

The Bohemian

08 - 16 August

9 days from €226 (Lm 97) per day Prices quoted are per person in Euro and may vary without notice. Conditions apply

Tour Pace - This tour has been expertly planned to run at a comfortable pace, with two-night stays in the three main cities: Vienna, Budapest and Prague. There are no long travelling days on this compact tour; a perfect introduction to Central and Eastern Europe.

Hotels - Enjoy a selection of modern hotels like the refurbished Vienna Hilton and the comfortable Crowne Plaza located across from the Presidential Palace in Bratislava, as well as the classic artistic style of the Radisson Beke in the heart of Budapest.

Fellow Passengers - A fine introduction to Eastern Europe. This tour also appeals to travellers returning to Europe who wish to extend their knowledge beyond the traditional routes. Great for those interested in classical and medieval architecture, music and stunning panoramic scenery.

Highlights - The contrasts between the three main cities of Vienna, Budapest and Prague – the grandeur of Vienna and the splendour of Schönbrunn Palace, the strains of the gypsy violins of Budapest and the magical beauty of Prague – the inspiration to many a great composer!

Explore the fascinating city of Budapest



Day 1 – Malta - Vienna.

Meet the tour leader at Malta International Airport where we check in for our Air Malta flight to Vienna where upon arrival we are transferred to our hotel. Vienna is famous for its delicious coffees and pastries so, after checking in why not stroll to a local cafe? Or take a walk through the Stadtpark to see the statue of Strass. Later at night meet your tour director for a welcome drink. **Hotel: Hilton**

Day 2 – Vienna – Budapest.

A leisurely drive brings you to the Hungarian border. Continue through rich farmland, passing the eagle overlooking the town of Tatabanya, before arriving in Budapest, your home for two nights. Enjoy the view across the Danube from the lofty Citadel atop Gellert Hill. Now ascend to the very heart of Buda's Castle District to visit Matthias Church, with its incredible interior decoration, and take in the vista of the beautiful Parliament building from the Fisherman's Bastion. Then cross the Danube to the Pest district to visit Heroes' Square and Andrássy Boulevard. Enjoy a Highlight Dinner with traditional Gypsy entertainment. **Hotel: Radisson SAS Beke (BB,HD)**

Day 3 – Budapest at leisure.

Budapest is a magnificent city exuding a cultural sophistication that

entices and enchants, so today is set aside for you to explore at your own pace. Shop for bargains in fine porcelain and colourful embroideries, rejuvenate in the famed spa baths, or take an optional excursion to explore the 'Secret Treasures of Budapest'. The choice is yours. **(BB,D)**

Day 4 – Budapest – Bratislava.

Take a fascinating drive past the remains of the Roman settlement of Aquincum and along the Danube to the picturesque riverside village of Szentendre. This community has long been the haunt of artists, enchanted by its brightly coloured houses and quaint churches. Continue to Visegrád, where the castle walls and Solomon's Tower are all that remain of Visegrád's regal splendour. Walk up to the Citadel for breath-taking views across the Danube Bend. See Esztergom, former capital of Hungary, and visit its splendid cathedral. Cross the Danube at Komárom to enter the Republic of Slovakia. Skirt the foothills of the Little Carpathian Mountains to arrive at your hotel in Bratislava. Upon arrival, view the presidential palace before taking a leisurely walk through the Old Town, stopping at the medieval Town Hall. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. (BB,D)**

Day 5 – Bratislava – Prague.

Drive to the 9th century castle, perched high above the Danube, for panoramic views across Bratislava. After crossing into the Czech Republic, continue through the wine-producing area of South Moravia to the political and cultural hub of the region, Brno. During an orientation tour, see the unusual baroque Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul, as well as the grim Spilberk Fortress, used as a jail by the Nazis during World War Two. Continue through Czech countryside to 'Golden' Prague – named for its gleaming gilded spires. **Hotel: Moevenpick. (BB,D)**

Day 6 – Prague Sightseeing.

