Cultural Wonders and Artistic Masterpieces
Budapest and Vienna
September 28–October 7, 2020
Optional Extension to Salzburg – October 7–10, 2020
INTRODUCTION

The magic and elegance of Central Europe will be in abundant display on this luxurious 10-day journey featuring Budapest and Vienna, custom designed exclusively for the Kimbell Art Museum. In recent years, Budapest has undoubtedly become one of Europe’s top rising cultural destinations, and is certainly one of the world’s prettiest capital cities, gracefully laid out on both sides of the Danube. Our time in Budapest is a festival of artistic and cultural wonders – atmospheric Castle Hill, the palatial National Gallery, elegant Belle Epoque churches and markets, and the majestic Hungarian Parliament Building. But we will also see hidden gems including a stately private home and art collection, and the Empress Sisi’s favorite summer palace, Godollo, which will be opened exclusively for the Kimbell Art Museum for a one-of-a-kind guided tour and private dinner inside its baroque splendor. To make the journey to Vienna, the museum has reserved an entire dining car on the legendary Venice Simplon Orient Express, the ultimate icon of traditional European luxury. We will have access to the beautiful lounge and bar carriage, and enjoy a lavish luncheon on board.

Few places represent Old World European charm and refinement more than Vienna, with its stately buildings, grand avenues, plush palaces, and stunning art collections. While based in the famed Hotel Sächer, our time in Vienna will uncover the riches of the great city in high style, with numerous examples of private openings and exclusive after-hours access. Highlights of our touring include the Habsburg’s in-city Hofburg Palace, including VIP tickets for a Sunday performance of the Spanish Riding School, guided tours of top museums like the Kunsthistorisches, the Leopold, the Albertina, and the Secession Building, and a private opening of the Belvedere Palace where Gustav Klimt’s “Golden Period” masterpieces The Kiss and Judith will be ours alone to savor! We will also sample modern Vienna, including the amazing contemporary architecture of the Vienna University of Economics. Fine dining will be de rigueur in Vienna with a sky-high Michelin-starred lunch at Das Loft and an exquisite farewell dinner at the legendary Steirereck, considered Central Europe’s very best restaurant.

The tour begins in Budapest on September 29, 2020 and our travels allow us to enjoy these elegant cities at the height of their autumn pleasantness. The main tour ends in Vienna on October 7, 2020. Those wishing to further immerse themselves in the region’s cultural richness may join our optional 3-night extension at the grand Sacher Hotel in Salzburg.

Curatorial leadership for the tour will be Guillaume Kientz, Curator of European Art at the Kimbell Art Museum. Tour logistics support will be provided by Robert McAn, Head of Membership and Special Events, Kimbell Art Museum. Tour management will be provided by Jordan Cook, President of International Seminar Design, Inc.

For more information about the tour, or to hold a space in advance of completing registration, please feel free to call 817-332-8451, ext 227, or 224.
TOUR COST Pricing is based on a minimum of 20 travelers. If the number is lower, an increase in cost may occur. Please note that we will limit the size of this tour to thirty travelers. International airfare to and from Europe is not included.

Main Tour: $11,295 per person (based on double occupancy) Single Supplement: $1,995.


DEPOSIT Due to major advance interest in this tour, a deposit of $2,500 per person is due immediately.

HOTELS

MAIN TOUR

Budapest
5-star Ritz Carlton (Club Floor)

Vienna
5-star Hotel Sacher (Deluxe View Rooms)

OPTIONAL SALZBURG TOUR EXTENSION

Salzburg
5-star Hotel Sacher Salzburg (Deluxe Rooms)
Main Tour

Note: Itinerary subject to slight changes prior to departure.

September 28, 2020 - Depart DFW for Budapest

September 29, 2020 - Welcome to Budapest

Arrive into Budapest’s Ferenc Liszt Airport where an included transfer carries you to the Ritz Carlton in downtown Budapest to check into upgraded Club Floor rooms. Take time to settle in and enjoy an independent lunch near the hotel district. Reconvene in the mid-afternoon for the official commencement of the tour with a visit to the award-winning Múpa Budapest building—the city’s cultural center and a highlight of modern architecture along the historic Danube since its opening in 2005. Inside, discover the Béla Bartók National Concert Hall, home to the site’s renowned pipe organ, remarkable for its 92 registers. Conclude the evening with an elegant, buffet welcome dinner back the Ritz Carlton.

