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From August until October 2018, eight young people were travelling on a special mission through the World Heritage Cities of Europe and the North America. For the first time, the Regional Secretariat for Northwest Europe and North America of the OWHC (Organization of World Heritage Cities) was organizing this new project, exclusively designed for young people aged 18 – 28 years. After a thorough application process, six winners/teams were chosen. Each were equipped with 1.000 Euros from an OWHC scholarship to find out, what World Heritage means for them, how much their own cultural background shapes their lives and behavior, and how important it is to preserve our tangible and intangible heritage around the globe.

With a special focus on posts on their social media accounts as well as a specially created travel blog, they shared their manifold experiences with peer groups as well as with an international audience. Check out the website under www.owhc-youngtravelling.com and learn more about their individual World Heritage experiences.

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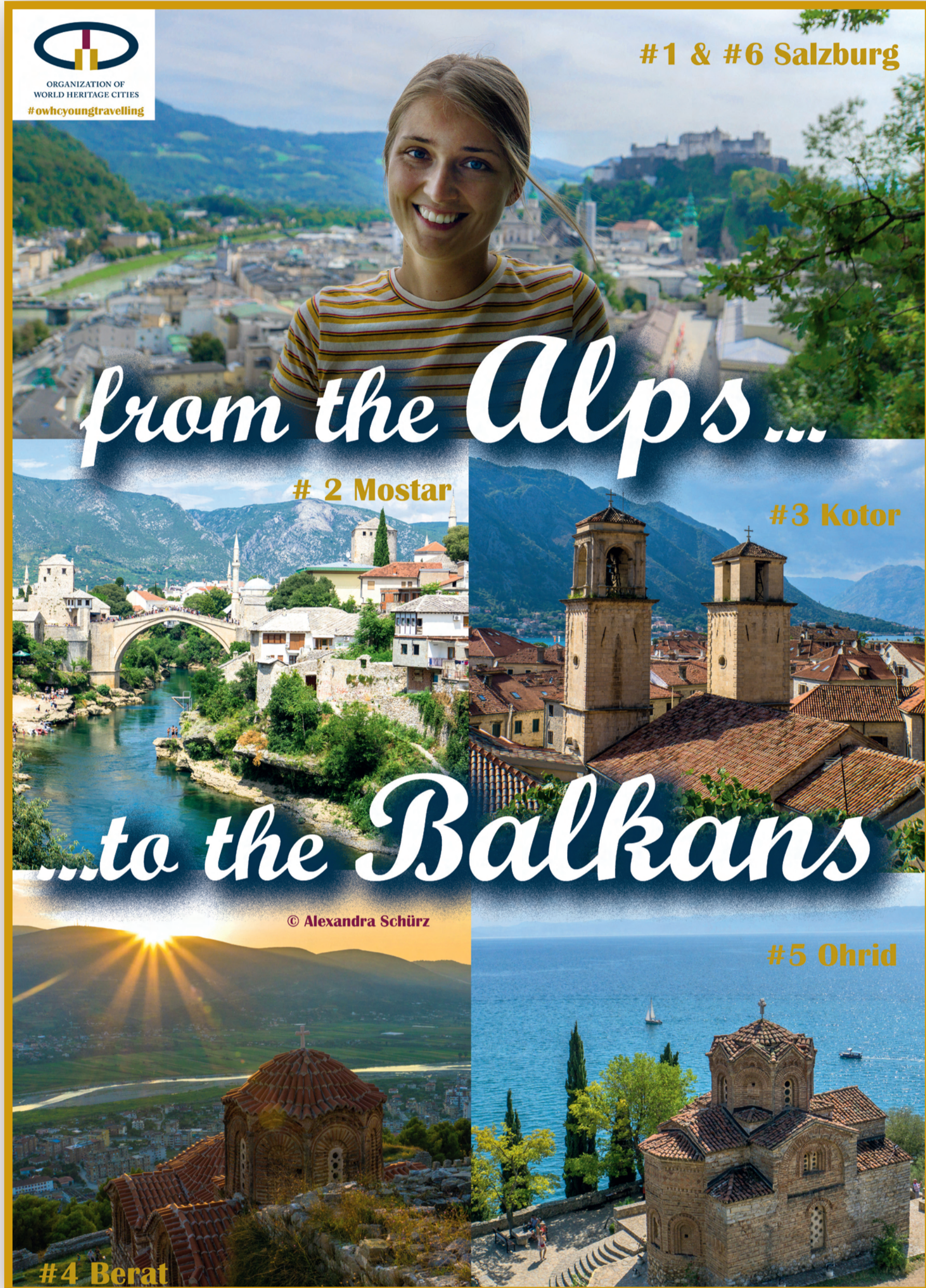
The project

