

GEMS OF CENTRAL EUROPE

Featuring - Budapest, Prague, Vienna

28 Apr, 2025 - 08 May, 2025

DURATION	GROUP SIZE	AIRPORT	PRICE STARTING FROM
9 Nights / 11 Days	30 People	San Francisco	Twin Occupancy Price Per person - \$ 4,899.00 Single Supplement Price Per Person - \$ 999.00

OVERVIEW

Explore the renowned capitals of Prague, Vienna, and Budapest. Begin in Prague, where timeless charm and the city's famous "hundred spires" await. Follow the Danube to Vienna, former seat of the Habsburg monarchy, where the opulent Schönbrunn Palace contrasts with local culinary delights showcasing Austria's finest flavors. Conclude in Budapest, Hungary's capital, wandering from the cobblestone streets of the Castle District to the panoramic vistas from the Fisherman's Bastion.

ACCOMMODATION

CITY	HOTEL NAME	NO. OF NIGHTS
Prague	Occidental Praha Wilson	3 Nights
Vienna	DoubleTree by Hilton Vienna Schonbrunn	3 Nights
Budapest	Novotel Budapest Centrum	3 Nights

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TOUR PRICE INCLUSIONS

- ◆ Round trip airfare in economy class ex San Francisco
- ◆ Airport taxes and fuel surcharge
- ◆ **08 night's accommodation at above specified hotels in standard Rooms**
- ◆ Daily breakfast
- ◆ Airport transfers in Prague and Budapest
- ◆ Intercity travel between Prague, Vienna, and Budapest
- ◆ River cruise in Prague
- ◆ Evening Dinner with Operetta and folk show in Budapest
- ◆ All sightseeing tours with services of English speaking guide
- ◆ Admission to the attractions as specified in the itinerary
- ◆ All transportation and sightseeing in Deluxe Vehicle
- ◆ Applicable taxes

TOUR PRICE EXCLUSIONS

- ◆ All other meals & other sightseeing or Services
- ◆ Gratuities for meals, tourist guides, drivers
- ◆ Personal expenses such as alcoholic and other beverages, telephone calls, and laundry
- ◆ Porterage, Visa Fee & Travel Insurance
- ◆ Any other services or Items not mentioned above as included
- ◆ Local city taxes EUR 4-7 to be paid directly at hotels upon check out

ITINERARY

DAY 1 | 28 Apr, 2025

Depart San Francisco [-/-/-]

Prepare yourself! You are leaving today for Prague to From Prague to Budapest via Vienna: Uncover Central Europe's Gems

DAY 2 | 29 Apr, 2025

Prague Arrival [-/-/-]

Upon arrival in Prague, claim your bags and proceed toward the arrival hall. Our representative will meet you and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. (Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm).

Check in at the hotel and catch up on your rest. You can unwind or tour the city throughout the remaining part of the day.

Overnight in Prague

DAY 3 | 30 Apr, 2025

Prague – Full day sightseeing tour with Cruise and lunch [B/L/-]

Begin your day with a delightful breakfast followed by a guided tour of Prague. Start by exploring the vibrant contrasts between Prague's New Town and Old Town. Discover prominent landmarks such as the Municipal House, State Opera Theatre, and the National Museum on Wenceslas Square, the city's largest plaza. Admire Charles Square and its Town Hall before encountering the iconic Dancing House, a postmodern architectural marvel designed by Frank Gehry in 1996, situated along the Vltava River's right bank. Crossing the river, your guide will lead you to Castle Town, offering stunning views of Prague's historic center.

The walking tour commences in Castle Town, now known as the diplomatic quarter, where you can marvel at aristocratic palaces like the 16th-century Schwarzenberg Palace and the Archbishopric. Proceed to Prague Castle, the official residence of the Czech president. Here, capture photos of the magnificent Saint Vitus Cathedral and the Castle Guard, and enjoy panoramic views from the castle ramparts.

