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DAY 1

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| Destination | Prague |
| Meals included | Dinner |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Ahoj! Welcome to Prague. A complimentary transfer is included with your trip. There are no activities planned on your first day other than a welcome meeting at 6 pm and group dinner that follows. Get to know your fellow travellers and leader over a meal.


DAY 2

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| Destination | Prague |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Take the opportunity to explore the City of a Hundred Spires on a guided tour and experience its melange of narrow streets, churches, halls and cathedrals. Note the contrast between the grand Middle Ages architecture and buildings like Frank Gehry's Dancing House – also known as Fred and Ginger – on the banks of the Vltava. Afternoon and evening are free for you to enjoy as you please, whether it be exploring the collection of historic buildings, museums and galleries inside Prague Castle, wandering through the Jewish Quarter or strolling over the beloved Charles Bridge after sunset. As night falls, you'll see a completely different side of Prague. After dark, you'll see a completely different side of Prague as the Old Town comes alive with underground taverns and other nightlife.

Optional Activities Prague - National Museum - CZK120 Prague - Kafka Museum - CZK260 Prague - Museum of Communism - CZK380 Prague - Town Hall Clock Tower - CZK250 Urban Adventure - Bohemian Tastes and Neighborhoods - EUR58 Prague - Beer and Czech Tapas Tour Urban Adventure - EUR75

DAY 3

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| Destination | Prague  Cesky Krumlov |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Depart Prague by private minibus today and travel to another Bohemian town – Cesky Krumlov (approximately 3 hours). The name of the town translates literally to 'crooked meadow', thanks to the town's location in the sharp bend of the Vltava River. This 13th-century city is a feast for the eyes, with a fairytale-like castle perched on a hill that looms over the

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town below. Explore its winding cobbled lanes and Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture on a guided walking tour. In the late afternoon or early evening, you will enjoy a storytelling session at a hidden location. Sip on sparkling wine while listening to thrilling legends of murders, plots and romances in medieval Cesky Krumlov.

DAY 4

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| Destination | Chesky Krumlov |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Today is free for you to enjoy as you please. Perhaps have another walk around the town and extend it by climbing the castle's tower for expansive views or even go on an optional guided tour of the castle. Alternatively, explore the surrounding countryside by bicycle, visiting tiny hamlets and crossing rolling hills (approximately 2 hours). If there is time, and if the weather holds, an equally enticing option is a canoe or raft trip on the portion of the Vltava that winds through town (approximately 2–3 hours). Optional Activities Cesky Krumlov - Egon Schiele Art Centrum - CZK200 Cesky Krumlov - Rafting or Canoe Trip (per person) - CZK1200 Cesky Krumlov - Canoe Trip - CZK700

DAY 5

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| Destination | Cesky Krumlov  Vienna |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Travel to Vienna by minivan (approximately 3.5 hours). Vienna is a cosmopolitan city with the air of a rich cultural heritage and golden past. It is also known for its delicious culinary delights. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the city. This will take you from the Gothic splendour of St Stephens Cathedral to the neo-classical grandeur of the Graben, and then on to Hofburg Palace, where Habsburg emperors once resided in winter. You will have the opportunity to rest and enjoy the beauty of the monument dedicated to Empress 'Sisi' Elizabeth in the Volksgarten. From here you will journey on to the Ringstrasse. Your walking tour will come to an end at the State Opera House, one of the most important opera institutions in the world, home to the heart of classical Viennese culture. The rest of the afternoon is yours.

