



BUDAPEST, VIENNA, PRAGUE ITINERARY

October 20 - October 29

Day 1, Oct 20 - BOSTON - ZURICH - BUDAPEST

We depart Boston and board our transatlantic Swiss flight to Budapest (via Zurich) with meal and beverage service in flight.

Day 2, Oct.21 - BUDAPEST, HUNGARY When we arrive at the airport in Budapest we will be met by a local guide who will help us board our private motor coach. We will enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Afterwards, we have time for lunch on our own. Our tour includes a visit to Halszbastya or the Fisherman's Bastion, built in the 19th century and a strategic point from which the Fisherman's Guild defended Castle Hill. We will then transfer to our hotel for check in. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Welcome dinner at the hotel. Overnight.

- *Please refer to your enclosed hotel sheet for all details*

DAY 3, Oct 22: DANUBE BEND TOUR (Esztergom, Visegrad and Szentendre) Following **breakfast** at our hotel, we are off on a full-day sightseeing tour of this city that straddles the Danube River. Our panoramic sightseeing will include many of the most famous and historic landmarks in Budapest. We will visit Esztergom and Visegrad Castle (The Citadel), which sits atop a 350-foot hill, offering us breathtaking views of the Danube Bend below. Lunch will be on our own. On the way back to Budapest, we will stop in the quaint little town of Szentendre, a historic town with baroque and rococo style houses. Szentendre was always been a popular place for artists. Back to Budapest. **Dinner** and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 4, Oct 23: BUDAPEST - VIENNA, AUSTRIA: Following **breakfast** and hotel checkout, we will continue to our next destination, Vienna - the imperial city and capital of Austria. Upon arrival in Vienna, we will meet our tour escort Juliane, who will stay with us until the end of the trip! Time for lunch on our own. Then, we will check-in to our centrally located hotel in Vienna. The remainder of the day is at leisure to get acquainted with our new surroundings. **Dinner** and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 5, Oct 24: VIENNA CITY TOUR and Heurigen Dinner: After **breakfast**, we will depart the hotel for a half-day tour of Vienna, starting at Schonbrunn Palace, the Versailles of Vienna. This magnificent Baroque residence, built by the Hapsburgs in the 17th and 18th centuries has 1,441 rooms, many ornate fountains, and terrace after terrace of beautiful gardens. Then, get your cameras ready for a circuit of the famous ring road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, showcases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House and Hofburg Imperial Residence. We'll also see the St. Stephens Cathedral, among other famous landmarks. This evening we will have a very **special dinner with wine** and local music at a typical Heurigen Restaurant in the outskirts of Vienna! Return to the hotel for overnight.

DAY 6, Oct 25: VIENNA - PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC - After **breakfast** and hotel checkout, we will board the motor coach for the journey to our next destination, Prague, Czech Republic. Sit back and relax as we drive past historic towns and fertile farmland in a picturesque and hilly area. En-route to Prague, we will stop in Telc for a lunch break (on own). Arrived in Prague, we will check into our hotel. The remainder of the afternoon will be at your leisure to enjoy this beautiful city. **Dinner** and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 7, Oct 26: PRAGUE - Following **breakfast**, we transfer to the city center. Our guided walking tour starts at the Wenceslas Square and continues through the Street Na Prikope to the Powder Gate and the "Pearl of the Art Nouveau" of Prague - Municipal House. Here, we enter to the Old town where we will see the Old Town Square with the legendary Old Town Hall with the unique astronomical clock. Through the back streets, we reach the historical Charles Bridge, which decorate 30 baroque statues. Across the Charles Bridge we enter the Little Town (Lesser Quarter), where we visit the Church of Our Lady, where is stationed the legendary, beautiful statue of Prague Infant. After lunch (on own), we continue our city walk and go through the scenic Nerudova Street to the Prague Castle. We first look at Hradcany Square, which is surrounded by many beautiful palaces, and then we will enter the Prague Castle complex. We will see the St. Guy Cathedral, all three courts of Prague Castle, the Old King Palace with the monumental gothic Wladislaw Hall and the popular Golden Line. Our coach will pick bring us back to the hotel. After an impressive day of sightseeing, we enjoy **dinner** together at our hotel. Overnight in Prague.

DAY 8, Oct 27: KARLSTEJN CASTLE - Following **breakfast**, we will embark on a wonderful half-day sightseeing adventure as we will drive to Karlstejn for a visit of the spectacular, 14th-century Karlstejn Castle on a $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip from Prague. We will ride a horse-drawn carriage to the gate, and tour the key areas, including the Imperial Palace and will learn how the castle was built by Holy Roman Emperor Charles IV to safeguard his imperial jewels. Immerse yourself in medieval times as we stroll through chambers and halls adorned with frescos, paintings and other treasures, including a replica crown, before we return to Prague. The rest of the day is free for own activities. Tonight, we will take a marvelous cruise on the waters of the Vltava River while we enjoy a delicious **dinner** against the backdrop of the city lights. The cruise will pass the Charles Bridge, Prague Castle, the Rudolfinum, the National Theater, the Dancing House, Vysehrad, and much more!

DAY 9, Oct 28: PRAGUE - FREE DAY and special farewell dinner - After **breakfast**, we will enjoy a free day in Prague for own activities. Your tour escort will stay at your disposal. For example: Visit the Jewish Ghetto including the entrance to the Jewish Museum with the Old/New Synagogue. Our farewell dinner tonight, we will celebrate together at a typical Czech local restaurant including a Bohemian Folklore Show, showing a wonderful ensemble of dancers and musicians dressed in traditional clothing. A traditional Bohemian **dinner** will served with unlimited drinks! Overnight Prague.

DAY 10, Oct 29: PRAGUE (Departure) - After **breakfast** and hotel checkout, (your escort will provide additional transportation details the previous evening) we will be transferred to Prague airport where we will board our return flight to U.S!

PLEASE NOTE: ALL SCHEDULING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE