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# Welcome to Europe



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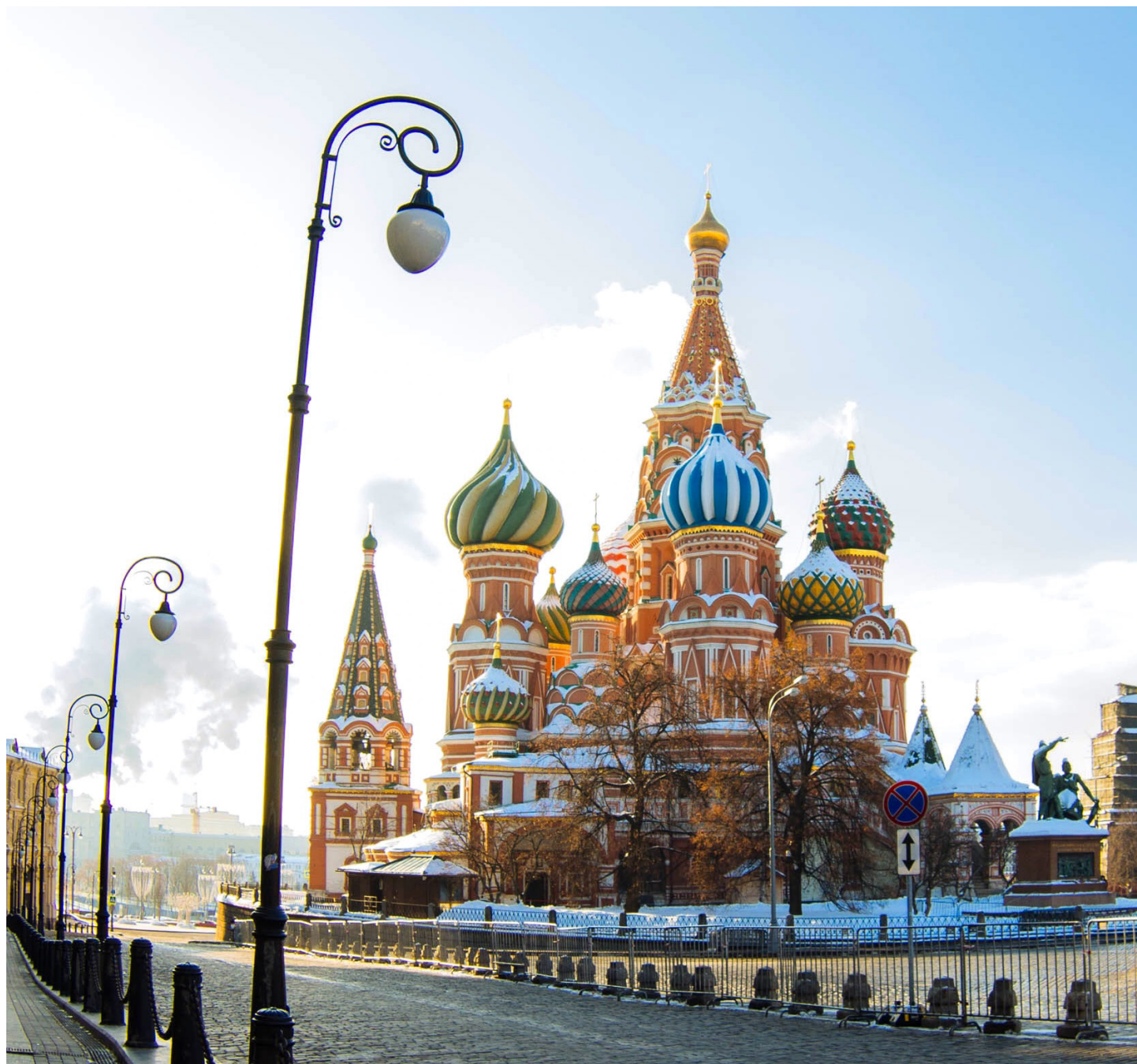
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		Lacroma (F)	K700, K801, K802, K808, K808G, K808Z, K810
		Lapad (F)	K801, K802, K808, K808G, K808Z, K810
	Hvar	Amfora (F)	K801
	Plitvice	Jezero (F)	K700, K801, K802, K808, K808G
	Split	Atrium (F)	K700, K801, K802, K808, K808G, K810
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Slovenia	Bled	Bled Rose (F)	K301
		Park (F)	K700, K801, K802, K808, K808G
		Rikli Balance (F)	K700, K801, K802, K808, K808G
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	Piran	Piran (F)	K301
	Nova Gorica	Perla (F)	K301



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Prague



Departs: Sundays

Day 1 Sun: Venice

Upon arrival at Venice airport, be transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure until gathering with fellow travelers and tour director for a welcome reception and orientation. Overnight at Carlton Grand Canal hotel or similar. (D)

Day 2 Mon: Venice

Begin the exploration of the incredible Venice at St. Mark's Square with a walking tour which includes visits of the St. Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace. Take in the amazing views of the Bell Tower and the Bridge of Sighs along the way. During the tour, stop for a tasting of Spritz, a typical venetian aperitif. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy and explore Venice, or join an optional Gondola serenade or "Venetian style" pub crawl. Overnight in Venice. (B)

Day 3 Tue: Venice-Ferrara-Florence

Drive to Ferrara, a Renaissance gem in the Emilia-Romagna region, situated on the banks of the Po River. After the orientation tour of Ferrara, continue on to Pisa to see the famous Piazza del Miracoli with its Leaning Tower, Baptistry and Duomo. Continue on to Florence with the remainder of the evening at leisure. Overnight in Florence at Starhotels Michelangelo hotel or similar. (B)

Day 4 Wed: Florence

The morning city tour begins at the majestic Piazza del Duomo to see the Cathedral crowned by Brunelleschi's awe-inspiring Dome, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Baptistry with Ghiberti's splendid bronze "Gates of Paradise." Next, visit the Academy of Fine Arts, where Michelangelo's David is displayed. The tour ends at Piazzale Michelangelo with a spectacular view over Florence. The remainder of the day is free to savour the Renaissance splendor of the Tuscan capital city or join an optional tour visit to San Gimignano, with an included wine tasting. Overnight in Florence. (B)

Day 5 Thu: Florence-Assisi-Rome

Travel through the stunning panorama of Tuscany on the way to Assisi, the hometown and birthplace of one of Italy's patron saints, St. Francis. This hillside town is located in Italy's Umbria region. Here, take a walking tour to see the main square and visit the impressive Basilica of St. Francis. Later, continue to Rome with the remainder of the night at leisure. Overnight in Rome at Starhotels Metropole hotel or similar. (B)



Day 6 Fri: Rome

This morning, visit the Colosseum, a symbol of Rome. After the visit, continue on to see the splendid Arch of Constantine, climb the ancient Palatino Hill, overlook Circus Maximus and the Imperial Palace. Stop on the legendary Via Sacra, or "Sacred way." In the afternoon have time at leisure to continue exploring and making new discoveries! In the afternoon, there is also the option to join a tour visiting the Grand Piazzas and food tour. Overnight in Rome. (B)

Day 7 Sat: Rome

Today, visit the Vatican Museums, located within the Vatican city's boundaries. See the works of Raphael and Michelangelo, and admire the Sistine chapel's magnificent frescoes. Continue to St. Peter's Square, where some of the most important Papal ceremonies take place. In the evening, there is a farewell dinner with the fellow travellers and travel director. Overnight in Rome. (B, D)

Day 8 Sun: Rome

After one last breakfast in Italy, be transferred to Rome's airport. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 8 day luxurious escorted tour
- First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in Venice including heavy hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine, beer or soft drink. Farewell dinner in Rome
- Tasting of typical Venetian aperitif Spritz
- Arrival transfer from Venice airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer from Rome to Rome airport
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Professional English-speaking tour director
- Sightseeing tours with licensed local guide in: Venice, Ferrara, Florence, Rome
- Luggage handling
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
25 Apr 2021	4200	5462
23 May; 26 Sep; 24 Oct 2021	4446	6015
18 Jul; 7 Aug; 12 Dec 2021	3646	4615

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Venice

# Quintessential Italian Trio with Sorrento

11 Days

**Departs:** Sundays

**Day 1 Sun: Venice**

Upon arrival at Venice airport, be transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure until gathering with fellow travelers and tour director for a welcome reception and orientation. Overnight at Carlton Grand Canal hotel or similar. (D)

**Day 2 Mon: Venice**

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**Day 3 Tue: Venice-Ferrara-Florence**

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**Day 4 Wed: Florence**

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**Day 5 Thu: Florence-Rome**

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**Day 6 Fri: Rome**

This morning, visit the Colosseum, a symbol of Rome. After the visit, continue on to see the splendid Arch of Constantine, climb the ancient Palatine Hill, overlook Circus Maximus and the Imperial Palace. Stop on the legendary Via Sacra, or "Sacred way." In the afternoon have time at leisure to continue exploring and making new discoveries! In the afternoon, there is also the option to join a tour visiting the Grand Piazzas and food tour. Overnight in Rome. (B)

**Day 7 Sat: Rome**

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Rome

ceremonies take place. In the evening, there is a dinner with the fellow travellers and travel director. Overnight in Rome. (B, D)