Lunch will be served at a traditional local pub, offering

a chance to sample renowned Czech beer (note: drinks not included in tour price). In the afternoon, continue to the Old Town Square with the Astronomical Clock, Tyn Church, and the Jan Hus Monument. Explore the elegant, historic Josefov district, formerly a Jewish ghetto and now a fashionable area featuring Parizska Avenue. Pause for photos at significant sites like Europe's oldest synagogue, Alt Neu Schul, the Ceremonial Hall, and the Old Jewish Cemetery.

Conclude your day with a relaxing one-hour cruise on the Vltava River. At tour's end, your guide will provide individual tickets for the boat, allowing you to choose your seat freely. The tour concludes back at the pier, conveniently located near the starting point of your day.

Add-on: Medieval Dinner with Drinks with transfers

Indulge in a delightful 3-course afternoon or 5-course evening medieval dinner with unlimited drinks. You'll be entertained by a special medieval performance featuring music, dance, and more. Step back in time to the atmosphere of a medieval tavern for a fun and unique experience that brings the past to life. No detail is spared in this captivating medieval show. Enjoy the performances of swordsmen, jugglers, and belly dancers, all set to music. Feast on a delicious 3 or 5-course meal from a choice of six different menus while enjoying the show. The 3-course meal is served earlier in the evening. Enjoy unlimited beer, wine, and soft drinks throughout your meal. This is a truly unique and entertaining way to spend an evening in Prague, guaranteed to transport you back in time and satisfy your palate.

Overnight in Prague

DAY 4 | 01 May, 2025

Prague – Day free at leisure [B/-/-]

Enjoy a day at your own pace in Prague, exploring the city as you wish. Wander through the scenic streets, visit famous landmarks, or uncover hidden treasures. You might opt to explore the historic Old Town or the lively Lesser Town with its charming shops and cafes. Savor a coffee or a traditional Czech meal at a local

café or restaurant, immersing yourself in the vibrant atmosphere. Whether you decide to delve into the rich history, enjoy the local cuisine, or simply relax and people-watch, your day in Prague is sure to be memorable. Alternatively, you can book one of our suggested add-ons.

Add-on: Full day trip to Cesky Krumlov -

Join us for a full-day trip to Český Krumlov! Our adventure begins early in the morning, around 8 am, as we set off for Český Krumlov, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1992. During the journey, take in the scenic views and relax.

Upon arrival in Český Krumlov, you'll be greeted by cobblestone streets flanked by colorful medieval buildings, each with its own centuries-old story. Accompanied by an expert guide, embark on an immersive walking tour that delves into the captivating history and culture of Český Krumlov. Wander through the town's winding alleys and charming squares as your guide shares tales of its storied past, highlighting its evolution as a vibrant cultural and artistic center.

The highlight of your excursion is the magnificent Český Krumlov Castle, the second largest castle in the Czech Republic. Explore its splendid interiors adorned with period furnishings and priceless artworks. Admire the castle's stunning Baroque gardens, featuring manicured lawns, ornate fountains, and the unique revolving auditorium, a testament to the town's rich cultural heritage.

After your castle exploration, enjoy the afternoon at your leisure. Whether indulging in local delicacies at a quaint café, browsing artisan shops for souvenirs, or simply soaking in the timeless beauty of the surroundings, you'll have ample opportunity to relax. Your guide will be on hand to offer recommendations and insider tips to enhance your experience.

As the day draws to a close, bid farewell to Český Krumlov and begin the return journey to Prague, reminiscing about a day filled with history, culture, and the undeniable charm of one of Europe's most enchanting towns. Join us for a day of discovery in this remarkable destination.

Add-on - Guided trip to Karlovy Vary

Explore the historic Czech spa town of Karlovy Vary on a day trip from Prague. Experience the healing waters

of local springs and unwind at a spa house during this 9.5-hour excursion. Depending on your chosen option, you'll be picked up from your Prague hotel and driven to the Czech Republic's largest and most renowned spa town, whose history dates back to the 14th century. Today, Karlovy Vary is also famous for hosting an annual film festival.

Take a leisurely stroll along the colonnade in the town's historic center, where thermal springs await discovery. The highlight is Vřídlo, the most famous spring, which shoots boiling hot water up to 12 meters high. The tour includes a visit to a traditional spa house, where you can relax for two hours in a pool, whirlpool, or sauna.

