
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF GRAZ

MULTIDISCIPLINARY COURSE IN PEDIATRIC EDUCATION



GRAZ, AUSTRIA

- 2nd largest city in Austria
- German speaking but most people (esp. in hospital) speak English very well
- LOTS to do, very picturesque
- Schlossberg, modern art museum, great pool, great restaurants, great night life



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- Morning rounds → 3 hour lunch break → Afternoon lecture
- Following doctors, discussing cases with residents
- Friday half days!
- No exams, no assignments, no testing– it's a free learning environment
- Nights are off

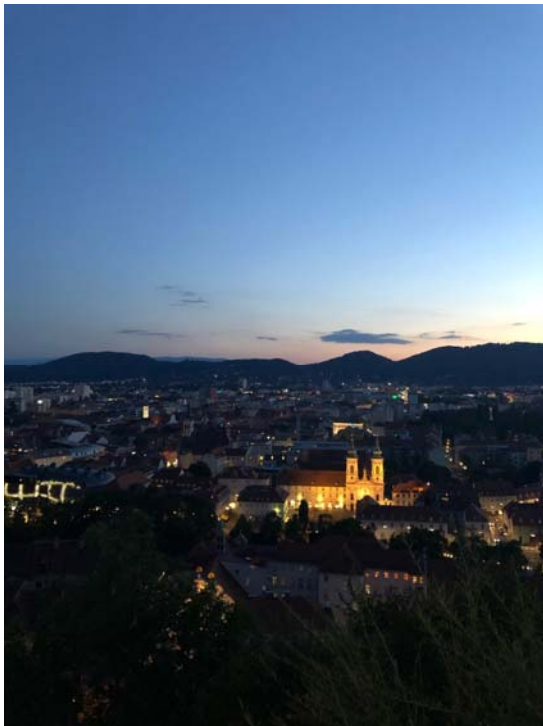


COURSE CONTENT

- Pediatric cardiology
- Pediatric respiratory
- Pediatric oncology/hematology
- Pediatric internal medicine
- Pediatric ambulatory care
- Pediatric plastic/reconstructive surgery
- Pediatric radiology

Healthy mix between rounds and lectures

LEISURE TIME: AFTER ROUNDS/LECTURES



LEISURE TIME: WEEKENDS



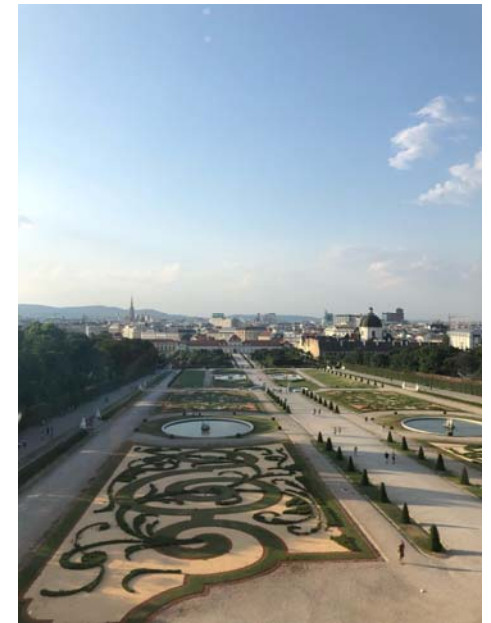
Weekend 1: Venice



Weekend 2: Budapest



Weekend 3: Pula (Croatia)



Weekend 4: Vienna

GENERAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Early look into pediatric medicine— something you don't really get until 3rd year
- Immersion into true European culture and lifestyle
- Ease of travel
- Europeans *love* Canadians
- Learned about different healthcare systems and medical education (esp. European ones)

MADE FRIENDS ALL AROUND THE WORLD

- Malta, Ireland, Taiwan, Sweden, Spain, Australia (and many more)





WHAT WE LEARNED

- Pediatric medicine is very similar to adult medicine in some areas, but totally different in others (e.g. cardiology)
- Very interesting to see how different countries with different levels of resources use these in a healthcare setting
- Pediatric subspecialties are very diverse
- Medical training comes in different shapes and sizes across the world, each with the same results

CHALLENGES

- Rounding was in German– you sometimes had to actively ask the doctors/nurses/students to translate for you
- European store hours (Late open, early close)
- Austrian medical students are less active in their learning (more emphasis on shadowing and discussion)
- Heat wave but no A/C ☹️

MORE PICTURES FROM GRAZ



TRAVELLING EUROPE

