

Majestic Cities of Central & Eastern Europe *featuring Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Budapest & Krakow*

Highlights...

Berlin • Dresden • Prague • Prague Castle • Pannonhalma Archabbey • Vienna • Viennese Coffee House • Budapest • Krakow • Wawel Castle • Auschwitz



14 Days • 19 Meals: 12 Breakfasts • 1 Lunch • 6 Dinners

Cultural Connections

- Hear from a Berliner about their experiences living in East Germany prior the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- Be whisked by train from Prague to "The City of Music" – Vienna, Austria.
- Take a poignant journey through history at the camps of Auschwitz.
- Discover the 2 sides of Hungary's capital, Buda and Pest, alongside a local expert.

Must-See Highlights

- Visit Pannonhalma Archabbey (UNESCO), the Monastery of the Benedictine Order.
- Come to know the lively nature of Krakow's well-preserved Old Town.
- Explore the best of Berlin on a walking tour tracing the city's history and iconic landmarks.

Culinary Experiences

- Experience Viennese coffee house culture during an Impact Moment.
- Learn the secrets of Viennese confectionery during a candy-making demonstration.

Day 1: Overnight Flight

Set out to experience the very best of Europe's cultural capitals.

Day 2: Berlin, Germany

Arrive in Germany's capital city of Berlin, a blend of deep-rooted history, modern flair and multi-cultural influences. With no scheduled sightseeing today, spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Berlin

This morning, head out with your local guide and get to know Berlin's rich history while passing by the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Schoenberg City Hall, Kurfürstendamm, and the Reichstag Building. Finish your morning city tour by meeting with a Berliner to learn about life in communist East Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Later, enjoy some free time for lunch on your own in one of the neighborhood's many restaurants. Later this afternoon, set out on a panoramic tour into historic West Berlin, seeing the former border crossing known as Checkpoint Charlie and remnants of the Berlin Wall. The rest of the day is yours to discover and explore at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Berlin - Dresden - Prague, Czech Republic

Depart for Prague this morning, the "City of a Thousand Spires." En route, make a stop in Dresden, the capital of Saxony. Meet a local guide for a tour highlighting its' baroque splendor and architectural treasures such as Frauenkirche, the Cathedral of our Lady and the Royal Palace. Enjoy time on your own to explore this lovely town on the banks of the Elbe River. After arriving in Prague, join your fellow travelers in a traditional Czech cooking class. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 5: Prague

Your introduction to this fairy-tale city opens with a visit to the remarkable Prague Castle and the haunting St. Vitus Cathedral. Home to kings and emperors, the complex at Prague Castle is one of the most important sites in the Czech Republic and is easily the highlight of the city. Continue on a leisurely walking tour through the Old Town and see the unique Astronomical Clock and the statue-lined Charles Bridge. Learn about the poignant history held in Prague's Jewish Quarter when you pass the Old Jewish Cemetery and Synagogue. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy Prague during your free time. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 6: Prague - Vienna, Austria

This morning, hop on a train and depart for your next adventure to Vienna, the "musical city." Upon arrival in Vienna, enjoy a short orientation drive through the city. Learn about Vienna's sweet confectionary history at a candy workshop, where candies are still made according to traditional recipes dating back over 150 years. Then, enjoy an **Impact Moment** at a Viennese coffee house connecting generations, because at this café, the baked goods are lovingly crafted by grandmas. This social enterprise aims to give local retirees a chance to engage with locals and travelers around the world. Later, enjoy an evening just outside of Vienna at a beloved, folksy Viennese restaurant, where dinner intertwines with local culture and flavor to create an unforgettable night. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 7: Vienna

This morning, meet your local guide for a scenic walking tour to Vienna's city center and take in the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city followed by some free time to make your own discoveries. Later this afternoon, participate in one of Vienna's most treasured traditions during a Viennese Waltz lesson. Tonight, perhaps you'll choose to explore the interiors at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and listen to a musical performance at the famous Orangerie where the past comes alive. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 8: Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia - Budapest, Hungary