- age group 18 – 28
- six teams / travellers
- total budget 1.000 Euro per traveller
- Task: visit at least four different UNESCO World Heritage cities, two of them members of our OWHC region
- regular posts on personal and OWHC Social Media channels
- daily posts on the travel blog website
- creative output in a poster and presentation

Due to the very successful start,
a relaunch is planned for 2019!



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YOUNG | HERITAGE | CITY
Young and Modern Life
in World Heritage
Central European Cities
by Karolina Kania & Mikołaj Góralik

PRAGUE - CZECH REPUBLIC
Prague was the last city we visited during our OWHC adventure. The Czech capital seems to be much more smaller than Vienna and Warsaw. Within the city center you can go almost everywhere on foot and the average distance between different districts is reachable during one walk. We knew Prague quiet well from the previous visits but the city has still many sites to offer. This time we have discovered what is hidden in Prague's parts (in Letenská sady and Havičkovy sady), we visited the Vietnamese temple in SAPA - the biggest Vietnamese market called "Little Hanoi", located in the southern Prague's outskirts and again we found many places for young locals (for example Kasárna Karlin - devastated military barracks, where the backyard became an alternative area with bars, art installations and outdoor summer cinema).

WARSAW - POLAND
We began our OWHC journey in Warsaw - filled with history, being an example of the transition from tradition to modernity. Most of the city was destroyed during the Second World War and - after being reconstructed - it's constantly changing. During our stay in Polish capital, we discovered and visited many interesting alternative places; among others: Exhibitions in Zachęta National Gallery of Art, Złbkowska Street in Praga-North - alternative district on the right bank of the Vistula river and the roof gardens of BUW (University of Warsaw Library) - the most characteristic students' spot in Polish capital. It's our most favorite view point in this city!

**15 DAYS
3 COUNTRIES**

6 CITIES

VIENNA - AUSTRIA
After visiting Warsaw and Kraków, we moved to Austria and stayed for three days in Vienna. The capital of Austria surprised us with its modernity neighboring with historical world heritage monuments. Full of people wandering on the most famous touristic paths just behind the corner hides places and districts where locals enjoy their leisure time. We were impressed by: MQ - MuseumsQuartier Wien - one of the largest districts for contemporary art in the world; Grünerhof that is famous for Heurigers - local wineries that produce homemade wine from vineyards located in the surrounding hills and Nachtsmarkt - the most famous city market with multicultural spirit.

VIENNA - AUSTRIA
After big city life in Vienna on our way to Czech Republic we took one day break in cosy Linz which was European Capital of Culture in 2009. Local metropolis located on the both sides of Danube river and between hills offers not only beautiful sights but also gives the possibility to visit very modern museums. In Linz we discovered HOHenausch - rooftops of Linz and Ars Electronica - called the museum of the future.

VIENNA - AUSTRIA
After three days spent in underrated by tourist Warsaw we moved to the touristic capital of Poland - Kraków. Also here we were trying to keep our cameras far away from overcrowded attractions. With a great help of our local guides (and friends) we discovered today's modern Kraków and the young spirit of this historic city. Some of our favorite places are: New headquarters of Museum of Photography, Kładka Ojca Bernacka - the bridge between Kazimierz and Podgórze district which we recommend for walking tours and Doine Mlyny - an alternative center for locals, full of bars, restaurants and cultural initiatives, situated in the old cigarette factory, just few minutes walk from the Old Town Main Square.

