

Trip to Europe, October 14-27, 2017

Stockholm, Prague, Berlin

Saturday, October 14

Departure for Stockholm

Sunday, October 15

Arrival in Stockholm and check-in at the [Hilton Stockholm Slussen](#)

5:00 p.m. Tour of Old Town with guide [Lars Björkman](#)
Topic: Highlights of Stockholm's history and architecture

7:00 p.m. Welcome dinner and lecture with [Nicholas Kralev \(trip leader\)](#)
Topic: The current state of U.S. diplomacy in Europe and globally

Monday, October 16

9:15 a.m. Depart for the [Stockholm International Peace Research Institute](#) (SIPRI)

10:00 a.m. Meeting with [Dan Smith](#), director of SIPRI
Topic: Peace-building, conflict and nationalism in global politics

11:00 a.m. Depart for [Swedish Institute of International Affairs](#) (SIIA)

11:30 a.m. Meeting with [Martin Kragh](#), head of SIIA's Russia and Eurasia program
Topic: Russian foreign policy and influence in Europe

12:30 p.m. Depart for [U.S. Embassy Stockholm](#)

1:00 p.m. Lunch with **Ruth Newman**, public diplomacy officer, U.S. Embassy
Topic: Life and work in the Foreign Service

- 2:30 p.m. Depart for the U.S. ambassador's residence
- 3:00 p.m. Meeting with [David Lindwall](#), deputy chief of mission and acting ambassador; **Mark Evans**, counselor for political and economic affairs; and **Mark Cameron**, counselor for public affairs, U.S. Embassy
Topic: The U.S. Foreign Service and its impact on the lives of Americans
- 4:30 p.m. Free time
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Tuesday, October 17

- 8:30 a.m. Depart for the Ministry of Justice
- 9:00 a.m. Meeting with **Mattias Wahlstedt**, deputy director, Division for Migration and Asylum Policy, Ministry of Justice
Topic: Sweden's migration policies
- 9:45 a.m. Depart for the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)
- 10:00 a.m. Meeting with **Anders Carlsson**, deputy director, Americas Department
Topic: Swedish diplomacy and U.S. bilateral relations
- 10:45 a.m. Depart for [Rud Pedersen](#) public affairs agency
- 11:00 a.m. Meeting with [Sten Tolgfors](#), former defense minister of Sweden
Topic: European security and threats to U.S. interests
- 12:30 p.m. Depart for [Södra Theater](#)
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch with journalists **Sanna Björling** and **Michael Winiarski**, former Washington correspondents of Dagens Nyheter, Sweden's largest newspaper
Topic: Coverage of the United States in the Swedish media
- 2:00 p.m. Depart for the Swedish Parliament ([Riksdag](#))

- 2:30 p.m. Meeting with [Urban Ahlin](#), speaker of Parliament
Topic: Parliament's role in foreign policy
- 3:30 p.m. Depart for the [Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation](#)
- 4:00 p.m. Meeting with [Tomas Dahlman](#), director-general for international affairs,
Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation
Topic: Sweden's entrepreneurial and innovation policies
- 4:45 p.m. Depart for the Nobel Museum
- 5:00 p.m. Tour of the [Nobel Museum](#)
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Wednesday, October 18

- 9:30 a.m. Depart for the Royal Palace
- 10:00 a.m. Tour of the [Royal Palace](#)
- 11:15 a.m. Depart for the Swedish History Museum
- 11:30 a.m. Tour of the [Swedish History Museum](#)
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:45 p.m. Depart for [Stockholm Environment Institute](#) (SEI)
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting with [Johan Kuylenstierna](#), executive director of SEI
Topic: Climate change and international security
- 3:00 p.m. Depart for [Swedish Institute of International Affairs](#) (SIIA)
- 3:30 p.m. Meeting with [Mats Karlsson](#), director of SIIA and former vice president of
the World Bank
Topic: International development and foreign aid

4:30 p.m. Free time

Thursday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Hotel check-out

8:45 a.m. Departure for Arlanda Airport

11:35 a.m. Scandinavian Airlines Flight SK 1767 to Prague

1:25 p.m. Arrival in **Prague**

2:30 p.m. Check-in at the [Hilton Prague Old Town](#)

4:00 p.m. Tour of Old Town with guide [Jana Kotalíková](#)

6:00 p.m. Free time

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Friday, October 20

9:30 a.m. Depart for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czernin Palace

10:00 a.m. Meeting with [Ivan Jančárek](#), deputy minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Topic: U.S.-Czech relations and Czech foreign policy

11:30 a.m. Tour of [Czernin Palace](#)

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Depart for the [Prague Diplomatic Academy](#)

