



TRAVEL*bear*

YOUR TOUR CREATOR

TOURS WITH PASSION THROUGH EUROPE

RIVERS & LAKES

VIENNA – SALZBURG – CESKY KRUMLOV – PRAGUE



HIGHLIGHTS

Visit to the Museum of Art History and the Kunstammer Vienna
 The Danube valley of the Wachau
 Baroque abbey of Stift Melk
 The Mozart's Residence in Salzburg
 The Austrian Lake District – the Salzkammergut
 Extended stay in Cesky Krumlov
 The beauty of southern Bohemia
 Extended visit to the Prague Castle district
 Boat-tour on the Vltava
 The opportunity to taste the traditional food from the area

DAY 1 Vienna D

Arrivals in Vienna during the day: individual transfer (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 Viennese food.

DAY 2 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 Kunstammer – art, curiosities and natural wonders collected during the Renaissance and baroque periods. Coffee break in one of the famous coffee houses of Vienna.

DAY 3 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 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 4 Salzburg B, D

After breakfast it is time to say goodbye to Vienna and we are coach west to see one of the most picturesque valleys of the Danube – the Wachau valley. We start with a visit to Dürnstein a small village overlooked by the ruins of the castle where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned. The Wachau valley is also famous for its vineyards cultivated on steep terraces cut into the hillsides. Travelling along the Danube we reach the end of the valley which is dominated by the imposing Benedictine abbey of Stift Melk. During your visit you will be impressed by the extensive baroque work. In the late afternoon we will reach our destination for today: Salzburg. Check-in to your centrally located **** hotel. On our walk to the restaurant where we will have dinner tonight you will get a first impression of the city.

DAY 5 Salzburg B

After breakfast our local guide awaits you to take you on a walk through Salzburg: the Festival District, Stiftskirche St. Peters, the cathedral, Mozartplatz. The tour ends with a visit to Mozart's Residence which is now a fascinating museum full of interesting details about his



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life. Today's coffee break will be in the Hotel Sacher Salzburg to taste either a piece of the famous chocolate cake or Salzburger Nockerl – a type of soufflé.

DAY 6 Cesky Krumlov B, D

After breakfast we depart first for the Austria Lake District – the Salzkammergut a scenic landscape full of mountains and lakes and one of the most beautiful regions of Austria. We will certainly stop in the village of St. Wolfgang to see the Gothic altar built by Michael Pacher and to take our snack break in the famous "White Horse Inn". Later that day we travel north to Bohemia where we arrive at our accommodation for the next two nights in Cesky Krumlov in the early evening. Check-in to your centrally located **** hotel and dinner in hotel.

DAY 7 Cesky Krumlov B

Our day starts with a walk with a local guide: time seems to have stood still over the last centuries in this little village with its tiny houses, the cobblestone streets and its towering castle. It will be a relaxed day today, when you will also find some time for shopping. In the afternoon the possibility to visit the castle of the Schwarzenbergs with its tiny rococo theatre.

DAY 8 Prague B, L

After breakfast we leave Cesky Krumlov to travel along the Vltava to Vyssi Brod: the river is here still very narrow and very often used by the Czechs for canoeing. After visiting the Cistercian abbey of Vyssi Brod we are travelling north to our next stop: Ceske Budejovice – the place where Budweiser beer is brewed: we visit the impressive market square and take a short walk before enjoying a typical lunch with a nice glass of beer. We arrive in Prague in the late afternoon and check-in to our centrally located **** hotel.

DAY 9 Prague B

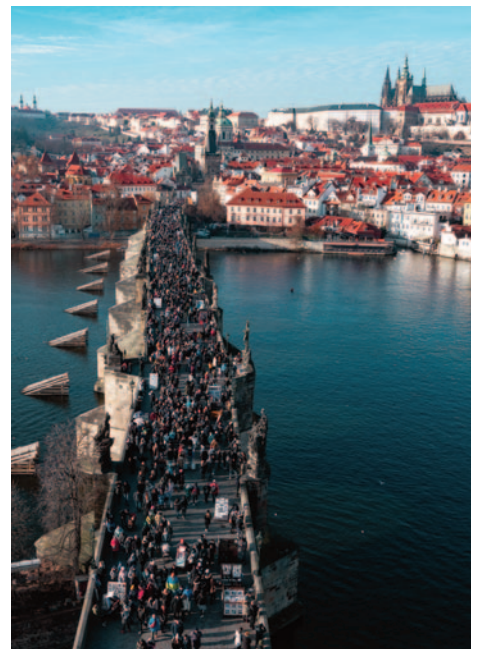
After breakfast we will meet our local guide to take us on a private walking tour through the Old Town: Wenceslas Square, the Estates Theatre, Old Town Square with the Astronomical Clock, Tyn Church, the Jewish Quarter. On our way we will stop to enjoy some typical Czech sandwiches (chlebicek). In the 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 10 Prague B, D

After breakfast we will meet our local guide again. You will go 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. In the evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner in the unique Art Nouveau atmosphere of Municipal House.

DAY 11 B

After breakfast individual transfers to Prague airport or train station (not included) and for you it is time to say goodbye to one of the most fascinating parts of Europe.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

10 nights accommodation with breakfast in double room in centrally located **** hotels
4 dinners, 1 lunch, every day one snack or coffee-break
coaching Vienna-Salzburg-Cesky-Krumlov-Prague
local guides in Vienna, Salzburg, Cesky Krumlov, Prague
entrance fees
tour manager from Vienna during the whole tour