

Eastern Europe



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Historic culture is present in these countries, a sense of "old world" that dates back centuries from the time of "Good King Wenceslaus" through the rise and fall of the Communist experiment to the present.

A multi-lingual Czech guide will assist the GATE staff in connecting participants with local business people, professional farmers and religious leaders.

The world becomes "home" and nations become "family" once one walks in another country and understands the culture and the struggles, as well as the faith and courage, of another people.

Eastern Europe Today: an on-going dialogue with a variety of people representing the issues citizens are currently facing:

- Social and Economic Realities
- The Ecumenical Challenge
 - The Basis of Peace
- Refugees and Ethnic Issues

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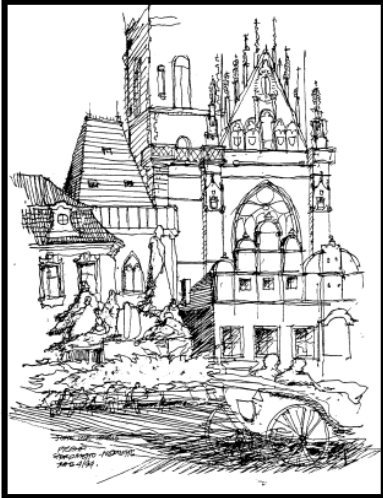
Eastern Europe Awaits...

GATE has been offering the Europe tour since 1985. In 2011, we will be focusing on the Czech Republic and southern Poland.

GATE offers a behind-the-scenes experience of these countries and insightful dialogue with a cross section of people. Significant contacts with the ecumenical community and input on the social and economic challenges enrich our travels. We understand the life of the people by visiting rural communities and small towns.

The following experiences are scheduled for the itinerary:

Guided tours of such historic cities as Prague and Brno in the Czech Republic, and Krakow and Czeszka in Poland.



- Explore the National Museum in Prague.
- Enjoying an evening concert.
- Wander through Hradcany castle in Prague.
- Tour of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz.
- Visit Moravian museum where ancient mammoth hunters lived.
- Visit to a farming co-operative and learn of rural challenges.
- Visit to Moravian wine country and an evening of wine tasting.
- Experience the history of the Jewish ghetto of Prague.
- Experience church of the Black Madonna in Czeszka.
- Free time for shopping or taking in other sites of interest.
 - Dialogue with rural Polish people.
 - Visit Lidice, a memorial to valiant villagers.

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