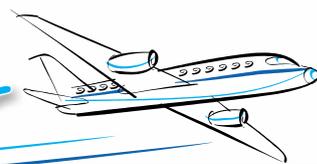


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MNA has successfully hosted tours to Europe with Durgan Travel since 2001. In collaboration with Durgan Travel, one of the largest and well-respected tour companies in New England, MNA members, their friends and family have experienced a superior value in European travel.

Durgan Travel has over 46 years of experience in providing quality travel products. Their award-winning tours offer the best product at the best prices with the best service. We offer our tours as inclusive as possible. We have found that including the meals and daily sightseeing into the tour package eliminates the concerns people have when traveling in a foreign country. One of the key benefits of group travel is that an experienced agency plans and prepares for all the travel logistics so you can enjoy the convenience and safety of traveling with a group.

Air travel for all tours is arranged on scheduled-air with the major airlines servicing Europe. The MNA tours include a comprehensive sightseeing program illustrated in the individual itinerary, which include major tourist attractions and most entrance fees. Each group has a full time English speaking tour guide. All transfers and sightseeing tours include a private motor coach. Most meals are included on the trip and are indicated on the individual itineraries by breakfast (B), lunch (L) and dinner (D). When possible, MNA also arranges a motor-coach to and from Logan Airport from the MNA Headquarters in Canton, Massachusetts.

We continue to have a high level of response to our trips and they sell-out quite early. Please be aware that space is limited per tour and will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Single passengers are encouraged to book as soon as possible, as we have limited spaces per tour for single travelers. The MNA tours are marketed to MNA members and past travelers, but are **open to all individuals**. You do **not need to be an MNA member or a nurse to join one of our tours**. If you are interested in traveling with the group, please complete the reservation form. A deposit of \$350 in the form of a check or credit card, made payable to Durgan Travel, will reserve your space on the tour.

I look forward to having you travel with us. If you have any further questions, please email me at [cmallia@mnarn.org](mailto:cmallia@mnarn.org).



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# ATHENS, GREECE *with a 4 night cruise to the Greek Islands*

**DAY 1: BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~ATHENS:** Depart Boston's Logan Airport on our overnight flight to Athens (*via an intermediate city*). Dinner and breakfast will be served aloft. Headsets for our listening enjoyment will be provided. Beverage service is also available.

**DAY 2: ATHENS:** We will be transported from the airport in Athens to our hotel for check-in. The remainder of the afternoon is at our leisure to freshen-up and relax prior to our orientation meeting and "welcoming drink" before dinner. (D)

**DAY 3: DELPHI:** After breakfast we will take a tour to Delphi on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Here, we will walk on the ancient sacred way to the Temple of Apollo and then, on to the Museum where we can see, among many other archaeological treasures, the unique bronze statue of the Charioteer! Next, we will visit the Athenian Treasury and Castalia Springs. Lunch will be in Delphi. Return to Athens. Dinner this evening is included. (CB, L, D)

**DAY 4: ATHENS:** Following breakfast at the hotel, we are off on a morning sightseeing tour of Athens, featuring many of the most important sites in this ancient capital: the Temple of Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, the Acropolis (*including the famous Parthenon and Temple of Athena*), the Acropolis Museum and the Presidential Palace. The afternoon is free for shopping, relaxation or touring on our own. Dinner is included this evening in the Plaka nightclub district with entertainment too. The rest of the evening is at our leisure to enjoy the lively atmosphere of the tavernas and night clubs! (CB, D)

**DAY 5: MYKONOS:** Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will board our motorcoach for the short drive to the port of Piraeus, where we will board Celestyal Cruise Ship, Olympia. We depart Piraeus with lunch onboard. Our first port-of-call is on the mountainous island of Mykonos, which is particularly known for its characteristic windmills and dazzling white-washed houses. Wander through the narrow, winding streets lined with trendy boutiques and friendly tavernas. Return to our ship for dinner and overnight. (CB, L, D)

