

## CENTRAL EUROPEAN GEMS

### Hungary & Czech Republic

## BUDAPEST - PUSZTA - GÖDÖLLŐ RESIDENCE - PRAGUE - KARLSTEJN CASTLE

8 days / 7 nights

### Highlights:

2 historical cities: Budapest, Prague  
3 tours: Puszta, Gödöllő Residence, Karlstejn Castle  
2 city tours: Budapest, Prague  
Many UNESCO World Heritage sites  
Romantic sceneries by Rivers Danube and Vltava  
Picturesque countryside, royal architecture

### Itinerary:

DAY 1 Budapest  
DAY 2 Budapest  
DAY 3 Budapest, Puszta  
DAY 4 Budapest, Gödöllő Residence  
DAY 5 Budapest - Prague  
DAY 6 Prague  
DAY 7 Prague, Karlstejn Castle  
DAY 8 Departure back from Prague



## DAY 1, BUDAPEST

### /Airport Budapest – Budapest city 30km/

Arrival at Budapest Airport, after immigration transfer to Budapest.

Check-in in Hotel in Budapest.

Leisure time for the rest of the day.

Accommodation in Hotel in Budapest.

#### *Options:*

- *Folklore Evening*
- *River cruise on Danube*
- *Visit the largest Oak Barrel & Champagne Factory (on your own)*

## DAY 2, BUDAPEST

After breakfast you will take a guided city tour in **Budapest**. You will admire the mighty Buda Castle which dominates the twin cities of Buda and Pest, separated by the broad ribbon of the Danube. The Castle District of Buda is a UNESCO World Heritage site, where you will also see the Matthias Church, Liberty Statue and the Citadel. Budapest is a modern city, but still owning an old heart. You could feel it in the cosmopolitan Heroes' Square that typifies a modern capital, while along the riverbank you find the old inns and wine cellars. The tour will also pass by magnificent monuments and sites such as Millennium Monument, City Park, Széchenyi Spa, Vajdahunyad castle, Andrassy Avenue (UNESCO World Heritage), Stephen's Cathedral and the beautiful neo-Gothic Parliament building, home of the Holy Hungarian Crown.

Afternoon free for shopping.

Accommodation in Hotel in Budapest.

## DAY 3, BUDAPEST, PUSZTA

### /Budapest – Kecskemét – Lajosmizse - Budapest 150km/

After breakfast, departure toward the **Puszta**. You will have a guided walk in **Kecskemét**. The tour will proceed in **Lajosmizse**, where you will be welcomed with a traditional Welcome Drink after the great performance of the famous horsemen and a carriage ride through the Puszta. A typical Hungarian meal (3-course Menu with wine) will be served in the 'csárda' in the accompaniment of gipsy music.

Accommodation in Hotel in Budapest.

#### *Options:*

- *Jewish City Tour*

## **DAY 4, BUDAPEST, GÖDÖLLŐ RESIDENCE**

### **/Budapest – Gödöllő – Budapest 70km/**

After breakfast, departure on a Royal Tour to **Gödöllő**, to the 18th century central estate of the Grassalkovich Castle. You will visit the former Summer-Residence of Queen Elizabeth (Sissi) in Gödöllő, which is the second largest baroque castle of the world. The tour will proceed with the visit of the breath taking interiors of the residence. The castle has a double U shape and is surrounded by an enormous park. You will enjoy a walk through the park to the Royal stables and the Riding School, where you can have coffee & cake at the Palace Café.

Afternoon free.

Accommodation in Hotel in Budapest.

#### *Options:*

- *Jewish City Tour*

## **DAY 5, BUDAPEST, PRAGUE**

### **/Budapest – Prague 550km/**

After breakfast, departure to Prague (by flight – preferable as train journey is about 10 hours).

Arrival at Prague Airport, after immigration transfer to Prague (on your own).

Check-in in Hotel in Prague.

Leisure time for the rest of the day.

Accommodation in Hotel in Prague.

#### *Options:*

- *River Cruise*

## **DAY 6, PRAGUE**

After breakfast you will have a city tour of **Prague** with guide. Prague is the capital and largest city of the Czech Republic situated on the Vltava River. Since 1992, the extensive historic centre of Prague has been included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. You will visit all the main attractions: the magnificent building of the State Opera, the world class National Museum, the Wenceslas Square, where many historical events occurred, the largest medieval square in Europe, Charles Square. The tour will proceed to the banks of the Vltava River and across the river to Prague Castle. There, a walk around the Castle courtyards awaits you, where, among other things, you will have the opportunity to see St.Vitus Cathedral. After that awaits you attractions in the Old Town: St. Nicholas Church, the Týn Church and the Old Town Hall with its astronomical clock (horologe) and the 12 Apostles.

Accommodation in Hotel in Prague.

*Options:*

- *Jewish Prague*
- *Ghost Tour*

### **DAY 7, PRAGUE, KARLSTEJN CASTLE**

#### **/Prague - Karlstejn Castle 10km/**

After breakfast, departure to half day tour to **Karlstejn Castle**. You will visit the Karlstejn Castle which was built in the 14th century by the Czech King and Roman Emperor, Charles IV. At that time, the castle held the treasure of the Holy Roman Empire, including the imperial coronation jewels. We would like to point out that this excursion is physically more demanding. In case the Karlštejn Castle is closed, we arrange an alternative visit to the Český Šternberk Castle . At that time, the castle held the treasure of the Holy Roman Empire, including the imperial coronation jewels. We would like to point out that this excursion is physically more demanding. In case the Karlstejn Castle is closed, we arrange an alternative visit to the Český Šternberk Castle.

Accommodation in Hotel in Prague.

*Options:*

- *visit Karlovy Vary*

### **DAY 8, Departure back from Prague**

#### **/Prague – Prague Airport 25km/**

After breakfast, leisure time till departure.  
Transfer to the airport or station.

#### **HOTELS:**

- 4 nights in hotel in Budapest
- 3 nights in hotel in Prague

### TOTAL PRICE INCLUDES:

- 10 nights in 4\* hotel accommodation (10 breakfasts)
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- All local taxes
- Driver throughout the whole tour
- Driver accommodation and daily salary
- Travelling by modern air-conditioned mini van
- Parkings, fuel, pay toll
- Professional individual english speaking private guides in Budapest, Gödöllő Residence, Puszta Tour, Prague and Karlstejn Castle Tour
- Private City tour of Budapest
- Private Royal Tour to Gödöllő
- Private Puszta Tour
- Private City tour of Prague
- Private Karlstejn Castle Tour
- Entrance fees

### NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Tip
- Optional gratuities
- Luggage
- Food and drinks, unless specified