At the conclusion of the tour, return to Prague, where your driver will drop you off either in the city center or at your hotel.

Overnight in Prague

DAY 5 | 02 May, 2025

Prague - Vienna [B/-/-]

Bid farewell to Prague after exploring its captivating architectural history or taking a leisurely stroll around picturesque Kampa Island in the morning. In the afternoon, embark on a scenic four-hour journey aboard a first-class train crossing into Austria and heading towards Vienna. Upon arrival in Vienna, you'll be transferred to your hotel.

Relax and enjoy the evening in Vienna at your own pace. Take this opportunity to delve into the vibrant city and immerse yourself in its rich culture and history. Wander through charming streets, admire illuminated landmarks, and soak in the lively atmosphere. Consider embarking on a culinary journey by sampling Vienna's renowned cuisine at traditional restaurants or trendy eateries. Whether you crave schnitzel, strudel, or hearty goulash, Vienna offers a diverse array of dining options to satisfy every palate.

Overnight in Vienna

DAY 6 | 03 May, 2025

Vienna - Sightseeing tour with Schonbrunn palace [B/-/-]

Start your morning with a delightful breakfast at the hotel before embarking on an engaging half-day guided city tour of Vienna, led by a knowledgeable local guide. Your expert guide will introduce you to Vienna's most

iconic landmarks, beginning with a leisurely stroll along the famous Ringstraße boulevard that encircles the historic center. Along this route, you'll encounter significant landmarks such as the Vienna State Opera, the grand former Imperial Palace of the Hofburg, the Museum of Art History, the imposing Parliament building, the elegant Rathaus (Town Hall), and the esteemed Burgtheater.

Continue your tour with a visit to Schönbrunn Palace, the splendid former summer residence of the Habsburg dynasty. Enjoy skip-the-line access to the palace and its magnificent gardens for a guided tour. Explore the opulent interiors of the palace, gaining fascinating insights into the history of the Habsburg Royal Family and their luxurious lifestyle. Upon entering the palace, you'll receive a modern audio device ensuring you can hear the live narration throughout the tour. With priority entrance tickets, marvel at the grandeur of the palace's entrance and embark on a guided exploration through its 22 staterooms, including the remarkable Great Gallery and the Hall of Ceremonies. Your friendly local guide will share captivating stories about the former royals, infused with typical Viennese humor. Discover not only the intriguing history of the Habsburg dynasty and the famed Empress Sissi, but also learn about the palace's modern developments and the current whereabouts of the royal descendants.

After the tour, take time to wander through the palace gardens at your leisure. Here, you can admire the Gloriette, an arch perched atop a hill that offers breathtaking views of Vienna's lush surroundings.

Overnight in Vienna

DAY 7 | 04 May, 2025

Vienna – Day free at leisure [B/-]

Enjoy a day at your leisure in Vienna, where you can explore and indulge in your interests at your own pace. Take this opportunity to delve deeper into the city's rich cultural tapestry, uncovering hidden gems and visiting iconic attractions. Wander through Vienna's charming streets, absorbing the elegant architecture and lively atmosphere. Immerse yourself in the city's museums, galleries, and historical landmarks, delving into its captivating history and artistic heritage. Treat yourself to traditional Viennese delicacies at local cafes and restaurants, or savor a leisurely afternoon with

coffee and cake at one of the renowned coffeehouses.

Alternatively, you can choose to book one of our suggested add-ons to enhance your experience.

Add-on: Full day Melk, Hallstatt and Salzburg day trip including lunch

Embark on a captivating day trip from Vienna to explore some of Austria's most iconic landmarks, including Melk Abbey, Salzburg, Lake Wolfgang, and Hallstatt. Relax in the comfort of a luxury vehicle as you're picked up from your hotel in Vienna and travel to Melk. Begin your journey with a visit to Melk Abbey, a magnificent baroque-style monastery overlooking the town of Melk and the Danube River. Discover the abbey's rich history, including its renowned library housing priceless treasures and the tomb of Saint Coloman of Stockerau.

