



GIL TRAVEL
Your Personal Link With The World

Tour Itinerary

IMPERIAL CITIES

Prague, Vienna & Budapest

11 days/9 nights

INCLUDED FEATURES:

Meals: 9 breakfasts (B) and 3 dinners (D) at local restaurants, including a special Welcome Dinner with folklore performance in Prague

Special features: Opera performance, Hradcany Royal Castle, Hofburg Palace, Strauss and Mozart concert, Kunsthistorische Museum, Fisherman's Bastion

Inside visits: as shown in **bold** in the itinerary including admission charges where applicable

Day 1, Friday

ARRIVAL IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Welcome to Prague, Czech Republic! After clearing customs you will be met by our local representative at the first exit outside the customs area.

Any claims for lost/stolen baggage should be made to the airline representative at the airport. Our representative will show you to your transportation. You will be transferred to your hotel. The balance of the day is free to begin exploring on your own. Tonight, meet your fellow travelers for a Welcome Dinner in a local restaurant and a folklore performance. **(D)**

Day 2, Saturday

PRAGUE

Prague has a long and colorful history, from its early days as a bishopric, to becoming the residence of the Bohemian kings, and later the capital of both Bohemia and the Holy Roman Empire. The city today is a wonder to behold, with beautiful architecture, lush green hills, and graceful bridges spanning the Vltava River. Sightseeing in the "Golden City" reveals



why Prague is considered one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Today, visit the old part of the city to view the Old Town Square, the famous Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, St. Nicholas Church, Charles Bridge and more. The afternoon is free to relax, shop or explore on your own. Tonight, enjoy an **opera performance**. **(B)**

Day 3, Sunday

PRAGUE

Cross the Vltava River to visit **Royal Castle of Hradcany**. With a history dating back to the 9th century, having survived fires and wars, and after many additions and reconstructions, this is considered to be the largest

inhabited fortress in the world. Within the castle grounds stands gothic **St. Vitus Cathedral**. It took almost six centuries to build this magnificent edifice, the largest church in Prague and its spiritual heart. The cathedral holds the tombs of St. Wenceslas, St. Vitus, and St. Adalbert, the country's patron saints, as well as Czech kings, princes and noblemen. After sightseeing here, your afternoon and evening are at leisure to shop or relax. **(B)**

Day 4, Monday

PRAGUE – VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Travel by motorcoach or first class train to Vienna, the romantic "City of Music." The balance of the day is free. Dinner tonight is in a typical Heurigen restaurant – a "pub" where local wine-growers sell their wares. **(B, D)**

Day 5, Tuesday

VIENNA

See the city on a sightseeing tour featuring **Hofburg Palace**, once the seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and view the Belvedere Palace, Prater amusement park, the UN buildings, **St. Stephen's Cathedral** and more. After a free afternoon, enjoy an evening **concert** of Strauss and Mozart's music. **(B)**

Day 6, Wednesday

VIENNA

Take a guided visit to the **Kunsthistorische Museum** this morning. This museum houses one of the world's greatest collections of the old masters. The balance of the day is free to explore delightful Vienna on your own. **(B)**



Day 7, Thursday

VIENNA – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Journey eastward by motorcoach or first class train to Budapest, often called "the Paris of the East." This afternoon is free for independent activities or optional excursions. Your Tour Director will have suggestions to help you plan your time. **(B)**

Day 8, Friday

BUDAPEST

In 1873, the twin cities of Buda and Pest joined with ancient Óbuda to form a new, unified city, Budapest. Charming and beautiful, the city was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1987. Morning sightseeing includes views of the decorative Parliament building, seat of the National Assembly; Váci Utca, a pedestrian street lined with shops and restaurants; Hero's



Square with the millennial monument, 118 foot high Corinthian column dedicated to the Roman Catholic Church, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The balance of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

Day 9, Saturday

BUDAPEST

Sightseeing this morning focuses on the Castle Hill area, the 13th century **Matthias Coronation Church, Fisherman's Bastion** and Royal Palace; Gellért Hill with the imposing Citadel at its peak. Your afternoon is free for shopping and exploration. Enjoy dinner in a typical "Csarda" restaurant – Hungarian for a village pub or tavern – with entertainment. **(B, D)**

Day 10, Sunday

DEPART BUDAPEST

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Your homebound flight arrives the same day. **(B)**

DATES: MARCH - OCTOBER 2010

Friday Arrivals and Sunday Returns		
Mar 19 – Mar 28	Apr 2 – Apr 11	Apr 16 – Apr 25
Apr 30 – May 9	May 14 – May 23	May 28 – Jun 6
Jun 11 – Jun 20	Jun 25 – Jul 4	Jul 9 – Jul 18
Jul 23 – Aug 1	Aug 6 – Aug 15	Aug 20 – Aug 29
Sep 3 – Sep 12	Sep 17 – Sep 26	Oct 1 – Oct 10
Oct 15 – Oct 24	Oct 15 – Oct 24	

LAND ONLY RATES – Please inquire about airfare for this tour

Price Per Person:

Twin/Double Rate: \$2,150

Single Rate: \$3,035

*Transfers included if arrival and departure are on tour dates listed above.

*Tour is by motorcoach and has a local escort with a minimum of 10 participants. With less than 10 participants, local guides will be provided and inter-city transportation will be by train instead of motorcoach.

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