

THE TRAVEL CLUB

A Week in Prague, Kraków & Budapest

9 DAYS: Saturday, June 20-Sunday, June 28, 2020

Per person double occupancy \$3,289; Single reservations \$3,639

Includes round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge and all air taxes and fees. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$450.

Spend a week tracing the shared history of four distinct nations. Eastern Europe was at the center of many of the 20th century's most significant political movements. Travel to Prague, Kraków, Budapest, the rural High Tatra mountains, and the Tokaj wine region to understand how the area's complex past has shaped each destination's culture. As you venture from city to countryside, learn about the local traditions from the resilient people who call this region home.

Your tour package includes

- 7 nights in handpicked hotels, 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners with beer or wine, 1 wine tasting, Guided sightseeing tours, Expert Tour Director & local guides, Private deluxe motor coach

Included highlights

- Prague Castle, Wawel Cathedral, Slovakian cheesemaking demonstration, Kežmarok, Tokaj wine tasting, Hungarian Parliament Building, Matthias Church



Overnight flight¹ night

Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Prague today.

Prague | 2 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Prague Included meal: Dinner

Welcome to the Czech Republic! Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at tonight's welcome dinner.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Prague

Included meal: Breakfast

Discover why Prague is known as the “City of One Hundred Spires” on a guided tour.

- Visit Prague Castle, from which Charles IV governed the Holy Roman Empire
- Admire the soaring Gothic vaults of St. Vitus Cathedral
- Walk down to the Malá Strana district to sip a coffee at a local cafe
- Cross the elegant Charles Bridge for breathtaking views of the city
- Stroll through Old Town Square to view the 15th-century Astronomical Clock

Enjoy free time in Prague or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Evening in Prague: River Cruise & Dinner (additional cost)

Take in panoramic views of picturesque Prague from the Vltava River this evening. Cruise past spectacular sights, including Castle Hill and the city’s famous bridges. Then, eat and drink like a local at a traditional Tankovna Pub, or Tank Pub. Enjoy authentic Czech dishes and the chance to try beer straight from the tank.

Kraków | 2 nights

Day 4: Transfer to Kraków

Included meal: Breakfast

Travel to Kraków, Poland and spend a free evening in the city or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Polish Cooking Class & Dinner (additional cost)

Pierogi are synonymous with Polish culture and on this excursion you’ll attend a cooking class to try your hand at making the country’s signature food. Reminiscent of a dumpling or ravioli, pierogi are traditionally stuffed with foods like potato, cheese, cabbage, or sauerkraut, but can also be filled with cherries, apples, or strawberries and served for dessert. Roll up your sleeves to learn how to cut, stuff, and fold the dough for both savory and sweet pierogi. Then, sample Polish vodka and mead as you enjoy your dinner. Must book 20 days before departure

Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Kraków

Included meal: Breakfast

Meet your local guide for a tour of Kraków, Poland’s former royal capital.

- Pass Oskar Schindler’s Enamel Factory and visit the old Jewish ghetto
- Discover Wawel Hill, perched high above the Vistula River
- Visit Wawel Cathedral to see where Polish kings were crowned
- Stroll past beautiful Sukiennice Cloth Hall and the Jagiellonian University, arriving in Główny Square

Enjoy free time in Kraków or add an excursion.

Optional Excursion

Auschwitz (additional cost)

This excursion takes you to some of the most chilling sites in Europe: the concentration camps at Auschwitz and Birkenau. More than 4 million people were systematically exterminated in these camps by the Third Reich during World War II. Liberated by the Red Army in 1945, Auschwitz has been turned into a poignant memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. Take a guided tour which includes views of chambers and prisoner buildings. Afterward, drive to nearby Birkenau, the second portion of the larger Auschwitz concentration camp complex. Embark on a guided tour before returning to Kraków. Must book 20 days before departure

High Tatras Region | 1 night

Day 6: High Tatras Region via Ždiar, cheesemaking demonstration & Kežmarok

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Travel to the High Tatras region to soak in the mountain views and experience the culture of the Slovakian countryside.

- Stop in the tiny village of Ždiar to view the painted wooden houses that the area is known for
- Visit a Slovakian farm to meet a cheesemaker at their workshop and see how they make ornate egg-shaped cheese blocks
- Visit Kežmarok and enter the town's UNESCO-listed wooden articular church to learn about its fascinating history

Continue on to your hotel in the High Tatras region and sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Please note: The order of today's activities is subject to change.

Budapest | 2 nights

Day 7: Budapest via Tokaj wine region **Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Wine tasting**

Pass through the rolling hills of the Slovakian countryside and cross into Hungary to visit the Tokaj wine region.

- Discover the history of Europe's first appellation, or controlled wine region
- Learn about the regulations winemakers must follow in order to create a true Tokaj wine and how these rules inspired the designation of other appellations including Champagne, Chianti, and Burgundy
- Tour the vineyard and wine cellar to hear about the characteristics of the wine
- Sample four types of Tokaj wine, including the famous sweet dessert varietal
- Sit down to enjoy a lunch of Hungarian specialties at the winery

After, continue on to Budapest.

Day 8: Sightseeing tour of Budapest **Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Discover the landmarks of both Buda and Pest in the city that straddles east and west.

- Trace this nation's stormy history at Heroes' Square
- Enter the lavishly decorated Hungarian Parliament building and take a guided tour
- Cross the Danube to Buda and ascend Castle Hill
- Take in the breathtaking views from Fisherman's Bastion
- Step inside the medieval Matthias Church, once the site of Hapsburg coronations

Celebrate your trip at a farewell dinner this evening.

Day 9: Departure

Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.