Next, proceed to the picturesque city of Salzburg, where you'll have the opportunity to explore independently. Visit attractions such as the Mirabell Palace Gardens, the Mozart Museum, and the UNESCO-protected Old Town. Take in panoramic views of the city from Hohensalzburg Fortress before continuing your journey through the scenic Salzburg Lake District to Hallstatt. Arrive in Hallstatt, a charming village nestled on the shores of Lake Hallstatt and celebrated as one of Europe's most photographed destinations. Stroll through the town center, dotted with quaint shops, cafes, and restaurants, and visit the Skydeck and Salt Mines for breathtaking panoramic views and memorable photo opportunities.

In the late afternoon, journey back through the picturesque Austrian countryside to your accommodation in Vienna, concluding your day of exploration and discovery.

Add-on :Sound of Music Movie tour

Embark on a journey through the stunning landscapes of the Austrian Alps. Experience the serene beauty of Lake Mondsee, a picturesque location chosen by the director of The Sound of Music for Maria's wedding scene. As you travel towards Salzburg, take in the breathtaking views of the Alpine scenery, dotted with enchanting lakes and majestic peaks.

Explore the charming landmarks featured in The Sound of Music, such as the iconic Horse Pond and the renowned Residence Fountain in Residence Square,

where the memorable "I Have Confidence in Me" song was performed. Visit the Summer Riding School, where the von Trapp family participated in the prestigious Salzburg music festival, and discover the tranquility of Austria's oldest cemetery at Saint Peter's Monastery, where the family sought refuge before their escape to Italy.

Marvel at the exterior of Nonnberg Nunnery, Europe's oldest nunnery, celebrated for its association with Maria Kutschera, whose life story inspired The Sound of Music. Take a leisurely stroll through the magnificent Mirabell Gardens, where Maria and the children joyfully danced around the Pegasus Fountain while singing "Do-re-mi." In the summertime, enjoy the refreshing atmosphere of Hellbrunn Park and catch a glimpse of the famous Gazebo, where Liesl experienced her first kiss, enveloped in romantic secrecy.

Overnight in Vienna

DAY 8 | 05 May, 2025

Vienna – Bratislava – Budapest
[B/L/-]

After breakfast and check-out, your journey leads you towards the Slovakian border, crossing through the picturesque countryside of Lower Austria known for its charming vineyards and windmills. Upon reaching Bratislava, often referred to as twin cities with Vienna due to their close proximity, your exploration begins at the Main Square. Here, you'll encounter two iconic landmarks: the Royal Fountain, symbolizing the 16th-century Royal Hungarian order, and The Old Town Hall, a historic stone building dating back to the 14th century.

Stroll through scenic squares, including the Primate's Palace, once the winter residence of Hungarian archbishops. Proceed along Michalska Street, passing by the striking St. Michael's Gate and admiring the impressive St. Martin's Cathedral, a prominent city landmark. Enjoy the grandeur of the Opera House before concluding the tour with a panoramic drive along the Old Town Walls, passing by the Presidential Palace and arriving at the renowned Bratislava Castle. Originally a Roman frontier post, this ancient fortress offers captivating views of the city and the majestic Danube River. Adjacent to the castle, you'll also glimpse the parliament of Slovakia.

Next, explore the vibrant old town beneath the castle

with your guide, who will highlight key attractions such as Michael's Gate, the Slovak National Theater, the Academia Istropolitana, the Old Town Hall, and St. Martin's Cathedral. You'll also visit the baroque Palffy Palace, where Mozart performed at the age of six, and the de Pauli's Palace, where Franz Liszt gave his breakthrough concert at nine years old. After the walking tour, enjoy leisure time to explore the old town, have lunch, and indulge in shopping.

Finally, relax as you journey to Budapest, where you'll be dropped off at your hotel.

