

Day 5: A free day in Prague

Your time is your own today to explore Prague the way you want to. Described by some as the 'Jewel in the Crown' of Central Europe, you'll find that Prague is just as engaging as Rome, London or Amsterdam, and is at least as beautiful as Paris. Let your guard down and explore today – you never know the wonders you might find! Start off with the Charles Bridge, which joins the old and the new town, and marvel at how Prague's dramatic history is reflected in the beauty of its churches, opera houses, concert halls and of course Prague castle.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation.

Day 6: Visit Bratislava and Budapest.

Moving on to the Slovakian capital, Bratislava! Located in a country dominated by mountains, vineyards, ski runs and wilderness, Bratislava is a charming city. Here you'll find medieval castles overlooking the old town, along with more recent Socialist-era architecture. Later in the day we make for beautiful Budapest. With a huge number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, we start things off with a driving tour to help you get acquainted with the city. With a huge variety of architectural styles adorning the city, Budapest promises all manner of untold treasures. Featuring hundreds of thermal and mineral springs, bathing in Budapest has been in vogue since Roman times. Hungarian food, too, is experiencing something of a revival after being somewhat repressed in the Soviet era. Explore and be amazed at the bounty of Budapest!

Breakfast, Lunch. Overnight accommodation.

Day 7: Visit Vienna

Heading next to Vienna, we'll have lunch in one of the city's traditional beer halls before taking a walking tour of the city led by one of our expert local guides. As a centre for art and culture in Europe for centuries, Vienna was host to some of the world's leading musical minds at one time or another – including luminaries like Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. But along with its classical heritage, magnificent concert halls, palaces and museums, Vienna is also a modern city, with a vibrant café, restaurant and nightclub culture. Explore the city this afternoon and take it all in!

Breakfast, lunch. Overnight accommodation.

Day 8: Visit Graz and Ljubljana

After leaving Vienna, we'll take a comfort stop in Graz – Austria's second-largest city, but also one of its liveliest. Admire the verdant parkland and Renaissance architecture, and get a glimpse of the small, fast-flowing river which gushes through the centre. Our final stop of the day is the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, often thought of as a hidden gem of Europe. With its castles, stunning architecture and natural beauty, Ljubljana packs a punch more powerful than its small size would suggest. We'll take a walking tour of the city with a local guide to soak it all in.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation.

Day 9: Visit Venice

Venice is our next stop, a city immortalised in literature, film and art for centuries. Its timeless waterways and artistic masterpieces (more per square kilometre than anywhere else on earth) make it truly unique – this is a city that will capture your heart and imagination. Being Italian, there's

no shortage of incredible food and culture either! You'll start your stay in Venice with an orientation tour to get your bearings, after which you'll visit a Murano glass-blowing workshop and see a live demonstration of this traditional – and hugely impressive – art-form. The afternoon is yours to explore this unforgettable city on your own.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation.

Day 10: Visit Florence and Tuscany

Although we leave Venice today, ahead of us are the hills of Tuscany – marvel at the countryside as we head for Florence. On arrival we'll get a fabulous panoramic view of the city from Piazzale Michelangelo, then take a fascinating walking tour of the city with a local guide. Learn about the history of the city and see historical landmarks dating from Roman times to the glory days of the Renaissance. After exploring, we make our way to the Tuscan countryside, where we spend the night.

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation.

Day 11: Visit Pisa, travel onward to Switzerland

Departing Tuscany, we make for one of the world's most famous buildings. This is also definitely a place where you'll want to have your camera charged – Pisa! Learn the story behind the leaning tower, and be sure to take some photos! It's time to cross over to the Alps. Is there a better way to enjoy the magic of Switzerland than staying in a typical Swiss Alpine town? Take in the beauty of the snow-capped mountains and the greenery around you.

Breakfast, dinner. Overnight accommodation.

Day 12: A free day in the Swiss Alps.

The splendour of the Alps is yours today – don't miss the chance to join our optional excursion up to Jungfrauoch, the highest train station in Europe! The trip to the top is a real highlight; you might find yourself pressed up against the windows as the picture-perfect Swiss countryside rolls beneath you. Look out for quaint villages nestled in the valleys beneath snow-capped peaks and tumbling mountain waterfalls. Once we've reached the top, enjoy the year-round snow and breathtaking views of the surrounding glaciers and craggy mountaintops. Once you've had a chance to explore and capture as many photos as possible, it's back down to lower altitudes for the rest of the afternoon. Take the chance to head into nearby Interlaken to see the lakes of the region, shop for chocolates and cuckoo clocks, or have a fondue!