**NOTE: While on the cruise, shore excursions are optional and can be purchased from the ship directly.**

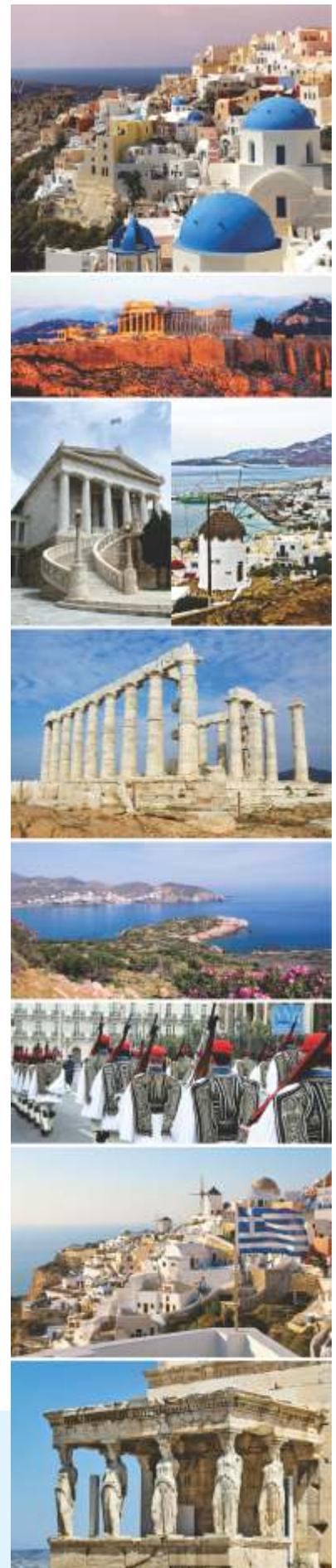
**DAY 6: KUSADASI & PATMOS:** Breakfast onboard. Our first stop on today's agenda is in Kusadasi, Turkey, with a chance to visit the nearby Greek, Roman and Byzantine excavations of Ephesus. Our next port-of-call is on the island of Patmos, where St. John the Divine is said to have written *The Revelation*. The 11<sup>th</sup> century monastery, known for its rare manuscript collection, is well worth a visit. Return to our ship for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

**DAY 7: RHODES:** Breakfast onboard. Spend the entire day exploring the sun-drench island of Rhodes! Experience the historic Old City with its medieval ramparts and palaces built by the Knights of St. John during the crusades. As an alternative, Rhodes' spectacular beaches and colorful shopping district are within easy walking distance of the harbor. Return to our ship for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

**DAY 8: HERAKLION (CRETE) & SANTORINI:** Breakfast onboard. Morning port-of-call on Crete, the Greek island made famous in Homer's epic poems. Heraklion, the capital of Crete and its principal commercial port, is just three miles away from the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos. The Archaeological Museum in Heraklion displays many of the treasures found during the excavations. In the afternoon we will visit Santorini, the "Black Pearl of the Aegean" and possibly the most beautiful of all the Greek islands. Return to our ship for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

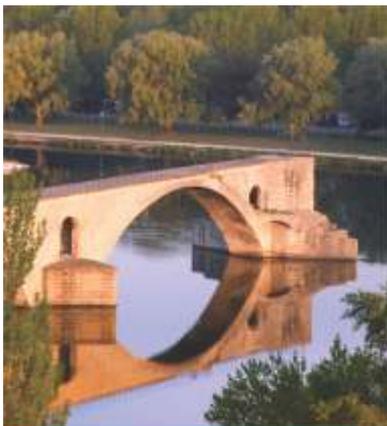
**DAY 9: ATHENS~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON:** After breakfast, we will be transported to the airport where we will board our return flight to Boston (*via an intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in-flight. (CB)

**Dates:** May 12 – 20, 2016 with Carol Mallia as Group Leader. **Price** is \$2859 or discounted check rate for \$2799 per person for Category 1A inside cabin or \$2959 or discounted check rate of \$2899 for an outside cabin. **Prices include:** air, departure taxes and fees and fuel surcharge fees (of \$649.24) which are subject to change until final billing. This tour also includes wine and mineral water with each dinner while in Athens. Single Supplement is \$480 for inside cabin and \$580 for outside cabin per single and is limited to four passengers.





