AESA GLOBAL

Global Leadership Institute

Vienna & Budapest | April 2-10, 2027



Join Dr. Joan Wade, AESA Executive Director, Jason Hiruo, AESA Chief Global Officer, and other education leaders for an international leadership experience.

Explore workforce pathways, innovation, global leadership models, and STEAM through professional exchanges and cultural experiences in Vienna and Budapest. Build global competencies, deepen cultural intelligence, and bring new ideas and perspectives home to your schools and communities.

Investment: $6,500 per participant

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- International diplomacy: Visits to the United Nations at the Vienna International Centre and embassies or consulates.
- Education and innovation: School visits, exchanges with International Business School in Budapest, and engagement with institutional partners.
- History and civic leadership: Explore the Hungarian Parliament and Schönbrunn Palace.
- Arts and cultural immersion: Enjoy a classical music performance and guided experiences that bring Vienna and Budapest's cultural heritage to life.

YOUR PROGRAM INVESTMENT INCLUDES

- A comprehensive and exclusive, professionally managed experience with coordinated travel, professional learning, and daily support.
- Round-trip economy airfare, including one standard checked bag.
- Four-star hotel accommodations, with two separate beds for shared occupancy. Single rooms are available upon request at an additional cost.
- Three meals daily, including hotel breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Curated professional visits and exchanges with education and innovation leaders
- Exclusive professional learning opportunities through AESA Global partnerships
- Daily, on-site AESA Global support, alongside trusted local liaisons and institutional partners.
- Cultural experiences and guided excursions, including program entrance fees that deepen understanding of each country's history, culture, and educational context.
- In-country transportation by private executive coach
- Pre-departure preparation, including two virtual orientation sessions and supporting reading materials.
- Emergency medical insurance.

Bring a global perspective to your local leadership.

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Questions and registration: Contact Jason Hiruo at jhiruo@aesa.us

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VIENNA ITINERARY

FRI, APR 2 | Active dress — VIENNA

Departure from the United States

Scheduled flights transfer delegation participants to Austria.

SAT, APR 3 | Active dress — VIENNA

Arrival and Vienna Orientation

AESA hosts welcome participants in Vienna, private transfer to the city and hotel. A short welcome briefing follows, subject to flight timing. Guided first look at Vienna's civic center, lunch in the city center with time to explore, then visit the Municipal Centre. Group dinner and time to acclimate; evening open for nearby neighborhood exploration.

SUN, APR 4 | Active dress — VIENNA

Imperial Vienna and Leadership Legacy

Depart after hotel breakfast, before 9:00 am. Tour Schönbrunn Palace and grounds, connecting Vienna's history with European diplomacy and international relations. Meet a U.S. Foreign Service official to discuss foreign relations, diplomacy, and the education ecosystem. Share a traditional heritage meal at a local family restaurant; evening free to explore or rest. Optional suggestions will be provided.

MON, APR 5 | Professional dress — VIENNA TO BUDAPEST

Arts, Ideas, and the Move to Budapest

Breakfast, checkout, and departure by 8:30 am. At the United Nations Vienna International Centre, observe a convened session, take a guided tour, and join a seminar on Sustainable Development Goals and UNESCO priorities. Visit the University College of Teacher Education Vienna for an exchange on teacher preparation, international partnerships, digital learning, research, and educator mobility. Optional coffeehouse networking follows. Early evening transfer to Budapest, hotel check-in, meal allowance, and time to explore the theatre district.

BUDAPEST ITINERARY

TUE, APR 6 | Professional dress — BUDAPEST

Higher Education, Workforce, and the City

Depart after hotel breakfast, before 9:00 am. Executive exchange at International Business School Budapest on internationalization, workforce competencies, student mobility, and education-industry connections. After lunch, explore the Danube and Buda Castle District, followed by the Hungarian National Gallery. Evening free; meal allowance provided.

WED, APR 7 | Professional dress — BUDAPEST

Schools, Talent, and Future-Ready Learning

Depart before 8:30 am. Visit an elementary and a secondary school for leadership dialogue and, where appropriate, classroom observation. Return to the hotel for an AESA-facilitated Reflection Lab. Later, take a neighborhood walk and share a meal at a local family restaurant; optional evening activities provided.

THU, APR 8 | Professional dress — BUDAPEST

Music, Arts, Cultural Innovation, and Civic Leadership

Depart before hotel breakfast, before 9:00 am. Visit a renowned public music performance school for discussions on talent development, teacher preparation, and cultural preservation, with student performance, classroom observation, and conversations with school leaders, faculty, and students. Late lunch at Central Market Hall (meal allowance), then visit Hungarian Parliament for an exclusive experience, historical seminar, and institutional briefing. Evening free with time on your own to explore or follow your hosts.

FRI, APR 9 | Active dress — BUDAPEST

Heritage, History, and Celebration

Depart before 8:30 am. River cruise to Szentendre, an artists' town north of Budapest on the Danube, known for Baroque architecture, cobblestone alleys, and a vibrant art scene. Lunch allowance and time to explore. Return to private charter bus for an AESA Reflection Lab to identify one insight, one relationship, and one action to bring home. Prepare for departure, then gather for a celebratory delegation dinner.

SAT, APR 10 | Active dress | Departure — BUDAPEST TO U.S.

Hotel breakfast and coordinated airport transfers for return travel. AESA Global supports scheduled departures and final travel coordination.

Program details and individual experiences are subject to host confirmation, security requirements, academic and government calendars, performance schedules, and availability.