

# Ascend

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Learning Beyond Borders



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*Lushescapes empowers students through immersive learning, global exploration, and transformative growth beyond the classroom.*



## Applied Skills

Hands-on learning experiences that build real-world competencies.



## Cultural Exploration

Immersive journeys that foster global awareness and understanding.



## Nurtured Development

Holistic growth that inspires confidence, leadership, and personal transformation.



# Glimpses of Golden Budapest

25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April

Exclusively Designed for Dubai International Academy



# Day 1: Budapest Beginnings



Upon arrival in Budapest, your group will be welcomed at the airport by a private guide who will assist with coordinating a smooth **transfer to the hotel via private coach**. Once checked in, students can settle into their rooms and enjoy some time to freshen up after the journey. The guide ensures a seamless arrival and is available to provide local tips, orientation, and assistance throughout the day.

In the afternoon, the group can either enjoy **leisure time and shopping in the surrounding city center**. This relaxed start offers students a gentle introduction to the city's atmosphere while giving them a chance to stretch their legs and take in the sights before returning to the hotel for dinner and a restful overnight stay.

**Overnight at Hotel T62 or similar**

**Meals: Dinner**



# Budapest, Hungary

} Budapest is where history, art, and thermal baths collide! From fairy-tale castles and riverside views to steamy spas and sweet chimney cakes, this vibrant city blends old-world charm with youthful energy—perfect for curious minds and adventurous spirits.



## Day 2: City Icons & Artistic Exploration

Today is a full immersion into the heart of Budapest, beginning with a comprehensive 8-hour guided city tour. Students will discover iconic landmarks such as **Heroes' Square, Vajdahunyad Castle, Andrásy Avenue, the grand Opera House, St. Stephen's Basilica, and the stunning Parliament building. The Castle District**—home to Matthias Church and Fishermen's Bastion—offers breathtaking views and historical context, with optional entries to enhance the experience. Due to pedestrian-only zones, part of the tour will be on foot, using a communication guide system for clarity and safety.

After a lunch break at **Urban Betyár**, which includes a visit to its **ethnographic museum**, the group continues to the **Hungarian National Gallery**, housed within Buda Castle. Here, students engage in a **curated Art Class** led by a local instructor, offering a unique opportunity to learn about Hungarian art history while sketching or observing masterpieces. This tailored experience deepens their cultural understanding in a creative, hands-on way. The group returns to the hotel for dinner and a well-earned rest after a day of artistic and architectural discovery.

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**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

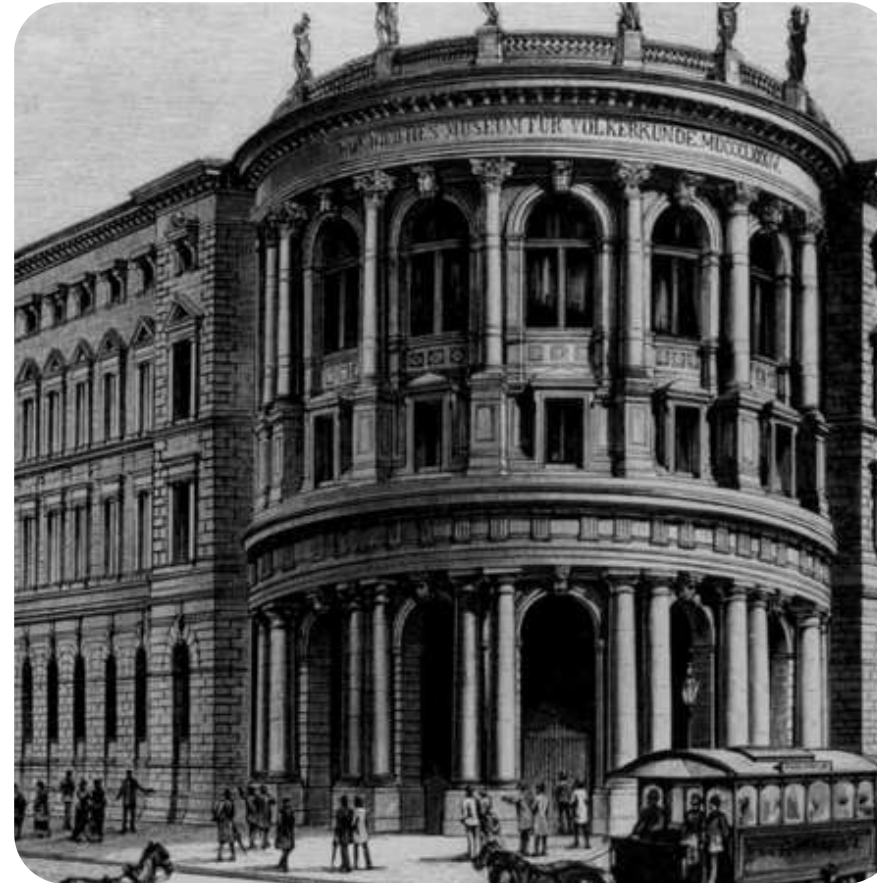


## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



### Hungarian National Gallery

where Hungary's artistic soul comes alive—housed inside the majestic Buda Castle, it's packed with centuries of vibrant paintings, sculptures, and creativity. It's the perfect place to get inspired, sketch ideas, and walk through Hungarian history one masterpiece at a time!