September 30, 2020 - Historic Sites in Buda and Pest

Begin today with a guided visit of the Hungarian National Gallery, where the tour will highlight 19th and 20th centuries works by Hungarian masters, including Mihály Munkácsy and Pál Szinyei Merse. The museum also offers contemporary art galleries, offering a comprehensive study of national art over recent decades. In the late morning, set out for a walking tour through the Castle Hill district, with stops at a number of the city’s historic sites, including Buda Castle, St. Matthias Church, and the dramatic Fisherman’s Bastion, with its sweeping views over the city and Danube River. Break for lunch at an upscale bistro, whose glass-paned ceilings and floral decorations give a bright and lively feel to the establishment. In the afternoon, cross the Danube into Pest for an optional stop at the city’s Museum of Fine Arts. Dinner and the remainder of the evening are on your own.

October 1, 2020 - Private Homes and Castles

Take advantage of a free morning to rest at the hotel or explore the surrounding neighborhoods on your own. Meet in the early afternoon for a visit to the residence of a prominent local family for a glimpse into their impressive collection of ceramics. This will be one of the very few times they have opened their home to foreign visitors. Later, explore the György Ráth Villa. Once the residence of the collector and former director general at the Museum of Fine Arts, the site today highlights decorative arts pieces he bequeathed to the Museum upon his death. In the evening, depart for Gödöllő Castle, about a forty-five minute drive outside of central Budapest. Your guide, a costumed Princess Sisi, will greet us for a private tour of the palace, which was among her favorite homes. The visit concludes with a special dinner in the ballroom, where you will dine like royalty on this evening’s decadent offerings.

October 2, 2020 - The Best of Budapest

This morning, begin at the Hungarian State Opera, designed by Miklós Ybl in the late nineteenth century and today considered a national monument. The finale to your tour is a private concert of arias and a special meeting with the singers

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following their performance. Later, meander through the famed Andrassy Avenue, a named World Heritage Site lined with Neoclassical buildings, and previously home to a number of aristocratic and noble families. Enjoy a brief respite at a renowned café in the area to sample Budapest’s famous pastries. Then step inside the famous Saint Stephen’s Cathedral—a architectural masterpiece as much as a historical symbol—before breaking for lunch at a Michelin-starred restaurant. The afternoon is dedicated to a VIP tour of the splendid Hungarian Parliament Building, a must-see stop on any tour through Budapest. The late afternoon and evening are on your own.

October 3, 2020 – Transfers to Vienna via Orient Express

Check out early this morning from the Ritz Carlton and transfer to the historic train station where we will be formally greeted by the crew of the Venice Simplon Orient Express. Travel into Vienna via Europe’s most legendary luxury train with access to the opulent bar car, and our own private dining car. Views of the verdant countryside will distract you. Indulge in a gourmet lunch, accompanied by a glass of champagne or two, in the private dining car reserved solely for the Kimbell Art Museum travelers. The lavish decorations, exemplary service, and general extravagance of the Orient Express will make this transfer into Vienna fly by. Upon arrival in Austria, transfer to the Sacher Wien Hotel via motor coach for check into our upgraded rooms, where your luggage awaits. Before dinner together this evening, spend a couple hours exploring art highlights of Vienna with stops at the Leopold and Secession Museums, with a chance to view the famed Beethoven Frieze by Klimt.

October 4, 2020 – Habsburg Highlights in Vienna

Take a leisurely morning to relax or join an optional walking tour of Vienna’s historic core before proceeding to the Spanish Riding School where we have VIP seating for a late morning performance. During the show, take part in a 450-year tradition as the Lipizzaner stallions display their rigorous training with grace and beauty. Enjoy lunch at a top city restaurant before touring through the famed National Library State Hall. Later on, enter the Hofburg Palace—the ultimate historic seat of Habsburg power—after it closes to the public for an exclusive, private opening which will grant access to the residential apartments and state rooms, formerly inhabited by Emperor Franz Joseph and Empress Elisabeth, as well as the Sisi Museum—home to many of the Empress’ personal items. Dinner this evening is on your own. For those interested, we may be able to offer optional, top-level tickets to a Vienna State Opera performance (pending final performance schedule).

October 5, 2020 – Stunning Palaces of Vienna

The Albertina awaits this morning, offering its impressive collection of 19th century modern art from European masters like Picasso and Monet. Enjoy lunch at the Michelin-starred Das LOFT nearby, where the contemporary-styled dining room offers spectacular vistas of the Vienna cityscape. The 360-degree views of the skyline rival the chef’s award-winning culinary creations. Continue to the Vienna University of Economics for a walking tour through the campus’ dazzling, contemporary architecture, including the Library & Learning Center—a Zaha Hadid fixture. Finish this afternoon with a private, after-hours opening of the Belvedere Palace, with Klimt’s masterpieces all to ourselves, followed by a lovely, light reception in the historic grounds. Dinner this evening is on your own.

