

## Highlights of Bohemia

## Trip Map



## Day 1 | Arrive Frankfurt



Don't let the glass and steel skyscrapers deceive you. At its heart, Frankfurt's high-powered business hub communes with a warm medieval centre where half-timbered buildings and tiny taverns line cobbled lanes and the aroma of apple cider lingers around every turn. Here 'Mainhattan' meets medieval charm. This afternoon, your Travel Director will lead an orientation tour around the city's dynamic financial centre and medieval Römerberg. See the Römer, which has served as Frankfurt's city hall since the 15<sup>th</sup> century and admire the architecture that has been lovingly restored after World War II.

**Hotel:** Leonardo City South

## Day 2 | Frankfurt – Berlin



Leaving the high-rises behind, you'll journey across the North German Plain to the dynamic and energetic capital that is Berlin. This bold capital wears its grittiness for all to see – edgy street art adorns the city's ever-evolving façades and street food markets reveal a cosmopolitan line-up of cultures and cuisines that make Berlin an exhilaratingly diverse city to explore. Consider this evening to join an Optional Experience with good food, wine, beer and music followed by a twilight tour of some of Berlin's beautiful illuminations.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Amber Econtel Charlottenburg

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Berlin by Twilight with Dinner** - Berlin in the evening is a city transformed! Explore the German capital as twilight descends, driving through the city streets to scope out impressive landmarks such as the iconic Brandenburg Gate before we enjoy an unforgettable night of hearty food, wine, beer and lively music.

**Adult: 68.00 EUR**

## Day 3 | Berlin sightseeing and free time



There's never a dull moment in Berlin. This city has endured more over the past century than most and yet you can almost feel its characteristic philosophy of 'let the good times roll' as you see the many iconic sites on Unter den Linden. Spend the rest of the day exploring the city your way or join an Optional Experience to uncover the secrets of the city's World War II and Cold War past. You could even choose to venture beyond the city for a dinner of German specialties in the countryside.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Amber Econtel Charlottenburg

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Berlin's Secret Past Revealed** - Uncover the secrets of Berlin's history on a guided tour of the city, led by our knowledgeable Local Specialist. Explore the significant Holocaust Memorial, take in the spectacular sight of the colourful Berlin Wall and see the site of Checkpoint Charlie. Learning more about WWII and the Cold War of Berlin's past, this tour takes you to some of the world's most significant sights in modern history.

**Adult: 35.00 EUR**

**Traditional Lake District Dinner** - Admire the architecture of this vibrant city as we take a scenic drive to the rural outskirts, formerly used as the Royal Hunting grounds in centuries past. Now an exclusive residential district, you'll dine in a charming chalet-style restaurant and enjoy an atmospheric dinner of German specialties.

**Adult: 68.00 EUR**

#### Day 4 | Berlin – Poznań – Warsaw (2 Nights)



Close the curtain on your spirited encounter with Berlin and head east into Poland. Stop first in Poznań, one of the oldest cities in Poland and birthplace of the Polish nation. View its colourful market square and town hall where a curious battle between two iron goats to mark noon has taken centre stage above its clock for over five centuries. Then head to Poland's modern metropolis of Warsaw which has risen with all the invigorating spirit of a phoenix after a recent tragic past.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Chopin's Warsaw** - The spirit of Warsaw and the music of Chopin go hand in hand, making this experience a must as you travel through the Polish city. This enchanting recital of his music, performed for you by a celebrated Polish pianist in one of Warsaw's historic buildings, is one of the unforgettable memories of this trip. Sparkling wine will be served during the intermission.

**Adult: 53.00 EUR**

#### Day 5 | Warsaw sightseeing and free time



This morning, perhaps enjoy an optional visit to the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Baroque Wilanów Palace, once the summer home of King Jan Sobieski III. Then, dive into Warsaw's turbulent past with a Local Specialist. Your sightseeing tour across this historic capital will reveal how the resilient Poles rebuilt their city after the destruction of World War II. Among others you'll see St. John's Cathedral and the Royal Palace in the Old Town as well as the site of the Warsaw Ghetto. With the rest of the afternoon free to explore your way, why not embark on an exploration of the Praga-Północ district, one of Europe's coolest neighbourhoods, including a visit to Poland's first vodka museum.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis Hotel Warsaw Centrum

#### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:



**Wilanow Palace** - Join us for a tour of this splendid baroque palace, built in the late 17th century as a summer home for King Jan Sobieski III. With spectacular décor and perfectly manicured gardens to explore, this tour is a must for architecture and history buffs! On our visit, led by our Local Specialist, we'll see the collection of royal furniture, portraits and china that forms part of the National Museum.

**Adult: 45.00 EUR**

**Warsaw Five Senses Tour** - Journey to the bohemian district of Praga, voted among the 10 coolest neighbourhoods in Europe by the Independent, where our Local Specialist will show us Poland's first Vodka Museum. Experience a tantalising journey through the history of one of the world's most famous and noted tipplers. To stimulate your senses, we'll sample local and national delicacies before a scenic drive enjoying the lights of Warsaw; one of Europe's least-known, but most spectacular and fascinating cities.

