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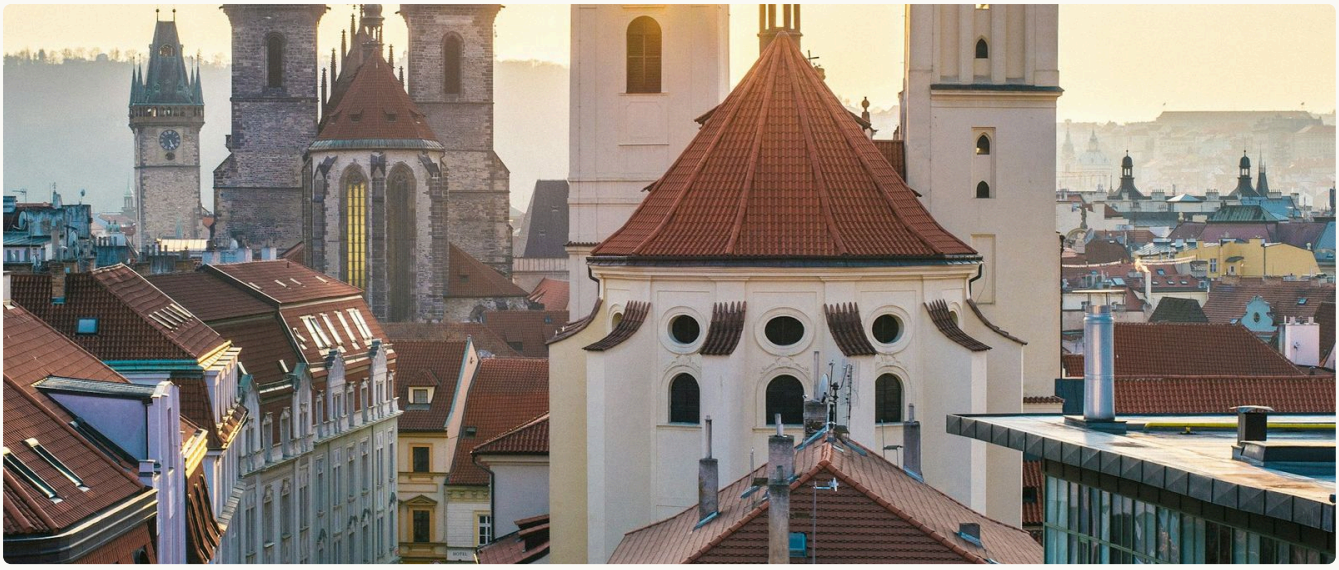

Eastern Gem: Four Capitals of Central Europe

PRAGUE · BRATISLAVA · BUDAPEST · VIENNA

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Connect Prague, Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna in one well-structured Central European journey. Explore Prague's remarkably preserved imperial old town, the smaller Habsburg coronation city of Bratislava, and Budapest's contrasting Buda and Pest districts, followed by an included Danube dinner cruise. Vienna closes the route with the Ringstrasse, imperial architecture, Schönbrunn Palace Park and time along Kärntner Strasse, while a stop at Parndorf Designer Outlet breaks up the city sequence. Six nights' accommodation, breakfasts, five dinners, airport transfers, ground transport, a Tour Leader and tipping are included. Flights are arranged independently. This tour suits travellers who want four distinct capitals covered comfortably without managing the regional logistics themselves.

DAY

01

PRAGUE · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 1

Arrive Prague — the city meets you at the airport

You arrive at Prague Václav Havel Airport and a private or shared transfer brings you directly to the hotel. Check-in is from 14:00. Prague is the kind of city that rewards arriving with an evening free — the old town is walkable from most central hotels, and the lanes around Old Town Square are best explored at your own pace before the group programme begins tomorrow.

Airport Transfer — Private or SIC. Your tour leader meets you on arrival.

Note on flights — Flights are not included. Arrange your own arrival into Prague (PRG) and departure from Vienna (VIE). Ensure you arrive on Day 1 in time for check-in before the Day 2 morning departure.

OVERNIGHT

Hotel Petrs

DAY

02

PRAGUE · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 1

Prague — castles, clocks and the old town on foot

Prague's old town is one of the best-preserved medieval city centres in Europe — largely because it was never heavily bombed, never heavily industrialised, and never subjected to the kind of postwar redevelopment that altered most comparable cities. The orientation today covers the main landmarks on foot, with Wenceslas Square providing the free afternoon.

Prague Castle Gardens — The castle complex on Hradčany hill is the largest ancient castle in the world by area. The gardens below the castle walls are the standard stop; the interior courtyards and St Vitus Cathedral require separate tickets not included in the tour.

Old Town Square (Staroměstské náměstí) — The central square of the medieval city, flanked by Týn Church (whose twin Gothic spires have dominated the skyline since 1380) and St Nicholas Church. Photo stop.

Astronomical Clock (Orloj) — Mounted on the south wall of the Old Town Hall, this mechanical clock has been running since 1410. On the hour, the twelve apostles appear in the windows above the clock face. Allow 20 minutes.

Wenceslas Square — The main boulevard of the New Town, 750 metres long and lined with hotels, shops and cafes. Free time in the afternoon to explore independently.

MEALS

Breakfast · Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Prague

DAY

03

BUDAPEST · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 2

Prague to Budapest — via Bratislava and the Slovak capital

A driving day with a meaningful stop in the middle. Bratislava is often overlooked in favour of its larger neighbours, which is part of what makes it worth stopping in. The capital of Slovakia is a compact city built on a bend in the Danube, with a castle on the hill above and a well-preserved old town below. The visit is a focused 90 minutes before the coach continues to Budapest.

