

IMPERIAL CAPITALS

Prague, Vienna and Budapest

9 nights/10days



ITINERARY:-

Day 1 - Arrive Prague (3 Nights)

The gleaming spires of Prague shine brightly on this At Leisure sojourn through the imperial capitals of Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Admire the Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque façades, before joining your Travel Director and travel companions for an unforgettable Welcome Reception to kick off your holiday.

Hotel - Angelo by Vienna House

Included Meals - Welcome Reception Dinner

Day 2 - Prague Sightseeing and At Leisure

Delve into centuries of history, joining your 'Local Specialist' for a guided walk past the city's iconic sights. Visit the final resting place of Bohemian kings, St. Vitus Cathedral, set within the precincts of Prague Castle. Then, admire the Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square, with its hourly Walk of the Apostles. See the 14th-century Charles Bridge, lined with the Baroque statues of saints, before spending the afternoon admiring the spectacular cityscape on your own.

Included Meals – Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. Beautiful Prague By Night (Adult Price: €39.00)

Join our Local Specialist for an evening introduction to this fairy-tale city on private transport and with a little strolling. Gaze at the panoramic views of the city of a hundred spires while our Local Specialist brings the magic of the Charles Bridge alive. Enjoy a drink in a quaint restaurant as a musician entertains and discover parts of Prague that we have not seen yet.

2. Scenic Vltava Cruise with Lunch (Adult Price: €51.00)

Take a relaxing cruise on the beautiful River Vltava and we'll tell you about the legends, myths, culture and hidden secrets of this enchanting city. During the cruise you'll enjoy a lunch of local specialities.

Day 3 - Prague At Leisure

Today is yours to explore the legends, castles and palaces of Prague. Follow the 'Royal Route' and discover historic treasures, admire picturesque views of the city from Petřín Hill, or join an

Optional Experience to Kutná Hora, with its bone-bedecked chapel and five-nave St. Barbara Church. Spend your evening at leisure, enjoying some of the local beer for which the country is famous.

Included Meals - Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

3. Traditional Dinner In Prague (Adult Price: €58.00)

If you appreciate great food and music, join us for an evening at one of our favourite local restaurants. A wonderful opportunity to say goodbye to glorious Prague.

4. Kutna Hora Bohemian Experience (Adult Price: €49.00)

Visit one of the most fascinating locations in the Czech Republic, Kutna Hora. First, our Local Specialist takes us to the engaging Silver Museum and the castle, where we'll learn the history of this unique town. Then, enjoy the spectacular Gothic church of St. Barbara and the Sedlec Ossuary, both UNESCO listed, before time to enjoy lunch in this Bohemian Town.

Day 4 - Prague – Bratislava – Vienna (3 Nights)

Travel south from Prague through lush Moravian landscapes to Bratislava, passing its quaint Old Town, before continuing your journey to Vienna - our home for the next three nights. Admire the city's musical talents and consider attending a Viennese concert.

Hotel - NH Danube City

Included Meals – Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

5. Viennese Dinner with Musical Entertainment (Adult Price: €63.00)

Enjoy dinner in an atmospheric Viennese restaurant, with drinks and traditional musical entertainment included. A unique experience in one of Europe's most elegant cities.

Adult Price: €63.00

Day 5 - Vienna Sightseeing and At Leisure

The heritage of one of Europe's most influential royal families is explored this morning as we 'Dive Into Culture' during a Small Group Sightseeing guided visit to the Habsburg's royal collection of art and wonders before the doors are open to the general public. Visit the spectacular Kunstkammer and admire the valuable objects collected by the emperors and archdukes of Habsburg over the centuries. Later, we join an included sightseeing tour with a 'Local Specialist' to view the Hofburg Palace, the official residence of the President of Austria and former home of the Habsburg Dynasty. We'll see such sights as the Parliament Building, the magnificent Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral with its geometrically tiled roof. Spend the afternoon on your own, indulging in the city's kaffee culture with a slice or two of Sachertorte.

Included Meals – Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

6. Vienna Woods Excursion (Adult Price: €49.00)

Accompanied by your Local Specialist, you'll travel through charming wine villages to visit the Romanesque Abbey of the Holy Cross at Heiligenkreuz, before stopping at Mayerling and the Carmelite convent, which marks the spot where the tragic events of 1889 took place. This and much more will be revealed on this fascinating tour.

Day 6 - Vienna At Leisure

Today is yours to explore the 'City of Music' on your terms. Tread in the footsteps of the great sons of Vienna - Mozart, Haydn and Strauss, as you delve into the city's rich musical heritage nurtured by aristocrats throughout the centuries. Consider a visit to the beautiful Baroque Schönbrunn Palace to see the former imperial summer residence.

Included Meals - Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

7. Dinner And Viennese Concert (Adult Price: €103.00)

A wonderful evening of all things Viennese! Enjoy a superb dinner with drinks, followed by a concert of Viennese classical music. Works by Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart will be performed and your 'A Class' tickets and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or juice during the interval will only enhance the experience. Please note: on occasion a small gift will be offered in place of a glass of sparkling wine.

