**THOMAS COOK** Summer 2025 **INDIA LIMITED Premium Tour** 

# ENCHANTING EAST EUROPE WITH BALKANS

Zagreb, Croatia



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**



**GERMANY - Berlin: •** Guided city tour • Entrance to Topography of Terror Museum

**Dresden:** • Guided City Tour

Czech Republic - Prague: • Guided city tour • Entrance to the Prague Castle • Visit St. Vitus Cathedral • Golden Lane • Historic Tram Experience • Beer tasting at the Brewery

Poland - Krakow: • Horse Carriage ride • Guided City Tour • Visit Wieliczka Salt mines • Auschwitz concentration camp

Austria - Vienna: • Guided city tour

Salzburg: • Guided city tour

Slovakia - Bratislava: • Orientation city tour

**Hungary - Visegrad: •** Visit Visegrad castle • See the Knight tournament

**Budapest:** • Guided city tour • Hungarian Horsemanship show • Enjoy the Danube river cruise • Visit Szentendre

**Croatia:** • Guided walking tour of Zagreb • Visit Plitvice Lake national park

**Slovenia:** • Visit Postojna Caves • Guided tour of Ljubljana • Boat ride in lake Bled

#### **HOTELS**



- 2 night at Courtyard by Marriott Berlin City Centre/ Berlin Berlin/ AC by Hilton Berlin similar in Berlin, Germany.
- 2 night at International Royal Prague / Courtyard by Marriott Prague airport or similar in Prague, Czech Republic.
- 2 night at Q+ Krakow / Novotel / Swing or similar in Krakow, Poland.
- 1 night at Double Tree by Hilton / Austria Trend / Event Hotel Pyramide / Holiday Inn or similar in Vienna, Austria.
- 3 night at Park Inn / Novotel / Danubius / Holiday Inn Budaors or similar in Budapest, Hungary.
- 2 nights at Grand Hotel / Novotel or similar in Zagreb, Crotia
- 1 night at Four Points / Holiday Inn similar in Ljubljana. Slovenia
- 1 Night at Austria Trend / Mercure or similar in Salzburg, Austria

#### **MEALS**



- Daily Continental buffet breakfasts. (Breakfast includes bread, butter, jam, cereals, fruit juice, milk, tea, coffee, hot eggs and cut fruits).
- 7 Indian Jain / vegetarian/ non-vegetarian lunches.
- · 2 Local Lunches.
- 14 Indian Jain / vegetarian / non-vegetarian dinners.

Note: Packed lunches, if applicable, will be Jain / vegetarian. In certain places, there is a possibility of providing cash out to the passengers instead of packed lunches.

L: Lunch | D: Dinner | PL: Packed lunch | PD: Packed Dinner

LL : Local Lunch | LD : Local Dinner

#### **WHAT'S MORE**



- · Historic Tram ride in Prague
- · Brewery with Beer tasting
- · Horse Carriage ride in Krakow
- · Local lunch at Hungarian Horsemanship Show
- · Knight tournament in Visegard
- Local Lunch at the Renaissance restaurant in Visegrad
- · Visit the famous Schonbrunn palace
- Farewell dinner cruise in Budapest







#### Day 1: Welcome to Berlin!

On arrival, our Tour Manager / Local Representative will meet and welcome you outside the airport. Later, we proceed to the hotel and check—in.

Overnight in Berlin, Germany. (D)

Note: • Joining direct passenger / NRI can check-in on your own at the hotel • The Tour Manager shall meet the clients directly at the hotel • The standard check-in time is 1500 hrs • We may have to proceed directly for dinner or packed dinner will be provided in case of late arrivals of flight or long queue at the immigration.

#### Day 2: Guided tour of Berlin – Visit Topography of Terror Museum

Today, we proceed for a guided city tour of Berlin: See the famous Berlin Wall, the Reichstag, visit the Alexander Platz, where you will see the World Time Clock. Next, we visit the Topography of Terror, an indoor and open-air museum where between 1933 and 1945 the principal instruments of Nazi persecution and terror were located. Also, we have some free time to explore the city on own.

Overnight in Berlin, Germany. (B, L, D)

#### Day 3: Guided tour of Dresden – Drive to Prague

Today, we drive to Dresden for a walking guided city tour. Next, we drive to Prague – the city of hundred spires, built at the meandering Vltava River. On reaching visit the Old Town Square, take a photo stop at the Astronomical Clock. The oldest Functional Astronomical clock in the world. Later, we take a walk over the most visited Charles Bridge.

