



Itinerary

Imperial Cities featuring Budapest, Vienna & Prague

Sep 26, 2020 - Oct 6, 2020

Pre Night: The Aquincum Hotel Budapest



Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Budapest?

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Set out on a grand cultural adventure through the Imperial Cities of Central Europe – Budapest, Vienna and Prague. Along the way, enjoy traditional entertainment, local cuisine, and a glimpse into this region's eminent history.

Day 2: Budapest, Hungary - Tour Begins



Welcome to Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's most beautiful cities. This evening, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel

The Aquincum Hotel Budapest
Budapest

Culinary

Dinner

Weather

High 71°
Low 52°
Rain 1"

Day 3: Budapest



Choose how you capture the spirit of Budapest because today, it's your choice! Join a local expert for a panoramic tour of the city, where you'll discover the incredible Neo-Gothic marvel of Matthias Church atop Buda Castle Hill, the Fisherman's Bastion, the historic Old Buda and Gellert Hill, and the Parliament House -OR- hit the streets of the city with a local expert and see the iconic highlights from a different perspective on a walking tour, taking in the House of Parliament, the Imre Nagy statue, St. Stephen's Basilica, and more. This afternoon, enjoy some free time to explore Budapest on your own. Perhaps you will head to the city's famous thermal pools for an afternoon of relaxation.

Hotel

The Aquincum Hotel Budapest
Budapest

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 71°
Low 52°
Rain 1"

Day 4: Budapest - Visegrad - Budapest



This morning, sit with a local Hungarian and engage in a personal conversation, listening to captivating stories about his life in the former communist area. Enjoy some free time before heading out of the city to the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad for a magnificent view of the Danube Bend and the Borzsony Mountains. Step into the past at a 14th-century castle, where knights with authentic weaponry recreate the times of chivalry and kingdoms. Then, embrace the lifestyle yourself and enjoy an exclusive Renaissance-style dinner in the castle.

Hotel

The Aquincum Hotel Budapest
Budapest

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 71°
Low 52°
Rain 1"

Day 5: Budapest - Bratislava, Slovakia - Vienna, Austria



Today, you'll connect with the villagers of Dunaalmas and join local residents for a community hosted lunch. Learn how to make a traditional strudel, a favorite in this region, before continuing to Bratislava, the former Imperial capital of the Habsburg Empire. Get to know the city's 4000-year-old history on a tour with a local expert. Then you'll arrive in the grand city of Vienna, your home for the next three nights. Enjoy the rest of the evening on your own.

Hotel

K+k Hotel Maria Theresia
Vienna

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Weather

High 69°
Low 53°
Rain 5"

Day 6: Vienna



This morning, join a local guide at the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Continue on to Vienna's city center and behold the beautiful architecture, scenic parks, and gothic spires that fill the city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure where perhaps you will partake in the city's famous café culture as you walk the streets, watching locals take a moment out of their day for a hot coffee and bite of cake. Tonight, hear Vienna's past come alive through music and experience a classical performance featuring the works of Mozart and Strauss.

Hotel

K+k Hotel Maria Theresia
Vienna

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 57°
Low 43°
Rain 3"

Day 7: Vienna - Danube River - Melk - Vienna



Immortalized by Strauss, the Danube serves as your passageway to the medieval town of Durnstein. Embark on a scenic Danube River cruise* through the historic Wachau Valley. Later, visit the 11th-century Melk Abbey, famous for its production and collection of manuscripts. This evening, relish in a chance to explore Vienna on your own.

Hotel

K+k Hotel Maria Theresia
Vienna

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 57°
Low 43°
Rain 3"

Day 8: Vienna - Cesky Krumlov - Prague, Czech Republic



Travel through the scenic countryside on your way to Prague. En route, make a stop in the medieval town of Cesky Krumlov. Lined with towering Baroque architecture, explore the quaint preserved streets before continuing on to Prague, the "City of 100 Spires."

Hotel

Hotel Grandium
Prague

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 54°
Low 39°
Rain 1"

Day 9: Prague



Feel the magic and wonder of Prague. Your introduction to this fairy-tale city begins with a panoramic tour. Explore the "Castle District," including the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and the majestic Prague Castle. Next, take in the iconic, statue-lined Charles Bridge, a picturesque structure stretching over the Vltava River. This evening, perhaps you will take an optional tour and join a local expert to discover the city through its craft beer and food scene.

Hotel

Hotel Grandium
Prague

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 54°
Low 39°
Rain 1"

Day 10: Prague



The day is yours to discover Prague on your own. With your free time, consider shopping for famous Bohemian crystal or visiting one of the city's many outstanding museums, such as the Lapidarium, home to 11th-century stone sculptures. Stroll to the Old Town square, home to the famous Orloj which functions as a clock, calendar, and primitive planetarium. Perhaps you will join an optional excursion to Prague's Old Jewish Quarter to see its historic Jewish Museum and Europe's oldest Jewish cemetery, founded in 1478. This evening, toast your fellow passengers and enjoy traditional Czech culture at a folklore show in one of Prague's popular restaurants.

Hotel

Hotel Grandium
Prague

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 54°
Low 39°
Rain 1"

Day 11: Prague - Tour Ends



Say goodbye to these regal cities as your tour comes to a close today.

Post Night: Hotel Grandium



Would you like to end your vacation with an additional Hotel in Prague?