

**INSIGHT VACATIONS**

*The Art of Travelling in Style*







**EASY PACE BUDAPEST, VIENNA & PRAGUE**







## KEY

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| <b>1</b> Central<br>Hotels + Nights   |  Cruise                  |
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## Day 1 | Welcome to Budapest



Welcome to the wonderful Hungarian Capital of Budapest. Enjoy your day before meeting your Travel Director and travel companions this evening. Tonight you are in for a treat with your Welcome Dinner. Dine in elegance as you savour hearty, Hungarian delicacies accompanied with specially selected wines.

**Meals:** Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Hotel Nemzeti Budapest - MGallery.

## Day 2 | Budapest, Queen of the Danube



Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. Producing incredible musical talent, the university was founded by piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. Drive along the elegant boulevards en route to Heroes' Square. Across the river in Buda, walk with your Local Expert in the Castle District area.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Morning Tea

**Hotel:** Hotel Nemzeti Budapest - MGallery.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

### ***Danube Cruise With Dinner -***

Enjoy a sumptuous buffet of the delicious food for which Hungary is famous. Szegedin Goulash (goulash stew), Töltött Káposzta (stuffed cabbage), chicken paprikash, Dobos-Torta and much more. All as you sail along watching the illuminated landmarks of this stunning city.

**Adult:** 88.00 EUR



### Day 3 | Free Time in Budapest



The day is at leisure to immerse yourself in Budapest's history, culture and gastronomy. Perhaps, visit a thermal bath, spend time browsing the boutiques on Vaci Street or relax in a sidewalk café. This evening, enjoy a Dine-Around experience from your choice of specially selected restaurants.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Hotel Nemzeti Budapest - MGallery.

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

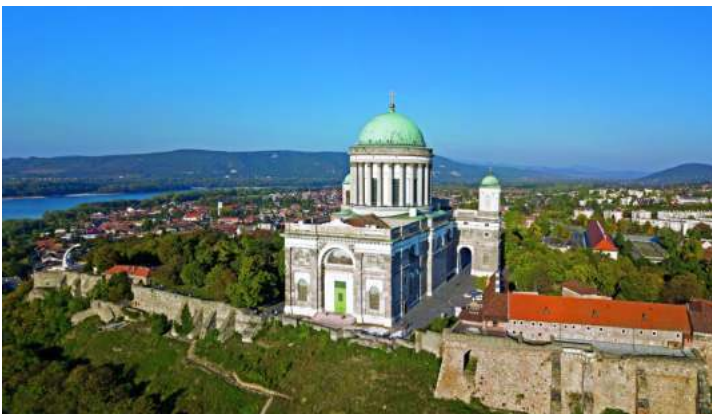
***Revolution Walk & St Stephen's*** - Take a trip back in time to learn of the incredible journey Budapest has taken to once again become the Queen of the Danube. With our local expert, we'll begin with a visit to the Basilica of St Stephen, whose treasures include the most important relic in Hungary: the miraculous Holy Right Hand of the country's first King, St Stephen. Stroll past some of the city's iconic monuments on our way to the jaw-dropping Parliament building, then enjoy a break for coffee and a delicious slice of cake in one of the city's many cafes. Continue with a visit to the 1956 Underground Museum to hear how the local populace bravely faced the might of the Soviet Union during the famous uprising of that year. We finish our historic walk at the moving "Shoes on the Danube Bank" memorial.

**Adult: 51.00 EUR**

***Excursion to Szentendre with Light Lunch*** - We'll take a fascinating excursion with our Local Expert past the remains of the Roman settlement of Aquincum and alongside the Danube, to the picturesque riverside village of Szentendre. An orientation walk through the cobbled streets leads to the main square reveals a delightful array of craft shops, art museums and galleries. Learn about regional cuisine during a Goulash cooking demonstration before sampling this essential Hungarian dish during lunch. After lunch, continue your exploration of the city's quaint streets, then return to Budapest.

**Adult: 63.00 EUR**

### Day 4 | Along the Danube to Esztergom and on to Stately Vienna



Travel along the Danube to the picturesque city of Esztergom, home to the largest Catholic church in Hungary. Then, journey westward for a stop in the pretty town of Győr, located on the confluence of the Danube, Rába and Rábca rivers. Cross the border and continue to stately Vienna, known for its elegant coffee houses and lavish architecture steeped in history. In the evening, sit down to a meal of authentic Viennese cuisine, a perfect complement to this enchanting city.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Hotel Am Konzerhaus Vienna MGallery

