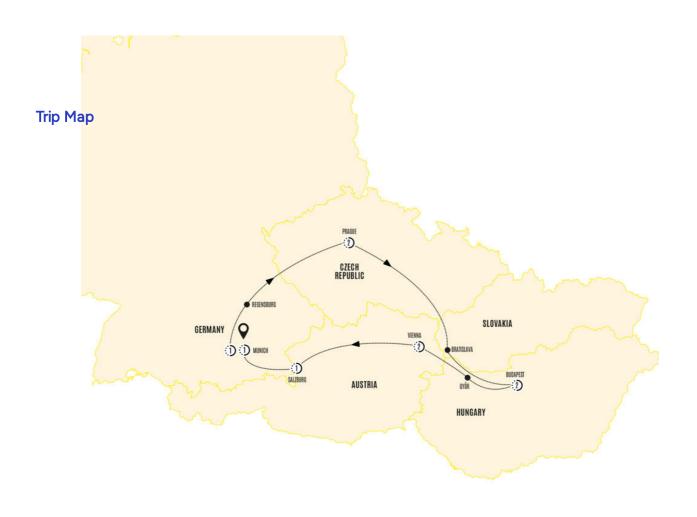
# **Imperial Highlights**





# Day 1 | Arrive Munich



Say Prost to Germany's beer capital and hello to a glorious encounter with the imperial capitals of central Europe. After settling in to your hotel, meet up with your Travel Director and hit the streets with an orientation tour of the city. Munich's church spires tower over the rest of the city, a nod to an age-old custom that places the city's history and artistry above modernity and you'll love soaking up Munich's old-world Bavarian charm. See the elegant Marienplatz featuring the Old and New Town Hall and watch the famous performance of the Glockenspiel which shares the stories of a royal wedding, jousting knights and the dance of the coopers. With the rest of the evening to explore Munich your way, why not head to an outdoor Biergarten for a stein and plenty of good times in the buzzing atmosphere.

Hotel: Leonardo City South

Day 2 | Munich - Regensburg - Prague



Your first stop today is in the UNESCO-listed town of Regensburg with its beautifully preserved medieval centre and gothic cathedral which overlooks the town's historic façades and Danube river. Crossing the border into the Czech Republic, we'll visit Prague later, famed as the 'City of a Hundred Spires'. You'll feel like you've stepped into a Brothers Grimm fairy tale and you can turn up the magic even more with a stroll through the illuminated city at night on an Optional Experience. Your introduction to Prague will reveal all the highlights of its historic streets, followed by a drink at a favourite local pub celebrating the crisp brews for which Prague is so famous.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: Ibis Praha Mala Strana

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Prague Evening Panorama -** Join a Local Guide for an evening introduction to the city of spires as you explore the streets and scenes on your private tram (streetcar). Gaze at the panoramic views of the city, stroll along magical Charles Bridge and pause to take in the beauty of this fairy-tale city.

Adult: 52.00 EUR

### Day 3 | Prague sightseeing and free time



Today you'll travel back in time as we dive into Prague's history. Your Local Guide will lead the way on your sightseeing tour featuring the stunning Prague Castle, the Cathedral of St. Vitus and the Old Town Square. With the rest of the afternoon free to explore Prague your way, why not head back to the Old Town Square to watch the Astronomical Clock's magical hourly Walk of the Apostles perhaps with a toasty trdelník in hand. Or see another beautiful side of the city from the water, with an optional lunch cruise along the Vltava that will reveal the legends, myths and hidden secrets of this enchanting city.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis Praha Mala Strana

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Scenic VItava Cruise with Lunch - Step into Prague's captivating world of secrets, legends, and myths with a relaxed VItava River cruise. Get an insider's look at the enchanting local stories and unmatched views of the "City of a Hundred Spires." Perfect for photo buffs and culture vultures, this journey offers more than just sights—you'll also savour local specialties with an included lunch on-board your scenic cruise.

**Adult: 67.00 EUR** 

**Traditional Dinner In Prague -** Cap off your day with a night to remember at one of our favourite local restaurants. Expect an evening bursting with delicious food and lively tunes. It's the perfect setting to bid farewell to glorious Prague as you raise a glass with your fellow travellers and toast to an unforgettable journey.

