

VIENNA, BUDAPEST & PRAGUE



Visit Prague's charming Christmas Market, set in the historic Old Town Square



Enjoy a Viennese Celebration Dinner with acclaimed soloists, dancers and traditional Austrian fare



Experience a strudel making demonstration and tasting in Budapest

These three capitals, lush with magnificent cathedrals, imperial palaces and majestic castles, stand at the geographical heart of mainland Europe. Their histories and cultures are intertwined by the powerful Habsburg dynasty.

DAY 1

WELCOME TO VIENNA.

At Vienna Airport, transfers for the tour hotel leave at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:00. During Advent, the Austrian capital is a place of nostalgia and romance, with concerts, nativity displays and traditional Christmas Markets. Why not soak up the atmosphere or spend time in a pavement cafe? Later, meet your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception and the opportunity to mingle over a beautiful evening of dinner and wine. (WD)
Hotel: Hilton Vienna.

DAY 2

THE HABSBURGS OF VIENNA AND ON TO BUDAPEST.

Vienna owes much of its present day charm to the long reign of the Habsburgs. Join your Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn

Palace. 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 magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence. In the afternoon, set off for Budapest - the former second city of the mighty Habsburg Empire. (BB)
Hotel: InterContinental, Budapest.

DAY 3 RS

BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE.

Stroll through the alleys of the old town of Buda with a Local Expert. Admire the incredible interior decoration of Matthias Church and take in the view from the Fisherman's Bastion. Back in Pest, the commercial centre, see the grand Parliament building and visit Heroes' Square. Later, enjoy a visit to the First Strudel House in Pest to see experts at work, stretching the dough and filling

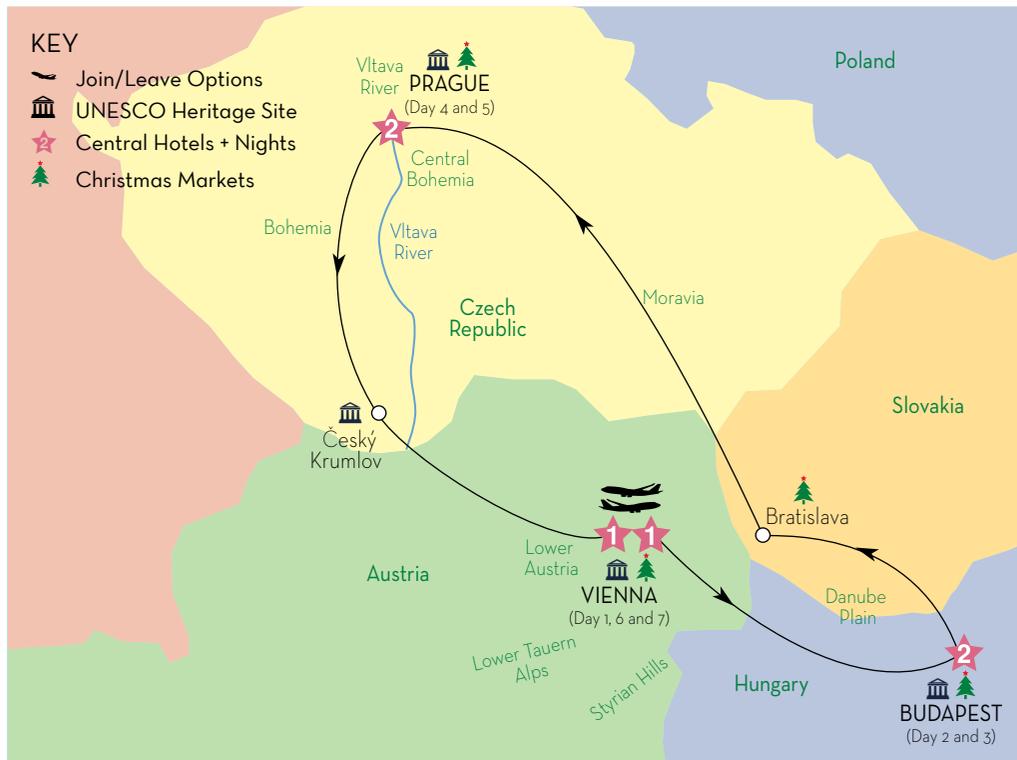
the delicious treats – yours to taste with a rich aromatic coffee. The rest of the day is free for you to browse the boutiques of Vaci Street. In December, the street is festively lit and the Christmas fair will be in full swing. (BB,AT)

DAY 4

HISTORIC BRATISLAVA & MEDIEVAL PRAGUE.

Journey westward, over the Slovakian border, to arrive at the fortified capital with the four-towered Bratislava Castle looming over the city. There's time to walk from the banks of the Danube to the old town's historic squares and browse the market stalls. Continue through the wine-producing area of South Moravia to enter the forested countryside of Bohemia, dotted with peaceful lakes. Finally, you will come to the historic capital of Prague, boasting one of the most beautiful and intact medieval centres

7 Days Regional Journey from just US\$214 per day



in all of Europe. (BB,DW)
Hotel: Majestic Plaza, Prague.

