

SPLENDID EUROPE



TRAVEL GUIDE



TRAVEL SUMMARY

Starting in beautifully preserved Prague, for 14 days you'll experience the rich diversity of Eastern Europe, from the energetic cities of Kraków and Budapest and Vienna to tradition-rich "back door" towns and villages across the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Croatia, and Slovenia – including the waterfall wonderland of Plitvice and the picture-perfect Alpine beauty of Lake Bled. Join us for the Best of Eastern Europe in 14 Days!

DESTINATIONS COVERED

**CZECH REPUBLIC, POLAND, HUNGARY,
CROATIA, SLOVENIA, AUSTRIA**

**2N Prague, 2N Krakow, 3N Budapest, 1N Plitvice,
2N Rovinj, 1N Lake Bled, 2N Austria**

DATES

**March: 29th | April: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
May: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th | June: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th**

DAY 01



Welcome to Prague

We'll meet at 3 p.m. to get acquainted and preview the adventures ahead. This afternoon we'll jump right in and enjoy a meandering walking tour from our neighbourhood to Prague's colourful and historic Old Town Square. We'll end our evening over a hearty dinner together. Sleep in Prague (2 nights).

Overnight in Prague

Meals: Indian Dinner

DAY 02



Royal, Prestigious Prague

This morning we'll hop aboard a local tram to take us across the Vltava River and up the hill to the most massive castle complex in continental Europe: Prague Castle. We'll tour the impressive St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica (when available), and the Golden Lane. You'll then have free time for lunch and the remainder of the day for more sightseeing on your own. This evening is a great time to catch a classical concert or experience the quirky and uniquely Czech Black Light Theatre.

Overnight in Prague

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 03



Moravian Countryside and Kraków

We'll leave the city and drive east into mountainous Moravia, stopping in the beautifully Baroque hill town of Štramberk, where we'll enjoy some free time for lunch and exploration. Then we'll cross into Poland on our way to tonight's destination, the surprising city of Kraków, Poland's cultural crossroads and melting pot. We'll take an orientation walk to the lively, historic market square and enjoy a traditional Indian dinner together. Sleep in Kraków.

Overnight in Krakow

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 04



Lessons of the Past

This day takes on a very different tone, as we visit the concentration camp site of Auschwitz-Birkenau, where at least 1.1 million innocent people were systematically murdered during World War II. Today, this is a powerful place for learning, reflection, and remembrance. After we return to Kraków, your evening is free.

Overnight in Krakow

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 05



Hungary, Great and Small

We'll begin our morning with a drive through the scenic Tatra Mountains and the rolling hills of Hungary's famous "Bull's Blood" wine-growing region. Our destination this evening is Budapest, the mighty Magyar capital on the Danube, where after an orientation walk of the city, we'll enjoy dinner together.

Overnight in Budapest

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 06



Bustling Budapest

The rich history of Pest has created a city that's a puzzle of neo-Baroque, neo-classical, and modern architecture. On our tour this morning, we'll crane our necks beside Europe's largest parliament building, and learn how Hungarians coped with half a century of fascist and communist tyranny. We'll break for lunch, giving you free time to wander through the Great Market Hall — an architectural gem and the city's largest indoor market — and treat your senses to a few paprika-infused delicacies. Later this evening, we'll end our day together with a relaxing cruise on the Danube. Boat: 1 hour.

Overnight in Budapest

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 07



Old Budapest

Today we'll focus on the Buda side of the Danube, starting up on Castle Hill for a bird's-eye view of sprawling Pest, and a tour that takes us past the imposing Royal Palace and into Budapest's greatest church, the sumptuously gilded Matthias Church. When we've finished here, your guide will be happy to orient those interested to the ornate and traditional public thermal baths.

Overnight in Budapest

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 08



Natural Wonders of Croatia

After breakfast we'll drive out of Hungary and into Croatia. Just across the border, we'll be welcomed with a fresh, and pleasant farm setting. Then we'll drive on to our destination, the deep greens and blues of Croatia's water wonderland and one of Europe's premier nature preserves: Plitvice Lakes National Park. After dinner together you'll sleep soundly surrounded by the quiet of nature. Sleep in or near the national park.

Overnight in Plitvice

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 09



From the Forests to the Sea

This morning we'll hike along rustic boardwalk trails connecting the idyllic forests, travertine stone cliffs, clear blue lakes, and gushing waterfalls of Plitvice Lakes National Park. We'll learn how the park is creatively managing to protect its delicate environment, including the use of electric trams and boats. We'll take a lunch break to replenish ourselves, then give our legs a rest as we drive to the Istrian peninsula on the Adriatic Sea and the enchanting seaside town of Rovinj, where we'll enjoy a sunset dinner.

