

# Imperial Highlights



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● Visited Location

🚢 Cruise

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✈️ Plane

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## Day 1 | Arrive Munich (1 Night)



Say Prost to Germany's beer capital and hello to a glorious encounter with the imperial capitals of central Europe. After settling in to your hotel, meet up with your Travel Director and hit the streets with an orientation tour of the city. Munich's church spires tower over the rest of the city, a nod to an age-old custom that places the city's history and artistry above modernity and you'll love soaking up Munich's old-world Bavarian charm. See the elegant Marienplatz featuring the Old and New Town Halls and watch the famous performance of the Glockenspiel which shares the stories of a royal wedding, jousting knights and the dance of the cooper's. With the rest of the day free to explore Munich your way, why not head to an outdoor Biergarten for a stein and plenty of good times in the buzzing atmosphere.

**Hotel:** Leonardo City South

## Day 2 | Munich - Regensburg - Prague (2 Nights)



Your first stop today is in the UNESCO-listed town of Regensburg with its beautifully preserved medieval centre and gothic cathedral which overlooks the town's historic façades and Danube river. Crossing the border into the Czech Republic, we'll visit Prague later, famed as the 'City of a Hundred Spires'. You'll feel like you've stepped into a Brothers Grimm fairy tale and you can turn up the magic even more with a stroll through the illuminated city at night on an Optional Experience. Your introduction to Prague will reveal all the highlights of its historic streets, followed by a drink at a favourite local pub celebrating the crisp brews for which Prague is so famous.

**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 3 | Prague sightseeing and free time



Today you'll travel back in time as we dive into Prague's history – a city whose iconic beauty spared it from destruction in World War II when the rest of Europe's capitals lay in ruins. Your Local Specialist will lead the way on your sightseeing tour featuring the stunning 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 head back to the Old Town Square to watch the Astronomical Clock's magical hourly Walk of the Apostles perhaps with a toasty trdelník in hand. Or see another beautiful side 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**

**Czech Beer Tasting** - Travelling through the Czech Republic, you'll discover the ultimate beverage of choice for the locals is a nice cold beer - and no tour of Prague is complete until you've sampled some of the delectable pilsners and lagers on offer! Join our local guide and expert to discover a few of the nation's favourite brews and learn why they're the biggest beer consumers in the world.

**Adult: 41.00 EUR**

\* There is a minimum of 6 guests and a maximum of 20 for this optional experience.

**Traditional Dinner In Prague** - With enchanting gothic architecture and striking scenery, it's no wonder travellers from all over the world fall in love with the city of Prague! Top your tour 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 4 | Prague – Bratislava – Budapest (2 Nights)



Your journey through the medieval kingdom of Moravia this morning leads through the southern Czech Republic into Slovakia where you'll stop briefly in its capital, Bratislava. See the Old Town and its 15<sup>th</sup>-century Old Town Hall before continuing to Budapest, whose two halves straddle the beautiful Danube River. With your evening free, why not begin your exploration of the 'Paris of the East' on the water with an optional private dinner cruise featuring Hungarian specialties and unforgettable views of the illuminated city.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis Castle Hill



### 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 5 | Budapest sightseeing and free time



Today is all about unearthing the multicultural melting pot that shaped this European crossroads. You'll kick things off with a sightseeing tour of Budapest with your Local Specialist. With the rest of the day to explore as you please, the question is really where to start? Perhaps join an optional tour to the medieval town of Szentendre, set on the banks of the Danube, or choose an Optional Experience this evening that will have you kicking up your heels with a traditional Hungarian dinner and colourful folklore and music.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis Castle Hill

### 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**

**Hungarian And Gypsy Folklore Show And Dinner** - Enjoy an authentic travel experience in Budapest with an evening of traditional music and Hungarian dinner with drinks in a local restaurant. You'll relish the chance to relax and unwind as you dine, while folk musicians serenade you at your table and share tales of gypsy folklore.

**Adult: 77.00 EUR**

### Day 6 | Budapest – Győr – Vienna (2 Nights)



Perhaps take the opportunity to join our pre-reserved morning visit to the most expensively built Parliament in Europe, and home to the legendary Hungarian Crown. Continue the decadence at the Imperial Gundel Cafe for a taste of their signature pancakes. Cross the hilly Transdanubia region bound for Győr, located midway between Budapest and Vienna. Next stop is the Austrian capital itself where art, architecture and above all music hit all the right notes for an inspiring evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Ibis Wien Mariahilf

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**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**

**Visit To The Hungarian Parliament And Cafe** - Join our Local Specialist for a tour of this magnificent Gothic Revival building, the most ornate state parliament in Europe. This optional involves reservations and entrance prepayments. Should you decide to cancel the optional, a 50% cancellation fee will be incurred. When the Parliament is closed, we will visit the exquisite 'Renaissance' Opera House and the optional will be offered at €43.