**Adult: 74.00 EUR**

**Through the Looking Glass** - Step back in time to see the Warsaw of a bygone era, bear witness to its broken past, hear stories of survival, friendship and camaraderie that together helped her rise like a phoenix from the ashes to become one of Europe's most progressive and fashionable cities. Our journey through Warsaw's past, present and future features the famous ghetto bridge, seen in the movie *The Zookeeper's Wife*, government buildings used to smuggle people out of the ghetto, regentrified market halls, palaces, and institutions of learning. It truly is a Mermaid's Tale!

**Adult: 35.00 EUR**

## Day 6 | Warsaw – Auschwitz – Kraków

Today we travel south towards the former Royal Capital of Krakow. We pay our respects to the survivors and victims of the Holocaust by visiting the memorial site of the former concentration camp at Auschwitz.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Ibis Stare Miasto

## Day 7 | Kraków sightseeing and free time



Today is all about uncovering the legendary history of this beautiful city. You'll kick things off with a sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist who will share the thrilling tale of the city's origins as you trace its medieval walls and see Wawel Castle where the dragon once roamed in its dungeons. You'll have the rest of the day to yourself and perhaps you'd like to spend the afternoon wandering the UNESCO-listed Old Town, or choose an optional experience that would see you exploring the UNESCO-listed Wieliczka Salt Mines, often referred to as the Underground Salt Cathedral of Poland. This evening, why not enjoy a night out with an optional farmhouse dinner and Polka party where you'll swing around the dance floor after a meal of Polish specialties.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis Stare Miasto

## CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Wieliczka Salt Mine Exploration** - With our Local Specialist, we'll visit this amazing UNESCO World Heritage-listed site just outside Krakow and marvel at the unique sculptures and setting of this 800-year-old salt mine. See chambers, chapels and even salt chandeliers as we follow our guide 135 m (440 ft) underground.

**Adult: 64.00 EUR**

\* This optional involves reservations and entrance prepayments. Should you decide to cancel the optional, a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred.

**Farmhouse Dinner And Polka Party** - Take your tour of Krakow to the next level, immersing yourself in the authentic culture of Poland with an evening of lively music, dance and dinner. Enjoy the sounds of traditional Polka music and dances, while savouring a delicious meal of Polish specialties and beverages at our specially selected venue.  
**Adult: 70.00 EUR**

## Day 8 | Kraków – Budapest



Head south through Poland, then travel through the pastoral heart of Slovakia bound for Hungary. Your final destination is Budapest, which sits straddled on either side of the beautiful Danube – two halves shaped by a captivating mix of Magyar, German, Slav, Jewish, Roma and Turkish settlers that have made Budapest into the cultural capital it is today. Begin your exploration of this 'Pearl of the Danube' on the water with an optional scenic cruise on a private boat along the Danube. Against an enchanting illuminated backdrop, you'll enjoy a dinner of Hungarian specialties while you sail underneath the famous Chain Bridge and past Budapest's majestic Parliament buildings.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis Styles City

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Danube Cruise With Dinner** - Enjoy a scenic cruise on our private boat on the romantic Danube, with spectacular views of Budapest's breathtaking cityscape. You'll savour a tasty dinner with a selection of Hungarian specialties and drinks included and watch in awe as Budapest's spectacular illuminations light up the night's sky. It's not hard to see how this magical city earned the nickname 'The Paris of the East'.  
**Adult: 88.00 EUR**

## Day 9 | Budapest sightseeing and free time



Like all great capitals, Budapest's story begins with a legend, and your Local Specialist will share all the exciting tales during your sightseeing. Then there's time to explore the 1000-year history of Budapest on your own or perhaps join an Optional Experience, including a goulash cooking demonstration, to the medieval town of Szentendre, set on the banks of the Danube.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Ibis Styles City

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Szentendre and Light Lunch** - Follow our Local Specialist out of bustling Budapest to the picturesque medieval town of Szentendre, set on the banks of the Danube and awash with ancient walls, cobbled streets and beautiful vistas. Here, we'll enjoy a Goulash cooking demonstration before sampling this essential Hungarian dish during lunch, which also includes cake and drinks. Afterwards, explore shops that sell beautiful Hungarian embroidery, ceramics and paprika.  
**Adult: 63.00 EUR**

## Day 10 | Budapest – Győr – Vienna



All that glitters certainly is gold in Budapest. You'll see this first-hand during an optional visit to the Hungarian Parliament. The highlights of Bohemia just keep on coming as we continue our trip across the hilly landscapes of Transdanubia to Győr, a charming city which sits at the crossroads of Central Europe, midway between Budapest and Vienna. Wander the historic streets then continue across the Austrian border arriving in Vienna later today, a city where music literally surrounds you.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Ibis Wien Mariahilf

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Guided Visit of the Hungarian Parliament and Danube Shoe Memorial** - Visit the magnificent Hungarian Parliament Building and discover the spectacular interior, learn about its history and understand why it is one of the most-visited places in Europe. We will also take the opportunity to pay our respects at the moving Shoes on the Danube Bank monument, honouring the thousands of people who were executed along the riverbank during World War II.

