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Best regards,

Michael Martinek
President

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- 8 overnights at first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily
- English speaking tour escort and local guides for city tours
- Modern deluxe motorcoach
- Admissions to historical sites as per program

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PARIS AND NORMANDY

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ADMISSIONS INCLUDED

DAY 1
After arrival in Paris we board our luxury European land-cruising, air-conditioned, lav-equipped, touring coach and on our way into Paris we enjoy a panoramic tour with our licensed Paris guide, showing us the best of Paris that can be seen from the coaches, including the Left Bank, the Opera Quarter, Latin Quarter, and the Champs-Elysees with its Arc de Triomphe as time permits. We'll stop for lunch on our own around noon, then we'll go on to enjoy a cruise on the Seine River to see the city sights from the river. Then we walk across the street to the Eiffel Tower (adm. incl., pending availability) to ascend to the highest level for the amazing view of the city. We'll arrive at the Place de la Republique at about 5:30 PM, on one of the most beautiful squares in Paris, to check into our hotel. After an early check-in, we are free to explore the city of Paris. Accommodation.

DAY 2
After breakfast our coach will take us to to the Palace of Versailles, famous for its beautiful royal châteaux and extensive gardens. Our visit to Versailles Palace includes the gardens, Hall of Mirrors, Salon de Venus, Royal Chapel, and much more. Return to Paris and day at leisure. Acommodation.

DAY 3
After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for our city tour including Notre Dame Cathedral, St. Chapelle, the fine Gothic cathedral famed for its extensive stained glass and upper chapel, and the Conciergerie, a prison for 500 years, where Marie Antoinette was held before her execution, now a museum. From there, we transfer to the Champs-Elysees, the 5th Avenue of Paris, starting with the Arc de Triomphe, standing at the top of the avenue. We'll have the chance to enter and climb to the top of the Arch for pictures (optional admission), and then we can take our time to walk down famous boulevard, shopping and exploring. Next, we'll go to the Louvre, where our guide will show us the highlights of the famous museum. Originally, in 1190 it was a fortress of King Philippe-Auguste, and today it is a ten-acre complex with over 30 halls of art and history--some of the most famous in the world, including Venus de Milo and the Mona Lisa. Return to hotel and day at leisure.

DAY 4
Today is a metro day, since the coaches are required to take a day off. So after a leisurely breakfast, at 9:30, we'll walk out in the square and into the metro station for the short ride to the opera quarter and a guided tour of the amazing Paris Opera House, entering at 10:30. Famous throughout the world for its beauty, its history is equally interesting. Lunch on our own near the Opera. Now we transfer to Montmartre, site of the vast and impressive Sacre Coeur Cathedral with its ovoid dome, the second highest point in Paris. Montmartre has been a place for artists for over 200 years. We'll enjoy the cafes and artist stalls in Place du Tertre near the cathedral, and we can find an early Parisian church dating to the 6th century and a gallery displaying over 300 works of Salvador Dali. Montmartre is also the site of the last vineyard in the city. We'll have dinner on our own at the Place du Tertre, and we can shop and watch the local artists working. Late afternoon, we return to the hotel.

DAY 5
Today is checkout day, and we will leave at 8:00 AM. Then we proceed down the scenic Romantic Road and on the way, we'll stop at Monet Gardens in Giverny. In addition to seeing the garden, familiar to those who know Monet's creations, we will enter the house where he lived and worked. Then we proceed to the ancient city of Rouen on the River Seine, where we will visit the cathedral and other sites, and enjoy a fine lunch in the square. Included will be the site of Joan of Arc being burned at the stake in 1431. Our next stop is the quaint port of Honfleur for several hours of shopping and sightseeing before continuing on to our hotel in Deauville.

DAY 6
Today is a memorial day, a time to pay homage to the American and other Allied soldiers that gave their lives in the D-Day invasion. We depart the hotel at 9:00 AM. First we visit the German battery Longues Sur Mer, and then we proceed Arromanches for lunch. From there we proceed to Omaha Beach. We'll visit the American cemetery at Omaha Beach , also we'll have time to hike down to the beach itself. We then return to Deauville, where dinner is on our own, with many fine seafood and coastal French restaurants to choose.

DAY 7
Today, we leave early (8:30 AM) for the south coast of Normandy, a morning's drive. We arrive at lunchtime at the amazing Mont St-Michel, the island Benedictine Abbey and village that are so symbolic of the French Normandy coast. We'll have time to explore there with our guides, visiting the abbey, the ramparts on the sea, the refectory, and the Knight's room. After a little shopping on the Rue Grande, we'll head back toward our hotel.

DAY 8
This morning, we'll have a late breakfast and enjoy the hotel and its facilities. We depart on the coach at about 9:30 for Paris for a little free time or shopping. We arrive in Paris at about 2:00 PM to check in. At 8:00 PM we drive to the Eiffel Tower for the evening light show. Accommodation.



DAY 9
After another great breakfast, we board the coach to depart the hotel for the airport.



SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

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ADMISSIONS INCLUDED

DAY 1 **MADRID**
After arrival, luggage retrieval and customs, we'll be met by our USIT tour conductor and our city guides and board the coaches for our transfer to the city. Madrid, capital of Spain, is located in the heart of the peninsula and right in the center of the Castilian plain 1800 feet above sea level, with a population of over three million. It's a cosmopolitan city, a business center, and headquarters for the Public Administration, Government, Spanish Parliament and the home of the Spanish Royal Family. As it is too early for check-in, we'll start with a panoramic tour of the city, including lunch on our own, followed by a walking tour, beginning at the Plaza Mayor. The most striking building in the Plaza Mayor is the Casa de la Panadería (Bakery house), with its colorful fresco-adorned façade. On the opposite side of the square is the Casa de la Carnicería. This former butcher shop now houses Municipal offices. Until the last century, the Plaza Mayor was used as a marketplace on weekdays and was the scene of popular events from bullfights to public announcement of sentences during the Inquisition, religious processions, public executions and dance and theater festivals. We go on to walk through the area, seeing the Palacio de Santa Cruz, Mercado de San Miguel, and the Plaza de la Villa, Inaugurated in 1620, this large rectangular, stone paved plaza with its ground floor arcades underwent its last remodeling in 1853 by Juan de Villanueva, ending at the Plaza del Sol, a pedestrian shopping area. Return to hotel, check in and accommodation.

DAY 2 **MADRID**
After breakfast at the hotel, we'll start our guided tour by entering the Royal Palace, the Palacio Real for a tour. The palace is one of the most beautiful in Europe, especially its architecture and gardens. There are also excellent frescos inside the palace by Tiépolo, and paintings by Velázquez, Goya, Rubens, El Greco, Juan de Flandes and Caravaggio, among others. We'll also tour the Royal Almudena Cathedral nearby. After lunch on our own, we walk down to the famous Prado Museum (admission included) After our visit to the Prado, we drive back to our hotel. Day at leisure. Accommodation.

DAY 3 **MADRID - SEVILLE**
After a leisurely breakfast, we walk the short distance to Madrid Puerta De Atocha train station to take the TGV (high-speed train) to Seville's Santa Justa Station. Seville is in the heart of Andalusia. On arrival, we"ll transfer to the heart of the city, where we'll have lunch on our own and a little time for shopping. Then we'll start our tour by seeing the famous Catedral de Santa María de la Sede de Sevilla, One highlight of the cathedral's lavish interior is Christopher Columbus' supposed tomb inside the south door. The tower that adjoins the Cathedral is La Giralda. It was the mosque's minaret and dates from the 12th century. Those who wish can climb up the tower for a panoramic view, using the same ticket as for the cathedral. Next we transfer to our hotel to check in. Evening at leisure.

DAY 4 **SEVILLE**
Today we start with our panoramic tour of Seville. First we'll discover the architecture of 1929 in Seville when the IberoAmerican Exhibition took place in the capital of Andalusia. Next is Plaza de España, the centerpiece of the 1929 Spanish-Americas Fair. It boasts fountains and mini-canals and is surrounded by a display of tile work representing all the provinces of Spain. If we need a break from the city, we'll head into the tranquillity of the adjoining Parque de María Luisa, only a 10-minute walk east of the cathedral. On the way to the Plaza de España, we will see the city's old tobacco factory that was the setting for Bizet's Carmen, which is a part of Seville University now. Then we coach to the Plaza de America and the Pabellon Mudejar, located by the Maria Luisa Gardens. We continue to the city center where we'll visit the Alcazar Royal Palace, the oldest Spanish King's residence. This was a fortress from the Muslim era (dating from AD 913), which served as a hideout of Muslim and Christian royalty for many centuries. It's a fantastic example of the Moorish style: tiles, mosaics, ceilings, courtyards and Arabic and Renaissance gardens. We'll pass the Plaza de Toros de la Real Maestranza. It's well worth a visit, since Seville's bullring is one of the oldest (1758) and most famous in Spain. The tour will finish at the Santa Cruz Quarter, the Jewish district with narrow streets and small squares with orange trees and flowers. Then we move on to the Golden Tower. On the banks of the River Guadalquivir stands the Torre de Oro, which today represents one of Seville's major landmarks. It houses important documents related to the nautical history of Seville. The Moors originally built it as a way to close access to the harbour by stretching a chain across the mouth of the harbor. During the day, we'll have time for lunch on our own and some free time for exploring.

