# PRIVATE PREMIUM GRAND CENTRAL EUROPE TOUR 2027

## POLAND – CZECHIA – AUSTRIA – SLOVAKIA - HUNGARY



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# ABOUT THIS TRIP

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

Discover the heart of Europe the luxury way, on a private journey through five countries: Poland, Czechia, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary.

Explore the highlights of five charming capitals, **Warsaw**, **Prague**, **Vienna**, **Bratislava** and **Budapest**, as well as **Kraków**, Poland's former royal capital, as our expert guides bring their rich and intertwined histories to life.

Along the way, savor the delightful cuisines of each country, paired with fine local wines and beers. Visit fascinating museums and galleries, and enjoy enchanting evening concerts.

## A NOTE FROM THE CEO & FOUNDER OF BEST SLOVAKIA TOURS – TRAVEL COMPANY

My name is Peter. I was born in 1973 and grew up in Czechoslovakia. After the fall of communism in 1989, I began traveling with my parents, and some of my first trips to Western Europe were to Switzerland, France and Austria. I found traveling absolutely fascinating.

Slovakia, though, was always the country of my summer and winter holidays, especially in the spectacular Tatra Mountains.

In 2006, I organized a holiday around Slovakia for a small group of friends, and that's when an idea was born: to bring together everything I love. My homeland, traveling, learning foreign languages (I guide tours in English, German, Spanish and Italian), meeting people, and sharing the history of my country with travelers from all over the world. I discovered my passion and profession.

A year later, in 2007, I founded our travel agency in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. We started with private tours around Slovakia and later expanded to the neighboring countries. From the very beginning, my goal was to offer the highest quality services and attention to every detail. Today, our team of 10 top guide-drivers offers day trips, multi-day tours and longer journeys of 14+ days across Central Europe.

In 2014, my wife Janka joined the agency, and she works full-time as our office manager. She shares my love of Slovakia, travel and discovering new places, and she sometimes joins our tours, in Slovakia and in destinations such as Berlin, Kraków, Florence, Milan, Slovenia, Croatia and Romania.

We're proud that our guests describe traveling with us as "fabulous," with five-star service.

**In 2027, we will celebrate 20 years of Best Slovakia Tours!**





Peter & Jane Blazicek / Best Slovakia Tours – Travel Team

## JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

| Day | Date | Location | Highlights | Overnight |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | Warsaw | Arrival to Warsaw | Hotel Puro**** |
| 2 | | Warsaw | Quality tour with local tour guide | Hotel Puro**** |
| 3 | | Warsaw | Lodz > Krakow | Hotel Senacki**** |
| 4 | | Krakow | Quality city tour with our guide-driver | Hotel Senacki**** |
| 5 | | Krakow>Prague | Quality tour with local tour guide | Hotel Cube**** |
| 6 | | Prague | Prague Castle, Lesser Town | Hotel Cube**** |
| 7 | | >Cesky Krumlov | Plzen, Cesky Krumlov | Hotel Bellevue**** |
| 8 | | >Salzburg | Old town tour, Cable car, Mirabell palace | Hotel Altstadt**** |
| 9 | | >Vienna | Melk Abbey, Wachau valley, Wine | Hotel Radisson Blu |
| 10 | | Vienna | Quality tour with local tour guide | Hotel Radisson Blu |
| 11 | | >Bratislava | Quality tour with local tour guide | Hotel Arcadia**** |
| 12 | | High Tatras | Orava region | Hotel Solisko**** |
| 13 | | High Tatras | High Tatras | Hotel Solisko**** |
| 14 | | Budapest | Buda - Quality tour with local tour guide | Hotel Prestige**** |
| 15 | | Budapest | Pest sights | Hotel Prestige**** |
| 16 | | Budapest | Departure from Budapest | --- |

## WARSAW TO BUDAPEST TOUR ROUTE



# YOUR PRIVATE TOUR ITINERARY

## DAY 1
**WELCOME TO WARSAW** / Witamy w Polsce

We will meet you at Warsaw Chopin airport, drive you safely and comfortably to your hotel in Warsaw, and assist with check-in. Your **airport transfer is included**, with mineral water available on board.

Welcome drink, itinerary introduction and relaxing time.