### Ethnographic Museum

The Vietnam Museum of Ethnology in Hanoi showcases the culture of Vietnam's 54 ethnic groups through artifacts, traditional houses, and cultural exhibits. It offers visitors a vivid glimpse into the country's diverse heritage.



### Heroes' Square

Budapest's most iconic plaza, where towering statues celebrate Hungary's legendary leaders and proud past. It's the perfect spot for group photos, history snapshots, and feeling the grandeur of a nation's story!



## Day 3: Creative Expression & Sweet Discoveries



The day begins with a **hands-on Painting Workshop**, where each student receives their own canvas, paints, and guidance from a professional moderator. Held in the hotel’s meeting room, the session offers a creative outlet and an opportunity for students to work collaboratively and take home a piece of Budapest in the form of their own artwork. Whether the image is simple or detailed depends on the time allocated, but every participant walks away with a keepsake that reflects both effort and memory.

In the afternoon, the group participates in a **Chimney Cake Workshop**, learning to prepare the beloved Hungarian treat “**Kürtőskalács**.” Students will knead dough, wrap it around wooden cones, roll it in sugar, and bake it to golden perfection—adding optional toppings like cinnamon, nuts, or chocolate. The experience ends with a tasting session and personalized certificates for each participant. The day wraps up with dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



### Hands-on Painting Workshop

A fun and creative session where we each become artists for the day—canvas, brushes, and colors all provided! With step-by-step guidance, we'll paint our own masterpieces to take home as unforgettable souvenirs from Budapest.



### Chimney Cake Workshop

The chimney cake workshop is a sweet and sticky adventure where we learn to make Hungary's famous kürtőskalács from scratch! From kneading the dough to rolling it in sugar and baking it golden, we'll top it off with cinnamon, chocolate, or nuts—then devour our delicious creations warm and fresh!



## Day 4: Danube Bend Discovery



Today's full-day excursion explores the scenic **Danube Bend**, rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. The first stop is **Esztergom**, Hungary's former capital and religious center, where students visit the massive Basilica and Treasury, including the crypt. The journey continues to **Visegrád**, with its medieval citadel perched high above the river, offering stunning panoramic views. Here, the group enjoys a hearty lunch in a hunting-style restaurant, adding a rustic touch to the day.

In the afternoon, students discover the charming town of **Szentendre**, long known as an artists' haven. With cobbled streets, colorful Baroque architecture, and lively artisan shops, the town feels like a painting itself. Visits include the **Kovács Margit Ceramic Museum** and the delightful Marzipan Museum, followed by some free time for students to explore local crafts. The group returns to Budapest in the evening for dinner and overnight stay.

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**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY



### Esztergom

Hungary's spiritual heart and former royal capital, home to the country's largest basilica towering over the Danube. It's a place where history, faith, and stunning views come together in one unforgettable stop.



### Kovács Margit Ceramic Museum

a colorful, hands-on wonderland where we explore stunning ceramic sculptures and intricate tiles by one of Hungary's most beloved artists. It's like stepping into a world of clay and creativity—perfect for sparking inspiration and marveling at the art of shaping earth into beauty.



### Visegrád

a mountaintop time machine—once a royal stronghold, now a breathtaking lookout over the Danube Bend. With its medieval Citadel, stories of kings, and epic views, it's where Hungarian history meets natural beauty in the most dramatic way.



## Day 5: Imperial Vienna Experience



Students embark on a **full-day excursion to Vienna, Austria**, beginning with a scenic coach ride across the border. Upon arrival, a guided city tour along the Ringstrasse showcases iconic landmarks such as the Opera House, Town Hall, Votiv Church, and the Parliament, offering insight into Vienna's rich history and elegant architecture.

The group then visits **Schönbrunn Palace** for a guided tour of its opulent state rooms, followed by a **hands-on pottery workshop** where students can create their own ceramic pieces inspired by Viennese design. After a 3-course lunch, they return to Budapest for a final dinner and evening of reflection.

