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Treasures of Central Europe: Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany

16 days / 15 nights

Dive into the history and culture of Central Europe: modern Warsaw, historical Krakow, unique Bratislava, charming Budapest, Austria's imperial capital of Vienna and Prague, the Heart of Europe.



**Day
1**

> Warsaw



Warsaw Old Town — roofs



Warsaw — The Kubicki Arcades



Warsaw — Palace of Science and Culture



Warsaw

Welcome to Poland !

Arrival to **Warsaw**. Transfer to the hotel and check-in.

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Day 2	> Warsaw



Warsaw — Old Town



Warsaw — National Stadium



Warsaw — Lazienki Royal Park



Warsaw — Royal Castle

Breakfast at your hotel.

Sightseeing of **Warsaw**. This tour allows us to immerse ourselves in and observe the many contrasts of the Polish capital city. The tour starts with a walk around the Lazienki Royal Park. Here we will see the famous monument dedicated to Frederic Chopin, the Palace on the Water and the Theater on the Island. We will continue with transfer to the Old Town (UNESCO) and a short walk around the Old Town: from the Royal Castle, passing next to the Saint John Cathedral, the Market Square and the barbican to the New Town. We will continue to the Krasinski Palace, the Supreme Court building. Our itinerary will continue with the Grand Theatre and the National Opera, the Jablonowscy Palace, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Saxon Garden. We will also go to the former Jewish ghetto area and the places connected to the Holocaust during the Second World War: the Umschlagplatz and the Monument of Heroes of Ghetto.

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Day 3	> Warsaw > Czestochowa > Tychy



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Czestochowa — Jasna Gora



Czestochowa — Black Madonna



Tychy — brewery



Jura Krakowsko — Czestochowska

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer from **Warsaw** to **Czestochowa**.

Czestochowa is known for the famous Pauline monastery of Jasna Gora that is the home of the Black Madonna painting, a shrine of the Virgin Mary. She is the Queen of Poland that the whole nation and country was entrusted to. This spiritual capital of Poland every year attracts thousands of pilgrims from all over the world. During your trip you could visit: the Basilica with Black Madonna Shrine, the exhibition devoted to the 600-years of the Monastery, the Armoury Room and the Treasury Room.

Transfer to **Tychy**.

Discover the secrets of one of the largest Polish breweries and taste the most typical Polish beer brand – Tyskie, which name comes from this city!

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Day 4	> Tychy > Auschwitz-Birkenau > Wadowice > Kalwaria Zebrzydowska > Krakow



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Auschwitz-Birkenau



Kalwaria Zebrzydowska — The

Sanctuary of Our Lady of Calvary



Wadowice — John Paul II Family

Home Museum



Auschwitz-Birkenau

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer from **Tychy** to **Auschwitz**.

All over the world, **Auschwitz** has become a symbol of terror, genocide and the Holocaust. It was established by the Nazis in 1940, in the suburbs of the city of Oswiecim (Auschwitz in German) which, like other parts of Poland, was occupied by the Germans during the Second World War. A visit to concentration and extermination camp museum might help you to comprehend what is incomprehensible. Transfer back to Krakow.

Transfer to **Wadowice**.

Visit the Basilica of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where Pope John Paul II was baptized.

Transfer to **Kalwaria Zebrzydowska**.

Visit to the monastery complex of the Franciscans-Bernardines with the early baroque church and dozens of chapels spread around in a beautiful countryside scenery (UNESCO Heritage).

Transfer to **Krakow**.

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Day

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> **Krakow**



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Krakow — famous zapiekanka Krakow — Wawel cathedral Krakow —
 Wawel Hill Krakow — Sukiennice Cloth Hall

Breakfast at your hotel.

Krakow city sightseeing: Krakow is the cultural capital of Poland with Old Town listed as UNESCO Heritage. During the tour you would see Barbican and defensive walls with Florian's Gate, the Main Market Square with Sukiennice Cloth Hall, St Mary's Church and Town Hall Tower. We would proceed to the Jagiellonian University, pass by Archbishop Palace (where John Paul II used to live) as well as St Andrew's Church and St Peter and Paul's Church to reach the Wawel Hill.

Free afternoon to your leisure.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Krakow**.

