

TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR 15, 29	APR 13, 27
MAY 06, 13, 20, 27, 29	MAY 04, 11, 18, 25, 27
JUN 03, 10, 17, 24	JUN 01, 08, 15, 22, 29
JUL 01, 08, 15, 22, 29	JUL 06, 13, 20, 27
AUG 05, 12, 19, 26, 28	AUG 03, 10, 17, 24, 26, 31
SEP 02, 04, 09, 11, 16, 18, 23, 30	SEP 02, 07, 09, 14, 16, 21, 28
OCT 07, 14	OCT 05, 12

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REGIONAL JOURNEY

ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

14 DAYS

6 COUNTRIES

19 MEALS

15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Vienna: Listen to the musical masterpiece of Mozart and learn the Viennese Waltz, in an inclusive workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

INSIGHT CHOICE

Prague: Choose to join a Local Expert to explore the courtyards of Prague Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, stroll through the Jewish Quarter with your Local Expert.

Choose between two experiences in Vienna.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Warsaw: Enjoy a demonstration of the traditional techniques of dumpling-making with an expert chef. Then enjoy a hearty Polish Highlight Dinner with a variety of local delicacies and drinks.

Welcome Dinner in Budapest • Cooking Demonstration and Dinner in Warsaw • highlight dinner in Český Krumlov • Strauss and Mozart concert with dinner in Vienna. Taste beer in České Budějovice.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Visit Wawel Cathedral and St. Mary's Basilica in Kraków • Auschwitz • Český Krumlov Castle • Schönbrunn Palace.

City tours of Budapest, Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin, Prague and Vienna, all with Local Experts.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EASTERN EUROPE

"This is the perfect trip to discover Central Europe. Very well paced, with a good balance of activities, visits and free time. *Guests simply love the overnight in the fairy-tale town of Český Krumlov.*" – Orsolya, Travel Director



DAY 1 WELCOME TO BUDAPEST

On arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, there are complimentary transfers to your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30.

Join your Travel Director at 18:00 and travel to a local restaurant. Your Welcome Dinner is a treat of mouthwatering Hungarian specialties, accompanied by specially selected wine.(DW)

Corinthia Hotel / Hilton Budapest.

DAY 2 DELVE INTO BUDAPEST

Relaxed Start. Stroll through the alleys of the Old Town of Buda with a Local Expert. Enjoy a tour of the Liszt Music Academy with a student, followed by an enchanting recital. The university was founded by the piano virtuoso and composer Franz Liszt in 1875. (B)

DAY 3 THE MOUNTAINS TO KRAKÓW

Travel through Slovakia, passing the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains. Stop at scenic Donovaly. See Oravský Hrad Castle before continuing to historic Kraków. (B) (DW)

Mercure Kraków Stare Miasto.

DAY 4 THE DAMSELS AND DRAGONS OF KRAKÓW

Relaxed Start. Join a Local Expert to explore Kraków and ascend Wawel Hill to visit the cathedral. Walk through the Old Town, to Europe's largest and most beautiful town square and see the medieval Cloth Hall. Visit the 14th century St. Mary's Basilica. Then enjoy free time to explore. Why not join an Optional Experience to visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine? (B)

DAY 5 AUSCHWITZ AND CZĘSTOCHOWA

Join a Local Expert for a visit to Auschwitz, infamous for its role during the Holocaust. Spend reflective moments amid the remains of the concentration camp and the memorials. Continue north to Częstochowa, home of the Monastery of Jasna Góra, famous of the Black Madonna. Continue across the Polish plains to the capital, Warsaw.

Enjoy a dumpling demonstration and tasting. Afterward, you will be treated to a delicious Highlight Dinner of local dishes.(B) (DW)

The Westin Warsaw.

DAY 6 THE POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW

Relaxed Start. Join a Local Expert in the morning to see the Old Town, Royal Castle and Palace of Culture. Visit the Chopin Memorial in the Łazienki Park.

Pay your respects at the Monument to the Ghetto Heroes and then enjoy a free afternoon to explore at your own pace. Perhaps attend a Chopin recital or delve into Warsaw's inspirational past? (B)

DAY 7 WIELKOPOLSKA TO BERLIN

Your route leads westward, across the rolling farmlands of the central plains, over the Oder River to enter Germany. (B)

Hotel NH Collection Berlin Mitte am Checkpoint Charlie, Berlin.

DAY 8 THE SPIRIT OF BERLIN

Relaxed Start. Join a Local Expert for a drive through the leafy Tiergarten to the refurbished Reichstag building and see the Brandenburg Gate. On the eastern side, take the Unter den Linden past the State Opera House to Museum Island. (B) Marriott Hotel Berlin.

DAY 9 DRESDEN AND GOLDEN PRAGUE

In Dresden, see the reconstructed Frauenkirche and the 'Procession of the Princes' on the wall of the Royal Palace. Explore around the Catholic cathedral to view the tiered facades of the opera house and the Baroque Zwinger Palace. (B) (DW)

Lindner Hotel Prague Castle.

DAY 10 PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose to walk the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St. Vitus Cathedral. Alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague.

The city is then yours to explore. Perhaps walk in the footsteps of kings along the Royal Route? (B)

DAY 11 BOHEMIAN ČESKÝ KRUMLOV

Relaxed Start. At *České Budějovice*, enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of a local brewery to sample the beer and discover the secrets of this golden vintage.

Continue on to the medieval town of Český Krumlov to walk the narrow cobbled streets and arch-covered footpaths and visit the fairy-tale, red-roofed castle, with your Local Expert.

After the day trippers have left, soak up the unique atmosphere of this UNESCO World Heritage Site at a local restaurant. Enjoy a traditional Czech Highlight Dinner of local specialties.(B) (DW)

Hotel Old Inn, Český Krumlov.

DAY 12 STATELY VIENNA

Relaxed Start. Cross the border into Austria and enjoy a delightful journey to Vienna. The afternoon is free for you to explore this stately capital. (B) Hilton Vienna Park.

DAY 13 THE HABSBURGS OF VIENNA

Join your Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens.

Take some great photos on a circuit of the Ring Road that showcases architectural masterpieces such as the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche.

Explore Vienna with Insight Choice. Choose between a visit to a traditional Viennese café to enjoy local specialties of coffee and Sachertorte or alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER * Experience during an inclusive workshop and take to the floor in a Viennese Waltz dance workshop designed to support the visually impaired community.

Enjoy a delicious meal of traditional Austrian fare with drinks at a local restaurant, before sitting down to an extraordinary concert of Viennese classical music. (B) (DW)

DAY 14 DEPART VIENNA OR BUDAPEST

A transfer arrives at Vienna airport at 08:00 and continues to Budapest airport, arriving early afternoon. For those extending their stay, a stop is also made at the Corinthia Hotel Budapest. (B)

KEY

✈ Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

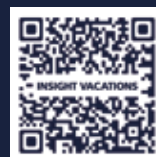
● Place Visited

○ Optional Place Visited

▬ Trip Options

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This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



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