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**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner**

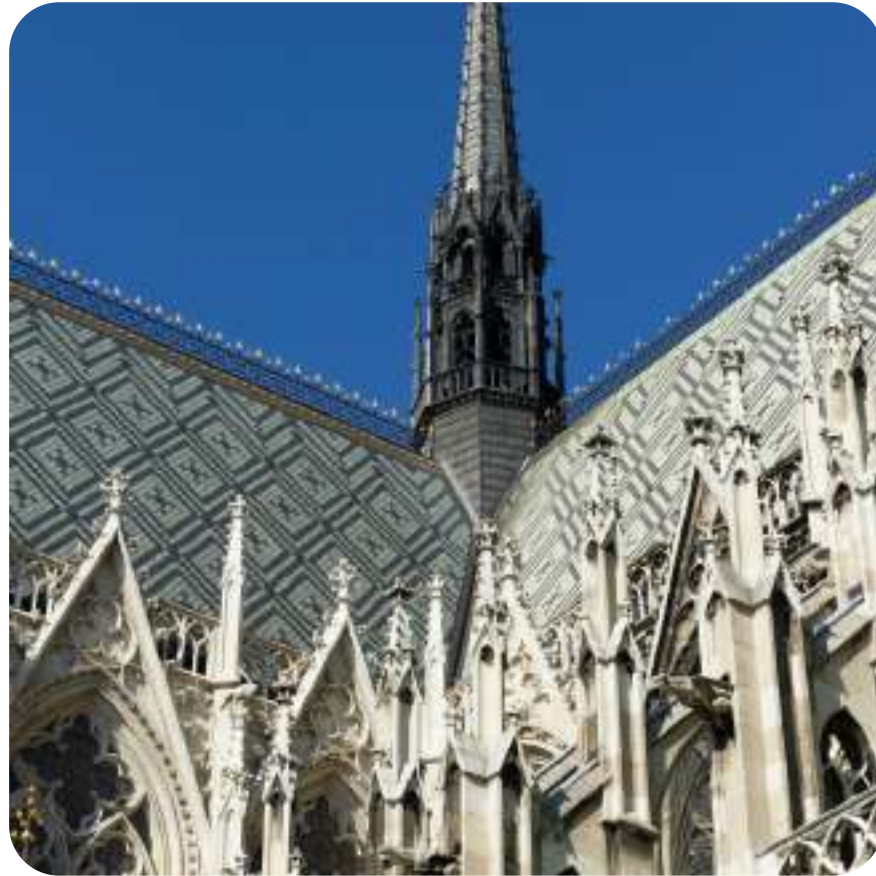


## Vienna, Austria

} A city of elegance, where imperial palaces, world-class music, and cozy coffeehouses come together in perfect harmony. From grand boulevards to artistic treasures, every corner of Vienna feels like a scene from a classical masterpiece



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### Guided City Tour along Ringstrasse

The guided city tour along Vienna's famous Ringstrasse takes students past some of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the Opera House, Town Hall, Votiv Church, and the Austrian Parliament. Along the way, the guide shares fascinating insights into the city's imperial past and vibrant cultural heritage.



### Schönbrunn Palace

Vienna's dazzling royal residence, once home to emperors and empresses like Maria Theresa and Franz Joseph. With its golden halls, grand gardens, and baroque beauty, it's like stepping straight into the glamorous world of the Habsburgs.



### Hands-on Pottery Workshop

Students take part in a hands-on pottery making class, where they learn basic techniques and create their own ceramic pieces. This creative session offers a fun, tactile way to connect with Vienna's artistic traditions.



## Day 6: Farewell Budapest



The final day begins with breakfast and check-out from the hotel. The group is then transferred to Budapest Airport by private coach. It's a smooth conclusion to a memorable journey filled with art, history, hands-on experiences, and cultural discovery.

**Meals: Breakfast and Lunch**




## Flight Details

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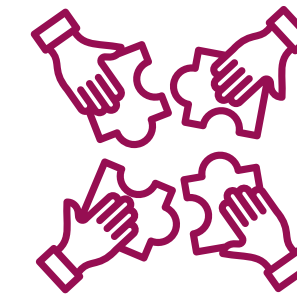
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# Trip Inclusions



Flight Tickets thru Emirates  
( all taxes included )



Activities and Entrances as Per  
Itinerary



All transfers throughout the whole  
itinerary



Water provided throughout the trip



All Meals as  
per Itinerary



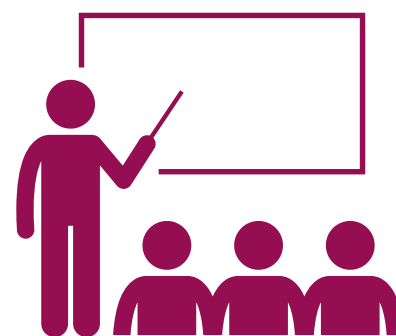
Accommodation in Twin Occupancy for students  
and Single Occupancy for Chaperones and  
Program Director



Premium Travel Insurance



Local English Speaking  
Guide



Ratio 1:10 for teachers



Tips and Mandatory Gratuity



# Trip Exclusions



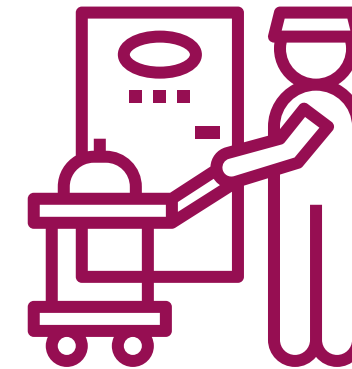
Personal Expenses



Visa Cost and Assistance



Any Other Service not Mentioned



Any Extra Room Service at Hotels



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