Overnight in Prague, Czech Republic. (B, L, D)

## Day 4: Guided city tour of Prague – Entrance to the Prague Castle – Visit St. Vitus Cathedral – Golden Lane – Historic Tram Experience – Visit Brewery

Today, we proceed for a walking guided city tour of Prague: Visit the Prague Castle, its courtyards and St. Vitus Cathedral from inside and walk through the Golden Lane and see the house where Franz Kafka, the famous Czech writer stayed between 1916 and 1917. Next, we experience Prague through a historic Tram ride. Later, we visit a local brewery and taste their famous beers.

Overnight in Prague, Czech Republic. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Onto Krakow – Guided City Tour of Krakow

Today, we continue our journey to Poland with a scenic drive to Krakow. On arrival we proceed for a guided city tour of

Krakow: the medieval town centre, the Main Market square, the Renaissance Cloth Hall, see twin-towered St Mary's Church and Wawel Hill with its great Castle and Cathedral. Also we enjoy a horse carriage ride in the old town.

Overnight in Krakow, Poland. (B, L, D)

#### Day 6: Auschwitz Concentration Camp - Wieliczka Salt mines

Today we proceed for a guided tour of the Auschwitz Concentration Camp of WW II. A sombre experience that highlights the atrocities that occurred here between 1939 – 1945. Later we visit to Wieliczka Salt mines – one of the oldest in Europe and a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site.

Overnight in Krakow, Poland. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Onto Vienna

Today, we check out and proceed towards Vienna. On arrival, we visit Swarovski Crystal shop and spend some time for shopping.

Overnight in Vienna, Austria. (B, L, D)

### Day 8: Guided city tour of Vienna – Visit the glorious Schonbrunn Palace – Orientation city tour of Bratislava

Today, we proceed for a guided city tour of Vienna: See the magnificent Opera House, Rathaus, Parliament building, Hofburg Palace and many more interesting monuments. Next, we visit the famous Schonbrunn Palace - a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site and experience the grand tour. Later we proceed to Bratislava for an Orientation tour of the city: See the Bratislava castle and the old town. Later, we drive to Budapest.

Overnight in Budapest, Hungary. (B, L, D)

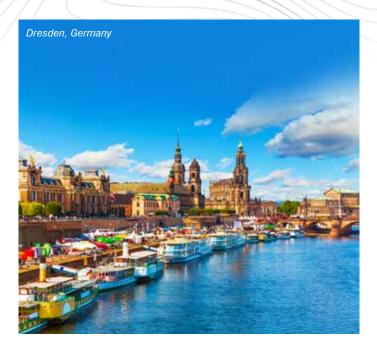
### Day 9: Danube Bend Tour: Visit Visegrad Castle — See the Knight Tournament — Visit Szentendre

Today, we proceed for the Danube Bend tour; Visit the Visegrad Castle located on the banks of river Danube with breath taking views of the river. Experience the Knight tournament and learn about the ways of the medieval age. Later, visit Szentendre, a Hungarian town on the Danube River best known for its baroque architecture and churches, colourful houses and narrow lanes. Later, drive back to Budapest.

Overnight in Budapest, Hungary. (B, LL, D)

### Day 10: Guided city tour of Budapest – Hungarian Horsemanship show – Enjoy the Danube River Cruise

Today, we proceed for a guided city tour of Budapest: Visit the Citadel, Fisherman's Bastion Heroes Square, see the Chain Bridge



that connects the cities of Buda and Pest. Next, we proceed to enjoy a show of Hungarian Horsemanship. Later, we enjoy a farewell dinner on board the Danube River Cruise.

Overnight in Budapest, Hungary. (B, LL, D)

#### Day 11: Drive to Zagreb – Guided walking tour.

Today we check out and drive to Zagreb for a guided city tour of this vibrant Croatian capital. See Central Sqaure, bloody bridge, Zagreb Cathedral.

Overnight in Zagreb, Croatia. (B, D)

#### **Day 12: Visit Plitvice Lakes National Park**

Today we proceed to visit Plitvice Lakes National Park, one of the oldest national parks in Southeast Europe and the largest national park in Croatia, with a chain of 16 terraced lakes, joined by waterfalls. Next, drive back to Zagreb and free time to explore the city on your own.