VIENNA - AUSTRIA
Český Krumlov is Czech's second most popular tourist destination. The town was built around a castle in 13th century in Gothic style. Full of charming photo spots. It has a reputation of a city for a one-day visit and unfortunately is very overcrowded. That is why we decided to stay for two nights and discover how the city center looks like when all the tourists go back to their hotels. Here are our three ways how to experience this amazing World Heritage City: Rafting on the Vltava river from the small village Větří to the historic city center of Český Krumlov, night walk on the empty streets and afternoon coffee at Egon Schiele Art Centrum and Café.

VIENNA - AUSTRIA
Mostar is a beautiful town built on a rocky island in the Neretva river. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The main attraction is the Stari Most bridge, which was destroyed during the war and reconstructed in 1993.

VIENNA - AUSTRIA
Berat is a medieval town built on a rocky hillside overlooking the Vjosa river. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The main attraction is the Church of the Holy Spirit, which is a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture.

VIENNA - AUSTRIA
Ohrid is a beautiful town built on a rocky hillside overlooking the Ohrid lake. It is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The main attraction is the Ohrid Pagan Church, which is a masterpiece of Byzantine architecture.

Alexandra

From beginning of August until beginning of September, Alexandra travelled through parts of the Balkan until finishing up her trip in her hometown of Salzburg, which is also listed as a World Heritage City. During her trip, she focused on finding out what the local population and other tourists like herself think about each city's status as World Heritage. Most agreed that the benefits one gets from being a World Heritage site help preserving the sites and protect them from too much tourism. According to Alexandra, however, some locals also fear that sometimes not enough is being done and that there is certainly room for improvement concerning protection against over-tourism. Furthermore, Alexandra tried to experience the local cuisine of each city, thus gaining an entirely new outlook on cultural heritage.



Karolina & Mikołaj

Karolina and Mikołaj travelled for two weeks in September and tried to combine young and modern urban life with the aspect of World Heritage of each city. During their trip, they visited both, the heritage sites, and the various other cultural offers like restaurants, theatres or bars. They have shown that World Heritage cities have much more to offer than just museums and sightseeing tours, but are all lively cities, that brim over with modern, cultural offers. During their trip, they found themselves in cities such as Krakow or Český Krumlov, which are on the smaller side, but face the risk of seasonal over-crowding with tourists. On the other hand, Karolina and Mikołaj also visited capital cities such as Vienna and Prague in order to experience the full scale of World heritage cities in Europe and understand the contrast between heavy and softer tourism.



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Undiscovered Europe

Lyon

The beginning of my trip and the first place that I visited in the framework of the project OWHC. I would say that it is a city with a heart. I would like to see Lyon in general, the city will reveal to you its whole deep soul.

Bern

Even though all will seem you will appear as a tourist, which offers views of a major city. All these views, guided in Bern's center and it looks as if the sun shines. Bern is so much, so don't care about the weather in Bern, because it is always sunny.

Salzburg

Salzburg also has several places with beautiful views in different sides of the city. Salzburg is surrounded with mountains, so everyone can discover this magnificent sight, in order to do it, you only need to raise to the top.

Hallstatt

Town which can be safely called the Pearl of Alpine Austria. Hallstatt is the place, where the soul rests and enjoys every single moment. It is the place where the three elements, meet water, earth and air.

Vienna

Vienna impresses with its architecture. The high spires of the Gothic cathedral impress everyone, the museum quarter is beckoning to visit all of its galleries and bookshops. The museum especially shines in the hot sun, illustrating the whole incredibly beautiful area around.

by Yuliia Dolhopolova

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World Heritage Adventure

by Nina Kotula

Toruń, Poland – Bergen, Norway – Tinn, Norway – Notodden, Norway – Kolding, Denmark – Warsaw, Poland

"Participating in OWHC Young Traveling Scholarship project made me think about our heritage differently. Now I am more aware about the necessity of protecting it for next generations. Being eco-friendly may help us with it! Together we can take care of our natural environment and make sure that our natural and cultural heritage will not be destroyed by any kind of pollution."

