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## **Eastern Highlights - 11 Days**

Start point: Munich

End point: Munich

### **DAY 1: Munich (D)**



Welcome to Munich! The first day of the tour is our arrivals day. Meet your fellow travellers, and depending on what time you arrive, head into Munich and see the sights on an orientation tour. A city that exhibits both prosperity and a certain amount of comfort and cosiness, Munich's apparent contradictions will delight the avid explorer. Along with modern high-powered industry, designer shopping districts and sleek BMWs, you'll find a wealth of cultural hotspots in Munich. Even with all its smart sophistication, Munich has a certain charm that visitors find irresistible. Tonight, we'll take you to a traditional German beer hall to get a taste of German culture. Prost!

#### **Experiences**

Munich orientation tour: your tour leader will take you on an orientation of Munich to get you acquainted with this wonderful German city.

German Beer Hall: tonight we'll take you to a traditional German Beer Hall. Sample German beer, along with traditional German cuisine. Prost!

## **Accommodation**

Super 8 Munich City West

## **Other Foods to try**

Tonight you will enjoy dinner in a traditional beerhall. Dishes include typical German favourites, such as a sausages with sauerkraut, chicken with potato salad, and potato dumplings with sauerkraut (vegetarian option).

## **DAY 2: Nuremberg – Prague (B/D)**



On our way to Prague, we take a comfort stop in Nuremberg. Bavaria's second-largest city, you'll find incredible architecture here, painstakingly restored using original stone after the bombings of the Second World War. Famous for its art, architecture, cobble lanes and ancient chapels, this is also home to some of Europe's finest beer. The Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square is a 'must see' - the intricate puppetry and show performed on the hour draws hundreds of people throughout the day and night. For dinner, experience authentic Czech cuisine at a local restaurant on your first night in Prague.

## **Experiences**

Local guided walking tour of the capital city of the Czech Republic. See the Old Town Square & Astronomical Clock, Wenceslas Square, St. Vitus Cathedral, Petrin Tower (Mini Eiffel Tower), Charles Bridge, Church of Our Lady before Týn, and a view of Prague Castle.

Prague dinner. Experience authentic Czech cuisine at our local restaurant on your first night in Prague, the history of this restaurant dates back hundreds of years and it is a favourite place for locals as well as our Expat Explore groups. You will also have the option to try the famous Czech Beer, Budweiser anyone?

## Accommodation

Hotel Duo

## Other Foods to try

Try *svíčková na smetaně* - a typical Czech dish consisting of beef sirloin in a cream sauce, commonly served with dumplings, cream and cranberries.

## DAY 3: Prague - Free day

The day is yours to treat yourself to the fairy tale magic of Prague and maybe revisit some of the places you saw yesterday. See the majestic Prague Castle, the famous Charles Bridge, the 'Old Town' and the Jewish Quarter. There is also a 'Secret Garden', which leads to a man-made grotto - see if you can find it! Prague's dramatic history is reflected in the beauty of the architecture of churches, opera houses, concert halls and parks. There are numerous beer halls in which to sample a local brew, and for those who wish to put your stamp on the city, visit the Lennon wall - a tribute to John Lennon and words of peace, which is added to on a daily basis by the thousands of visitors to the city. It is also worth noting that Prague is the home of absinthe. Some say that Vincent Van Gogh's love affair with this drink is considered to be the most famed in history and a possible cause of his madness.

Attractions to discover in your free time

Charles Bridge Towers	Daily 10:00 am - 6:00 pm [All year]	Adults CZK 90, Children CZK 25
Prague Castle	Daily 09:00-4:00 pm [All year]	Adults CZK 250, Children CZK 125
St. Vitus Cathedral	Feb-Mar: Mon-Sat 09:00-16:00   Sun: 12:00-16:00 / Apr-Oct: Mon-Sat 09:00-17:00   Sun: 12:00-17:00	Free
Astronomical Clock Tower	Daily 09:00-6:00 pm (All year)	Adults CZK 100, Children (6-15 yrs) CZK 75
Old Jewish Cemetery - Jerusalem Synagogue - Jewish Museum	Daily Sun-Sat 9:00 am - 9:00 pm [All year]	Adults CZK 480, Children (6-15 yrs) CZK 320
Museum of Communism	Daily 9:00 am - 9:00 pm (All year)	Adults CZK 180, Children (under 10) Free with paying adult
Petrin Tower (Mini Eiffel Tower)	Nov-Feb: 10:00-18:00   Mar & Oct: 10:00-20:00   Apr-Sep: 10:00-22:00	Kč 100
The Dancing Building		
Wenceslas Square	Mon-Sat 10:00 am - 6:00 pm [All year]	Adults CZK 150

### Optional Excursions

Kutna Hora Half Day Excursion €25

Traditional Folk Music & Dance Evening €35

\* Stated prices and availability are subject to change.