1:30 p.m. Meeting with [Cyril Svoboda](#), director of the Prague Diplomatic Academy and former Czech deputy prime minister and foreign minister
Topic: Czech and European diplomacy since the end of the Cold War

- 2:30 p.m. Depart for [U.S. Embassy Prague](#)
- 3:00 p.m. Meeting with [Kelly Adams-Smith](#), deputy chief of mission and acting ambassador; **John Nylin**, counselor for political and economic affairs; **Patrick Ellsworth**, economic officer; **Erin Kotheimer**, public affairs officer
Topic: U.S. diplomacy in Central and Eastern Europe
- 4:30 p.m. Embassy tour
- 5:30 p.m. Free time
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Saturday, October 21

- 10:00 a.m. Meeting with [Erik Best](#), editor of the [Fleet Sheet](#) (at hotel)
Topic: Perceptions of America in Eastern Europe
- 11:00 a.m. Visit to a polling station in central Prague
Topic: Parliamentary elections
- 11:30 a.m. Meeting with [Kryštof Kozák](#), head of the Department of American Studies at Charles University (at hotel)
Topic: The U.S. role in democracy-building
- 1:00 p.m. Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. Tour of [Prague Castle](#)
- 5:00 p.m. Free time

Sunday, October 22

- 10:00 a.m. Meeting with journalist [Daniel Anýž](#), former Washington correspondent (at hotel)
Topic: Coverage of the U.S. in the Czech media

11:00 a.m. Meeting with [Mark Galeotti](#), director of the Center for European Security, [Institute of International Relations](#) (at hotel)
Topic: Russian overt and covert activities in Eastern Europe

12:30 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Free time

Monday, October 23

8:30 a.m. Depart for Radio Free Europe, Vinohradská 159A

9:00 a.m. Tour of [Radio Free Europe](#) and meeting with journalists

10:00 a.m. Depart for Hilton Old Town

11:15 a.m. Hotel check-out

11:30 a.m. Depart for Prague Central Station

12:28 p.m. Train EC 378 to Berlin

4:57 p.m. Arrival in **Berlin**

5:30 p.m. Check-in at the [Waldorf Astoria Berlin](#)

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 a.m. Depart for the Brandenburg Gate

10:00 a.m. Tour of central Berlin with guide [Karen Pastofski](#)

12:00 p.m. Lunch

- 1:30 p.m. Depart for the [Federal Foreign Office](#)
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting with **Dominik Mutter**, director for North America, Foreign Office
Topic: German foreign policy and U.S.-German relations
- 3:00 p.m. Depart for the [Aspen Institute Germany](#)
- 3:30 p.m. Meeting with [Rüdiger Lentz](#), executive director of the Aspen Institute
Topic: Challenges to trans-Atlantic relations
- 4:30 p.m. Free time
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Wednesday, October 25

- 9:00 a.m. Depart for the [German Bundestag](#)
- 9:30 a.m. Tour of the Bundestag with **Henning Speck**, staff member of the CDU parliamentary group
Topic: The Bundestag's role in German foreign policy
- 10:30 a.m. Depart for the German History Museum, Unter den Linden 2
- 11:00 p.m. Tour of the [German History Museum](#)
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. Depart for [U.S. Embassy Berlin](#)
- 2:00 p.m. Embassy tour and briefing with **Scott Robinson**, public diplomacy officer
- 3:00 p.m. Meeting with [Kent Logsdon](#), deputy chief of mission and acting ambassador, U.S. Embassy
Topic: U.S. Diplomacy in Germany
- 4:30 p.m. Free time

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Thursday, October 26

8:30 a.m. Depart for the U.S. Embassy

9:00 a.m. Discussion with German State Department program alumni
Topic: The changing media landscape in a post-truth world

10:30 a.m. Free time

4:00 a.m. Depart for the U.S. Embassy

4:30 p.m. Discussion with the [Young Trans-Atlantic Initiative](#)
Topic: U.S. diplomacy and the world order

6:00 p.m. Free time

Friday, October 27

6:30 a.m. Hotel check-out

6:40 a.m. Depart for Tegel Airport

Flights home

About the Trip Leader

Nicholas Kralev is an author, entrepreneur and educator specializing in international affairs, whose work of 20 years has taken him to almost 100 countries. He is the executive director of the Washington International Diplomatic Academy. A former Financial Times and Washington Times correspondent, he accompanied U.S. Secretaries of State Hillary Clinton, Condoleezza Rice, Colin Powell and Madeleine Albright on their travels around the world. He is the author of "[America's Other Army](#)" and "[Diplomats in the Trenches](#)." He holds a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University and speaks five languages.