Overnight in Warsaw at the Hotel Puro Warszaw

## DAY 2
## WARSAW – THE CITY OF THE MERMAID - QUALITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR



We begin with a private walking tour led by our local expert guide along **Krakowskie Przedmieście**, one of Poland's best-known and most prestigious streets. Part of the historic **Royal Route**, it leads to **Castle Square**, crowned by the column of King Sigismund III Vasa, the monarch who moved the capital from Kraków to Warsaw. From here, explore the Royal Castle and the charming Old Town.

Along the way, pass elegant landmarks such as the **Presidential Palace**, **the University of Warsaw** and the **Staszic Palace**, home of the **Polish Academy of Sciences**. Your guide will reveal the city's highlights as well as its dramatic story of destruction in World War II and remarkable rebuilding. So faithful was the reconstruction of the **Old Town** that it is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

After lunch, stroll through the beautiful **Łazienki Park**, Warsaw's largest park, with its graceful Palace on the Isle and the famous Chopin Monument.

The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax or enjoy some shopping.

**Welcome dinner – trying tasty Polish specialties (included)**

<u>Optional visits:</u>
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 at the Hotel Puro Warszaw
Total driving distance: 25km / 15mi, Driving time: 40min, Walking: 2-3 miles / 4-5 hours

## ⭐ ADD AN EXTRA DAY ⭐

*Would you like to discover even more of Warsaw? Add an extra day to your tour and visit the magnificent Wilanów Palace, the Baroque summer residence of King John III Sobieski, often called "the Polish Versailles." Then enjoy breathtaking views over the city from the 30th-floor terrace of the iconic Palace of Culture and Science, and much more. Just let us know, and we'll be happy to tailor your extra day.*

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## DAY 3
## WARSAW - LODZ - KRAKOW

Today we drive to **Łódź**. During Poland's Industrial Revolution, it was one of the most multicultural and industrial cities in Europe. Today it is bursting with creative energy, a city of artists, filmmakers and free thinkers.

Stroll along **Piotrkowska Street**, one of the longest commercial streets in Europe, stretching some four kilometers from Liberty Square (Plac Wolności). Admire its rich mix of architectural styles, from Neo-Baroque gems such as Wilhelm Landau's Bank House to elegant Art Nouveau façades. Along the way, discover Łódź's own "Walk of Fame," where stars set in the pavement honor famous figures such as director Roman Polański, a graduate of the city's renowned film school, and the great pianist Arthur Rubinstein.

After lunch, we drive on to Kraków. In the evening, enjoy a leisurely stroll around the Main Market Square, the largest medieval town square in Europe, glowing beautifully at dusk.

Overnight in Krakow at the Hotel Senacki
Total driving distance: 420km/260mi, total driving time: 5hrs, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 4
## KRAKOW - POLAND'S ROYAL CITY



We begin with a walking tour to **Wawel Royal Castle**, set on a hill above the Vistula River at the edge of the Old Town. For more than a thousand years, the castle and its cathedral have witnessed both glorious and turbulent chapters of Polish history, as the seat of kings and the place where they were crowned and laid to rest. Today, they are among the most beloved sights in the country.

From here, we walk to the **Main Market Square** (Rynek Główny), the heart of Kraków's UNESCO-listed Old Town and the largest medieval town square in Europe. It has been the hub of city life since the 13th century and is home to many of Kraków's most famous sights: the Renaissance **Cloth Hall**, **St. Mary's Basilica**, where a trumpet call rings out from the tower every hour, the **Town Hall Tower** and the tiny 11th-century **Church of St. Adalbert**. Enjoy a delicious Polish lunch overlooking the square.

In the afternoon, we explore **Kazimierz**, just south of the Old Town. For more than 500 years, it was the center of Jewish life in Kraków, until its community was tragically destroyed in the Holocaust during World War II. Since the 1990s, the district has been reborn as one of Kraków's most vibrant quarters, full of cafés, bars, restaurants and galleries. Visit the **Old Synagogue**, the oldest surviving synagogue in Poland, the **Remuh Synagogue** and other sights. Kazimierz is also known for its connection to Oskar Schindler and Steven Spielberg's film Schindler's List, which was partly filmed here.

