

## ROMANTIC EUROPE TOUR 2024



**Duration:** 12 days

**Dates:** August 22nd - September 2nd, 2024

**Total Distance:** 891 miles

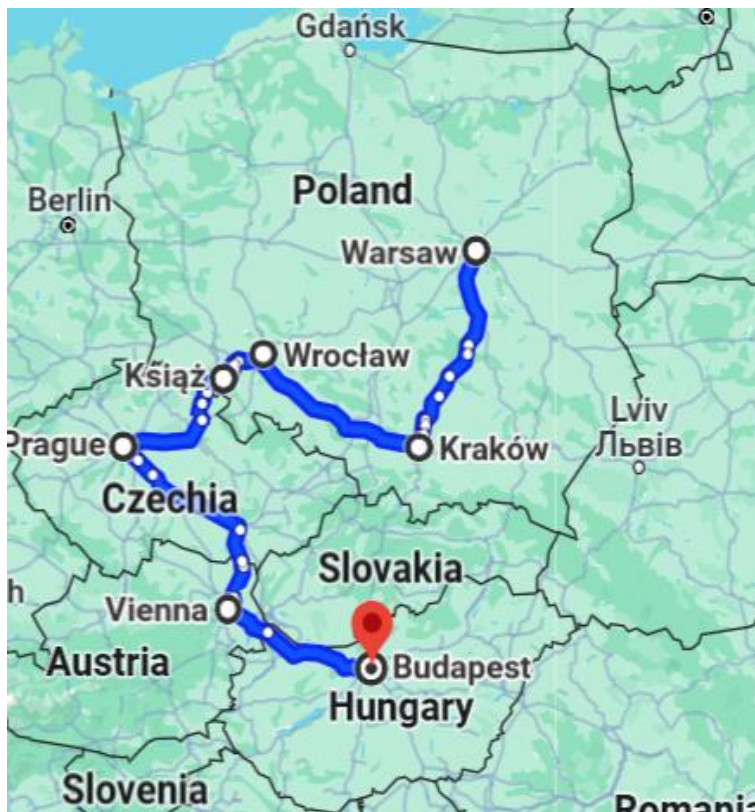
**Arrival:** Warsaw, Poland

**Departure:** Budapest, Hungary

Based on our experience in organizing heritage tours for over 15 years, we offer you an unforgettable tour around Poland, Czechia, Austria & Hungary, that includes:

11 nights in the most European cities:

- Warsaw (1 night), Cracow (3 nights), Wrocław (1 night), Prague (2 nights), Vienna (2 nights), Budapest (2 nights)



**DAY 1**

August 22nd, 2024

- After checking into a hotel and resting a bit, we invite you for a walk around the beautifully rebuilt **Old Town of Warsaw** which is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We go through the Royal Castle - the seat of Polish kings, which was first built there in the 14th century. Then walk along the elegant street of **Krakowskie Przedmieście**, see the **Presidential Palace** and the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**. In the evening we invite you for a **traditional Polish welcome dinner**.

**Overnight:** Warsaw, 3\* or 4\* Hotel in a central location**DAY 2**

August 23rd, 2024

- In the morning we start with the viewing terrace located at the 30th floor of the **Palace of Science and Culture**. Later we go to the **Warsaw Rising Museum** – a tribute to those who fought and died for the freedom of Poland in 1944. At the exhibition we can feel the struggle of everyday life and the horror of occupation. Driving through the current **business district**, that used to be a **Jewish Ghetto** during World War 2, we slowly leave Warsaw and drive to **Kraków**.

**Overnight:** Kraków, 3\* or 4\* Hotel in a central location**DAY 3**

August 24th, 2024

- We enter the **Old Town**, using **Barbican** and follow the '**Royal Route**' through the **Saint Florian's Gate**, as Polish kings used to do. Then, we visit the fascinating **underground museum**, located underneath the **Krakow's Main Square**. After lunch we continue exploring one of the biggest market squares in Europe and eventually reach Royal **Wawel Castle** – the most important residence of Polish kings.

**Overnight:** Kraków, 3\* or 4\* Hotel in a central location

**DAY 4**

August 25th, 2024

- We start the day by visiting **the Jewish district** called **Kazimierz**. It is a part of Krakow that owes its really unique character to over **five hundred years of Jewish tradition**. Later we go to **Oskar Schindler's factory** that is nowadays a modern museum presenting the history of Krakow under German occupation. In the afternoon you have some free time to enjoy beautiful medieval Krakow on your own. Hundreds of charming restaurants and cafes are awaiting you.

