



PRIVATE LUXURY TOUR POLAND – CZECHIA – AUSTRIA – SLOVAKIA - HUNGARY 2024



ABOUT THIS TRIP

16 DAYS / 5 COUNTRIES / UNESCO SIGHTS / 5 CAPITALS / EASY TOUR

Enjoy the private luxury tour of Poland – Czechia – Austria – Slovakia and Hungary. We will show you the highlights of these 5 charming capitals, give you a comprehensive overview of the rich history of these countries. Try delightful Polish, Czech, Austrian, Slovak and Hungarian cuisine, wine and beer, visit interesting museums, galleries, and take part on evening concerts. Tickets to all top sights are already included in this package.



Our top priority is the exclusive, exceptional customer care. From the very first email, through the entire booking process, during your lovely tour and up to your departure – we will always care about your highest comfort, the attention to details, your safety, your special requests and of course that your tour is enjoyable, meaningful and memorable.

As it is essential to have a top tour guide while you are enjoying your lovely holiday, our guide-drivers are native Slovaks, highly qualified, licensed experts with vast knowledge of history of Slovakia with excellent English skills, driving skills, strong personal touch with sense of humor. They are friendly and always ready to help you and make your stay a lovely and unique experience.

Our vehicles are new, fully equipped luxury vans Mercedes Benz V class, for up to 7 travelers, they offer the highest possible comfort, you will enjoy our luxury suites on the wheels.

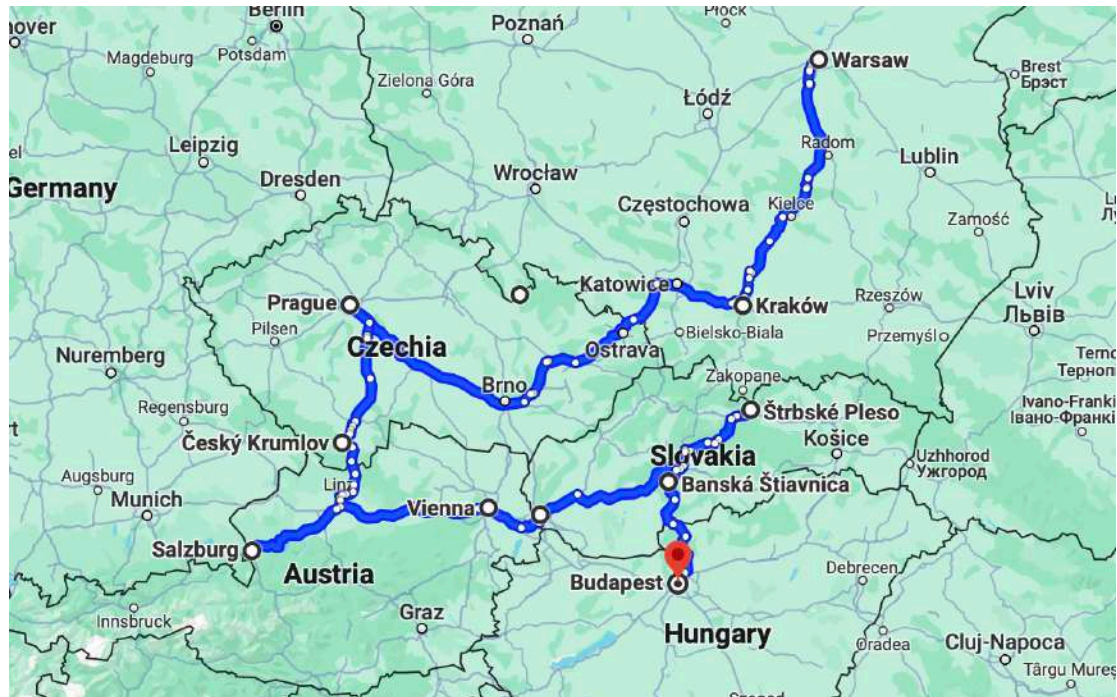


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YOUR PRIVATE TOUR ITINERARY

Route: Tour starts in Warsaw / Poland (fly in Warsaw)
Tour ends in Budapest airport / Hungary (fly out Budapest)
(we'll drive you to any other airport if requested)

Total of 2400 km / 1491 mi



DAY 1 WELCOME TO WARSAW

Welcome drink and Welcome dinner. Your lovely holiday starts today.

Book with us an airport pick up service from Warsaw airport and get the best possible price, travel in style with the highest comfort.

How do we provide this service? We will wait for you at the airport's arrival hall holding a sign with your name, help you with your luggage, drive you safely and comfortably to Warsaw center to your hotel and help with the check in process. Maximum comfort, mineral water on board and a pleasant drive. At leisure.