# BARCELONA, AVIGNON & NICE



**DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BARCELONA:** Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Barcelona (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available in flight.

**DAY 2 – BARCELONA:** “*Bienvenida a España!*” Upon arrival at the Barcelona Airport, we will meet our tour escort, who will help us transfer to Barcelona via motorcoach to check into our hotel, the Barcelo Atenea Mar (or similar). The remainder of the day is at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

**DAY 3 – BARCELONA~MONTSERRAT:** After breakfast at our hotel, we will enjoy a half-day guided sightseeing tour of Barcelona. One of the highlights of this tour will be entrance to Sagrada Familia, the unique Roman Catholic cathedral designed by the Catalan architect Antoni Gaudí and built beginning in 1882 and considered still unfinished! After our Barcelona tour, we'll head to Montserrat, where we'll have some free time for lunch on our own prior to taking a cable car up the mountain of Montserrat to see the stunning abbey, the most important retreat in Catalonia. Return to Barcelona for dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 4 – BARCELONA:** After breakfast at our hotel, we will enjoy a full day at leisure in Barcelona. You won't be bored- Barcelona, between being a former Olympic city, a college town, home to one of the biggest teams in world soccer, and a cultural hotbed, has something for everyone! See more on Barcelona at <http://www.barcelonaturisme.com/wv3/en/>. Return for dinner at our hotel. Overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 5 – BARCELONA~CARCASSONE~AVIGNON:** After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll board our motorcoach and depart Spain, crossing into France. We will visit the fortified French town of Carcassonne (famous for having two UNESCO World Heritage Sites) for a two-hour walking tour and a visit to their Chateau Comtal, Stone Museum, and see their fortified walls and ramparts. Lunch is on our own en route to Avignon, where we will check into our hotel, the Novotel Avignon Nord (or similar). Dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 6 – AVIGNON~REMOULINS:** After breakfast, we are off to Remoulins a small commune in southern France, where we'll tour the town and also have an opportunity to view the Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct bridge built in the first century A.D. It is the tallest and best-preserved Roman aqueduct in the world, and one of the five most popular tourist attractions in all of France. Entrance to the museum is included. Lunch will be on our own. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 7 – AIX EN PROVENCE~NICE:** After breakfast and hotel check out, we begin our journey to Nice, but with a wonderful stop on the way. We will visit the capital of the Provence region - Aix-en-Provence, where we'll tour the city and visit the Cathedral St. Sauveur. We'll also visit the home of the famous French impressionist painter, Paul Cezanne. We will have a a tour of Cezanne's house as well as the magnificent gardens that gave him so much inspiration. Continue on to Nice to check in to our hotel, the Ellington (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 8 – NICE~CANNES~MONTE CARLO:** After breakfast, we'll head for Cannes, where we'll tour the glitzy city and visit the 15<sup>th</sup> century Notre Dame d'Esperance. Then it is on to glamorous Monte Carlo, where we'll tour the principality and visit the cathedral where Princess Grace is buried and visit her rose garden. Return to Nice for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**DAY 9 – NICE~BOSTON:** After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the airport where we will board our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate stop*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

**Dates:** May 8 – 16, 2016 with Dorothy McCabe as Group Leader. **Price** is \$2899 or discounted check rate for \$2839 per person. **Prices include:** air, departure taxes and fees and fuel surcharge fees (of \$642.24) which are subject to change until final billing. This tour also includes wine and mineral water with each dinner. Single Supplement is \$560 per single and is limited to four passengers.

# SCANDINAVIA HIGHLIGHTS *Denmark, Norway, Sweden & Finland*

**DAY 1 – BOSTON-COPENHAGEN, DENMARK:** We depart Boston for Copenhagen, Denmark on your overnight international flight (intermediate stop) with meal and beverage service aboard your Swiss Air flight.