**Adult: 80.00 EUR**

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

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## Day 7 | Vienna sightseeing and free time



This morning, perhaps join an Optional Experience guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburgs, one of the most influential royal families in Europe. Vienna has held on to her regal roots as you'll come to discover when you meet a Local Specialist for a sightseeing tour around the city. Continue your love affair with the music of Vienna this evening with an Optional Experience that will see you enjoying dinner and the symphonies and sonatas of Mozart and Strauss.

**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 Hapsburg 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** - Embrace the enchanting culture of Vienna as you enjoy a superb dinner with drinks, followed by a concert of classical music including the works of Johan Strauss and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. With 'A Class' tickets and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or juice to enjoy during the intermission, you'll love this unique travel experience in the Austrian capital. 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.

## Day 8 | Vienna – Salzburg (1 Night)



Today we'll follow the Danube Valley, passing the impressive Benedictine monastery at Melk perched on top of a rocky bastion overlooking the river. Snap some gorgeous shots then continue to Salzburg, where it's all about uncovering the city's rich history and musical past. Your Local Specialist will lead the charge as you go in search of 'The Sound of Music' and you'll take a stroll through the Mirabell Gardens, where the von Trapp children once sang 'Do-Re-Mi'. This afternoon, continue your exploration of this gorgeous city your way. Perhaps treat your cultural side to a few hours spent wandering through the Baroque-filled Old Town to see the Cathedral where Mozart was baptised. You can even visit his nearby birthplace on Getreidegasse, which has been turned into a museum documenting his incredible life.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Berghof Graml

## Day 9 | Salzburg – Munich (1 Night)



Wave goodbye to Austria this morning as Bavaria beckons once again. You'll have plenty of chances to explore the spectacular alpine region with a morning Optional Experience on your Europe value tour. Get out there on a scenic drive through the Bavarian Alps to Berchtesgaden, climbing over 1,500 metres along one of the most beautiful mountain roads in Europe. Or visit Hitler's retreat known as the Eagle's Nest and learn about its infamous history as you admire the stunning mountain views. Later you'll return to Munich and enjoy a final dinner together.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Leonardo City South

### CHOICE OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

You will be offered two of the following three optional experiences depending on availability:

**Berchtesgaden And Hohenringstrasse Excursion** - Take a tour that blends significant history with stunning natural beauty, as we journey into the Bavarian Alps to Berchtesgaden, within sight of Hitler's Bavarian Redoubt. Via the Hohenringstrasse, we'll ascend 5,000 ft along one of the most beautiful mountain roads of Europe. Taking in the scenic views, you'll snap picture-perfect holiday shots to cherish for years to come.

**Adult: 40.00 EUR**

**Eagle's Nest & The Bavarian Alps** - In Berchtesgaden National Park, we'll drive with our Local Specialist past farmhouses and picturesque villages as we ascend the Obersalzberg. We'll then transfer to special buses to travel along a spectacular road that's been blasted out of the mountain side. Finally, we'll take an elevator to the Eagle's Nest, intended as a mountain retreat for Hitler and his inner circle. Once at the top, we'll learn its fascinating history and take in awe-inspiring views of the surrounding mountain peaks, whilst enjoying a local refreshment!

**Adult: 73.00 EUR**

\* The optional experience Eagle's Nest & The Bavarian Alps is weather dependent and subject to seasonal closures, therefore it may not be available on all departures.

**Lake and Mountain Tour** - Today, with our Local Specialist, we'll marvel at the alpine beauty of the Salzburg Lake district, with its 76 glacier lakes and picturesque towns like Sankt Gilgen. We'll also have the chance to see some of the major backdrops for the film "The Sound of Music" - living our best Maria von Trapp lives amid the rolling green hills.  
**Adult: 49.00 EUR**

## Day 10 | Depart Munich



With the wonderful hospitality of your Bavarian hosts still fresh in your mind, you'll spend your final moments in Munich reminiscing over a journey filled with Europe's imperial capitals and all their incredible history, culture and nature. Say a fond pfiat di to your new friends and prepare for your onward journey home.

**Meals:** Breakfast