



A Captivating Tour to *Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, Prague-Czech Republic, Slovenia & Italy*
13 Day Tour ~ August



Day 1 - Depart America for Budapest.

Day 2 - Arrive at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport. Travel in our luxury coach bus for a panoramic city tour for the day of **Budapest**. Budapest, Hungary's capital, is bisected by the River Danube. Its 19th-century Chain Bridge connects the hilly Buda district with flat Pest. A funicular runs up Castle Hill to Buda's Old Town, where the Budapest History Museum traces city life from Roman times onward. Trinity Square is home to 13th-century Matthias Church and the turrets of the Fishermen's Bastion, which offer sweeping views. Light lunch **included**. Check into our hotel for our *Welcome Dinner*, **included** on the evening **boat ride** in Budapest (TBD).

Day 3 - Breakfast **included** in the hotel. Visit of **Buda** and then **Pest**. Free time in the historic center, lunch on your own. Evening **dinner, included set in one of the most famous wine cellars with Hungarian music entertainment**.

Day 4 - Breakfast **included** in the hotel. Depart for guided tour of **Bratislava Slovakia** (185 km) ... Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is set along the Danube River by the border with Austria and Hungary. It's surrounded by vineyards and the Little Carpathian mountains, crisscrossed with forested hiking and cycling trails. The pedestrian-only, 18th-century old town is known for its lively bars and cafes. Perched atop a hill, the reconstructed Bratislava Castle overlooks old town and the Danube. Lunch will be on your own. After a tour of the city we will return to the hotel for dinner at the hotel, **included**.

Day 5 - Breakfast **included** at the hotel. Depart for **Vienna** (65 km)... Vienna, Austria's capital, lies in the country's east 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 MuseumsQuartier district, historic and contemporary buildings display works by Egon Schiele, Gustav Klimt and other artists. Guided luxury bus tour visit of the city and St. Stephen's Cathedral Parliament, Hofburg Imperial Palace. Free time for lunch, on your own. Dinner will be served at the hotel, a 4-star hotel in Vienna OR in a restaurant with the revolving tower, **included** (TBD).

Day 6 - Breakfast **included** at the hotel. Depart to visit **Schoenbrunn Palace**, free time for lunch on your own. Schönbrunn Palace was the main summer residence of the Habsburg rulers, it is located in **Hietzing**, Vienna. The 1,441-room Baroque palace is one of the most important architectural, cultural, and historical monuments in the country. Since the mid-1950s it has been a major tourist attraction. Free time for shopping and strolling around the historic center of Vienna. Return to the hotel for dinner, **included**, at the **Grinzing that includes a dinner show**. Overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 7 - Breakfast **included** at the hotel. Depart for **Prague** (280 km) to tour the beautiful city. Prague, capital city of the Czech Republic, is bisected by the Vltava River. Nicknamed “the City of a Hundred Spires,” it's known for its Old Town Square, the heart of its historic core, with colorful baroque buildings, Gothic churches and the medieval Astronomical Clock, which gives an animated hourly show. Completed in 1402, pedestrian Charles Bridge is lined with statues of Catholic saints. A visual landmark you don't want to miss. Lunch on your own. Arrive at hotel in Prague with dinner at our hotel **included**.

Day 8 - Breakfast **included** at the hotel. Depart for **Salzburg** (300 km), with a guided tour of the historic city. Salzburg is an Austrian city on the border of Germany, with views of the Eastern Alps. The city is divided by the Salzach River, with medieval and baroque buildings of the pedestrian Altstadt (Old City) on its left bank, facing the 19th-century Neustadt (New City) on its right. The Altstadt birthplace of famed composer Mozart is preserved as a museum displaying his childhood instruments. Lunch is on your own. Arrive at 4 STAR hotel, dinner together, **included**.

Day 9 - Breakfast **included** at the hotel. Depart for city of **Bled, Slovenia** (289 km), enjoy a guided tour, lunch together at a typical local restaurant, **included**. Bled, a Slovenian resort town in the foothills of the Julian Alps, is set along the glacial Lake Bled. On a cliff overlooking the lake is the 11th-century Bled Castle, which houses a museum, chapel and printing press. Atop a small island in the lake's center is the Pilgrimage Church of the Assumption of Maria, with its steep staircase and bell tower. We will continue on to **Lubiana** for an enchanting tour of this magical city. Lubiana (in Italian) or Ljubljana is Slovenia's capital and largest city. It's known for its university population and green spaces, including expansive Tivoli Park. The curving Ljubljanica River, lined in outdoor cafes, divides the city's old town from its commercial hub. Dinner on our own. Hotel in **Lubiana** OR **Trieste (TBD)**.

Day 10 - Breakfast **included** at the hotel. Travel to **Trieste** (89km) with lunch at local restaurant **included**. Trieste is the capital city of the Friuli Venezia Giulia region in northeast Italy. A port city, it occupies a thin strip of land between the Adriatic coast and Slovenia's border on the limestone-dominated Karst Plateau. Italian, Austro-Hungarian and Slovenian influences are all evident in its layout, which encompasses a medieval old city and a neoclassical Austrian quarter. Arrive at the hotel in **Stra** and have dinner together, **included** at the beautiful Villa Iris Hotel.

Day 11 - Breakfast **included** at the hotel. Depart by **train** to tour the beautiful city of **Venice** with our personal tour guide, free time and lunch on your own. Venice, the capital of northern Italy's Veneto region, is built on more than 100 small islands in a lagoon in the Adriatic Sea. It has no roads, just canals – including the Grand Canal thoroughfare – lined with Renaissance and Gothic palaces. The central square, Piazza San Marco, contains St. Mark's Basilica, which is tiled with Byzantine mosaics, and the Campanile bell tower offering views of the city's red roofs. Back to the hotel for dinner, **included** at the Villa Iris.

Day 12- Breakfast **included** at the hotel. Enjoy a guided tour to visit the city of **Verona** and then free time and lunch on your own. Verona is a city in northern Italy's Veneto region, with a medieval old town built between the meandering Adige River. It's famous for being the setting of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." A 14th-century residence with a tiny balcony overlooking a courtyard is said be “Juliet's House.” The Verona Arena is a huge 1st-century Roman amphitheater, which currently hosts concerts and large-scale opera performances. After a full day of exploring we will had back to Villa Iris for *Farewell Dinner* together, **included**.

Day 13- Breakfast **included** at the hotel. Depart for Venice airport, return to America August 15th.