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October 6, 2020 - An Artful Farewell to Vienna

We dedicate this entire morning to the Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien, one of Europe’s most beloved art museums, where you’ll be greeted by a curator and delve into the museum’s superb collections. Highlights include the famed Brueghel collections, the glittering Habsburg Hall of Treasures, and masterworks by artists such as Velazquez, Titian, Raphael, Giorgione, Rubens, Rembrandt, Vermeer, and Caravaggio. Spend lunch and the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Reconvene for a final, unforgettable, farewell dinner inside the lavish spaces of the two Michelin-starred Steirereck.

MAIN TOUR ENDS

October 7, 2020 - Departures

OPTIONAL TOUR EXTENSION

October 7, 2020 - Welcome to Salzburg

Depart from the Sacher Wien for a three-hour transfer into Salzburg, with time for a rest stop along the way. Upon arrival, rejuvenate over a traditional Austrian lunch before checking into the palatial Sacher Salzburg, our Vienna hotel’s lavish little sister. This afternoon become acquainted with the city’s contemporary art highlights during a guided “Walk of Modern Art” throughout the downtown area. Later, tour Mozart’s Birthplace or Residence, today converted into museums that pay tribute to the life and history of the prolific composer. Independent dinner.

October 8, 2020 - “The Hills are Alive…”

This morning, we tour the DomQuartier, a complex that houses the Residenz Palace, Cathedral, and St. Peter’s Benedictine Abbey. View highlights of the art collection, including Baroque art in the Cathedral and the paintings in the Residenzgalerie. We break in the early afternoon for a gourmet lunch at an upscale city café whose glass walls offer incredible views of the city from the dining room. This afternoon, follow in the footsteps on the von Trapp family during a Sound of Music themed tour that will bring you to many of the historically significant sites of the family and the film. Dinner and the evening are independent.

October 9, 2020 - Beauty and Evil in the Mountains over Salzburg

On this last day, a quick and scenic half-tour drive to neighboring Berchtesgaden, Germany to experience Hitler’s Eagle’s Nest. This site, symbolic of the horrific era of the Nazi regime, is perched on a mountain cliff. This morning’s tour will teach about the dark history of the building and its modern-day function. Break for a delicious lunch at a fine restaurant in the pretty town of Berchtesgaden. While up in the mountains, we also stop at the Obersalzburg Documentation Center, which provides a powerful and gripping review of actions of the Nazi leaders who often gathered here. Returning to Salzburg, the late afternoon is at leisure before we gather this evening for a final, farewell dinner in our hotel.

October 10, 2020: Departures to the U.S.

An early morning breakfast is provided at the hotel this morning before departing on a 2-hour drive to the Munich airport to meet a nonstop AA flight back to DFW.
Main Tour Land Package Includes

Hotels: a total of eight (8) hotel nights in upgraded rooms in luxury five-star accommodations, including:

- Four (4) nights in Club Floor Rooms at the Ritz Carlton Budapest
- Four (4) nights in Deluxe View Rooms at the Hotel Sacher Vienna

Meals: a total of seventeen (17) meals including:

- Eight (8) daily buffet breakfasts at the hotels
- Five (5) lunches
- Four (4) dinners
- Water, soft drinks, tea, coffee, and wine or beer at each lunch and dinner
- Three (3) receptions at special venues

Transportation:

- One (1) private or shared transfer with private driver in a sedan, SUV, or van from the Budapest airport to the Ritz Carlton on arrival in Budapest on September 29, 2020.
- By exceptional arrangement for the Kimbell Art Museum, tickets on the Venice Simplon Orient Express for transfer from Budapest to Vienna, including morning coffee and a gourmet lunch.
- Private air-conditioned motor coach for all land transportation as outlined in the itinerary.
- One (1) private or shared transfer with private driver in a sedan, SUV, or van from the Hotel Sacher to the Vienna Airport on October 7, 2020.