**Day 8 Sun: Rome-Pompeii-Sorrento**

Say goodbye to Rome and travel on to Pompeii, a town caught off guard by a volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Buried under ashes, the well preserved ruins were rediscovered in the 16th century and are now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The journey then continues to Sorrento, where dinner is served at the hotel, followed by a free evening. Overnight in Sorrento at \_\_\_\_\_ hotel or similar. (B, D)

**Day 9 Mon: Sorrento-Capri-Sorrento**

Glide by ferry across the glistening bay to the beautiful Isle of Capri. Here, visit the magnificent Gardens of Caesar Augustus and view the famed Faraglioni Rocks. After this, there's time to wander through and explore the winding streets before returning to Sorrento for overnight. (B)

**Day 10 Tue: Sorrento**

Today the full day is free to take in the sights of Sorrento. Consider browsing the shops, indulge in a spa treatment, or simply relax and enjoy the views. Consider joining an optional tour of the Amalfi coast with limoncello tasting. Tonight, gather with fellow travellers and tour director for the farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 11 Wed: Sorrento**

After breakfast be transferred to the airport in Naples for departure flights. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- 11 day luxurious escorted tour
- First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- Meals as per itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Welcome reception in Venice including heavy hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine, beer or soft drink.
- Farewell dinner in Sorrento
- Tasting of typical Venetian aperitif Spritz
- Arrival transfer from Venice airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer from Sorrento to Naples airport
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Professional English-speaking tour director
- Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides in: Venice, Ferrara, Florence, Rome, Capri
- Luggage handling
- Whisper technology enhanced touring



Florence

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
25 Apr 2021	5615	7077
23 May 2021	5862	7646
18 Jul; 7 Aug 2021	5046	6246
26 Sep; 24 Oct 2021	5815	7600
12 Dec 2021	5262	6508

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Departs: Mondays

Day 1 Mon: Zagreb

Welcome to Zagreb! Be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Then the day is at leisure to get settled in or begin exploring. Later, gather for a Welcome Dinner with your traveling companions. Overnight in Zagreb at hotel Westin or Sheraton or similar. (D)

Day 2 Tue: Zagreb

On a morning sightseeing tour, see the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, Parliament, and Government Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore the winding city streets, browse through the shops, or take an optional excursion to see the countryside. Overnight in Zagreb at hotel Westin or Sheraton or similar. (B)

Day 3 Wed: Zagreb-Sarajevo

Journey south, out of Croatia to Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. After checking in at the hotel, relax and enjoy dinner. Overnight in Sarajevo at hotel Europe or hotel Holiday or similar. (B)

Day 4 Thu: Sarajevo-Dubrovnik

Sarajevo has been influenced by a number of cultures and civilizations during its long history. On your city tour visit the Turkish bazaar "Bas Carsija," Husref Bay's Mosque, the Olympic Stadium, and Gavril Princip Museum. Continue through the mountains and along the gorge of the Neretva River to Mostar. Here, view the remains of the Turkish quarter and the reconstruction efforts on the 16th-century stone bridge. Travel to Dubrovnik, with its picturesque setting on the stunning Adriatic coast for overnight at Lacroma, Argosy, Lapad hotel or similar. (B)

Day 5 Fri: Dubrovnik

A walking tour shows you the highlights of Old Dubrovnik. See the Rector's Palace, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and Sponza Palace. Then it's on to see the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. Up next, visit a local artisan to learn about the traditional craftsmanship that still thrives today. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore on your own, shop, stroll along the water's edge, or simply relax and delight in your superbly scenic surroundings. Join us for an optional home-hosted dinner. Overnight in Dubrovnik. (B)

Day 6 Sat: Dubrovnik-Montenegro-Dubrovnik

Travel to the Republic of Montenegro. Head to the mouth of the beautiful Bay of Kotor, the longest and deepest fjord in Southern Europe. Enjoy a boat ride to Our Lady of the Rocks, one of 2 islets off the coast of Perast. The Roman Catholic Church is the largest building on the islet, with a museum attached to it. Upon return to the coast, we will stop in Perast, an old charming coastal town. Visit city of Kotor before returning to Dubrovnik. Your evening is free to enjoy your way. Join us for an optional home-hosted dinner. Overnight in Dubrovnik at hotel Lacroma or hotel Argosy or hotel Lapad or similar. (B)

Day 7 Sun: Dubrovnik-Split

Travel along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to Split. Enjoy a city tour featuring the historic inner city, built around the Roman Emperor Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Then see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the Cathedral. After the tour enjoy an olive oil tasting. Overnight in Split at hotel Atrium or similar. (B)

Day 8 Mon: Split-Trogir-Plitvice Lakes

After breakfast, head to Trogir, a center of artistic activities in Croatia. Scholars from around the world gather here to study and paint. Then, turn inland and journey to Plitvice Lakes National Park for overnight at hotel Jezero or similar. (B, D)

Day 9 Tue: Plitvice Lakes

A full day to enjoy spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Have your camera ready as you take a walking tour around several of the lower lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder with 16 terraced lakes surrounded by thickly wooded mountains and lush vegetation. Overnight in Plitvice Lakes at hotel Jezero or similar. (B, D)



Kotor

Day 10 Wed: Plitvice Lakes-Opatija-Postojna-Bled

Returning to the coast, stop at the beautiful bay of Kvarner and its popular resort, Opatija. An orientation tour of Opatija will show off the highlights of this former Imperial resort city. Afterward, drive across the border into Slovenia and to Postojna Cave, one of the largest caves in Europe. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, continue to Bled, beautifully set in the Julian Alps. Overnight in Bled at hotel Park or hotel Rikli Balance or similar. (B)

Day 11 Thu: Bled-Ljubljana-Bled

An Alpine lake surrounded by high peaks, Bled was "discovered" by travelers in the middle of the 19th century. A sightseeing tour features the charming town and the lake-shore, and visits imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake. Afternoon excursion to Ljubljana; the city tour takes in views of the open-air Central Market, Baroque Town Hall, Robba's Fountain, the Three Bridges, and the Parliament. Optional traditional dinner at the Country Inn. Return to Bled for an overnight at hotel Park, Rikli Balance or similar. (B)

Day 12 Fri: Bled-Trieste-Venice

Leaving Bled, drive south to Trieste in Italy for orientation tour and visit to Miramare Castle and its lovely park. The castle was built by the Habsburg monarchy on a cliff overlooking Adriatic Sea. After your visit, continue on to the romantic city of Venice. Optional "Venetian style" pub crawl. Overnight at hotel Bonvecchiati or similar. (B)

Day 13 Sat: Venice

Today begins with a walking tour of Venice, featuring the major highlights: St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, Bell Tower, and Bridge of Sighs. During the tour, stop for a tasting of the typical Venetian aperitif called Spritz. Your afternoon is at leisure to enjoy Venice at your own pace, shop or take an optional gondola ride. Celebrate your wonderful vacation tonight with a Farewell Dinner at a favorite restaurant. (B, D)

Day 14 Sun: Venice

After breakfast you will be transferred to Venice airport for your flight home. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Luxurious Escorted tour
- First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast daily for the 14 days tour 4 dinners, for the 11 days tour 3 dinners & for the 7 days tour 1 dinners
- Airport arrival and departure transfers
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Professional English-speaking Tour Director throughout
- Luggage handling
- Whisper technology enhanced touring
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Sightseeing tours in: Zagreb, Sarajevo, Dubrovnik, Split, Plitvice Lakes, Opatija, Bled, Ljubljana, Postojna Cave, Venice

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
12 Apr 2021	5046	6769
7 Jun; 5 Jul; 30 Aug; 13 Sep; 1 Nov 2021	5769	7846

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Split



Moscow

# Alluring Russia with Helsinki

9 Days

**Departs:** Fridays

## Day 1 Fri: Moscow

Upon arrival in Moscow, meet and be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax or perhaps begin independent discovery of the fabled capital of Russia. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception hosted by the tour director to introduce fellow travellers. Overnight in the Sheraton hotel or similar. (D)

## Day 2 Sat: Moscow

The sightseeing tour begins at the Res Square, dominated by the colourful St. Basil's Cathedral and by the massive red walls of the Kremlin. Visit the Armory Museum, with its impressive collection of Tsarist, Russian, and foreign jewelry, armor and other artifacts. Then walk by Moscow University and continue by motor coach along the wide boulevards to Russia's largest department store GUM. Inside the stunning old building, you will find stores such as Louis Vuitton, Furla, Mont Blanc, Tiffany & Co, Dior, Calvin Klein, Prada, Jimmy Choo, Hugo Boss, and so much more! Here, almost any luxury brand desired can be found. After the store visit, travel by motor coach along the Moskva River, passing the baroque Novodevichy Convent and ending the tour at the popular Arbat shopping district. The rest of the day is at leisure. In the evening, enjoy a cruise on the Moskva River for the most picturesque sights of Moscow. Overnight in Moscow. (B)