DAY 5 **SEVILLE - LISBON**
Today is a long day on the coach, making our way to Lisbon, but there is much to see, so we'll leave around 9:00 AM from the hotel. We travel west on the highway, passing stretches of olive groves before seeing the Mediterranean. We'll stop along the



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highway for lunch before continuing north towards Lisbon. We'll take the motorway through the southwest mountains of Portugal, and then west to Lisbon, where we should arrive before 4:00 PM. On arrival in Lisbon, we'll walk through the medieval Alfama district, a village within the city, still made up of narrow streets, tiny squares, churches, and whitewashed houses, and up to St. George's Castle, dating from the 6th century, overlooking the city. There are many churches in Lisbon, foremost among them are the cathedral, the oldest building in Lisbon, dating from 1150 AD, which we'll see on our walk. Check in at hotel. Accommodation.

DAY 6 **LISBON**

After a late breakfast at the hotel, we'll start by driving north of Lisbon to the royal town of Sintra, hidden in the lush mountain forests. We'll have time there for a little shopping and exploration. The Romans made it a place of cult moon worship and named it „Cynthia" after the goddess of the moon. They were followed by the Moors who also fell in love with the lush vegetation and built a hilltop castle, a palace, and several fountains around the town. Later it became the summer residence of the Portuguese royal family and attracted a number of wealthy aristocrats who built huge mansions and villas. We'll come back down along the Atlantic coast to the lighthouse at Cabo Roca, with its amazing views of the pounding Atlantic surf. After a brief stop there, we'll continue down the coast to the coastal town of Cascais, with its beautiful beaches, and enjoy lunch on our own. From there we approach Lisbon along the waterfront and stop to visit the amazing Jeronimos Monastery. This monastery, dedicated to St. Jerome, is the most impressive symbol of Portugal's power and wealth during the Age of Discovery. King Manuel I built it in 1502 on the site of a hermitage founded by Prince Henry the Navigator, where Vasco da Gama and his crew spent their last night in Portugal in prayer before leaving for India. We'll also go by the Belem Tower and the Discoveries Monument and hear a little more about Portuguese history. From there, we return to the hotel .

DAY 7 **LISBON - COIMBRA - PORTO**

After breakfast early at the hotel, we'll check out and board the coach for our trip north to Porto. On the way, we'll stop to visit to visit the Batalha Monastery. Batalha was erected in commemoration of the 1385 Battle of Aljubarrota, to thank the Virgin Mary for the Portuguese victory over the Castilians. It took more than a century to build, starting in 1386 and ending circa 1517, and it's one of the most important Gothic sites in Portugal.



We leave Batalha mid-morning for Coimbra, about two hours' drive from Porto. Together we'll visit University Library and the Cathedral. Inside the library, there are three great rooms divided by decorated arches. The walls are covered by two storied shelves, in gilded or painted exotic woods and the ceilings are decorated with painting, and the library contains about 250 thousand volumes. After lunch on our own in Coimbra, we continue to Porto. Accommodation.

DAY 8 **PORTO - SALAMANCA**

This morning, we'll take a brief tour of Porto, including a cruise on River Douro to see the city from the water, including the city's six bridges, before departing for Salamanca, Spain. Lunch on our own is taken along the way, and we arrive Salamanca in the early afternoon for a tour of the city. We'll start with the historic Plaza Mayor, where we'll hear about the major historic events of Salamanca, followed by visits to the Old Cathedral and the New Cathedral. The interior architecture and decorations of the New Cathedral are rich and elegant, and we'll see three of the chapels: the Golden Chapel, the Chapel of the Veil and the Chapel of Saint Roque. After check-in free time to walk around the Old Town.

DAY 9 **SALAMANCA - MADRID AIRPORT**

We depart the hotel early in the morning to travel to Barajas International Airport in Madrid for checking in to our flight back home.









PARIS, PROVENCE AND THE FRENCH RIVIERA

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ADMISSIONS INCLUDED

DAY 1 **MARSEILLE - AVIGNON**
After arrival in Marseille we'll board our coach for the short drive to Avignon. On arrival in Avignon, we take the short ride into town to check into our hotel and rest for a while or explore the city center on our own. The town offers much to entice us: narrow alleys that open onto expansive plazas, delightful shopping areas, and regional cuisine.

DAY 2 **AVIGNON**
Today we begin early, with a visit to the Papal Palace. Named the City of the Popes, Avignon retains the mark of the Popes' stay in the city, when for a hundred years, it was the capital of the Christian world in the 14th century. The highlight of our visit will be a guided tour of the Papal Palace, the largest Gothic palace in Europe, and ranked by UNESCO as Heritage for humanity site. Included in the visit will be the courtyard, private papal apartments, and the cloisters. Then we board our coach for a visit into the countryside, heading toward the Luberon, a National Park comprised of medieval wine growing villages sprinkled across its mountain range. Our first stop is the village Isle sur la Sorgues, a charming village built on several islands scattered among the five branches of the Sorgue River, and a haven for antique lovers and famous for its many waterwheels. By the time we get there, it will be time for lunch, so we'll take time for it here. Then we head into the hills, we'll enjoy a guided visit of the isolated Cistercian Abbey of Sénanque, built in the12th century in the hills above Gordes. Last stop today is at the Provencal market of the „Golden Village" of Gordes. Enjoy time to stroll this picturesque hilltop village, shop and a stroll in the village at leisure for photos and special items. Gordes can boast being one of the most beautiful villages in France. It is also proud of its castle firmly planted in its core. It is also the site of a recent movie entitled "A Good Year", starring Russell Crowe, featuring a local vineyard. This area is part of the Côtes du Rhône, famous for its wines, so we'll visit one of them for a wine-tasting before returning to Avignon.

DAY 3 **AVIGNON AREA - LES BAUX - ARLES - SAINT REMY DE PROVENCE**
This morning we'll start at 9:00, departing for the hill town of Les Baux de Provence, a hilltop medieval stronghold in the Alpille region, one of the "Most Beautiful Villages of France", a short drive from Avignon. The medieval streets, the ruins of the chateau, the grandiose panorama--everything makes you dream of knights and troubadours, and the shopping's excellent, too. Then we'll continue on to Arles (where we'll start with lunch on our own) and then with guides, tour its Roman ruins, including the Roman Amphitheater, the Antique Theatre, the thermal baths of Constantine, and the Cryptoportico and Cloister of Saint-Trophime. After a little time for shopping in Arle, we'll start back to Avignon, with a stop in St. Remy de Provence, VanGogh's Provence, a delightful little town. Back in Avignon for accommodation.

DAY 4 **AVIGNON - AIX-EN-PROVENCE - NICE**
After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for Nice on the French Riviera. As we travel south, we'll come to Aix-en-Provence, where we'll stop for a short tour and some free time to enjoy this upscale Provencale city. Aix is a university town and former provincial capital, built around Roman baths and numerous churches. It has narrow cobblestoned streets leading through various plazas, and its streets are lined with clothing stores, cafés, gift shops, and patisseries. Its grand central street is the Cours Mirabeau, with two tall rows of plane trees and a series of fountains and cafés. We'll enjoy an early lunch on our own before we continue to Nice. We'll approach Nice along the highway above the Mediterranean and arrive mid-afternoon. Before checking into our hotel on the shore, we'll enjoy a walking tour to familiarize ourselves with main areas and attractions of the city.

DAY 5 **NICE, CANNES, AND ANTIBES**
Today we start with Nice, where we're staying. A visit to Vieux Nice (Old Nice) begins at Massena Square and flows into the Cours Saleya, the center of life in the Old Town. We walk past the Opera House and Rossetti Square to explore the narrow pedestrian streets of the old town. We'll see the Cathédrale Sainte Réparate, consecrated in 1699. Named in honor of Nice's patron saint, the interior is glorious. We'll end at the beach, the Bay of Angels and the Promenade de Anglais, where our hotel is located. Then we board the coach and drive down the coast to Antibes, considered the gem of the Cote d'Azur. When we arrive, we'll explore the Old Town, with its original ancient walls and meandering, narrow cobblestoned streets, and we'll visit its colorful Provencal Market in the center of Town. Then we're on to nearby Cannes. After lunch on our own, we'll climb Le Suquet with its narrow cobbled streets to the 12th century Tour de Mt .Chevalier and the church of Notre Dame de l'Espérance, overlooking the old port. From the ancient rampart in front of the church, you can see east across the town, the port, and the bay to the Cap de la Croisette, and to the west across the Gulf of La Napoule to the Esterel mountains—all-in-all, a grand view! Then, at the foot of the Old town, we will pass the heart of Cannes to the Covered Market (Marché Forville). The market itself is at the west end of rue Meynardiers, one of the Cote's best gourmand streets. Then we we'll walk through the Old Port to catch a



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bit of the city's history. We'll pass the Palais des Festivals, where stars gather and watch films during the Cannes Film Festival and we can pose for a photograph on the 22 steps leading up to the entrance. After our walking tour of the city, we'll enjoy the rest of the afternoon is free to explore the shops and spend some time walking along the beaches on La Croisette, the waterfront avenue lined with tall palms. Return to our hotel in Nice.

DAY 6 **NICE AND MONACO**

After a leisurely breakfast, we depart the hotel at 9:00 and our destination is the famous coastal principality of Monaco, famous for its Monte Carlo casino and for the Prince Rainier and Princess Grace Kelly. On arrival, we start with a visit to Oceanographic Museum. Opened in 1910 by its founder, Prince Albert, this exceptional museum is masterpiece of monumental architecture overlooks the sea from the top of a sheer drop of 240 feet. Just before noon, we'll arrive at the Royal Palace to see the Changing of the Guard a delightful old-world ceremony, and take a tour of the Royal Palace. Then it's on to the Monte Carlo casino square, where we can watch the procession of Ferraris, Astons, Rolls', Bentleys, Bugattis, and Lamborghinis. While there, we'll visit the Casino Gardens and Terraces, the French style garden of lawns and magnificent fountains, sitting alongside the "Little Africa" garden. Then we go for lunch on our own and some free time for shopping. Midafternoon, we start back to Nice, with a special stop at the village of Eze overlooking the sea, for a visit to the "Usine Laboratoire d'Eze", where the Fragonard products are made (perfumery, soaps and cosmetics). We return to Nice for accommodation.