Guides/Manager:

- Services of expert specialist local guides in Budapest and Vienna.
- Services of an ISDI Tour Manager for the duration of the tour

Miscellaneous:

- Entrance fees to all sites listed in the itinerary
• Special private visits to art collectors’ homes, private art galleries, and exclusive before- or after-hours openings of major museums (Godollo Castle, Hofburg Palace, Belvedere Palace)

• VIP access to the Hungarian Parliament Building and top-tier seating for the Spanish Riding School

• Bottled water for all motorcoach transfers

• Personal listening devices for guided excursions

• Handling of two (2) pieces of luggage per person upon arrival and departure at the hotels

• Gratuities for guides, motorcoach drivers, porters, and restaurant staff at included meals

NOT INCLUDED: International airfare to Budapest and back from Vienna; airport transfers for those not taking the transfers during specified dates; travel extensions and transportation not included in the itinerary; personal items and services such as laundry, wines and liquors; gratuities to housekeeping staff at the hotels; any item of a personal nature and any item not specifically listed as included. Personal insurance for health, baggage, and tour cancellation also not included, but strongly recommended.

Optional Post-Tour Extension Includes:

Hotels:

Three (3) nights in Deluxe Rooms at the Hotel Sacher Salzburg, Austria

Meals: a total of seven (7) meals including:

  • Three (3) daily buffet breakfasts at the hotels
  • Three (2) lunches
  • One (1) dinner

  Water, soft drinks, tea, coffee, and wine or beer at each lunch and dinner

Transportation:

• Transfer from Vienna to Salzburg by deluxe private motorcoach.

• Private air-conditioned Mercedes Benz Sprinters or deluxe mini-coach for all other land transportation as outlined in the itinerary.
• One (1) shared transfer with private deluxe motorcoach from the Hotel Sacher Salzburg to the Munich International Airport (MUC) on October 10, 2019.

Guides/Manager:

Services of an expert specialist local guide and ISDI Tour Manager.

Miscellaneous:

• Gratuities for guides and motor coach drivers.

• Bottled water for daily excursions on private motor coach.

• Handling of two pieces of luggage per person upon arrival and departure at the hotels.

• Entrance fees to all sites in the itinerary.

Not Included:

• International airfare, airline taxes, and airline fuel surcharges.

• October 10, 2020 airport transfer for any traveler not using the group transfer to the Munich airport.

• Passport fees and airport porterage.

• Meals not included in the itinerary; room service; gratuities for housekeeping staff.

• Any personal items not listed as included such as telephone calls, personal services and travel extensions, room service and valet service; items such as wines, liquors, mineral water, à la carte orders and laundry charges.

• Other items not specifically mentioned as included.

• If due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors, participants are required to spend any additional nights, they will be responsible for their own hotel, transfers, and meal costs.

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INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE AND VISAS
Due to personal preferences, international airfare from the United States to Hungary and returning from either Austria or Germany is the responsibility of the individual travelers. Travelers wishing to participate only in included tour activities (with no extra pre- or post-tour nights) should arrange to arrive at Budapest’s international airport (BUD) on the morning/early afternoon of September 29, 2020, and depart from the Vienna International Airport (VIA) on October 7, 2020. Travelers staying for the optional extension should arrange to depart from Munich International Airport (MUC) on October 10, 2020. Robin Sanders at Sanders Travel in Fort Worth has researched available flights and itineraries and can assist with airline arrangements. Please call Robin at 817-737-1401 for more information. A tourist visa is not required for American citizen travel to Hungary, Austria, or Germany.

PAYMENT TERMS
An initial deposit of $2,500 per participant is required to confirm registration to the tour, payable by credit card (Visa or MasterCard only) or by check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc. Final balance payment will be due June 21, 2020 and must be paid by check only, payable to International Seminar Design, Inc. If final payments are received more than 14 days after due date, a 5% late fee will be applied to overdue balances.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION TERMS
All cancellations must be received in writing by International Seminar Design, Inc., either directly from the traveler or via the Kimbell Art Museum. Any individual cancellation by June 21, 2020, will result in the deduction of a $1,000 administrative fee from any refund. Individual cancellations received between June 22, 2020 and August 15, 2020 will result in the deduction of $5,650 from any refund. Cancellations on or after August 16, 2020 will result in no refund whatsoever. Partial refunds are not available for individual visits or meals. Once the tour has commenced, it is not possible to receive any refund of payment. Tour registrations are 100% nontransferable. ISDI will make tour-cancellation insurance easily available to all registrants.

