

EASTERN EUROPE ESCORTED COACH TOURS (WIFI)

Czech-Slovakia-Hungary-Austria-Switzerland-Germany

7 Days Blue Sapphire Route

Tour Code: EU7BLU



Tour Fare

Tour fare are calculated on daily basis

Twin sharing basis

Additional S\$105nett per room per night for single traveler

Child (2-11 years old) shares a room with 2 adults

No accommodation will be provided on the last day of the tour, or daily tour

Inclusions

Price Includes:

Daily transportation on modern air-conditioned coaches

Hotel accommodation local 3* (Note: you may be accommodated in a different but equal three-star hotel in/outside the city center)

Daily Continental Breakfast

English Speaking Guide

Price Excludes:

Attraction tickets

Gratuities to driver & tour guide (7 Euro per day)

Optionals

All prices shown below are excluded from the tour fare, it is optional during the tour.

Entrance Fee:	Danube River Cruise	€ 22.00
	Golden Lane	€ 15.00
	Fisherman's Bastion	€ 5.00
	Matthias Church	€ 10.00
	Schonbrunn Palace	€ 16.20
	Mozart Residence	€ 12.00
Activity:	Hungary folklore show + Dinner	€ 52.00
	Viennese Waltz Concerts	€ 59/€72/€82
	Mount Titlis + Cable Car	€ 87.00or CHF 94
	Capital of Liechtenstein - Vaduz	€ 12

Taxes: Czech Republic city entrance tax € 7.00
Vienna city entrance tax € 7.00

(Taxes must be paid before entering the city – price per person, no child discount)

Tour Itinerary

Monday

Frankfurt – Prague (B) (530KM)

After boarding the luxury coach in Frankfurt, sit back and enjoy a scenic ride through some classic **German countryside** en route to the Czech Republic. **Prague**, one of Europe's most ornate cities, is your first destination. You will arrive in the evening, ready to discover this charming capital city with its fairytale architecture, the following morning.

Hotel: 3* in Prague or city nearby **Best Western Amedia Prague / Dorint Hotel Don Giovanni Prague or similar**

Tuesday

Prague – Bratislava (B) (330KM)

Your Prague adventure begins with a spectacular walk along the **Royal Route**, following the traditional coronation path of the kings and queens of old Bohemia. You'll start from the top of **Castle Hill** in the Hradcany district, famous for its views over the red-roofed old city, and then tour **Prague Castle**. The castle has been the historic seat of Bohemia royalty since the 9th century, as well as home to the nation's presidents in recent times. Your exploration then heads off around the imposing gothic **St. Vitus Cathedral** and the **Old Royal Palace**, and along **Golden Lane**, an ancient thoroughfare lined with some wonderful traditional buildings.

Later you will stroll across the iconic **Charles Bridge**, which arches gracefully over the Vltava, and on through the winding alleys to the **Old Town Square**, where you can see the City Hall and one of Prague's most well-known sights, the **Astronomical Clock**.

After lunch in the square, you will make the scenic transfer from Prague to the Hotel in or near the Slovakian capital, Bratislava.

Hotel: 3* in Bratislava or city nearby **Vienna House Easy Chopin Bratislava / Lindner Hotel Gallery Central Bratislava or similar**

Wednesday

Bratislava – Budapest (B) (200KM)

Arrive in Hungary, the fourth country of the tour. Its capital, Budapest, is known as the Pearl of the Danube, and is essentially two different cities joined together: Buda on the west of the river, Pest on the east, each with its own distinct characteristics.

One of the best ways of seeing this unique location is by taking a river cruise, which many people choose to do. After a morning of activity, you will relax over lunch at **Buda Palace**, and then have a chance to look at the exhibitions in the **Budapest History Museum** and **Hungarian National Gallery**, or do a spot of souvenir shopping.

Next you will explore both sides of the city on a cultural and historic tour. Highlights on the Buda side of the Danube include the towered terrace of **Fisherman's Bastion**, the medieval **Matthias Church** and a walk up to the summit of **Gellért Hill** for panoramic views. While over in Pest the sights include the expansive **Heroes' Square** and Hungary's dramatic riverside **Parliament Building**. In the evening, you can choose to round off an eventful day with an optional dinner in the heart of Budapest, where you can sample traditional dishes such as goose liver, goulash, duck leg and local wine, accompanied by Hungarian folkdance and music.