## Day 5 | Vienna and the Habsburgs



Much of Vienna's present-day charm is due to the long reign of the Habsburgs. Join a Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and explore its formal gardens at your own pace. Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose to visit a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialties of coffee and Sachertorte. Alternatively, join a unique MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience, take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop and support the visually impaired community. Dancing in the dark, in a specially designed sensory studio, will be a unique experience for all your senses. Then ready your camera for a dazzling drive around the famous Ring Road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche. The afternoon is at your leisure.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Hotel Am Konzerthaus Vienna MGallery by Sofitel, Vienna.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Hidden Treasures Of Old Vienna Walk** - A leisurely walk with an expert historian unveils the hidden squares and tucked-away corners of the old city. See the Hofburg Palace, which was the official residence of the Habsburg Empire for more than 600 years. Admire the beautiful baroque Church of St. Peter's and the Column of the Holy Trinity. See the most important House of Mozart, where "Marriage of Figaro" was composed. Finally, visit St. Stephen's Cathedral where your local expert explains its importance to Austrian culture and history.

**Adult: 34.00 EUR**

**Gala Viennese Concert** - Enjoy a wonderful concert of Viennese Classical music performed by highly acclaimed soloists and dancers. During this special evening, enjoy a glass of champagne along with some of the most famous works by Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

**Adult: 64.00 EUR**

*\* On occasion, dinner will be included for EURO 123.*

*\*\* On 24 & 25 December, the price of both options will increase due to holiday rates.*

*\*\*\* This optional experience involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.*

## Day 6 | Vienna at Leisure



Discover the regal grandeur of Vienna as you explore at your own pace. Perhaps start at St. Stephen's Cathedral - one of Europe's great Gothic structures, or browse the shops of the bustling Kärntnerstrasse? You may wish to add another capital to your travels with a visit across the Slovakian border to Bratislava. Ask your Travel Director to recommend local attractions and restaurants as you appreciate the long summer evening in one of Europe's most elegant cities.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Hotel Am Konzerthaus Vienna MGallery by Sofitel, Vienna.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:



**Excursion To Bratislava** - The Slovakian capital of Bratislava is only a short drive from Vienna. During its long history, the city has belonged to Austria, Hungary and Czechoslovakia - in fact, it was even the Hungarian capital for a time. Our Local Expert will take us for a leisurely walk through the old town showing you all its fascinating sites. Then some free time before we head back to Vienna.

**Adult: 48.00 EUR**

**Dinner In A Country Mansion** - Cross the Danube, passing the famous Prater Park en route to one of Austria's most famous restaurants. Former patrons include Napoleon, the Emperor Franz Joseph, Liz Taylor and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Once through the door of this historic country mansion you're transported to a different world! Old memorabilia, autographed photos and other paraphernalia cover the ceilings, walls and even the restrooms. Choose from traditional Austrian fare, enjoy unlimited drinks and be serenaded by musicians at your table. A fun-filled experience never to be forgotten!

**Adult: 71.00 EUR**

## Day 7 | Charming Český Krumlov and Golden Prague



Once over the Czech border, continue to picturesque Český Krumlov, where you'll start with a brief orientation tour of this fairy-tale town, straight out of the Middle Ages. Enjoy some free time to explore and appreciate views of the Vltava River. Wander through the cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colourful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. In the afternoon, continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Prague. Prior to your arrival in "The Golden City" you are invited to a Dine-at-Home experience to savour a traditional meal with a local family.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** K+K Hotel Central, Prague.

## Day 8 | Prague, City of a Hundred Spires



Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. The city is then yours to explore. Maybe take a river cruise through the heart of the city or walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route? Czechs are passionate about their beer, so be sure to try the local pilsners together with hearty Czech cuisine.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** K+K Hotel Central, Prague.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Traditional Dinner & Folklore Entertainment** - Hearty and delicious, Czech cuisine borrows heavily from its Central European neighbours, but also boasts a few unique twists of its own. In a local restaurant, enjoy a traditional Czech meal accompanied by the planet's most perfect pilsner. During dinner, lively musicians in traditional dress set the mood with songs and dances from Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia.

**Adult: 70.00 EUR**

## Day 9 | Prague at Leisure



Wind along cobbled lanes and discover a treasure trove of hidden gems as you explore Prague at your own pace. Perhaps cross the border to Germany and explore Dresden?

This evening, tantalise your taste buds with a rousing Celebration Dinner of local specialities at a restaurant.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** K+K Hotel Central, Prague.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Day Trip To Dresden -** Cross into Germany to explore the beautiful baroque city of Dresden, known as the "Florence on the Elbe" due to its artistic and architectural jewels. A local expert shows you the Cathedral, Semper Opera House, Zwinger Palace and the extraordinary treasures collected over the centuries by the Saxon rulers in the Green Vault. There is free time for lunch and shopping before returning to Prague.

**Adult:** 72.00 EUR

## Day 10 | Depart Prague

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast.

**Meals:** Breakfast