

# Highlights of Eastern Europe

17 Days

8 Countries

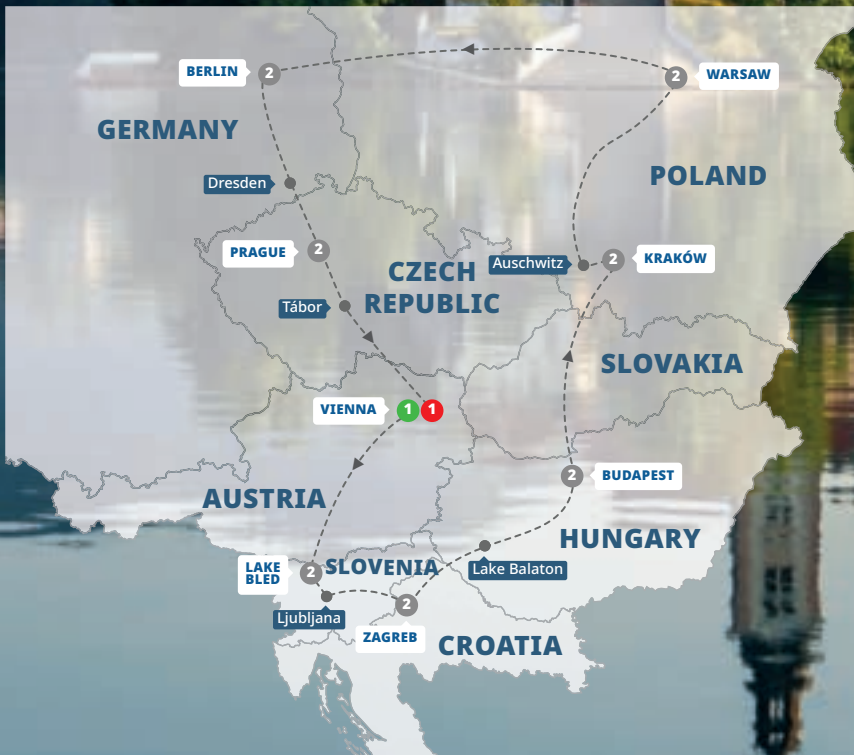
24 Meals

Shine a spotlight on Prague's colourful medieval streets and good times with a local Hungarian family at their winery. On this exciting eastern Europe trip you'll get to know all the highlights and hidden gems of eight spellbinding countries and stay overnight on Lake Bled.

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## Your Must-See Highlights

- **Explore** Vienna, Ljubljana, Zagreb, Budapest, Kraków, Warsaw, Berlin and Prague with a Local Specialist
- **Discover** Dresden
- **Visit** Lake Bled in Slovenia, Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków, the former concentration camp at Auschwitz, Jasna Góra Monastery, Berlin TV Tower, St. Vitus Cathedral and the Old Town Square of Prague and Tábor
- **View** Lake Balaton, the Archbishop's Palace and the Opera House in Zagreb, Wawel Royal Castle in Kraków and Brandenburg Gate in Berlin

 Start  End  Overnight  Sightseeing

Lake Bled, Slovenia

## Your holiday

### Day

- 1 Welcome to Vienna** Admire Vienna's Hofburg Palace, Imperial Boulevards and the beloved St. Stephen's Cathedral in the company of a *Local Specialist*. This evening, we join our Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at your *Stays With Stories* accommodation, the Hilton Danube Waterfront. **(WR, 🍷) Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront**
- 2 Journey to Lake Bled** Journey through the Loibl Pass to Slovenia, arriving later at Lake Bled. This evening, we dine at our hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Park**
- 3 Lake Bled Your Way** Spend the day on your own or consider joining an Optional Experience to the extensive maze of underground caves at Postojna. **(B)**
- 4 Continue to Ljubljana and Zagreb** We arrive in the Slovenian capital, Ljubljana, where we will join a *Local Specialist* for a sightseeing tour to see its Opera House, Cathedral, National Museum, Three Bridges Square and Castle. We cross into Croatia and travel to its capital, Zagreb. **(B, D) Hotel: Westin**
- 5 Discover Historic Zagreb** Explore a tale of two hilltop settlements and Zagreb's alluring streets. Join a *Local Specialist* who will share the landmarks of the city's Lower and Upper Town, including the Gothic Cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace, the Opera House and St. Mark's Church. **(B)**



#### Explore the cultural heart of Croatia.

Get a local perspective of this vibrant European capital as you stroll along café-lined streets to Zagreb's iconic St. Mark's Church, featuring the coat of arms on its colourful roof. Learn more at [trafalgar.com](https://trafalgar.com).

