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Jewels of Bohemia: Czech Republic, Slovakia & Hungary

Czech Republic: Prague, Cesky Krumlov, Slavonice | Slovakia: Bratislava | Hungary: Budapest



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Vienna: Palaces, Music, Architecture & Sachertorte

POST-TRIP: 5 nights from \$1,595

15 days starting from **\$4,195**

including international airfare from San Diego

Single Supplement: FREE

Departure Date: April 30, 2024

Activity Level:

1 2 3 4 5 Moderately Easy

ITINERARY SUMMARY

| DAYS | DESTINATION |
|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Fly to Prague, Czech Republic |
| 2-4 | Prague |
| 5-7 | Cesky Krumlov |
| 8-9 | Slavonice |
| 10-11 | Bratislava, Slovakia |
| 12-14 | Budapest, Hungary |
| 15 | Return to U.S. |

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Overseas Adventure Travel

ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart the U.S. today on your overnight flight to Prague, Czech Republic.

DAY 2 • Prague, Czech Republic

Arrive at your hotel in Prague, where you'll meet your Trip Experience Leader and fellow travelers, including those who took the pretrip extension to *Berlin, Wittenberg, Dresden & the Elbe River Valley.* Later, enjoy a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3 • Prague

A guided walking tour of Prague will focus on Hradcany, Prague's medieval castle district, as well as less-visited side streets where authentic Czech culture is on display.

DAY 4 • Prague • Controversial Topic: The Velvet Revolution

Our day begins with a visit to Strahov Monastery. Then, we'll meet with a local professor to discuss the **Controversial Topic** of the Velvet Revolution and the current post-Communist government. After that, we'll explore *Mala Strana* (Lesser Town), Prague's historic district clustered at the foot of Prague Castle.

DAY 5 • Cesky Krumlov • Vojna Memorial

On our way to Cesky Krumlov, stop to visit the Vojna Memorial, a notorious forced labor camp for political prisoners of the Communist regime. Then, enjoy lunch in Pisek, a Bohemian town on the banks of the Otava River.



- 13 nights accommodations
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- 31 meals—13 breakfasts, 10 lunches, and 8 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 21 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure



DAY 6 • Cesky Krumlov • Vltava River Rafting • Home-Hosted Dinner

A walking tour will reveal the medieval splendor of Cesky Krumlov, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then (weather permitting), enjoy a rafting excursion along the Vltava River through the center of the city. This evening, we'll join local families for a **Home-Hosted Dinner** of traditional dishes.

DAY 7 • Sudetenlands conversation • Vyssi Brod Monastery • Treetop hike at Lipno Lake

We begin the day speaking with a local about the Sudetenland crisis. Then, visit Vyssi Brod Monastery, a Cistercian monastery with medieval roots. After that, visit Lipno Lake for a "treetop hike" along a long wooden walkway for views of the surrounding Sumava countryside.

DAY 8 • Budvar Brewery in Ceske Budejovice • Trebon • Slavonice

On our way to Slavonice, we'll stop in Ceske Budejovice to visit the Budweiser Budvar Brewery. Then, we'll take a walking tour of the ancient walled town of Trebon.

DAY 9 • Slavonice • A Day in the Life of a Czech farming village

We journey outside Slavonice to experience **A Day in the Life** of a rural Czech farming



village. We'll meet with the farm owner (or a family member), help out with the chores, and learn about everyday farming life during lunch with our hosts. Our dinner this evening will be accompanied by traditional Moravian music.

DAY 10 • Slavonice • Trebic and Lednice • Bratislava, Slovakia

On our way to Bratislava, we'll stop to visit Trebic, an ancient Moravian city that is home to one of Europe's best-preserved Jewish ghettos—a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then, we'll visit Lednice, where we'll explore Lednice Castle and its tropical greenhouse.