Adult Price: €103.00*

8. Schönbrunn Palace And Gardens (Adult Price: €47.00)

The Imperial Summer Palace of Schönbrunn offers an amazing journey through the centuries of Habsburg rule. It is perfectly preserved and richly decorated with treasures from around the globe. Each room has a story to tell, so of course, you'll have a Local Specialist to bring it to life and to make the most of your time. This optional involves reservations and entrance prepayments. Should you decide to cancel the optional, a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred.

Day 7 - Vienna – Esztergom – Budapest (3 Nights)

Journey along the Danube Bend, a narrow twisting valley in the pretty Carpathian Basin, stopping in Esztergom to view its Castle Hill, domed Cathedral, and St. Thomas Hill. We follow the scenic landscape to the romantic city of Budapest where we will spend the next three nights. Enjoy a free evening sipping Hungarian wines or consider cruising along the Danube.

Hotel - Hilton City

Included Meals - Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

9. Danube Cruise With Dinner (Adult Price: €65.00)

Enjoy a scenic cruise on our private boat on the romantic Danube. You'll savour a tasty dinner selection of Hungarian specialities with drinks included and see Budapest's spectacular illuminations, which give it the nickname 'The Paris of the East'.

Day 8 - Budapest Sightseeing and At Leisure

Join a 'Local Specialist' this morning for a walking tour through the winding lanes of Buda's Castle District. Visit the Fisherman's Bastion, view the Matthias Church and drive to Pest to see the Great Synagogue, the largest in Europe. We pay tribute to the seven chieftains of the Magyars in Heroes' Square before enjoying time at leisure to indulge in coffee and krémes in the Jewish Quarter or shopping for Hungarian embroidery and fine porcelain. Tonight, we 'Connect With Locals' over a 'Be My Guest' dinner with the Schieszl family and hear the story of their winery.

Included Meals - Breakfast, Be My Guest

OPPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

10. Budapest's Heritage (Adult Price: €52.00)

Enjoy a delicious light lunch at the renowned Gundel restaurant before visiting St. Stephen's Basilica, an impressive neo-classical landmark where the "incorruptible" right hand of Hungary's first king is kept. We'll also visit the enchanting Moorish synagogue, the largest in Europe, with a Local Specialist.

Day 9 - Budapest At Leisure

Venture up Gellert Hill for spectacular views of the Budapest skyline, relax in the Szechenyi Baths or consider an Optional Experience to Szentendre, a riverside village popular with artists and craftworkers. On our last evening together, we toast to a magnificent journey to the imperial capitals of Europe and enjoy a Farewell Dinner in a local restaurant.

Included Meals - Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

11. Szentendre And Light Lunch (Adult Price: €52.00)

Explore more of Hungary and follow our guide out of bustling Budapest to the picturesque medieval town of Szentendre, set on the banks of the Danube and awash with ancient walls, cobbled streets and beautiful vistas. Here we'll enjoy a Goulash cooking demonstration before sampling this essential Hungarian dish during lunch, which also includes cake and drinks. Afterwards, perhaps strike a bargain in the shops that sell beautiful Hungarian embroidery, ceramics and paprika.

12. Hungarian Parliament Visit (Adult Price: €45.00)

Take a guided tour of this magnificent Gothic Revival building, the most ornate state parliament in Europe. Overlooking the river Danube, the Parliament building is the largest building in Hungary and is still the tallest building in Budapest. This optional involves reservations and entrance prepayments. If you decide to cancel the optional a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred. When Parliament is closed, we'll visit the exquisite 'Renaissance' Opera House and the optional will be offered at €31.

Day 10 -Depart Budapest

We say a fond farewell to our companions and Travel Director today after an unforgettable At Leisure trip. Transfers are provided to Budapest airport. Conditions apply.

Included Meals – Breakfast

COME HOME WITH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF THE TRIP!!!

Departure Dates:-

2020 – 3, 10, 17, 24 Jul; 7, 14, 21, 28 Aug; 4, 11, 18, 25 Sep; 2, 9, 16, 23 Oct; 6, 20 Nov; 4, 18, 24 Dec
2021 – 3, 15, 29 Jan; 12, 26 Feb; 12, 26 Mar; 9, 16, 23, 30 Apr; 7, 14, 21, 28 May; 4, 11, 18, 25 Jun

Inclusions:-

1. Accommodation 9 Nights with Breakfast
2. **MEALS** -9 breakfasts, 3 dinners (including Be My Guest)
3. **ON-TRIP TRANSPORT** -Luxury air-conditioned coach with Wi-Fi in most countries or alternative transportation (such as rail journeys)
4. **Sightseeing** – Only mentioned above (does not include the optional)
5. All hotel tips, charges and local taxes
6. All portorage and restaurant gratuities
7. An expert Travel Director and professional Driver

Exclusions:-

- International Air tickets and taxes
- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Any item if personal nature
- Meals only those mentioned
- Sightseeing only mentioned above and not the optional ones
- 5% GST

*** The Optionals and pricing listed here are a guideline only and subject to change.**