- 6 Onwards to Lake Balaton and Budapest** Crossing the border into Hungary, we enjoy a photo stop on the shores of Lake Balaton. We continue to Budapest – our home for the next two nights. **(B) Hotel: Ensana Thermal Margaret Island**
- 7 Explore Architectural Budapest** Today, we join a *Local Specialist* for a walking tour of the Castle district to admire views of the Danube. See the Parliament and the Great Synagogue. Stop for a *MAKE TRAVEL MATTER*® Experience at an inclusive café. Later, we meet the Schieszl family and *Connect With Locals* over dinner at our *Be My Guest* experience. **(B, BMG, 🍷)**
- 8 Off to Slovakia and on to Kraków** Journey through Slovakia to Poland and the enchanting city of Kraków. **(B) Hotel: Novotel Centrum**

- 9 Admire Kraków's Charms** We amble through the beautiful streets of Kraków this morning with our *Local Specialist*, admiring views of the Royal Castle and Cathedral on Wawel Hill. Our walking tour through the Old Town includes a visit of the St. Mary's Church and view of the Cloth Hall. Spend the afternoon exploring the city or perhaps join an Optional Experience to the Wieliczka Salt Mine. **(B, D)**
- 10 On to Auschwitz and Warsaw** Our journey this morning takes us to the former concentration camp at Auschwitz. This evening, we arrive in the elegant Polish capital of Warsaw, conveniently situated a short walk from the Warsaw Uprising Museum and near the remains of the ghetto walls if you'd like to dive deeper into the area's tragic history. **(B, D, 🍷) Hotel: Leonardo Royal**
- 11 See the Sights of Warsaw** This morning, we join a *Local Specialist* visiting the Old Town and the site of the Warsaw Ghetto. Spend the rest of the day seeing the sights. **(B)**
- 12 Journey to Bustling Berlin** Journey across Poland's patchwork countryside along the Autostrada Wolności (Motorway of Freedom). Cross the German border and arrive in Berlin, a capital city with an enviable youthful verve and charisma. Here you'll enjoy an evening at leisure to explore the city your way. **(B) Hotel: Moevenpick**
- 13 Uncover Berlin's Secrets** This morning, indulge in spectacular panoramic views of the city from the Berlin TV Tower. Join a *Local Specialist* for a sightseeing tour through the city's great landmarks, including the Brandenburg Gate, Unter den Linden Boulevard and the Reichstag Building. **(B)**
- 14 Onwards to Dresden and Prague** Travel through the Spreevald Forest to Dresden where your orientation tour will reveal insights into the city's restoration. Amble through its streets to see the Semper Opera, Zwinger Palace and fully reconstructed Frauenkirche. We arrive later in glorious Prague. Spend your evening savouring hearty Czech flavours during a Regional Dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, RD) Hotel: Vienna House Diplomat**
- 15 Discover Colourful Prague** Stroll through the ancient streets of Prague with your *Local Specialist* who will share insights into the city's centuries-old history. Marvel at Prague Castle, the 14<sup>th</sup>-century Charles Bridge and Old Town Square. Visit the Cathedral of St. Vitus, then enjoy the rest of the day free to explore or relax. **(B)**
- 16 Through Southern Bohemia to Vienna** Journey through the lush green and golden landscapes of southern Bohemia, stopping in Tábor, once a Hussite stronghold. Later, we travel to the imperial city of Vienna, where we'll enjoy a final Farewell Dinner together. **(B, FD) Hotel: Hilton Danube Waterfront**
- 17 Farewell Vienna** Say a fond farewell to your newfound friends and an epic adventure together through eastern Europe. Find out more about your free airport transfer at [trafalgar.com/freetransfers](https://trafalgar.com/freetransfers). **(B)**

## Your holiday planner

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### 2023

Apr	14*	21	28	Jul	07	14	21*	28	
May	05	12	19	26	Aug	04	11	18	25
Jun	02	09	16	23	Sep	01	08	15	22
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### 2024

Apr	12	19	26	Jul	05	12	19	26	
May	03	10	17	24	Aug	02	09	16	23
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Jun	07	14	21	28	Sep	06	13	20	27

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