## Day 3 Sun: Moscow-Sergiev Posad-Moscow

Today, travel 75km North of Moscow to the small town of Sergiev Posad, founded in the 14th century. It is renowned as a center of ancient Russian art and architecture. For centuries, it served as a place of pilgrimage and as a religious capital of Russia. Within the old walled city, the fairytale golden and blue domes of the Holy Trinity St. Sergius Lavra beckon. This monastery is quite possibly the most beautiful of all. After lunch at a popular restaurant, return to Moscow. The rest of the day is at leisure. In the evening, join an optional Moscow by night and Subway tour. Overnight in Moscow. (B, L)

## Day 4 Mon: Moscow-St. Petersburg

Today, enjoy time at leisure in Moscow before boarding the Sapsan train for a four hour, high-speed ride to St. Petersburg. Upon arrival at the St. Petersburg train station be transferred to the hotel. In the evening, join an optional Russian folklore tour. Overnight in St. Petersburg at Radisson Sonya hotel or similar. (B)

## Day 5 Tue: St Petersburg

There are not many cities in the world that can match the grace of St. Petersburg. When Peter the Great founded the city in 1703, he hired Europe's best architects, craftsmen and artists to build and decorate it. Today, visit the Palace Square with the Winter Palace, the Senate Square with the monument of Emperor Peter the Great, St. Isaac's Square with St. Isaac's Cathedral, Smolny Cathedral, the Cruiser Aurora, the Field of Mars, and Nevsky Prospect. Also visit the Peter and Paul Fortress, built to protect the city from enemy attacks in 1703. The Peter and Paul Cathedral, which towers in the center of the fortress served as the burial place for Russian Emperors since Peter I. After the tour, visit the Russian Vodka Museum. Here, learn about the drink's origin and Russian dining traditions, also taste a few vodka varieties. After join an optional river cruise. Overnight in St. Petersburg. (B)



## Day 6 Wed: St. Petersburg

This morning, visit the world famous State Hermitage Museum, housing more than four million works of art. It ranks among one of the largest and oldest museums of the world and was founded by Catherine the Great in 1764. Masterpieces by Leonardo da Vinci, Rafael, Titian, Rembrandt, El Greco, Velasquez, Rubens, Van Dyck, Goya and French Impressionists are all on display. Tonight, join fellow travellers and travel director for dinner. Optional visit of Petrodvorets (Peterhof) tour. Overnight in St. Petersburg. (B, D)

## Day 7 Thu: St. Petersburg-Helsinki

The journey today continues to Helsinki on board the Allegro high-speed train (Finnish railways) in 3 hours and 30 minutes. (Note: Helsinki and St. Petersburg are in different time zones). Transfer to hotel in Helsinki. Remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Helsinki at Scandic Grand Marina hotel, Radisson Blue Seaside hotel or similar. (B)

## Day 8 Fri: Helsinki

Helsinki, the capital of Finland, lies in the far south of the country, on a peninsula that is home to the busiest passenger port in the world. The comprehensive sightseeing covers its most important and interesting areas such as the historical center, the Senate Square, the Cathedral, City Hall, the Presidential Palace, Finlandia Hall and the Opera House. Stop at the Sibelius Monument and whenever possible at the Tempelaaikio church. The rest of the day is free at leisure. Join an optional excursion to Suomenlinna island. In the evening, gather with fellow travellers and tour director for a farewell dinner. (B, D)

## Day 9 Sat: Helsinki

After breakfast, be transferred to Helsinki airport. (B)

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 8 day Luxurious Escorted tour
- Centrally located first class hotels
- Arrival transfers from Moscow airport to hotel
- Departure transfers from Helsinki to Helsinki airport
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Welcome reception in Moscow with a glass of wine, beer or soft drink
- Lunch at a popular restaurant in Moscow & farewell dinner in Helsinki
- Moskva river cruise
- Vodka tasting in St. Petersburg
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- High speed train from Moscow to St. Petersburg & St. Petersburg to Helsinki
- Whisper technology enhanced touring
- Tour with licensed local guides in: Moscow, St. Petersburg, Helsinki

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
2 Apr 2021	2754	3554
18 Jun; 16 Jul 2021	3523	4646
6 Aug; 10 Sep 2021	3215	1062

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**Departs:** Sundays

**Day 1 Sun: Helsinki**  
Upon arrival in Helsinki, be met and transferred to hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or perhaps begin exploring. Tonight, join the tour director and fellow travellers for a welcome reception. Overnight in Helsinki at Scandic Grand Marina hotel, Radisson Blue hotel or similar. (B)

**Day 2 Mon: Helsinki-Tallinn**  
Helsinki, the capital of Finland lies in the far south of the country, on a peninsula that is home to the busiest passenger port in the world. The comprehensive sightseeing tour covers the most important and interesting areas, such as the historical center, the Senate Square, the Cathedral, City Hall, the Presidential Palace, Finlandia Hall, and the Opera House. Stop at the Sibelium Monument and, whenever possible, at the Temppeliaukio church (also known as Rock church). In the afternoon board a ferry to Tallinn, Estonia's capital, situated on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland. Afterwards, transfer to the hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Tallinn at Original Sokos Viru hotel or similar. (B)

**Day 3 Tue: Tallinn**  
On a walking tour of Tallinn's Upper and Lower Old Town, visit the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Next up is a visit of Toompea Castle and the 14th century Gothic Town Hall there. After the tour, taste some Schnapps in a medieval house. The rest of the day is a leisure, with the option to join a tour visiting the Kadriorg Palace. Overnight in Tallinn (B)

**Day 4 Wed: Tallinn-Riga**  
Travel by motor-coach to Riga, the capital of Latvia. On the way, make a stop in Pärnu, located on the coast of Pärnu Bay. The city is known for its 19th century timber villas and sandy Pärnu Beach, with its shallow waters and promenade. There is free time to stroll along the beach, have a cup of coffee or even a lunch break. Then, continue to Riga where the afternoon is free to explore the city. Overnight in Riga at Radisson Blu Latvija hotel or similar. (B)

**Day 5 Thu: Riga**  
On a tour, see the 700 year old Riga Castle on the banks of the Daugava River, the magnificent Dome Cathedral, the St. Jacobs Cathedral, the St. Peter's Church, the Parliament building, Liberty Monument, and the eclectic Art Nouveau buildings. After the tour, sample Black Balsam, a dark astringent liqueur made of 24 herbs and based on a 250 year old recipe. The rest of the day is free to explore more of Riga, shop or indulge in some Latvian crêpes. There is also the option to join a food market experience tour. Overnight in Riga. (B)



Tallinn



Riga

**Day 6 Fri: Riga-Vilnius**  
This morning, set course for Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. On the way, stop at the baroque and rococo Rundale Palace Museum. Built in the 18th century and surrounded by a French garden, the palace is an architectural marvel and a triumph of art over nature. After a lunch break here, continue the journey to Vilnius with a stop at the Hill of Crosses in Siauliai. It represents Lithuania's unique national and religious identity. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring the city with its interesting architecture. Overnight in Vilnius at the Radisson Blu Lietuva hotel or similar (B, L)

**Day 7 Sat: Vilnius**  
Vilnius is located on the confluence of the Neris and Velnele Rivers. In Old Vilnius, we visit the baroque St. Peter and St. Paul's Church and the striking St. Anne's Church. Also see Vilnius University, dating back to 1570, famous Gediminas' Tower and Vilnius Castle. The afternoon is free to explore even more with the option to join a tour visiting the Trakai castle. In the evening, join the fellow travelers and tour director for a farewell dinner. Overnight in Vilnius. (B, L)

**Day 8 Sun: Vilnius**  
After breakfast, be transferred to Vilnius airport. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 8 day luxurious guided tour
- Arrival transfer from Helsinki airport to hotel
- Departure transfer from Vilnius to Vilnius airport
- Overnight in centrally located first class hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Welcome reception in Helsinki with heavy hors d'oeuvres & a glass of wine, beer or soft drink
- Lunch in Vilnius
- Farewell dinner in Vilnius
- Schnapps tasting in Tallinn
- Riga Black Balsam presentation and degustation
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Touring in modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- Sightseeing tours with professional, licensed local guides in: Helsinki, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
11 Apr; 27 Jun; 25 Jul; 15 Aug; 19 Sep 2021	2538	3292

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Departs: Sundays

Day 1 Sun: Warsaw

Upon arrival in Warsaw, be met and transferred to your hotel. There's time to relax before joining fellow travellers for a welcome reception hosted by the tour director. Overnight in Warsaw at Mercure Centrum hotel or similar. (D)

Day 2 Mon: Warsaw

This city is the 700 year old political and cultural capital of Poland. A sightseeing tour here includes a drive along the famous Royal Route from grand Castle Square to Lazienki Park and Palace, and past the summer residence of the last king of Poland. See the Palace of Science and Culture (known as a "wedding cake"), the Saxon Gardens, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Monument to the Heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto, and the Barbican. Then embark on a walking tour of the Old Town passing the Old Market Square, and St. John's Cathedral. Next up is visit to a chocolate factory, for a tour and some sampling. Taste some hot chocolate, cocoa beans and have three different kinds of chocolate bars. Get the chance to concoct your very own chocolate bar to take home as a souvenir. The rest of the day is free, with the option to join a Chopin concert tour. Overnight in Warsaw. (B)

Day 3 Tue: Warsaw-Czestochowa-Krakow

This morning, the journey continues to Czestochowa, famous for the blackened picture of St. Mary in the Yasna Gora Monastery, popularly called the "Black Madonna". In the afternoon, solemnly visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum. This former German Nazi concentration and extermination camp is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. After the visit, continue to Krakow for dinner and overnight in the Novotel Centrum hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 4 Wed: Krakow

The sightseeing starts with a visit of Wawel Hill, to see the Royal Castle and visit to the Royal Cathedral. Then, walk around the Old Town, visit the Main Market Square, the Renaissance Cloth Hall, and St. Mary's Church. During the tour, stop to taste Polish vodka and learn about Polish traditions and culture. The afternoon is free to shop and do more sightseeing, or join an optional Pierogi making class. Overnight in Krakow. (B)

Day 5 Thu: Krakow-Wroclaw-Poznan

Today, drive to Poznan, and en-route, stop in Wroclaw, a city built on 12 islands, for a visit to the oldest part of town. In the afternoon, after arriving in Poznan, visit a local brewery and participate in some beer tasting. The rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Poznan at Novotel Centrum hotel or similar. (B)

Day 6 Fri: Poznan-Torun-Gdansk

Peer into the heart of Poznan by walking around the Imperial Castle, which dates back over 100 years when the city was under Prussian, and later German, rule.



