



## Eastern European Panorama

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**Visit:** Vienna - Budapest - Krakow - Warsaw - Berlin - Prague

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01: Day 1, arrive Vienna, Saturday

You will be transferred to your hotel. Then your time is free to relax or begin exploring. Later, meet your fellow travelers and your Tour Director for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

#### Day 02: Day 2, in Vienna, Sunday

On a morning sightseeing tour, visit the Hofburg Palace, once the home of the Habsberg emperors, and view the Belvedere Palace, Prater Amusement Park, the UN Buildings, St. Stephen's Cathedral and other

reminders of the city's imperial past. The afternoon is at leisure to discover more of Vienna at your own pace. (B)

**Day 03: Day 3, to Budapest, Monday**

Journey east and cross the border into Hungary. Continue through the Transdanubian region, reaching Budapest with time to freshen up before dinner. (B, D)

**Day 04: Day 4, in Budapest, Tuesday**

In 1873, the twin cities of Buda and Pest joined with ancient Obuda to form a new, unified city, Budapest. Charming and beautiful, the city was declared a World Heritage site in 1987. Your morning sightseeing tour includes views of all the main attractions: The Parliament, Royal Palace and the Castle Hill area, Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Heroes' Square, and Gellert Hill with its Citadel. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore this exciting city on your own. (B)

**Day 05: Day 5, to Krakow, Wednesday**

The road to Krakow winds through the hills and countryside of Slovakia, past the Tatras Mountains, and into the rolling plains of Poland. You'll arrive in time for a relaxing dinner. (B, D)

**Day 06: Day 6, in Krakow, Thursday**

A morning sightseeing tour starts with a visit to Wawel Hill, viewing the Royal Castle and visiting the Royal Cathedral. Next, take a walking tour of the Old Town where you will see the Main Market Square and Renaissance Cloth Hall, and visit St. Mary's Church. The afternoon is free to go for a stroll, browse through the shops, sample some sernik or szarlotka, or simply relax. (B)

**Day 07: Day 7, to Warsaw, Friday**

This morning join on a tour to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the notorious concentration camp from World War II and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Later, journey to Czestochowa and visit the Yasna Gora Monastery, known for the blackened picture of the Virgin Mary, popularly called the "Black Madonna." In the late afternoon, arrive in Poland's capital city, Warsaw. (B, D)

**Day 08: Day 8, in Warsaw, Saturday**

This 700-year-old capital is a symbol of Polish nationhood and the will to survive against great odds. Your sightseeing tour here includes a drive along the famous Royal Route from magnificent Castle Square to Lazienki Park and Palace, the summer residence of the last king of Poland. Pass by the Palace of Science and Culture (known as the "wedding cake"), the Saxon Gardens, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Monument to the Heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto, and Barbican. Continue with a walking tour of the Old Town, Old Market

Square and St. John's Cathedral. The rest of the day is free for shopping, a stroll through the city, relaxing in one of the many parks or gardens, or perhaps attend an optional late afternoon Chopin concert. (B)

**Day 09: Day 9, to Berlin, Sunday**

Heading west, stop in Poznan for an orientation tour. Then continue to Berlin, today's final destination. (B, D)

**Day 10: Day 10, in Berlin, Monday**

Your morning sightseeing tour features views of the impressive Reichstag and lovely Schloss Charlottenburg. Continue through the city to see famous sights such as the Opera, Schiller Theater and Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. The afternoon is free to explore this once divided city on your own. (B)

**Day 11: Day 11, to Prague, Tuesday**

After breakfast, continue your journey via Dresden, the beautiful Saxony Baroque city. Stop for an orientation tour, viewing Zwinger Palace and Semper Opera House. Then, on to Prague, the capital of Czech Republic. (B, D)

**Day 12: Day 12, in Prague, Wednesday**

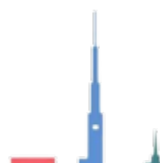
Built on seven hills more than 1000 years ago, Prague today is a wonder to behold, with beautiful architecture, lush green hills, and graceful bridges spanning the Vltava River. A sightseeing tour starts with panoramic drive past famous Wenceslas Square, the Strahov Stadium and Castle Square. Then, on a walking tour, visit the Royal Castle of Hradcany with the Cathedral of St. Vitus, the Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica and Golden Lane with the Daliborka Tower. Cross the Charles Bridge and walk through the old quarter of Prague to view the Jewish Ghetto, Town Hall and the world-famous Astronomical Clock. The rest of the day is free to explore at your own pace. You might want to attend an optional cultural performance. (B)

