

# VIENNA – BUDAPEST – BRATISLAVA 2024 NEW ITINERARY. LUXURY WAY OF TRAVELING.



### ABOUT THIS TRIP

#### 7 DAYS / 3 COUNTRIES / 2 UNESCO SIGHTS / 3 CAPITALS / EASY TOUR

Enjoy the private Vienna-Budapest-Bratislava tour – the luxury way of traveling and discovering. We will show you the highlights of these 3 charming capitals, give you a comprehensive overview of the rich history of these countries. Try delightful Austrian, Hungarian and Slovak 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.



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**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.



Peter & Jane Blazicek Best Slovakia Tours – Travel Team

## YOUR PRIVATE TOUR ITINERARY

Route: Tour starts in Vienna, the capital of Austria Fly in/out: Vienna Schwechat airport / Austria (recommended)

## ROUTE / TOTAL of 700km/434mi



#### DAY 1 WELCOME TO VIENNA – IMPERIAL CITY

Welcome drink and dinner (included) and itinerary introduction. Your lovely holiday starts today.

<u>Book with us an airport pick up service</u>. 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 Your Hotel in Vienna and help you with the check in process. Maximum comfort, mineral water on board and a pleasant drive. At leisure.

Overnight in Vienna

#### DAY 2 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?

<u>Optional visits:</u> 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, Green & Roman antiquities Museum Belvedere – an art lover's dream, view works by Schiele, Klimt and Munch Spanish Horse-Riding school

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

#### DAY 3 DAY TRIP TO MELK ABBEY AND WACHAU VALLEY



We'll explore a **Wachau valley**, - UNESCO World Heritage site, the spectacular landscape along the river Danube, known for its wine and many renaissance little towns, historical castles and churches.

We'll start with the famous Benedictine monastery - **Melk abbey**, the symbol of the Wachau valley (tour through the abbey),

afterwards, a tasty Austrian lunch and relax in Durnstein town. Climb up to the castle ruin (where king Richard the Lionheart was kept as a prisoner). The views on the Danube are just stunning. This region is famous for Grüner Veltliner and Riesling. Why not to try it?

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

#### DAY 4 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 5 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 6 WELCOME TO BRATISLAVA – BEAUTY ON THE DANUBE RIVER



Drive to Bratislava (2hrs 15min) We'll drive to **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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

Farewell dinner in the old town (included).

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

### DAY 7 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 Vienna airport / Austria, Departure flight time: Flight number:

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

- ✓ Admire Vienna, the imperial city (first district with all sights, Schonnbrunn palace)
- ✓ Budapest the Queen on the Danube, Buda and Pest part, major sights & boat trip
- ✓ Stroll around Bratislava's charming old town, the Beauty on the Danube river
- ✓ Enjoy first class Guide-driver services and top local tour guides

### WHAT IS ALWAYS INCLUDED

- ✓ Meals: 6x Breakfast, 1x Welcome dinner, 1x Farewell dinner
- ✓ Accommodation: 6x 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: Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava
- Transportation: 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 High Tatras and Slovakia, Information material, Brochures, Photos of Your Holiday (link)

#### Entrances to the top sights:

Vienna - Schonnbrunn palace (Grand Tour), Bratislava - Devin castle, Budapest - Matthias church, Refreshment on board (sparkling and still mineral water), Map of Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest, Information material, Brochures

#### WHAT IS EXCLUDED

Flights to/from Vienna

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.

Price is per person with minimum of 2 travelers

Group of 2 travelers: Group of 4 travelers: Group of 6 travelers:

€ 2850.00 per person
€ 2250.00 per person
€ 1850.00 per person

### 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 €450.00

\* 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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