Prague is one of the most fashionable, beautiful and culturally exciting cities in Europe. The Czech capital features a unique blend of Gothic, Renaissance and baroque architecture; a sightseeing tour with an expert local guide introduces the 1,000-year-old Hradcany Castle and majestic St Vitus' Cathedral. Descend to the Old Town, where the tour concludes at the fascinating Astronomical Clock in the city square. Later, there is time to shop for fine Bohemian crystal, Carlsbad porcelain or superb costume jewellery; treasures for which the Czech Republic is world-famous. **(BB)**

Day 7 – Prague – Vienna.

Enjoy a drive through the green Bohemian countryside, passing the town of Tabor, headquarters of the 15th century reformer, John Huss, and continuing south to Cesky Krumlov, a picturesque medieval town sitting amidst the Vltava River. Time here to wander through the cobblestone, traffic free streets, past colourful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. After some free time to explore, head back to Vienna for a two-night stay. **Hotel: Hilton. (BB)**

Day 8 – Vienna Sightseeing.

A sightseeing highlight this morning is a guided visit to the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and gardens. See also St Charles' Church and the baroque architecture of the Opera House, the magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence and Parliament building. Cafés are an institution in Vienna; your guide points out some of the most famous and explains the history and important role they play in local culture. The afternoon is free to shop or continue sightseeing. As night falls, why not join your friends for a farewell dinner? **(BB)**

Day 9 – Vienna - Malta.

Your tour comes to an end today after breakfast. Time at leisure and transfer to airport for our flight to Malta. **(BB)**



Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour
Visit medieval Cesky Krumlov's Old Town and views of the castle



PRAGUE

Bohemia

Tabor

Moravia

Brno

Cesky Krumlov

Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour
A guided visit to the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and elegant formal gardens
An entrée to the history and significance of Viennese café culture

VIENNA

Austria

BRATISLAVA

Slovakia

Explore the cobbled streets, brightly coloured houses and quaint churches of the picturesque riverside village of Szentendre



Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour
Enjoy views from Bratislava Castle, perched high above the Danube



Hungary

BUDAPEST

Enjoy a Hungarian dinner in a local restaurant as musicians serenade you with Gypsy music at your table!
Locally Guided Sightseeing Tour

★ CENTRAL HOTELS & NIGHTS
★ SCENIC HOTELS & NIGHTS

Enjoy Your Included Tour Features

Premium Highlights

Explore the maze of lanes, churches and colourful houses in the riverside village of Szentendre
Explore the medieval streets of Cesky Krumlov and see the castle overlooking the town
In Vienna enjoy a guided visit to the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and gardens

Personal Insights

An entrée to the history and significance of Viennese café culture

Additional Excursions & Sights

Enjoy panoramic views over Budapest from Gellert Hill and from the Fisherman's Bastion
Visit Matthias Church in Buda's old Castle District

and visit to Heroes' Square in Pest
Drive along the Danube to see the ruins of the Roman settlement of Aquincum
Visit the Citadel in Visegrád for stunning views over the Danube Bend
Visit the splendid Coronation Cathedral in Esztergom
Views from Bratislava Castle and stroll the old town to the medieval Town Hall
See Brno's formidable Spilberk fortress and baroque Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul
Admire the stained glass windows of St Vitus Cathedral in Prague Castle
Visit Prague's Old Town Square and see the Astronomical Clock
See the Hofburg, Opera House, Parliament building and St Charles' Church in Vienna

First Class Services

Escorted by a professional Tour Director
Luxury air-conditioned coach with onboard toilet
Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage
Airline Taxes, Fuel Surcharge and Service Charge
Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
Airport arrival and departure transfers

More Included Meals

Highlight Dinner with gypsy music in Budapest (HD)
8 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 3 three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

Triple	€ 2039	Lm 875
Twin	€ 2109	Lm 905
Single	€ 2669	Lm 1146
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