museum; housed in the Narrenturm (Fool’s Tower), built in 1784 to house mental patients, it was where Salieri was interviewed in the film Amadeus. Lunch is independent. Gather in the evening for dinner at a restaurant near the hotel.

Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof, Vienna (B, D)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018

Vienna’s Albertina, Secession & Belvedere

Begin the day at the Albertina museum for a highlights tour of one of the largest and most renowned collections of prints and drawings around the globe, with international holdings spanning the period from 1400 to present day. The museum also contains a large collection of architectural drawings, photographs, period furnishings, and modern paintings ranging from Impressionism and Pointillism to Fauvism and Expressionism. Continue to the Secession building, Vienna’s favorite symbol of artistic freedom, featuring Gustav Klimt’s famous 112-foot-long Beethoven Frieze, a pictorial expression of Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony. After an elegant lunch at a modern Vienna restaurant, continue to the Belvedere Palace, a splendid garden-palace commissioned by Austria’s great general Prince Eugene of Savoy as his summer residence and one of the most magnificent ensembles of baroque secular architecture in Europe. Enjoy a guided viewing of the Upper Belvedere, renowned for its collection of circa 1900 Viennese paintings, including works by Klimt and Egon Schiele. Return to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Steigenberger Hotel Herrenhof, Vienna (B, L)

Photos (from top): The Large Piece of Turf by Albrecht Dürer at the Albertina (Google Cultural Institute, Wikimedia); Josephinum Museum Displays (Joanna Ebenstein), Vienna Secession Building; and The Kiss by Gustav Klimt at the Belvedere Palace
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018

Český Krumlov & Arrival in Prague

We depart Vienna in the morning and travel through the ravishing Bohemian countryside to the picturesque town of Český Krumlov, a pearl of Renaissance architecture with a unique preserved medieval center under the protection of UNESCO. Upon arrival, take a guided visit of Český Krumlov Castle's exceptional Baroque theater, the oldest in Central Europe and the most completely preserved in the world. After lunch in a medieval tavern, take a brief walking tour through the town’s narrow cobblestone streets lined with Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque houses that once belonged to wealthy noblemen. Continue on our countryside drive to Prague, our final destination, and check in at the Iron Gate Hotel, centrally located in the heart of Old Prague.

Iron Gate Hotel, Prague (B, L)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018

Prague’s Old Town & Libraries

Discover Prague’s architectural diversity with a guided walk around the Old Town, ringed with historic buildings, including a 16th-century astronomical clock and the impressive, double-spire Týn Church. Next, drive to Pohořelec, a small and quiet square in the Castle District. Visit the Strahov Monastery, which houses about 200,000 old prints, mostly from the 16th and 18th centuries, in two splendidly decorated halls: the Theological Hall and the Philosophical Hall. Admire its breathtaking frescoes and go behind the scenes to view the priceless collection of rare books and manuscripts. Return to the hotel with free time for lunch. Later, gather at the large complex of Klementinum situated next to the Charles Bridge in the historic center of Prague. Take a guided tour through the Baroque Library Hall with beautiful frescoes and several historically valuable globes, and Meridian Hall, which was previously used as an astronomical instrument for determining noon. Climb the Astronomical Tower for a unique view of the city and its finest monuments. In the late afternoon, enjoy a private visit to the The Prague Medical Museum and the National Medical Library. The Museum, founded in 1934, contains artifacts from the 17th century to the present, representing the medical history of the Czech countries and Central Europe. It houses medical instruments, The Würtz Collection of 170 figurines made of porcelain, metal, wood and ivory documenting the history of depiction of physical disability, 17th and 18th century anatomical manikins, paintings, busts, pharmacy jars, and more.

Iron Gate Hotel, Prague (B, D)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018

Departures for the U.S.

After breakfast take a group transfer to Prague’s international airport for independent flights returning to the United States.

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ART & ANATOMY TOUR: BUDAPEST, VIENNA, PRAGUE

DATES: October 7–18, 2018

TOUR COST:
Land Package .......................................................... $4,645
Single Supplement ..................................................... $1,325

Tour price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 15 paying participants. Land prices are calculated as of October 2017 and are subject to change.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate, good walking ability required

FLIGHTS: Participants are responsible for all aspects of their international air arrangements, round-trip into Budapest, Hungary, and out of Prague, Czech Republic.

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT: A deposit of $1,000 per paying participant will be required to guarantee participation in the program. This may be paid by check, or by Visa or MasterCard to International Seminar Design, Inc. Final payment will be invoiced and is due on Friday, June 29, 2018. Final payment must be made by check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations will be accepted beyond June 29, 2018 on a space-available basis with payment in full by check.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE: ISDI and The Vesalius Trust strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. ISDI will send you travel insurance information upon tour registration. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS: All cancellations must be received in writing by ISDI, and charges are calculated as of the day notification is received in writing by ISDI. If a tour member cancels, the following scale of charges is incurred: There is a non-refundable administrative fee of $500 per person. The costs associated with any tickets purchased for planned activities (as indicated in the itinerary) are non-refundable. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before Friday, June 29, 2018: full refund minus $500 per person administrative fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or between June 30, 2018 and August 23, 2018: full refund of any recoverable land costs, less fifty percent of tour cost per person cancellation charge (includes administrative fee). Cancellations received on or after August 24, 2018: no refund. After the tour has commenced, it is not possible to issue any refunds. No refunds for any unused portion of the tour including, but not limited to, occasional missed meals or any missed sightseeing tours. Costs for promotion, staff, and other group expenses are not refundable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not acceptable. The tour cost is non-transferable, and no substitutions are allowed. If ISDI or The Vesalius Trust cancels the tour due to low registrations, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS: Hotel accommodations and transportation by deluxe, private motor coach as listed in the itinerary; breakfast daily, 6 lunches, 3 dinners; water, soft drinks, tea, and coffee with all meals; 2 glasses of wine or beer with dinners; registration fee for the Anatomy Conference in Vienna on October 13 and 14; entrance fees to sites per itinerary; services of an ISDI Tour Manager; leadership of Joanna Ebenstein; expert, local English-speaking guides; gratuities to local guides and drivers; bottled water on motor coach excursions; taxes, services and portage fees; a $100 per person donation to The Vesalius Trust.

TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS: Airfare, airline taxes, and fuel surcharges; airport transfers; excursions, activities, or meals marked optional on the itinerary; personal items; personal services; travel extensions; personal insurance for health, baggage, and tour cancellation; gratuities for hotel housekeeping staff; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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**EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN (registration invalid without signature)**

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risks therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless The Vesalius Trust, International Seminar Design, Inc (ISDI) and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licenses, or representatives from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of and/or damage to his/hers property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, this tour.

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