DAY 6

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| Destination | Vienna |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Today is free for you to explore Vienna's many possibilities, aided by your included 24-hour transport ticket. Art


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enthusiasts can choose from several great museums, from the Albertina to the vast array found in the Museum Quarter. You might like to climb the 343 steps to the top of the tower of St Stephen's Cathedral. Schoenbrunn Palace is well worth a visit and has a guided audio tour. Another excellent way to enjoy the afternoon is to take a spin on the Prater Ferris Wheel. Regroup in the evening to share anecdotes over an included dinner in a traditional Viennese wine tavern. Optional Activities Vienna - Prater Ferris Wheel - EUR12 Vienna - Spanish Riding School Practice - EUR28 Vienna - Belvedere Gallery (Lower Gallery) - EUR14 Vienna - Schoenbrunn Palace - EUR18 Vienna - Hofburg Palace and Sisi Museum - EUR15

DAY 7

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| Destination | Vienna  Budapest |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Leave Vienna and head to Budapest by private minivan (approximately 4 hours). Budapest has truly come into its own since the collapse of the Iron Curtain. Its beautiful grand boulevards and opulent architecture evoke an old-world charm, while the plethora of new-age stores and restaurants lend it an air of cosmopolitan elegance. In the late afternoon, take part in an included guided tour of Budapest; visit a cellar underneath Buda Castle and enjoy a wine tasting tour in this spectacular location. Allow a sommelier to guide you through a variety of wines, including Hungary's famous Tokaji dessert wine.

DAY 8

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| Destination | Budapest |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Enjoy free time to bask in the delights of Budapest. Walking is great, but cycling is perhaps the best way to see the city. A boat trip down the Danube is also a fine option. History buffs will enjoy a visit to Statue Park, to see some of the important fallen legends immortalised. The thermal baths that are dispersed around the city are not to be missed – you can indulge in anything from opulent indoor pools to more simple outdoor baths. Epicureans may like to take the opportunity to try some classic goulash, or one of the more modern dishes of this veritable food capital.

Optional Activities Budapest - Hungarian State Opera House Tour - HUF3000 Budapest - Hungarian National Museum - HUF2600 Budapest - Great Synagogue - HUF4850 Budapest - House of Terror - HUF3000 Budapest - Szechenyi Thermal Baths (starting from) - HUF4500 Budapest - Bike Ride - HUF6000 Budapest - Buda Castle Explorer Urban Adventure - EUR55 Budapest - Bites & Sights Food Tour Urban Adventure - EUR79

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DAY 9

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| Destination | Budapest 🚗 Tatra Mountains |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Head for Slovakia, on private transport, to spend a night in the beautiful Tatra Mountains. Stop at Godollo Palace en route. This imperial and royal Hungarian palace was a favourite place of Queen Elisabeth of Hungary. Move forward through the windy roads of Tatra Mountains, the Alps of the East. Today's route may take several hours, but we will make several stops along the way to break up the journey. Make sure your camera is ready to capture the beauty of this land. In the late afternoon, arrive at the feature stay for this evening – the Grand Hotel Stry Smokovec. With manicured grounds, Art Nouveau design, luxurious rooms and award-winning restaurant the Grand Hotel is the ideal base for exploring the surrounding mountains.

DAY 10

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| Destination | Tatra Mountains |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Wake up and take a crisp clear breath of fresh air by the Tatra Mountains. Forming a border between Slovakia and Poland, the Tatras form the highest range in the Carpathian Mountains. Enjoy a day out discovering surroundings bursting with waterfalls and flowers as you embark on a guided walk with your experienced leader. The walk is about six kilometres in length and is normally completed in 3 hours, including stops on the way. You'll arrive back at your accommodation in the early afternoon, and the remainder of the day is free for you to enjoy. Perhaps continue exploring the area on foot, avail yourself of the on-site spa (at your expense) or grab a cocktail.

DAY 11

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| Destination | Tatra Mountains 🚗 Krakow |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Lunch |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Set off across the border to Poland. Make a stop on the Polish side of the mountains, where a delicious regional delicacy awaits. Oscypek is a local smoked cheese which is made from sheep's milk. It comes in the form of a spindle shape and can be served freshly sliced or fried. As you'll taste, it's delicious no matter how you have it. Next up is the tiny, traditional village of Chocholow, where you will wander streets lined with wooden houses and visit a similarly rustic church. Enjoy a traditional lunch in town and then continue to Krakow. Arrive in Poland's second-largest city in the early evening.