Hotel: 3* in Budapest or city nearby **Expo Congress Hotel / Mercure Budapest Buda or similar**

Thursday

Budapest – Vienna (B) (250KM)

Today starts with a short journey to another of Europe's grand capitals, Vienna, where you'll get to explore the Austrian city's resplendent palaces, striking churches and prestigious art museums.

Your Vienna adventure begins at one of the city's most popular attractions, **Schönbrunn Palace**, the Rococo-style summer residence of the Habsburg dynasty, rulers of Europe and the Church for many decades. After lunch in this refined setting, you will take a driving tour past many grand, famous buildings, including the **City Hall**, the **Austrian Parliament**, **Hofburg Palace** and **Heroes' Square**.

Afternoon, You will have some shopping time, before adding the **Wiener Staatsoper** (opera house) to your checklist of key Vienna buildings. Later, opt for dinner in the heart of the city or visit **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, before taking a stroll in Stadtpark, which is known for its range of sculptures, including the famous gilded bronze statue of **Johann Strauss II**.

In the evening, we recommend the option of attending a **Viennese waltz concert**, which will allow you the unforgettable experience of hearing the music of Mozart and Strauss in the place where it was composed.

Hotel: 3* in Vienna or city nearby **Ramada Encore hotel Vienna City Center / Ibis Wien Mariahilf or similar**

Friday

Vienna - Salzburg – Munich (B) (440KM)

Vienna it's on to another Austrian gem, Salzburg. The city's beautiful historic center, listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, is characterized by numerous baroque buildings, and is one of the most picturesque places in Europe. Salzburg is also famous for its musical heritage, being both the **birthplace of Mozart**, and also connected with hit musical The Sound of Music. You will get the chance to see from the outside the house where Mozart was born, explore the city further at your leisure and also have lunch in Salzburg, before heading across the German border to Munich in the afternoon.

Hotel: 3* in Munich or city nearby **Holiday Inn Munchen Unterhaching / NH Munich am Ring or similar**

Saturday

Munich – Mt Titlis – Lucerne – Zurich (B) (480KM)

You will leave the big cities behind on Saturday morning and head for one of the world's most famous mountain ranges – the **Swiss Alps**. The first destination is **Engelberg** the stunning Swiss resort. From here you can opt to board a cable car that takes you to the summit of the impressive **Mount Titlis**. To reach to the top of the permanently snow-covered Mt. Titlis is by a combination of gondolas over 3 stages.

You will ascend the last stage by the world's first revolving gondola the Titlis Rotair, that delivers spectacular views of the valleys, glaciers, lakes and forests below, and 360° vistas of the surrounding mountains. At the summit the sun terrace is the perfect place to pause and appreciate the breathtaking panoramas. There's a 150-metre ice cavern through the core of a glacier to explore at the top. Other highlights include walking across Europe's highest suspension bridge for more phenomenal views from Mt. Titlis.

You will come down from the hills to the lakeside for your next stop. Lucerne is a picturesque city of bridges and towers located in what many people believe to be the "true" Switzerland – picture-postcard Mountains, lakes, cowbells, Alpine villages and meadows full of edelweiss flowers. Here you will have time to wander through the charming streets, and see the famous **Lion Monument**, which Mark Twain once described as "the most mournful and moving piece of stone in the world". This is a great place to get souvenirs like Swiss watches and fine chocolates, before travelling to the overnight stop of Zurich.

Hotel: 3* in Zurich or city near **Dorint Airport-Hotel Zürich / Park Inn by Radisson Hotel Zurich Airport or similar**

Sunday

Zurich – Rhein Falls – Titisee – Frankfurt (B) (450KM)

The final day of the tour begins in Zurich, a city with a reputation as a leading global financial centre. There is chance for a picture stop at the impressive **Lake Zurich**, before moving on to **Rhine Falls**, Europe's biggest waterfall.

Next you will cross back into Germany and the **Black Forest**, the ancient fir-covered mountain range which is famous for its creepy folklore and mythical tales. Here you will see the beautiful **Lake Titisee**, where you can stop at one of the many lakeside cafés to enjoy some of the region's best Black Forest cherry gateaux. Cuckoo clocks are made in Titisee, making this the ideal place to pick up a few souvenirs from the local shops, and you'll also get to see a demonstration of how these magical mechanisms work.

You will head back to Frankfurt, where for some members of the group it will be time to say goodbye to new-found friends, while others will opt to stay another night in this major German city before picking up the Red Line tour the next day.

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