## DAY 4: Krakow (B/D)



Leaving Prague behind us, we continue on to Krakow. The royal capital of Poland for centuries, Krakow today is home to some of Europe's most impressive Gothic and Renaissance architecture – and over 2.3 million artworks to complement its historic buildings and monuments. But before taking a walking tour of this treasure-trove of a city, we take a look at a darker time in Krakow's history, with a tour of the Auschwitz concentration camp. Originally constructed to hold Polish political prisoners in 1940, it went on to become a major site of the Nazi extermination of Jews transported to the camp from all over German occupied Europe. At least 1.1 million prisoners died at Auschwitz, which is now a museum that gives a horrific reminder of the holocaust.

### Experiences

Krakow is a real gem, having been the royal capital of Poland for some 500 years. We take a walking tour of the city and take in some of Europe's most impressive Gothic and Renaissance architecture.

We also take a tour to the Auschwitz Concentration Camp, a sobering reminder of a darker time in Krakow's past.

### Accommodation

Hotel Polonia

## Other Foods to try

Rich in starch and protein - red meat, eggs, cheese, and sausages, and bread, potatoes, and various noodles, pies and dumplings.

## DAY 5: Krakow - Free day

The day is yours to explore the city further if you wish. The renaissance cloth hall in the main market square, the Old Town, Kazimierz and the Wawel Castle, or maybe sample the local cuisine such as Zurek, a very traditional Polish soup with a distinctive sour taste that is dished up in a special hollowed out loaf of bread. There is also the option of taking an optional excursion to the Krakow Salt Mine. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the mine dates back to the Middle Ages and is a fascinating look at the area's history. Descending underground, you'll walk through 2km of tunnels, chapels, reliefs and freestanding sculptures carved from salt rock walls; along with underground lakes and archaeological displays. Alternatively, explore Krakow even further.

Attractions to discover in your free time

Church of the Virgin Mary	Weekdays 11:30 – 18:00	10 PLN
Wawel Cathedral	Mon-Sat 09:00 – 17:00	Adults 12 PLN, Children 7 PLN
Oscar Schindler's Factory	Mon 10:00 – 14:00 / Tue-Sun 09:00 – 17:00	Adults 19 PLN, Children 16 PLN
Galicja Jewish Museum	10:00 – 18:00	Adults 15 PLN, Children 10 PLN
Wawel Royal Castle	06:00 – 17:00	Adults 18 PLN, Children 11 PLN
St Florian's Gate		
Franciscan Church (Kosciol Franciszkanow)	10:00 – 16:00	Free
Museum of Contemporary Art	Tue-Sun 11:00 – 19:00	Adults 10 PLN, Children 5 PLN

### Optional Excursions

The Wieliczka Salt Mine                      zł120

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## **DAY 6: Budapest (B/D)**



On our way to Budapest, we stop briefly in Banska Bystrica in Slovakia, a picturesque town with beautiful buildings dating back to the late Middle Ages. Then we're off to Budapest, the Hungarian capital. Blessed with natural beauty (it straddles the Danube River) as well as baroque, neoclassical and art nouveau architecture, this is a city to behold. Get a good overview of it all with our Budapest driving tour when you arrive. Starting on the Pest side of the Danube, head across the river and stop at the Fisherman's Bastion for spectacular views of the city and the river below. See the Houses of Parliament and drive along the river admiring the city – take note of spots to revisit tomorrow on your free day. Tonight's meal is at a local restaurant, so savour the chance to try some of the local cuisine!

### **Experiences**

Enjoy a comfort stop in Banska Bystrica in Slovakia.

On arrival in Budapest we'll take a driving tour of this picturesque city.

### **Accommodation**

Ibis Budapest City  
Ibis Budapest Centrum

### **Other Foods to try**

Hungarian Goulash - a soup or stew of meat and vegetables, seasoned with paprika and other spices

## **DAY 7: Budapest - Free day**

With traces of the past evident in the interesting and unusual details, this is your chance to get up close and personal with Budapest. Look out for remnants of the conflicts of WWII and the

uprising of 1956, try Hungarian cuisine (so much more to it than just goulash), sample world-renowned wines, and soak your weary rambler's bones in one of the city's bath-houses – something Budapest has been known for since the Roman times, with some 123 thermal and 400 mineral springs from 14 different sources. Some of the most popular ones are Szechenyi Medicinal Bath.

Attractions to discover in your free time

Raoul Wallenberg Memorial Gellért Hill & The Tabán Castle Hill	Tue – Sun 10:00 – 18:00	Various
Memento Park		
Szabadság tér (Liberty Square)		
Terror House	Tue – Sun 10:00 – 18:00	2000 Ft
St Stephens Basilica	09:00 – 17:00	500 Ft
Holocaust Memorial Centre	Tue – Sun 10:00 – 18:00	1400 Ft
Royal Palace	Tue – Sun 10:00 – 18:00	Various

Optional Excursions

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## DAY 8: Vienna (B)



We leave Budapest and head for the grandeur of Vienna, stopping for a comfort stop in Bratislava. You'll have time to explore for a while, taking in the sights and scenery. On arrival in Vienna, we'll take a driving tour of the city – which ranks as one of the world's most liveable cities. Few cities can show off such cultural and historical splendour and maintain a profile as an exciting, modern city, but Vienna does it well. Along with a musical past that includes luminaries like Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms, and artworks by masters like Klimt, Schiele and Kokoschka, Vienna has a buzzing modern culinary scene, cheerful, bustling pubs and bars, and a host of clubs and music venues in which to dance the night away.

