



Here are three different cities, each with their own story to tell, yet all related in some way. Their history and culture intertwined by the ubiquitous Hapsburgs and waters of the blue Danube.



Tour the state apartments of the Hapsburgs' Schönbrunn Palace, Vienna

# Vienna, Prague & Budapest with Christmas Markets

## TOUR PACE

A well paced tour, focussing mainly on the three capitals, with Bratislava and Cesky Krumlov providing additional interest on touring days. The two nights in Prague and Budapest allow time in the afternoon for shopping, your own activities or relaxation.

## HOTELS

The Vienna Hilton, Diplomat in Prague and Hilton Budapest West End are contemporary in style. All are well located in these capital cities to allow you to make the most of your time at leisure.

## FELLOW PASSENGERS

This tour is popular with those who want to experience the highlights of Eastern Europe in the space of a week. Medieval town squares glistening with snow or Christmas lights, also appeal to the romantic at heart.

## INSIGHT FACT

Jan Hus: Born in 1370, Hus was a Czech priest, religious thinker and philosopher. His reformist beliefs and teachings led to the Hussite wars and would influence the Protestant movement nearly a century later. Inevitably, he came into conflict with the Vatican and in 1415 was burnt at the stake for heresy. Look out for his statue in Prague's Old Town Square, erected to commemorate the 500th anniversary of his martyrdom.

**🍷 DAY 1 – ARRIVE VIENNA.** Welcome to Vienna! On arrival at Vienna Airport there is an airport shuttle service to your hotel at 09.00, 12.00 & 15.00 hours. The rest of the day is at leisure. Maybe stroll amid the statues of the city's greatest musicians in the City Park? As night falls, enjoy a *Welcome Drink* with your fellow travellers and Tour Director. Hotel: Hilton Vienna.

**👑 DAY 2 – VIENNA – CESKY KRUMLOV – PRAGUE.** Leave Vienna and cross the Czech border to visit *enchanting Cesky Krumlov, nestled on the banks of the Vltava River. On days when snow blankets the medieval buildings and wood smoke pervades the narrow cobbled streets - it's a scene straight out of a Christmas card! Spend some time exploring the little back lanes and arch covered footpaths - not forgetting the outstanding castle which overlooks the town, considered by many to be the country's finest.* This afternoon, continue north through the forested countryside of Bohemia to 'Golden Prague' - so named for its gleaming gilded spires. Hotel: Diplomat Hotel. (BB,D)

**🏰 DAY 3 – PRAGUE SIGHTSEEING.** Sightseeing with your *local guide* reveals the highlights of the Czech capital, spreading either side of the Vltava river. Begin at the lofty heights of *Prague Castle*, dominated by the spires of *St. Vitus' Cathedral*. Walk through *medieval cobbled streets*, past beautiful palaces, and enjoy *spectacular views* over the city. Now descend to *the Old Town Square* with its ancient buildings, magnificent churches and *astronomical clock*. For those travelling in December, be sure to grab a sausage and mulled wine at the brightly decorated Christmas Markets! If you're lucky, you might even see school children in traditional dress, who come to dance and sing for the crowd. (BB)

**🚗 DAY 4 – PRAGUE – BRATISLAVA – BUDAPEST.** The smooth motorway winds through peaceful farmland to the Slovakian border. Arrive in the fortified capital of *Bratislava* by lunch time. Bratislava has not only been part of Czechoslovakia, but has also belonged to Austria and Hungary during its long history - in fact, for a time, it was even capital of Hungary. Time here to walk from the banks of

the Danube to the *Old Town's historic squares*; all the while the four towered *Bratislava Castle* looms over the city. The Hungarian (and Austrian) border is only a proverbial stone's throw away. Your destination is elegant Budapest, 'Queen of the Danube' - a grand metropolis and once the second city of the mighty Hapsburg Empire! Hotel: Hilton Budapest West End. (BB,D)

**🏰 DAY 5 – BUDAPEST SIGHTSEEING.** This morning a *local guide* acquaints you with both Buda and Pest, divided by the river, yet linked by the mighty *Chain Bridge* and the newer, elegant *Elizabeth Bridge*. First stroll the quaint lanes of the *old town of Buda*, perched high above the Danube, looking over the commercial and shopping centre of Pest. Admire the view from the *Fisherman's Bastion*, and visit *Matthias Church*, with its incredible interior decoration. Now enjoy another *fine view* from the *old citadel on Gellert Hill*, before crossing the Danube to the commercial Pest district. See the grandiose *Parliament building* and imposing statues of the ancestors of the Hungarian people in *Heroes' Square*. This afternoon is at leisure. Perhaps join the shoppers amid the boutiques of Vaci street? In December, the street will be colourfully lit and the Christmas fair will be in full swing! (BB)