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the picturesque countryside en route to Budapest. Make a stop in Bratislava, Slovakia, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4,000-year-old history during an orientation walking tour with your Tour Manager before taking time to enjoy lunch on your own. Next, head towards a true historical gem and

UNESCO site: Pannonhalma. Hear about the abbey's history dating back a thousand years and present life in the Archabbey from one of the monks. The succession of history can be seen clearly in the various architectural styles of the monastic buildings. Top off your day in this region with a delicious meal in a local restaurant. Continue to lovely Budapest, a city divided by the Danube with historic Buda on one side and cosmopolitan Pest on the opposite bank. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 9: Budapest

The beautiful city of Budapest is yours to discover. This morning, a local expert provides an informative city tour featuring Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Old Buda, the New Parliament, and Gellert Hill with a special stop at Heroes' Square, a unique monument to the diverse leaders of Hungary. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore as you like. This evening, perhaps you'll take in the essence of the region during an optional dinner followed by a cruise to view Budapest's stunning night skyline. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 10: Budapest

This morning, **it's your choice!** Choose to visit the House of Terror Museum and Memorial and gain an important perspective of 20th-century Hungarian history **-OR-** indulge in the famous Thermal Baths of Budapest,* one of the largest spa baths in Europe. This afternoon is yours to uncover "the Queen of the Danube" however you wish. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 11: Budapest - Donovaly, Slovakia - Krakow, Poland

Take in the picturesque landscapes en route to Poland. Make a stop for lunch near Donovaly, a small village situated within Low Tatras National Park. Your home for the next three nights is the lively city of Krakow, a historic city offering old world charm. This evening, get to know traditional Polish culture during a folklore show and dinner featuring local cuisine. *Today breakfast, lunch and dinner will be included.*

Day 12: Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

Discover Krakow's historic Old Town on a city tour complete with stops at the Market Square, St. Mary's Church, and the university. In Market Square, marvel at the Gothic city hall tower and the beautiful palaces that surround you. You'll also get an inside look at Wawel Castle, a former residence of Polish kings. This afternoon, embark on a poignant journey through history as you travel to the camps of Auschwitz.** A local expert guides you through the former concentration camp, where you will learn about the sobering history and resilience of the human spirit. The evening is yours to spend it as you wish. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 13: Krakow

This morning, join a local guide and discover Krakow's most known city district, Kazimierz. On a walking tour, you'll visit many synagogues along with one of the most prominent ones – the Remuh Synagogue and Cemetery. Walk the former Jewish Market with your guide and connect with the Jewish history and culture along the way. The rest of the day is yours to explore the town on your own. Toast to the end of this memorable trip as you sit down with your fellow travelers at a Jewish restaurant, feeling connected to the cultures and traditions of Central and Eastern Europe. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

Day 14: Krakow - Tour Ends

Your tour comes to a close today. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Experience It! Prague Old Town

For many world travelers, Prague Old Town is the epitome of what a European square and Old Town (*Staré Město* in Czech) should look and feel like. This medieval settlement was once separated from the outside by a moat and city wall that was connected at each end to the Vltava River. The moat is now covered up by the city streets, but where it once was is considered to be the boundary of the Old Town. Cobblestone streets, sweeping views of Prague Castle from the riverside promenade or from Charles Bridge, cellar restaurants, and the classic square have all made this a must-see destination for the traveler to Europe. Other must-see sites include the Old New Synagogue and Old Town Square with its Astronomical Clock. The Charles Bridge spans the river Vltava and connects the *Staré Město* to the Lesser Quarter (*Malá Strana* in Czech), a sprawling set of winding roads and lanes that lay at the foot of Prague Castle, which dominates the skyline of this side of the river.

Your itinerary at a glance	
Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Radisson Red Hotel, Berlin
Days 4, 5	Majestic Plaza Hotel, Prague
Days 6, 7	Imperial Riding School Hotel, Vienna
Days 8 – 10	Up Hotel, Budapest
Days 11 – 13	Mercure Krakow Old Town, Krakow
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.	

Explorations: These small group tours give travelers access to the world in a truly authentic way. On these active, immersive journeys, travelers connect with the cultures of the world on a deeper, more meaningful level in ways that are hard to replicate. The group size is kept small, allowing these journeys to be the most active, engaging, and rewarding experience possible.

