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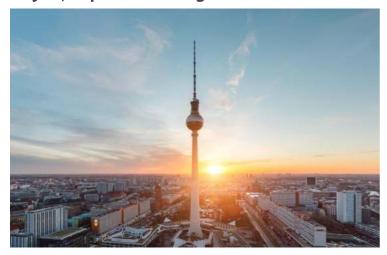
# Day 1 | Welcome to Berlin



Start your Central European adventure in Berlin. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers, spend time exploring this remarkable city before enjoying dinner.

Meals: Dinner Hotel: Hilton

# Day 2 | Explore Bustling Berlin



Explore an iconic landmark of Berlin during an experience at the Berlin TV Tower, you'll enjoy inspiring 360° views of the city and Spree River. See the neo-Renaissance Reichstag, the Tiergarten, Brandenburg Gate and Unter den Linden with a Local Specialist during your included sightseeing tour. Enjoy some free time this afternoon exploring the city on your own and watch the sun go down and the lights come up in this vibrant town, or perhaps join an Optional Experience to explore Berlin's past with your Local Specialist.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Hilton

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Berlin's Secret Past Revealed - Uncover secrets of Berlin's past with your Local Specialist on a guided tour of the city. View the Holocaust Memorial, touch a remaining section of the Berlin Wall, see the site of Checkpoint Charlie, and learn more about Berlin's WWII and Cold War past.

Adult: 35.00 EUR

You will be offered one of the following two optional experiences depending on availability:

Berlin by Twilight with Dinner - Come along for a fun night of hearty food, wine, beer and music before we drive through the city as the sun goes down and the landmarks of this impressive German Capital illuminate. Adult: 72.00 EUR

Traditional Lake District Dinner - Admire the architecture of this vibrant city on a scenic drive to the rural outskirts, used as the Royal Hunting grounds in centuries past. Now an exclusive residential district, you'll dine in a charming chalet-style restaurant and enjoy an atmospheric dinner of German specialities. Adult: 72.00 EUR

## Day 3 | Journey to Poznań and on to Warsaw



We travel through patchwork farm landscapes stopping in Poznań, before arriving in the modern Polish capital, Warsaw, where we'll spend the next two nights. Embrace the youthful verve of a city that has triumphed over repeated conquests and the shackles of communism, then spend the evening at leisure exploring the sights, or perhaps join an Optional Experience exploring Warsaw's past.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Hotel:** Leonardo Royal

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

*Warsaw Through the Looking Glass -* Step back in time to see the Warsaw of a bygone era, bear witness to its broken past, hear stories of survival, friendship and camaraderie that together helped her rise like a phoenix from the ashes to become one of Europe's most progressive and fashionable cities. Our journey through Warsaw's past, present and future features the famous ghetto bridge, seen in the movie The Zookeeper's Wife, government buildings used to smuggle people out of the ghetto, regentrified market halls, palaces, and institutions of learning. It truly is a Mermaid's Tale!

Adult: 35.00 EUR

# Day 4 | Discover Historic Warsaw



Join a Local Specialist this morning to explore Warsaw's colourful historic centre, including the Old Town, which the Nazis destroyed in retaliation for the brave Warsaw Uprising. We'll also see the former Warsaw Ghetto, where hundreds of thousands of Polish Jews were imprisoned during the German occupation, tragically immortalised in the poignant Roman Polanski film 'The Pianist'. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city's sights on your own. Consider a visit to the Wilanów Palace, a priceless testimony to the splendour of Poland's royal past, or treat yourself to a Chopin recital, before joining your travel companions this evening for a delicious dinner at a local restaurant.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner **Hotel:** Leonardo Royal

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Wilanow Palace -** This splendid baroque palace was built in the late 17th century as a summer home for King Jan Sobieski III. On our visit, led by our Local Specialist, we'll see the collection of royal furniture, portraits and china that forms part of the National Museum.

Adult: 45.00 EUR

**Chopin's Warsaw -** The spirit of Warsaw and the music of Chopin go hand in hand. This enchanting recital of his music, performed for you by a celebrated Polish pianist in one of Warsaw's historic buildings, is one of the unforgettable memories of this trip. Sparkling wine will be served during the intermission.

