TOUR EU04 - EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE 7-DAY

Frankfurt, Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Munich, Lucerne, Zurich

Duration: 7 days, 6 nights

Day 1: Frankfurt - Prague (Monday)

After boarding our luxury coach in Frankfurt, sit back and enjoy a scenic ride through some classic German countryside en route to the Czech Republic. Prague, one of Europe's most ornate cities, is your first destination. You will arrive in the evening, ready to discover this charming capital city with its fairy-tale architecture, the following morning.

Day 2: Prague - Bratislava (Tuesday)

Your Prague adventure begins with a spectacular walk along the Royal Route, following the traditional coronation path of the kings and queens of old Bohemia. You'll start from the top of Castle Hill in the Hradcany district, famous for its views over the red-roofed old city, and then tour Prague Castle. The castle has been the historic seat of Bohemia royalty since the 9th century, as well as home to the nation's presidents in recent times. Your exploration then heads off around the imposing gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica, and along Golden Lane, an ancient thoroughfare lined with some wonderful traditional buildings.

Later you will stroll across the iconic Charles Bridge, which arches gracefully over the Vltava, and on through the winding alleys to the Old Town Square, where you can see the City Hall and one of Prague's most well-known sights, the Astronomical Clock. After lunch in the square, you'll make the scenic transfer from Prague to the hotel in or near the Slovakian capital, Bratislava.

Day 3: Bratislava - Budapest (Wednesday)

On Wednesday morning you will arrive in Hungary, the fourth country of the tour. Its capital, Budapest, is known as the Pearl of the Danube, and is essentially two different cities joined together: Buda is on the west of the river, and Pest on the east, each with its own distinct characteristics. One of the best ways of seeing this unique location is by taking a river cruise, which many people choose to do. After a morning of activity, you'll relax over lunch at Buda Palace, and then have a chance to look at the exhibitions in the Budapest History Museum and Hungarian National Gallery, or do a spot of souvenir shopping.

Next, you'll explore both sides of the city on a cultural and historic tour. Highlights on the Buda side of the Danube include the towered terrace of Fisherman's Bastion, the medieval Matthias Church, and a walk up to the summit of Gell & Hill for panoramic views. While over in Pest the sights include the expansive Heroes' Square and Hungary's dramatic riverside Parliament Building. In the evening, you can choose to round off an eventful day with an optional dinner in the heart of Budapest, where you can sample traditional dishes such as goose liver, goulash, duck leg, and local wine, accompanied by Hungarian folk dance and music.

Day 4: Budapest - Vienna (Thursday)

Today starts with a short journey to another of Europe's grand capitals, Vienna, where you'll get to explore the Austrian city's resplendent palaces, striking churches, and prestigious art museums. Your Vienna adventure begins at one of the city's most popular attractions, Schönbrunn Palace, the Rococo-style summer residence of the Habsburg dynasty, rulers of Europe, and the Church for many decades. After lunch in this refined setting, you will take a driving tour past many grand, famous buildings, including the City Hall, the Austrian Parliament, Hofburg Palace, and Heroes' Square.

In the afternoon, you'll have some shopping time, before adding the Wiener Staatsoper (opera house) to your checklist of key Vienna buildings. Later, opt for dinner in the heart of the city or visit St. Stephen's Cathedral, before taking a stroll in Stadtpark, which is known for its range of sculptures, including the famous gilded bronze statue of Johann Strauss II.

In the evening, we recommend the option of attending a Viennese waltz concert, which will allow you the unforgettable experience of hearing the music of Mozart and Strauss in the place where it was composed.

Day 5: Vienna - Munich (Friday)

From Vienna, it's on to another Austrian gem, Mondsee. Mondsee is a town located on the shore of Lake Mondsee. The town is home to the historic medieval Mondsee Abbey. The cloister church was used for the site of the wedding in The Sound of Music. After lunch, you will continue to cross the German border to Munich. After arriving in Munich, you'll visit the Marienplatz and the New Town Hall. Marienplatz is a central square in the city center of Munich since 1158. The New Town Hall is in the northern part of Marienplatz. It hosts the city government including the city council, offices of the mayors, and part of the administration since 1874. Or you can enjoy a German beer in one of the beer gardens before going to the hotel.