Overnight in Warsaw

DAY 2

WARSAW QUALITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR



We'll start with a quality walking tour (with our local professional tour guide) on **Krakowskie Przedmieście** – the best known and prestigious streets of Poland. It links the parts of the Royal route, Old town and Royal castle, castle square with the column of King Sigismund III Vasa who moved the capital from Krakow to Warsaw.

On the walking tour we will pass **Presidential palace**, Warsaw University and the Polish Academy of Sciences. See the highlights of Warsaw as well as WW2 devastation and rebuilt process. Lunch break & continue with Lazienki park, then free time (relaxing, shopping).

Optional visits:

Jewish Heritage tour - Jewish history with our local specialist

Museum of Frederick Schopin, the story of the life and work of the famous Polish composer

Museum of King Jan III Sobieski at the baroque Wilanow palace

Museum POLIN - 1000 years of history is told here in a symbolic place in the center of Warsaw – in the pre-war district inhabited mainly by Jews which were during WW2 transformed by the Germans into a ghetto.

Overnight in Warsaw

DAY 3

WARSAW - LODZ - KRAKOW

Drive to Lodz - during the Poland's Industrial Revolution it was one of the most multicultural and industrial centres in Europe. Today, bursting with creative energy, city is well suited for artists, film makes and free thinkers. Lonely Planet named Lodz as the 2nd Best Value Destination for 2019.

Let's walk on Piotrkowska street – the longest commercial street in Poland. From Plac Wolnosci (Liberty square) to the junction Pilsudskiego it is 4.2km. Admire lots of architectural styles from the neo-baroque (House of Schiebler, Wilhelm Landau's Bank House, art nouveau styles. Then, Holly-Lodz – pavement stars honour Roman Polanski, a graduate of the city's film school and pianist Arthur Rubinstein. Lunch and drive to Krakow. Evening's walk around Krakow's lovely square.

Overnight in Krakow

DAY 4

KRAKOW - POLAND'S ROYAL CITY



Start with a walking tour to Wawel royal castle - situated in the centre of Krakow, on the edge of the Old Town. The Wawel Castle and its cathedral have experienced over 1000 years of both glorious and turbulent history. Together they now form one of the most popular tourist attractions in the region. We walk to the Market Square (Rynek Glowny)

for a tasty Polish lunch.

The square is the centre of Krakow's Old Town district and Europe's largest medieval square, it has been the hub of the city since the 13th century. It contains some of Krakow's most famous sights, including the **Cloth Hall**, the **Basilica of St Mary**, the **Town Hall** tower and the tiny 11th-century **Church of St Adalbert**. Lunch and visit Kazimierz district. South of the Old town lies Kazimierz, once it was the centre of Jewish life in Krakow for over 500 years, before it was destroyed during WWII, rebuilt after 1990s. Today, it belongs to Krakow's most exciting districts with plenty of cafes, bars, restaurants and galleries. Visit of Old Synagogue, Remuh Synagogue and more sights. Well-known for its associations with Oscar Schindler and Spielberg's Schindler List. On request we can organize a visit of Oskar Schindler factory or Auschwitz camp (it is necessary an advance booking).

Optional visits: Kazimierz district - visit of Synagogues + Jewish history, Wieliczka Salt mine

Auschwitz Birkenau visit - cc camp and/or Oskar Schindler factory

Overnight in Krakow

DAY 5

PRAGUE – THE CAPITAL OF CZECHIA



Drive to Prague (5hrs 45min). Prague - Mother of the cities, City of Hundred spires, Golden City or the City of Legends and Ghost stories? Which of the nicknames do you like the most? We'll start with our journey through the history of this fascinating city with a **Quality Sightseeing Walking tour** with our local expert guide. You will get the

history overview of this former imperial and royal city. Nowadays, a modern and attractive capital city. We explore the ancient streets lined with historic buildings, pass through magnificent squares such as Old town square and, of course, the **Astronomical Clock** and see the old bridge – the famous **Charles Bridge**. We'll learn about the people and of the events that have shaped the city over the past one thousand years.

Overnight in Prague

DAY 6

PRAGUE CASTLE



Stroll up to **Prague castle** along the former royal route through historical streets, cross the Charles Bridge, one of Europe's oldest stone bridges, and reach Lesser Town. Short stop to admire the most beautiful baroque church of Prague – St. Nicholas church, then, continue along the former Royal Route we come up to the Prague Castle complex to discover the

major sights within. Admire the architectural style from the medieval times up to 20th century. Once a seat of the Bohemian kings, nowadays a seat of the Czech president. Your guide brings the magnificent castle buildings to life by explaining their oft turbulent history, and their royal and presidential connections.

