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12-Day Journey of Romantic Eastern Europe

Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria, The Czech Republic, Germany

Departure Dates: (2023) 2/22, 3/22, 4/19, 5/24, 6/21, 7/19, 8/23, 9/20, 10/25, 11/22

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Indulge in the exceptional romance of several famous ancient cities in Eastern Europe.
- Visit the neo-Gothic style Fisherman's Bastion where the breathtaking scenery of the whole picturesque city of Budapest and Danube River is just in front of you!
- Explore several UNESCO sites: Cesky Krumlov Old Town in The Czech Republic, Plitvice Lake National Park in Croatia, Ljubljana the most beautiful capital city in Europe as recognized by the Times Magazine, etc.
- Admire the stunning views of Danube River on an atmospheric cruise.
- Experience a one-of-a-kind train adventure in Postojna Cave and feel the magic of the underground world.
- Visit the last battlefield in Europe during the Second World War—Berlin, Germany and the historical site of the Berlin Wall.
- Accommodate at convenient 4-star upscale hotels and same hotels for 2 nights in Budapest and Berlin.
- Enjoy traditional Hungarian cuisine, dinner at Austrian beer house, authentic German pork knuckles with local beer, etc.
- Professional and experienced Chinese/English speaking guide providing attentive and inviting services.

ADMISSIONS INCLUDED:

- Fisherman's Bastion
- Matthias Church
- Plitvice Lake National Park
- Postojna Cave
- Mirabell Garden
- Schonbrunn Palace & Garden
- Prague Castle
- DDR Museum

ITINERARIES:

- 1 Hometown > Budapest, Hungary
- 2 Budapest

Hotel: Hotel President or similar

Budapest - Buda Castle District - Fisherman's Bastion (admission incl.) - Matthias Church (admission incl.)
 - Heroes Square - Hungarian Parliament Building - Chain Bridge - Danube River Cruise (optional) (B/D: Traditional Hungarian Cuisine)

Hotel: Hotel President or similar

Buda Castle District: The Castle District in Budapest (the capital of Hungary) encompassed Castle Hill, the nerve centre of the city's history and packed with Buda Castle, which is the historical castle and palace complex of the Hungarian kings, and many of the most important museums and major attractions.

Fisherman's Bastion: The panoramic viewing terrace with fairy tale towers in Budapest. Built in the 19th century, it served as fortification in Buda and was protected by the guild of the fishermen during the Middle Ages. You will appreciate the panoramic scenic views of Danube River from the top of the lookout tower.

Danube River: The second longest river in Europe, flowing through ten countries in Central & SE Europe, from Black Forest in SW Germany into the Black Sea. Integrated with the beautiful scenery on both sides of the river bank, countless cultural heritages revealing the rise of the Roman Empire could still be observed along this once long-standing frontier.

4 Budapest - Zagreb, Croatia - King Tomislav Square - St. Mark Church - Stone Gate - St. Mary Cathedral (B/D: Local Western)

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn Zagreb or similar

Zagreb: Croatia's capital, small but important as the heart of its transportation hub extending to Central Europe, the Adriatic Sea and the Mediterranean areas.

Stone Gate: One of Zagreb's oldest and most renowned landmarks, the Stone Gate was built in the 13th century as one of four main gates leading to the town. Now it is the only one still remaining and well preserved. Its atmospheric gateway leads to the medieval Upper Town and hosts a shrine to the Virgin Mary which attracts many tourists and religious devotees.

Zagreb - Plitvice Lake National Park (admission incl.) - Ljubljana, Slovenia (B/D: Local Western)
Hotel: Four Points by Sheraton Ljubljana Mons or similar

Plitvice Lake National Park: One of Croatia's finest treasures you should never miss! Added to the UNESCO World Heritage register in 1979, Plitvice National Park is renowned for its 16 lakes arranged in cascades and interconnected with silky water flow. Their distinctive colors change constantly depending on the quality of minerals or organisms in the water and the angle of sunlight. (Note: Some sightseeing routes in the park may be closed in severe weather.)

6 Ljubljana - Triple Bridge - Postojna Cave (admission incl. with train ride) - Lake Bled (optional) - Salzburg, Austria (B/D: Austrian beer house)

Hotel: Fourside Hotel Salzburg or similar

Triple Bridge: A group of three iconic pedestrian bridges crossing the picturesque Ljubljanica River and connecting Ljubljana's medieval old town and the modern part of the city. Since 2007, it became part of the pedestrian zone with many local stores, delightful outdoor cafes and restaurants, making it one of the most popular tourist attractions in Ljubljana.

Postojna Cave: One of the most captivating caves in the world with magnificent formations and diverse stalagmite. Just like the world above the surface, Postojna Cave boasts towering mountains, murmuring rivers and vast subterranean halls. Its 3.7km-long double-track railway operating since 1872 is the world's first one in an underground cave and offers explorers surprising experience of a fascinating subterranean paradise shaped by tiny droplets over millions of years. (Note: The temperature inside the cave is constantly low (10 °C or less) throughout the year. Please prepare warm clothing and sports footwear.)