Overnight in Rovinj

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 10



Free Day in Rovinj

Take a "vacation from your vacation." The entire day is yours to enjoy the sun, gelato, seafood, and lazy ambience of Rovinj. Wander through the narrow streets, watch local fishermen bring in the day's catch, or head to the beach for sun and a swim. We'll compare notes at an informal happy hour early this evening. No bus. Walking: light to strenuous (your choice).

Overnight in Rovinj

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 11



Slovenian Countryside and Ljubljana

Today we'll head to the azure jewel of Lake Bled at the foot of Slovenia's Julian Alps. Along the way, we'll stop in Ljubljana for a tour highlighting some of the city's famous landmarks and free time to make your own discoveries. After exploring the capital, we'll continue through the verdant Slovenian countryside on our way to pristine lake ringed by forests and hiking paths. We'll take a traditional pletna boat ride together to Lake Bled's chapel-topped island, where local tradition requires each would-be husband to carry his bride up the 99 steps from the boat dock to the church at the top (four in five are successful). Your evening is free to hike to the castle and its panoramic viewpoint, take a scenic walk around the lake (stopping for a kremšnita cream cake), or rent a bike to explore even more. Tonight, we'll rendezvous for a special dinner together. Na zdravje! Boat: 1 hour.

Overnight in Bled

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 12



Historic Vienna

Let's begin with a tour of Vienna's historic core, starting at St. Stephen's Cathedral. We'll make our way to the dazzling Opera House (when available) before continuing by tram to the elegant Belvedere Palace for a tour, including a roomful of Gustav Klimt's wildly gilded — he called them "erotic" — paintings. (Ponder the Kiss and decide for yourself.) Your afternoon is free to explore a world-class museum or two, or slow down to enjoy sipping a coffee in the city where Europe's café scene was born. No bus. Walking: moderate.

Overnight in Vienna

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 13



Habsburg Vienna

This morning we'll stroll through Vienna's most sophisticated sight: the royal Hofburg Imperial Apartments. The rest of your day is free to explore more of Vienna's highlights and maybe stop to savour every chocoholic's dream: Viennese Sacher torte. Tonight, we'll meet for our last dinner together at a traditional Viennese Heuriger, where we'll share travel memories and toast new friends.

Overnight in Bled

Meals: Continental Breakfast + Indian Dinner

DAY 14



Tour Over After Breakfast

Breakfast is provided, but there are no group activities today. It's a breeze to reach Vienna's airport by train, bus, or taxi. You'll have easy connections to home, back to Prague, or on to Budapest and other points in Europe. Auf Wiedersehen!

Meals: Continental Breakfast



Inclusion



Historic Prague walking tour



Prague Castle



St. Vitus Cathedral



St. George's Basilica
(when available)



Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp



Kraków walking tour



Kraków's Wawel Cathedral



Kraków's St. Mary's Church



Hungarian wine tasting



Walking tour of Buda's Castle District



Inclusion



Matthias Church



Danube River cruise



Plitvice Lakes
National Park



Adriatic happy hour



Ljubljana
walking tour



Lake Bled boat cruise
(weather permitting)



Vienna walking tour



Vienna Opera House
(when available)



Third Man Museum



Inclusion

2. A small, friendly group of 30–35 people
- Full-time services of a professional White Board guide and local experts who will make the fascinating history, art, and culture of Greece come alive for you
3. All group transportation from Athens to Athens
4. 13 nights accommodations in memorable, centrally located hotels
5. All breakfasts and your dinners
6. All tips for guides and driver
7. A tour kit including a guidebook (or books) and a money belt
8. Guaranteed tour price, locked in the moment you make your deposit
9. GST @ 5%
10. Travel Insurance up to 59 Years Old
11. Flexibility should you need to transfer or cancel your tour

Exclusion

1. Extra charges/expenses of personal nature like portorage, laundry, mineral water/drinks, telephone or any other charges/ expenses not mentioned in Inclusions
2. Air Fare
3. Optional Tours
4. Transfers for clients taking deviation.
5. Any Entry fees/Boat Rides & Shows not mentioned in the itinerary.

Distance & Time Chart

Particulars

Prague to Krakow
Krakow to Budapest
Budapest to Plitvice
Plitvice to Rovinj
Rovinj to Bled
Bled to Vienna

Distance

535 Kms, 5.5 Hours
620 Kms, 6.5 Hours
270 Kms, 2.5 Hours
334 Kms, 3.5 Hours
236 Kms, 2.5 Hrs
404 Kms, 4 Hrs

Tour Price

Particulars

Adult Cost on Twin / Double / Triple
Single Room
Child with Bed (8+ – 12 Years)
Child without Bed (2+ – 8 Years)
Infant (0 - 2 Years) No seat in coach

Rupees

INR 1,24,999/-
INR 1,62,999/-
INR 1,13,999/-
INR 1,08,999/-
INR 44,999/-