See the changing of the guards. We admire and visit the largest and most important church - Saint Vitus Cathedral.

Our ticket will allow you to visit the ancient architecture of the **Old Royal Palace** and the romanesque **Basilica of St. George** and **Golden Lane** – the tiny lane will amaze you. Legend has it that the colourful houses were inhabited by alchemists working for the emperor Rudolf II, who wanted to discover the legendary Elixir of Youth and the Philosopher's Stone. True or not, it is a special street where also world-famous Prague writer Franz Kafka worked. After enjoying stunning views of Prague, we walk down to Lesser Town, full of baroque-style buildings, home to government offices, embassies and foreign diplomats. Lunch break. Another great opportunity to try delicious Czech meals.

Have you seen the narrowest street with a traffic light? What about the controversial Czech artist David Cerny and his famous statues? And of course, the John Lennon wall, the graffiti covered wall, with a special history representing global ideals such as love and peace. Actually, the only place in the city where graffiti is legal.

Optional visits: Jewish Quarter tour, National Museum

Overnight in Prague

DAY 7

CESKE BUDEJOVICE - CESKY KRUMLOV – UNESCO SIGHT



This morning, firstly, we'll drive to **Ceske Budejovice** – visit of a famous brewery, uncover the brewing secrets of the world-known and unique Budweiser Budvar Premium Lager. Lunch at a beerhouse restaurant. Drive to Cesky Krumlov and start with a **Quality Sightseeing Walking Tour** through narrow historical streets full of late gothic, renaissance and baroque well preserved houses. The town grew up within a meander of the river Vltava, which provides a natural setting of exceptional beauty. Have you ever heard about the stone you can't find elsewhere in the world? Discover the mystery and beauty of the jewels from space – the light green to olive brown stones called the **Moldavites**.

Overnight in Cesky Krumlov at the Hotel Bellevue

DAY 8

SALZBURG – THE BIRTH PLACE OF WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART



Drive to Salzburg (2hrs 45min drive), the birthplace of W. A. Mozart, a spectacular city dominated by churches, castles and palaces, no doubt it is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. We'll start with a Quality Walking Tour and will immerse in the city's rich history. Start with the visit of **the Hohensalzburg castle** – the majestic fortress high above the Old city (by funicular railway).

Enjoy stunning views. Continue with the Old town walking tour through famous street **Getreidegasse** – the bustling heart of Salzburg's Old city and visit of **Mozart's birthplace** (the museum gives a wonderful overview of the composer's life and his relationship with the city), walk on the **Cathedral Square** and enter the **Salzburg Cathedral**, where Mozart was baptized. The next must-to-see is **the Mirabell Palace and Gardens**.

Optional visits: Sound of Music tour – the story of the Trapp family, the sound of music movie is recipient of five Oscars and is among the most successful productions in cinematic history

Overnight in Salzburg

DAY 9

SALZBURG - MELK – WACHAU - VIENNA



We'll drive to **Wachau Valley**, - the scenic part of Austrian landscape famous for its vineyards on the steep terraces and monumental wines. We'll stop in a small town **Durnstein** and take a walk through the heart of the historic old town and walk up to Durnstein castle ruin where famous King Richard I of England was held captive. As

some of the world's finest white wines come from this area, try a glass of Riesling or Gruner Veltliner.

Continue to **Melk** – a spiritual and cultural center of the country for more than 1000 years, first as a castle for the Babenbergs, then from 1089 as a Benedictine monastery, founded by Margrave Leopold II. Melk Abbey presents one of Austria's highlights and as Europe's great cultural ensemble. Drive to Vienna.

Overnight in Vienna at the Hotel Beethoven**** or alternative

DAY 10

ENJOY IMPERIAL VIENNA



We'll start a day with a **quality sightseeing walking tour** to see the **Opera's house**, walk on a famous shopping street **Kartnerstrasse**, admire the **Stephan's Cathedral**, and enter into the winter residence of Empress Elisabeth – the imperial **Hofburg palace**, - the unique heart of this great city. We'll give you an overview about the city's rich Habsburg history,

music, architecture, gastronomy. Lunch break and trying Austrian delicacies. We'll visit a marvellous **Schonbrunn Palace** – the summer residence of the former Empress Elisabeth with an attractive interior exposition. Take a guided tour around the palace (Grand Tour), afterwards, we walk around the spectacular gardens. Enough time to enjoy a coffee and maybe to try a famous Sacher cake. What about a concert of classical music?

