

Splendors of Budapest, Vienna & Prague

10 days from \$8,395 | Limited to 18 guests

Warsaw & Krakow

6-day Pre-Tour Extension from \$3,995

Discover the three most radiant cities in Central Europe and experience the grand architectural, artistic and cultural heritage of the Old World, exploring Baroque-era treasures with the finest local experts.

& A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Absorb the imperial grandeur of Budapest, a city that has survived the passing of empires and kept its romantic allure, where you savor an exclusive garden lunch at a private villa
- ▶ Take in the dazzling beauty of Budapest illuminated at night, viewing impressive examples of architecture along the way, on a private evening cruise on the Danube
- ▶ Attend an intimate concert at the Mozarthaus in Vienna, which was a mecca for great composers, including Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert and Strauss, for more than a century
- ▶ Savor local wines on a visit to an award-winning winery in Moravia, set on vineyards dating back to the 13th century
- ▶ Privately explore the library of the Strahov Monastery in Prague, gaining access to an area usually closed to the public, on a guided visit exclusively for A&K guests

DAY 1: Arrive Budapest, Hungary

Arrive in Budapest, a city occupying both sides of the Danube River and founded in 1873, when right-bank Buda and Obuda joined left-bank Pest. Budapest's broad avenues and turn-of-the-century architecture have earned it the name, "the Paris of Eastern Europe." Like Paris, it is a cultural mecca for writers, artists and musicians. Transfer to your hotel, where you join your fellow guests for a welcome dinner. **Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace Budapest | Meals: D**

DAY 2: Budapest | Matthias Church & Fisherman's Bastion
This morning, cross the Danube River to explore the Buda side of the city. Visit Matthias Church, the 13th-century coronation cathedral of Hungarian kings, and Fisherman's



Bastion, offering spectacular views of the city. Built in neo-Gothic and neo-Romanesque styles, the bastion is named for the guild of fishermen who defended this part of the city during the Middle Ages. Then, meet a Buda resident for lunch in the gardens of her villa, an experience specially planned for A&K guests. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure, relaxing in your luxurious accommodations or exploring this romantic city on your own, perhaps dining at one of Budapest's fine restaurants.

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DAY 3: Budapest | Across the Bridge in Pest

Today, discover Pest, starting with a private visit to the Liszt Academy of Music. Continue exploring the city as you view Heroes' Square and stop to see the Great Synagogue as well as St. Stephen's Basilica, whose south tower houses the largest bell in Hungary. Then, visit the Central Market Hall to view the vast array of food and crafts on sale throughout its three floors, including cheeses, sausage and other local specialties, and enjoy time at leisure for lunch on your own. Later, visit the Parliament Building before spending the remainder of your afternoon at leisure. This evening, after dinner, embark on a private cruise of the romantic Danube to watch the glittering lights of Budapest drift by in the night, toasting your journey on a memorable Scenic Sundowner experience.

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DAY 4: Bratislava, Slovakia & Vienna, Austria | Chef's Table

Journey overland to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, for a guided walk through its old town, once a jewel of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Stop at a local restaurant for a Chef's Table experience, where the esteemed chef greets you and



Absorb panoramas of Budapest from historic Fisherman's Bastion

shares insights into the seasonal dishes you are to enjoy for lunch. Then, Ride Like a Local, embarking by high-speed catamaran for a quick cruise along the Danube River to Vienna, Austria. **Hotel Imperial | Meals: B L**

DAY 5: **Vienna** | Austrian Treasures

Join your local guide for a walking tour of marvelous Vienna. At the Hofburg Palace — former seat of emperors and current residence of the president of Austria — visit the Imperial Treasury to admire its glittering collection of imperial regalia. Then, continue to the Gothic St. Stephen's

Cathedral. Spend your afternoon at leisure. Dine at a local restaurant before attending a concert at the Mozarthaus Vienna, the historic house where Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart lived in the 18th century. **Hotel Imperial | Meals: B D**

DAY 6: **Vienna** | Visions of the Imperial City

This morning, enjoy a panoramic tour of Vienna, viewing the Prater and its Giant Ferris Wheel. See the Secession Building and the famous Hundertwasser House, and then visit the Belvedere Gallery, where you view many works by the brilliant and controversial symbolist artist Gustav



Visit Vienna's marvelous Hofburg Palace to view the regalia in its Imperial Treasury



See the delicate frescoes in the library of Prague's Strahov Monastery



Explore the Old-World charms of Prague and walk the iconic Charles Bridge

Klimt, including *The Kiss*. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and then visit Schönbrunn Palace, the former residence of Habsburg monarchs. Spend your evening at leisure.

