Twenty-seven APA colleagues embarked on a multi-country, international planning tour of Eastern Europe in June 2014. The group visited Belgrade, Serbia; Budapest, Hungary; Krakow, Poland; Tallinn, Estonia; and St. Petersburg and Moscow, Russia. Half of the group went on a pre-tour to Prague, Czech Republic.

All of these countries were reined in by the communist system for one-half century and they have all emerged into the second decade of the 21st century with their histories, economies, cultures and spirits intact through their urban squares, medieval old towns and rolling farmland. Members of the tour group published a blog at: http://blog.travelpod.com/travel-blog/norcalapa/1/tpod.html.