**Overnight: Kraków, 3\* or 4\* Hotel in a central location****DAY 5**

August 26th, 2024

- We have the whole day to explore the capital of Lower Silesia region. First we see **Wrocław's beautiful Old Town** with the **famous Market Square**. Then, we must visit **Ostrów Tumski** - a former island between the branches of **the Odra River** where the first wooden church was built in the 10th century. We also check the multimedia fountains show located next to the Centennial Hall which is another popular UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Overnight: Wrocław, 3\* or 4\* Hotel in a central location****DAY 6**

August 27th, 2024

- In the morning we leave Wrocław and head to the cultural and economic hub of central Europe - **Prague**. On our way there we visit **Książ Castle** also called **the Pearl of Lower Silesia, from the 13th century**. Over the centuries it was rebuilt and expanded. During WWII the castle was seized by
- the Nazis and became part of the vast underground Project Riese complex, presumably a projected Führer Headquarter. In the evening we head to Prague in Czechia.

**Overnight: Prague, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location**



**DAY 7**

August 28th, 2024

- We start our tour of picturesque Prague from its northwestern side, visiting **Hradčany Castle**. This impressive fortress was built more than a thousand years ago and is one of the largest of its kind in the world. While being there we visit the colorful **Royal Garden**. Later in the afternoon we walk along the famous **Golden Street**. On our way to the **Prague's Old Town** we can admire the famous **Charles Bridge** - an icon of Czechia.

**Overnight: Prague, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location****DAY 8**

August 29th, 2024

After breakfast we leave Prague and head to Austria's capital - **Vienna**. On our way we stop in **Brno**, an important scientific and cultural center. We start sightseeing with

- **Špilberk Castle** - a key part of the fortress of Brno in the 17th century, and the **Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul**. For those who like adrenaline rush we prepared a visit to **the Capuchin Crypt** - a 17th century funeral room for Capuchin friars. After arrival to Vienna we take a stroll around the city center.

**Overnight: Vienna, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location****DAY 9**

August 30th, 2024

We start our day with **the Vienna City Hall** and continue exploring **the Old Town**, where we can see **the St. Michael's Church** and the famous **St. Stephen's Cathedral**. On our list, there is also the **Vienna Museum of Art History**, one of the world's largest galleries, with a unique collection of European paintings. During our stay we can't miss a **Hundertwasserhaus**, a colorful residential complex. In the afternoon we admire the former residence of the Austrian rulers - **the Hofburg**.

**Overnight: Vienna, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location**

DAY 10

August 31st, 2024

- Since Vienna offers much to see, we continue our sightseeing by visiting the iconic **Belvedere Museum** and later drive to see the beautiful **Schönbrunn Palace**. After a lunch break we leave the romantic Vienna, cross the Hungarina border, and head to climatic **Budapest**. After the drive we can stretch our legs during a short evening walk around the city center of the capital of Hungary where we spend the next two nights.



**Overnight:** Budapest, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location

DAY 11

September 1st, 2024

- Our day starts at **the Heroes' Square**, one of the largest and
- most important squares in Budapest. Then we head to the museum called **the Terror Háza**, which is a memorial to the victims of totalitarianism in Hungary. We stop to admire **St. Stephen's Basilica** and see **the Parliament building**. We take a walk along **the Danube River** and get to **the Matthias Church** and **Buda Castle**, from which we can see the overview of that beautiful city.



**Overnight:** Budapest, 3\* or 4\* hotel in a central location

DAY 12

September 2nd, 2024

- Today is the last day of our trip and it's time to wind down
- and have some free time before the departure. You can spend that day enjoying the atmosphere of the city or buying some souvenirs. Transportation to the airport will be provided.



**Price:**

- 3.660 USD **DOUBLE or TWIN room accommodation**
- 550 USD **SINGLE Supplement**

**Includes:**

- Airport transfers in Warsaw & Budapest on arrival and departure days
- Comfortable air-conditioned transportation in a mini-bus
- English speaking tour leader throughout the itinerary
- 11-night accomodation in TWIN or DBL room at 3- or 4-star hotels with buffet breakfasts
- 1 welcome dinner & 1 farewell dinner
- Entrance fees to tourist attractions and local tour guides, as specified in the itinerary
- Genealogical support before and during the whole trip



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