**DAY 2 - ARRIVE IN COPENHAGEN, DENMARK:** Welcome to Copenhagen! Upon arrival, we will meet our tour escort who will help us transfer via motorcoach to our hotel. Afternoon is at leisure. Welcome dinner at your hotel with a selection of Danish cheeses for dessert, a Denmark tradition. (D)

**DAY 3 – COPENHAGEN:** After breakfast, our morning sightseeing with a Local Guide features the Church of Our Savior and the Stock Exchange on the way to Christiansborg Palace, where you visit the elegant Royal Reception Rooms. Drive past the National Museum and the Royal Theater, and stop for pictures of Amalienborg Palace with its lovely flower gardens and of the wistful Little Mermaid. In the afternoon, explore at leisure. In the evening, we will visit Tivoli Gardens, the city's colorful amusement park. (B)

**DAY 4 - COPENHAGEN–GOTHENBURG, SWEDEN–OSLO, NORWAY:** After breakfast at the hotel and check out, we depart from Elsinore beneath Hamlet's Kronborg Castle, board a ferry for Helsingborg. Then, drive to Gothenburg, Sweden's thriving second-largest city, and admire its beautiful parks, botanical gardens, and well-kept canals during your orientation tour. In the afternoon, we will continue along the Skagerrak coastline to Norway. After hotel check in we will have dinner at the hotel in Oslo. (B, D)

**DAY 5 – OSLO:** After breakfast at the hotel, we will tour Norway's capital which is a study in farsighted urban planning, seeking growth in harmony with nature. Your Local Guide will take you to the National Theater, Parliament, and the Royal Palace. We will stroll through magnificent Frogner Park with Gustav Vigeland's 200-plus extraordinary bronze and granite sculptures, and visit the modern City Hall. Optional excursions are available for the afternoon and evening. (B)

**DAY 6 - OSLO–KARLSTAD, SWEDEN–STOCKHOLM:** After breakfast and check out, we will trace the King's Road, an ancient trade link between the northern capitals connecting Oslo, Stockholm, Turku, Helsinki, and St. Petersburg. We will cross the Swedish border to scenic Värmland, beautifully described in Selma Lagerlöf's Gösta Berlings Saga, on the way to Karlstad on Lake Vänern. We will pass the ancient garrison town of Örebro and modern Eskilstuna, known for its stainless steel, and proceed to Stockholm for hotel check in. (B)

**DAY 7 – STOCKHOLM:** After breakfast, we will tour Stockholm, scene of Stieg Larsson's Millennium, which is settled on 14 islands between Lake Mälaren and the Baltic Sea. The morning sightseeing with a Local Guide features the Royal Palace, Riddarholm Church, and the festive blue and gold chambers in the City Hall where the annual Nobel Prize banquet is held. Then, we will take a journey down musical memory lane as you visit the Abba Museum. Afternoon is at leisure or choose from exciting optional excursions. (B)

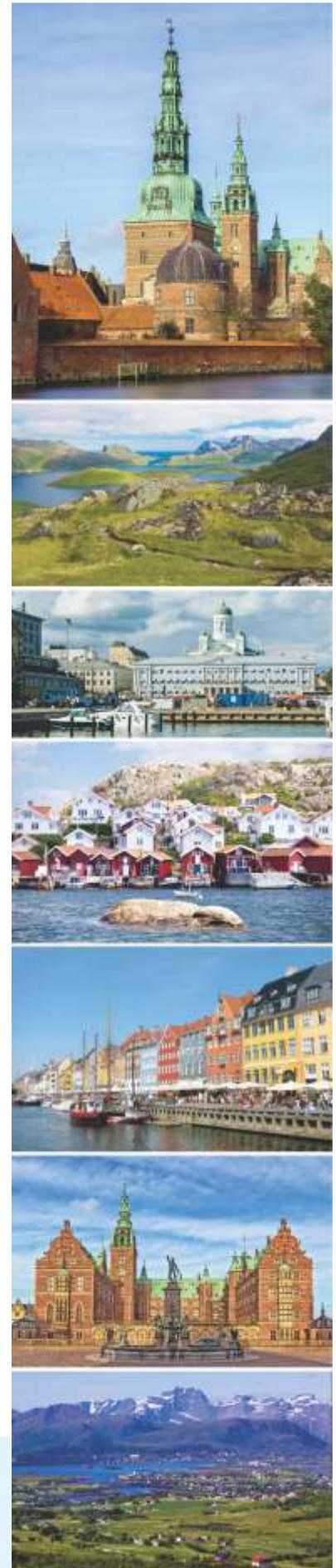
**DAY 8 - AT LEISURE IN STOCKHOLM–OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO HELSINKI, FINLAND:** After breakfast, you are free to explore the city at leisure. Later, we will board a ship for the overnight Baltic Sea Cruise to Finland and enjoy the traditional Smörgåsbord dinner on board. (B, D)