Optional visits: Museum Albertina – home to one of the largest and most precious graphic art collections in the world. View works by Schiele, Klimt, Warhol
Museum of Fine Arts – collection of ancient Egyptian, Greek & Roman antiquities
Museum Belvedere – an art lover's dream, view works by Schiele, Klimt and Munch

Overnight in Vienna at the Hotel Beethoven**** or alternative

DAY 11

WELCOME TO BRATISLAVA – BEAUTY ON THE DANUBE RIVER



Drive to Bratislava (50min drive) We'll visit the **Devin Castle**, situated at the confluence of the Danube & Morava rivers. Its owners could control the important trade route along the Danube as well as one branch of the Amber Road. After admiring the beautiful castle ruin and enjoying the views on Austria, we show you where once the "Iron Curtain" – the former border between the West and the

East used to stand. Next stop is **Slavin** World War2 memorial and **Bratislava Castle**, - symbol of the city. Lunch break and continue with the **quality sightseeing walking tour** with a start on a Hviezdoslav square, a prominent 18th century square surrounded by stunning palaces, the **Slovak National Theatre** and the **Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra**. Visit of the **St. Martin's Cathedral** - the coronation place of 18 rulers including famous Austria-Hungarian empress Maria Theresa, we stroll on medieval streets such as Panska and Venturska where famous music composers studied or gave concerts, such as W. A. Mozart, F. Liszt, L. Beethoven. Admire the only preserved town entrance – **St. Michael's Gate**. Walking through the main square, admire a beautiful former **Old Town Hall** and **Maximilian Fountain**, the **Primate's Palace** (outside) - the largest in Bratislava where the Treaty of Pressburg was signed in the Hall of Mirrors. Enough time for taking pictures and enjoying the atmosphere.

Overnight in Bratislava at the Boutique Hotel Arcadia**** or alternative

DAY 12

NORTHERN SLOVAKIA – ORAVA CASTLE – TATRA MOUNTAINS



Morning drive to a wonderful region of Slovakia – the **Orava region**. We'll visit the famous, mighty fortress – the **Orava Castle**, situated high on the rock above the river Orava. It definitely belongs to one of the greatest attractions of northern Slovakia. Get an interesting history overview, myths and legends. Continue to see an open-air **Museum of Orava village** will give you a

picture how people used to live in the past. It is a wonderfully located "skanzen" in the western part of the Tatra mountains. Enjoy scenic views on the way to Strbske Pleso. Dinner at traditional Slovak "Koliba" restaurant and trying delicious meals.

Overnight in Strbske Pleso, Hotel Sollisko****, High Tatra Mountains, Northern Slovakia

DAY 13

UNCOVER THE BEAUTY OF OUR MOUNTAINS



It's easy to fall in love with High Tatras - mountains with its picturesque valleys, brooks, waterfalls, colorful meadows, tarns with crystal clear water. We are very excited to show you our lovely mountains, from **Stary Smokovec** town we'll take a funicular (tickets not included) to get Hrebienok and walk to the waterfalls. An easy walking tour in the nature. Lunch break and we'll move to **Tatranska Lomnica** town (15min by car) to take a cable car (tickets not included) to Skalnaté pleso station to see the High Tatra mountains from above. We enjoy a little walk around Skalnaté pleso, views of the Lomnický peak and valley views.

Please note, if you would like to go up to the top of Lomnický peak (2nd highest peak in High Tatras), it is necessary an advance booking with a full payment for the tickets in advance. Please let us know.

Alternatives:

- 1, easy walking tour to Popradské pleso lake (on the smooth road, total of 2-3 hours of walking)
- 2, longer hiking tour, total of 6-7 hours (e.g. up to cottage by Green lake or Teryho cottage)
- 3, visit the only accessible cave in High Tatras – Belianska cave (tickets not included)

Overnight in Strbské Pleso, Hotel Sollisko****, High Tatra Mountains, Northern Slovakia

DAY 14

BUDAPEST – THE QUEEN ON THE DANUBE RIVER



We'll drive to Budapest (2hrs 30min) and start with the Gellert view point to see the lovely panorama of Buda and Pest, river Danube and the spectacular bridges. Visit the impressive **Buda castle**, a UNESCO World Heritage, during the 15th century, under the rule of King Matthias, Buda

became one of Europe's most influential cities. Visit of the Matthias church - the scene of a big coronation ceremony where emperor Franz Joseph and his wife

Elizabeth (Sisi) were crowned, and thus the Austro-Hungarian Empire was established. **Fishermen's bastion** - only 100 years old - a favorite lookout. In medieval times, the fish market was nearby and the bastion was built to commemorate the fishermen who protected this part of the city. Enjoy the stunning views on European 3rd largest Parliament and the bridges (the oldest and most famous is the Chain Bridge, at the time of its construction, it was a suspension bridge with the second-largest span in the world. Lunch break and walking tour to see **St. Stephen's Basilica, Vaci shopping street, Danube Promenade**. What about an evening concert or a Hungarian folk-dance entertainment?