Important Tour Information:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

In Prague, you can expect up to a five-hour walking tour with stops and should be prepared for walking on uneven surfaces. The Prague Castle visit lasts approximately 2.5 hours and includes standing for longer periods of time. In Budapest, not all major sites can be approached by coach. The 3-hour city tour includes significant amounts of walking and using public transportation at times.

Pannonhalma Archabbey is located on the top of a hill that is 984 feet high (300 meters) and can be approached only on foot following a gravel path 0.8 miles (1.29 kilometers) long.

Dependent upon traffic conditions, travel between Budapest and Krakow may take up to 8 hours.

Berlin city tour is divided into morning and afternoon segments with 3 hours of free time.

The longest day will require a departure from the Vienna hotel at 8:30 a.m. with an arrival at your Bratislava hotel around 7:00 p.m.

*If you plan to partake in the Thermal Baths of Budapest for your Choice on Tour selection, bathing suits are required for this visit.

**On occasion, Auschwitz may not be available for travelers who purchase this tour within 30 days of departure as space is limited at Auschwitz.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

Not all major sites can be reached by coach. Public transportation might be used during the Budapest city tour.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

While visas are not required for U.S., Australian, New Zealand, UK or Canadian citizens for a stay of up to 90 days, we recommend you inquire with your consulate for further information.

Visitors are required to show proof of travel medical insurance to travel to the Czech Republic. The health insurance must cover medical services abroad with specific coverages. Please visit <https://travel.state.gov> (the U.S. State Department) for the latest details with regards to entry requirements. If you have **purchased our Travel Protection Plan**, your coverage meets this requirement.

Important reservation information:

***Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all tour packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Preassigned seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

Checked Baggage Charges: Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

Cancellation Charges for this tour: After your seat reduction date has passed, a non-refundable deposit will be retained. For Cancellation between 90-16 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 15-1 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 75% of total price. For cancellation on the day of departure and after: 100% of total price. For Ocean Cruises: For cancellation between 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 40% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: 60% of total price. 30 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of total price. For River Cruises: including Europe, Russia, Egypt and China, 90-61 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 50% of total price. For cancellation between 60-31 days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 85% of total price. For cancellation 30 or fewer days prior to departure: cancellation fee of 100% of total price. For Galapagos and Antarctica: A cancellation fee of 60% will apply for cancellation between 120-90 days prior to departure; A cancellation charge of 100% will apply for cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure. Cancellation protection is highly recommended and must be purchased at time of deposit. Air rates are subject to change until tour is paid in full. If Travel Protection Plan has not been purchased and a reservation is cancelled for any reason prior to departure - Air is 100% non-refundable once paid in full. Cancellation charges also apply to reservations made for "pre" and "post" night accommodations. Payment of a Per Person Travel Protection Plan Fee guarantees a full refund of all payments (including deposit), except the Travel Protection Plan Fee itself, made to Collette for travel arrangements in case of cancellation of your travel plans for any reason prior to the day of departure. The Travel Protection Plan Fee with Air only covers airline tickets you have purchased from Collette. Exception: If you originally purchased nonrefundable airline tickets, Part B of the Travel Protection Plan may provide a refund for the airline tickets, taxes, or fees in the event of a cancellation for a covered reason (see Part B for more details). The Travel Protection Plan Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. However, the Part B travel insurance includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons as detailed in Part B. In this case, the single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. Division of this charge between the two passengers involved is solely their responsibility. If insufficient funds are deducted from the canceling client, the traveling client will be charged the remaining portion of the single supplement. Cancellation waiver protects you from penalties in the event you have a need to cancel your entire inclusive tour package up to the day prior to departure. Cancellation waiver does not indemnify you from penalties if you chose to cancel partial tour components or air. If you chose to partially cancel your vacation, you will be responsible for a revision fee as well as any penalties that are incurred at the time of the cancellation. Upon cancellation of transportation or travel services where you, the customer, are not at fault and have not canceled in violation of the terms and conditions above, you will be refunded 100%. Please see your sales agent for more information, or review our brochure for details.

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