**DAY 9 – HELSINKI:** After breakfast, we will enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Helsinki which features the City Hall and Parliament House, the Presidential Palace, the monumental railroad station, the great Lutheran Cathedral, the Olympic Stadium, and the Sibelius Monument. In the afternoon, browse at leisure for souvenirs in Helsinki's local arts and crafts open-air market. Check in to our hotel. (B)

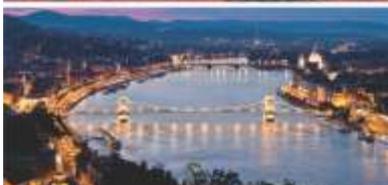
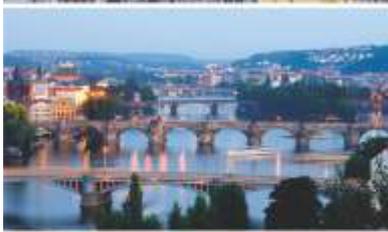
**DAY 10 - AT LEISURE IN HELSINKI:** A full day at leisure offers the opportunity to join an optional excursion to Tallinn, capital of Estonia, known as one of the "Pearls of the Baltic" countries. Tonight, a farewell dinner awaits you at your hotel. (B, D)

**DAY 11 – HELSINKI-BOSTON:** After breakfast at the hotel, we say goodbye to this lovely city and transfer back to the airport for your return flight to Boston with full meal & beverage service (possible intermediate stop). (B)(D)

**Dates:** September 9 – 19, 2016 with Carol Mallia as Group Leader. **Price** is \$3879 or discounted check rate for \$3799 per person. **Prices include:** air, departure taxes and fees and fuel surcharge fees (of \$642.24) which are subject to change until final billing. Single Supplement is \$798 per single and is limited to four passengers.



# BUDAPEST, VIENNA & PRAGUE



**DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BUDAPEST:** We depart Boston aboard our transatlantic flight to Budapest (via intermediate city) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight. (D)

**DAY 2 – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY:** Upon arrival at the airport in Budapest we will meet our Tour Manager who will help us board our private motorcoach. We will enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

We will have time for lunch on our own. Our tour includes a visit to Halaszbastya or the Fisherman's Bastion, built in the 19th century and a strategic point from which the Fisherman's Guild defended Castle Hill. We will transfer to our first-class Hotel Mercure Buda (or similar) for check-in. The remainder of the day is at leisure to do some independent sightseeing, shopping and browsing, or to freshen-up prior to dinner at the hotel. (D) Hotel Website: [www.mercure.com](http://www.mercure.com)

**DAY 3 – BUDAPEST:** Following breakfast at our hotel, we are off on a full-day sightseeing tour of this city that straddles the Danube River. Our panoramic sightseeing will include many of the most famous and historic landmarks in Budapest. We will visit Esztergom and Visegrad Castle (The Citadel) which sits atop a 350-foot hill, offering us breathtaking views of the Danube Bend below. Lunch will be on our own. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