Breakfast. Overnight accommodation.

Day 13: Visit Paris

It's an early start today as we make our way out of the mountains and make for the city of lights and love: Paris! Arriving in the afternoon, we'll take you on a driving tour of the French capital; get your cameras ready – you'll be seeing some of the city's most treasured landmarks, including the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Arc de Triomphe! After the driving tour we'll enjoy dinner at a restaurant in the Latin Quarter, an eclectic, bohemian and historic neighbourhood. We'll then travel back to the hotel on Paris' world famous metro system, ready to explore the city further on our free day tomorrow!

Breakfast, dinner. Overnight accommodation.



Day 14: A free day in Paris.

Today is all yours to explore as you wish. Take an optional cruise up the River Seine, head up the tower of Montparnasse for exquisite views, visit L'Opéra Garnier, the Tuileries Gardens, Place de la Concorde, Hotel de Ville, the River Seine, l'Île de la Cité or the Louvre Museum. Get a glimpse of that most famous avenue, the Champs Elysees, overlooked by the famous Arc de Triomphe. Alternatively, why not head to the boutiques of La Marais? Or visit the graves of Oscar Wilde and Jim Morrison at Père Lachaise Cemetery? Those with a taste for the macabre can even descend to the infamous catacombs! Alternatively, stay above ground and explore the museums, people-watch from a roadside café, or simply stroll the city, following in the footsteps of great painters, musicians and writers. Breakfast. Overnight accommodation.

Day 15: Departure out of Paris

It's our last day already! Today we leave the mainland and cross the Channel on our way back to London. Be sure to swap details with your fellow travellers – we hope you've loved every minute of your Europe Jewel adventure!

Day 16: Depart from London

After breakfast free time in the morning until departure to the airport.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 13 Nights accommodation in twin rooms. Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure a private room.
- 13 Breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- Return private airport transfer on the first and the last day.
- 17 Experiences (including guided walking tours, orientation walks, driving tours of cities plus other exciting experiences – please see Experiences tab for more information).
- Free Wi-Fi in hotels
- Modern air conditioned coach with reclining seats, TV for showing DVDs, and toilet.
- Services of your tour leader from day 1 till day 13, who will be on hand with advice and tips and ensure that you get the most from your trip.
- All taxes and fees
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

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Hotel Duo
Hotel Krystal

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Force Majeure: We will not pay you compensation if we have to cancel or change your travel arrangements in any way because of unusual or unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control. These can include, for example, war, riot, industrial dispute, terrorist activity and its consequences, acts of God, natural or nuclear disaster, fire, adverse weather conditions, epidemics and pandemics, unavoidable technical problems with transport.

2. Accommodation

a) All Tours

On any of our Comfort, Europe Short Trips, Turkey & Greece Tours and Croatia Tours, accommodation is provided in twin accommodation. Singles travellers will be accommodated in same-gender twin rooms. Two travellers booking together will be accommodated in a twin room. Three travellers booking together will be accommodated in one twin room, the third person will be accommodated in a same gender twin share room. Happy Tours will use astute discretion at allocating the third person to a room share; unless we are otherwise advised in writing as to who will be sharing with whom. Triple rooms can be requested, in writing, but cannot be guaranteed in every location in which event the above situation applies. In certain locations, particularly in Austria and Switzerland, a twin is commonly accepted as referring to two separate mattresses and duvets contained in one large frame. Most hotels have rooms that will take an extra bed if required. These extra beds may be bunk beds, fold-away beds or sofa beds. Where an extra bed is added this may limit the space available. Rooms with extra beds are still bookable for two person occupancy although, in this case, the hotelier may allocate a standard-sized twin bedded room without extra beds. Single rooms do not always match up either in size or facilities to twin bedded rooms. Please note that in some properties, lifts may not directly service all floors and access to and from these floors may be by stairway only.

b) Star Categories / Country Standards

We use a range of star rated accommodation establishments, and standards differ from country to country. The star ratings are primarily intended to give a guide to the range of facilities and services available in each property. 2 and 3 star properties generally have a more limited range of facilities and services. In general the overall standard of services and facilities can sometimes vary within star categories. For example, an officially rated 3 star property may only possess 2 star standards (and vice versa) despite having an extensive range of services and facilities. This is because of the many different criteria that are used from country to country to assess star ratings.