Day 6: Munich - Zurich (Saturday)

You'll leave the big cities behind today. Before you head for one of the world's most famous mountain ranges – the Swiss Alps – you will make a photo stop in one of the smallest countries in Europe – Liechtenstein. The small picturesque city of Vaduz is the capital of Liechtenstein with little boutique shops and the famous Huber shop for all your fine jewelry and watches. The next destination is Engelberg, the stunning Swiss resort. From here you can opt to board a cable car that takes you to the summit of the impressive Mount Titlis. To reach the top of the permanently snow-covered Mt. Titlis you take three different gondolas.

You'll ascend the last stage by the world's first revolving gondola, the Titlis Rotair, which delivers spectacular views of the valleys, glaciers, lakes, and forests below, and 360° vistas of the surrounding mountains. At the summit, the sun terrace is the perfect place to pause and appreciate the breathtaking panoramas. Other highlights include walking across Europe's highest suspension bridge for more phenomenal views from Mt. Titlis.

Your next destination is Lucerne. Lucerne is a picturesque city of bridges and towers located in

what many people believe to be the "true" Switzerland – picture-postcard mountains, lakes, cowbells, Alpine villages, and meadows full of edelweiss flowers. Here you will have time to wander through the charming streets, and see the famous Lion Monument, which Mark Twain once described as "the most mournful and moving piece of stone in the world". This is a great place to get souvenirs like Swiss watches and fine chocolates, before traveling to the overnight stop in Zurich.

Day 7: Zurich - Frankfurt (Sunday)

The final day of the tour begins in Zurich, a city with a reputation as a leading global financial center. There is a chance for a picture stop at the impressive Lake Zurich, before moving on to Rhine Falls, Europe's biggest waterfall.

Next, you'll cross back into Germany and the Black Forest, the ancient fir-covered mountain range, which is famous for its creepy folklore and mythical tales. Here you will see the beautiful lake Titisee, where you can stop at one of the many lakeside cafés to enjoy some of the region's best Black Forest cherry gateaux. Cuckoo clocks are made in Titisee, making this the ideal place to pick up a few souvenirs from the local shops and you'll also get to see a demonstration of how these magical mechanisms work.

After the visit, you'll head back to Frankfurt in the evening. Our traveling concludes on the seventh day around 21:00 PM in Frankfurt.

团号 EU04 - 東歐西歐七日遊

第一天: 法蘭克福 Frankfurt - 布拉格 Prague

周一早上從德國法蘭克福起程前往捷克首府布拉格,預料下午時份越境進入捷克,黃昏安抵伏爾塔瓦河畔的東歐古都布拉格-有中世紀寶石之美譽。市內古老建築的尖塔圓頂在夕陽照耀下顯得金碧輝煌,因而又被稱為金色之城,全城散發著古雅的氣息。住宿:布拉格或鄰近城市

第二天: 布拉格 Prague - 布拉提斯瓦 Bratislava

早上起程前往參觀建於山丘上充滿中世紀風格的嘉斯登古堡-昔日的皇宮花園,現今已變為總統官邸及政府大樓。附近的聖維特大教堂建於十世紀初,經歷了許多歲月,見證布拉格的興衰;繼而遊覽昔日金匠匯聚,專製黃金飾物而聞名的「黃金小徑」,再途經查理士大橋跨過伏爾塔瓦河,到達舊市中心,市政廳鐘樓上有數百年歷史的天文古鐘和十二使徒肖像,準確顯示天文子曆,市政廳前的廣場是歷史集會、起義的地點,市內狹窄街道縱橫交錯,每個角落都洋溢著古典清雅氣色;下午離開布拉格,前往住宿酒店。住宿:布拉提斯瓦或鄰近城市

第三天: 布拉提斯瓦 Bratislava - 布達佩斯 Budapest

周三早上起程前往匈牙利首都布達佩斯,抵達後,遊覽這個被多瑙河分割為二的城市,河之西岸稱為布達,東岸稱為佩斯,布達佩斯素有「多瑙河明珠」及「東歐巴黎」的美譽。遊覽名勝包括:慶祝建國及紀念馬札爾族人聯盟之英雄廣場,欣賞千年紀念碑及馬札爾酋長雕像。參觀國會大廈、伊莉莎伯大橋、漁夫城堡、歷代匈牙利國王加冕的馬提亞教堂、及從堡壘山的解放紀念碑俯瞰布達佩斯全景。領隊可安排自費乘船遊覽多瑙河,欣賞布達及佩斯兩岸風光,實在不容錯過。住宿:布達佩斯或鄰近城市