**Day
6**

> **Krakow** > **Wieliczka** > **Krakow**

Wieliczka Salt Mine Wieliczka Salt Mine Wieliczka Salt Mine Wieliczka Salt Mine

Breakfast at your hotel.

Free time in the morning.

Transfer from **Krakow** to **Wieliczka**.

Visit to **Wieliczka** Salt Mine – the most beautiful and the oldest operating salt mine in the world (UNESCO Heritage). From over 700 years it was a source of Polish fortune and a physical fundament of culture. Today Wieliczka is the most willingly visited Polish tourist object with magnificent chapels, charming underground lakes and original tools and equipment. During this tour you could



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see a number of excavated chambers on 3 levels adorned with beautiful sculptures made of salt as well as a salt museum. Transfer back to **Krakow**.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Krakow**.

Day 7	> Krakow > Budapest (Hungary)

Budapest Budapest — panorama Budapest — Fisherman's Bastion Budapest

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer from **Krakow** to **Budapest**.

Beautiful scenery awaits us as we drive through the foothills of the Tatra Mountains. Here we cross into the Slovak Republic, full of dramatic geographical features, high alpine villages and a rich cultural heritage. After passing the Hungarian border we continue to **Budapest** situated on the romantic River Danube.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Budapest**.

Day 8	> Budapest

Budapest Budapest — Matthias Church Budapest — thermal baths Budapest — Parliament

Breakfast at your hotel.

Budapest city sightseeing: drive over the Margaret Bridge to Buda; stop in the Castle District, further walk to see the main attractions of the area: Matthias Church and the Fishermen's Bastion from where you can enjoy the beautiful



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panorama. Next drive to the Gellert Hill (Citadel) to admire the most spectacular view of Budapest, and then cross the Elisabeth Bridge to Pest with famous Central Market Hall, followed by the largest Synagogue of Europe and the City Park; pass by Europe's largest thermal spa, the Budapest Zoo and the Amusement Park, the Heroes' Square with statues of the most famous Hungarian kings and dukes, the Opera House and the St Stephen's Basilica, visit of the impressive neo-gothic House of Parliament. During the tour you would have a chance to discover the last 1000 years of Hungarian history.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Budapest**.

Day 9	> Budapest > Bratislava (Slovakia) > Vienna (Austria)

Slovakia — local food Bratislava Bratislava — castle Bratislava

Breakfast at your hotel.

In the morning departure to **Bratislava**, journey through the region of Transdanubia, dotted with orchards and vineyards.

Visit of **Bratislava** the capital city of Slovakia. Walk through the old town to see its main monuments such as: the Cathedral of San Martin, Saint Michael Gate, the Universitas Istropolitana – the oldest university in Central Europe, Market Square, Primacial Palace, churches and palaces of the nobility, National Theater of Slovakia.

Transfer to **Vienna**.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Vienna**.