Please note these criteria can differ significantly to those used in the UK by motoring and other organizations and UK ratings should not therefore be compared to those overseas. In certain instances, hotels and pensions in Austria do not have official star ratings, mainly due to taxation reasons, rather than levels of standard.

3. Food

Meals are included as stipulated in the tour itinerary, check your specific tour itinerary for details of which meals are included. Vegetarians or those with special dietary needs can be catered for, so please inform us at the time of booking, as well as your tour leader at the start of the tour. Non-included meals are at your own expense. This allows you the opportunity to try the local cuisine. The food is delicious and varied with restaurants providing an important insight into local ways of life.

There is always an excellent range of restaurants to choose from. You will also need to purchase drinks and snacks for long bus or coach journeys as there may not be the opportunity once on board. Please be aware that in many parts of the world vegetarian meals are classified as meals without meat or fish, and may not be what you are used to.

4. Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is mandatory for all clients whilst on a tour organised by Happy Tours. Clients together with their personal property including baggage are at all times solely at their own risk. Clients are wholly responsible for arranging their own insurance. A suitable insurance policy should provide adequate cover for medical expenses arising through illness or accident prior to or during the holiday and loss of holiday monies through cancellation or curtailment of the holiday or other insurable reasons. Clients should ensure that there are no exclusion clauses limiting protection for the type of activities in their tour. The travel insurance cover automatically provided with credit card purchases does not provide adequate cover as standard.

5. Passports, Visas and Vaccinations

It is the responsibility of the client to be in possession of a valid passport, visa permits, vaccination and preventative medicines as may be required for the duration of the tour. Information about these matters or related items is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of Happy Tours. Visa support documents can be provided if the request is received in writing - please email us after your booking has been confirmed, allowing 5 working days for the documents to be produced. Visa support documents do not supplement or replace tour documents which can be found on the website.

Please allow sufficient time to complete the visa process (at least 4 weeks). Should your visa application be unsuccessful, you will be able to change or cancel your tour, but standard terms and conditions (and therefore fees) will apply. Please see sections 3a. Changes by you and 4. Cancellation by you.

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) provides travel advice for each destination we visit – each country has a summary and general information as well as advice on safety & security, local laws & customs, entry requirements and health.

6. Age, Fitness and Participation

All clients are expected to satisfy themselves prior to booking that they are fit and able to complete the itinerary of their chosen tour as described in the itinerary.

Clients are also expected to accept that the components described constitute "Adventure Travel" and that travel to and facilities in developing countries will not be to similar standards which they may be accustomed to at home. Persons over 65 years of age may be asked to provide medical evidence of fitness to travel on certain itineraries. Minors (those under 18 years of age) are accepted on some group tours operated by Happy Tours at our discretion provided they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who accepts full responsibility for them. Unaccompanied minors will not be accepted. Happy Tours has recommended ages for participation in group tours which act as a guide only.

Clients agree to accept the authority and decision of Happy Tours employees, tour leaders, and agents whilst on tour with Happy Tours. If in the opinion of such person that the health or conduct of a client before or after departure appears likely to endanger the safe, comfortable or happy progress of a tour, the client may be excluded from all or part of the tour, without any refunds. In the case of ill health Happy Tours may make such arrangements as it sees fit and recover the costs from the client.

If a client is excluded from the tour as above or chooses to leave the tour of their own free will or leaves the tour due to ill health or any other reason there will be no refund of the tour price, extra services, surcharges, local payments/funds or any local surcharges. All services forming part of the whole package booked will be forfeited though may be recovered through travel insurance in some circumstances.

7. Local Laws

All participants in tours operated by Happy Tours are expected to obey the laws and regulations of the countries visited and any failure to do so will relieve Happy Tours of any obligation that they may otherwise have under these booking conditions.

8. Illness or Disability

Anyone suffering from illness or disability or undergoing treatment for any physical or medical condition must declare the true nature of such condition at the time of booking and make arrangements for the provision of any medication or other treatment which may be required during the tour. Failure to make such disclosure will constitute breach of these booking conditions and result in such persons being excluded from the tour in which case all monies paid will be forfeit. If you or any member of your party have any disabilities it is extremely important that you contact our offices by email via this link before completing any reservation to ensure compatibility for the holiday that you choose.

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