DAY 7 **NICE - PARIS**

After an early breakfast at the hotel, we transfer the short distance to the Nice train station for our 7:04 AM high-speed TGV to Paris. We'll enjoy seeing the scenery of the French countryside as we relax in comfortable seats or sip a coffee or drink in the café car. We arrive at Gare de Lyon at 12:41 PM, and take our lunch (incl.) at the nearby Café Barjot. Then we'll board the coach for our panoramic guided tour to see the best of Paris that can be seen from the coach, including the Left Bank, the Opera Quarter, Latin Quarter, and the Champs-Elysees with its Arc de Triomphe as time permits. At 4:00 PM, we'll proceed to the famous Louvre, where our guide will show us the highlights of the famous museum. Originally, in 1190 it was a fortress of King Philippe-Auguste, and today it is a ten-acre complex with over 30 halls of art and history--some of the most famous in the world, including Venus de Milo and the Mona Lisa. After our tour at the Louvre, we'll check in at our hotel. After check-in, we are free to settle in and go to dinner.

DAY 8 **PARIS**

After a full hot buffet breakfast at the hotel, we depart at 9:00 for river piers across from the Eiffel Tower to enjoy a cruise on the Seine River to see the city sights from the river. Then we walk across the street to the Eiffel Tower, and if we wish, we can ascend to the highest level for the amazing view of the city. Following this visit, we transfer to the area of Notre Dame Cathedral, where we will hear comments from our guide outside and then visit the interior to complete the tour. After Notre Dame, there is time for lunch in the area or across the river in the Latin Quarter. Our guide can tell you about St. Chapelle and the Conciergerie should you wish to visit them on your own. St. Chapelle is a fine Gothic cathedral famed for its extensive stained glass and upper chapel, and the Conciergerie, a prison for 500 years, is where Marie Antoinette was held before her execution, now a museum. At 3:30, we transfer to Montmartre, site of the vast and impressive Sacre Coeur Cathedral with its ovoid dome, the second highest point in Paris. Montmartre has been a place for artists for over 200 years. We'll enjoy the cafes and artist stalls in Place du Tertre near the cathedral, and we can find an early Parisian church dating to the 6th century and a gallery displaying over 300 works of Salvador Dali. Montmartre is also the site of the last vineyard in the city. Dinner is on our own tonight,

DAY 9 **PARIS**

After breakfast at the hotel, we board the coaches for the short drive out of Paris to the Palace of Versailles, famous for its beautiful royal châteaux and extensive gardens. Our visit to Versailles Palace includes the gardens, Hall of Mirrors, Salon de Venus, Royal Chapel, and much more. We return to Paris and the rest of the day is free for us to explore Paris on our own.



DAY 10 **DEPART FOR HOME**

After another great, we board the coach to depart the hotel for the airport.







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- 10 overnights in central first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast
- Deluxe motorcoach
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BAVARIA, AUSTRIA AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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ADMISSIONS INCLUDED

DAY 1 MUNICH
Arrival at Munich Airport and departure for a short tour of Munich City Center and the historic area. We'll go by the Olympic Stadium, see the Frauenkirche, Munich's twin-spired Cathedral, spend a little time exploring Marienplatz, the city's central square. Check in at hotel. Accommodation.

DAY 2 MUNICH - SALZBURG
After an early breakfast at the hotel, we check out of our hotel and drive through the country towns on the way to the castle of Mad King Ludwig at Neuschwanstein near the small town of Fussen, Bavaria. Probably the most famous castle in the world, it was the inspiration for Disney's Magic Kingdom castle. We arrive at Neuschwanstein, organize to climb the trail up to the castle for an English tour of the castle. Lunch is on your own in the Bavarian village after our tour of the castle. We then depart for Salzburg, Austria, traveling though the famous alpine Fern Pass to pass through Innsbruck. Shortly after Innsbruck, we come to the Swarovski Headquarters, where we will stop for a short tour and break .Continue to Salzburg and accommodation.

DAY 3 SALZBURG
7:30 AM Breakfast at the hotel and short drive way up into the mountains to Berchtesgaden, Germany, where the Alps begin. Time permitting, we'll stop at one of the Sound of Music sites, Schloss Heilbrunn outside Salzburg, where the famous gazebo stands, then continue on the Berchtesgaden. Here, at 3:30, we'll enjoy a boat ride and tour of the famous deep green waters of the Koenigssee in the Berchtesgaden National Forest, the most photographed panorama in Germany, an alpine lake with forest and near vertical cliffs on its banks. The boat, with silent electric motor, crosses the lake and glides to a small peninsula where the ancient baroque chapel of St. Bartholomew has stood for 600 years, accessible only by water. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy the city of Salzburg.

DAY 4 SALZBURG
Breakfast at the hotel. 9:30 departure by coach to Mirabelle Gardens, where we start our walking tour. Mirabelle Gardens, is one of the Sound of Music sites. From there, we continue to tour through the Old City (Altstadt) on foot, the best way to see it. This is a very compact area between the jutting outcrop of the Moenchsberg and the Salzach River. The rest of the Old City belonged to the wealthy burghers: the old market, the town hall, and the tall, plain burghers' houses like Mozart's Birthplace . We take the funicular up to the Fortress Hohensalzburg, where on a clear day, you can see the nearby Alps in all their glory. After lunch on our own, we meet continue to the legendary Salzkammergut lake district was already a popular retreat during the emperor's time: its sparkling lakes are sprinkled among mountains and forests, offering the perfect escape. The Salzkammergut tours have Fuschlsee, Wolfgangsee and Mondsee on the program. Mozart's mother was born in St. Gilgen; in St. Wolfgang the unique Gothic winged altar, sculpted by Michael Pacher, and the „Weisses Rössl" restaurant, a popular song theme, are among the leading attractions. Return to Salzburg and overnight.

DAY 5 SALZBURG - VIENNA
After an early breakfast at the hotel and check-out, we leave Salzburg at 8:00 AM sharp, and head towards Vienna. We depart for Vienna through the beautiful Austrian countryside. As we travel on towards Vienna, we'll stop along the way for a tour of St. Florian's Abbey ("Stift St. Florian") at 10:00 AM for a tour of the abbey, including its magnificent library and Baroque cathedral. The composer Anton Bruckner was the organist here for ten years, and his tomb in the catacombs, which we can visit and sing briefly, is directly under the organ he so loved, the famous Krissman organ. After visiting St. Florian, we'll continue driving along the beautiful Danube River, winding through upper Austria towards Vienna. We'll stop for a short visit in the town of Krems, in the heart of the wine and apricot region, to stretch our legs and see a little bit of this river town. At Krems we reboard the coaches for our last leg of the day into Vienna, where we arrive late afternoon or early evening at our four-star hotel for check-in.

DAY 6 VIENNA
Breakfast and city tour, which will give you an overall impression of the most significant sights of Vienna. Along the Ringstrasse we show you numerous magnificent buildings, such as the State Opera House, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Natural History Museum, the cultural district the Museums Quartier, the former Habsburg winter residence (Hofburg), the Parliament, the City Hall and the National Theatre. The highlight of this tour will be a visit of the showrooms of Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer evidence of the Habsburg family. On the way back to the opera we pass by the gardens of the Belvedere Palace, the former summer residence of Prince Eugen, where you can enjoy a breath taking view over the old town. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation.

DAY 7 VIENNA
Breakfast and day at leisure. Possibility of an optional tour of the Danube Valley (not included)

DAY 8 VIENNA - PRAGUE
After breakfast at hotel we depart from Vienna to travel north to Prague. The countryside is beautiful as we leave Austria and travel through the rolling countryside of the Czech Republic. We arrive at mid-day in Prague and after a quick lunch on our own, we begin our sightseeing with a short walking starting with the Charles Bridge area. Standing at Novotného lávka at the right bank of Vltava River you will see the monument of Bedrich Smetana, the most famous of the Czech composers, and enjoy the panorama of the Prague castle sites on the opposite bank of the river. We continue then further to the Old Town Square, where we'll have a chance to admire the Astronomical Clock and the gothic Church of Our Lady before Teyn. At 6:00 PM, we check into our hotel, a four-star hotel near the heart of Prague.

DAY 9 PRAGUE
Breakfast and city tour including the most interesting historical monuments, such as Wenceslas Square, the National Theatre as well as an interior visit of Prague Castle. During a walking tour, we'll see the famous Old Town Square with its astronomical clock, the Gothic church of the Virgin of Tyn and the famous Charles Bridge. Afternoon at leisure and accommodation.

DAY 10 PRAGUE
Breakfast and day at leisure. Accommodation in Prague. Optionally (not included), you can take an excursion to Karlovy Vary, the classic thermal residence of the former Austro-Hungarian monarchs.

DAY 11 PRAGUE
Breakfast and transfer to airport.





INCLUDED SERVICES

- 9 overnights in first class hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast
- English speaking tour escort and local guides for city tours
- Modern deluxe motorcoach
- Admissions to historical sites as per program
- Fast ferry ticket from Tallin to Helsinki
- Luggage handling at all hotels

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BALTIC HIGHLIGHTS

• DAYS • 10

ADMISSIONS INCLUDED

DAY 1 WARSAW
Arrival in Warsaw and transfer to your central located first class hotel.
Warsaw, since 1595 the capital of Poland, is a symbol of the turbulent history of our country. The Old Town Area - the oldest quarter of Warsaw totally destroyed during the Warsaw Uprising [1944], then, after the war, perfectly reconstructed.