Overnight in Budapest at the Hotel La Prima Fashion**** or alternative

DAY 15

BUDAPEST – PEST / LEFT RIVER BANK



A **Quality Sightseeing Tour** around the Pest site, firstly by our car, drive on famous Andrassy boulevard to largest Hungarian square - **Hero's Square**, get a history overview about many important events and millennial monument built in 1896 to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of the arrival of Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin, we'll continue to see **the Parliament**

and **Liberty Square**. Lunch break followed by the boat trip on the river Danube – enjoy the spectacular views of both river banks and its magnificent sights. Free Afternoon for museums, galleries or strolling around.

Optional visits:

Parliament visit (guided tour with the local tour guide, advance booking is essential)
House of Terror museum (fascist Arrow Cross Party and communist AVH, 20th century exhibition)

Hungarian National Museum, Hungarian National Gallery

Visit of the Great Synagogue & Jewish Heritage Sights

Visit of Szechenyi Spa

Overnight in Budapest at the Hotel La Prima Fashion**** or alternative

DAY 16

FAREWELL and DEPARTURE

Your memorable holiday comes to an end today. We are ready to arrange for you an airport transfer - comfortable door-to-door service for discounted rates.

Drop off details: Pick up from Hotel Name, Pick up time:

Drive to Budapest airport / Hungary, Departure flight time: Flight number:

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

- ✓ Warsaw – the capital of Poland
- ✓ Krakow – the magical city where the royals were crowned
- ✓ Prague – the city of hundred spires
- ✓ Admire Vienna, the imperial city (first district with all sights, Schonnbrunn palace)
- ✓ Melk Abbey – the Benedictine monastery, Wachau valley – Durnstein castle, vineyards
- ✓ Salzburg – the city of music
- ✓ Stroll around Bratislava's charming old town, - the Beauty on the Danube river
- ✓ Budapest – the Queen on the Danube, Buda and Pest part, major sights & boat trip
- ✓ Enjoy first class Guide-driver services and top local tour guides

WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

- ✓ **Meals:** 15x Breakfast, 1x Welcome dinner, 1x Farewell dinner
- ✓ **Accommodation:** 15x first class 4star carefully selected hotels
- ✓ VAT tax (value added tax), local city tax
- ✓ **Tour Guide-driver:** Top Guide-driver from our Best Slovakia Tours – Team
- ✓ **Top Local tour guides:** Warsaw, Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest
- ✓ **Transportation (with fuel, parking fees, highway fees, insurance):** 1-7 travelers - our new model Van Mercedes Benz V-class, equipped with adjustable seats and A/C in all zones, more travelers, Mercedes Benz Sprinter (20 seater)
- ✓ Map of the capital cities, Information material, Brochures, Photos of Your Holiday (link)

Entrances to the top sights:

Poland: Lazienki palace, Wawel Cathedral, St. Mary's Church

Czechia: Prague Castle complex, Beer tasting, Cesky Krumlov castle

Austria: Schonnbrunn palace (Grand Tour), Melk Abbey, Salzburg castle, Mozart House

Slovakia: Devin castle, Orava castle, Museum of Orava village

Hungary: Matthias church, Boat trip

Refreshment on board (sparkling and still mineral water), Map of Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Information material, Brochures

WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Warsaw / Budapest, Return airport transfers (ask and get the special rate), meals and drinks, Travel insurance, personal expenses, cable car tickets, souvenirs
Gratuities to Guide-driver (optional), any services not listed above as "Included"

PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2024

Our price policy is to offer fair and attractive prices for high quality tours.

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| Group of 2 travelers: | € 6750.00 per person |
| Group of 4 travelers: | € 4400.00 per person |
| Group of 6 travelers: | € 3950.00 per person |

Price is per person with minimum of 2 travelers

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- * Some tourist attractions might be temporarily closed due to reconstructions or due to bad weather (cable cars), alternative program will be offered
- * All prices are per person sharing twin/double room
- * Extra bed possible for a surcharge, Single supplement for a surcharge of €890.00
- * Generally, this tour is available for travelers on wheelchair (and with other physical limitations), however, some sights might not be accessible (castles)

TOUR REVIEWS

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