Continue with a visit to the Gothic Cathedral on the island of Ostrow Tumski. Next, cross the Chrobry Bridge to enter the splendid Old Town, famous for the Renaissance Town Hall which towers over Market Square. The tour ends at Freedom Square which is surrounded by famous 19th century buildings, including the National Museum, the Kaczynski Library, the Bazar Hotel, and Arkadia. The next stop is Torun where, in the Gothic Old Town, famous astronomer Nicholas Copernicus was born. This afternoon, travel to the last destination, Gdansk. Overnight in Gdansk at Holiday Inn City Centre hotel or similar. (B)

Day 7 Sat: Gdansk

This morning begins with a half-day tour. The Old Town of Gdansk is a delightful place. See the bustling Long Market with its restored townhouses. Then, see the mannerist-rococo masterpiece, the Fountain of Neptune, the Upland Gate, the Golden Gate, the Coal Market, the Długa Street, the rebuilt Uppahen house, and finally Solidarity Square. The next stop is at the largest Gothic church in the world made of bricks: St. Mary's church. Here, admire the great astronomical clock from the 15th century, old sculptures and a replica of Hans Memling's famous painting "The Last Judgment". The remainder of the day is at leisure. Join an optional tour visit of the Malbork castle. In the evening, gather with fellow travellers and tour director for a farewell dinner. Overnight in Gdansk (B, D)

Day 8 Sun: Gdansk

After breakfast, be transferred to Gdansk airport for departure flights. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 8 day luxurious guided tour
- Arrival transfer from Warsaw airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer to Gdansk airport
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in Warsaw including heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink
- 1 dinner in Krakow
- Farewell dinner in Gdansk
- Visit of a chocolate factory with tasting in Warsaw
- Tasting of Polish vodka in Krakow
- Beer tasting in Poznan
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides in Warsaw, Krakow, Poznan, Torun, Gdansk
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
18 Apr; 4 Jul; 1, 22 Aug; 26 Sep 2021	2446	3200

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Warsaw

Departs: Sundays

Day 1 Sun: Berlin

Upon arrival, be met and transferred to the hotel. There's time to relax before tonight's welcome reception with the tour director and fellow travellers. (D)

Day 2 Mon: Berlin

During this guided city tour, see the landmarks of Germany's capital: the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, the Victory column, the Palace Bellevue, the Kaiser-Wilhelm-Memorial Church, Checkpoint Charlie, the Unter den Linden Boulevard, the Berliner Dom and some remains of the Berlin wall. End the sightseeing with a one hour cruise on the river spree. The afternoon and evening is free, or join an optional tour visit of Pergamon Museum. Overnight in Berlin at Hotel Abba or similar. (B)

Day 3 Tue: Berlin-Potsdam-Berlin

The former royal city of Potsdam, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with its extraordinary collection of palaces and parks, lies just a stone's throw from the center of Berlin. The Rococo palace of Sanssouci became the favourite refuge of Prussia's greatest king, Frederick II. The French poet Voltaire was a frequent guest amongst many other luminaries and philosophers. The excursion of Sanssouci Palace includes a stroll through the magnificent gardens, the Dutch quarter and the Russian colony. Afterwards, return to Berlin where the remainder of the day is at leisure. Join an optional Berlin beer tour. Overnight in Berlin. (B)

Day 4 Wed: Berlin-Dresden-Nuremberg

After breakfast, motor to Dresden, the capital of the Free State of Saxony. Dresden has a mild climate, and because of its baroque architecture the city is also called 'Florence on the Elbe'. We see the Semper Opera House, the baroque Zwinger (palace), and the restored Frauenkirche. After the visit, we continue to Nuremberg, where, between 1945 and 1946, a series of World War II military tribunals were held. The evening is free. Overnight in Nuremberg at the Park Inn Nuremberg hotel or similar. (B)

Day 5 Thu: Nuremberg-Regensburg-Munich

The journey continues to Regensburg, "Germany's best-preserved medieval city" and a regional trading center since the 9th century. After a short visit, travel to the Dachau Concentration camp Memorial Site. It was here, on the grounds of an abandoned munitions factory, that the first German concentration camp, initially for political prisoners, opened in 1933. Later in the afternoon, arrive in Munich where the rest of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Munich at the Maritim Munich hotel or similar. (B)

Day 6 Fri: Munich

A morning guided tour of the Bavarian capital includes Nymphenburg Castle and the Olympic Grounds. After the tour, visit the famous Hofbrauhaus and enjoy a traditional lunch. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the great city. Join an optional Munich food tour. Overnight in Munich. (B, L)



Berlin



Neuschwanstein

Day 7 Sat: Munich-Neuschwanstein-Oberammergau-Munich

Explore more of the free state of Bavaria with a visit to Neuschwanstein Castle, commissioned by Ludwig II of Bavaria as a retreat for and in honour of Richard Wagner. It was completed in 1882. Its Romanesque beauty and fairytale setting attracts a great many visitors from around the world. Its architecture served as inspiration for Disneyland's Sleeping Beauty Castle. After the visit to Neuschwanstein, continue to the Village of Oberammergau, famous for its once-a-decade Passion Play and for its wood-carving craftsmen. Here, visit Pilatushaus and observe a wood-carver at work. thereafter, return to Munich. In the evening join the fellow travellers and travel director for a farewell dinner. Overnight in Munich. (B, D)

Day 8 Sun: Munich

After breakfast, be transferred to the airport for departure flights. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 8 day luxurious guided tour
- Arrival transfer from Berlin airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer to Munich airport
- Centrally located first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in Berlin, including heavy hor d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink
- Lunch at the Hofbrauhaus in Munich
- Farewell reception in Munich
- River Cruise in Berlin
- Wood crafting in Regensburg
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides in Berlin, Potsdam, Gresden, Munich, Oberammergau
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
25 Apr; 11 Jul; 8, 29 Aug 2021	3046	4046
19 Sep 2021	5154	7446
5 Dec 2021	3431	4800

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Prague

# Capitals of the Habsburg Empire

## 8 Days

**Departs:** Sundays

**Day 1 Sun: Prague**

Upon arrival in Prague, be met and transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day is free to start exploring. Tonight, join the fellow travellers and tour director for a welcome reception. Overnight in Prague at the Angelo by Vienna House Prague hotel, Vienna House Andel's Prague hotel or similar. (D)

**Day 2 Mon: Prague**

Cross the Vltava River to see the Royal Castle of Hradcany and visit the Cathedral of St. Vitus, the Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica and the Golden Lane with the Daliborka Tower. The rest of the day is at leisure to continue exploring, or join an optional tour visit of the Strahov monastery and its brewery. Overnight in Prague. (B)

**Day 3 Tue: Prague**

This morning, tour the old part of the city to view the Old Town Square, the famous Astronomical Clock, the Jewish Quarter, St. Nicholas Church, the Charles Bridge and more. The afternoon is at leisure, or join an optional Prague river cruise. This evening enjoy an opera performance. Overnight in Prague. (B)

**Day 4 Wed: Prague-Vienna**

Travel by motor-coach to Vienna, the "City of Wals." There is free time to start discovering the city's delights, from shopping to architecture to pastries. After a free afternoon, enjoy an evening Concert of Strauss's & Mozart's music. Overnight in Vienna at the Hilton Vienna hotel or similar. (B)

**Day 5 Thu: Vienna**

Start the day with a visit of St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Hofburg Palace, then on to view Belvedere Palace, Prater Amusement Park, and the UN Buildings. Join an optional tour visit of the Schönbrunn castle. Overnight in Vienna. (B)

**Day 6 Fri: Vienna-Budapest**

Today, depart for Budapest. The afternoon is free to explore the "Paris of the East", shop along the Vaci Utca, nibble a delicious slice of apple strudel, sip some Hungarian wine, or perhaps join one of the optional excursions available. Tonight,



enjoy dinner with entertainment in a typical Csarda restaurant. Overnight in Budapest at the Radisson Blu hotel or similar. (B, D)