7 Salzburg - Mozart Square - Mirabell Garden (admission incl.) - Mondsee Lake - Vienna - Vienna Concert (optional) (B/D: Chinese style)

Hotel: Imperial Riding School Renaissance Vienna Hotel or similar

Mozart Square: Salzburg is the genius musician Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's birthplace. Mozart Square is at the center of its Old Town surrounded by Baroque and Classicist buildings and boasts a bronze statue commemorating Mozart which was ceremoniously unveiled in the presence of his son in 1842.

Mirabell Garden: Redesigned under Archbishop Johann Ernst von Thun in 1690, this baroque pleasure gardens consists of statues, fountains and mazes. The Garden is also famous for the shooting location from the popular Hollywood musical "The Sound of Music", in which Maria and the children dance around the Pegasus Fountain and sing the song "Do Re Mi".

8 Vienna - Schonbrunn Palace & Garden (admission incl.) - Heldenplatz - Hofburg - Hundertwasser House -Ringstrasse - Cesky Krumlov, The Czech Republic (B/D: Local Western)

Hotel: Clarion Congress Hotel Ceske Budejovice or similar

Schonbrunn Palace & Garden: A former imperial summer residence located in Vienna. The 1,441-room Baroque palace and its vast French garden is one of the most important architectural, cultural and historical monuments in Austria. Inside the sculpted garden space called Great Parterre, there are 32 sculptures to represent deities and virtues.

Heldenplatz: A public space in front of the Hofburg Palace where houses two equestrian statues of Austrian heroes. The statue of the great Austrian military leader Archduke Charles represents the highest glory of Habsburg Dynasty as under his leadership Austria had ever won the strongest victory at Napoleonic Wars. The second statue is Prince Eugene of Savoy who was one of the most successful military commanders of his time, and rose to the highest offices of state at the Imperial court in Vienna.

Hundertwasser House: An exceptional apartment house in Vienna, Austria, built after the idea and concept of Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser who presents a concept of harmony with nature and man by efficient use of irregular designs and recycle materials.

9 Cesky Krumlov - Old Town - Prague - Charles Bridge - Old Town Hall - Astronomical Clock - Prague Castle (admission incl.) - St. Vitus Cathedral - River Cruise Dinner (optional) (B)

Hotel: Occidental Praha or similar

Astronomical clock: A medieval astronomical clock attached to the Old Town Hall in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic. The clock mechanism has three main components — the astronomical dial, representing the position of the Sun and Moon in the sky and displaying various astronomical details; the statues of 12 Catholic saints standing on either side of the clock and the other moving Apostle figures and sculptures showing the hours; and a calendar dial with medallions representing the months.

Prague Castle: Founded in the 9th century, Prague Castle has been served as royal palace and underwent several reconstruction and extension. It is the largest ancient castle in the world and now the residence of the President of the Czech Republic.

10 Prague - Saxon Switzerland National Park, Germany - Dresden - Frauenkirche Dresden - Martin Luther Statues - Furstenzug – Berlin (B/D: German pork knuckles with local beer)

Hotel: Holiday Inn Berlin Centre Alexanderplatz or similar

Saxon Switzerland National Park: Located in the heart of the German part of the Elbe Sandstone Mountains, which is called the Saxon Switzerland, this Natural Park offers several different habitats and microclimate zones due to its strong vertical division. Without human intervention, it still hosts some rare forms of sandstone landscape, valley, plateau and canyon, which is very exceptional in central Europe and makes this National Park so distinctive.

Frauenkirche Dresden: It is a Lutheran church in Dresden in honor of the Virgin Mary. It was first built in the 11th century but destroyed in WWII. Its ruin then remained as a memorial at the heart of the city. In 1994 the church was rebuilt using its original materials and plans with the help of modern technology and finally completed in 2005. It is considered one of the prominent examples of protestant church architecture, featuring one of the largest stone domes in Europe. The viewing platform at the top offers magnificent views of Dresden city.

Furstenzug: The largest porcelain painting in the world, Furstenzug is a 102-meter-long mural on the outer wall of the stable's courtyard of Dresden Castle. It was made of over 23,000 porcelain tiles and displays the ancestral portraits of the 35 margraves, electors, dukes and kings of the House of Wettin between 1127 and 1904.

11 Berlin - East Side Gallery - DDR Museum (admission incl.) - Pergamon Museum (optional) - Berliner Dom - Reichstag Building - Brandenburg Gate - Berlin Wall - Checkpoint Charlie - Free Shopping (B)

Hotel: Holiday Inn Berlin Centre Alexanderplatz or similar

Pergamon Museum: One of the world-renowned archaeological museums in the world, presenting the important excavation finds unearthed by the Berlin museums. Their impressive reconstruction of massive archaeological structures makes it the most visited museum in Germany.

Berlin Wall: Built in 1961, Berlin Wall was once a guarded concrete barrier that divided Germany physically and ideologically and also served as a symbolic structure representing segmentation of Eastern and Western Europe after WWII. Its demolition in 1990 paved the way for German reunification.

Checkpoint Charlie: Also named Checkpoint C, it is the best-known border crossing among the three checkpoints along the Berlin Wall during the Cold War. It operated from 1961 until the fall of the Berlin Wall. It has since transformed into a top tourist attraction, where the original historical remains blend with monuments, museum and other tourist facilities.

12 Berlin > Hometown (B)

After breakfast, transfer to airport for return flight to hometown.

< Itineraries may be subject to change. >