Overnight in Zagreb, Croatia. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Visit the Postojna cave -Guided city tour of Ljubljana

Today we check out and proceed to Slovenia and visit the Postojna cave, the best-known cave in the world, with a Double Track Railway. Later drive to Ljubljana for a Guided City Tour – see the Town hall, Ljubljana castle and the historical city centre.

Overnight in Ljubljana, Slovenia. (B, D)

### Day 14: Visit Bled - Boat ride to the Bled Church — Guided city tour of Salzburg

Today, we proceed to Bled. On arrival, take a Pletna boat ride to the Bled Church. Later, head to Salzburg for a guided walking tour of the city of Mozart and sound of Music.

Overnight in Salzburg, Austria. (B, D)

#### Day 15: Fly back home with pleasant memories!

Today, we proceed to the airport for your flight back home. Kindly spare a few minutes to share your feedback with your Tour Manager. Your valued suggestions will be most appreciated. Arrive home with pleasant memories of your Europe tour, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime. (B)

Note: • Due to flight connectivity, a few groups may depart out of Munich/ Vienna instead of Salzburg. Kindly check with your sales staff for your exact flight details. • In major European cities, there are parking restrictions for coaches and it is not possible to stop at all the places during the city tour. Your Tour Manager will try his/her best to stop coach wherever possible for a photo stop.

#### **DEPARTURE DATES 2025**



April	25
May	16, 23
June	6
July	4
August	15
September	12

15 Days - Enchanting East Europe with Balkans Tour Price (per person)				
Adult in Twin/Triple	Child with Bed*	Child without Bed**	Infant**	
USD 3.625	USD 2.715	USD 2.110	USD 0	

Single room supplement USD 1,060 per person. \*As a 3rd in a triple, a roll away cot may be provided. \*\*As a 3rd in a double, no bed or cot will be provided to the child. Person below 12 years will be considered as a Child. • Maximum 3 persons are allowed per room.

#### **VISA REQUIREMENTS**



- · Multiple entry Schengen Visa.
- You must be in possession of a Multiple Entry Schengen. The cost
  of visa is not included in your package tour price. It would be best to
  check with your travel agent and the consulates nearest to you for
  advice and information. Please ensure that your travel documents
  are ready in time for departure.

#### **TICKETING REQUIREMENTS**



 For this tour you would require confirmed air tickets to arrive into Berlin and depart from Salzburg. It would be advisable to check with your sales officer or local travel agent for ticketing.

#### WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES



- Sightseeing and accommodation as per the above-mentioned itinerary.
- All transfers and extensive excursions with entrance fees (as specified in the itinerary) by a deluxe air-conditioned coach.
- Services of a professional, friendly and multilingual Tour Manager or a local Representative. (Subject to minimum 15 customers).

#### WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE



- Air tickets required to participate in this tour.
- Visa charges, Insurance, Airport & Port taxes.
- Tipping is expected from anyone providing your service e.g., Coach Driver, Local Guides, Hotel & Restaurant staff etc. It is mandatory to tip a nominal amount of EUR 3 per person/per day.
   For the entire duration of this tour, which is 15 Days, the total Tips amount is EUR 45 per person to be paid to the Tour Manager on Day 01 of the tour.
- · No porterage included.
- Any expenses of a personal nature such as porterage, laundry expenses, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, minibar, telephone calls, etc.
- · Meals other than that are mentioned in your itinerary.
- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in your itinerary.
- · Airport transfers, Cost of Suggested / Optional Excursions.

