

**Join NICKY EPSTEIN**  
**on her 2018 Knitting Adventure to**  
**THE CZECH REPUBLIC, AUSTRIA & HUNGARY**

September 08-18, 2018

**Knit & Travel with Nicky to**  
**PRAGUE ~ VIENNA ~ BUDAPEST**

Nicky will be teaching classes and you will work on a project designed by her, especially for the tour!

Workshop yarn will be provided

**Nicky's "Favorite Things"**

Stitches And Schnitzels And Knitting Together,  
Beautiful Places And Dining And Weather,  
We Might Be Knitting An Angel With Wings,  
These Are A Few Of My Favorite Things.

Shopping For Yarn, Is There Anything Better,  
We'll Make A Capelet, An Afghan, A Sweater,  
Viennese Waltzes With Violin Strings,  
These Are A Few Of My Favorite Things.

Wow, have we got an amazing, knitting, dining, wining, shopping, sightseeing, fun filled extravaganza trip for you in 2018. We are going to the exciting and beautiful cities of Prague Czech Republic, Budapest Hungary and Vienna Austria.

Barbara Spohn has, once again, created an amazing itinerary, and stays at wonderful hotels, beautifully located.

Along the way I'll be teaching classes and I will create an exclusive design, for this trip only, along with many other knitting surprises and quick knits on the bus trips. Yarns will be supplied!

Prague, Budapest & Vienna are amongst Europe's most intriguing and fascinatingly lovely cities, and be warned that the local cuisines are incredibly mouthwatering, but not conducive to dieting. My culinary advisor Mr. H will be joining us to do research on Czech Pilsner beer, Hungarian wine and Austrian pastries, so bring along your significant other to join in the fun.

There are limited openings for this trip, so sign up soon. Our last trip to Tuscany/Venice sold out very quickly and there were many disappointed knitters.

I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones, and sharing some of My Favorite Things with you all!

*Naz Drovia, Nicky*

***Your Tour Itinerary:***

Saturday, September 08, 2018

For those of you living in North America, you will need to arrange your flight to depart today, in order to arrive in **PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC (PRG)** on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to arrive in Prague one day early, Traveling Together has rooms available at the cost of \$163 per person for a double room and \$294 for a single, which includes breakfast and tax. Information for getting yourself from the airport to the hotel will be provided.

Sun, Sep 09

Once you arrive at the **VÁCLAV HAVEL AIRPORT PRAGUE (PRG)** you will make your way to the **RADISSON BLU ALCRON HOTEL**, located in the city center and our home for the next 3 nights.

Welcome to the golden city of Prague, renowned for its gleaming spires. Relax or take a leisurely stroll through this magnificent metropolis, prior to meeting Nicky and your travel companions at the **WELCOME DINNER**.

Mon, Sep 10

**PRAGUE, CAPITAL CITY OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC**, is bisected by the Vltava River. Nicknamed “the City of a Hundred Spires,” it's known for its Old Town Square, the heart of its historic core, with colorful baroque buildings, Gothic churches and the medieval Astronomical Clock, which gives an animated hourly show. Completed in 1402, pedestrian Charles Bridge is lined with statues of Catholic saints.

First thing this morning we will have a **TOUR OF THE CITY**. As we drive to Prague Castle we will pass the famous Wenceslas Square with the St. Wenceslas Statue, National Museum, Dancing House and Vysehrad Castle.

Prague Castle was most likely founded in around 880 by Prince Bořivoj of the Premyslid Dynasty (Přemyslovci). According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Prague Castle is the largest coherent castle complex in the world, with an area of almost 70,000 m<sup>2</sup>. A UNESCO World Heritage site, it consists of a large-scale composition of palaces and ecclesiastical buildings of various architectural styles, from the remains of Romanesque-style buildings from the 10th century through Gothic modifications of the 14th century. The famous Slovenian architect Josip Plečnik was responsible for extensive renovations in the time of the First Republic (1918-1938). Since the Velvet Revolution, Prague Castle has undergone significant and ongoing repairs and reconstructions.

Once we arrive at the Prague Castle District, our **walking tour will include entrance to the Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace and Golden Lane**. From Prague Castle we walk to Lesser Town and then across the Charles Bridge to Old Town Square to see the famous Astronomical Clock.

### **LET THE KNITTING BEGIN!**

**NICKY EPSTEIN** is an artist. Her brushes, palette and canvas are her needles, yarn and a boundless imagination that has never adhered to the proposition that "everything has been done in knitting". She is a prolific designer that goes from high fashion to whimsical fun with great ease, and an innovative thinker that embellishes traditional knitting techniques and creates new, revolutionary ones.