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Adult: 54.00 EUR

# Day 5 | Onwards to Auschwitz and Kraków



Today we journey south from Warsaw to the Auschwitz Memorial Site of the former Concentration Camp, a poignant reminder of one of the greatest tragedies and crimes of human history. Our visit includes a guided tour of Auschwitz. We then continue to the enchanting city of Kraków.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Qubus

Day 6 | See the Sights of Kraków



A leisurely walk through the beautiful streets of Kraków today with our Local Specialist will include such highlights as the Royal Castle and Cathedral on Wawel Hill, recognised as the most historically and culturally significant site in Poland. We continue through the Old Town to hear the bugle warning from St. Mary's Church and view of the Cloth Hall. The rest of the day is yours to explore the sights on your own. Consider joining an Optional Experience to the Wieliczka Salt Mine, renowned as the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland and home to an entire chapel carved from rock salt, as well as dozens of sculptures. Enjoy a slice of Polish Sernik Babci on the Old Town Square or visit a traditional milk bar. This evening, perhaps join your fellow travel companions for delicious home cooked Polish food and a night of dance and music at the Farmhouse Dinner and Polka Party.

Meals: Breakfast Hotel: Qubus

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Wieliczka Salt Mine Exploration -** With our Local Specialist, we'll visit this amazing UNESCO World Heritage-listed site just outside Krakow and marvel at the unique sculptures and setting of this 800-year old salt mine. See chambers, chapels and even salt chandeliers as we follow our guide 135 m (440 ft) underground.

Adult: 68.00 EUR

\*This optional involves reservations and entrance prepayments. Should you decide to cancel the optional, a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred.

**Farmhouse Dinner And Polka Party -** Tonight, you'll have a chance to enjoy the typical Polka music and traditional dance of Poland's rich culture, while savoring a delicious meal of Polish specialties and beverages at our specially-selected venue.

Adult: 79.00 EUR

# Day 7 | Venture through Slovakia to Budapest



Today we travel through three countries from Poland, through Slovakia's Tatra mountains, and into Hungary as we arrive in beautiful Budapest later this afternoon. This evening, perhaps consider a scenic river cruise with dinner along the beautiful Danube.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Mercure Korona

#### **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: 98.00 EUR

# Day 8 | Uncover the Treasures of Budapest



We join a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour. Spend the rest of the day exploring on your own or consider a trip to Szentendre, a lively riverside town renowned for its art life. This evening, we Connect With Locals and join the Schieszl family for dinner and hear the story of their winery at our Be My Guest experience.

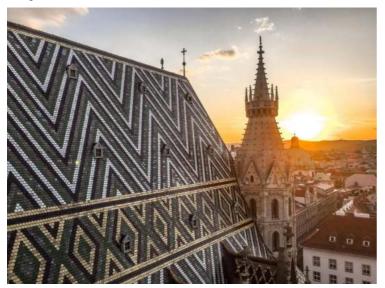
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Mercure Korona

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Szentendre and Light Lunch - Explore more of Hungary and follow our Local Specialist out of bustling Budapest to the picturesque baroque town of Szentendre, set on the banks of the Danube and awash cobbled streets and beautiful vistas. Here we'll enjoy a Goulash cooking demonstration before sampling this essential Hungarian dish during lunch, which also includes cake and drinks. Afterwards, perhaps strike a bargain in the shops that sell beautiful Hungarian embroidery, ceramics and paprika.

Adult: 67.00 EUR

# Day 9 | Off to Vienna



Today, leave beautiful Budapest, cross the hilly Transdanubia region – its orchards and vineyards providing a picturesque backdrop – as you continue along the path of the Danube and stop in the former trade-route town of Győr. Amble along Baross Gábor Street and admire the Baroque façades, before departing to Vienna, your home for the next two nights. When in Vienna, enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - wine tasting at Cobenzl winery.