**Day 7 Sat: Budapest**

The morning sightseeing tour includes views of all the main attractions: The Parliament, the Royal Palace, the Castle Hill area, Fisherman's Bastion, the Matthias Church, Heroes' Square, and Gellert Hill with its Citadel. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore this exciting city or join an optional market tour with food tasting. In the evening, join fellow travellers and your tour director for the farewell dinner. Overnight in Budapest. (B, D)

**Day 8 Sun: Budapest**

After breakfast, be transferred to the airport. (B)

**HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS**

- 8 day luxurious guided tour
- Arrival transfer from Prague airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer from Budapest airport
- Centrally located first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in Prague including heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink and farewell dinner in Budapest
- Dinner with Csarda folk dance in Budapest
- Opera performance in Prague
- Strauss & Mozart Concert in Vienna
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides in Prague, Vienna and Budapest
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
2 May; 13 Jun; 15 Aug; 26 Sep; 17 Oct 2021	3046	4200
12 Dec 2021	2754	3708

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# The Ancient Lands of Rumelia

8 Days

**Departs:** Sundays

## Day 1 Sun: Belgrade

Welcome to Belgrade, the Serbian capital! Be met and transferred to your hotel. The day is at leisure until gathering with fellow travellers and tour director for a welcome reception in the evening. Overnight in Belgrade at the Moskva hotel or similar. (D)

## Day 2 Mon: Belgrade

With a history dating back more than 7,000 years, Belgrade is a fascinating city to visit. The morning sightseeing tour includes the city's main attractions: the imposing Kalemegdan Fortress, dramatically situated at the joining of the Sava and Danube Rivers, the Republic Square, Mihajlova Street; Saint Sava Temple: the largest Orthodox Church in the city, and finally Tito's Memorial and mausoleum. The afternoon is free. Join an optional cruise on the Danube River. Tonight, enjoy dinner on Skadarlija with live music. Overnight in Belgrade. (B, D)

## Day 3 Tue: Belgrade-Nis-Sofia

Continue the journey to Sofia. En-route, stop in Nis for a lunch break on your own. Arrival in Sofia is planned for the late afternoon, here tour the city's major landmarks thereafter. The evening is at leisure. Overnight in Sofia at the Downtown hotel or similar. (B)

## Day 4 Wed: Sofia-Plovdiv-Varna

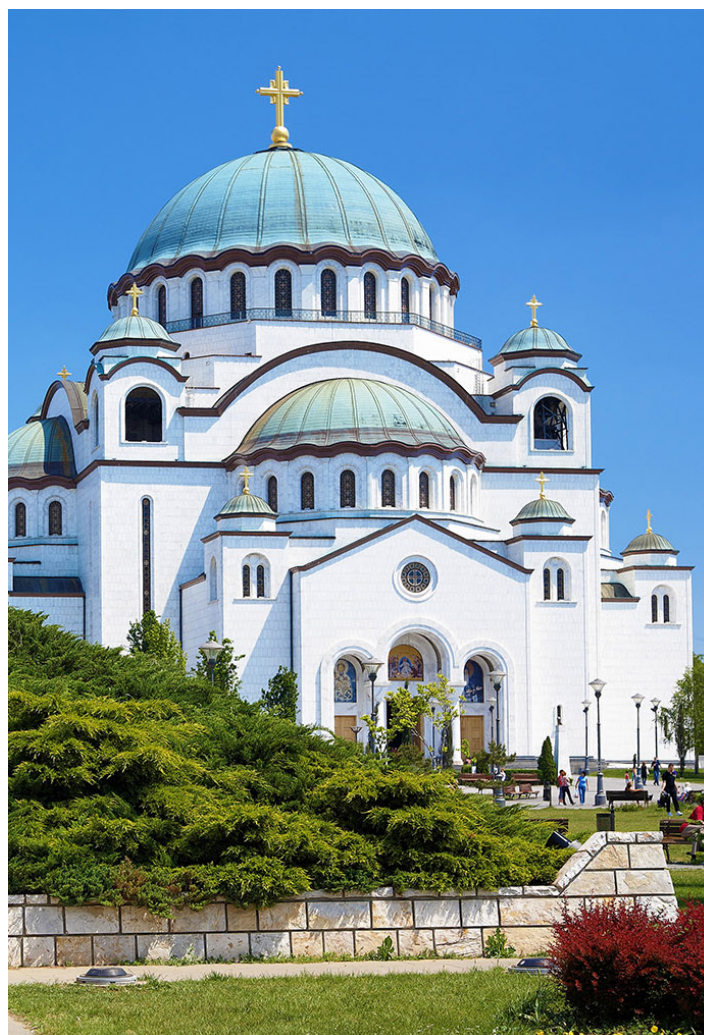
Today, drive to Varna, with a stop in Plovdiv for free time to have lunch if wanted. Upon arrival in Varna, there is free time to explore the city's waterfront promenade, thermal baths, cafes, art galleries, and vibrant nightlife. Overnight in Varna at the Golden Tulip hotel or similar. (B)

## Day 5 Thu: Varna

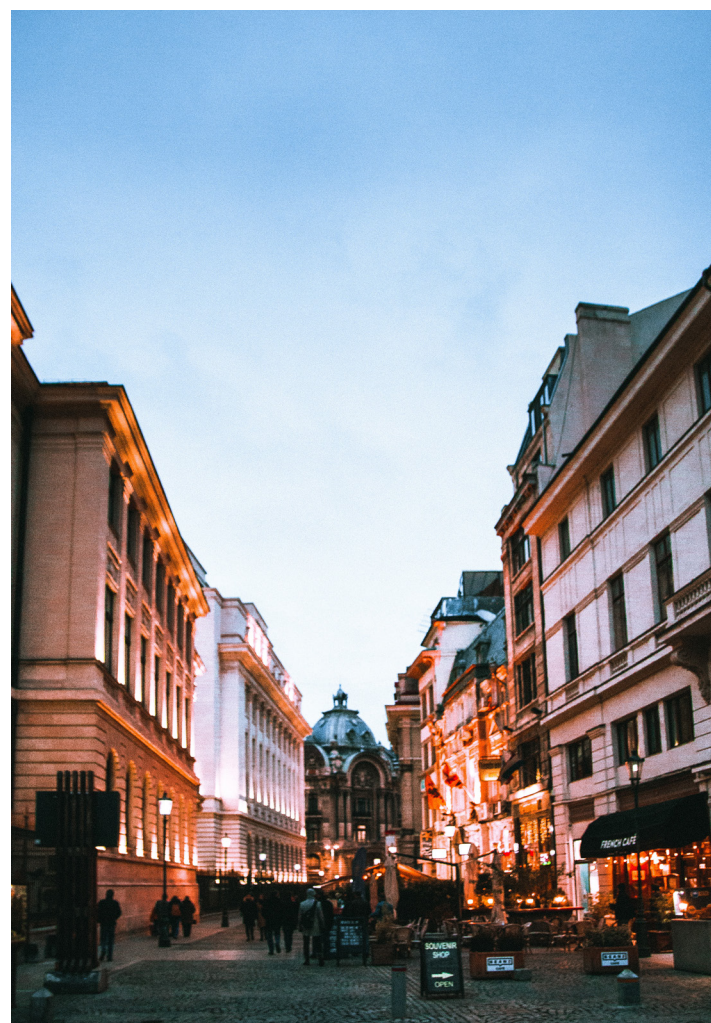
This morning, begin with a half-day city tour which includes the Architectural Museum, the Roman baths, the Historical Museum, and the Sea Garden. Then visit Varna's cathedral, one of the most beautiful symbols of the city. Also see the Aladzha Monastery. Used in the days of the Byzantine Empire and abandoned in the 1700s, Aladzha Monastery is comprised of a series of grottos used for worship and monks' quarters. After, have the option to join a food tour with wine tasting. Overnight in Varna. (B)

## Day 6 Fri: Varna-Shumen-Bucharest

Today, drive to Bucharest, and on the way, stop in Shumen to see the Madara Horseman, a large medieval rock relief, and now a UNESCO World Heritage



Belgrade



Bucharest

listed monument. The next stop is for wine tasting, viticulture, a light lunch, and a vineyards tour. Upon arrival in Bucharest, there is free time for independent discoveries. Overnight in Bucharest at the Europa Royale Hotel or similar. (B, L)

## Day 7 Sat: Bucharest

Get acquainted with the Romanian capital by touring the city. Visit the Parliament Palace, one of the largest buildings in the world and a National Treasure. Learn how the Romanian people succeeded in toppling the last communist dictator in Eastern Europe. The tour also visits the Romanian Athenaeum, the Opera House, the National Military Club, the Military Academy, and the Triumphal Arch. Join an optional tour visiting the village Museum. In the evening gather with fellow travellers and tour director for a farewell dinner. Overnight in Bucharest. (B, D)

## Day 8 Sun: Bucharest

After breakfast, be transferred to the airport for departure flights. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 8 day luxurious guided tour
- Arrival transfer from Belgrade airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer to Bucharest airport
- Centrally located first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in Belgrade including heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft-drink
- Dinner with live music on Skadarlija, a vintage street in Belgrade
- Light lunch in Varna
- Farewell dinner in Bucharest
- Visit to Aladzha Monastery, a medieval Orthodox Christian cave complex
- Ancient viticulture, wine tasting, light lunch and vineyards tour in Romania
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Sightseeing tour with licensed local guide in Belgrade, Sofia, Varna, Bucharest
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
9 May; 20 Jun; 22 Aug; 19 Sep; 24 Oct 2021	2446	3138