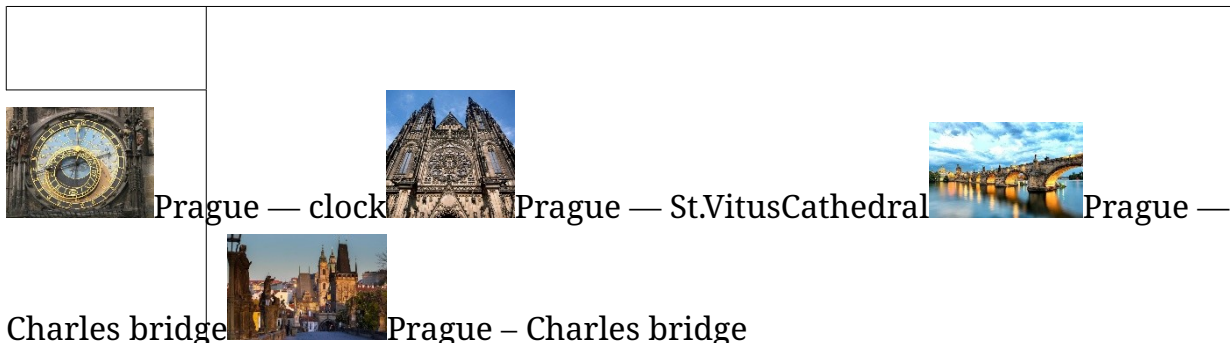
Day 10	> Vienna



	Vienna — opera Vienna — concert Vienna Vienna — City Hall Breakfast at your hotel. Vienna city sightseeing (UNESCO Heritage): drive along the famous Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard known for such magnificent buildings as the Museums of Fine Arts and Natural History, the State Opera House, the Parliament, the Burgtheatre, the City Hall and the Votive Church; short walk through the most beautiful parts of the city centre: Museumquarter, Hofburg – winter-residence of the Habsburgs, Kärtner Strasse – shopping street and the Stephan's Cathedral. Time for a souvenir hunt in the elegant pedestrian area or visit Schonbrunn Palace; Free time. Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in Vienna.
Day 11	> Vienna > Prague (Czechia)
	Prague — Charles bridge Prague Prague Czechy — Prague — panorama Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer from Vienna to Prague. In the afternoon arrival at the golden city of Prague, described as the prettiest gem in the stone crown of the world. Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in Prague.
Day 12	> Prague



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Breakfast at your hotel.

City tour of the golden city of **Prague**, described as the prettiest gem in the stone crown of the world. Transfer to the Prague Castle, home of Prague kings and queens for many years which houses nowadays the office of the president of the Czech Republic, several museums, the St. Vitus Cathedral, the Royal Castle and more; walk through this Hradcany district viewing the Loreto, the Archbishops Palace, Golden Lane and other interesting areas along the way to the castle; visit part of the St. Vitus Cathedral; walk down through the Little Quarter and over the Charles Bridge via the coronation route to the Old Town Square with the famous Astronomical Clock, Old Town Square Tower, end on Wenceslas Square, the new part of town. In the afternoon we will be strolling through the Jewish Quarter, Josefov, which can be proud of its 6 synagogues and the cemetery. You will be passing by the Charles Bridge, the oldest bridge in **Prague** built by one of the most famous Czech emperors, Charles IV, in 14th century.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Prague**.

**Day
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> **Prague > Dresden (Germany)**



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Niemcy — Dresden



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Niemcy —

Dresden



Niemcy — Dresden

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer from **Prague** to **Dresden**.

Panoramic tour of the city of **Dresden**: 800 years of history left several works of architecture that make the city a collection of art. We can admire the landscape of the valley and the Elbe river, the bridges, the Church of Our Lady, the Semper opera and the Zwinger Palace. The Saxon area is famous for its food, beer and wines – we can taste them in **Dresden**, the capital of the region.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Dresden**.

Day 14	> Dresden > Meissen > Potsdam > Berlin



Niemcy — Potsdam



Niemcy — Meissen



Niemcy —

Potsdam — Sanssouci



Niemcy — Meissen — porcelain

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer from **Dresden** to **Meissen**.

Visit one of Germany's oldest porcelain manufactories in **Meissen**. Founded in the 18th century and being continuously in operation since then, the delicate, always handcrafted products are found in royal courts and celebrities homes all around



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the world. See the exhibition hall and the demonstration workshops where all steps of the painting and glazing process is explained to you.

Transfer to **Potsdam**.

Sightseeing of **Potsdam**. Visit to the Frederick the Great's Royal Gardens of Sanssouci and Cecilienhof Palace (UNESCO), the location of the Potsdam Conference that ended WW II and marked the begin of the Cold War.

Transfer to **Berlin**.

Accommodation in a centrally located hotel in **Berlin**.

Day 15	> Berlin



Niemcy — Berlin — Brandenburg Gate



Niemcy — Berlin —



National opera Niemcy — Berlin — cathedral Niemcy — Berlin

Breakfast at your hotel.

Visit of the city of **Berlin**, the capital of Germany. Panoramic city tour from east to west: Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag German Parliament Building, New Government Buildings, Museum Island (UNESCO), Berlin Protestant Cathedral and Palace Bridge, Alexander Square (Alexanderplatz) , Red City Hall. Afterwards, with the “red” excursion we visit Berlin from the times of the cold war and we explore the sectors of the Soviet zone: the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie.

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Day	> Berlin > Warsaw
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Warsaw — panorama Warsaw — city centre Warsaw — city centre Warsaw —
panorama

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transfer from **Berlin** to the airport in **Warsaw**. This trip could be also finished in
Berlin.

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