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DAY 12

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| Destination | Krakow |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Head out on a guided walking tour of Krakow in the morning and spend an afternoon as you wish. Be prepared to encounter a staggering amount of history; the medieval Old Town alone is home to about 6000 historic sites and over 2000 works of art. The Wawel Royal Castle, where many historic Polish kings are buried, is one of the most historically and culturally important sites in Poland. In the early evening, regroup with your leader and fellow travellers for an included vodka tasting. Vodka is part of Poland's DNA, and this tasting will teach you a little about making and imbibing this revered spirit.

DAY 13

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| Destination | Krakow |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Enjoy a free day in Krakow to explore at your own pace. No visit is complete without seeing Kazimierz, the Old Jewish district. Historically the centre of the city's Jewish social and religious life, the area has since enjoyed a renaissance as a Bohemian quarter. Besides art cafes, galleries and antique shops there's Schindler's Factory, a museum devoted to the German occupation of Krakow in WWII housed in the former enamel factory of Oskar Schindler, who famously saved the lives of Jewish workers during the Holocaust. If the weather's nice visit Kosciuszko Mound for panoramic views of Krakow.

Optional Activities Krakow - Galicia Jewish Museum - PLN17 Krakow - St Mary's Basilica - PLN10 Krakow - Wawel Royal Castle - PLN25 Krakow - History Museum - PLN8 Krakow - Food by Foot Urban Adventure - EUR73 Krakow - Home Cooked Krakow Urban Adventure - EUR65 Wieliczka - Salt Mines - PLN145

DAY 14

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| Destination | Krakow 🚗 Wrocław |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Travel towards Wrocław, taking an important stop along the way at Nowa Huta – a relic of Poland's communist past. This former town, now a district of Krakow, is one of only two planned socialist realist settlements ever built and serves as one of the most renowned examples of deliberate social engineering on the globe. Join in on a guided tour of the district

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and learn about a part of Polish history often overlooked – a tragic time for locals and the country's entire history. Arrive in Wroclaw in the late afternoon and enjoy a wander around one of the most beautiful main squares in this part of Europe.

DAY 15

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| Destination | Wroclaw |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Lunch |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Enjoy a morning guided tour with a local guide. Along the way you will visit Panorama Racławicka, a spectacular and rare example of 19th-century mass culture depicting a famous episode of the Kosciuszko Insurrection. The 15 x 114 metre cycloramic painting is lauded as a lasting tribute to the fight for Polish independence. For lunch, enjoy a traditional meal at Spiz Brewery in the cellars of the Town Hall. The afternoon is at your leisure.

DAY 16

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| Destination | Wroclaw 🚗 Walbrzych |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Spend a morning at your leisure before being transferred to Ksiaz Castle. A guided tour will reveal the many mysteries surrounding its history, from construction in the 13th century to Hitler's plans to use it strategically when Nazi headquarters moved from northeastern Poland to Ksiaz in 1944. At least two kilometres of tunnels dug beneath the castle were meant to connect it to a top-secret Nazi military compound hidden beneath the surrounding Sowie Mountains. Ultimately abandoned, this costly project remains one of WWII's greatest mysteries, and many of the vast underground tunnels are open to the public.

DAY 17

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| Destination | Walbrzych 🚗 Berlin |
| Meals included | Breakfast, Dinner |
| Accommodation | N/A |

Travel to Berlin and stopover in Boleslawiec, home of famous Polish pottery. Manual manufacturing based on a traditional technology and openness to new decorative elements made Boleslawiec pottery famous around the world. The durable and functional white and blue stoneware pieces are unique and easily identifiable. Take part in an exclusive

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guided tour of one of the cooperative factories and perhaps buy one of these unique pieces to take home. Continue to Berlin for a late arrival and dinner with your group. Please note there is no time to discover Berlin today, so the orientation walk will be held on a last day of the trip after the breakfast.

DAY 18

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| Destination | Berlin |
| Meals included | Breakfast |
| Accommodation | N/A |

After breakfast you will have the chance to join your leader on an orientation walk around Berlin. This walk will be complete by midday, marking the end of your Peregrine tour. If you'd like to stay on in Berlin, we can help arrange additional accommodation for you on request at the time of booking. If you have the time why not soak up all historic Berlin has to offer on an immersive Urban Adventure tour? Visit www.urbanadventures.com for more details.

Optional Activities Berlin - Storyline of Berlin Urban Adventure - EUR61 Berlin - Reichstag (time slot must be booked online in advance) - Free Berlin - Story of Berlin Museum - EUR12 Urban Adventures - Hidden Berlin - EUR71 Berlin - Checkpoint Charlie Museum - EUR14 Berlin - Jewish Museum - EUR8 Berlin - TV Tower - EUR16 Berlin - Food and Art in Funky Kreuzberg Urban Adventure - EUR78 Berlin - Schloss Charlottenburg - EUR21 Berlin - Pergamon Museum - EUR19

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

17 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
Expert tour leader
Private minibus, Metro, Taxi
15 nights comfortable hotel, 2 nights feature stay
In depth sightseeing

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$400 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$1625 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
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EXCLUSIONS

International Airfares
 Personal Expenses
 Travel Insurance
 Optional activities
 Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional
 Tipping/Gratuities

HOTEL LIST

Prague - Hotel Clement or similar
 Cesky Krumlov - Pension Familia or similar
 Vienna - Hotel Bellvue or similar
 Budapest - Museum Hotel or similar
 Tatra Mountains - Grand Hotel Smokevec (feature stay) (1 night)
 Krakow - Hotel Polski pod Bialym Orlem or similar
 Wroclaw - Art hotel or similar
 Walbrzych - Ksiaz Castle Hotel or similar
 Berlin - Hotel Zoe or similar

OPTIONAL TOURS

Prague - National Museum - CZK120
 Prague - Kafka Museum - CZK260
 Prague - Museum of Communism - CZK380
 Prague - Town Hall Clock Tower - CZK250
 Urban Adventure - Bohemian Tastes and Neighborhoods - EUR58
 Prague - Beer and Czech Tapas Tour Urban Adventure - EUR75
 Cesky Krumlov - Egon Schiele Art Centrum - CZK200
 Cesky Krumlov - Rafting or Canoe Trip (per person) - CZK1200
 Cesky Krumlov - Canoe Trip - CZK700
 Vienna - Prater Ferris Wheel - EUR12
 Vienna - Spanish Riding School Practice - EUR28
 Vienna - Belvedere Gallery (Lower Gallery) - EUR14
 Vienna - Schoenbrunn Palace - EUR18
 Vienna - Hofburg Palace and Sisi Museum - EUR15
 Budapest - Hungarian State Opera House Tour - HUF3000
 Budapest - Hungarian National Museum - HUF2600
 Budapest - Great Synagogue - HUF4850
 Budapest - House of Terror - HUF3000
 Budapest - Szechenyi Thermal Baths (starting from) - HUF4500
 Budapest - Bike Ride - HUF6000

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Budapest - Buda Castle Explorer Urban Adventure - EUR55
Budapest - Bites & Sights Food Tour Urban Adventure - EUR79
Krakow - Galicia Jewish Museum - PLN17
Krakow - St Mary's Basilica - PLN10
Krakow - Wawel Royal Castle - PLN25
Krakow - History Museum - PLN8
Krakow - Food by Foot Urban Adventure - EUR73
Krakow - Home Cooked Krakow Urban Adventure - EUR65
Wieliczka - Salt Mines - PLN145
Berlin - Storyline of Berlin Urban Adventure - EUR61
Berlin - Reichstag (time slot must be booked online in advance) - Free
Berlin - Story of Berlin Museum - EUR12
Urban Adventures - Hidden Berlin - EUR71
Berlin - Checkpoint Charlie Museum - EUR14
Berlin - Jewish Museum - EUR8
Berlin - TV Tower - EUR16
Berlin - Food and Art in Funky Kreuzberg Urban Adventure - EUR78
Berlin - Schloss Charlottenburg - EUR21
Berlin - Pergamon Museum - EUR19

Optional tours are booked and paid on tour.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$1875 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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