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# Once Upon a Time in Yugoslavia

14 Days

## Departs: Sundays

### Day 1 Sun: Tirana

Welcome to Tirana! Be met and transferred to the hotel. The day is at leisure until gathering with fellow travellers and tour director in the evening for an orientation of the tour and a welcome reception. Overnight in Tirana at the Hilton Garden Inn, Colosseo hotel or similar. (B)

### Day 2 Mon: Tirana

On a morning sightseeing tour, see the Skanderbeg Square with the statue of G.K. Skanderbeg, Albania's national hero, the Mosque of Et'hem Bey, the Clock Tower, the Palace of Culture, built in Socialist-Realist style; and the National History Museum. The afternoon is free to continue exploring, shop or just relax. Join an optional tour visit of Archaeological Museum in Dures and Skanderberg distillery with cognac and wine tasting. Overnight in Tirana. (B)

### Day 3 Tue: Tirana-Lake Ohrid-Tirana

Travel to Macedonia and visit the lakeside resort of Ohrid. It is an important cultural and spiritual center, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The sightseeing tour starts with a walk through the cobblestone streets of the old town. Afterwards, visit the magnificent Monastery of Saint Naum.. In the early afternoon, return to the hotel. The evening is at leisure. Overnight in Tirana. (B)

### Day 4 Wed: Tirana-Dubrovnik

After breakfast, leave Albania and travel to Montenegro to visit Kotor's Old Town. There is now time for lunch if wanted. Later, continue on to beautiful Dubrovnik in Croatia. Dinner is here tonight. Overnight in Dubrovnik at the Lapad, Lacroma, Agrosy hotel or similar. (B, D)

### Day 5 Thu: Dubrovnik

Start the discovery of Dubrovnik with a walking tour of "Old Dubrovnik"; the Rector's Palace, the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and the Sponza Palace are all on the itinerary, as are the Dominican and Franciscan Monasteries. The Pharmacy of the Franciscan Monastery is one of the oldest in the world. Later, meet a local artisan to learn about the traditional craftsmanship that still thrives in Dubrovnik today. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Join an optional home-hosted dinner. Overnight in Dubrovnik. (B)

### Day 6 Fri: Dubrovnik-Mostar-Sarajevo

Today, drive through the gorge of the Neretva River to Mostar. Here, see the remains of the Turkish quarter and the 16th century stone bridge. Afterward, continue the journey to Sarajevo, the capital of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and a city influenced by several cultures and civilizations over its long history. Overnight in Sarajevo at Europe hotel or similar. (B)

### Day 7 Sat: Sarajevo

In the morning, visit a local coffee shop where the owner will explain how Bosnian coffee, part of the national identity, is made. Afterward, coffee will be served for all to enjoy. On the city tour, see the Turkish Bazaar Bas Carsija, visit the Husref Bay's Mosque, the Olympic Stadium, and the Gavrilo Princip Museum. A bit later, stop for a light traditional Cevapi lunch (a national dish with grilled minced meat, onion and bread). Join an optional horse-drawn carriage ride along Velika Aleja to Vrelo Bosne and a traditional Bosnian meal. Overnight in Sarajevo. (B, L)

### Day 8 Sun: Sarajevo-Visegrad-Drvengrad-Uzice-Belgrade

Continue the journey to Visegrad with its bridge on the Drina River. The bridge was built in oriental style in the 16th century and is a masterpiece of civil engineering. The next stop is in Drvengrad (translated as "Timber Town"), where famous director Emir Kusturica built the beautiful Ethno Village. The final stop is in Uzice before ending the journey in Belgrade. Overnight in Belgrade at Moskva hotel or similar (B)



Zagreb

### Day 9 Mon: Belgrade

With a history dating back more than 7,000 years, Belgrade is a fascinating city to visit. The morning sightseeing tour includes the city's main attractions: the imposing Kalemegdan Fortress, dramatically situated at the joining of the Sava and Danube Rivers, Republic Square and Mihajlova Street, Saint Sava Temple, the largest Orthodox Church in the city, and Tito's Memorial. The afternoon is free. Join an optional cruise on the Danube River. Tonight, join fellow travellers and tour director for dinner with live music. Overnight in Belgrade. (B, D)

### Day 10 Tue: Belgrade-Zagreb

Today, after breakfast, travel to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia. Upon arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure. Have the option to join a gastronomy tour. Overnight in Zagreb at the Sheraton, Westin, Dubrovnik hotel or similar. (B)

### Day 11 Wed: Zagreb

This morning, enjoy a city tour featuring the historic Upper Town, St Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, the Parliament, and the Government Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore the winding streets of the Old Town, or join an optional tour of Kumrovec with dinner. Overnight in Zagreb. (B)

### Day 12 Thu: Zagreb-Ljubljana

Motor on to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. In the afternoon, visit the most significant sights of the old city centre, the picturesque open-air Central Market, the Three Bridges, the Baroque Town Hall, and Robba's Fountain. Have the evening at leisure, or join an optional wine tasting tour. Overnight in Ljubljana at the Radisson Blu hotel or similar. (B)

### Day 13 Fri: Ljubljana-Lake Bled-Ljubljana

Travel to Bled for a sightseeing tour including the charming town, the lake-shore and a visit of the imposing Bled Castle which is perched on a cliff high above the lake. Later, return to Ljubljana and have free time. In the evening join fellow travellers and tour director for the farewell dinner. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B, D)

### Day 14 Sat: Ljubljana

After breakfast, be transported to Ljubljana airport for departure flight. (B)



Ljubljana

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 14 day luxurious guided tour
- Arrival transfer from Tirana airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer to Ljubljana airport
- Centrally located first class hotel
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in Tirana including heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink
- 1 Dinner in Dubrovnik
- Traditional lunch in Sarajevo
- Dinner with live music in the old Bohemian quarter of Skadarlija in Belgrade
- Farewell dinner in Ljubljana
- Visit of local artisan in Dubrovnik
- Learn how Bosnian coffee is made in Sarajevo
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Touring in modern-air conditioned motor-coach
- Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides in Tirana, Lake Ohrid, Dubrovnik, Mostar, Sarajevo, Belgrade
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
18 Apr; 16 May; 20 Jun; 5 Sep; 10 Oct 2021	5215	6431

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**Departs:** Sundays

**Day 1 Sun: Zagreb**  
Welcome to Zagreb! Be met and transferred to the hotel. The day is at leisure until gathering with fellow travellers and travel director for an orientation and welcome reception in the evening. Overnight in Zagreb at the Sheraton hotel or similar. (D)

**Day 2 Mon: Zagreb-Ljubljana**  
This morning embark on a city tour in Zagreb featuring the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, the Parliament, and the Government Palace. After the tour, continue the journey to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. Overnight in Ljubljana at the Radisson Blue hotel or similar. (B)

**Day 3 Tue: Ljubljana**  
Visit the most significant sights of the old city center, the picturesque open-air Central Market, the Three Bridges, the Baroque Town Hall, and the Robba's Fountain. The tour concludes with a boat ride on the river Ljubljanica. The remainder of the day is at leisure, or join an optional wine tasting tour. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B)

**Day 4 Wed: Ljubljana-Postojna-Rovinj**  
Journey south to Postojna, home to one of the largest caves in Europe. Tour this fantastic subterranean world by miniature electric train. Afterward, continue to Rovinj and enjoy some free time. Overnight in Rovinj at the Angelo d'Oro hotel or similar. (B)

**Day 5 Thu: Rovinj-Groznjan-Motovun-Pazin-Rovinj**  
The full day of touring goes through Istria to marvel at the beauty of its rolling hills, silvery olive groves and hillside vineyards. The first stop is in the town of Groznjan, home to many artist colonies. After the visit, taste some famous Istrian truffles. Then, continue to the picturesque town of Motovun. After Motovun, drive to Pazin to enjoy a traditional lunch. Return to the hotel where the evening is at leisure. Overnight in Rovinj. (B, L)

**Day 6 Fri: Rovinj-Trieste-Venice**  
In the morning, depart Rovinj and drive south to Trieste in Italy for an orientation tour and visit of Miramare Castle and its grounds. The castle was built by the Habsburg monarchy on a cliff overlooking the Adriatic Sea. After the visit, continue



to the romantic city of Venice. Join an optional "Venetian style" pub crawl. Overnight in Venice at the Carlton on the Grand Canal hotel or similar. (B)

**Day 7 Sat: Venice**  
Begin the exploration of Venice at St. Mark's Square, for a walking tour which includes visits of the St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, views of the Bell Tower and Bridge of Sighs. During the tour stop for a tasting of Spritz, a typical Venetian aperitif. The rest of the day is at leisure, or join an optional Gondola serenade tour. Overnight in Venice. (B, D)