Her beautiful innovative creations, love of knitting, and her passion for sharing her experience and expertise with others, through classes and workshops around the globe has gained her worldwide recognition with thousands of adoring knitters and crocheters. She has authored numerous best-selling and award winning books, in both fashion and resource genres, that are "must haves" in knitter's libraries. to name a few: *Knitting On The Edge*, *Knitting Over The Edge*, *Knitting Beyond The Edge*, *Nicky Epstein's Knitted Flowers*, *Knitting On Top Of The World*, *Knitting In Tuscany*, *Knitting A Kiss In Every Stitch*, *Knitting Block by Block*, *The Essential Edgings Collection*, *Knitting In Circles* (voted "Favorite Knitting Book of 2012") and the current charming *Knits For Dolls and Crochet For Dolls*, and her innovative book "*Knitting Reimagined*". She is the only knitwear designer that Mattel has given permission to do three Barbie Doll knit and crochet books. Her 29th book "Enchanted Knits For 18" Dolls" was released in September 2015, and her "Knit A Square...Create a Cuddly Creature" was released in September 2016. She is working on 3 new books. Her versatile designs have been frequently featured in all the major knitting publications (her designs graced the covers of the 25th and 30th anniversary editions of Vogue Knitting Magazine), as well as on television, fashion shows and in museums. Her 2 six foot bears created from 30 years of her design swatches were a sensation at the VK Live show in Seattle and 4 of them will be on display at the VK Live show in New York in January 2018.

She has also expanded her artistic talent by creating lines of designer buttons, clasps, scarves and patterns, and her own Knitting bag for Lantern Moon.

You can find her kits and samples for sale at [www.nickyepstein.etsy.com](http://www.nickyepstein.etsy.com)

Nicky lives in New York City, but travels extensively around the world sharing her love of knitting with countless fans, between creating a never-ending number of new and unique books. Her knitting travel tours and classes are always filled to capacity.

This afternoon you will get started on Nicky's "especially created for you design" and enjoy her collective and personal instructions and guidance. In addition to learning about the exciting projects she has planned, she will be handing out yarn to start your first project!

The Be Bop Lobby Bar in the hotel will be the perfect place to meet up with your fellow knitters when you are ready to relax and knit.

### Sep 11, Tue

You will have the entire day to **EXPLORE PRAGUE** at your leisure. Your Prague Castle District admission ticket from yesterday is good for a second day, if you would like to return and learn more about this fascinating castle and its history. Just a short walk from our hotel is Wenceslas Square. This half-mile long, 14th-century boulevard was originally laid out as the Prague horse market and is now the home of the National Museum, St. Wenceslas statue and the main shopping district. Be sure to take time to explore the small streets and shops and have dinner at one of the many nearby restaurants.

As always, you will be provided with a list of local yarn shops in each of the cities we will be visiting.

### Sep 12, Wed

Our day begins with a drive from Prague to **VIENNA**, Austria's capital. Located in eastern Austria on the Danube River, its artistic and intellectual legacy was shaped by residents including Mozart, Beethoven and Sigmund Freud.

The **HOTEL REGINA** in Vienna is centrally located near Sigmund-Freud Park at the Ringstraße and Vienna University. The Regina is run by the 4<sup>th</sup> generation **of the** Kremslehner family and has accommodated some well-known personalities, including repeated visits by the Habsburg family. The Regina will be our home for the next 3 nights.

We will start the afternoon with a welcome coffee in one of the hotel's banquet rooms, prior to your **SECOND WORKSHOP WITH NICKY**. She will be with you every step of the way as the needles fly and the fun continues. Following a full afternoon of knitting we will have a private dinner at the hotel and time to socialize with your fellow knitters!

### Sep 13, Thu

Our day begins with a **PANORAMIC TOUR** and **CITY WALK OF VIENNA**. The bus portion of the tour will show you the highlights around the Ringstrasse, including the world-renowned Vienna State Opera house, Parliament, and Town Hall. There will be a stop at Belvedere, the wonderful baroque Palace of Prince Eugen and today's Austrian Gallery, which holds the Klimt Collection. The walking tour will concentrate on central Vienna, which is in within walking distance of our hotel. Our guide will show us Michaelerplatz and Graben, in addition to the famous Hofburg, which was the imperial Palace for the Habsburgs, with the tour ending at St. Stephans Cathedral.

### Sep 14, Fri

With map and travel guide in hand, you will have the whole day to **EXPLORE VIENNA**. Whether you decide to shop at the most prestigious shopping zone in downtown Vienna (also called the "Golden U"), visit one of the local markets, or spend time in one of the many museums, you're sure to enjoy this exciting city!

