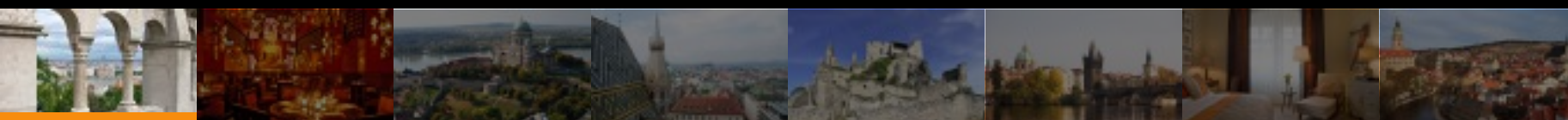


## Explore Eastern Europe



Enjoy panoramic vistas of the Danube from Fisherman's Bastion, located on Castle Hill.



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## About your stay

This 10-day tour of Eastern Europe takes in three of the region's most iconic cities. Starting on the banks of the Danube in Budapest, you'll travel by train to Vienna to walk along the Ringstrasse and explore Hofburg Palace, and you'll spend the last few days in Prague, where you'll cross the Charles Bridge and wander the Old Town Square. The comprehensive city-hopping itinerary includes stays in luxe hotels and excursions to medieval towns, and factors in time to tour the countryside. Including both urban hubs and rural idylls, it caters to history buffs and adventurers in equal measure.



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### What we love

- Four days of private sightseeing tours (ranging from three to eight hours each)


### What to know

- It's a jam-packed itinerary that doesn't allow for much free time
- The tour is centered on history,

### Customize this Journey

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- First class seats and spectacular scenery on train transfers to Vienna and Prague
- Three full-day excursions: to Szentendre in Hungary; the Danube Valley towns of Melk, Dürnstein and Krems; and Cesky Krumlov, near Prague
- Learn about Ferenc Liszt and other famous composers on a classical music tour of Budapest
- Breakfast buffet is included daily

- architecture and museums
- Lunch and dinner are not included
- You'll work with a Euroquest Travel specialist to customize this journey
- Prices start at \$6,190 per person, but final rates will vary depending on the dates you choose and the customizations you make

## The Review

You'll be contacted by a Euroquest Travel representative, who will gather more details from you. You'll work with your consultant to customize your itinerary and book your trip.

You can select your travel dates and book the trip as suggested, or customize the trip by adding more nights, locations, excursions or activities.

### STARTING RATES

From \$6,190 per person

All prices are based on two adults traveling together (double occupancy)

Prices vary depending on date of travel

Accommodations are based on availability

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Daily buffet breakfast
- All private road transfers (with an English-speaking driver) specified in the itinerary
- Entrance fees to all sights and museums
- Transfer to Budapest from airport, with accommodations at the Buddha-Bar Hotel
- Transfer to Vienna, with accommodations at the MGallery am Konzerthaus
- Transfer to Prague, with accommodations at the Rocco Forte Augustine

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare to/from your home city
- Travel insurance
- Accommodations/meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Any domestic flights and airport taxes unless mentioned above
- Tips and personal expenses
- Excursions or any other services not listed in the itinerary

## Eastern Europe Tour

*9 Nights/10 Days*

### Day 1: Arrival

Upon arrival in Budapest, you'll be transferred to the Buddha-Bar Hotel, where you can relax and unwind before touring the Pest side of the Danube in a private car with a guide. The three-hour tour starts at the market hall, where you can taste your way around the food stalls and stock up on Hungarian produce. Next you'll head to Heroes Square and gawk at the Millennial Monument and St. Stephen's Basilica, the city's most prominent church. Join a one-hour public tour at the end of the day to discover the old Opera House, completed in 1884. Spend the next three nights at the Buddha-Bar Hotel. Located within the 100-year-old Klotild Palace, it's an eclectic mashup of Oriental opulence and contemporary industrial design, with a lauded on-site restaurant and a rooftop bar overlooking Buda Castle. It's also just a few steps from the city's most exclusive shopping street, Váci Utca.

*Overnight at the **Buddha-Bar Hotel***

### Day 2: Budapest



After breakfast you'll be greeted by a local guide and embark on an eight-hour sightseeing tour in the comfort of your own private vehicle. The journey will begin by crossing the Chain Bridge to Buda before moving on to the former Royal Palace. Here you'll take the funicular to the top of Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the Danube. Drive back down to wander through the Royal District's cobblestone streets and see the Matthias Church, a Hungarian coronation site. From the Fishermen's Bastion and Gellért Hill, you'll soak up sensational panoramas of the city before returning to the hotel for a brief break. Later this afternoon continue exploring with a classical music tour of the 19th-century composers who called Budapest home. Begin with the Zoltan Kodaly museum, then have a glimpse inside Ferenc Liszt's namesake museum, which is in the Academy of Music's original edifice. The building was Liszt's home when he lived in Pest during the early 1880s. If you're not too worn out, pop inside the Ferenc Liszt Academy of Music and see the elaborate Art Nouveau embellishments.