Hotel Imperial | Meals: B L

DAY 7: Popice, Czech Republic | Wines of a Unique Terroir
Travel to Prague, stopping en route at the Sonberk winery in the Czech countryside for a tasting of its signature vintages, followed by lunch. Continue to Prague, where you check in to your hotel, and then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Mandarin Oriental, Prague | Meals: B L D

DAY 8: Prague | History Remembered

Today, explore the city's Castle District, starting with the towering, Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, which houses the tombs of Bohemian kings and Holy Roman Emperors, including that of Wenceslas I, Duke of Bohemia, legendary subject of the beloved Christmas carol "Good King Wenceslas." Stroll the Golden Lane, the last surviving vestige of Prague Castle's 16th-century architecture, where the castle's original craftspeople lived and worked. Follow this with a private visit to the Baroque library halls of the Strahov Monastery to view its incredible frescoes, which reside amid detailed stucco ceiling decorations. Stroll in the peaceful quiet, looking up at the mural devoted to the intellectual progress of mankind, and let yourself contemplate a bygone era. Then, admire the religious artifacts at the Loreto Chapel, a remarkable Baroque monument that remains a place of pilgrimage. Cross the famous Charles Bridge, an iconic landmark of Prague completed in 1402, to embark on a walking tour of Josefov, the city's Jewish Quarter, which remained a walled ghetto until 1848. View the birthplace of Franz Kafka (part of the

Jewish Museum complex), best known for his existentialist novel *The Metamorphosis*. Proceed to visit the Old Jewish Cemetery, site of 12,000 graves, and the Old-New Synagogue, Europe's oldest active synagogue, completed in 1270.

Afterward, enjoy your evening at leisure.

Mandarin Oriental, Prague | Meals: B

DAY 9: Prague | Design Your Day

This morning, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Attend a Traditional Puppetry Workshop**, and then visit the National Gallery Prague in the Schwarzenberg Palace.
- **Set Out on a Foodie Walking Tour**, savoring tastes of Czech cuisine, from pastries to goulash to beer.
- **Relax with a Spa Experience at your hotel**, in a haven for the body and spirit, choosing from an array of treatments.

Spend your afternoon at leisure. Tonight, gather for a celebratory farewell dinner at a nearby local restaurant.

Mandarin Oriental, Prague | Meals: B D

DAY 10: Depart Prague

Transfer to the airport to board your flight home. Meals: B

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EXTEND YOUR JOURNEY



Warsaw & Krakow Pre-Tour Extension

6 days from \$3,995 | Available on all departures.

Tour Warsaw's highlights, explore Krakow with a local guide, and visit Auschwitz and the former Schindler factory.

INSPIRING ACCOMMODATIONS



Four Seasons Hotel Gresham Palace Budapest

Travel + Leisure World's Best hotel, offering stately grandeur and a serene retreat from the bustle, located along the shimmering Danube.



Hotel Imperial

Luxurious, opulent hotel set in a historic former palace in the heart of the city, within walking distance of the Vienna State Opera and the Imperial Palace.



Mandarin Oriental, Prague

Historic luxury hotel appointed with contemporary elegance ideally located near the iconic Charles Bridge.

DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 9-18, Jun 6-15, Jun 13-22	\$8,895	\$3,395
Jul 4-13, Jul 18-27, Aug 15-24	\$8,395	\$2,995
Aug 29-Sep 7, Sep 5-14, Sep 19-28*, Sep 26-Oct 5, Oct 3-12*, Oct 17-26, Oct 24-Nov 2	\$8,895	\$3,395

*Departure features alternate sightseeing in the afternoon on day 8.

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.