**Adult: 74.00 EUR**

\* This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur 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** - As the cultural capital of Austria, Vienna is the home of unique travel experiences. Take your tour to the next level with dinner in an atmospheric Viennese restaurant, enjoying Austrian dishes and drinks as you take in the melodic charms of traditional musical entertainment. A unique experience in one of Europe's most enchanting cities, this elegant evening is a must.

**Adult: 72.00 EUR**

## Day 11 | Vienna sightseeing and free time



Meet your Local Specialist, who will reveal the secrets and stories of this imperial city. See the Parliament, the Vienna Opera House, the Hofburg and the City Hall, before heading out on your own. It's entirely up to you how to explore this musical capital of the world. You could spend hours wandering the streets when you visit Vienna, or perhaps take a guided trip to Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburgs, one of the most influential royal families of Europe. You'll need no excuse to embrace the locals' love of the good life as you indulge in the city's coffee house culture with a heavenly slice of Sachertorte to tame your chocoholic tendencies. This evening, the melodies of a musical Vienna are the order of the day if you join an optional dinner followed by a concert of Strauss and Mozart masterpieces.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis Wien Mariahilf

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:



**Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens** - Immerse yourself in the striking palatial rooms and gardens of the Imperial Summer Palace of Schönbrunn, with a Local Specialist to bring the historic residence to life. Offering an amazing journey through the centuries old Habsburg rule, the palace is perfectly preserved and richly decorated with remarkable treasures to behold.

**Adult: 55.00 EUR**

\* This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

**Dinner And Viennese Concert** - A wonderful evening of all things Viennese! We'll enjoy a superb dinner with drinks, followed by a concert of Viennese classical music. With your 'A Class' tickets, you will experience works by Johann Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart performed in a classic, sumptuous setting and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or juice during the concert. *Please note: on occasion, a small gift will be offered in place of a glass of sparkling wine.*

**Adult: 123.00 EUR**

\* This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

**Viennese Concert** - Take in the classical sounds of Austria with a wonderful Viennese concert, where you'll enjoy the most famous works of Strauss and Mozart, performed by some of the most highly acclaimed soloists and dancers in Austria. With 'A Class' tickets and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine during the interval, this elegant evening in Vienna will become a favourite travel memory.

**Adult: 68.00 EUR**

\* This optional involves reservation and entrance pre-payments. Cancellation within 24 hours will incur a 50% cancellation fee.

## Day 12 | Vienna – Brno – Prague



Today we'll say goodbye to Vienna's enchanting symphony and travel north to the Czech Republic on your Bohemia value tour. First stop is the medieval town of Brno and we'll pass through gorgeous green and gold landscapes, before arriving in Prague later today. The City of a Hundred Spires shines even brighter at night, so it's only fitting to join an evening introduction to this fairy-tale city. Hit the town and try a local brew to quench your thirst, discovering the dry-hopped goodness for which Prague is renowned.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Ibis Praha Mala Strana

## CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Beautiful Prague by Night** - Join our Local Specialist for an evening tour of this bohemian city, enjoying private transport with a little strolling to discover Prague's must-visit destinations. Explore the dreamlike streets of the medieval Royal city, scope out the magical views from Charles Bridge and enjoy a drink in a quaint restaurant, where you'll delight in the sounds of local musical entertainment.

**Adult: 52.00 EUR**

### Day 13 | Prague sightseeing and free time



While the rest of Europe's capitals smouldered, the enduring beauty of Prague saved it from a similar fate during World War II. You'll see why when you head out on a sightseeing tour with your Local Specialist, with stops to see highlights including 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 see other beautiful sides 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 Vltava Cruise with Lunch** - Step inside a hidden world of scintillating secrets, legends and myths of Prague with a relaxing cruise on the River Vltava. Offering insight to enchanting local stories and unbeatable views of the "City of a Hundred Spires", this cruise is perfect for photography buffs and culture vultures alike. You'll also enjoy sampling local specialties with an included lunch on-board your scenic cruise.

**Adult: 63.00 EUR**

**Traditional Dinner In Prague** - Top your day off with an evening of great food and music, with an evening out in one of our favourite local restaurants. A wonderful opportunity to say goodbye to glorious Prague, you'll toast with your fellow travellers to an unforgettable journey.

**Adult: 70.00 EUR**

### Day 14 | Prague – Rothenburg – Frankfurt



Take a step back in time during your stop in Rothenburg ob der Tauber along Bavaria's Romantic Road this morning. Your orientation tour will reveal an exquisite medieval centre encircled by a fortified town wall that was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Continue to Frankfurt, where we will enjoy a final toast and a farewell dinner to reminisce over an epic journey across the Bohemian countryside and capital cities.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Leonardo Frankfurt City South/Leonardo Offenbach Frankfurt

### Day 15 | Depart Frankfurt



Great empires created the enchanting land which you've explored over the past 15 days. You've encountered legends, tales of bravery and unforgettable masterpieces that span the centuries. All that's left is to bid your new friends a fond farewell as you prepare to close the curtain on an exhilarating encounter with Central Europe.

**Meals:** Breakfast