DAY 2 WARSAW
Breakfast and we start the day with a city tour which giving you a general impression of the Poland's capital completed by walks and inside visit to Wilanow Palace, the baroque residence of King John III Sobieski, the famous conqueror of the Turks at the battle of Vienna in 1683. By bus you pass the Royal Route with its aristocratic residences, historic churches and famous statues. Historical sites as the Ghetto Memorial, the Monument of Warsaw Uprising, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Grand Theater, Chopin's monument, the Belvedere Palace and then get all the way to the Old Town. Enjoy a walking tour passing by the Castle Square, King Sigismund's Column, St. John's Cathedral, the Old Town Market Square and the Barbican. Afternoon at leisure and accommodation.

DAY 3 WARSAW - VILNIUS
Breakfast and drive by bus to Lithuania. Arrival and accommodation. Do not miss to stroll around the old town during the evening.

DAY 4 VILNIUS - TRAKAI - VILNIUS
After breakfast we start with the Vilnius city tour. During sightseeing in Vilnius tourists visit Old town of Vilnius (St. Anna's Church, ST. Peter's and Paul's Church, the Cathedral, University, Gates of Dawn). The Old Town, which is included to the UNESCO World Heritage List, looks like a maze of small streets. In the center of the Old Town stands the Cathedral with a bell tower. It occupies the site of an ancient pagan temple to the God Perkunas and originally lay within the fortification system of the Lower Castle. In the narrow old streets one will see numerous pieces of historical heritage, like St. Anna's Church - a gem of Gothic architecture, University building, St. Peter-Paul Church, as well as the ruins of the Upper and Lower Castle. Free time for lunch and drive to Trakai Castle. Trakai, the former capital of Lithuania, which is situated on an island in the middle of a lake. The 14th century red brick castle now houses the Art Museum. The castles of Trakai are the best known works of defensive architecture in Lithuania. The old town of Trakai, which includes the Island and the Peninsula Castles, surrounded by lakes, is one of the most impressive and most picturesque locations in Europe. Return to Vilnius and accommodation.

DAY 5 VILNIUS - RUNDALE PALACE RIGA
Breakfast and departure to Rundale Palace, the most magnificent masterpiece of baroque architecture in the Baltic States, lies at a distance of 70 km from Riga. It was built in the first part of the 18th century by the Italian architect F. B. Rastrelli, the baroque genius from Italy who created many of St. Petersburg's finest buildings including the Winter Palace. The professionally renovated palace interiors are decorated with authentic 18th cent. furniture, paintings and china. The most impressive are the Golden Hall, the White Hall, the bedroom of the Duke of Courland Johan Ernst Biron. The palace boasts a beautiful French-style park. Further travel Riga. Late afternoon arrival in Riga. Check in at the hotel. Overnight in Riga.

DAY 6 RIGA
Breakfast at the hotel and city tour of this medieval hanseatic town, including St. Peter's Cathedral from whose steeple will be the best views in the city, Riga castle with its three wonderful museums, Dome Cathedral, which boasts one of the world's largest pipe organs, and the old Guild houses. You will see why Riga came to be known as one of Europe's leading exponents of the late 19th and early 20th century architectural style of Art Nouveau. The, Riga boasts Europe's greatest concentration of Jugendstil (German Art Nouveau) buildings.

DAY 7 RIGA - SIGULDA - PÄRNU - TALLINN
Breakfast at the hotel and drive to Sigulada, one of the most picturesque towns in Latvia. often called the Latvian Switzerland. Sigulda is situated in the Gauja National Park and is known as the most popular tourist and leisure destination as well as a famous winter sports resort in Latvia because of its bob-sleigh track and the down-hill skiing routes. Experience a genuine whiff of the Middle Ages, a time of romantic legends, castles and heroic figures, visiting the ruins of the 13th centuryCrusader Castle, and the Kropotkin's Palace in the outskirts of Sigulda. By coach you will travel down into the river valley, enjoy the landscape and the walk to the sandstone grottoes on the ancient river bank. Continue to Parnu. Pärnu is the best known Estonian resort and also a Hanseatic city, a harbour city and a university city. The sleepy rhythm of Pärnu changes completely when the flag of the Estonian summer capital starts flying high on the summer equinox – life on the beach, dozens of festivals, night clubs and the big party crowd that have moved here. The city is very charming and it contains a nice 19th century shopping district. While walking in the city enjoy its parks and the streets. Further travel to Tallinn. Overnight.



DAY 8 TALLINN
Breakfast at the hotel and City tour of Tallinn, a picturesque old city, where whole districts date back to the Middle Ages. You will visit the Old Town with its quaint narrow streets and beautiful merchants' houses exemplifying the best of Gothic architecture. The tour includes Toompea Castle, the 13th century Dome church, the 19th century Russian orthodox Cathedral of Alexander Nevskij, the 15th century town Hall square, the Old Guild built to celebrate Tallinn's membership in the Hanseatic League, and St. Olaf's church. On Driving part visit Tallinn's suburbs and Song Festival Grounds, St Brigittes monastery and Pirita area. Afternoon at leisure and accommodation.



DAY 9 TALLINN - BALTIC FERRY - HELSINKI
Breakfast at the hotel transfer to harbour for a 2 hours fast ferry crossing of the Baltic Sea to Helsinki. Arrival at noon and check in at hotel. Helsinki is now over 450 years old as a town and the city is surrounded by the sea and islands. Helsinki is also a synthesis of nature and culture. Many of its attractions, and its architecture bearing trails of both its western and eastern heritage, are easily revealed to the tourist roaming the city on foot. With its numerous museums, rich musical life and wide variety of exhibitions and events. In the afternoon we will make a city tour of Helskinki visiting the most important and interesting parts of Helsinki: Sibelius Monument - The Opera House - The Presidential Palace - The Parliament building - The Senate Square - Finlandia Hall - Tempeliaukio Church - City Hall.

DAY 10 HELSINKI
Breakfast and departure to airport.



SCANDINAVIAN EXPLORER

• DAYS • 10

ADMISSIONS INCLUDED



DAY 1 **COPENHAGEN**
Arriving Copenhagen we pick up our luggage and process through customs, to meet our guide. Transfer to our hotel for check-in.

DAY 2 **COPENHAGEN**
We enjoy a full breakfast at the hotel and start our day with a panoramic city tour, including the most interesting sights in Copenhagen--like Town Hall Square, Christiansborg Palace, Nyhafen Port with its charming old houses, and the landmark of Copenhagen, the famous "Little Mermaid". We´ll enjoy a canal cruise through the old town and modern city to get even a better impression of the most interesting sights. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation.

DAY 3 **COPENHAGEN - DFDS FERRY - OSLO**
We enjoy a full breakfast at the hotel and then we depart for the northern area of Copenhagen, admiring the spectacular Danish countryside as you travel along the coastline towards Elsinore and listen to your guide's insightful narration. On arrival, marvel at the majestic structure of Kronborg Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed structure used as the setting for the film adaptation of Shakespeare's Hamlet. Venture within and enjoy a guided tour of the opulent chambers and stolid towers inside the castle. Return to Copenhagen and free time in the old town until we embark our ferry to Oslo. Around 3:30 pm, we drive to the harbour and embark on the DFDS Ferry to Oslo. Departure at 4:50 PM. We`ll all be accommodated in outside cabins. This popular route links the Danish and Norwegian capitals. Sailing overnight on a large cruise ferry, you'll have time to relax and enjoy the excellent entertainment and leisure facilities on board. Dinner is provided on the ship.

DAY 4 **OSLO**
Buffet breakfast on board. Around 9.am arrival in Oslo and disembarkation. We start directly the city tour from harbour, visiting the Vigeland Sculpture Park, home to a vast collection of sculptures, which inhabit its landscape. The park portrays Gustave Vigeland's observation of the themes of life and relationships. We'll continue touring by passing by the Royal Palace, which was built in the first half of the 19th century as the Norway residence of Norwegian and Swedish King Charles III and is the official residence of the present Norwegian monarch. Next step takes us to the Akershus Slott (Akershus Castle) to learn of the fort's history and enjoy stunning views from the top of the fortress. We'll also meander through the beautiful grounds. We finish our tour with the Oslo Opera House--a new landmark in the city, having only been built in 2008. The venue offers open-air concerts as well as fantastic views of the city if you climb its sloping rooftops! Fans of architecture will also enjoy admiring trendy Aker Brygge, a shopping centre that was once a shipyard. Here you can shop, dine in dockside restaurants and people-watch.

DAY 5 **OSLO - LOFTHUS**
After another hearty breakfast, we board our coaches and depart to the fjord area, passing through breath taking landscape and past the ski resort of Gol, Geilo and hen crossing the mountain area of the Hardanger Plateau. Driving along the Eidfjord, we arrive late afternoon at Lofthus, Norway. Enjoy your stay surrounded by a fairy-tale landscape.

DAY 6 **LOFTHUS - BERGEN**
After breakfast, we cross the Hardanger Bridge and driving along the Hardanger Fiorden Road we arrive at noon in Bergen. Bergen is Norway's second largest city, and lies clambering up the mountain sides, overlooking the sea. You can roam through living history in this modern city, before continuing on to explore the wildest and loveliest fjords of Norway. Founded more than 900 years ago, Bergen has roots to the Viking Age and beyond. As one of the main offices of the Hanseatic League, Bergen was for several hundred years the centre of prosperous trade between Norway and the rest of Europe. Bryggen, („The Hanseatic Wharf") is the most obvious remnant from this time, and is today home to many of the city's restaurants, pubs, craft shops and historical museums. After checking in at our hotel we start our city tour, which offers an initial overview of the history and structure of the city, and it takes you through the charming streets of Bergen, focusing on the downtown area surrounding the hustling harbour, the UNESCO-listed Wharf, the beautiful city park, and adjoining museums.