**👑 DAY 6 – BUDAPEST – VIENNA.** A leisurely drive today returns you to Vienna for your afternoon sightseeing tour with a *local guide* who will reveal all the highlights of this grand city. *First a visit to the glorious Schönbrunn Palace, built as a summer residence for Maria Theresia during the Golden Age of the Hapsburg Empire.* Now into the city centre to *tour the Ring Street*. Pass magnificent *St Charles' church, the Vienna State Opera House*, the soaring spires of the *City Hall and the Parliament*. Finally catch a glimpse of Strauss in the Stadtpark before free time for shopping this afternoon. *This evening, enjoy a Highlight Dinner at a local restaurant.* Hotel: Hilton Vienna. (BB,HD)

**DAY 7 – VIENNA.** The airport shuttle service arrives at Vienna Airport at **07.00 and 09.00** hours where your tour ends. (BB)



Enjoy a highlight dinner in Vienna



Wander across the medieval Charles Bridge, Prague

7 DAYS ~ AUSTRIA ~ CZECH REPUBLIC ~ SLOVAKIA ~ HUNGARY

Explore the medieval cobbled streets, back lanes and arch covered footpaths of this charming town



Take a walk around the Old Town's historic squares



Visit Schönbrunn Palace the magnificent summer residence of Maria Theresia  
Learn about the legendary meeting between Mozart and Marie Antoinette at the Palace  
Enjoy a Highlight Dinner at a lively local restaurant on the last evening

VIENNA (Day 1, 6 and 7)

BUDAPEST (Day 4 and 5)

Admire the view from the Fisherman's Bastion



- Key**
- PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
  - PERSONAL INSIGHTS
  - HIGHLIGHT DINNERS
  - WELCOME DRINK
  - LOCALLY GUIDED SIGHTSEEING
  - ORIENTATION TOUR
  - CENTRAL HOTELS + NIGHTS

**Included Premium Highlights**

- Explore the cobbled streets of Cesky Krumlov and see the medieval castle
- In Vienna enjoy a guided visit to magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and gardens

**Included Personal Insights**

- Learn about the legendary meeting between Mozart and Marie Antoinette in Schönbrunn Palace.

**Included Additional Excursions & Sights**

- Walk within the walls of Prague Castle to visit St Vitus Cathedral
- See the Astronomical Clock in Prague's Old Town Square
- Visit the Matthias Church and enjoy views from Fisherman's Bastion in Buda
- Look out over Budapest from the lofty heights of Gellert Hill
- See the gargantuan Parliament Building and visit Heroes' Square in Pest
- See the Opera House, Parliament building & St Charles' Church in Vienna

**Included First Class Services**

- Escorted by a professional Tour Director
- Luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and onboard restroom
- First Class hotels with all service charges, taxes and portorage
- Insight Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack
- Airport Shuttle arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 1 and Day 7. (Should your flights not coincide with these arrival and departure transfers, please make your own way to/from the airport or see page 50 to purchase a transfer).

**Included Quality Dining**

- Highlight Dinner in Vienna at a local restaurant (HD)
- 6 buffet breakfasts (BB), 2 three course table d'hôte dinners, or buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)
- Departures on tour for Christmas & New Year's Eve, enjoy a festive celebration dinner

TOUR CODE: **Save up to US\$120 p.p. - see reductions below**  
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Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp.
Vienna		p.p.	Option	Vienna		p.p.	Option	Vienna		p.p.	Option
Nov 07	Nov 13	\$1,150	\$290	* † Dec 27	Jan 02	\$1,299	\$330	Mar 06	Mar 12	\$1,175	\$290
† Nov 14	Nov 20	\$1,150	\$290	<b>2011</b>				Mar 13	Mar 19	\$1,175	\$290
* Nov 28	Dec 04	\$1,150	\$290	Jan 02	Jan 08	\$1,150	\$290	Mar 20	Mar 26	\$1,175	\$290
* Dec 05	Dec 11	\$1,150	\$290	Jan 16	Jan 22	\$1,150	\$290	Mar 27	Apr 02	\$1,175	\$290
* Dec 12	Dec 18	\$1,150	\$290	Feb 06	Feb 12	\$1,150	\$290				
† †* Dec 20	Dec 26	\$1,199	\$290	Feb 20	Feb 26	\$1,150	\$290				

**Supplements**

**Pre & post tour accommodation**

Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
Hilton Vienna	\$121	\$174	\$117

**Notes**

Prices are per person sharing a twin.  
\*These tours start on Monday and end on Sunday.  
All other departures start on Sunday and end on Saturday.

**Festive highlights**

- Explore the colourful Christmas markets in Prague, Budapest & Vienna on these departures.
- † A curtailed selection of Christmas Markets are available on these departures.
- ◆ Xmas/New Year's Eve festive celebration dinner included

**Reductions**

SAVE \$10 per person with Triple room reduction  
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SAVE \$120 per person with Young Traveller Discount  
SAVE up to \$65 per person with 2nd Tour Discount  
SAVE up to \$65 per person with Frequent Traveller Discount  
**Early Payment Discount** 10 months 6 months  
SAVE per person \$90 \$60  
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