



Tchequie TOUR THE BEST OF BOHEMIA

PRAGUE – THE CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES, FAIRYTALE CASTLES
IN SOUTH BOHEMIA AND SPA TOWNS IN WEST BOHEMIA

DAY 1 – PRAGUE - ARRIVAL AND SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Arrival to Prague, the capital of the region of Bohemia, its name was given by the Celtic tribe Boii. Our English speaking guide will welcome you and will take you on a sightseeing tour of the city centre. Dinner and overnight stay in Prague.



DAY 2 – PRAGUE CASTLE AND THE BAROQUE QUARTER

The guided tour will begin with the visit of **the Baroque library of the Strahov Monastery at Hradčany, the Castle quarter**. The guided tour of **Prague Castle** ("small tour" – Old Royal Palace, Roman St. George's Basilica, St. Vitus Cathedral, Golden Lane and Daliborka Tower). Lunch in one of the restaurants beside the castle. You will walk through the baroque quarter Malá Strana and will join **Kampa Island and the "national" Vltava river**. You will have the chance to admire the beautiful gardens and majestic churches in the baroque quarter which were built mostly during the 17th and the 18th century. Many Czech institutions and foreign embassies have their seat at the old noble palaces. Dinner and overnight stay in Prague.

DAY 3 – OLD TOWN, CHARLES BRIDGE AND JEWISH QUARTER

This day is dedicated to visiting **the Old Town, the Jewish Quarter (Josefov), Wenceslas Square** and other famous sites e.g. **The Power Gate and The Royal Route, The Astronomical Clock, Charles University, The Estates Theater (where Mozart premiered Don Giovanni)**. You will go across **Charles Bridge** which is a tribute to the technical progress achieved during the Gothic Period. You will go up the tower of the Astronomical clock from where there is a beautiful view of the city centre (there is a lift at your disposal). Lunch. The guided tour continues with a visit of **The Jewish Museum, two synagogues, the Old Jewish cemetery** and The Memorial to the Bohemian and Moravian Victims of the Shoah. There is a Rabbi Loew's tomb at the Jewish cemetery. He was the creator of Golem, a mythical being. Dinner and overnight stay in Prague.



THE BEST OF THE BOHEMIA

DAY 4 – SOUTH BOHEMIA - FAIRYTALE CASTLES (202 km)

Departure for the **castle of Červená Lhota**. The castle is built on the rock placed under the water level in the 16th century and its facade has a characteristic red colour. We continue the tour to **Jindřichův Hradec, an historic town** where there are manufactured traditional tapestries and cribs. Visit of the Renaissance Chateau Jindřichův Hradec (apartments decorated with mural paintings, scullery and music pavilion). Lunch. Journey to České Budějovice, the capital city of the region of South Bohemia. This city is well-known for its beer Budvar Budweiser and also for its perfectly square Town Square – the biggest in the Czech Republic. Dinner and overnight stay in České Budějovice.



DAY 5 – SOUTH BOHEMIA - UNESCO SITES (135 km)



Departure for **Český Krumlov, medieval city and a UNESCO World Heritage site**. In the Middle Ages, it was the residence of the Rožmberk family, the "Lords of the Rose". It rises over the rushing curves of the Vltava river, which became famous thanks to the music composer Bedřich Smetana. You will discover the **rotating baroque theatre** in the castle garden which is unique in the world. Lunch in a restaurant with Middle Ages decorations and atmosphere. Journey to **Vyšší Brod Cistercian Abbey**, where the community continues its activity. Guided tour in the baroque library and the familial crypt of the Lords of the Rose. On the way back, we will stop over in **Holašovice, a charming village in the South Bohemia**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Dinner and overnight stay in České Budějovice.

DAY 6 – EAST BOHEMIA - SUMPTUOUS CASTLE AND PILSEN BREWERY (220 km)

Departure to **Hluboká, a gorgeous castle** built in the Neo-Gothic style of the Tudors: the building was inspired by Windsor Castle. Journey to **Plzeň (Pilsen)**, a city famous for its **tasty beer, Pilsner Urquell**. Dinner in the brewery tavern. Journey to **Mariánské Lázně (Marienbad), the youngest of three spa towns** in the region. Short sightseeing tour in the town, dinner and overnight stay.



DAY 7 – WEST BOHEMIA - SPA TOWNS, GLASSWORKS AND ROMAN RELIQUARY (114 km)



The tour continues with the visit of **Karlovy Vary (Karlsbad)** which is the **biggest spa town in the Czech Republic, well known for its mineral water sources** (15 in total). A guided tour of the thermal bath, the spa colonnade and the **prestigious glassworks Moser**. Lunch in a typical restaurant including a tasting of Becherovka, the **famous liquor made in Karlovy Vary**. Journey to Bečov, visit of its castle and the reliquary from the Roman period consecrated to St-Maur. Head back to Mariánské Lázně, dinner and overnight stay in Mariánské Lázně.

DAY 8 – WEST BOHEMIA - SPA TOWNS, FREE TIME

Free time in the morning for individual activities e.g. shopping, visiting the thermal bath then head back home.

RATES April-October (except public holidays)

starting from 533 €/person in a double room (base 30 pax)

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- 7 nights including breakfast in a 3 * hotel in Prague, České Budějovice and Mariánské Lázně
- 7 dinners in a hotel, three-course menu, water, bread
- 6 dinners in a typical restaurant, three-course menu, 1 beverage (0,3 l beer, 0,2l wine or 0,3l non-alcoholic beverage), water, bread
- English speaking guide for the entire trip
- guided tours in the towns, castles, monasteries, spa towns, breweries, glassworks, and other places according to the itinerary
- admission fees: Prague UNESCO sites - Prague Castle including the Old Royal Palace, St. Vitus's Cathedral and Gold Lane (small tour), Baroque Library of the Strahov Monastery, visit of the Astronomical Clock tour (lift), Jewish Museum and synagogues and the old Jewish Cemetery, Červená Lhota Castle, Chateau Jindřichův Hradec and the music pavilion, Český Krumlov UNESCO site - baroque theatre of the castle, Vyšší Brod Cistercian

Abbey, Romantic Castle Hluboká, brewery and beer tasting in Plzeň, glassworks Moser, tasting of the mineral water and the liquor Becherovka in Karlovy Vary, Roman Reliquary St. Maur and the Castle Museum in Bečov

- local taxes

ADDITIONAL SERVICE:

- Coach transfers

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