**Adult: 70.00 EUR** 

Day 4 | Prague - Bratislava - Budapest



Your journey through the medieval kingdom of Moravia this morning leads through southern Czech Republic into Slovakia where you'll stop briefly in its capital, Bratislava. See the Old Town and its 15<sup>th</sup>-century Old Town Hall before continuing to Budapest, whose two halves straddle the beautiful Danube River. With your evening free, why not begin your exploration of the 'Paris of the East' on the water with an optional private dinner cruise featuring Hungarian specialties and unforgettable views of the illuminated city.

Meals: Breakfast

Hotel: Ibis Castle Hill

**CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:** 

**Danube Cruise With Dinner -** Set sail on the Danube on a private boat, taking in Budapest's jaw-dropping skyline. Tuck into a hearty dinner brimming with Hungarian delights and drinks included. As night falls, watch Budapest light up, dazzling you with its beauty. No wonder they call it 'The Paris of the East' – it's all kinds of magical.

**Adult: 98.00 EUR** 

Day 5 | Budapest sightseeing and free time



Today is all about unearthing the multicultural melting pot that shaped this European crossroads. You'll kick things off with a sightseeing tour of Budapest with your Local Guide. With the rest of the day to explore as you please, the question is really where to start? Perhaps join an optional tour to the medieval town of Szentendre, set on the banks of the Danube, or choose an Optional Experience this evening that will have you kicking up your heels with a traditional Hungarian dinner and colourful folklore and music.

Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Ibis Castle Hill

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Szentendre and Light Lunch -** Step away from the buzz of Budapest and join a Local Guide for a trip to charming Szentendre. Nestled by the Danube, this medieval gem is all about winding cobblestone lanes and stunning views. Dive into a Goulash cooking demo. Tuck into this iconic Hungarian soup for lunch—sweetened with cake and drinks. Later, wander through shops brimming with exquisite Hungarian embroidery, ceramics, and the spice of life here, paprika.

Adult: 67.00 EUR

**Hungarian And Romani Folklore Show and Dinner -** Dive into the heart of Budapest with a night full of traditional music and a classic Hungarian feast, complete with your favourite drinks at a cosy local spot. Get ready to kick back and soak it all in as folk melodies fill the air, bringing tales of gypsy folklore to life right at your table. This is your ticket to a genuine slice of Hungarian culture—where good food, great music, and stories blend for an unforgettable evening.

**Adult: 79.00 EUR** 

Day 6 | Budapest - Győr - Vienna



Perhaps take the opportunity to join our pre-reserved morning visit to the most expensively built Parliament in Europe, and home to the legendary Hungarian Crown. Cross the hilly Transdanubia region bound for Győr, located midway between Budapest and Vienna. Next stop is the Austrian capital itself where art, architecture and above all music hit all the right notes for an inspiring evening.

Meals: Breakfast
Hotel: Senator

**Budapest Parliament and Danube Memorial -** Dive into the heart of Budapest with a visit to the stunning Hungarian Parliament Building. Marvel at its jaw-dropping interiors while soaking up stories of its past, and see for yourself why it's a European favourite. Then, you'll have a solemn moment at the poignant Shoes on the Danube Bank monument, paying tribute to the lives tragically lost there during World War II.

Adult: 77.00 EUR

- \* This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation of Hungarian Parliament reservations within 72 hours will be subject to a 50% cancellation fee.
- \*\* When the Parliament is closed, we will visit the exquisite 'Renaissance' Opera House and this optional will be offered at €43.

Viennese Dinner with Musical Entertainment - Elevate your Vienna tour in Austria's cultural heart with an unforgettable dinner at a classic Viennese restaurant. Savour the flavours of Austria with local dishes and drinks, all while being serenaded by the sweet sounds of traditional music. This promises to be an evening you can't miss in one of Europe's most captivating cities.