Meals: Breakfast

**Hotel:** Imperial Riding School

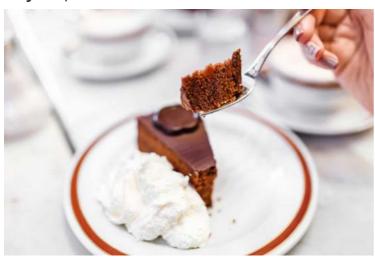
#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Viennese Dinner with Musical Entertainment -** Enjoy dinner in an atmospheric Viennese restaurant, with drinks and traditional musical entertainment included. A unique experience in one of Europe's most elegant cities. Adult: 73.00 EUR

**Guided Visit of the Hungarian Parliament and Danube Shoe Memorial -** Visit the magnificent Hungarian Parliament Building and discover the spectacular interior, learn about its history and understand why it is one of the most-visited places in Europe. We will also take the opportunity to pay our respects at the moving Shoes on the Danube Bank monument, honouring the thousands of people who were executed along the riverbank during World War II. Adult: 77.00 EUR

\*When the Parliament is closed, we will visit the exquisite 'Renaissance' Opera House and this optional will be offered at €43.

#### Day 10 | Admire Vibrant Vienna



Walk through the first district, Inner Stadt, as your Local Specialist reveals the historic core of the city. Tour the Ring Road to see the Hofburg Imperial Residence, Opera House, Parliament Building and Karlskirche. Spend the rest of the day discovering the city at your own pace. Consider joining an Optional Experience to a palace for traditional Austrian cuisine and a musical performance.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Imperial Riding School

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens** - The Imperial Summer Palace of Schönbrunn offers an amazing journey through the centuries of Habsburg rule. It is perfectly preserved and richly decorated with treasures from around the globe. Each room has a story to tell, so of course, you'll have a Local Specialist to bring it to life and to make the most of your time. Adult: 59.00 EUR

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

Dinner And Viennese Concert - A wonderful evening of all things Viennese! We'll enjoy a superb dinner with drinks, followed by a concert of Viennese classical music. With your 'A Class' tickets, you will experience works by Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart performed in a classic, sumptuous setting and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or juice during the concert. *Please note: on occasion, a small gift will be offered in place of a glass of* sparkling wine.

Adult: 123.00 EUR

# Day 11 | Venture to Prague



Travel north to the Czech Republic and visit Tábor, once a Hussite stronghold. This afternoon, arrive in the remarkable city of Prague.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: NH City

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Prague Evening Panorama - Join a Local Specialist for an evening introduction to the city of spires as you explore the streets and scenes on your private tram (streetcar). Gaze at the panoramic views of the city, stroll along magical Charles Bridge and pause to take in the beauty of this fairy-tale city. Adult: 52.00 EUR

## Day 12 | The Old Town and More in Prague



Join a Local Specialist this morning for an exploration of the city's labyrinthine lanes, and beautiful squares. Admire the impressive St. Vitus Cathedral, set within the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle, cross the Vltava to the Old Town Square and view the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Astronomical Clock, with its magical hourly Walk of the Apostles. Spend the rest of the day wandering the streets of the Old Town or take a relaxing lunch cruise on the Vltava.

Meals: Breakfast **Hotel:** NH City

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Scenic VItava Cruise with Lunch - Take a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River VItava and we'll tell you about the legends, myths, culture and hidden secrets of this enchanting city. During the cruise you'll enjoy a lunch of local specialities.

Adult: 67.00 EUR

*Traditional Dinner In Prague -* If you appreciate great food and music, join us for an evening at one of our favourite local restaurants. A wonderful opportunity to get to know glorious Prague.

Adult: 70.00 EUR

# Day 13 | Journey to Frankfurt



We leave the picture-perfect city of Prague behind and journey west across the German border today, before arriving in cosmopolitan Frankfurt for your final night. Spend the last evening of your Bohemian adventure with your travel companions and Travel Director at a Farewell Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner Hotel: Sheraton Offenbach

Day 14 | Farewell Frankfurt



Our time together has come to an end. We say farewell to our newfound friends at the end of a memorable holiday.

Meals: Breakfast