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Yuliia

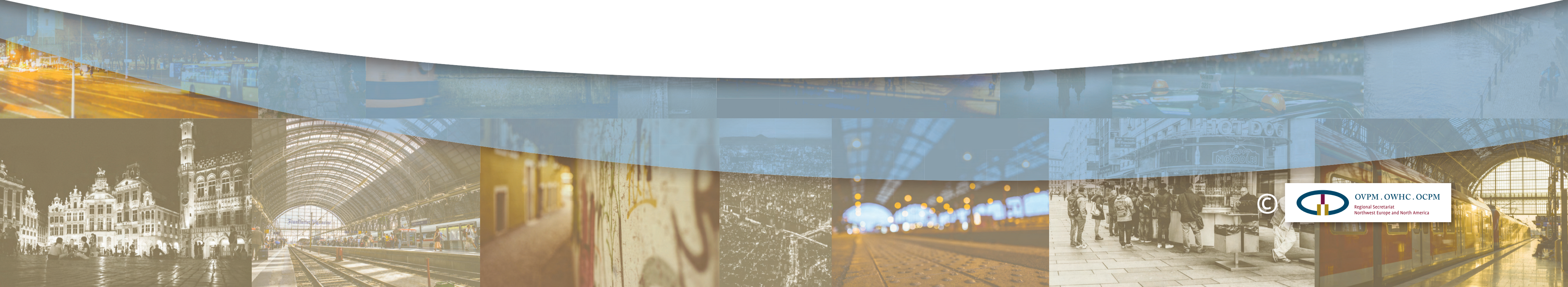


Yuliia travelled from mid-August until mid-September through France, Austria and Switzerland. Under the theme of "Undiscovered Europe", she uncovered the more hidden aspects of each city she stayed in. She was especially intrigued by the intricacy of each city, which only unfolded after having stayed there for a couple of nights. To her, the aspect of World Heritage only became clear after understanding the history and the architecture of each place in more detail. In the end, Yuliia created a pencil sketch of every place she visited, capturing the essence of the World Heritage of each city.

Nina



During her 16 days of travelling, Nina visited Poland, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Her emphasis, however, was on Norway, where she focused on Norway's eco-friendly approach to World Heritage. In order to preserve the unique environment, some of Norway's World Heritage cities, such as Tinn and Notodden have to rely almost solely on hydro energy for most of the cities' energy. Nina was able to experience this sharp contrast between tradition and innovation on her own and was inspired by the Norwegians dedication to preserving their more naturalistic World Heritage. She also found the population to be much more aware of their heritage, and a more sustainable lifestyle that includes recycling and eco-friendly cars is very common. Concluding, Nina found Norway to be a great example for other cities on how to preserve heritage.





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Anna & Magdalena



Anna and Magdalena travelled from September until October. Under the theme of “Going East”, they travelled from Vienna to the Black Sea in Bulgaria, and wrapped up in Bamberg, Germany. While travelling, Anna and Magdalena always tried to look at everything from two perspectives – as they were travelling by two. This gave them a unique perspective on World Heritage, as most World Heritage cities, like Vienna, combine traditional historic landmarks with an industrialized modern urban experience. They also noticed some political contrasts in each city. In Hungary and Budapest, for example, a lot of citizens were unhappy with their countries’ policies. This was especially visible at the World Heritage site of Nesebar, which surprised both of them with the heavy commercialization of the site and lack of protection by the government.



Bianca

Bianca was the only traveler from North America. She was also the only one to journey through both, Europe and North America. During her two week journey, she travelled through Austria and Poland and finished up her tour in Québec and Pennsylvania. Bianca focused on the historic aspects of each World Heritage site and was especially awestruck by Poland’s rich history, especially concerning World War II and the rebuilding of some of the current heritage sites after their initial destruction. After arriving in Québec, she even managed to arrange a meeting with staff from the OWHC and share her experiences about her travels through Europe.