DAY 7 **BERGEN - LILLEHAMMER**
Another great breakfast and we depart for the area of the Sognefjord, situated in the middle of Fjord Norway, containing some of the wildest and most beautiful scenery in Norway.



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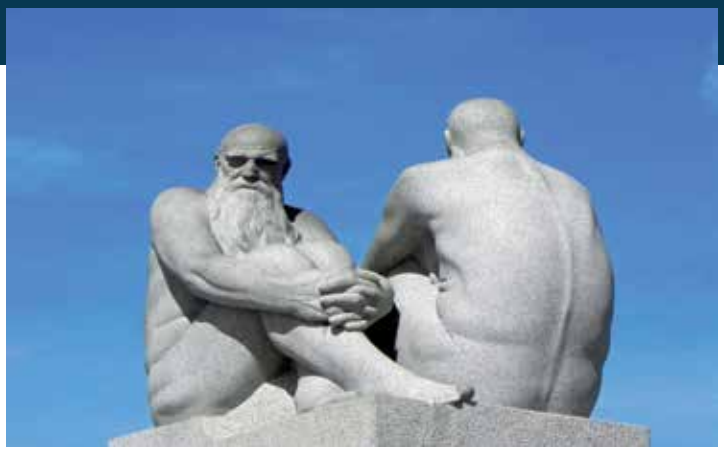


INCLUDED SERVICES

- -9 overnights (8x in central first class hotels 1 x on ferry, in outside cabin) including buffet breakfast
- Deluxe motorcoach
- English speaking tour escort and local guides for city tours
- Admissions to historical sites as per program
- 1 dinner on board DFDS Ferry

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The area has dramatic scenery and unique cultural attractions. National Geographic Traveller magazine has called this area „the world's most iconic destination". We'll make a short stop in Voss and continue to Gudvangen, where we take a ferry-cruise to Flam. We then continue by coach to Lillehammer. The city center is a late 19th-century concentration of wooden houses, which enjoys a picturesque location overlooking the northern part of lake Mjøsa and the river Lågen surrounded by mountains. Lillehammer hosted the 1994 Winter Olympics and 2016 Winter Youth Olympics.

DAY 8 **LILLEHAMMER - STOCKHOLM**

After breakfast, we depart for Stockholm, crossing a typical Scandinavian countryside with lakes and wooden houses. We arrive mid-day and check-in to our hotel. Stockholm is the cultural, media, political, and economic centre of Sweden. It hosts the annual Nobel Prize ceremonies and banquet at the Stockholm Concert Hall and Stockholm City Hall. One of the city's most prized museums.

DAY 9 **STOCKHOLM**

Breakfast and panoramic city tour Stockholm passing by the Stockholm Palace, the official residence and principal workplace of the Swedish monarch, the Stockholm city hall and the Old Town. We continue to the famous Vasa Museum (adm. incl.) to see the mighty warship, which sank in Stockholm 1628. After 333 years on the seabed, it was salvaged and today it is the world´s only preserved 17th century ship. Afternoon free for exploring and shopping

DAY 10 **STOCKHOLM**

We have time for breakfast before we depart for the airport in Stockholm for our return flight back home.







INCLUDED SERVICES

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- Buffet breakfast
- Deluxe motorcoach
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- Admissions to historical sites as per program

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ADMISSIONS INCLUDED

SCANDINAVIAN HIGHLIGHTS

• DAYS • 10

DAY 1 **COPENHAGEN**
Arrival at Copenhagen Airprot and drive to the heart of the city where we start with a short walking tour along the cobbled streets the port area, followed by lunch on our own. Then we'll enjoy a cruise of the bay and the canals of Copenhagen, the best way to see the city. Check-in follows the cruise and accommodation.

DAY 2 **COPENHAGEN**
Morning sightseeing with a local guide features the Church of Our Savior and the Stock Exchange on the way to Christiansborg Palace, where you visit the elegant royal reception rooms. Drive past the National Museum and the Royal Theater, stop for pictures of Amalienborg Palace with its lovely flower gardens and of the wistful little mermaid. The afternoon is at leisure. Tonight, visit Tivoli gardens (mid-April to mid-Sept.), the city's colorful amusement park. Dinner is on our own.

DAY 3 **COPENHAGEN - GOTHENBURG - OSLO**
From Elsinore beneath Hamlet's Kronborg Castle, board your FERRY for Helsingborg, then, drive to Gothenburg, Sweden's thriving second-largest city, and admire its beautiful parks, botanical gardens, and well-kept canals during your orientation tour. In the afternoon, continue along the Skagerrak coastline to Norway with an evening arrival in Oslo.

DAY 4 **OSLO**
Norway's capital is a study in farsighted urban planning, seeking growth in harmony with nature. Your local guide will take you to the National Theater, Parliament, and the Royal Palace. Stroll through magnificent Frogner Park, with Gustav Vigeland's 200-plus extraordinary bronze and granite sculptures, and visit the modern city hall. Afternoon and evening are at leisure.

DAY 5 **OSLO - STOCKHOLM**
Trace the King's Road, an ancient trade link between the northern capitals connecting Oslo, Stockholm, Turku, and Helsinki. Cross the Swedish border to scenic Värmland, beautifully described in Selma Lagerlöf's Saga of Gösta Berling, on the way to Karlstad on Lake Vänern. Pass the ancient garrison town of Örebro and modern Eskilstuna, known for its stainless steel, and proceed to Stockholm. Check in and accommodation.

DAY 6 **STOCKHOLM**
Stockholm, scene of Stieg Larsson's Milennium, is settled on 14 islands between Lake Mälar and the Baltic Sea. Your included morning sightseeing with a local guide features the Royal Palace, Riddarholm Church, and the festive blue and gold chambers in the City Hall, where the annual Nobel Prize banquet is held. In the afternoon, we'll visit the Wasa Ship Museum. Afternoon at leisure.

DAY 7 **STOCKHOLM - TALLINN**
At Leisure in Stockholm - Overnight Cruise to Tallinn, Estonia. Enjoy a day at leisure. Your Tour Director will have suggestions how to spend your day. At 3:30 PM transfer to the embarkation port to board the Tallink Cruise - Line for our overnight cruise to Tallinn, Estonia. The ship has 3 restaurants, a nightclub, a disco and duty free shops. We are accommodated in Class A outside double cabins. The buffet dinner on the cruise is included at the 8:00 PM seating.

DAY 8 **TALLINN**
After buffet breakfast on board, we disembark at the port of Tallinn and begin our sightseeing with a local guide. Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, is known as one of the pearls of the Baltic countries. The walled old city is one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities. Stroll through narrow cobblestone streets and the main Market Square of Old Town with your local guide; view St. Nicholas Church and admire the 13th-century Toompea Castle, Estonia's traditional seat of power. Early afternoon, we finish our tour and will check into our hotel; before taking the rest of the day at leisure to explore and shop for souvenirs and Baltic amber - this is the best place on the tour to find it. Dinner is on our own tonight at one of the many fine restaurants in Tallinn. Accommodation

DAY 9 **TALLINN - HELSINKI**
This morning, we have more free time for shopping in Tallinn. Shortly after lunch, we board the coach at the hotel to go to the port for our ferry ride to Helsinki. Upon arrival, we'll enjoy a tour of the city, including City Hall and Parliament House, the Presidential Palace, the monumental railroad station, the great Lutheran cathedral, and the Sibelius monument. We then return to our hotel in Helsinki for check-in accommodation.

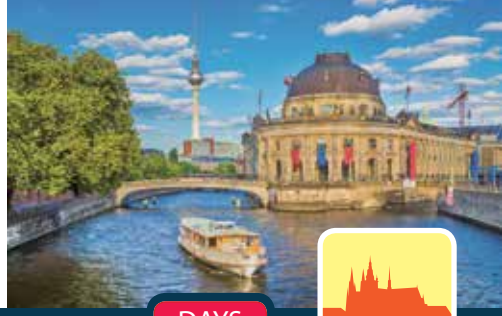
DAY 10 **HELSINKI - BACK HOME**
After breakfast transfer to airport for traveling home from Helsinki.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- 11 overnights at first class hotels
- Buffet breakfast
- English speaking tour escort and local guides for city tours
- Modern deluxe motorcoach
- Admissions to historical sites as per program
- Luggage handling at all hotels

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GRAND TOUR OF GERMANY

• DAYS • 12

ADMISSIONS INCLUDED

DAY 1 MUNICH
Arrival at Munich Airport and departure for a short tour of Munich City Center and the historic area. We'll go by the Olympic Stadium, see the Frauenkirche, Munich's twin-spired Cathedral, spend a little time exploring Marienplatz, and see the Glockenspiel at the Old Munich City Hall the city's central square. Then we'll check into our hotel. Evening at leisure.

DAY 2 MUNICH
After an early breakfast at the hotel, we drive through the country towns on the way to the castle of Mad King Ludwig at Neuschwanstein near the small town of Fussen. Probably the most famous castle in the world, it was the inspiration for Disney's Magic Kingdom castle. We arrive at Neuschwanstein and organize to climb the trail up to the castle for an English tour of the castle. Lunch is on your own in the Bavarian village after our tour of the castle. Then we depart for King Ludwig's Linderhof Palace, an hour's drive to the east. The smallest of the king's palaces, it's nevertheless the palace is among the most beautiful of the palaces with its Hall of Mirrors and formal garden. After our tour there, we'll continue a bit further to Garmisch, Germany for a bit of shopping and exploring. It's a two hour ride back to Munich. Accommodation.