*Overnight at the Buddha-Bar Hotel; breakfast included*

### **Day 3: The Danube Bend**

Start early for another full-day excursion to explore the picturesque Danube Bend area, often considered the center of the Hungarian Renaissance. Here you'll stop at the Baroque town of Szentendre, a thriving artist community of pastel dwellings. Roam the exhibits of the Margit Kovács Museum and look into Blagovestenska Church, a red Rococo masterpiece. Take a trip to the medieval royal fortress of Visegrád, the Anjou kings' palace and the ancient citadel. Before returning to your hotel, the tour will make one final stop, at Esztergom, the seat of the Hungarian Catholic Church, where you can explore the basilica, crypt and treasury.

*Overnight at the Buddha-Bar Hotel Budapest; breakfast included*

### **Day 4: Budapest to Vienna**

This morning you'll transfer to the Budapest train station to begin your voyage to Vienna. Relax in a reserved first class seat and watch the Hungarian scenery roll by as you cross into Austria. Once in Vienna you'll be driven to the MGallery am Konzerthaus Hotel, where each room showcases art and sketches by popular Viennese artists. The property is just blocks from the State Opera House, the Belvedere and the Ringstrasse.

*Overnight at the **MGallery am Konzerthaus Hotel**; breakfast included*

### **Day 5: Vienna**

Stretch your legs on a four-hour walking tour of the Imperial City, beginning with a stroll along the Ringstrasse. Next, learn about the Habsburg family, which ruled the Austro-Hungarian Empire until 1918; then have a peek inside the Hofburg Palace complex. If you have the energy, you can climb the 300 steps up the bell tower in St. Stephen's Cathedral for a breathtaking bird's-eye view of the heart of Vienna. This afternoon see the city at your own pace or enjoy an optional outing to Schönbrunn Palace and its pristinely groomed grounds. This vast estate was once the Hapsburgs' summer residence; its name comes from a spring found on the property.

*Overnight at the MGallery am Konzerthaus Hotel; breakfast included*

### **Day 6: The Danube Valley**

Escape the city with a visit to the Danube Valley, where you'll explore the picturesque Baroque abbey in Melk. Down the path from the abbey's library, you'll find a spectacular view of the Danube and Wachau Valley. Nosh on a lunchtime snack and slowly sip your way through the charming wine town of Dürnstein and its crumbling castle ruins. With enough time, you can choose to stop in Krems to see the Weinstadt Museum (a 14th-century former Dominican cloister) before returning to Vienna for the evening.

*Overnight at the MGallery am Konzerthaus Hotel; breakfast included*

### **Day 7: Vienna to Prague**

Roll away from Vienna this morning and head to Prague, the final destination of the tour. You'll be picked up at the station and driven to the Augustine, where you can build your own itinerary for the remainder of the day.

*Overnight at the **Augustine**; breakfast included*

### **Day 8: Prague**

After breakfast, wander through the Old Town and into the Jewish Quarter. Some of the sights on the tour include the Gothic Town Hall in the Old Town Square and the Jewish Museum. Walk among the artists and street vendors along the 14th-century Charles Bridge before meeting your driver for a private tour of Prague's Castle District. Here you'll visit the Cathedral of St. Vitus, the Basilica of St. George and Golden Lane, a row of 16th-century houses. At the end of the afternoon you'll explore the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Loreto and the Strahov Monastery, which is known for its beautifully detailed Baroque style. Avoid the tourist crowds with a private tour of the ornate library before heading back to the hotel.

*Overnight at the Augustine; breakfast included*

### **Day 9: Cesky Krumlov**

Roadtrip to Cesky Krumlov, a medieval town on a snaking bend in the Vltava River. This quaint Central European burg developed around a 13th-century castle and has been preserved for more than five centuries. The city's unique architecture combines Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque elements. Hike up to the towering castle and peer over the dried-up moat to make friends with the resident bears, who are really the only inhabitants left here. Cesky Krumlov is almost eerie in its silent solitude, the only sound the river water rushing under the stone bridges. Wander the narrow, winding alleys to the Church of St. Vitus and observe its 15th-century construction and reticulated vaulting.

*Overnight at the Augustine; breakfast included*

### **Day 10: Departure**

Once you've grabbed a bite at the breakfast buffet, you'll be transferred to the Prague airport for your flight home.

— Chelsea Bengier