Tales of Six Cities

OSHER 799-001
Dates: November 2, 4, 9, 16, 23, 30
Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Location: Online via Zoom
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Course Description:

European history are tales of empires rising and falling, borders being established and borders falling, entire cultures coming and going. What’s left is the enigma of European history, its remnants in stone, culture, language, and let’s not forget - art. This course is an introduction and overview that spans Europe’s past from pre-Roman times to today’s challenges. One can easily get lost, confused, and overwhelmed, therefore, let’s look at six distinct places, hear some stories and virtually travel and experience six selected cities: Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Rome, Paris, and London. This course will make you feel like you have a tour guide introducing you to his home town, giving you an introduction, showing you around, but also seeking your experiences, your questions, your thoughts.

Course Objectives:

• An overview of history in Europe, events that shaped all six cities, ties them together yet makes them distinguishable from one another

• An introduction to six of the most visited European cities today, what to expect when traveling there, the must-do list of each

• A fun way of accessing history without complicated dates, names and turns of events, but with the goal of understanding today’s Europe via six capitals of six European nations

• To equip participants with a few tools to further access any of the six cities, whether virtually from home or an actual visit to any one of them