On request, we can arrange a visit to Oskar Schindler's Factory museum or the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum. Advance booking is required.

Optional visits:
Ausschwitz Birkenau visit - cc camp and/or Oskar Schindler factory
Kosciuszki Kopiec (mound)
Rynek underground (situated beneath the Cloth Hall)

Overnight in Krakow at the Hotel Senacki
Walking distance: 2-3 miles / 4-5 hours

⭐ ADD AN EXTRA DAY ⭐

*Would you like to discover even more of the region? Add an extra day to your tour and visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, a deeply moving place of remembrance. Later, return to Kraków to explore Oskar Schindler's Factory, now a fascinating museum telling the story of the city under wartime occupation, and much more. Just let us know, and we'll be happy to arrange your extra day.*

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## DAY 5
## PRAGUE – THE CAPITAL OF CZECHIA



After an morning departure (suggested 7:30am), we head west to Prague. On arrival, we check in at the hotel and enjoy lunch, then, get ready for a journey through the history of this fascinating city with a private walking tour led by our **local expert guide**. Once an imperial and royal seat, Prague is today a vibrant, modern capital, and your guide will bring its rich past to life.

Wander through ancient streets lined with historic buildings and step onto magnificent squares, including the **Old Town Square** with its famous **Astronomical Clock**.

Along the way, you'll hear about the people and events that have shaped Prague over more than a thousand years. it's time for lunch, and a delicious decision: which traditional Czech dish will you choose? Svíčková na smetaně: tender marinated beef sirloin in a creamy vegetable sauce, served with bread dumplings, whipped cream and cranberries or Vepřo knedlo zelo: roast pork with dumplings and sauerkraut, a true Czech classic.

Walk on **Wenceslav square**, a grand boulevard named after St. Wenceslas, the country's patron saint. this square is above all the place where Czech history was made. In 1918, people celebrated the birth of independent Czechoslovakia here. In 1968, Soviet tanks rolled in to end the Prague Spring, and you can still find the memorial to Jan Palach, the student who gave his life in protest, just below the museum. And in November 1989, hundreds of thousands of people gathered here, jingling their keys, during the Velvet Revolution, which brought down communism peacefully. Stroll around the former Jewish Quarter.

Overnight in Prague at the Hotel Cube
Total driving distance: 540km/335mi, total driving time: 5hrs 15min, walking: 2miles

## DAY 6
## PRAGUE CASTLE



Today we follow in the footsteps of kings along the historic Royal Route. Stroll through charming old streets and across the **Charles Bridge**, one of the oldest stone bridges in Europe, to reach the Lesser Town (Malá Strana). Pause to admire the **Church of St. Nicholas**, Prague's most beautiful Baroque church, before continuing uphill along the **Royal Route** to the magnificent Prague Castle complex.

Once the seat of the Bohemian kings and today the official seat of the Czech President, Prague Castle showcases architectural styles spanning a thousand years, from medieval times to the 20th century. Your guide will bring its splendid buildings to life, revealing their often turbulent history and their royal and presidential connections. Be sure to watch the Changing of the Guard.

At the heart of the complex rises **St. Vitus Cathedral**, the largest and most important church in the country, where many Czech kings and patron saints are laid to rest. Inside, sunlight streams through glorious stained-glass windows, bathing the interior in color. Don't miss the window designed by the famous Czech Art Nouveau artist Alfons Mucha. Outside, admire the imposing medieval mosaic of the Last Judgement above the Golden Gate, and let us tell you its story.

Your ticket also includes the **Old Royal Palace**, the **Romanesque Basilica of St. George** and the **enchanting Golden Lane**. Legend has it that its tiny, colorful houses were once home to alchemists working for Emperor Rudolf II, searching for the Elixir of Youth and the Philosopher's Stone. True or not, it is a truly special place, and the world-famous Prague writer Franz Kafka once worked in one of its little houses.

After taking in stunning views over the city, we walk down into the Lesser Town, a picturesque quarter full of Baroque palaces that are now home to government offices and foreign embassies. Enjoy lunch and another chance to taste delicious Czech cuisine.

