Tour: Prague & Vienna
Arts, History & Culture

Destination: Prague, Czech Republic & Vienna, Austria

Specialization: Arts, History & Culture

Itinerary: 7-days / 6-nights total trip

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As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an ‘example’ of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.
Prague... Beautiful Prague, the capital of Czech Republic... Since the 9th century when the first settlements were formed, Prague has been an architectural jewel in progress. No other European city possesses such a heady concentration of styles – Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Art Noveau, and Czech Modern. Prague's magnificent profile, silhouetted against a bright morning or twilight sky, is something of a vast fairy-tale panorama.

The history of Prague covers more than a thousand years, during which time the city grew from the Vyšehrad Castle to the capital of a modern European state, the Czech Republic. In the 20th Century alone the city has witnessed a declaration of independence, Nazi control, oppressive communism and capitalist democracy! It’s an epic story. For more historical details, visit www.praguecitytourism.cz/en and www.inyourpocket.com/prague/History.

Day 1
Dinner included; breakfast & lunch on own
Arrive in Prague and meet your Ambassador who will escort you to your awaiting coach. Transfer to your Prague hotel.

Sample Hotel: The AquaPalace Hotel – This lovely hotel offers rooms consisting of doubles, triples and also family suites, perfect for every type of group. Rooms are equipped with high quality mattresses and linens to ensure a restorative sleep, coffee and tea kettle, LCD TV, hair dryer, safe and individual air conditioning. The AquaPalace Hotel Prague is part of the unique Praha sports and leisure complex with a large number of attractions offering fun, adrenaline, entertainment and relaxation in the 3 palaces of Water World – Palace of Adventures, Palace of Treasures and Palace of Relaxation. Your booking will include complimentary admission into the water park; spa access and treatments are payable on own. www.aquapalacehotel.cz/en/rooms
After settling in, we’ll have our Welcome & Safety Meeting, followed by time in the hotel’s waterpark to unwind and take in our new surroundings. Enjoy swimming, water slides, waves and much more. 

www.aquapalacehotel.cz/en/aquapalace-praha Take a stroll, hit the shops. Dinner will be in the hotel this evening.

The official language of the Czech Republic is Czech, which is spoken by over 96% of its inhabitants. But don’t worry, nowadays you will have no problems communicating in English in most towns, and to a lesser extent, in German. Older people often speak Russian and German.

**Day 2**

*Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own*

Today you’ll have an opportunity to get acquainted with Prague and the Czech Republic. We’ll focus on history, culture and incredible sightseeing!

Meet your specialty guide and enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town and the historic Old Town Square where you will see the world-famous astronomical clock and the Church of St Nicholas as well as admire the amazing architecture. This entire area is steeped in stunning history. 

[Prague’s Old Town by Lonely Planet](https://www.lonelyplanet.com/prague)

Next, visit Prague Castle. Enjoy a guided walking tour of the Castle District and Charles Bridge. The Castle district is a complex where Kings and Presidents have all lived for a thousand years. It includes palaces, churches, ministries and St Vitus Cathedral and is still an active part of the government. Built in 1357, Charles Bridge is now a pedestrian walkway, offering wonderful views of the city. 

[Prague Castle](https://www.cz-castle.cz/en/)

In the early evening, we’ll walk to the river to board our evening cruise:

**Prague River Cruise & Dinner on the Grand Bohemia** – Discover Prague by night while floating down the beautiful Vltava, the Czech’s longest river on a 3-hour dinner cruise. The Grand Bohemia is a magnificent single-deck boat making it a beautiful forum for sightseeing. Take in the sights such as the Charles Bridge, Rudolfinum and the Prague Castle, see Prague’s beautiful monuments by moonlight, enjoy live
music while dining in the deck’s luxurious surroundings. During the cruise enjoy a fabulous menu with a wide selection of delicacies of Czech and international cuisine.

Day 3
Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own
After breakfast, we’ll have the day free to explore what we want, when we want. Elect to go out and explore the town, check out some local museums, or spend the afternoon at the hotel’s waterpark for a little downtime.