Don't forget to treat yourself to coffee and 'Sachertorte' in a typical Viennese coffee house.

### Sep 15, Sat

We depart Vienna this morning and drive to **SZENTENDRE**, a Hungarian town on the Danube River, north of Budapest. It's known for its baroque architecture, churches, colorful houses and narrow cobbled streets. The main square, Fő Tér, and the alleyways around it are lined with art galleries, museums and shops. This charming village is popular with artists and craft-workers offering dolls dressed in traditional folk costumes, hand-embroidered tablecloths, doilies, and blouses. You'll want to be sure to stop in at The Szabó-Szamos Marzipan Museum. In addition to offering marzipan products, they carry Hungarian wines, Tokay, brandies, paprika, salami and goose liver.

After time for shopping and lunch, we continue south to **BUDAPEST**, Hungary's capital.

Located on the banks of the Danube River in the heart of the city center, the **BUDAPEST MARRIOTT HOTEL** is our home for the next 3 nights. The hotel is on the Pest side of the Danube, just a short distance from the Chain Bridge and within walking distance of many of the city's legendary attractions. Each room in the hotel provides a magnificent view of the Danube River.

### Sep 16, Sun

Our day begins with a **TOUR OF BUDAPEST**. The city is split down the center by the Danube River and is connected by a series of bridges. On the west side of the Danube is hilly Buda, dominated by Castle Hill. The tour includes the Castle District with Matthias Church and Fishermen's Bastion (from where you can enjoy the beautiful panorama of the city), photo-stop at Gellért Hill (Citadel), Central Market Hall, Synagogue, City Park,

stop at the Heroes' Square (with statues of the most famous Hungarian kings and dukes), Andrassy Avenue, Opera House and St Stephen's Basilica.

This afternoon will be the **FINAL WORKSHOP**. All of the workshops on Nicky's past trips have been informative and inspiring. Everyone has been delighted with the projects that they have taken home. Perhaps that's why so many knitters keep traveling with her!

We will wrap up the afternoon with a **SHOW AND TELL OF ALL OF OUR PROJECTS**.

The hotel has plenty of cozy seating areas to sit and knit, many with sweeping views of the Danube!

#### Sep 17, Mon

You will have today to **EXPLORE BUDAPEST**. Our hotel is on the flat Pest side of the Danube and within easy walking distance of the Budapest Art Eye Ferris Wheel, the Great Market Hall which is open today from 6am-5pm, and the main boulevards and pedestrian shopping streets. Just a short walk from our hotel and across the Chain Bridge is a funicular that runs up Castle Hill to Buda's Old Town, where the Budapest History Museum traces city life from Roman times onward. If you would like to take a scenic cruise on the Danube, you can simply walk out the door of our hotel to board one of the many boats lined up and ready!

No matter what you decide to do today, be sure to return to the hotel in time for our **FAREWELL DINNER**.

#### Sep 18, Tue

You can arrange for your flight home to depart from **BUDAPEST FERENC LISZT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (BUD)** at any time today. You will be provided with available options for transferring to the airport and your tour escort will help you arrange shared rides if there are others with flights departing around the same time of day.

To help schedule your free time and learn about the places you are most interested in, we recommend that you purchase a travel guide. The most popular are Frommer's, Fodor's, Rick Steves', or DK Eyewitness.

You may want to select a guide that includes menu translation sections for when you are dining apart from the group.

Be sure to check your travel guide or websites for opening days and times for any particular activity or museum that you are interested in.

**Book early....space is limited!**

#### Included in your 11-day tour:

- \*Hotels
- \*Breakfast each morning
- \*3 Dinners, as noted in the itinerary
- \*All workshops
- \*Yarn for Nicky's workshop
- \*All group tours, admissions & activities, as noted in the above itinerary
- \*All group ground transportation within Europe
- \*Hosted by NICKY EPSTEIN
- \*Escorted by a Professional Tour Leader

#### Tour Price:

\$ 3999 per person, double occupancy  
\$ 1043 single supplement  
(Airfare is not included in the cost of your tour)

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Be sure to read all 2018 TOUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS prior to signing and sending in your registration.

***Please note:*** These cities and towns are best experienced by walking. In order to fully enjoy this trip you will need to be able to walk distances of up to 5 city blocks at any one time, and at a moderate pace. In addition to uphill climbs on some of the streets (many being cobblestones) you may also need to climb several flights of stairs. Please be sure to read over our Terms and Conditions and then if you have any questions about your ability to join the tour, please give our office a call and we will be happy to discuss this with you, in more detail.

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If at that time you would like assistance with your air travel, please call Northwood Travel at 800-780-0571  
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that does not expire until at least 6 months from the date of your scheduled return to the U.S.

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