第四天: 布達佩斯 Budapest - 維也納 Vienna

早上起程前往奧地利首都維也納,遊覽著名的遜布倫宮。這座壯麗的巴洛克式建築又稱為美泉宮,是一代女皇瑪利亞杜麗莎,於黃金時代擴建的宮殿,裝潢華麗金碧,御花園遼闊廣大,終年繁花似錦,園內的藝術雕像和噴泉互相配合,充份顯示出奧匈帝國極盛時期的輝煌。隨後遊覽環城大道,壯觀宏偉的建築,例如新哥德式設計的市政廳、希臘神殿式設計的國會大廈、氣勢雄偉的霍夫堡皇宮、英雄廣場和國立歌劇院。在市立公園可追憶華爾茲大王小約翰·斯特勞斯的傳奇事蹟,瞻仰其雕像;市中心的聖史提芬大教堂及繁華熱鬧的行人購物區更是遊客必到之處。住宿:維也納或鄰近城市。

第五天: 維也納 Vienna - 月亮湖 Mondsee - 慕尼黑 Munich

周五早上起程前往景色秀麗的阿爾卑斯山,途經漂亮的月亮湖,一個在阿爾卑斯山小鎮里的美麗湖泊,小鎮就在月亮湖畔,風景優美。抵達後漫步在這個美麗小鎮裡,市政廳旁之聖邁克爾教堂 Basilika St Michael,著名賣座電影《仙樂飄飄處處聞》男女主角結婚所用的拍攝場地。遊罷朝德國慕尼黑方向進發,抵達後前往參觀瑪麗安廣場上的市政廳或往著名啤酒屋品嚐一杯德國啤酒,遊畢開往下榻之酒店。住宿:慕尼黑或鄰近城市

第六天: 慕尼黑 Munich - 琉森 Lucerne - 蘇黎世 Zurich

周六早上起程沿山區公路前往有世界花園之稱的瑞士,並往瑞士中部進發,展開遊覽大雪山的節目。途中,我們會停留在風景如畫的瓦杜兹拍照留戀。這是世界最小國之一的列支敦士登的首都,這里有許多精美的古董小店和珍貴珠寶,名貴手錶店鋪供客人挑選。之後旅遊車穿越崇山峻嶺前往英格堡山區,抵步後,轉乘旋轉登山纜車,登上海拔3000米高並全年積雪的「鐵力士峰」,坐45分鐘纜車到達大雪山頂,即往參觀冰洞,繼往賞雪台漫步,遊目四顧,群峰環列,冰川奇景,盡入眼簾;團友可於山頂餐廳享用午餐。遊罷雪山轉赴風景如畫的琉森市,觀賞雕刻在峭壁上的著名獅子紀念碑,它是表揚瑞士民族精忠勇敢和信義精神。團友也可到滿佈精品的古雅小街逛遊,選購地道特產朱古力及紀念品,並往著名的鐘錶店選擇瑞士名錶。住宿:蘇黎世或鄰近城市

第七天: 蘇黎世 Zurich - 萊茵河瀑布 Rhine Falls - 法蘭克福 Frankfurt

早上起程前往瑞士第一大城市金融中心蘇黎世,於蘇黎世湖畔拍照留念;隨後前往莎夫豪森市觀賞氣勢浩瀚、猶如萬馬奔騰的萊茵河瀑布。此瀑布是西歐最大的瀑布,急流洶湧而下甚為壯觀,氣勢動人心魄。遊罷經瑞士山路進入德國黑森林地區,因樹木非常茂盛而形成一片墨綠森林,樹幹高聳入天。稍後抵達黑森林地區著名的山中湖-滴的斯湖。這個位於山區中的湖泊環境優美,是著名的渡假聖地,更是咕咕鐘的生產地,隨處有售這種有趣的時鐘,團友如有興趣可安排專人介紹咕咕鐘的製造過程。其後於湖邊餐廳享受一頓豐富的豬手午餐或品嚐一塊正宗的黑森林蛋糕,實在不枉此行。遊罷驅車晚上七點到達法蘭克福。