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## Day 1 | Welcome to Munich



The sophisticated city streets of Munich are your launch pad to an adventure through the capitals of Imperial Europe. Join your fellow travellers and your Travel Director this afternoon on an orientation tour., and spend some free time immersing yourself in the sights and sounds of the Bavarian capital. View the Marienplatz, the centre of Munich city life since the 12th century, and its iconic Glockenspiel, before a Welcome Reception to kick-start your journey.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Westpark

## Day 2 | Journey to Medieval Regensburg and Prague



This morning visit Regensburg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and an unspoilt medieval gem. Cross the Czech border and head to Prague, your home for the next two nights. You'll have the evening to spend your way or consider joining an Optional Experience to explore beautiful Prague by night with a Local Specialist.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Prague.

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Beautiful Prague by Night*** - Join our Local Specialist for an evening introduction to this fairy-tale city on private transport and with a little strolling. Gaze at the panoramic views of the city of a hundred spires while our Local Specialist brings the magic of the Charles Bridge alive. Enjoy a drink in a quaint restaurant as a musician entertains and discover parts of Prague that we have not seen yet.

Adult: 52.00 EUR

## Day 3 | Discover Colourful Prague



Delve into centuries of history as you join a Local Specialist for a guided sightseeing tour of Prague. View the impressive Gothic architecture of St. Vitus Cathedral in the grounds of the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle, then cross the river on your walking tour to the Old Town Square to see the Astronomical Clock, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. The afternoon is yours to experience the city on your terms. Savour the delicious flavours of Trdelník in the Old Town Square, pay tribute to the saints that line the Charles Bridge or consider a relaxing lunch cruise on the Vltava.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Vienna House by Wyndham Andel's Prague.

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Scenic Vltava Cruise with Lunch** - Take a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River Vltava and we'll tell you about the legends, myths, culture and hidden secrets of this enchanting city. During the cruise you'll enjoy a lunch of local specialities.

Adult: 63.00 EUR

**Traditional Dinner In Prague** - If you appreciate great food and music, join us for an evening at one of our favourite local restaurants. A wonderful opportunity to get to know to glorious Prague.

Adult: 70.00 EUR

## Day 4 | Onwards to Slovak Bratislava and Budapest



We leave the beauty of Prague behind for the lush landscapes of Moravia and pass into Slovakia. Stop in Bratislava to admire its eclectic Gothic, Baroque and Art Deco architecture. Crossing the border into Hungary, we arrive in Budapest, the 'Paris of the East'. Consider spending the evening on a river cruise along the Danube paired with a dinner of a selection of Hungarian specialities and awe-inspiring views.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Novotel Danube

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

### **Danube Cruise With Dinner** -

Enjoy a sumptuous buffet of the delicious food for which Hungary is famous for. Szegedin Goulash (goulash stew), Töltött Káposzta (stuffed cabbage), chicken paprikash, Dobos-Torta and much more. All as you sail along watching the illuminated landmarks of this stunning city.

Adult: 88.00 EUR

## Day 5 | Explore Riverside Budapest



Admire the iconic and unexpected highlights of Budapest on a guided sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. See the famous Chain Bridge which connects the two ancient settlements that straddle the Danube, and the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district. Here, you can enjoy superb views across the imposing Parliament building and Danube below. Spend the rest of the day at leisure before joining the Schieszl family for a hearty Hungarian dinner at our Be My Guest experience. Connect With Locals and hear the story of their winery.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Courtyard by Marriott City Center

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Szentendre and Light Lunch** - Explore more of Hungary and follow our Local Specialist out of bustling Budapest to the picturesque medieval town of Szentendre, set on the banks of the Danube and awash with ancient walls, cobbled



streets and beautiful vistas. Here we'll enjoy a Goulash cooking demonstration before sampling this essential Hungarian dish during lunch, which also includes cake and drinks. Afterwards, perhaps strike a bargain in the shops that sell beautiful Hungarian embroidery, ceramics and paprika.

Adult: 63.00 EUR

## Day 6 | Venture to Vienna



A leisurely start to your morning could see you joining an Optional Experience guided tour of the magnificent Parliament Building. Cross the hilly landscapes of Transdanubia stopping in Győr to soak up its medieval atmosphere. Arrive in Vienna for an evening at leisure to indulge in the captivating melodies, art and architecture of a city that was once home to famous composers.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn South

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

***Guided Visit of the Hungarian Parliament and Danube Shoe Memorial*** - Visit the magnificent Hungarian Parliament Building and discover the spectacular interior, learn about its history and understand why it is one of the most-visited places in Europe. We will also take the opportunity to pay our respects at the moving Shoes on the Danube Bank monument, honouring the thousands of people who were executed along the riverbank during World War II.