**Day 8 Sun: Venice**  
One last breakfast in Italy before being transferred to the airport in Venice. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 8 day luxurious guided tour
- Arrival transfer from Zagreb airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer to Venice airport
- Centrally located first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in Zagreb including heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink
- Traditional lunch in a Pazin taverna
- Farewell dinner in Venice
- Tasting of Istrian truffles
- Tasting of the typical venetian aperitif Spritz
- Boat ride on the river Ljubljana
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Sightseeing tour with licensed local guides in Zagreb, Ljubljana, Postojna, Rovinj, Venice
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
18 Apr; 2 May; 12 Dec 2021	3062	4108
30 May; 13 Jun; 1 Aug 2021	3308	4462
19 Sep; 3, 31 Oct 2021	3523	4569

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Postojna

**Departs:** Sundays

### Day 1 Sun: Dubrovnik

Be met and transferred to the hotel. The day is at leisure. In the evening, gather with fellow travellers and tour director for an orientation and welcome reception. Overnight in Dubrovnik at the Lapad, Lacroma, Agrosy hotel or similar. (B)

### Day 2 Mon: Dubrovnik

The walking tour includes the highlights of Old Dubrovnik. See the Rector's Palace, the Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column, Sponza Palace, the Dominican Monastery, and the Franciscan

Monastery with its Pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. Visit a local artisan to learn about the traditional craftsmanship that still thrives today. In the evening, join an optional home hosted dinner. Overnight in Dubrovnik. (B)

### Day 3 Tue: Dubrovnik-Split

Travel north along the spectacular Adriatic coast, past old fishing villages and new resorts, to Split. A sightseeing tour features the historic inner city, built around the Palace of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then see the remnants of Split's Roman heritage, its Renaissance and Gothic structures, Jupiter's Temple, the Peristyle, and the beautiful Cathedral of St. Dujce. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Split at the Corner hotel or similar. (B)

### Day 4 Wed: Split-Hvar Island-Stari Grad-Split

Board a ferry in Split and set sail for Hvar. The town of Hvar has a unique cultural and historical heritage, plus a centuries-old tradition in tourism. A walking tour includes views of the 17th century theatre, the 13th century Arsenal, and the central town square with the Cathedral. Visit the Franciscan Monastery, famous for its collection of old art masters, including Ingoli's 'Last Supper'. Afterward, travel to Stari Grad for some wine tasting. A ferry returns all the Split. Overnight in Split. (B)

### Day 5 Thu: Split-Zadar-Plitvice

Continue the journey to Zadar. There, a walking tour shows Zadar's historical center with the defensive walls built in the 16th century, the ancient Port Gate where the Venetian lion still stands guard, the square of the Five Wells, the Church of St. Donat, the Roman Forum (1st century BC) and the largest cathedral in Dalmatia, St. Anastasia. Conclude the tour with a tasting of Maraschino liquor. Later, turn inland and travel to the spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park. Dinner is served at the hotel. Overnight in Plitvice at the Jezero hotel or similar. (B, D)



Hvar



Plitvice Lakes

### Day 6 Fri: Plitvice-Zagreb

Have your camera ready while walking several of the lower Plitvice Lakes. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder of 16 terraced lakes surrounded by dense forest mountains and lush vegetation. After the visit, continue to Zagreb. Overnight in Zagreb at the Sheraton, Westin hotel or similar. (B)

### Day 7 Sat: Zagreb

The morning tour includes views of the historic Upper Town, St. Marks Church, St. Catherine's Church, the Cathedral, the Parliament, and Government Palace. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore more of the city. If wanted, join an optional gastronomy tour. In the evening, gather with fellow travellers and tour director for the farewell dinner. Overnight in Zagreb. (B, D)

### Day 8 Sun: Zagreb

Bid farewell and be transferred to Zagreb's airport. (B)

### HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 8 day luxurious guided tour
- Arrival transfer from Dubrovnik airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer to Zagreb airport
- Centrally located first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in Zagreb including heavy hors d'oeuvres
- Farewell dinner in Venice
- Wine tasting on Hvar Island
- Maraschino liquor tasting in Zadar
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides in Dubrovnik, Split, Hvar Island, Zadar, Plitvice Lakes, Zagreb
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
25 Apr; 5 Dec 2021	2538	3062
9 May; 10, 24 Oct 2021	2769	3462
6 Jun; 25 Jul; 12 Sep 2021	3046	3908

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Departs: Sundays

Day 1 Sun: Madrid

Be met and transferred to your hotel. The day is at leisure to begin exploring. Later, join fellow travellers and tour director for a welcome reception. Overnight in Madrid at the Santos Agumar hotel or similar. (B)

Day 2 Mon: Madrid

Begin with a guided half-day city tour of Madrid. The drive takes us through the Gran Vía and the Paseo de Castellana, past the Plaza de España, Plaza de Oriente, Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, Atocha Station, the fountain of Neptune, Cibeles fountain, the Bullring, the Santiago Bernabeu soccer stadium, and many more. The afternoon is at leisure. Consider joining an optional tour to the Prado museum. Overnight in Madrid. (B)

Day 3 Tue: Madrid-Toledo-Madrid

Today, visit Toledo, a city with a wealth of monuments. It is known as the “city of the three cultures”, because Christians, Arabs and Jews lived here together for centuries. During the guided tour, visit the Santo Tome Church and the Synagogue of Santa María. From Toledo return to Madrid where the afternoon is at leisure. Join an optional tour flamenco show with dinner. Overnight in Madrid. (B)

Day 4 Wed: Madrid-Salamanca-Santiago de Compostela

Depart for Santiago de Compostela. On the way, stop in Salamanca, an ancient city famous for its university founded by Alfonso IX in the early 1200’s. There is time for lunch if wanted. After, continue to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino. Many pilgrims follow this ancient route also known as the Way of St. James. In Santiago de Compostela, the evening is at leisure. Overnight in Santiago de Compostela at the Tryp Santiago hotel or similar. (B)

Day 5 Thu: Santiago de Compostela

Santiago de Compostela’s center is called “Casco Histórico” (old town), an area once surrounded by walls in the 11th century. Visit the Cathedral and the Cathedral museum, and view the tomb of St James the Great. In the afternoon, visit Cap Finisterre where pilgrims ceremoniously burn their boots. The day finished with an early seafood dinner accompanied by Albariño wine. Overnight in Santiago de Compostela. (B, D)

Day 6 Fri: Santiago de Compostela-Oviedo

After breakfast, head to North Galicia. The scenic drive travels past the Cabo Ortegal and the Asturian coast to Oviedo. Overnight in Oviedo at the Gran Hotel España or similar. (B)

Day 7 Sat: Oviedo

A half-day guided city tour of Oviedo goes to the Cathedral, the Palacio de Valdecarzana, the ruins of the San Tirso Church, and the Porlier Plaza which is flanked by the El Conde de Toreno and Camposagrado Palaces. The afternoon is at leisure, or join an optional tour visit of the cider house with dinner. Overnight in Oviedo. (B)

Day 8 Sun: Oviedo-Santillana del Mar-Santander-Bilbao

After breakfast, continue the journey towards Bilbao. On the way, stop in Santillana del Mar, one of the North Coast’s most picturesque villages. Its architecture dates to the Middle Ages. In its vicinity, visit the famous Altamira Caves where prehistoric art is well preserved. After the visit, proceed to Santander where there is free time for lunch if wanted. From there, continue to Bilbao where there is a tasting of local tapas called pintxos. Overnight in Bilbao at the Ercilla hotel or similar. (B)



Madrid

Day 9 Mon: Bilbao

On the visit of Bilbao, see the vibrant old town with many shops, squares and typical Basque tavernas. Enter the Guggenheim Museum, an architectural masterpiece designed by Frank Gehry. The collection includes large-scale and site-specific art by contemporary artists such as Jeff Koons and Willem de Kooning. The remainder of the day is free, or join an optional visit of the Basque coast. Overnight in Bilbao. (B)

Day 10 Tue: Bilbao-Getaria-Pamplona

After breakfast, depart from San Sebastian. En route, visit Getaria, a charming Basque coastal village. Upon arrival in San Sebastian, see the Maria Cristina Hotel. It is here at the Kursaal, that the film festival takes place. Also see La Concha beach, a crescent shaped urban seaboard. In the afternoon, arrive in Pamplona. Dinner is served later that night. Overnight in Pamplona at the Albret hotel or similar. (B, D)

Day 11 Wed: Pamplona-Barcelona

After breakfast, have a half-day guided sightseeing tour of Pamplona featuring the Ciudadela, the City Walls, parks and gardens. Hear about the ‘Running of the Bulls’ race, part of the San Fermin festival. From Pamplona we continue to Zaragoza for lunch if wanted. Later that afternoon, arrive in Barcelona for the rest of the day either at leisure, or join an optional tour visit of Montserrat. Overnight in Barcelona at the EXE Laietana Palace hotel or similar. (B)

Day 12 Thu: Barcelona

The guided half-day sightseeing tour includes Barcelona’s most important artistic sights, Gaudi’s Batlló, Casa Milá, the Cathedral Sagrada Familia, and Guell Park, declared an artistic monument and mankind’s heritage by the UNESCO. In the afternoon there’s free time to explore more of Barcelona. Join fellow travellers and tour director for the farewell dinner later that night. Overnight in Barcelona. (B, D)

Day 13 Fri: Barcelona

Transfer to Barcelona airport after breakfast. (B)



