

EXPLORING THE FUTURE OF FREEDOM IN EUROPE

35 YEARS AFTER THE FALL OF THE IRON CURTAIN

Ljubljana, Slovenia

July 27- 29, 2024

([InterContinental Ljubljana Hotel](#))

Vienna, Austria

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Bratislava, Slovakia

July 31, 2024


Prague, Czech Republic


July 31-Aug. 3, 2024

([Alchymist Grand Hotel & Spa](#))



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Price per person in double
occupancy - \$ 4,900

Single supplement - \$ 952

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Join TFAS on an incredible educational journey through the heart of Europe, where history comes alive. Experience the echoes of World War II and the Cold War resonating through the ages. Your presence will make this journey even more enriching. We look forward to having you with us!

Cities and hotels included:

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For 20 years, TFAS has led its supporters on educational trips related to its mission of advancing freedom around the world. Joining a TFAS trip offers you the opportunity to explore fascinating places in the company of people with shared interests, and to gain behind-the-scenes access that other tours rarely provide.

The theme of this European adventure is: **“Exploring the Future of Freedom in Europe: 35 Years After the Fall of the Iron Curtain.”** Our meticulously curated trip offers a unique opportunity to delve into the past, while gaining insights into the contemporary political and economic landscape of this dynamic continent. Traveling by private coach, we will visit the historic European capitals of **Prague, Vienna, Ljubljana,** and **Bratislava,** as well as picturesque venues in between.



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JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS:

Explore WWII Sites:

On this trip you will tour historic sites of World War II history, including Vienna's Heldenplatz and the Prague church where Czech resistance fighters made a heroic stand against the brutal Nazi regime after Operation Anthropoid. Our expert guides will provide context, ensuring a profound understanding of the events that shaped the course of history.



Heldenplatz (Heroes' Square) near Hofburg Palace in Vienna

Cold War Relics and Insights:

You will trace the footsteps of the Cold War's ideological struggle as we visit iconic sites such as an underground nuclear bunker from the 1950s, and Prague's Wenceslas Square, where Soviet tanks crushed the Prague Spring uprising in 1968. Our local guides will immerse you in the gripping stories of espionage, division, and eventual liberation, giving you a keen understanding of the geopolitical tensions that defined an era.

Current Political and Economic Perspectives:

Our journey extends beyond the history books, offering a contemporary lens on Europe's political and economic landscape. You will engage in enlightening discussions with local experts, policymakers, and scholars to grasp the nuanced challenges facing the continent today. From the politics of NATO to the complexities of migration and economic integration, participants will gain a comprehensive view of Europe's current affairs through interactive discussions led by seasoned historians, political analysts, and economists.



Charming Old Town Bratislava, Slovakia

Cultural Immersion:

While you soak in the lessons of history, you will also savor the diverse cultures of Europe through immersive experiences. This is a rich opportunity to explore authentic cuisine and traditions of Europe, and meet TFAS alumni in each country we visit. Participants will also attend the poignant closing ceremony of our student program at Charles University in Prague and see firsthand how TFAS is developing leaders around the globe.

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ITINERARY

The following is the basic itinerary for the tour, but additional activities and excursions and programming may be added.

DAY 1: SATURDAY, July 27 - LJUBLJANA (D)

- Welcome to Ljubljana, the capital and largest city of Slovenia.
- Upon arrival to the Ljubljana airport and individual transfers to the hotel, you will meet our group for a short orientation tour of the city, followed by a welcome dinner with local TFAS alumni.



Triple Bridge from the Ljubljanica River

DAY 2: SUNDAY, July 28 - LJUBLJANA / BLEED / LJUBLJANA (B,L)

- Experience a fantastic trip to Lake Bled and private boat ride to Bled Island.
- Take in the incredibly beautiful glacial lake surrounded by the peaks of the Slovenian Alps.
- Lunch before heading back to Ljubljana.
- Evening at leisure.

DAY 3: MONDAY, July 29 - LJUBLJANA / GRAZ / VIENNA (B,L,D)

- Departure from Ljubljana.
- Stop for lunch in Graz, Austria.
- Orientation tour in Vienna followed by dinner with local TFAS alumni.

DAY 4: TUESDAY, July 30 - VIENNA (B,L)

- Enjoy the day in Vienna, explore the Schonbrunn Castle on a guided tour.
- Have lunch, then visit the horse stables of the Spanish Riding School near Hofburg Palace.
- Evening at leisure.



Government House of Graz

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ITINERARY (Cont.)

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, July 31 – VIENNA / BRATISLAVA / PRAGUE (B,L,D)

- Departure from Vienna.
- Tour the capital of Slovakia, Bratislava, and enjoy lunch with local TFAS alumni.
- Pass through the Moravia region en route to Prague.
- Arrive in Prague and enjoy a welcome reception with local TFAS alumni at the famous Villa Richter in Prague.

DAY 6: THURSDAY, Aug. 1 – PRAGUE (B,L,D)

- Tour the Prague Castle and see the Lobkowitz collection of art at the Lobkowitz Palace in the Castle complex.
- Enjoy lunch in a superb restaurant. Experience World War II history at the Anthropoid Museum.
- Hear Cold War stories on the Nuclear Bunker Tour.
- Enjoy a local dinner in the popular R. Jelinek Plum Brandy Museum, where you can taste some of the local brandy.



Prague Skyline

DAY 7: FRIDAY, Aug. 2 – PRAGUE (B,L)

- See Prague from another vantage point as you board a river cruise for lunch.
- Meet TFAS students from throughout Europe at their program's closing ceremony and reception.
- Evening at leisure.

DAY 8: SATURDAY, Aug. 3 – PRAGUE (B)

- Individual departures from Prague.



Charles Bridge crossing the Vltava river in Prague

DETAILS

WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- Accommodation in 5-star hotels as specified
- Meals as indicated in the program itinerary
- Some beer and wine included in lunch/dinner
- Porterage
- All transportation as listed in the itinerary (route Ljubljana-Vienna-Bratislava-Prague with a 30-seater coach)
- All visits as noted in the itinerary
- English speaking assistance for whole program, including licensed guides during program
- Tips and gratuities

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- Round-trip international airfare
- Passport fees, visas, visa photos
- Airport transfer upon arrival and departure (can be arranged on request)
- Personal expenses – liquor, a la carte orders, meals other than specified
- Room service, valet/laundry service
- Phone and Internet access fees
- Expenses incurred by making individual travel arrangements in conjunction with the tour

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

To register online, visit TFAS.org/Europe. You may also reserve your spot via phone by calling Jane Make at 202-986-0384 (ext. 226).

PROGRAM COST:

- Price per person in double occupancy – \$ 4,900
- Single supplement – \$ 952
- Booking confirmation deposit per person: – \$1,000

Registration Deadline: May 31, 2024