Afterwards, discover some of the Lesser Town's quirkier treasures. Have you ever seen a street so narrow it needs its own traffic light? Or the provocative sculptures of controversial Czech artist

David Černý? And of course, there's the John Lennon Wall, covered in ever-changing graffiti and messages celebrating love, peace and freedom, with a fascinating history of its own.

<u>Optional visits:</u>
National Museum, Museum of Communism
Strahov monastery & Strahov library – admire frescoes and historic book collections
Petrin Hill – climb or take a funicular up to Petrin Lookout Tower for panoramic views
Vysehrad – visit historic 10th century fortress, basilica and park high above Vltava river
Dancing house – café at the top of this unique house

Overnight in Prague at the Hotel Cube

## ⭐ ADD AN EXTRA DAY ⭐

*Would you like to discover even more of the region? Add an extra day to your tour and visit the magnificent Gothic Karlštejn Castle, founded in the 14th century by Emperor Charles IV to safeguard the royal treasures and crown jewels.*
*Alternatively, for a deeper understanding of the tragic fate of the Jewish people during World War II, visit the Terezín Memorial, a moving place of remembrance at the site of the former ghetto and the Small Fortress prison. Just let us know, and we'll be happy to arrange your extra day.*

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## DAY 7
## PLZEN - CESKY KRUMLOV – UNESCO SIGHT




This morning we drive to Plzen, home of the world-famous Pilsner beer. Discover the birthplace of the world's first golden lager, brewed in Plzeň since 1842. The guided tour takes you through the historic and modern brewhouses, the bottling line, and down into the brewery's vast sandstone cellars, where beer was traditionally fermented and matured in huge oak barrels. The highlight is a tasting of unfiltered, unpasteurised Pilsner Urquell drawn straight from the barrel, a taste you can only experience here.

In the afternoon, we continue to Český Krumlov, a UNESCO World Heritage gem. A private walking tour leads you through narrow historic streets lined with beautifully preserved Late Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque houses. The town grew up within a sweeping bend of the Vltava River, creating a natural setting of exceptional beauty, crowned by its magnificent castle.

Have you ever heard of a gemstone found almost nowhere else on Earth? Discover the mystery and beauty of moldavite, a light green to olive-brown glass created some 15 million years ago by a meteorite impact. Its "cosmic" origin has made it one of the most fascinating stones in the world (Museum of Moldavites).

Overnight in Cesky Krumlov at the Hotel Bellevue
Total driving distance: 260km/161mi, total driving time: 3hrs 45min, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 8
## SALZBURG – THE BIRTHPLACE OF WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART



**Salzburg**, the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, is a spectacular city of churches, castles and palaces. Its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We begin with a private walking tour that immerses you in the city's rich history. First, ride the funicular up to **Hohensalzburg Fortress**, the majestic castle towering high above the Old Town, and take in the stunning views over the city and the surrounding mountains.

Back in the Old Town, stroll along the famous **Getreidegasse**, the bustling heart of Salzburg, and visit Mozart's Birthplace, where the museum offers a wonderful insight into the composer's life and his relationship with the city. Continue to **Cathedral Square** and step inside Salzburg Cathedral, where Mozart was baptized.

Finally, no visit would be complete without the elegant **Mirabell Palace** (concert hall) and its beautiful gardens.

Optional visits:
- Mozart's house
- 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
- Apple Strudel Cooking Class
- Untersberg cable car up to legendary Salzburg mountain for magnificent views.

Overnight in Salzburg
Total driving distance: 210km/130mi, total driving time: 2hrs 45min, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 9
## SALZBURG - MELK – WACHAU - VIENNA



We drive to **Melk**, a spiritual and cultural center of Austria for more than 1,000 years. Once a castle of the Babenberg dynasty, it was given to Benedictine monks in 1089 by Margrave Leopold II. Today, the magnificent Baroque **Melk Abbey** is one of Austria's true highlights and one of Europe's greatest cultural treasures

We continue to the Wachau Valley, one of Austria's most beautiful landscapes and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its vineyards rising on steep terraces above the Danube and for its outstanding wines. Stop in the charming little town of **Dürnstein**. Stroll through the heart of its historic old town, then walk up to the ruins of **Dürnstein Castle**, where King Richard the Lionheart of England was once held captive. Some of the world's

finest white wines come from this region, so be sure to enjoy a glass of Riesling or Grüner Veltliner. Drive to Vienna.