Bilbao

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 13 day luxurious included
- Arrival transfer from Madrid airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer to Barcelona airport
- Centrally located first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in Madrid including heavy hors d’oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink
- Seafood dinner with Albariño wine in Santiago de Compostela
- 1 dinner in Pamplona
- Farewell dinner in Barcelona
- Tasting of pintxos (local tapas)
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides in Madrid, Toledo, Santiago de Compostela, Oviedo, Santillana del Mar, Bilbao, San Sebastian, Pamplona, Barcelona
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

Price Per Person A\$	Twin	Single
21 Apr; 16 May; 5 Sep; 10 Oct 2021	5062	6508

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Sintra

# Maritime Discoveries, Viticulture & Faith

8 Days

**Departs:** Sundays

## Day 1 Sun: Lisbon

Be met and transferred to the hotel. The day is at leisure to begin exploring. Later gather with fellow travellers and tour director for a welcome reception. Overnight in Lisbon at the Lisbon Marriott Hotel or similar. (D)

## Day 2 Mon: Lisbon-Sintra, Cabo Da Roca-Cascais-Estoril-Lisbon

This morning, depart on a full day private sightseeing tour to Sintra, Cascais, Estoril and Cabo da Roca. Sintra boasts a historic Centre that is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. After a visit of the Sintra National Palace, continue to Cabo da Roca, the westernmost cape in Continental Europe. Thereafter, travel to Cascais, a picturesque fishing town with some quirky museums, beautiful gardens and a lively fish market. Then, off to Estoril, a former fishing town turned cosmopolitan destination for well-heeled travellers. Return to Lisbon in the evening. Overnight in Lisbon. (B)

## Day 3 Tue: Lisbon-Belem-Lisbon

This morning, stroll through Baixa, Lisbon's historic heart and commercial center. Then drive to Belem to view Belem Tower and the Discovery Monument. The Vasco de Gama tomb in the Jeronimos Monastery is up next on the journey. Pay a visit to the 16th century Queluz Royal Palace and view the Discoveries Monument, erected to celebrate the courage and bravery of the Portuguese navigators who crossed the world and discovered new lands. After the tour, visit the Mercado de Campo de Ourique, a unique local market. The evening is at leisure, or consider joining an optional tour to Faia at Casa de Fados. Overnight in Lisbon. (B)

## Day 4 Wed: Lisbon-Obidos-Nazara-Fatima

After breakfast, leave Lisbon and depart towards the north. The first destination is Obidos, a charming village of white houses on a hill, surrounded by 14th century walls. Here, stop for a tasting of cherry liquor. Then, proceed to Nazara after the tasting. Nazara is a popular tourist attraction and picturesque village located on the Atlantic coast. The next stop is the Monastery of Batalha, a Dominican Convent. Finish the day in Fatima, a Catholic pilgrimage destination and home to sacred sites and religious artifacts. Overnight in Fatima at the Aurea, Estrela De Fatima, Regina hotel or similar. (B)

## Day 5 Thu: Fatima-Tomar-Buçaco-Coimbra

In the morning, travel to Tomar for a half-day sightseeing tour and visit of the Luso-Hebrew Museum. Then proceed towards Buçaco to visit the famous Buçaco Forest and for an outside view of Buçaco Palace. In Coimbra, the half-day sightseeing tour includes a visit to the University and Library. Overnight in Coimbra at the Vila Gale Coimbra hotel or similar. (B)



## Day 6 Fri: Coimbra-Aveiro-Douro Valley-Porto

Continue to Aveiro for an orientation tour and then travel through the Douro Valley, classified by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Traditionally, the wines from this region were transported down-river in flat-bottomed boats called "rabelos". The wine was stored in barrels in cellars of the Vila Nova de Gaia, just across the river from Porto. After a lunch with wine tasting in the Douro Valley, continue to Porto. Overnight in Porto at the Vila Gale Porto hotel, Vila Gale Porto Ribeira hotel or similar. (B, L)

## Day 7 Sat: Porto

During the half-day sightseeing tour of Porto, visit the historical Palacio de Boisa (the stock exchange palace), and end the tour in one of the famous wine cellars where we have another tasting. After this, continue with a relaxing boat excursion, one of the most spectacular experiences in the city. The afternoon is free, at leisure to continue exploring the charming coastal town in Northwest Portugal. Take a look at the stately bridges, which it's known for, then wander through the narrow cobbled streets winding past merchants houses and cafes, maybe even stop for a coffee! In the evening gather with fellow travellers and tour director for a farewell dinner. Overnight in Porto. (B, D)

## Day 8 Sun: Porto

After breakfast, be transferred to the airport. (B)

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 8 day luxurious guided tour
- Arrival transfer from Lisbon airport to the hotel
- Departure transfer to Porto airport
- Centrally located first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome reception in Lisbon including heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink
- Lunch with wine tasting in the Douro Valley
- Farewell dinner in Porto
- Tasting of typical cherry liquor in Obidos
- Porto boat ride six bridges and tasting of the local wine
- Hotel taxes and service charges
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides in Lisbon, Sintra, Cabo Da Roca, Cascais, Estoril, Belem, Obidos, Fatima, Tomar, Buçaco, Coimbra, Porto
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

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4 Apr; 2 May; 27 Jun; 19 Sep; 24 Oct 2021	3031	4092

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Departs: Sundays

Day 1 Sun: Ljubljana

Upon arrival in either Venice or Ljubljana, be met and transferred to the hotel in Ljubljana. The rest of the day is free to relax or to begin exploring. This evening, meet the fellow travellers for the orientation meeting including a Welcome drink. Overnight in Ljubljana at Hotel Slon, Hotel Lev or similar.

Day 2 Mon: Ljubljana

In the morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of Ljubljana castle and enjoy wine tasting of some excellent Slovenian wines with an amazing view of Ljubljana. Overnight in Ljubljana. (B)

Day 3 Tue: Ljubljana-Postojna-Piran

Travel to the Karst region. The first stop is at the Postojna Cave, one of the largest in Europe. Tour this unique subterranean world by miniature electric train. After the tour, proceed to a nearby wine producer for Teran wine and prosciutto tasting. Finally, drive to Piran on the Slovenian coast. Overnight in Piran at the Hotel Piran or similar. (B)

Day 4 Wed: Piran-Portoroz-Goriška Brda

See the highlights of Piran this morning, then head to Portoroz, a popular tourist resort. Continue to the hilly region of Goriška Brda. Discover the charming town of Šmartno and have a delicious dinner at a local tourist farm. Overnight in Nova Gorica at the Hotel Perla or similar. (B, D)

Day 5 Thu: Goriška Brda-Soča Valley-Bled

Drive along the emerald green Soča River, through Kobarid, featured in Hemingway's A Farewell to Arms and stop to visit the WWI Museum. Later, continue to Bled, stopping at Boka waterfall viewpoint. Overnight in Bled at Hotel Rikli Balance, Hotel Park, Hotel Savica or similar. (B)

Day 6 Fri: Bled

A sightseeing tour shows the highlights of this charming town on the shores of Lake Bled. Also visit the imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake.



Return to the lake shore and taste the famous Bled cream cake. In the afternoon, tour of the other Alpine beauty, Lake Bohinj, enjoy a relaxing walk along the lake shore and take a cable car to Mt. Vogel. Enjoy some cheese tasting and admire the stoning Julian Alps. Tonight, celebrate the wonderfully scenic vacation with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant with fellow travellers and tour director. Overnight in Bled. (B, D)

Day 7 Sat: Ljubljana

After breakfast, be transferred to Ljubljana or Venice airport for departure flights. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- 7 day luxurious small group tour
- Arrival transfer from Ljubljana or Venice airport to Ljubljana hotel
- Departure transfer to Ljubljana or Venice airport
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome reception
- Dinner at a local tourist farm in Šmartno
- Farewell dinner
- Wine tasting of Slovenian wines in Ljubljana
- Teran wine and prosciutto tasting in Postojna
- Bled cream cake tasting in Bled
- Cheese tasting in Mt. Vogel
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides in Ljubljana, Postojna Cave, Piran, Goriška Brda, Soča Valley, Bled, Bohinj
- Professional English-speaking tour director throughout
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Whisper technology enhanced touring

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Ljubljana

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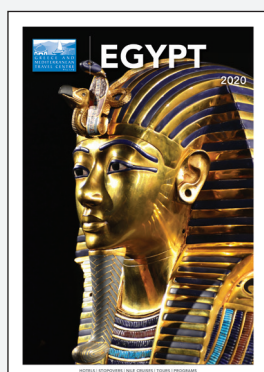
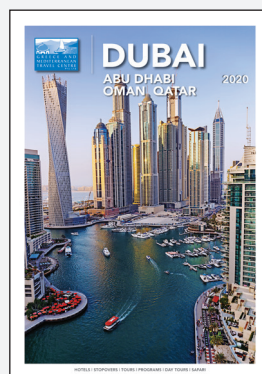
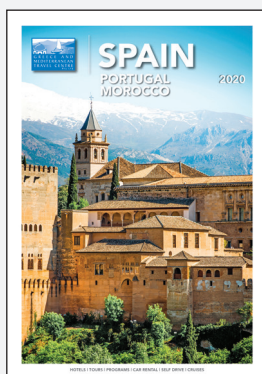
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