

# CHARMING CAPITAL CITIES IN THE HEART OF EUROPE

## Tchequie TOUR



One week-long tour available on demand

6 COUNTRIES AND 7 OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC AND ART SITES IN CENTRAL EUROPE IN TWO WEEKS

### DAY 1 – VIENNA - THE CAPITAL OF THE ARTS

Arrival to **Vienna, the capital of Austria**, an elegant city which evokes the past times of the Habsburg monarchy. Music, arts and culture were always a remarkable feature of the city and still are. You will be captivated by the city's pleasant atmosphere – the embodiment of "Mitteleuropa". Our English speaking guide will welcome you and will take you on a sightseeing tour of the city centre (**The Ring, National Opera, Museum of Fine Arts, Imperial Palace Hofburg, Parliament and City Hall**). There will also be a guided tour in **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, a gothic church, one of the key symbols of the city. Overnight stay in Vienna.



### DAY 2 – VIENNA

A guided tour of **Schönbrunn Palace, the so-called "Austrian Versailles,"** in the morning. This palace was once an Imperial summer residence of the Habsburg family. It is an impressive complex including a palace and vast gardens. Schönbrunn was the preferred summer residence of **Empresses Sisi** while she stayed in Vienna. Schönbrunn was for a long time a symbol of the imperial power of Austria. Visit of the private apartments of Emperor Franz Joseph and Empresses Elisabeth, state and private rooms dated from the 17th to the 20th century.

**Evening in Grinzing, the famous wine-making quarter.** Dinner in one of the famous Viennese taverns ("Heuriger") with folklore music and authentic atmosphere. Overnight stay in Vienna.



## DAY 3 – VIENNA – BRATISLAVA – BUDAPEST (200 km)

Journey to Budapest with a stop in Slovakia. Stop for breakfast in the old town of **Bratislava, formerly called Presbourg**, now the **capital of Slovakia**. Short sightseeing tour in the narrow streets of the old town: St. Michael's Gate, the first university Academia Istropolitana, **St. Martin's Cathedral, Primate's Palace**, an ancient City Hall, Main Square, the Reduta and the Slovak National Theatre...

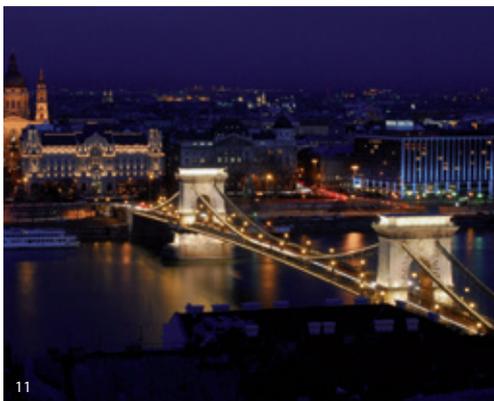
Journey to Budapest, arrival to Budapest in the evening.

## DAY 4 – BUDAPEST – CAPITAL CITY OF THERMAL BATHS

**Guided tour in the Hungarian capital, the so-called "The Pearl of the Danube"** – the old European crossroads between the Orient and the Occident. Two completely different cities together make a harmonious town: **Buda** on the right side of the river is the aristocratic and historic part which rises up on the hill, and **Pest** on the left side is the busy, commercial quarter with a 19th-century atmosphere and preserved art nouveau buildings.

Bus sightseeing tour: Heroes' Square, Millennium Monument, Budapest City Park, Castle Vajdahunyad, Andrassy Avenue, National Opera, St. Stephen's Basilica, Chain Bridge – the symbol of the town, Erzsebet Square...

Visit of **the Parliament**, an imposing monument built in the Neo-Gothic style. The visit includes the opulent state rooms where **royal jewels** are on display. The guided tour continues with the visit of **the Central Market Hall**: in the elegant building, you will admire the hustle and bustle of local life, multicoloured stalls where the best of traditional gastronomy and handcrafted product can be purchased. Overnight stay in Budapest.



## DAY 5 – BUDAPEST

Guided tour in **Buda Castle Quarter**. It is a part of town abundant in historic sights which nestle among the hills; the Buda quarter is the place where kings, the Turks and Hungarian aristocracy established their residence. A visit of the Buda Castle, **St. Mathias's Church**, which is well-known for its colourful mosaic and glazed tile roof, and **Fisherman's Bastion**. You will go up the **Gellért Hill** to see an incomparable view on the city. Free afternoon. Overnight stay in Budapest.

### OPTIONAL/IN ADDITION

Visit of a lovely little town **Szentendre**, **bathing in the Széchenyi Thermal Bath** or a **sightseeing cruise on the Danube river**.