Overnight in Vienna at the Hotel Radisson Blu Style
Total driving distance: 330km/205mi, total driving time: 3hrs 45min, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 10
## ENJOY IMPERIAL VIENNA



Your local expert will show you the city. Admire the world-famous Vienna State Opera, then stroll along **Kärntner Straße**, the city's elegant shopping street, to **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, the Gothic symbol of Vienna. Here you can choose your view: ride the elevator up the North Tower, or climb the 343 steps of the South Tower for a breathtaking panorama over the rooftops.

Continue along the **Graben** and **Kohlmarkt** to the **Hofburg**, the imperial palace and former seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, the heart of this great city. From there, walk the grand **Ringstrasse** to see the **Parliament**, the **Burgtheater** and the **Rathhaus**. Along the way, your guide will bring Vienna's rich story to life, from the Habsburg dynasty to its music, architecture and gastronomy.

Pause for lunch and a taste of authentic Austrian delicacies. Wandering the narrow cobblestone lanes of the historic First District, you can almost hear the music of Mozart, Schubert and Strauss in the gentle clatter of horse-drawn carriages.

In the afternoon, visit the magnificent **Schönbrunn Palace**, the Habsburgs' summer residence and a favorite of Empress Elisabeth, known as Sisi. The Grand Tour of its splendid interiors, then stroll through the spectacular palace gardens.

There's plenty of time to relax over a Viennese coffee and a slice of the famous Sachertorte. And to round off the day, why not enjoy an evening 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
Grinzing – Austrian authentic cuisine

Overnight in Vienna at the Hotel Radisson Blu Style
Total driving distance: 20km/12mi, total driving time: 1hr, walking: 2-3miles

DAY 11
WELCOME TO BRATISLAVA – BEAUTY ON THE DANUBE RIVER



This morning we drive to **Devín Castle**, set on a cliff where the Danube and Morava Rivers meet. Its owners once controlled the important trade route along the Danube as well as a branch of the ancient Amber Road. After exploring the romantic castle ruins and enjoying the views across the rivers into Austria, we'll show you where the **Iron Curtain** once divided East and West, and tell you the story of the communist era in Czechoslovakia

On the way back to the city, we visit **Slavín War Memorial**, honoring the Soviet soldiers who fell in the liberation of Bratislava in 1945, and Bratislava Castle, the symbol of the city. Enjoy stunning views over the Danube and discover the castle's rich history.

After lunch, we explore the highlights of the Old Town on a private walking tour. We begin on elegant Hviezdoslav Square, lined with splendid palaces, the historic **Slovak National Theatre** and the Reduta, home of the **Slovak Philharmonic**. Step inside St. Martin's Cathedral, where 11 kings and 8 queens of the Kingdom of Hungary were crowned, including Empress Maria Theresa.

Stroll along the medieval Panská and Ventúrska Streets, where great composers such as Mozart, Beethoven and Liszt once performed, and pass through **St. Michael's Gate**, the only one of the town's medieval gates to survive.

On the **Main Square**, admire the charming **Old Town Hall** and the **Maximilian Fountain**, then see the **Primate's Palace**, the grandest palace in Bratislava. In its Hall of Mirrors, the Peace of Pressburg was signed in 1805 after the Battle of Austerlitz. There's plenty of time for photos and to soak up the atmosphere.

Ask your guide for their favorite restaraunts. They'll be happy to book a table for you.

<u>Optional visits:</u>
Museum of City History & views from the former town hall tower
Michael's Gate – tower views
UFO view point (coffe, cake & views)

Overnight in Bratislava at the Boutique Hotel Arcadia****
Total driving distance: 80km/49mi, total driving time: 1hr, walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 12
## NORTHERN SLOVAKIA – ORAVA CASTLE – TATRA MOUNTAINS



Today we leave Bratislava and drive north to the Orava region to visit the mighty **Orava Castle**, perched high on a rocky cliff above the Orava River. It is one of the greatest attractions of northern Slovakia, and film fans may recognize it from the classic silent horror film Nosferatu (1922). What awaits you here? Fascinating history, stunning views, and plenty of myths and legends.