Bratislava Castle Courtyard — The white four-towered castle above the Danube, rebuilt in its current form in the 18th century after a fire. The courtyard exterior is the standard stop; the museum inside requires a separate ticket. The view from the terrace over the river and into Austria is the reason to climb.

Primatial Square (Primaciálne námestie) — The main square of Bratislava's old town, dominated by the Primate's Palace — a neoclassical building completed in 1781 where Napoleon signed the Peace of Pressburg in 1805.

Michael's Gate (Michalská brána) — The only surviving gate of Bratislava's medieval city walls, dating to the 14th century.

Continue to Budapest — Approximately 2.5 hours southeast.

MEALS

Breakfast · Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Budapest

DAY

04

BUDAPEST · OVERNIGHT 2 OF 2

Budapest — two cities, one river and dinner on the Danube

Budapest is technically two cities — Buda on the west bank, Pest on the east — unified in 1873. The castle hill on the Buda side and the grand boulevards of Pest operate in completely different registers, and the orientation today moves between both.

Fisherman's Bastion (Halászbástya) — A neo-Gothic terrace on the Buda castle hill, built between 1895 and 1902 with seven towers representing the seven Magyar tribes. The view over the Danube to the Hungarian Parliament building is one of the best in the city. Entrance included.

St Stephen's Basilica (Szent István-bazilika) — The largest church in Budapest, completed in 1905. The dome reaches 96 metres — the same height as the Parliament, by constitutional agreement.

Buda Castle (Budavári Palota) — The royal palace complex on Castle Hill, rebuilt in its current form in the 18th century.

Heroes' Square (Hősök tere) — The monumental square at the end of Andrássy Avenue, with the Millennium Monument at its centre. Photo stop.

Váci Street — The main pedestrian street of central Pest, good for independent browsing in the afternoon.

Danube River Cruise with Dinner and Folklore Show — An evening on the river passing the illuminated Parliament, the Chain Bridge and the castle hill. Included.

MEALS

Breakfast · Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Budapest

DAY

05

VIENNA · OVERNIGHT 1 OF 2

Budapest to Vienna — via Parndorf Designer Outlet

The drive from Budapest to Vienna takes about three hours; Parndorf sits almost exactly halfway and is the logical place to stop. McArthurGlen Parndorf is one of Austria's largest designer outlet centres — an open-air shopping village with 150-plus boutiques from international and Austrian brands, offering year-round discounts. The afternoon delivers you into Vienna.

Parndorf McArthurGlen Designer Outlet — Open-air outlet centre near Neusiedl am See, approximately 45 minutes from Vienna. Brands include Hugo Boss, Tommy Hilfiger, Nike, Adidas, Lacoste, Furla and others. Discounts up to 70% off retail. Allow 2–3 hours. Included.

Vienna Arrival — The coach continues into Vienna after the outlet stop. Check-in at the hotel in the late afternoon.

MEALS

Breakfast · Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Vienna

DAY

06

VIENNA · OVERNIGHT 2 OF 2

Vienna — the Ringstrasse, Schönbrunn and the Islamic Centre

Vienna is the kind of city where the public buildings were built to make a point. Franz Joseph's 19th-century Ringstrasse project replaced the old city walls with a boulevard of institutional architecture — the Opera, the Parliament, the Kunsthistorisches Museum, the City Hall — each one in a different historical style, each one scaled to convey permanence. The orientation today moves through the main Ringstrasse landmarks before Schönbrunn and the afternoon on Kärntner Strasse.

Schönbrunn Palace Park — The imperial summer palace of the Habsburgs, set in formal gardens that are UNESCO-listed. The park and exterior are included; palace interior requires a separate ticket. Allow 60 minutes.

Ringstrasse Orientation — Photo stops at Vienna City Hall (Rathaus), Austrian Parliament Building, Maria Theresien Platz, Hofburg Palace and the Vienna State Opera. The Hofburg was the Habsburg winter residence; the exterior square and the gate are the standard stop.

Vienna Islamic Centre — Prayer time at the Vienna Islamic Centre in the Floridsdorf district, one of the largest mosques in Central Europe.

Kalke Village and Kärntner Strasse — The central shopping street of Vienna, running from the Opera to St Stephen's Cathedral. Free time for independent shopping and exploration.

MEALS

Breakfast · Dinner

OVERNIGHT

Vienna

DAY

07

VIENNA

Check out Vienna — airport transfer and departure

After breakfast, check out and a private or shared transfer takes you to Vienna International Airport (VIE) for your departure flight. The tour ends at the airport. Seven days, four capital cities, one river cruise and an outlet stop. Central Europe delivers differently at every city.

MEALS

Breakfast

YOUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

What's Included

DEPARTS FROM	FLIGHTS	GROUP SIZE
Prague	**Not included**	**25–30 pax**

INCLUDED

- check 6 nights accommodation at 3-star hotels
- check 6 daily breakfasts at hotels
- check 4 dinners at restaurant or hotel
- check 1 dinner on Danube River Cruise with folklore show
- check Private or SIC return airport transfers
- check Transportation as per itinerary
- check Orientation tours by Tour Leader in Prague, Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna
- check Fisherman's Bastion entrance
- check Parndorf McArthurGlen Designer Outlet visit
- check Tipping for guide and driver
- check City and tourist taxes
- check Tour Leader throughout

NOT INCLUDED

- Air ticket (unless stated as included)
- Travelling visa
- Dinner on first and last day
- Lunch daily
- Personal and travel insurance
- Attraction entrance fees (unless stated as included)
- Porterage
- Personal expenses