Museums of note in Prague:

NaFilM: National Film Museum
National Memorial to the Heroes of the Heydrich Terror (Military History)
Gallery of Steel Figures
National Technical Museum
Speculum Alchemiae Museum (Museum of Alchemy)
Muzeum Ceskeho Granatu (Bohemian Garnet Museum)
Narodni Galerie Praha (National Gallery Prague)
Museum of Senses Prague
Ceske Museum Hudby (Czech Museum of Music)
KGB Museum

This evening we’ll have an early dinner in town and then afterwards, enjoy an evening walking tour!
**The Ghosts & Legends Tour** - Discover the myths and legends of Prague on a 1.5-hour ghost tour. Go to some of the city’s most mysterious alleys and hear stories that will make you pray for the daylight! Learn the story behind the skeleton on the Astronomical Clock, and more.

**Day 4**
*Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own*

Today we’ll delve into some of the history of Prague and the Czech citizens.

**Behind the Iron Curtain: Communism Tour** - This country has a dark period in its history. The country was full of paranoia, spying and violence. On this tour, you’ll uncover the background and stories from the communist time, having an opportunity to experience how life would have been in the cold-war period. Part of the daily life was spent in fear of a nuclear war. Citizens questioned who would survive and how. Here, the answers lie beneath the ground. After the start of the cold war, the communist regime fell into the permanent paranoia of being under threat of a nuclear attack from the west by their capitalist and imperialist enemies. As a result of defensive policies on both sides of the iron curtain, the people felt it was necessary to prepare for such a nuclear war. This tour reviews the history of communism, spies and lies; communist terror: prisoners, refugees, dissidents; and cold war stories.

In the afternoon, have free time for some last-minute shopping or museums. We’ll have an early dinner at our hotel, take time to dress in some of our finest attire, then we’re in for a real treat. Tonight, we’ll visit the Czech Opera for a night of stunning culture.
Prague's beautiful melody!
Music plays a most important role in Prague, making the capital a city where the melodies and airs of the great composers ring out on every street corner. Every church and grand house presents a concert or a recital in the evening, transforming the city into one giant concert hall.

![Image of a concert hall](image)

The three main theatres are the Národní divadlo, the Státní opera, and the Stavovské divadlo:

The Národní divadlo (National Theatre) is the most famous Czech theatre. The theatre opened for the first time in 1881. After 11 performances, the theatre burnt down and was closed. Josef Schulz rebuilt the building by merging three buildings and the theatre reopened in 1883. An annex was added, then a major refurbishing of the theatre's interior took place in 1977.

The Státní opera (State Opera) has always been the Národní's main competitor. The Neuer Deutscher Theatre opened in 1888 and was directed by Germans to rival the Czechs. After the German troops left the city in 1945, the Czech acquired the Neuer Deutcher Theatre and renamed it the Great Opera of May 5th. The theatre was linked to the national theatre and renamed Smetana Theatre in 1949. After 1989, Karel Držáč became the first director of the freshly renamed Státní opera.

The Stavovské divadlo (Theatre of the States) is older than the other theatres. It opened in 1783 and was meant for Italian and German operas, but the venue also showed other international productions and Czech productions. Mozart's "Don Giovanni" was created here in 1787 and was a success. His "La clemenza di Tito" was also created here in 1791. Some parts of the movie "Amadeus", which relates Mozart's life, were filmed in the Stavovské divadlo.

**Day 5**
*Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own*
This morning we’ll check-out of our hotel, load up and head to Vienna, Austria, approximately a 4-hour drive.

**Vienna...** Vienna, Austria’s capital, lies in the eastern part of the country, on the Danube River. Its artistic and intellectual legacy was shaped by residents including Mozart, Beethoven and Sigmund Freud. The city is also known for its Imperial palaces, including Schönbrunn, the Habsburgs’ summer residence. In the Museums Quartier district, historic and contemporary buildings display works by Egon Schiele, Gustav Klimt and other artists.