After a delicious lunch, we visit the **Museum of the Orava Village** in Zuberec, a beautifully located open-air museum at the foot of the Western Tatras. Wander among its wooden cottages, church and workshops and get a vivid picture of village life in the past.

We then continue to the **High Tatras**, where we end the day with dinner at a traditional koliba, a rustic mountain restaurant in a wooden lodge.

Overnight in Strbske Pleso, Hotel Sollisko****, High Tatra Mountains, Northern Slovakia
Total driving distance: 380km/236mi, total driving time: 4hrs 15min walking: 1-2miles

## DAY 13
## UNCOVER THE BEAUTY OF OUR MOUNTAINS



It's easy to fall in love with the **High Tatras**, with their picturesque valleys, rushing streams and waterfalls, colorful alpine meadows and crystal-clear mountain lakes.

We can't wait to show you our beautiful mountains. In Starý Smokovec, ride **the funicular up to Hrebienok** and enjoy an easy walk through nature to the **Cold Creek Waterfalls**.

We then drive to **Tatranská Lomnica** and take the **cable car up to Skalnaté Pleso** to see the High Tatras from above. Take a short stroll around the mountain lake and enjoy wonderful views of Lomnický Peak and the valleys below. (Funicular and cable car tickets are not included.)

Next, we drive to Štrbské Pleso for a relaxing walk around its magical glacial lake, an easy stroll on a smooth path with beautiful mountain views.

In the evening, enjoy dinner at the charming Koliba Patria, where many more Slovak delicacies await you.

Optional visits:
1, easy walking tour to Popradske 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 Strbske Pleso, Hotel Sollisko****, High Tatra Mountains, Northern Slovakia
Total driving distance: 45km/27mi, total driving time: 1hrs, walking: 2miles

## DAY 14
## BUDAPEST – THE PEARL ON THE DANUBE RIVER



After an morning departure (suggested 8am), we head south to Budapest. On arrival, we check in at the hotel and enjoy lunch

The **Quality Sightseeing Walking Tour** led by our local specialist. Our first stop is Gellert Hill, offering breathtaking views over both Buda and Pest, the perfect spot for panoramic photos. We then continue to Buda Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the 15th century, under the ruly of King Matthias, Buda became one of the most influential cities in Europe.
We visit the beautiful **Matthias Church** - the scene of a big coronation ceremony when 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.
It's time to experience Budapest from its most beautiful angle – the comfortable boat ride on the Danube. Glide past the city's most iconic landmarks (1hr15min).

Your guide will be happy to recommend some great restaurants and book a table for you.

Overnight in Budapest at the Hotel Prestige
Total driving distance: 405km/251mi, total driving time: 4hrs, walking: 1-2miles

DAY 15
BUDAPEST – PARLIAMENT, BASILICA and the HEART OF PEST



We begin the day with a guided tour of the **Hungarian Parliament**, one of the most spectacular landmarks and of the largest parliament building in the world. During the 45min tour, we admire **the Holy Crown of Hungary**, afterwards, we stroll around and explain the most important memorials. Walk on **Liberty Square** and enter the majestic **St. Steven's Basilica**.

We drive along the elegant **Andrassy Avenue** to **Heroes' Square** – one of the city's most iconic squares. Its **Millennium Monument** built in 1896 to commemorate the 1000th anniversary of the arrival of the Hungarians in the Carpathian Basin. Stroll along **Váci Street**, Budapest's famous pedestrian shopping street, lined with boutiques, cafés and elegant historic buildings. How about a coffee and cake break at the famous **Café Gerbeaud**? This elegant coffee house is one of the oldest and grandest in Europe. Late afternoon free.