Overnight in Budapest

DAY 9 | 06 May, 2025

Budapest Sightseeing [B/-/-]

Embark on a comprehensive exploration of Budapest with this bilingual guided city tour, crafted to highlight the city's most captivating features. Begin your journey with a leisurely stroll through the Castle District, where you'll marvel at its main attractions and soak in breathtaking views of the surrounding area. Cross both the Elizabeth and Margaret Bridges, learning about their historical significance as you traverse them. Pass by Europe's largest synagogue and continue to the City Park, passing landmarks such as the largest thermal spa in Europe and the Budapest Zoo, before arriving at Heroes' Square, adorned with statues of renowned Hungarian kings and dukes.

Follow Andrassy Avenue to downtown Pest, passing by notable landmarks like the Opera House and St. Stephen's Basilica. Upon reaching the Parliament Building, embark on a guided tour of this architectural masterpiece, admiring its grandeur and exploring its magnificent interiors, including the session room, central staircase, and cupola room housing the Crown Jewels.

Discover the essence of Pest, contrasting with Buda's medieval charm. Your guide provides insights into Pest's history and modern-day life, leading you through iconic spots such as the Danube Promenade, Gresham Palace, Academy of Sciences, Zrínyi Street, Hungarian State Opera, and the grandeur of Andrassy Avenue. Continue to Hero's Square to delve into 1000 years of Hungarian history. In Buda, explore the medieval castle with stops at Trinity Square, Fisherman's Bastion, and Matthias Church, capturing memorable photos of the

iconic Buda Castle and enjoying panoramic views from Gellért Hill.

Throughout the tour, your knowledgeable guide shares insights into Budapest's rich history, culture, and lifestyle, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of this fascinating city.

Overnight in Budapest

DAY 10 | 07 May,
2025

Budapest Day free at leisure.
Evening Dinner with Operetta
and folk show [B/-/D]

After your morning meal, enjoy a day of leisure to further explore the marvels of Budapest. Known as the "City of Baths," Budapest boasts numerous thermal baths fed by over a hundred natural hot springs. Relax at Széchenyi Thermal Baths, a sprawling complex built in Neo-Baroque style in 1913, offering one of Europe's largest bathing experiences. Alternatively, immerse yourself in the historic ambiance of Kiraly Bath, originally constructed during the 16th century under Ottoman rule, featuring authentic Turkish bath elements.

Savor your overnight stay in Budapest, embracing the relaxation and rejuvenation offered by its renowned thermal baths.

In the evening, indulge in a Dinner Cruise with Operetta and Folk Show. Step aboard a luxurious boat for an intimate dinner cruise along the enchanting River Danube in Budapest. Glide along the shimmering waters, relishing a delicious meal prepared by the onboard chef. Delight in the enchanting atmosphere as live gypsy music fills the air and professional dancers enthrall you with an authentic folklore performance.

Embark on an unforgettable evening adventure, admiring the scenic beauty of Budapest's iconic landmarks while enjoying a sumptuous feast of local and international cuisine. Let the soothing rhythm of the Danube and the lively entertainment transport you to a world of enchantment and delight. Experience this exceptional dinner cruise, uniting the historic cities of Buda and Pest in Europe's breathtakingly beautiful capital.

Overnight in Budapest

DAY 11 | 08 May,
2025

Budapest - Departure [B/-/]

Today concludes your tour of Central Europe. We trust that you have cherished every moment of this enriching experience. At the scheduled time, you will be escorted to Budapest airport for your return journey home.

Payment policy

Deposit: US\$ 500 per person [Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]

Book by : 15th Sep 2024

50% Deposit: 09 Dec 2024 **[Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]**

Full Balance: 28 January 2025 **[Non-refundable / Non-transferrable]**

Insurance Policy

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Cancellation Policy

- ◆ Starting from the booking date until 9 December, 2025, a cancellation will incur a \$500 per person non-refundable/non-transferable deposit fee plus any interruption insurance costs if bought.
- ◆ Between 10 December, 2025, and 28 January, 2025, 50% of the tour price be charged as a cancellation fee.
- ◆ From July 29 January, 2025 to 28 April, 2025, canceling will result in the full tour price being charged with no possibility of a refund.

Note:

A person becoming single because of the roommate's cancellation must pay the single supplement

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