Adult: 74.00 EUR

*\*This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.*

*\*\*When the Parliament is closed, we will visit the exquisite 'Renaissance' Opera House and this optional will be offered at €43.*

***Viennese Dinner with Musical Entertainment*** - Enjoy dinner in an atmospheric Viennese restaurant, with drinks and traditional musical entertainment included. A unique experience in one of Europe's most elegant cities.

Adult: 72.00 EUR

## Day 7 | See the Sights of Vienna



Explore the imperial splendour of Vienna during your guided sightseeing tour of Vienna with a Local Specialist. Admire Hofburg Palace, the former winter residence of the Habsburg Dynasty, the grand State Opera House and Ringstrasse, a beautiful sweeping boulevard built in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century to replace the city walls. Then, see the ornate colourful roof of St. Stephen's Cathedral, one of the city's most beloved icons. Maybe, visit the Baroque Schönbrunn Palace with its tranquil gardens or enjoy Vienna's musical talents at one of the performances for which the city is famous.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn South

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens** - The Imperial Summer Palace of Schönbrunn offers an amazing journey through the centuries of Habsburg rule. It is perfectly preserved and richly decorated with treasures from around the globe. Each room has a story to tell, so of course, you'll have a Local Specialist to bring it to life and to make the most of your time.

Adult: 55.00 EUR

*\*This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.*

**Dinner And Viennese Concert** - A wonderful evening of all things Viennese! We'll enjoy a superb dinner with drinks, followed by a concert of Viennese classical music. With your 'A Class' tickets, you will experience works by Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart performed in a classic, sumptuous setting and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or juice during the concert. *Please note: on occasion, a small gift will be offered in place of a glass of sparkling wine.*

Adult: 123.00 EUR

*\*This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.*

## Day 8 | Off to Picturesque Salzburg



The enchanting landscapes of the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley provide a picturesque backdrop for our leisurely drive past vineyards and fortresses en route to Salzburg. We see the impressive Benedictine Melk Abbey perched on a rocky outcrop above the Danube and learn about its royal connections. Arriving in Salzburg, we embark on a leisurely walking tour of its Old Town with a Local Specialist. Dine in your hotel this evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Arcotel Castellani / Mercure City / Hunertushof in Anif

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered two of the following three optional experiences depending on availability:

**Lake and Mountain Tour** - Today, with our Local Specialist, we'll marvel at the Alpine beauty of the Salzburg lake district, with its 76 glacier lakes and picturesque towns like Sankt Gilgen. We'll also have the chance to see some of the major backdrops for the film "The Sound of Music".

Adult: 49.00 EUR

**Eagle's Nest & The Bavarian Alps** - In Berchtesgaden National Park, we'll drive with our Local Specialist past farmhouses and picturesque villages, as we ascend the Obersalzberg. We'll then transfer to special buses for the second leg of the journey, on a spectacular road that's been blasted out of the mountain side. Finally, we'll take an elevator to the Eagle's Nest, intended as a mountain retreat for Hitler and his inner circle. Once at the top, we'll learn its fascinating history and take in awe-inspiring views of the surrounding mountain peaks, whilst enjoying a local refreshment!

Adult: 73.00 EUR

*\*The optional experience Eagle's Nest & The Bavarian Alps is weather dependent and subject to seasonal closures, therefore it may not be available on all departures.*

**Berchtesgaden And Hohenringstrasse Excursion** - Join us for a scenic tour with our Local Specialist in the Bavarian Alps to Berchtesgaden, within sight of Hitler's Bavarian Redoubt. Via the Hohenringstrasse, we'll ascend 5,000 ft along

one of the most beautiful mountain roads of Europe.  
Adult: 40.00 EUR

## Day 9 | Return to Munich



Leave Austria behind, bound for the Bavarian Capital, Munich. This evening, we celebrate an unforgettable journey through some of Europe's most memorable cities during a Farewell Dinner with your travel companions and Travel Director.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Holiday Inn Westpark

## Day 10 | Farewell Munich



For now, it's time to say a fond auf Wiedersehen to Germany, your fellow travellers and Travel Director at the end of your exhilarating European experience.

**Meals:** Breakfast