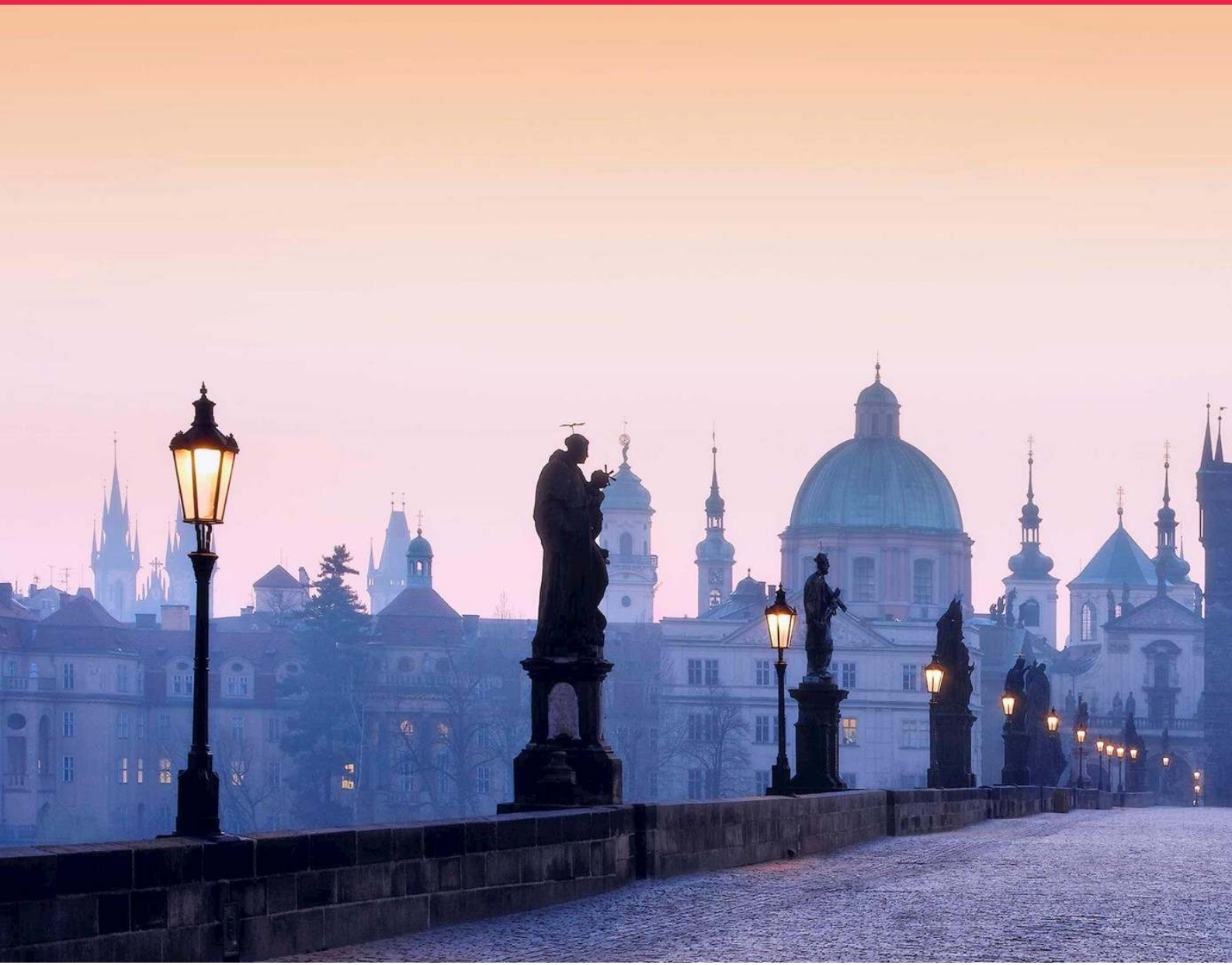



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 Start Location

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 Cruise

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## Day 1 | Welcome to Prague



The gleaming spires of Prague shine brightly on this sojourn through the imperial capitals of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Join your Travel Director and travel companions this afternoon and admire some of the beautiful Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque facades before enjoying an unforgettable dinner to kick off your holiday.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Prague

## Day 2 | Discover Historic Prague



Delve into centuries of history, joining your Local Specialist for a guided walk past the city's iconic sights. Visit the final resting place of Bohemian kings, St. Vitus Cathedral, set within the precincts of Prague Castle. Then, admire the Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience - an educational lecture with a local bee expert. Spend the afternoon admiring the spectacular cityscape on your own.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Prague

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Scenic Vltava Cruise with Lunch** - Take a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River Vltava 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

**Explore Prague in Depth** - If you would like to experience more of this magical city, then join our Local Specialist for a stroll through Prague's cobbled streets. The chance to visit some spectacular interiors, to discover hidden corners and of course the famous Charles Bridge will have you falling under the spell of this jewel of Bohemia.