### IMPORTANT NOTE

#### HOTFI S

- All hotels will be either around the airport area or on the outskirts.
- The hotel room size in Europe would be up to 16 18 sq. mts.
- Most hotels in Europe have only Twin beds. The double bed will be Queen size and not King size.
- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double room.
- For Child with bed: At times hotel don't have enough roll away beds, in that case they might give a double and a separate single room.
- A person 11.99 years and below is considered a child and 12 years and above, an adult.
- Hotel rooms may not be air conditioned / air cooled nor will fans be provided. Air conditioning / cooling in hotels are set as per European weather conditions.
- Functioning of Air cooling / Air conditioning in hotels is subject to official declaration of summer by the local authority.
- During heat wave in Europe air conditioning of the hotels and coaches may cease to function as they are not built for such high temperatures.
- · Most hotels in Europe do not provide tea kettles in the rooms.
- Due to international events and trade fairs all throughout Europe such as the Air Show, music festivals, ice skating championships etc., you may have to stay in hotels further away from the city.
- · In Switzerland the stay may be split in two hotels.
- Any damage caused to the hotel rooms / Coach during your stay shall be payable by the passengers.
- We also reserve the right to substitute a hotel of similar class if it is deemed advisable or necessary.
- In certain cities hotels have not started the buffet breakfasts yet and
  if the same does not change by the time the tours begin, we will
  either provide breakfast or the groups will be taken to an Indian /
  local restaurant for breakfast.

#### **COACHES**

- Most of your journey in Europe is by coach and hence you are requested to keep the coach clean.
- Due to hygienic reasons, it is not permitted to use toilets on the coach.
   However, the tour manager will make comfort stops during long drives.
- · Eating & drinking is not permitted on the coach.
- One check-in bag and one handbag per person only, due to limited boot space on the coach.
- In major European cities, there are parking restrictions for coaches, and it may not be possible to stop at all the places during the city tour. Tour Manager will try his/her best to stop coach wherever possible for a photo stop.
- Coaches are non-wheelchair compliant. There are steps to board / alight from the coach.
- Due to private coaches being forbidden inside most of the European cities, as per EU norms to preserve them and to avoid getting them polluted and overcrowded, most of your sightseeing will be done by local buses and on foot.

#### **MEALS**

- Meals are pre-set and a-la carte is not possible.
- On certain days, a packed lunch will be provided.

#### **SIGHTSEEING**

• On certain departures, we may sometimes amend / reverse the itinerary. However, all the services / inclusions will remain the same.

- Generally, you will have to walk to sightseeing places, amusement parks
  and the airports sometimes for a long distance; however, the same will
  be timely instructed by the Tour Manager. It is advisable to carry a good
  pair of comfortable sports shoes. The tour manager and the driver will
  do their best to get you as close to the monuments as possible.
- The Eiffel Tower on certain Days due to strong wind conditions or being overcrowded or for security reasons may be closed.
- The lifts at the Eiffel tower are currently closed due to safety. Hence
  the visit to the tower is only allowed by climbing the staircase. In case
  there is no change in the same on tour customers will be refunded the
  amount for the same if they chose not to climb the stairs.
- Due to stringent security checks at the Eiffel tower, it may take up to 4-5 hours in the queue.
- No refund will be provided in case the group is unable to visit Eiffel Tower 3rd Level due to weather conditions / operational closures.

#### **GENERAL**

- On some occasions you may have to join another group in case the group does not have adequate members.
- A local representative or a driver may only be there to assist you during your initial part of the tour.
- Arrival and Departure flights should be booked according to the group flight timings. In case there is any sightseeing involved on the first or last day of the itinerary to avoid missing any of the services.
   Please check with your sales officer for the group flight timings.
- · Security alerts and random closures might affect the itinerary.
- Please take extra care of your personal belongings while on the tour, every country you travel to is prone to thefts and bag snatching. TCIL will not be liable for any loss of belongings / baggage.
- Disabled clients should carry their own wheelchair and should be accompanied by a qualified companion who is able to provide assistance to the disabled client.
- TCIL shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, baggage loss, theft, injury, accident, death, breakdown or irregularity, which may occur in carrying out the tour arrangement, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such loss or expense must be borne by the passengers. Insurance policies must be carried while on tour.
- The management reserves the right to claim any additional expenses incurred due to delays or changes in schedules of train, airplane, bus, ship or other services.
- The Tour Manager and the company reserves the right to amend the itinerary, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised. For the convenience of our passengers, we will sometimes amend the itinerary. However, all the services will remain the same.
- There are no refunds for any services i.e., meals, sightseeing etc. not utilized on your tour.
- All optional activities will have to be booked and paid to the Tour Manager on Day 01 of the tour. Payments to be made by cash in EURO only. (Credit or Debit cards not accepted).
- Optional tours are booked & paid on 100% non-refundable & non cancellation policy.
- · GST will be applicable for all optional activities pre-paid in India.
- The images used in this brochure are for representation purposes only.
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