



TRAVEL*bear*

YOUR TOUR CREATOR

TOURS WITH PASSION THROUGH EUROPE

4 CAPITAL CITIES

PRAGUE – VIENNA – BRATISLAVA – BUDAPEST



HIGHLIGHTS

Extended visit to the Prague Castle district
 Boat tour on the Vltava
 The beauty of southern Bohemia
 Visit to the Museum of Art History and the Kunstkammer Vienna
 Fast catamaran on the Danube from Vienna to Bratislava
 Stay in Esztergom and Szentendre
 The Hungarian crown in the Parliament in Budapest
 The opportunity to taste the traditional food from the area

DAY 1 **Prague** **D**

Arrivals in Prague during the day: individual transfers (not included) to your centrally located **** hotel. Meeting for a first orientation walk and a little aperitif before enjoying your welcome dinner in a local restaurant with typical Czech food.

DAY 2 **Prague** **B**

After breakfast we will meet our local guide to take us on a private walking tour through the Old Town: Wenceslas Square, the Estates Theatre, Old Town Square with the Astronomical Clock, Tyn Church, the Jewish Quarter. On our way we will stop to enjoy some typical Czech sandwiches (chlebicek). In the afternoon we board a boat on the river Vltava to enjoy the sights of the city centre from the water (coffee and cake will be served).

DAY 3 **Prague** **B**

After breakfast we will meet our local guide again. By public transport we will travel to the Prague Castle district (Hradcany) and visit St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal castle of the Bohemian kings and Golden Lane. We will walk down the steps to the Lesser Town/Mala Strana. Before crossing Charles Bridge we will enjoy a glass of typical Czech beer – for many people the best in the world.

DAY 4 **Vienna** **B, D**

After breakfast it is time to say goodbye to the spires of Prague and we coach to southern Bohemia – a magical region where the river Vltava has its source. Around noon we will arrive in Cesky Budejovice where the famous Budweiser beer is brewed. We visit the sweeping main square with its facades dating from various historical eras before our lunch (at own expense) in a typical inn. In the afternoon we will take our coffee break in the nearby UNESCO-protected town of Trebon before heading east to Vienna. Arrival in Vienna in the late afternoon and check-in to your centrally located **** hotel. Dinner in a typical restaurant with special Viennese food.

DAY 5 **Vienna** **B**

After breakfast our local guide awaits you to take you on a walk through the narrow streets of the city-centre of Vienna: St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Mozarthaus, the old university, the former Jewish Quarter, Am Hof, the Hofburg, the State Opera House. The afternoon is reserved for a visit to the Museum of Art History – one of the biggest art galleries in the world with masterpieces from Rubens, Rembrandt, Raphael and the world's most important collection of paintings of Pieter Bruegel the elder. Don't miss the Kunstkammer – art, curiosities and natural wonders collected during the Renaissance and baroque periods. Coffee break in one of the famous coffee houses of Vienna.

DAY 6 **Vienna** **B**

After breakfast we travel by public transport to Schönbrunn for a tour (with audio guides) of the magnificent summer palace of the Habsburgs. There will be enough time to stroll also through the beautiful gardens and to enjoy the view from the Gloriette. On our way back to the city centre we will visit one of the most beautiful markets of Vienna – the Naschmarkt, where there will be



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also time for our little daily snack together. In the later afternoon it is time for a short coach-tour to follow the Ringstrasse and see the more modern sights of Vienna such as the Hundertwasserhaus and the United Nations buildings.

DAY 7 Bratislava B, D

After breakfast you board the Twin-City-Liner – a catamaran which brings you in 1 hour and 15 minutes along the river Danube to Bratislava, the capital city of Slovakia. Your luggage will be brought by van/coach to Bratislava – so you can relax and enjoy your boat-trip. On the pier in Bratislava you will be met by your tour manager and your local guide and you will be taken on a walking tour of the most interesting sights: the historic opera house, the Main Square, the Archbishop's Palace, St. Michael's Gate. Check-in to your centrally located **** hotel. In the later afternoon a coach-tour to the ruins of Devin Castle, situated above the confluence of the Danube and Morava which was during the time of the Iron Curtain the border between West and East. Typical Slovakian dinner in the evening.

DAY 8 Budapest B

After breakfast we coach further east to Budapest. On our way there we will first stop in Esztergom where we will see the biggest cathedral in Hungary and have a coffee-break. We follow the Danube Bend (a scenic curve on the river) and stop next in Szentendre a beautiful artist's village full of little shops and restaurants. Arrival in Budapest in the afternoon and check-in to our centrally located **** hotel. Short orientation walk before you go out for dinner.

DAY 9 Budapest B

After breakfast our local guide is already waiting to take you on a combined coach and walking tour. The river Danube divides the city into two parts: the hilly Buda with the quiet castle district and the flat, vibrant Pest side. We start our tour with one of the most beautiful panoramic views of the city from Gellért Hill. From there we coach to the Buda Hills to see Fishermen's Bastion, Matthias Church and the castle. We cross the Széchenyi Chain Bridge to see the Basilica of St. Stephen cathedral, the Parliament area, Andrássy Ut with the State Opera House and Heroes' Square. Our coffee break today will take place in the famous Gerbeaud coffee house.

DAY 10 Budapest B, D

We start our day with a visit to the Hungarian Parliament: you will see the main staircase, the coronation jewels in the dome hall and the congress hall. Along the river Danube we walk to the fascinating Great Market Hall: time to see where the locals buy their food but also time for a typical Hungarian snack. In the afternoon you have the possibility to visit one of the famous spas of the city. Enjoy a farewell dinner with Gypsy music in one of the elegant restaurants of Budapest.

DAY 11 B

After breakfast individual transfers (not included - but we are happy to assist with the organization) to train station or airport and for you it is time to say goodbye to one of the most fascinating parts of Europe.



WHAT IS INCLUDED

10 nights accommodation with breakfast in double room in centrally located **** hotels

4 dinners, every day one snack or coffee-break

coaching Prague-Vienna, Bratislava-Budapest

Twin City Liner Vienna-Bratislava
local guides in Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest

entrance fees

tour manager from Vienna during the whole tour

Price on request