DAY 11 • Bratislava • Optional Jewels of Slovakia tour

A walking tour of Bratislava will focus on Old Town, home to the Old Town Hall, the Neoclassical Archbishop's Palace, and St. Martin's Cathedral. This afternoon, you may join an optional Jewels of Slovakia tour that includes a tasting at a family-owned winery and a visit to a traditional blueprinting workshop.

DAY 12 • Roman ruins at Carnuntum • Budapest, Hungary

En route to Budapest, visit the Roman city of Carnuntum, which began as a Roman army camp along the Danube in what is now Austria. Crossing into Hungary, stop for lunch in Gyor, an ancient city at the confluence of the Danube, Rába, and Rábca rivers.

DAY 13 • Budapest • Controversial Topic: Roma in Hungary • Danube River cruise

Our Budapest city tour features the medieval buildings at Buda's Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll also speak with a local Romani woman about the **Controversial Topic** of discrimination against the Roma in Hungary. This evening, enjoy a Danube River cruise to witness Budapest's monuments brilliantly illuminated.

DAY 14 • Budapest

Take a subway ride to Parliament Square, home to one of Europe's oldest legislative bodies, the Hungarian Parliament Building. In the square, we'll learn about the Hungarian Uprising of 1956. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 15 • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Or, begin your post-trip extension to *Vienna: Palaces, Music, Architecture & Sachertorte.*



Vienna: Palaces, Music, Architecture & Sachertorte

5 nights post-trip from \$1,595 Only \$319 per night

Single Supplement: FREE

DAY 1 • Budapest, Hungary • Transfer to Vienna

After breakfast, we'll ride from Budapest to Vienna. After check-in at our hotel, we enjoy lunch at a local restaurant followed by an orientation walk led by our Trip Experience Leader. The balance of the day is free for you to make your own discoveries before gathering together for an included dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 2 • Explore Vienna • Heurigen Wine Dinner

After breakfast, our Vienna city tour features the *Ringstrasse*, probably the greatest achievement of the Emperor Franz Joseph. After lunch on your own, enjoy some independent discoveries in Vienna this afternoon. Then, we gather this evening for dinner together with local vintages in the Grinzing wine district at an authentic Heurigen restaurant.

DAY 3 • Vienna • Belvedere Palace

This morning, we explore the magnificent Belvedere Palace, which is actually two palaces set amidst a splendid park. Both palaces are home to museums featuring Austrian art from the 18th to the 20th centuries, and we'll explore one of the renowned galleries as well as the gardens.

After lunch at a local restaurant, the afternoon and dinner are on your own.

DAY 4 • Explore Vienna • Optional Footsteps of the Great Composers tour

The day is free to relax or explore on your own, or join our optional Footsteps of the Great Composers tour, which features museum visits and sites associated with Mozart and Beethoven.

DAY 5 • Vienna • Schoenbrunn Palace

This morning, we hop aboard the local subway to visit the expansive summer estate of Habsburg royalty, Schoenbrunn Palace (whose name means "beautiful spring"). Our visit includes a tour of palace highlights and free time to spend exploring the palace's stunning park. We toast our adventure during a Farewell Dinner together in a local restaurant.

DAY 6 • Vienna • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, we are transferred to the airport for your flight home.

Learn more at www.oattravel.com/bca-vienna

Please note: This extension may not be available on all departures.

IT'S INCLUDED

- 5 nights accommodations
- Bus transportation from Budapest to Vienna
- 10 meals—5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners
- 3 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers

FEATURED HOTEL

Hotel Rathauspark Vienna, Austria

Centrally located in Vienna about a block from Rathaus, the city's elegant town hall building, the recently renovated Hotel Rathauspark features a restaurant and large lobby bar. There are 117 rooms at the hotel, each with mini bar, wireless Internet access, cable TV, and private bath with hair dryer.



2024 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

APR 30, 2024

| Small Group Adventure only | \$2,895 |
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AIR ADD-ON

Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$350 Deposit per person.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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