DAY 3 MUNICH
Breakfast at the hotel. This morning, we'll visit the Dachau Concentration Camp to tour the site and visit the museum. On March 22, 1933, a few weeks after Adolf Hitler had been appointed Reich Chancellor,a concentration camp for political prisoners was set up in Dachau. This camp served as a model for all later concentration camps and as „school of violence" for the SS men under whose command it stood. On April 29 1945, American troops liberated the survivors. We'll hear the story of the prison while there. After lunch on our own free time on our own to explore the heart of Munich. Accommodation.

DAY4 MUNICH - BADEN-BADEN
After breakfast we depart to the west for the Black Forest Region and Baden-Baden, where we'll stay for the next three nights. Late in the morning, we'll arrive in the city of Lindau, a delightful old town on an island in Lake Constance on the Swiss border. We'll have lunch on our own and then continue toward Baden-Baden, driving along Lake Constance and through the Black Forest. One more stop at Lake Titissee in the heart of the Black Forest before arriving in Baden-Baden to check into our hotel. The historical charm of the hotel comes from its past as both a Capuchin monastery and meeting place for 19th-century nobility. This modernized hotel supplies Baden-Baden visitors with authentic German dining and a host of wellness resources In the hotel, a spa offers a wide range of beauty and massage treatments as well as numerous relaxing facilities - a sauna, whirlpool and steam room. Although a small city, Baden-Baden was once known as Europe's "summer capitol" and there is ample shopping in boutiques and galleries, as well as a casino, opera, and a concert hall, and museums, including the Fabergé Museum, a grand park, and an arboretum.

DAY 5 BADEN-BADEN
Today is our day-trip to Strasbourg, France. Nestled into the Eastern edge of France, Strasbourg has traditionally been known as "le carrefour de l'Europe" (the crossroads of Europe). With a rich and fascinating past, it's a charming old town with medieval architecture, a winding canal, and delightful cuisine, as well as a multitude of shops to explore. Here we can get a feel for French and German culture in the same city. We'll visit Strasbourg's Notre Dame Cathedral that dates back to 1439. Many say that it surpasses the Notre Dame of Paris, and it has all the beauty and history without a long line to enter. Then there is the Jardin de l'Orangerie - Strasbourg's answer to the Versailles gardens and well worth a leisurely stroll - a green oasis in the middle of the city. After our visit, we return to Baden-Baden.

DAY 6 BADEN-BADEN
After an early breakfast at the hotel, we drive to Rüdesheim where we board a river cruise boat for a spectacular cruise down the Rhine River passing castles on the hilltops, vineyards on the hillsides, and villages by the riverside. At the end of the cruise, we arrive in Boppard ,where our bus will wait to take us to the city of Koblenz for a short walk thru the medieval town and free time for lunch. We then return to Baden-Baden for the rest of the day for time on our own.

DAY 7 BADEN-BADEN - NÜRNBERG
After breakfast, we check out of the hotel and depart for Nürnberg. Today is a travel day, and we'll arrive Rothenburg ob der Tauber for our lunch/shopping stop late in the morning. We should have about three hours here, traffic permitting. Rothenburg is well known for its well-preserved medieval old town, a destination for tourists from around the world. Whether we visit the Christmas Museum , the Criminal Museum or other sights, we'll enjoy our time here. Late afternoon we'll continue to Nürnberg, arriving at our four-star hotel to check in.

DAY 8 NÜRNBERG
After breakfast at the hotel, we begin our tour of Nürnberg. The city of Nürnberg is famous for its medieval walls and ancient castle, gingerbread cookies, toy manufacturing, Gothic churches, Nürnberger bratwurst, and the Christmas market. The city dates back to the year 1050 and for around 500 years, it was the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire, sometimes referred to by historians as the First Reich or first German empire. In January 1945, 90% of the old city of Nürnberg was destroyed when it was bombed by the Allies because of its historic importance to Hitler and the Nazis. The famous Nürnberg Castle and the city wall were damaged in the bombing raid, but have been restored. The most important sights to be seen are the medieval Old Town, Kaiserburg Castle, the Hauptmarkt (central square), and the Frauenkirche, a 14th-century Gothic church, and the Spielzeugmuseum (the Toy Museum). We'll tour in the morning and the afternoon is free for us to explore.

DAY 9 NÜRNBERG - BERLIN
After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for Berlin. We have six hours of actual travel today, so we'll stop in Dresden along the way for lunch and a short visit. Dresden provides a good selection of restaurants to relax and eat on our stopover. We'll go to the main square in the city center, where we will see the spectacular Frauenkirche, one of the most remarkable reconstruction projects ever to have taken place in Germany, if not the world. Completed in 1743, the spectacular Baroque original was considered one of the most beautiful churches in Europe. After its destruction during allied bombing in 1945, the ruins of the old building were catalogued and stored for use in its reconstruction. After the reunification of Germany in 1990, plans to rebuild developed rapidly, and when it reopened in 2005, nearly 4,000 original stones had been included. Topping it all was a gold cross provided by Great Britain, whose bombers had wrought much of the devastation. A highlight of a visit is the ascent to the top of the Dome with its wonderful views of the city. After our visit we depart again for Berlin.

DAY 10 BERLIN
After breakfast at the hotel, we tour Berlin, a full day of touring with a local guide. Berlin is the political and cultural capital of Germany, and it has a turbulent history. Once the capital of Prussia and leading cultural center of the 1920s, Berlin is characterized by its dazzling modernity and breathtaking architecture. Berlin is reinventing itself once again. Few cities have been shaped to such an extent by history and undergone as much major transformation as Berlin. Our tour will include a visit to "Museum Island", where you can choose from a number of museums. We're including admission to the Pergamon Museum, which is subdivided into the antiquity collection, the Middle East museum, and the museum of Islamic art. It's visited by approximately 1,135,000 people every year, making it the most visited art museum in Germany.

DAY 11 BERLIN
After breakfast, our touring begins as we drive out to Potsdam for a half-day tour with local guide, formerly the city of emperors and kings. Experience the magnificence of Potsdam's gardens, palaces and historic city quarters. Highlights of the tour are the visit of the interior rooms of a palace (incl.) in the gardens of Sanssouci and the guided walk through the gardens. Sanssouci is the former summer palace of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, in Potsdam, near Berlin. It is often counted among the German rivals of Versailles. The palace's name emphasizes this; it is a French phrase (sans souci), which translates as „without concerns", meaning „without worries" or „carefree", conveying that the palace was a place for relaxation rather than a seat of power. We'll also visit the center of Potsdam and have lunch on our own. Then we board a scenic boat for an hour to see Potsdam from the water before we return to Berlin. Rest of the day on our own.

DAY 12 BERLIN
Breakfast and transfer to airport.







BUDAPEST, PRAGUE AND KRAKOW TOUR

• DAYS • 11

DAY 1 **BUDAPEST**
Arrival at Budapest Airport and transfer to hotel.

DAY 2 **BUDAPEST**
After breakfast at the hotel, we'll enjoy a panoramic tour of this ancient city. This morning, we'll see the most interesting sights of Buda and Pest. We'll view the city and the river from the height of the Fishermen's Bastion. From there, we'll have a splendid view of the historic Buda Palace, which we will visit. We also have admission to the beautiful nearby gothic St. Mattias Church. We'll also view the city from the Fisherman's Bastion. The Royal Palace is also situated on the southern part of Castle Hill. The medieval palace that stood here was destroyed during the battles against Turkish invaders, leaving only the fortified walls as a memento. The site was then filled in to lay the foundations of the new grandiose Baroque palace started by Maria Theresa and expanded on Hungarian initiative in the 19th century. The afternoon is free to explore. Dinner is on your own tonight.

DAY 3 **BUDAPEST**
Today we start our touring with Hero's Square, site of the changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier and statues of the Kings of Hungary. Then we go on to the Budapest Cathedral, recently restored, too beautiful to miss. Váci Street, the pedestrian main street of downtown Budapest, sets out from here and the square holds the most popular cafés of the capital. Given time, we'll also visit the Parliament. Built at the turn of the century, the building of the Parliament quickly became a dominant sight and symbol of Budapest and the Danube panorama. A typically Eclectic edifice with a small spikes and stone lace ornamentation, it is one of the most decorative structures of the capital. It also ranks as one of the largest national assemblies in the world. This is our last afternoon in Budapest, so enjoy your free afternoon. Dinner is on our own.

DAY 4 **BUDAPEST - KRAKOW**
Breakfast at the hotel is early today, so we can depart early. This morning our journey brings us to the Slovakian border and on to Poland and the foothills of the Tatra Mountains which form the central, highest and most beautiful section of the Carpathian mountain range. Soon we are in Krakow, Poland's cultural city, known as the Royal City, where we spend the next three nights.

DAY 5 **KRAKOW**
After breakfast, we start our tour by visiting the castle and Cathedral on Wawel Hill, plus a walking tour through the Old Town to visit the Cloth Hall and the Mariacki Church, all features on our morning sightseeing tour. Wawel Hill in Krakow, the Mecca of every Pole and a must for foreign tourists, is a microcosm of Polish history and culture. From the 11th century, Poland's monarchs took up their residence here in the Royal Castle. They were both crowned and buried here in the Wawel Cathedral, and Polish national heroes have also been laid to rest here since the 19th century. The cathedral not only overflows with priceless art treasures, architectural beauties, relics of the past and curiosities, but it's also full of glory, magic, history and fable. This afternoon, a visit to the Wieliczka salt mine is the next stop, where we will tour the famous mine with a guide. Arriving back to the hotel late afternoon, the evening is on our own.

