



JEWELS OF EASTERN EUROPE

OCTOBER 3RD - 12TH 2019

As scintillating and sparkling as jewels in a Hapsburg crown, the magnificent combination of Budapest, Vienna, and Prague brings you deep into the heart of old-world Eastern European elegance.

While the Czech Republic and Hungary are two of Eastern Europe's more recent success stories, much of their charm lies in the history and cultural wealth of their ancient positions in Europe—the former as the capital of the Holy Roman Empire; the latter as the seat of the Hapsburg Empire, an empire that stretched around the world, encompassing Austria and the legendary city of Vienna. Throughout, their proud historical legacy is embodied in the grand architecture and fabulous museums of all three.

With a lovely mix of city time and train travel through beautiful countryside, you'll experience both rural charm and extraordinary sophistication and beauty. From Hungary's twin cities of Buda and Pest, like opposing pearls on either side of the Danube, we continue on to the Austrian capital and jewel in the Hapsburg crown, Vienna, where culture reigns supreme and imperial palaces meet towering Gothic cathedrals. Crossing the border from Austria into the Czech Republic, we end our journey in Prague, the "city of a hundred spires," renowned for its centuries-old beauty, spread out along the banks of the Vltava River. If elegance and grace are embodied in cities, you'll find them among these rare *Jewels of Eastern Europe*.



THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$3850
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 780

Airfares are available from most U.S. departure cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

HOTELS:	8 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including all hotel taxes and service charges
COACHING:	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary
TRAINS:	First class train tickets from Budapest to Vienna to Prague
MEALS:	Breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
GUIDES:	Discover Europe tour guide throughout, local guides in Budapest, Vienna & Prague
CRUISES:	Danube River Cruise
EXPENSES:	Porterage of one large suitcase per person
ENTRANCES:	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
TICKETS:	Best seats to an opera in Vienna

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH - Morning arrival at Budapest airport for the transfer to your city-center hotel. There will be time to unpack and relax before your guide gives an arrival orientation briefing. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **(D) OVERNIGHT: BUDAPEST**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH - Morning sightseeing of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, with a local guide, introduces the local history. We'll view the magnificent Parliament building on the banks of the Danube, built to rival London's Palace of Westminster, drive through Heroes' Square and past the Opera House, over the Elizabeth Bridge and on to the Citadel atop Gellert Hill. The afternoon and evening are free to explore the local shops, to enjoy one of the thermal spa treatments for which the city is famous, and to sample the local cuisine at a neighborhood restaurant. **(B) OVERNIGHT: BUDAPEST**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH - A full day excursion just to the north of the city today takes us to the region known as the Danube Bend. We begin with a visit to the cobble streets of the artist's village of Szentendre and then board our river cruise to Visegrad, dominated by the 13th-century castle at the top of the hill. We'll stop for lunch (included) at a riverside cafe and then visit Ezstergom, the ancient religious capital of medieval Hungary. From here our coach returns us to Budapest for a free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: BUDAPEST**

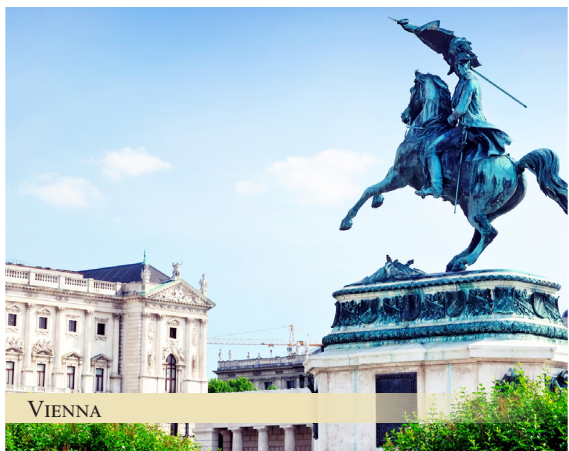
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH - This morning we take the train from Budapest to Vienna, passing through the countryside of Western Trans-danubia. Upon arrival in Vienna, a local guide takes us on a panoramic tour of this jewel of the Hapsburgs, including a visit to the ornate Vienna Opera House, one of Europe's grandest, and the majestic Schönbrunn Palace, the 1,440-room summer palace of the Hapsburgs. We'll have dinner at our hotel this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: VIENNA**



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH - A free day in Vienna to explore the gorgeous old capital. You may decide to visit the Hofburg Imperial Palace, built in 1279, which today houses the offices of the Austrian president, as well as the chapel where the Vienna Choir Boys perform and the hall of the Lipizzan stallions. Or discover the Sigmund Freud Museum, housed in the building where Freud lived and worked for 50 years, then take in St. Stephens Cathedral, originally a Romanesque sanctuary and one of the greatest Gothic structures in Europe. Rich in culture (not to mention one of the world's largest wine-growing cities), Vienna oozes romance and invites long, leisurely walks. Be sure to stop at one of its famous coffeehouses for a curb-side view of the city passing by! This evening, we'll attend an opera performance (schedule permitting). **(B) OVERNIGHT: VIENNA**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH - After a free morning in Vienna, we take the train to Prague and relax in first-class comfort as we watch the countryside roll by. We arrive in the Czech capital in time to check in to our hotel and relax before dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PRAGUE**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH - Morning sightseeing in Prague today begins with a walking tour around Wenceslas Square and the Old Town with its famous Astronomical Clock atop the 14th-century Town Hall. We'll continue through the Jewish Ghetto to St. Nicholas Church and stroll along the banks of the Vltava River to the Charles Bridge. The afternoon and evening are free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: PRAGUE**



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH - A full day excursion into the beautiful Czech countryside today to Karlový Vary, a beautiful old spa town beloved by the European nobility. We will have a walking tour of Karlový Vary, a highlight of which will be a visit to the Moser Glassworks, established in 1857. There will be free time to have lunch and explore before we return to Prague for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PRAGUE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH - This morning we transfer to Prague airport for return flights to the U.S. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: B - breakfast, D - dinner