Adult: 49.00 EUR

## Day 3 | Prague Your Way



Today is yours to explore the legends, castles and palaces of Prague. Follow the 'Royal Route', discover historic treasures and admire picturesque views of the city from Petřín Hill, or join an Optional Experience to Kutná Hora, with its bone-bedecked chapel and five-nave St. Barbara Church. Spend your evening at leisure, enjoying some of the local beer for which the country is famous, or join a traditional dinner to bid farewell to this beautiful city with newly acquired friends.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Prague

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Kutna Hora Bohemian Experience*** - Visit one of the most fascinating locations in the Czech Republic, Kutna Hora. First, our Local Specialist takes us to the engaging Silver Museum and the castle, where we'll learn the history of this unique town. Then, enjoy the spectacular Gothic church of St. Barbara and the Sedlec Ossuary, both UNESCO listed, before time to enjoy lunch in this Bohemian Town.

Adult: 64.00 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 4 | Journey to Slovak Bratislava and on to Vienna



Travel south from Prague through lush Moravian landscapes to Bratislava, passing its quaint Old Town, before continuing your journey to Vienna – our home for the next three nights. Admire the city's musical talents and consider attending a Viennese concert.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn

### 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

## Day 5 | Explore Vibrant Vienna



The heritage of one of Europe's most influential royal families is explored this morning as we Dive Into Culture during a Small Group Sightseeing guided visit to the spectacular Kunsthistorisches Museum. Admire the valuable objects collected by the emperors and archdukes of Habsburg over the centuries before the doors are open to the general public. Later, we join an included sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist to view the Hofburg Palace, the official residence of the President of Austria and former home of the Habsburg Dynasty. We'll see such sights as the Parliament Building, the magnificent Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral with its geometrically tiled roof. Spend the afternoon on your own, indulging in the city's kaffee culture with a slice or two of Sachertorte.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***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 6 | Vienna Your Way



Today is yours to explore the 'City of Music' on your terms. Tread in the footsteps of the great sons of Vienna – Mozart, Haydn and Strauss – as you delve into the city's rich musical heritage nurtured by aristocrats throughout the centuries. Consider a visit to the beautiful Baroque Schönbrunn Palace to see the former imperial summer residence.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Austria Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn

### 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.*

**Vienna Woods Excursion** - Accompanied by your Local Specialist, you'll travel through charming wine villages to visit the Romanesque Abbey of the Holy Cross at Heiligenkreuz, before stopping at Mayerling and the Carmelite convent, which marks the spot where the tragic events of 1889 took place. This and much more will be revealed on this fascinating tour. Adult: 57.00 EUR

**A Very Viennese Afternoon** - Skip the queues and enjoy a tour of the stunning interior of the Vienna State Opera with our private guide. Learn about the history of this epicentre of classical music, experience the opulence of the grand staircase and ceremonials rooms and see the stage that has hosted many beloved musicians, singers and performances. Then stroll to one of the city's beautiful cafes for coffee and strudel in true Viennese fashion. Adult: 55.00 EUR



## Day 7 | Onwards to Budapest



Journey along the Danube Bend, a narrow twisting valley in the pretty Carpathian Basin, stopping in Esztergom to view its Castle Hill, domed Cathedral, and St. Thomas Hill. We follow the scenic landscape to the romantic city of Budapest where we will spend the next three nights. Enjoy a free evening sipping Hungarian wines or consider cruising along the Danube.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza

### 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 | See the Sights of Budapest



Join a Local Specialist this morning for a walking tour. Visit the Fisherman's Bastion, view the Matthias Church and drive to Pest to see the Great Synagogue, the largest in Europe. We pay tribute to the seven chieftains of the Magyars in Heroes' Square. Tonight's Be My Guest experience will see us Connect With Locals over dinner with the Schieszl family and hear the story of their winery.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Budapest's Heritage*** - Enjoy a delicious light lunch before visiting St. Stephen's Basilica, an impressive neo-classical landmark where the "incorruptible" right hand of Hungary's first king is kept. We'll also visit the enchanting Moorish Revival Synagogue, the largest in Europe, with a Local Specialist.

Adult: 79.00 EUR



## Day 9 | Budapest Your Way



Venture up Gellert Hill for spectacular views of the Budapest skyline, relax in the Szechenyi Baths or consider an Optional Experience to Szentendre, a riverside village popular with artists and craftworkers. On our last evening together, we toast to a magnificent journey to the imperial capitals of Europe and enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Hungarian Parliament Visit*** - With our Local Specialist, we'll visit this magnificent Gothic Revival building, the most ornate state parliament in Europe. Overlooking the river Danube, the Parliament building is the largest building in Hungary and is still the tallest building in Budapest.

Adult: 64.00 EUR

*\*\*When Parliament is closed, we'll visit the exquisite 'Renaissance' Opera House and the optional will be offered at €49.*

***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 10 | Farewell Budapest



We say a fond farewell to our companions and Travel Director today after an unforgettable trip.

**Meals:** Breakfast

