

HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRAL EUROPE, 13 DAYS

DAY 1: TRAVEL TO EUROPE

Board your transatlantic flight to Prague tonight.

[In-flight meals]

DAY 2: PRAGUE

Meet your AESU tour director at the airport and transfer to your hotel in the city center. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or take a stroll across Charles Bridge.

A welcome dinner of typical Czech fare in one of the oldest inns in the heart of Prague rounds off your first day in Europe.

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DAY 3: PRAGUE

Join our local art expert for a morning tour of Prague. See the Old Town Square, the Golden Lane and climb Castle Hill to find out why Prague is called the “City of 1000 spires”; and finish today’s tour with a visit of Prague Castle.

Free afternoon and evening to explore the treasures of Prague on your own.

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DAY 4: PRAGUE * BUDAPEST

Motor through Bohemia and Slovakia into Hungary today. Budapest’s extraordinary atmosphere awaits you tonight. After checking in, you may want to take a walk through historic downtown, or take an evening cruise on the River Danube.

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DAY 5: BUDAPEST

See both Buda and Pest alongside the Danube, the Fishermen's Bastion, Vajdahynyad Castle and the Citadel on our morning tour, as well as the city’s magnificent Parliament building finished in 1902 and standing proudly on the banks of the Danube.

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DAY 6: BUDAPEST * SZENTENDRE * VIENNA

En-route to Austria stop in picturesque Szentendre and admire the local crafts. After lunch accompanied by live Gypsy music continue to imperial Vienna.

Dinner tonight will be served at a typical “Heurigen”, a tavern in the hills outside the city serving local produce and wine. Enjoy the new vintage and merry music while feasting on traditional wienerschnitzel and apfelstrudel. Then drive along the great illuminated avenues of Vienna ending up at the famous Prater Amusement Park with its mammoth ferris wheel.

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DAY 7: VIENNA

The Imperial Palace of the Hapsburg dynasty, Maria Theresia's elegant Schoenbrunn Palace, the Spanish Riding School of the Lippizaner horses and the blue Danube River all greet you this morning.

A free afternoon offers horsedrawn carriage rides through cobbled streets, a visit to Sigmund Freud's home or the Fine Arts Museum. In the evening, consider a Strauss Waltz Concert under the stars in the beautiful City Park.

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DAY 8: VIENNA * SALZBURG

Leave Vienna early this morning and travel on to Salzburg, home of the summer music festival, as well as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's birthplace. Take a tour of the sights of The Sound of Music, before a local historian will walk you through the historic center and point out the sights that made this city stand out among all others. Finish off with a visit to Mozart's birthplace, featuring a museum of Mozart's life and memorabilia.

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DAY 9: SALZBURG * NEUSCHWANSTEIN * MUNICH

Head into Germany and see the castle which inspired Walt Disney - Mad King Ludwig's soaring Neuschwanstein en-route to the fun-filled Oktoberfest city of Munich. Free evening to check out the oom-pah-pah bands at the famous Hofbrauhaus.

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DAY 10: MUNICH

See the Cathedral of our Lady, the Glockenspiel chimes and stroll through Viktualienmarkt. Then pay a visit to one of Germany's finest art galleries, the Alte Pinakothek.

Catch up on your souvenir shopping this afternoon before embarking for your farewell dinner party tonight at one of the most traditional beer halls in town.

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DAY 13: TRAVEL HOME

Bid farewell to Europe and to new found friends as you board your flight home with memories to last a lifetime.

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