

Essence of Eastern Europe

7 Night 8 Days

(Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic)

Tentative Itinerary:

Day 1: Budapest

Upon Arrival in Budapest, transfer to the hotel and check in. Later proceed to Budapest city tour which will lead you across the city of Budapest, full of UNESCO World Heritage sites. Starting at the Opera House a walk through the park then takes you to the Vajdahunyad Castle complex, built for the World Expo in 1896 in typical Hungarian designs. Next stop is the Szechenyi bath house before taking the Millennium metro back to the city center. Continuing on, the walking tour stops at St. Stephen's Basilica before passing the areas of Deak and Elizabeth square. At the end of the tour you will embark on a River cruise along the Danube. The cruise provides another perspective on the city's illuminated sights, from Pest's Danube Promenade to the Buda Castle district. Overnight in Hotel.

Day 2: Budapest-Bratislava-Vienna

After Breakfast, Check out from the hotel, proceed to Bratislava – the capital of Slovakia. It is also the political, cultural and economic centre of Slovakia. Bratislava is neatly divided by the Danube River. On the north bank are the less attractive high-rise blocks erected under communist occupation (1968-89), these are comparatively tiny but beautifully restored historic quarter of the Old Town (Stare Mesto), now devoted almost entirely to tourism. Bratislava Old Town, much of which is pedestrianised, is characterized by its charming Hapsburg Baroque architecture, including many former palaces. Hlavne Square sits at its heart, containing the Old City Hall, and parallel, running north to south, the old Michalska and Venturska streets lead past a number of historical sites. The town has a rich musical pedigree and includes the childhood performance venues of Mozart and Franz Liszt. Don't miss a stroll along the charming pedestrian promenade which begins at the National Theatre with its statuary, fountains and many cafés. At the other end of the Old Town is St Martin's Cathedral, which hosted the coronation of exiled Hungarian kings during the period when most of Hungary was under Ottoman rule. The city also boasts a number of copper-domed churches, palaces, and, just outside the walls, the dominant landmark of Bratislava Castle.

Later, Proceed to Vienna, the capital city of Austria and its cultural, economic and political centre. Its splendid historical face is easily recognised as grand imperial palaces and bombastic baroque interiors. On arrival, we begin our city tour with the most significant sights of Vienna. Along the Ringstrasse, we see magnificent buildings, such as the MAK, the State Opera House, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Natural History Museum, the cultural district, the Museums Quartier, the former Hapsburg winter residence, the Hofburg, the Parliament, the City Hall and the Burgtheater.

Later, visit the Schonbrunn Palace which was the summer residence of the Austrian

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emperors for nearly 150 years. It was built between 1695 and 1749 with over 100 rooms and beautiful gardens. Enjoy a comfortable stay overnight at the The fun does not ends here you will enjoy Giant Ferry Wheel ride and enjoy the breathtaking views over the roofs of Vienna. Overnight in Hotel.

Day 3: Vienna-Salzburg-Munich

After Breakfast, Check out from the Hotel and proceed towards Salzburg, A city which has managed to preserve an extraordinarily rich urban fabric, developed over the period from the middle ages to the 19th century, when it was a city-state ruled by a prince-archbishop. Its flamboyant Gothic art attracted many craftsmen and artists to whom the centre of Salzburg owes much of its Baroque appearance. This meeting point of northern and southern Europe perhaps sparked the genius of Salzburg's most famous son, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, whose name has been associated with the city ever Your tour will commence from Mirabell Square and take you through Mozarteum, the new part of the City, then continue to Mozart's Residence.

Passing the Nonnberg Abbey you will see Castle Leopoldskron, used as the von Trapp family home in the film, "Sound of Music". Overnight in Munich Hotel.

Day 4: Munich City Tour

After Breakfast, you will proceed for Munich City tour to discover the Highlights of the city, which includes Pinakotheken art museums, the world famous Hofbrauhaus, the National Theater with the Royal Palace, Marienplatz and the Viktualien market with its colorful outdoor stalls.

Our tour then continues to the Palace of Nymphenburg, the former summer residence of the Bavarian elector princess and kings with its beautiful and spacious gardens. To get an impression of modern Munich, you will visit the Olympic grounds where you will find other attractions like Sea Life, the BMW museum and the new BMW Car World. You will have a fantastic panoramic view from the top of the 290 meter high Olympic Tower. Later we will pass through the former artist quarter of Schwabing where you may stroll along Leopold street. Overnight in Hotel.

Day 5: Munich-Prague

After Breakfast, Check out from the hotel and proceed towards Prague. In the evening, you will spend your time at the grand evening where we begin with the magnificent experience of Prague by night with an international river cruise on the Vltava River, witnessing many famous attractions of Prague like the Charles Bridge, Lesser Town etc. Enjoy a comfortable stay overnight at the hotel.

Day 6: Prague City Tour

After Breakfast, We proceed on our city tour of Prague, commencing with the Prague Castle – residence of Czech kings; St. Vitus cathedral – one of the biggest and the most beautiful in the world. After the Prague castle tour, we proceed along the Kings' road to the lesser town area. Here, one can admire the St. Nikolas Church – the best sample of Baroque in Prague.

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Proceed to the world famous Charles Bridge. Continue the city tour with the Old Town Square with famous astronomical clocks. It is the historical center of the city and site of many significant events. From here, we proceed to the Jewish quarter, which is remarkable with seven synagogues remains from this old settlement that includes the Jewish Town Hall and the Old Jewish Cemetery – the oldest in Europe. Later, proceed to Wenceslas Square, which is the shopping center of Prague and also consists of the statue of St. Wenceslas with four patron saints of Bohemia and a neo-Renaissance building of the National Museum. Overnight in Hotel.

Day 7: Prague-Berlin

After enjoying breakfast, embark on a sightseeing tour of Berlin and visit main tourist highlights, such as, the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Potsdamer Square, the Town Hall, Fernsehturm, Unter Den Linden, the Brandenburg Gate, the Victory Column, Charlottenburg Palace, and lots more. Continue your trip at your own leisure. You can also enjoy a one hour boat trip, and witness distinctive attractions such as the Nikolai Quarter and the Berlin Cathedral. Enjoy a comfortable overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 8: Farewell

After Breakfast, check out from the Hotel and proceed towards Airport to board a flight back home with wonderful memories!!!

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