Adult: 73.00 EUR





This morning, perhaps join an Optional Experience guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburgs, one of the most influential royal families in Europe. Vienna has held on to her regal roots as you'll come to discover when you meet a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour around the city. Continue your love affair with the music of Vienna this evening with an Optional Experience that will see you enjoying dinner and the symphonies and sonatas of Mozart and Strauss.

**Meals:** Breakfast **Hotel:** Senator

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens -** Step right into the grandeur of the Imperial Schönbrunn Summer Palace, with a Local Guide who knows all the juicy details of the Habsburgs' long reign. This palace is a time capsule decked out with incredible treasures. Get ready to wander through rooms and gardens that'll make your jaw drop.

**Adult: 59.00 EUR** 

\* This optional experience involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation's will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

**Dinner And Viennese Concert -** Don't miss a Viennese evening to remember! Kick off with a top-notch dinner and drinks, then let the sounds of Strauss and Mozart sweep you away at a classical music concert. With your 'A Class' tickets, soak up the grandeur, sipping on sparkling wine or juice. Please note: on occasion, a small gift will be offered in place of a glass of sparkling wine.

**Adult: 123.00 EUR** 

# Day 8 | Vienna - Salzburg



Today we'll follow the Danube Valley, snap some gorgeous shots then continue to Salzburg, where it's all about uncovering the city's rich history and musical past. Your Local Guide will lead the charge as you go in search of 'The Sound of Music' and you'll take a stroll through the Mirabell Gardens, where the von Trapp children once sang 'Do-Re-Mi'. This afternoon, continue your exploration of this gorgeous city your way. Perhaps treat your cultural side to a few hours spent wandering through the Baroque-filled Old Town to see the Cathedral where Mozart was baptised. You can even visit his nearby birthplace on Getreidegasse, which has been turned into a museum documenting his incredible life.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: B&B Salzburg Nord

# Day 9 | Salzburg - Munich



Wave goodbye to Austria this morning as Bavaria beckons once again. You'll have plenty of chances to explore the spectacular alpine region with a morning Optional Experience on your Europe value tour. Get out there on a scenic drive through the Bavarian Alps to Berchtesgaden, climbing over 1,500 metres along one of the most beautiful mountain roads in Europe. Or visit Hitler's retreat known as the Eagle's Nest and learn about its infamous history as you admire the stunning mountain views. Later you'll return to Munich and enjoy a final dinner together.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel: Leonardo City South

#### **CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

You will be offered two of the following three Choice Experiences depending on availability:

Berchtesgaden And Hohenringstrasse Excursion - Get ready for a tour that mixes significant history with breathtaking natural scenery as you hit the road to Berchtesgaden, right in view of Hitler's former retreat in the Bavarian Alps. Be propelled 5,000 ft up the Hohenringstrasse, Europe's knockout mountain road. Prepare to fill your camera roll with stunning shots that'll make this experience unforgettable.

Adult: 40.00 EUR

**Eagle's Nest & The Bavarian Alps -** Embark on a journey through Berchtesgaden National Park with your Local Guide, winding past quaint farmhouses and villages up to Obersalzberg. Switch to special buses for a ride on a breathtaking road carved right into the mountainside. An elevator will whisk you to Hitler's Eagle's Nest, revealing its intriguing past and stunning alpine vistas. At the summit, absorb the history and panoramic views with a local refreshment in hand. **Adult: 75.00 EUR** 

\* The optional experience Eagle's Nest & The Bavarian Alps is weather dependent and subject to seasonal closures, therefore it may not be available on all departures.

**Lake and Mountain Tour -** Today, join your Local Guide to soak in the stunning alpine scenery of the Salzburg Lake District, boasting 76 glacier-made lakes and quaint towns like Sankt Gilgen. Plus, get a peek at iconic settings from "The Sound of Music," where you can channel your inner Maria von Trapp among the lush green hills.

**Adult: 49.00 EUR** 

# Day 10 | Depart Munich



With the wonderful hospitality of your Bavarian hosts still fresh in your mind, you'll spend your final moments in Munich reminiscing over a journey filled with Europe's imperial capitals and all their incredible history, culture and nature. Say a fond pfiat di to your new friends and prepare for your onward journey home.

Meals: Breakfast