DAY 6 **KRAKOW AND THE BLACK MADONNA**
After breakfast at the hotel, we depart early (8:00 AM) to enjoy the three-hour drive through the Polish countryside to the beautiful Paulite Monastery at Jasna Gora. There we will see the portrait of Our Lady ‚The Black Madonna', supposedly painted by St. Luke the Evangelist. After free lunch on site, we make our way back to the hotel in Krakow,

DAY 7 **KRAKOW - PRAGUE**
After breakfast at the hotel, we travel an hour out of Krakow for a very important stop. We step back into recent history when we visit the Concentration Camp at Auschwitz, so chillingly evoked in ‚Schindler's List', reminding us of the World War II holocaust. We continue by bus to Prague for checkin and accommodation.

DAY 8 **PRAGUE**
Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we begin our sightseeing with a short panoramic coach ride to the Prague Castle sites and then a walk through the Prague castle – the world's largest castle complex, including visit at the St. Vitus cathedral, Old Royal palace and Golden lane. After visiting the castle our walk continues down the hill towards the Lesser Town with a stop on the world-famous Charles Bridge. We continue then further to the Old Town Square, where we'll have a chance to admire the Astronomical Clock and the gothic Church of Our Lady before Teyn. Lunch is on our own and the afternoon free. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure for us to enjoy the city on our own. Dinner is on our own.

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tory stop at the Estates Theatre, one of the most important cultural venues of Prague. This is the site where W.A. Mozart personally conducted the world premiere of his most famous opera, Don Giovanni. A private, backstage tour of the Estates Theatre has been organized (adm. incl.) for our group. Our tour continues past along the Municipal House of Prague and ends at the Josefov, where the large Jewish quarter was before the World War II. There we'll visit the Jewish Museum (incl.) and the Jewish Cemetery. Lunch is on our own and the afternoon is free. Dinner on our own.

DAY 10 PRAGUE AND CESKY KRUMLOW

Breakfast at the hotel and drive to the medieval town of Cesky Krumlov, which is the most favourite historical sight after Prague. Located in the south of the Czech Republic, Cesky Krumlov is protected by UNESCO as a world heritage site.During the tour our guide will take you to the historical centre with winding streets full of gothic, renaissance and baroque housesWe begin our guided walking tour with a stroll through the formal gardens and courtyards of Cesky Krumlov Castle. After free lunch we begin our guided visit of the main attraction, the mighty Renaissance Cesky Krumlov Castle, once the seat of powerful lords, the Rožmberks and the Schwarzenbergs. The castle houses a rich collection of paintings, period furniture, Flemish tapestries, historical weapons, and intricate china, glassware and jewellery. After the castle tour in the late afternoon, we commence our journey back to Prague.

DAY 11 PRAGUE

Breakfast and transfer to airport.









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SCANDINAVIA AND RUSSIA

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DAY 1 **COPENHAGEN**
Arriving Copenhagen we pick up our luggage and process through customs, to meet our guide. Transfer to our hotel for check-in.

DAY 2 **COPENHAGEN**
We enjoy a full breakfast at the hotel and start our day with a panoramic city tour, including the most interesting sights in Copenhagen--like Town Hall Square, Christiansborg Palace, Nyhafen Port with its charming old houses, and the landmark of Copenhagen, the famous "Little Mermaid". We´ll enjoy a canal cruise through the old town and modern city to get even a better impression of the most interesting sights. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation.

DAY 3 **COPENHAGEN - DFDS FERRY - OSLO**
We enjoy a full breakfast at the hotel and then we depart for the northern area of Copenhagen, admiring the spectacular Danish countryside as you travel along the coastline towards Elsinore and listen to your guide's insightful narration. On arrival, marvel at the majestic structure of Kronborg Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed structure used as the setting for the film adaptation of Shakespeare's Hamlet. Venture within and enjoy a guided tour of the opulent chambers and stolid towers inside the castle. Return to Copenhagen and free time in the old town until we embark our ferry to Oslo. Around 3:30 pm, we drive to the harbour and embark on the DFDS Ferry to Oslo. Departure at 4:50 PM. We`ll all be accommodated in outside cabins. This popular route links the Danish and Norwegian capitals. Sailing overnight on a large cruise ferry, you'll have time to relax and enjoy the excellent entertainment and leisure facilities on board. Dinner is provided on the ship.

DAY 4 **OSLO**
Buffet breakfast on board. Around 9.am arrival in Oslo and disembarkation. We start directly the city tour from harbour, visiting the Vigeland Sculpture Park, home to a vast collection of sculptures, which inhabit its landscape. The park portrays Gustave Vigeland's observation of the themes of life and relationships. We'll continue touring by passing by the Royal Palace, which was built in the first half of the 19th century as the Norway residence of Norwegian and Swedish King Charles III and is the official residence of the present Norwegian monarch. Next step takes us to the Akershus Slott (Akershus Castle) to learn of the fort's history and enjoy stunning views from the top of the fortress. We'll also meander through the beautiful grounds. We finish our tour with the Oslo Opera House--a new landmark in the city, having only been built in 2008. The venue offers open-air concerts as well as fantastic views of the city if you climb its sloping rooftops! Fans of architecture will also enjoy admiring trendy Aker Brygge, a shopping centre that was once a shipyard. Here you can shop, dine in dockside restaurants and people-watch.

DAY 5 **OSLO - LOFTHUS**
After another hearty breakfast, we board our coaches and depart to the fjord area, passing through breath taking landscape and past the ski resort of Gol, Geilo and hen crossing the mountain area of the Hardanger Plateau. Driving along the Eidfjord, we arrive late afternoon at Lofthus, Norway. Enjoy your stay surrounded by a fairy-tale landscape.

DAY 6 **LOFTHUS - BERGEN**
After breakfast, we cross the Hardanger Bridge and driving along the Hardanger Fiorden Road we arrive at noon in Bergen. Bergen is Norway's second largest city, and lies clambering up the mountain sides, overlooking the sea. You can roam through living history in this modern city, before continuing on to explore the wildest and loveliest fjords of Norway. Founded more than 900 years ago, Bergen has roots to the Viking Age and beyond. As one of the main offices of the Hanseatic League, Bergen was for several hundred years the centre of prosperous trade between Norway and the rest of Europe. Bryggen, („The Hanseatic Wharf") is the most obvious remnant from this time, and is today home to many of the city's restaurants, pubs, craft shops and historical museums. After checking in at our hotel we start our city tour, which offers an initial overview of the history and structure of the city, and it takes you through the charming streets of Bergen, focusing on the downtown area surrounding the hustling harbour, the UNESCO-listed Wharf, the beautiful city park, and adjoining museums.

DAY 7 **BERGEN - LILLEHAMMER**
Another great breakfast and we depart for the area of the Sognefjord, situated in the middle of Fjord Norway, containing some of the wildest and most beautiful scenery in Norway.



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- English speaking tour escort and local guides for city tours
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- 1 dinner on board DFDS Ferry

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The area has dramatic scenery and unique cultural attractions. National Geographic Traveller magazine has called this area „the world's most iconic destination". We'll make a short stop in Voss and continue to Gudvangen, where we take a ferry-cruise to Flam. We then continue by coach to Lillehammer. The city center is a late 19th-century concentration of wooden houses, which enjoys a picturesque location overlooking the northern part of lake Mjøsa and the river Lågen surrounded by mountains. Lillehammer hosted the 1994 Winter Olympics and 2016 Winter Youth Olympics.

DAY 8 LILLEHAMMER - STOCKHOLM

After breakfast, we depart for Stockholm, crossing a typical Scandinavian countryside with lakes and wooden houses. We arrive mid-day and check-in to our hotel. Stockholm is the cultural, media, political, and economic centre of Sweden. It hosts the annual Nobel Prize ceremonies and banquet at the Stockholm Concert Hall and Stockholm City Hall. One of the city's most prized museums.

DAY 9 STOCKHOLM

Breakfast and panoramic city tour Stockholm passing by the Stockholm Palace, the official residence and principal workplace of the Swedish monarch, the Stockholm city hall and the Old Town. We continue to the famous Vasa Museum (adm. incl.) to see the mighty warship, which sank in Stockholm 1628. After 333 years on the seabed, it was salvaged and today it is the world´s only preserved 17th century ship. Afternoon free for exploring and shopping.

DAY 10 STOCKHOLM - FERRY CRUISE-HELSINKI

We have time for breakfast and free time to explore the city of Stockholm. Around 3:30 pm we drive to the harbour and embark on the Silja Line Ferry to Helsinki, Departure at 4:50 PM. We'll all be accommodated in outside cabins. This popular route links the Swedish and Finnish capitals.

DAY 11 HELSINKI

Buffet breakfast on board. Around 10.am arrival in Helsinki and disembarkation. We start directly the city tour from harbour, visiting the most interesting parts of Helsinki: Sibelius Monument - The Opera House - The Presidential Palace - The Parliament building - The Senate Square - Finlandia Hall - Temppeliaukio Church - City Hall. Afternoon free to explore this charming city.

DAY 12 HELSINKI - SAINT PETERSBURG

Buffet breakfast and transfer to the railway station to take the high speed train " Allegro" to Saint Petersburg. On arrival transfer to your hotel and overnight.

DAY 13 SAINT PETERSBURG

Breakfast and city tour, where we acquaint you with the main architectural and historical monuments of Saint Petersburg. You'll see magnificent Nevsky Prospect, amazing Isaac's, Kazansky and Savior-on-the-Spilled-Blood cathedrals, palaces of the greatest Russian noble families. You will visit Peter and Paul's fortress, the oldest part of the city, which was founded by Peter The Great, who took part in building the fortress himself. Afternoon at leisure and overnight.