**Farewell dinner in the Old town (included).** *****End of guide-driver services*****

Optional visits
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
Hungarian Cooking Class
Classical music concert in a church
Hungarian State Opera, guided tour
Evening cruise – an unforgettable experience

Overnight in Budapest at the Hotel Prestige
Total driving distance: 15km/9mi, total driving time: 30min, walking: 1-2miles

⭐ ADD AN EXTRA DAY ⭐

*Would you like to discover even more of Budapest? Add an extra day to your tour and explore the Hungarian National Museum, home to the country's greatest treasures and the story of its thousand-year history. Then unwind at the famous Széchenyi Thermal Bath, one of the largest spa complexes in Europe, where you can soak in warm, healing waters surrounded by splendid Neo-Baroque architecture. Just let us know, and we'll be happy to arrange your extra day.*

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DAY 16
FAREWELL and DEPARTURE

Your memorable Private Premium Grand Central Europe Tour comes to an end today. We'll book for you an airport transfer (**included**).

When you are back, we would love to hear your impressions, and we look forward to shaping your next journey together.

## 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, vinyeards
- ✓ Salzburg – the city of music
- ✓ Stroll around Bratislava's charming old town, - the Beauty on the Danube river
- ✓ Budapest – the Pearl 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:** 1-3 travelers – new, luxury personal car Skoda Superb (A/C, comfortable seats)
- ✓ 4-7 travelers - new luxury van Mercedes Benz V-class, fully equipped with adjustable, comfortable leather seats and A/C in all zones, fridge on board
- ✓ 8-18 travelers we use from our partner agency Mercedes Benz Sprinter,
- ✓ groups of 19+ will enjoy spacious buses Setra 30 or 50 seaters

- ✓ 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, Guided tour through the parliament (tickets)

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

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

Flights to/from Warsaw / Budapest, Airport transfer (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"

# AVAILABILITY AND PRICES - TRAVEL SEASON 2027

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| Group of 2 travelers: | € 8250.00 per person |
| Group of 4 travelers: | € 5450.00 per person |
| Group of 6 travelers: | € 4650.00 per person |

## PRICE INFORMATION

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## TOTAL BOOKING PRICE

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| Price per person based on travelers | EUR |
| **Total price (all fixed costs + all variable costs)** | **EUR** |
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| Deposit 25 % (advanced payment via bank wire or PayPal, Stripe or Wise) | EUR |
| Balance 75 % (advanced payment via bank wire or PayPal, Stripe or Wise) | EUR |

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This price offer has been done by Peter Blazicek
EUR is the currency in use in Slovakia. All prices in the itinerary are stated in EUR currency.

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

To secure the reservation we require 25% as an advance payment.

**25% deposit**
Bank wire transfer to our company's account (see bank details)
Online payment via PayPal with 5.5% fee, Stripe with 3.5% fee, WISE or Revolut
**Individual travelers up to a group of 3**
**75% balance - the payment will be executed 21 days (3 weeks) prior the tour start**
Bank wire transfer to our company's account
Online payment via PayPal with 5.5% fee, Stripe with 3.5% fee, WISE or Revolut

**Group of 4 and more**
**75% balance - the payment will be executed 42 days (6 weeks) prior the tour start**
Bank wire transfer to our company's account
Online payment via PayPal with 5.5% fee, Stripe with 3.5% fee, Wise or Revolut

## BANK DETAILS

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| Bank name: | Tatra Banka, a.s. |
| Bank address: | Hodzovo square 3, 811 06 Bratislava, Slovakia |
| Account name: | Best Slovakia Tours, s.r.o. |
| Account number (IBAN): | SK 18 1100 0000 0026 2286 2720 |
| SWIFT / BIC: | TATR SK BX |

Bank charges pays PAYER

## CANCELLATION POLICY

25% of the total tour price – if the contract is cancelled more than 35 days before the tour begins
30% of the total tour price – if the contract is cancelled between 34 - 31 days before the tour begins
50% of the total tour price – if the contract is cancelled between 30-21 days before the tour begins
80% of the total tour price – if the contract is cancelled between 20-16 days before the tour begins
100% of the total tour price if the contract is cancelled less than 15 days before the tour begins
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# IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Low season: some attractions may be temporarily closed for renovation, and cable cars may not run in bad weather. In these cases, we will gladly offer an alternative program.
- Prices: all prices are per person, based on two people sharing a twin or double room in carefully selected 4-star hotels.
- Extra bed and single rooms: an extra bed is available for a surcharge. The single room supplement is €680.
- Accessibility: this tour is generally suitable for wheelchair users. Please let us know in advance, and we'll plan the most comfortable, step-free route possible for you.




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