



**TRAVEL***bear*

**YOUR TOUR CREATOR**

**TOURS WITH PASSION THROUGH EUROPE**

# CENTRAL EUROPE AFTER WWII

## VIENNA – BUDAPEST – PRAGUE



### HIGHLIGHTS

Vienna: Tour following the steps of "The Third Man" including a visit to the underground sewer system

Sopron: the location where the Pan-European Picnic took place when the Iron Curtain first fell

Budapest: visit to the House of Terror and Memento Park

Bratislava: visit to Devin – a landmark between East and West

Prague: visit the areas of the Prague Spring and the Museum of Communism  
local guide in every city

#### **DAY 1**                      **Vienna**                      **D**

Arrivals in Vienna during the day: individual transfers (not included) to your centrally located \*\*\*\* hotel. Meet your Tour Manager in the evening before enjoying your welcome dinner in a local restaurant with typical Viennese food.

#### **DAY 2**                      **Vienna**                      **B**

Vienna and Austria after WWII: the situation in Austria was similar to Germany. The country was divided into four zones and the capital lay in the Russian sector – governed by the »four in a jeep«. Vienna had been severely damaged and the black market was flourishing. The special atmosphere of this time can be experienced in the film "The Third Man". We start our day with a talk before your local guide takes you to the places seen in the movie including a visit to the underground sewer system.

#### **DAY 3**                      **Vienna**                      **B**

The day is free to explore the city independently. We recommend a visit to the Museum of Military History one of the most important museums for history in the world. In five major sections the museum shows the history of the Habsburg empire from the end of the 16th century until 1918 and Austria's fate after the dissolution of the monarchy until to the year 1945.

#### **DAY 4**                      **Budapest**                      **B, D**

Driving east to Hungary: the Iron Curtain was very near and for decades Vienna and the eastern part of Austria were the end of the western world. On our way to Budapest we will visit the location where the Pan-European Picnic took place near Sopron which was a very important event in the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989. After lunch (own expense) we coach on to Budapest, where we will arrive in the late afternoon. Check-in to your centrally located \*\*\*\* hotel and dinner in a local restaurant.

#### **DAY 5**                      **Budapest**                      **B**

Our day starts with a talk about the years in Hungary after the war and especially the uprising in 1956. Later we take a bus to Memento Park – a collection of forgotten statues of the communist dictatorship. The park also houses an exhibition on the 1956 revolution and the political changes in 1989/90.

Return to the centre of Budapest in the early afternoon. The rest of the day is free for you to explore on your own.



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### DAY 6 Budapest B

After breakfast a walk through the streets of Budapest with a local guide, where we focus on the area near the Parliament, the Imre Nagy statue and Liberty Square. In the afternoon a visit to the House of Terror. This museum contains exhibitions related to the fascist and communist dictatorial regimes in 20th century Hungary.

### DAY 7 Prague B

Coaching to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. We will visit Devin, one of the landmarks where East met West. After lunch (own expense) we travel through Bohemia to Prague. On the bus a talk about the communist years in Czechoslovakia and the Prague Spring in 1968. Arrival in Prague in the late afternoon and check-in to your centrally located \*\*\*\* hotel.

### DAY 8 Prague B

Today we will walk with our local guide through the city-centre and explore important places from the years of communism and the Prague Spring. This tour also includes a visit to the Museum of Communism. The afternoon is free and gives you time for shopping and walking through this unique city.

### DAY 9 Prague B, D

We will have a talk about the following themes: the Velvet Revolution which took place in 1989 and brought back the democracy after 45 years of communism, the separation from Slovakia and the situation today as a member of the EU and NATO. The last afternoon is free for you. Enjoy once more this picturesque town with its fascinating history. In the evening a farewell dinner in a local restaurant with typical Czech food.

### DAY 10 B

Tour ends after breakfast, transfers to airport, train station can be organized but are not included in the tour price.



### WHAT IS INCLUDED

9 nights accommodation with breakfast in double room in centrally located \*\*\*\* hotels  
3 dinners  
coaching Vienna-Budapest-Prague  
local guides in Vienna, Budapest, Prague  
entrance fees  
tour manager from Vienna during the whole tour

Price on request