RESPONSIBILITY
International Seminar Design, Inc. ("ISDI") acts as the agent for the suppliers of services (including, but not limited to, air and ground transportation, meals, and lodging) provided in conjunction with the tour. ISDI is not liable for the negligent acts, omissions, defaults, or failure to perform of such suppliers. The Participant releases ISDI and the Kimbell Art Museum from any and all liability resulting from acts or
omissions of the suppliers of services, including, but not limited to, loss, damage, delay or injury, or damage to Participant (including death) or Participant’s personal property. Nor do ISDI and the Kimbell Art Museum accept responsibility for losses or delays arising from sickness, quarantine, government restraints, war, acts of terrorism, weather conditions, earthquakes, or acts of God. In no event shall ISDI nor the Kimbell Art Museum’s liability exceed the amount received by ISDI from Participant.

ISDI has no special knowledge of problems or hazards regarding health or safety in the destinations visited by Participant. Participant agrees to assume full responsibility for his/her safety during this tour and is advised that some destinations visited may involve risks of political instability, terrorism, social unrest, disease, and climatic extremes, as well as geographical and atmospheric extremes such as altitude and/or pollution, earthquakes, etc. Participant assumes all risks of damage or injury in connection with such risks and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless ISDI and the Kimbell Art Museum against any and all claims arising from Participant’s travel to such destinations. For additional information regarding hazards in specific destinations, Participant may consult the U.S. State Department and the Center for Disease Control.

Dates, schedules, program details, and costs stated by ISDI’s itinerary and brochure are given on good faith and based on information available at the time of publication of the brochure and are subject to change and revision at any time by ISDI. ISDI does not guarantee the rates of any suppliers and reserves the right to substitute alternate suppliers if deemed necessary by ISDI. ISDI and the Kimbell Art Museum reserve the right to change Participant’s itinerary if, in ISDI’s sole discretion, such change is advisable to protect Participant’s safety. No refund shall be due from ISDI nor the Kimbell Art Museum in conjunction with changes in rates or itineraries, substitution of suppliers, or Participant’s decision not to complete a tour itinerary. ISDI and the Kimbell Art Museum reserve the right to refuse to accept any Participant, cancel any tour at any time, or request a Participant to withdraw from a tour if, in ISDI’s sole discretion, such refusal, cancellation, and/or withdrawal are in the best interest of Participant or other tour Participants. Participants are encouraged not to purchase airline tickets until after receiving a letter stating that they are confirmed on the tour, and neither ISDI nor the Kimbell Art Museum accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable domestic ticket to the tour departure cities and return. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times.

NOTE: A separate waiver/disclaimer for the Kimbell Art Museum/Kimbell Art Foundation will be submitted to each traveler and must be signed prior to tour commencement.
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Tour Cost/Reservation Form
Main Tour Land Package $11,295
Single Supplement $1,995

Please Note: Main Tour price is per person based on double occupancy with a minimum of 20 paying participants. Prices are based on quotes of August 2019 and are subject to change. Participants are responsible for all aspects of their own international air arrangements.

Optional Tour Extension to Salzburg
Extension Tour Land Package Price $3,395
Single Supplement $695

Please Note: Tour price is per person based on double occupancy with a minimum of 12 paying participants. Prices are based on quotes of August 2019 and are subject to change.

To reserve space, a deposit of $2,500 per person is due immediately.
Final payment is due on or before June 21, 2020, and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations will be accepted beyond this date on a space-available basis. Note: This form may be copied.

Name(s)

Address

City/State/Zip

Telephone: (Home) (Cell)

E-mail

# of people
TOUR SELECTION
Main Tour Only____
Main Tour plus Optional Extension____

Occupancy:
Single Supplement____ Double Occupancy____ I will be sharing a room with:__________

Bed Preference:
King Bed ____ Two Twin or Single Beds ____

Additional Information:
I would like information about upgrading accommodations to suites. ____
I would like information regarding pre- or post-tour hotel nights. ____

Deposit Payment by:
Check made payable to International Seminar Design, Inc. CK#__________
Credit Card (please note that we accept only Visa and MasterCard for deposits. Final balance payments must be made by check).

Credit Card Type: Visa ____ Mastercard ____

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Name as it appears on Card

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Credit Card Number ________________ Expiration Date ___________ 

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risks thereof. 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 the travel program packet and to release and hold harmless the Kimbell Art Museum and International Seminar Design, Inc. (ISD) and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour. A separate waiver/disclaimer from the Kimbell Art Museum/Kimbell Art Foundation will be mailed to travelers prior to tour departure and must be signed prior to commencement of tour.

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN.

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Signature:

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Signature:

Mail registration form and deposit payment to:

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