DAY 5 RS

PRAGUE SIGHTSEEING.

Meet a Local Expert at the 1,000 year old Prague Castle, dominated by the soaring spires of St. Vitus' Cathedral. Walk in the footsteps of kings, along cobbled streets past beautiful palaces for sweeping views of the city. Then descend to the Old Town Square, where the mechanised antics of the Astronomical Clock's glockenspiel delight onlookers every hour. In December, you may see children in traditional dress, dancing and singing at the Christmas Markets. (BB)

DAY 6 COLOURFUL ČESKÝ KRUMLOV AND MUSICAL VIENNA.

Drive south through the forested Bohemian countryside to Český Krumlov, nestled amid loops of the Vltava River. Wander through the cobblestone, traffic-free streets, back lanes and arch-covered footpaths, past colourful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. On days when snow blankets the medieval buildings and wood smoke pervades the narrow streets, it's a scene straight out of a Christmas card! As

night falls, experience an extraordinary concert of Viennese classical music. The best-loved works of Johann Strauss and Mozart, performed by highly acclaimed soloists and dancers, are combined with a delicious meal of traditional Austrian fare, with drinks included. (BB,CD)
Hotel: Hilton Vienna.



DAY 7 DEPART VIENNA.

Your tour concludes after breakfast with transfers arriving at Vienna Airport at 07:00 and 09:00. (BB)

DINING SUMMARY

6 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 1 Afternoon Tea (AT); plus 1 Welcome Dinner (WD), 1 Three-course table d'hôte Dinner (DW) and 1 Celebration Dinner (CD) all with wine, plus tea or coffee.

Departures on tour for Christmas and New Year's Eve will enjoy festive Highlight Dinners which will replace an included meal.

Relaxed Starts RS

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT – SAVE UP TO \$137 pp (See page 60)

Tour Code: W700

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| Sun 05 Nov | - Sat 11 Nov | \$1495 | Sun 19 Nov | - Sat 25 Nov | \$1495 | Sun 10 Dec | - Sat 16 Dec | \$1495 | Thu 28 Dec | - Wed 03 Jan | \$1825 |
| Sun 12 Nov | - Sat 18 Nov | \$1495 | Sun 03 Dec | - Sat 09 Dec | \$1495 | * Sat 23 Dec | - Fri 29 Dec | \$1650 | | | |

Notes: Prices are in US\$. Twin prices are per person. *23 Dec: Includes a Christmas Highlight Dinner in Budapest. 28 Dec: Includes a New Year's Eve Highlight Dinner in Prague. Christmas Markets: 12 Nov explores Vienna & Budapest; 19 Nov, 3 & 10 Dec explore Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava & Prague; 23 & 28 Dec explore Vienna & Budapest.

FURTHER SAVINGS UP TO: Young Traveller \$150 pp | Triple Reduction \$20 pp | 2nd Tour \$46 pp | Past Guest \$91 pp

Rooming Options: Single Supplement from \$320 up to \$560 pp

Extra Night Hotels Per Person - seasonal adjustments apply:
Vienna: Hilton Vienna Twin \$114 Single \$165 Triple \$112

Pre-Paid Tips Option: For Tour Director & Driver \$62 pp

One way transfer outside scheduled times:
Vienna: \$45 p.p.

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES

VIENNA: The sheer opulence of Schönbrunn Palace will exhilarate your senses. As you stand beneath frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers, a Local Expert will bring to life the story of the Habsburgs, during your tour of the house and gardens.

BUDAPEST: Visit Matthias Church with a Local Expert and gaze out over the Danube from the Fisherman's Bastion.

PRAGUE: Let a Local Expert bewitch you with tales of Bohemian kings and the struggles of the Velvet Revolution, during a private tour through the atmospheric courtyards of Prague Castle. Admire the panoramic views over the Old Town and former kingdom.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTMAS MARKETS: Be dazzled by the magic of Christmas, with local handicrafts and delicious, seasonally-festive treats like Glühwein. Explore on selected departures.

BRATISLAVA: Stroll through the fortified capital city and gaze at the impressive castle.

ČESKÝ KRUMLOV: Take a romantic walk through snow-covered lanes and soak up the atmosphere at the medieval old town.

AUTHENTIC REGIONAL FLAVOURS

BUDAPEST: Learn the secrets of traditional strudel making with a visit to the First Strudel House in Pest. Sample this Hungarian delicacy accompanied with a cup of aromatic coffee.

VIENNA: For your Celebration Dinner, enjoy a delicious meal of Austrian fare, with drinks, while enjoying acclaimed soloists and dancers.

STAY AT THE BEST ADDRESSES

VIENNA: With views over the city and neighbouring Stadtpark, the Hilton Vienna is just a short walk from attractions like the Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral.

BUDAPEST: The InterContinental Budapest features elegantly appointed rooms. Experience 180-degree panoramic views over Chain Bridge, the Danube and the former Royal Palace that are as intriguing by day as by night.

PRAGUE: The Majestic Plaza is located in the historical centre of Prague, only a few steps from the famous Wenceslas Square, and consists of two interconnected buildings with rooms furnished in art deco or biedermeier style.