## **Experiences**

Take in the splendour of Vienna with a driving tour of the city. Vienna ranks as one of the most liveable cities in the world, and manages to display its historical treasures just as well as its contemporary ones.

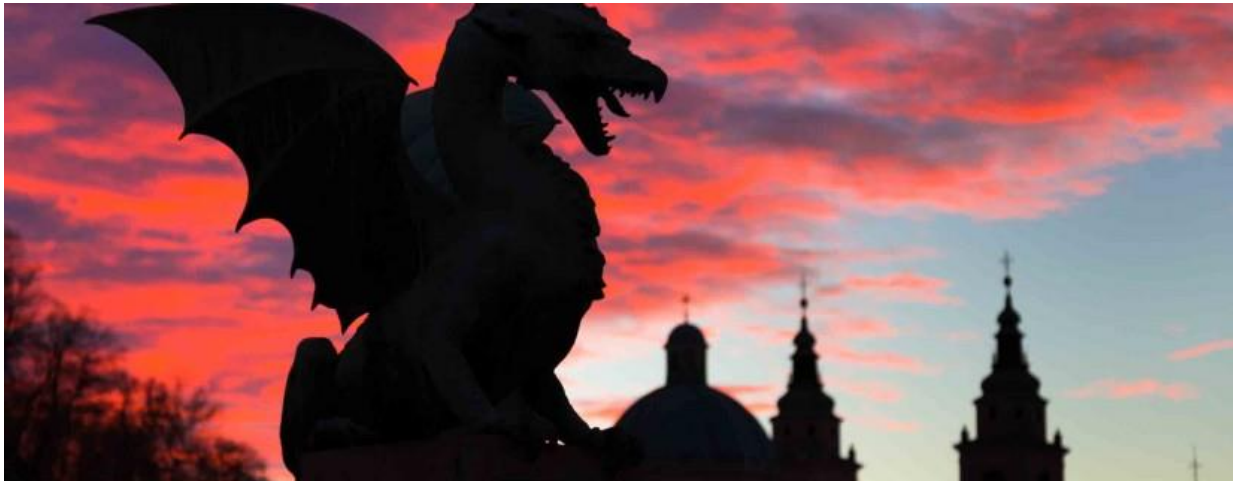
## **Accommodation**

Fourside Hotel Vienna City Center  
Courtyard by Marriott Wien Schoenbrunn

## **Other Foods to try**

Schnitzel - a boneless meat, thinned with a meat tenderizer, coated with flour, beaten eggs and bread crumbs, and then fried. Similar to the French dish escalope, it is typically made from chicken, beef, turkey or pork.

## **DAY 9: Ljubljana (B/D)**



Leaving Vienna behind, we head for the grandeur of Ljubljana, taking a comfort stop in the beautiful city of Graz. On arrival in Ljubljana, we'll have a walking tour of this little gem of a city. Despite its small size, you're sure to be entranced by the beauty of this city, which features a wealth of cultures, activities and sights. Ljubljana Castle overlooks the city, and dates back to the 16th Century. Tonight after dinner, explore a little more and take advantage of the fact that pretty much everything is just a stroll away!

## **Experiences**

Enjoy a walking tour of Slovenia's gorgeous capital, Ljubljana.



## **Accommodation**

Hotel Park Ljubljana  
M Hotel

## **Other Foods to try**

Visit a "gostilna" restaurant, a traditional place to enjoy good food and wine in good company. Often serving dishes prepared to old recipes using local ingredients.

## **DAY 10: Salzburg – Munich (B)**



Leaving Ljubljana behind, we stop off in picture-perfect Salzburg. Featuring gorgeous architecture, a formidable cliff-top fortress and imposing cliffs in the distance, you could be forgiven for thinking that you were in a fairy-tale. This was also Mozart's home-town – see if a little of the genius rubs off! Shortly afterwards we press on for Munich. The evening is free for you to spend as you wish. Relax in your hotel, go for dinner in a local restaurant, or even visit another beer hall with your new-found friends on the tour as a reminder of your first day.

## **Experiences**

Enjoy a comfort stop in the Austrian city of Salzburg.

## **Accommodation**

Super 8 Munich City West

## **Other Foods to try**

Currywurst - German sausage covered in a mixture of ketchup, Worcester sauce, and curry powder.

## **DAY 11: End of tour (B)**



Our Eastern European adventure concludes after breakfast. We hope you've loved every minute of your Eastern Highlights tour, and we wish you a safe onward journey!

### **Experiences**

If you would like to extend your stay in Munich after the tour, please contact us to confirm the hotel. By this point you will have enjoyed 11 incredible days exploring the very best of this region!