## DAY 6 – BUDAPEST – KRAKÓW

Journey from Budapest to Kraków, crossing Slovakia. **Stop for lunch in a typical "koliba"**, a traditional wooden pub, to sample **traditional Slovak dishes**. Arrival to Kraków in the evening.

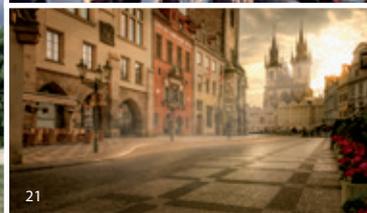


## DAY 7 – KRAKÓW - CAPITAL CITY OF CULTURE

Visit of the city centre. **Kraków has the reputation of being the art and culture capital of Poland**. The city was awarded European Capital of Culture in 2000. Its historical centre is well preserved with a labyrinth of paved and narrow streets. Buildings are decorated with Gothic towers and Baroque domes. Guided tour in the Old Town (The Royal Route, Great Barbican, St. Florian's Gate, **Basilica of the Virgin Mary's** – which is home to incomparable altarpiece carved by **Wit Stwosz**, Main Market Place with its beautiful **Cloth Hall** built in the Renaissance style, and the Town Hall Tower. Visit of the **Jewish quarter Kazimierz**, where Steven Spielberg shot "Schindler's List". Guided tour of the cathedral and **the Wawel Royal Castle** with its sumptuous interiors. The castle is tribute to the glory of the Polish sovereigns. Overnight stay in Kraków.

## DAY 8 – AUSCHWITZ BIRKENAU – WIELICZKA (160 Km)

Half day of contemplation in the old **concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau**. It was the largest concentration camp and extermination centre of Jewish people during World War II. It became The Memorial of the holocaust, a place of commemoration and reflection upon the ravages of war. A stop in **Wadowice**, the birth place of **Pope John Paul II**, visit of his home and church where he was baptized. Journey to **Wieliczka**. Visit of the **famous Salt Mine** which is the greatest and oldest in Europe. It is an interesting natural curiosity (on the UNESCO's World Cultural and Natural Heritage List) in which you will discover narrow tunnels and chapels decorated with handcrafted salt statues. Overnight stay in Kraków.



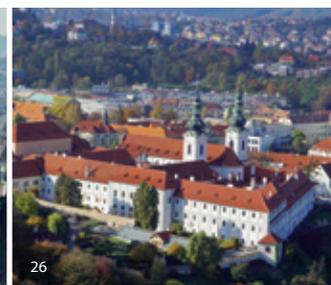
## DAY 9 – KRAKÓW – AUSTERLITZ – PRAGUE (550 km)

Journey to Prague. Stop by the field of the Battle of **Austerlitz**, also known as the **Battle of the Three Emperors**. It is the place where **Napoléon** defeated the Russian and Austrian armies. Visit of the Cairn of Peace Memorial. Lunch on the fields of the battle.

Arrival to **Prague**, the capital city of the **Czech Republic**, the magical city with thousands of spires, a paradise for those, who love long walks, and who are in love... It is one of the oldest cities in Europe, where the architectural and cultural heritage is well preserved. Prague is also well-known for its many musical theatres, delicious gastronomy and... **tasty beers**. Overnight stay in Prague.

## DAY 10 – PRAGUE – CAPITAL CITY OF ARCHITECTURE

Guided tour around the Old Town in the morning: **The Royal Route, the Astronomical Clock, Charles University – founded in 1348, The Estates Theater** - a fabulous building in the baroque style where **Mozart** composed his opera, Don Giovanni, and **Charles Bridge** - a unique monument and a gallery with baroque statues situated beneath the sky. It is one of the most prominent features of the city. In the afternoon you will take a guided tour of the **Jewish quarter, Josefov** and **old Jewish cemetery** with about 12 000 graves. The atmosphere is peaceful in here. We will follow in the footsteps of **Franz Kafka's**, the writer well-known for his dark, mysterious novels. Look from the outside on **the Old-New Synagogue** - the oldest synagogue in central Europe. Dinner in a typical microbrewery. Overnight stay in Prague.



## DAY 11 – PRAGUE

Guided tour of **Prague Castle** in the morning. This complex represents the heart of the Czech Republic, it has been a fundamental place of the Czech political and religious scene since the 9th century. The quarter seems to be an independent city within a city: the old Royal Palace, Golden Lane, the Daliborka Tower, Roman St. George's Church, St. Vitus's Cathedral. Passing by the Baroque Library of **the Strahov Monastery** and the **Baroque Church of the Nativity (Loreto)**, a place of pilgrimage.