Upon arrival, we’ll visit the incredible Schönbrunn Palace with a **private tour**!
Schönbrunn Palace is a World Cultural Heritage site and Austria’s most-visited location. The baroque art consisting of palace and gardens, was the property of the Habsburgs for centuries and is today largely in its original condition. Visitors will find numerous attractions in the authentically furnished residential and ceremonial rooms of the Imperial Family in the palace, to the maze and the labyrinth in the gardens. 

www.schoenbrunn.at/en.html

After viewing the Palace, we’ll check into our hotel. This evening we’ll have a fabulous evening out to celebrate our arrival in Austria with a traditional dinner.

Day 6
Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own
Today we’ll indulge ourselves with fabulous sightseeing in Vienna. Hop aboard the bus and get ready to see the brilliant sites!

Big Bus Vienna (or similar) – The Vienna bus tour lets you delve into Vienna’s rich history, sophisticated culture and stunning architecture. The flexibility of the hop-on / hop-off tours allows you to immerse yourself in Vienna’s beautiful museums, magnificent palaces, grand monuments and rolling gardens at your own pace. Discover the baroque splendour and regal history of Vienna while exploring the best Vienna attractions, including architectural masterpieces St. Stephen's Cathedral and Vienna State Opera, alongside hidden gems within the Museumsquarter, Burggarten Court Garden and the House of Music. 15 stops to explore Vienna’s iconic landmarks and attractions!

Danube River Cruise - Enjoy a river cruise on the Danube! Cruises last between 1.5 and 2-hours, allowing you to see the sights from a unique vantage point on the Danube River.
Guided Vienna Walking Tour - The Vienna City Walking Tour introduces you to the lives of the Habsburgs and touches on some of the city’s famous composers. Each tour is led by a qualified guide, who will give you an insight into the area’s history and culture.

This evening, for our farewell, we’ll get to have an amazing night of culture as Mozart rocks our house! Enjoy a lovely dinner and an orchestra performance, only in Vienna!

The Vienna Mozart Orchestra - The repertoire of the Vienna Mozart Orchestra includes more than 100 works by the great master of the Viennese classical era Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The concerts are performed in the style of 18th century “Musical Academies” at which it was usual to perform single movements from his many symphonies and solo concertos, as well as overtures, arias and duets from his best-known operas, all in magnificent costumes and wigs! The favourite works by Mozart are performed at every concert. Video collection: www.mozart.co.at/videos-en.php

Day 7
Breakfast included but dependent upon departure time
Today we’ll end our tour with free time in the morning (dependent upon flight timings) and then traveling to the airport for our flight home, taking memories with us that will last forever.
**Minimum Booking Numbers:**
20 students

**What’s Included:**
- Flights: arrive Prague, depart Vienna
- 6-nights’ accommodation (4-nts Prague, 2-nts Vienna)
- Airport transfers & group transportation as detailed
- Meals in destination – Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with dinner on arrival and ending with breakfast on departure (if available due to departure time)
- Admission to the AquaPalace Water Park
- Private, guided tour of Old Town Prague
- Private, guided tour of Prague Castle
- Vltava Dinner Cruise onboard the Grand Bohemia
- Ghosts & Legends Walking Tour
- The Prague Opera
- Behind the Iron Curtain: Communism Tour
- Schönbrunn Palace admission with Private Guide
- The Vienna Mozart Orchestra
- Vienna Hop-On/Off Sightseeing Bus
- Vienna Walking Tour
- Danube River Cruise
- Personal Tour Ambassador
- 24-hour emergency cover

**What’s Not Included:**
- Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory)
- Transfers to/from home airport
- Transportation to activities not shown in itinerary
- Meals not shown as included above (lunches)
- Cost of visas, full or collective passports
- Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
- Sightseeing / Entertainment Options not shown in Itinerary
- Hotel incidental deposits & bills – meals, mini-bar items, recreation charges, purchases billed to room,
- Any gratuities – coach drivers, maid/ bellman services, Ambassador, local guides

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