**DAY 4 – BUDAPEST~ VIENNA, AUSTRIA:** Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will continue to our next destination, Vienna, Austria. Upon arrival in Vienna, we will have time for lunch on our own. We will check into our first-class hotel, Hotel Atlas (or similar). The remainder of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with our new surroundings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

**DAY 5 – VIENNA:** After breakfast, we will depart the hotel for a half-day tour of Vienna, starting at Schonbrunn Palace, the Versailles of Vienna. This magnificent Baroque residence, built by the Hapsburgs in the 17th and 18th centuries, has 1,441 rooms, many ornate fountains, and terrace after terrace of beautiful gardens. The remainder of the day is at leisure for lunch, some shopping or browsing or some independent sightseeing. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Vienna. (B, D)

**DAY 6 – VIENNA~PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC:** After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will board the motorcoach for the journey to our next destination, Prague, Czech Republic. Arriving in Prague, we will check into our first-class hotel, Hotel Ibis (or similar). The remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure to enjoy this beautiful city. Dinner will be at a local restaurant. Return to the hotel for overnight. (B, D) Hotel Website: [www.ibishotels.com](http://www.ibishotels.com)

**DAY 7 – PRAGUE:** Following breakfast, we will embark on a wonderful half-day sightseeing adventure in Prague, including a visit to Karlstejn Castle. Following lunch on our own, we will have the remainder of the day at leisure for some shopping or browsing or independent sightseeing. We return to Prague for our evening meal at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel. (B, D)

**DAY 8 – PRAGUE:** After breakfast at our hotel, we will enjoy a morning sightseeing tour of Prague, including Wenceslas Square. We will tour Saint Vitus Cathedral, an integral part of the complex built in the 14th century.

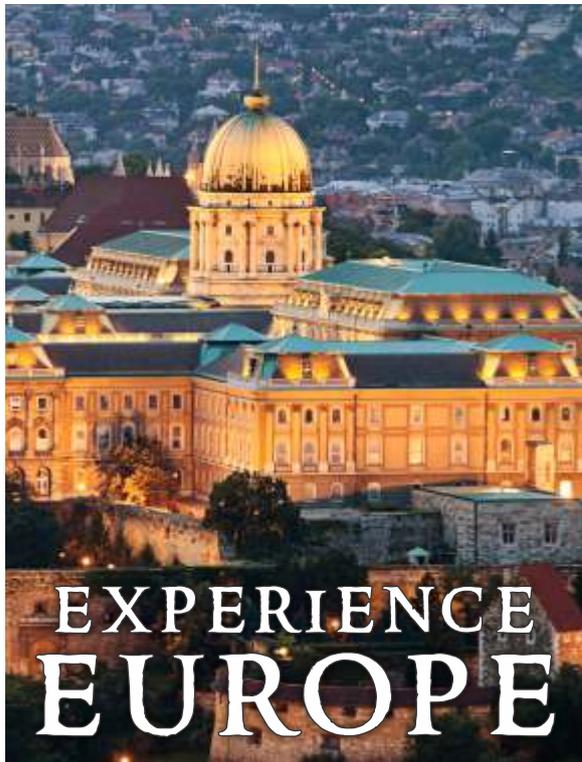
We will visit the Prague Castle, ancient symbol of the Czech lands and one of the most significant monuments and important cultural institutions in the Czech Republic. Later we return to Prague where the remainder of the day is at leisure for lunch on our own, some shopping or browsing or independent sightseeing. Dinner will be at a local restaurant. Overnight at our hotel in Prague. (B, D)

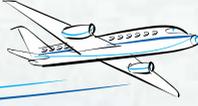
**DAY 9 – PRAGUE~INTERMEDIATE STOP~BOSTON:** After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will be transferred to the airport where we will board our return flight to Boston (via intermediate city) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight. (B)

**Dates:** September 17 – 25, 2016 with Dorothy McCabe as Group Leader. **Price** is \$2799 or discounted check rate for \$2749 per person. **Prices include:** air, departure taxes and fees and fuel surcharge fees (of 642.24) which are subject to change until final billing. Single Supplement is \$498 per single and is limited to four passengers.



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