In the afternoon, a guided tour of the **baroque quarter Malá Strana** which is charming and mysterious at the same time. The magnificent baroque palaces, narrow streets, gardens and churches are so typical for this quarter. Our walk will lead us to **St. Nicolas's Church, Charles Bridge and the Vltava river**, through the Nerudova Street, one of the most charming thoroughfares in Prague. Overnight stay in Prague.

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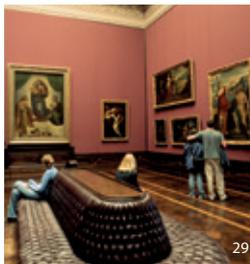
*Sightseeing cruise on the Vltava river with dinner and music.*



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## DAY 12 – PRAGUE – DRESDEN – BERLIN (350 km)

Journey to Berlin, crossing **Saxony** and stopping in **Dresden**, known as the “**Florence of the Elbe**”. Varied architectural styles, famous art collections and musical and art tradition contribute to the spirit of the capital of Saxony. A short walk around the city centre and dinner in the historic quarter. Departure to **Berlin**, the capital city of Germany. Overnight stay in Berlin.



## DAY 13 – BERLIN - THE CAPITAL OF THE FUTURE

Half day in Berlin: sightseeing tour of the city centre. **Berlin is considered as an innovative and busy cosmopolitan capital city in continuous progress...** You will see Tiergarten, Philharmony, The Victory Column, **The Brandenburg Gate**, The Museum Island, **Unter den Linden Boulevard**, Liebknechtstrasse – the famous Alexanderplatz with its TV Tower, Potsdamer Platz, Checkpoint Charlie, The Reichstag, ... Our walk will take you along **The East Side Gallery**, the longest part of the Berlin Wall. Also, a visit to **the Berlin Wall Memorial** and of **the Checkpoint Charlie museum** is included. The museum is based in the ancient crossing point of the Berlin Wall dividing the town into east and west sides. Free afternoon. Overnight stay in Berlin.



### OPTIONAL/IN ADDITION

Visit of the **Pergamon Museum** which holds a magnificent collection of Classical Antiquities. The collection includes pieces of Oriental and Greek-Roman art and also some pieces from **the Charlottenburg Palace**, the preferred residence of Sophie Charlotte, the wife of Friedrich III. It is also possible to visit **The DDR museum** which shows the everyday life in East Germany. The visit provides an intuitive, entertaining and moving experience at the same time.

## DAY 14 – DEPARTURE

Free time for some shopping and transfer to the airport according to the times of the departures.

### RATES April-October (except public holidays)

starting from 1 374 €/person in a double room (base 30 pax)

### SERVICES INCLUDED:

- 13 nights with a half-pension in a 4\* hotel in Vienna, Budapest, Kraków, Prague, Berlin
- Bratislava (1/2 day), the capital city of the Slovakia
- Dresden (1/2 day), Saxe metropolis
- Austerlitz (1/2 day), ancient field of the Battle of the Three Emperors
- traditional dinner in Bratislava, day 3, three-course menu, water, bread
- traditional dinner in koliba Slovak, day 6, three-course menu, water, bread
- traditional dinner in Austerlitz, day 9, three-course menu, you will be welcomed by a soldier in the uniform from the period
- traditional dinner in Dresden, day 12, three-course menu, water, bread
- dinner in Vienna, day 2 in a “Heuriger”, three-course menu including beverages – 0,25 l wine, 0,5 l water
- dinner in Prague, day 10, in a brewery, three-course menu, 1 beer, bread
- air-conditioned bus for the tour
- English speaking guides
- transfer to the airport with the assistance of an English speaking person
- 2 half days of guided tours in Vienna
- 2 half days of guided tours in Cracovie and surroundings
- 1 day and half of guided tours in Budapest
- 1 day and half of guided tours in Prague

- 1 half day of guided tour in Berlin
- admission fees to St. Stephen’s Cathedral – Stephansdom, Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna
- admission fees to The Parliament in Budapest including Royal Jewels, Mathias’s Church and Fisherman’s Bastion
- admission fees to The Wawel Royal Castle and Cathedral in Kraków, Basilica of the Virgin Mary’s (altarpiece by Wit Stwosz), Jewish Cemetery and the Remuh synagog, The concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, Salt Mine Wieliczka, native house of the Pope John-Paul II
- admission fees to The Cairn of Peace Memorial, Austerlitz
- admission fees The Prague Castle, gothic tower in the Old Town and baroque gardens
- admission fees to The Checkpoint Charlie Museum in Berlin
- local taxes

### ADDITIONAL SERVICE:

- see blue boxes
- extension - day 0 in Salzburg

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