**Day 13: Day 13, depart Prague, Thursday**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

**Inclusion**

Centrally located 4- and 5-star hotels  
Buffet breakfast daily  
6 dinners (coffee or tea included)  
Airport transfers  
Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach  
Professional English Speaking Tour Director throughout  
Licensed Local Guides



Entrance fees included where indicated in bold letters

Luggage handling at hotels

Complimentary whispers with sightseeing tours

Service charges and hotel taxes

Sightseeing Tours Included:

Vienna

Budapest

Krakow

Warsaw

Berlin

Prague

## Exclusion

International airfares

Optional activities

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Personal equipment

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

## Note

### HOTELS

Vienna: Imperial Riding School Renaissance

Budapest: Radisson Blu Beke

Krakow: Holiday Inn City Center

Warsaw: Mercure Warszawa Grand

Berlin: Hotel ABBA Berlin / Novotel Berlin Am Tiergarten

Prague: Mamaisson Riverside Prague

### OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS - Supplement cost is available on request.

#### VIENNA / SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE

The Imperial Palace of **Schönbrunn**, with its adjacent buildings and vast gardens, is among the most important baroque structures of its type in Europe. Enjoy the visit to the **Residential palace** with its furniture, fixtures, and fittings that impressively reflect the lifestyle of the imperial family. The attractiveness of Schönbrunn Palace lies in its largely original interior from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, as well as in the baroque garden landscape which remains scarcely altered.

#### VIENNA / VIENNA PALACE CONCERT

A wonderful concert of Viennese classical music including some of the most famous works of Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, performed by some of the highly acclaimed soloists and dancers in Austria. A glass of champagne is included during the interval.

#### BUDAPEST / DANUBE CRUISE & DRINKS

An ideal complement to your Budapest visit. Board a boat for a scenic cruise along the romantic Danube River and enjoy spectacular views of the city's main sights. Refreshments are included.



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## BUDAPEST / CSARDA DINNER

Experience an evening of stormy Hungarian and Gypsy folklore. Your **dinner** in a restaurant on the Buda Hills will start with a **Palinka aperitif**, served in a little souvenir jar, and **gypsy music**. You will then enjoy traditional Hungarian cuisine, followed by music, folklore, dancing, and singing. After dinner, you will be taken on a night ride to Citadel Hill, where you will enjoy a wonderful view of the illuminated city with its beautiful bridges.

## WARSAW / WILANOW PALACE

This splendid baroque palace, as impressive as Versailles, was built in the late 17th century as a summer residence for King Jan Sobieski III and owned later by most important polish noble families. The main building consisting of 3 wings, housed the oldest museum established in Poland in 1805 to preserve the memory about Sobieski family and spectacular national history moments of that time, including Battle of Vienna in 1683 against the Ottoman Empire. The residence complex extended by a large garden and lakeside promenade, fortunately, avoided deeper destruction in 1939-1945. After detailed renovations in 2010-11, Wilanow Palace presents its valuable collection of royal furniture, portraits, and China.

## WARSAW / CHOPIN CONCERT

It was the genius of Frederic Chopin that made Poland's music world famous. The Mazurkas, Etudes, Polonaises, and Scherzos became a test and measure of any pianist's talent. Enjoy a **Chopin piano recital**, performed just for you in a setting fit for a king. A glass of champagne is served during intermission.

## BERLIN / VISIT OF THE LOCAL BREWERY WITH BEER TASTING

Join us as we taste amazing local craft beer, visit craft brewery and learn all about the drinking culture and history of beer in Berlin.

## PRAGUE / VLTAVA RIVER CRUISE WITH COFFEE AND CAKE

Transfer to the Vltava River where an air-conditioned boat awaits you. During one-hour cruise along the Vltava River, with coffee and cake served, you will enjoy fantastic views of Prague. See its famous buildings and historic monuments, such as St. Agnes Monastery, the Rudolfinum, Charles' Bridge, majestic Prague Castle, the National Theatre, Vysehrad and more.

## PRAGUE / DINNER WITH FOLKLORE SHOW

Experience an evening of typical Czech hospitality, with dinner, wine, music, and dance. Wine is served from special glass pipes, which are used in the wine cellars of Southern Moravia. You will listen to folk music from different parts of the country, starting with traditional music, and followed by a program of Bohemian, Moravian, and Slovakian folk songs and dances, and gypsy songs and dances. You will have an opportunity to see typical folk instruments, such as the hammer-dulcimer, fujara (shepherds-whistle) and bag-pipe. After a break, the musicians will play international music according to the guests' wishes and at the end of the evening, you will listen to some famous pieces of classical music.

## Tour Dates & Pricing