DAY 14 SAINT PETERSBURG

Breakfast and visit of The Hermitage and Winter Palace. The State Hermitage occupies six magnificent buildings situated along the embankment of the Neva River. Afternoon at leisure and overnight.

DAY 15 ST PETERSBURG - MOSCOW

Breakfast and transfer to the railway station to take the high speed train " Sapsan" to Saint Petersburg. On arrival transfer to your hotel and overnight.

DAY 16 MOSCOW

Breakfast and panoramic city tour of the capital of Russia, including Red Square, Novy Arbat Street, the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, Poklonnaya Mountain with the extensive Victory Park that was laid down to commemorate WWII victory, Vorobievy Mountains, and Bulvarnoye Koltso. Tour of the Moscow Metro system. The Moscow metro is one of the largest and most grandly built Metro systems in the world. The stations are designed with decorative elements including mosaics, statues and marble floors. Afternoon at leisure and overnight stay.

DAY 17 MOSCOW

Breakfast and visit of the Kremlin and its historical monuments such as the Great Kremlin Palace and Arsenal building. The collection of the Armory is overwhelming. It contains such exhibits as the chalice of Yuri Dolgorukiy, the helm and armor of Boris Godunov, collection of over fifty Faberge eggs, golden and silver works of applied art by Russian masters. We will also visit one of the cathedrals on the territory of the Kremlin.Afternoon at leisure and overnight.

DAY 18 MOSCOW

Breakfast and transfer to airport.







GRAND TOUR OF THE BALCANS

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ADMISSIONS INCLUDED

DAY 1 **VIENNA**
Arrival at Vienna airport and transfer to your hotel. Welcome dinner at the famous restaurant Marchfelderhof. Accommodation

DAY 2 **VIENNA**
Breakfast and city tour, which will give you an overall impression of the most significant sights of Vienna. Along the Ringstrasse we show you numerous magnificent buildings, such as the State Opera House, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Natural History Museum, the cultural district the Museums Quartier, the former Habsburg winter residence (Hofburg), the Parliament, the City Hall and the National Theatre. The highlight of this tour will be a visit of the showrooms of Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer evidence of the Habsburg family. On the way back to the opera we pass by the gardens of the Belvedere Palace, the former summer residence of Prince Eugen, where you can enjoy a breath taking view over the old town. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation.

DAY 3 **VIENNA**
Breakfast and day at leisure. Possibility of an optional tour of the Danube Valley (not included)

DAY 4 **VIENNA - GRAZ - LJUBLJANA**
After breakfast we are heading south towards the Semmering Pass, stop to view the galleried courtyards and famous clock tower at Graz. Continue to Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia. After checkin we start with a panormic city tour showing us the most attractive sights including the Opera House, Cathedral, National Museum and Castle, and Three Bridges Square. Accommodation.

DAY 5 **LJUBLJANA - PLITVICE**
We drive south to the croatian border and through the forested National Park of Plitvice. Admire the waterfalls and lakes of this spectacular UNESCO World Heritage site on your walking tour with your local specialist. See lakes of crystal clear water in many colourful shades of green, grey and blue which are linked by spectacular waterfalls. Overnight at the Plitvice area.

DAY 6 **PLITVICE - SPLIT**
Travel through scenic Croatian countryside to Split, the largest city in Dalmatia. Meet your local specialist for a fascinating tour of the UNESCO World Heritage designated Diocletian's Palace. Visit the substructure, before viewing the Cathedral and the Baptistery of Split, once the Temple of Jupiter. Overnight in Split.

DAY 7 **SPLIT - DUBROVNIK**
After breakfast we drive down the old road of the croatian coastline, passing many little towns en-route. Check in at our hotel in Dubrovnik. You'll have the rest of the day free to explore Dubrovnik.

DAY 8 **DUBROVNIK**
This morning we start our sightseeing walking tour of the main sights. Admire the Rector's Palace, Onofrio's Fountain and the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries. Spend free time relaxing, exploring the lively market, or perhaps enjoy lunch at a seaside restaurant.

DAY 9 **DUBROVNIK**
After breakfast we start with our excursion to the small but stunning country of Montenegro which occupies a thin strip of the Adriatic coast. Your excursion takes you to Europe's most southerly fjord, Boka Kotorska (Bay of Kotor), one of the most beautiful bays of the region. Pass through the quaint towns of Risan and Perast which sit on the banks of the bay, then arrive at the World Heritage-listed town of Kotor and enjoy a sightseeing tour there with a local guide. You'll see the Cathedral of St Tryphun, the South Gates of Kotor and the Armory Square. After some free time for lunch in Kotor, you will depart for Budva, a pretty coastal town with a charming old quarter. Your time here is at leisure, and an optional visit to the town's medieval castle is recommended. From here you can take in great views of the coast. Return to Dubrovnik later in the afternoon.

DAY 10 **DUBROVNIK - MOSTAR - SARAJEVO**
We leave Dubrovnik after breakfast travelling south to Mostar, a town situated in a beautiful valley in the high mountains of Herzegovina. Here you will explore the must-see Cejvan Cehaj Mosque which was built in 1552. Thanks to the river Neretva, Mostar was able to develop as a city in the barren landscape of Herzegovina. Neretva's size turned Mostar into a trading centre of the region very early on. The most famous feature of the city is its bridge. Stari Most ('Old Bridge') was built by the Ottomans in 1565. (It was the great architect Mimar Hajrudin who had succeeded with the impossible mission to cross the Neretva River with a single span stone bridge). Continue to Bosnia's capital, Sarajevo.

DAY 11 **SARAJEVO**
Explore Sarajevo this morning with a walking tour of the city. You will visit the famous Baščaršija, the old Turkish quarter, home to one of the most interesting market centres in the country. Sarajevo is one of the few cities in the world that features an Orthodox church, a Catholic church and a mosque (the famous Begova Džamija) all within close proximity. You will be visiting all three buildings on your tour. This city may well be one of the highlight of your trip. It has emerged from the brink of ruin in the 1990s to become one of the most interesting capital cities of Europe. After your exploration of the city, there will be free time for lunch before you depart for



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the Tunnel Museum in the suburb of Ilidža. The tunnel was dug underneath the airport runway and was used to smuggle provisions into the city during the siege.



DAY 12 **SARAJEVO - ZAGREB**

After breakfast, we drive northwards to Slavonski Brod where we stop in time for free lunch. Continuation to Zagreb and before we check in at our hotel we explore the cosmopolitan city where the highlights lie within the thousand-year-old upper town of Gornji Grad. Here, find the Presidential Palace and the historic St. Mark's Church displaying the Croatian, Dalmatian and Slovenian coats of arms, now an impressive emblem of the city.

DAY 13 **ZAGREB – BACK HOME**

Breakfast and transfer to airport.









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PEARLS OF EASTERN EUROPE

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DAY 1 **VIENNA**
Arrival at Vienna Airport and transfer to your hotel. Accommodation.

DAY 2 **VIENNA**
Breakfast at the hotel. Today, we'll board the coach to see some of the sights that are a little further away from the Old City, to include the Hundertwasser House, and the Central Cemetery (the Composers' Cemetery) with the gravesites of Schubert, Beethoven and other composers. Lunch is on our own at the café at Schoenbrunn Palace. Then we have our guided tour of Schoenbrunn Palace where Mozart played for royalty as a child, and we'll have time to explore the extensive palace gardens. Then we return to the hotel and we're free to explore and shop .

DAY 3 **VIENNA**
Breakfast at the hotel. Our official introduction to the city of Vienna, city of art, history, literature, and of course, music, is a panoramic tour of Vienna by coach, including Vienna State Opera House, government center, and other important sights, and our guide will give us the background and history of Vienna as we go. The coach will drop us near the State Opera House for a tour, and we'll proceed on foot from there to St. Stephans Cathedral. After seeing more of the sights with our guide, we'll have lunch on our own, followed by free time to explore Vienna and shop. At the appointed time, the coaches will come back to pick us up and return us to the hotel.

DAY 4 **VIENNA - BUDAPEST**
Breakfast at hotel and drive to Budapest. Arrival at noon and check-in. We continue to explore the most interesting sights of Buda and Pest. We'll view the city and the river from the height of the Fishermen's Bastion. From there, we'll have a splendid view of the historic Buda Palace, which we will visit. We also have admission to the beautiful nearby gothic St. Mattias Church. We'll also view the city from the Fisherman's Bastion. The Royal Palace is also situated on the southern part of Castle Hill. The medieval palace that stood here was destroyed during the battles against Turkish invaders, leaving only the fortified walls as a memento. The site was then filled in to lay the foundations of the new grandiose Baroque palace started by Maria Theresa and expanded on Hungarian initiative in the 19th century. The afternoon is free to explore.

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DAY 6 **BUDAPEST - BRATISLAVA - PRAGUE**
Breakfast at the hotel is early today, so we can depart in due time towards Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. We stop at the old town and start our walking tour including all the must-sees of this historic city, like the elegant Opera House surrounded by the equally impressive building of the Slovak Philharmonic Hall, the charming Main Square dominated by the medieval Old Town Hall and Maximilian Fountain. From the Main Square we continue through narrow winding alleys to Michalska street with the town's only preserved town gate - St Michael's Gate – stopping at the St. Martin's Cathedral, formerly coronation church of Hungarian kings. Free time for lunch and continue to Prague. Check in and accommodation.

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DAY 13 KRAKOW - WARSAW

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for Warsaw the capital of Poland, is a symbol of the turbulent history of our country. The Old Town Area - the oldest quarter of Warsaw totally destroyed during the Warsaw Uprising [1944], then, after the war, perfectly reconstructed.

DAY 14 WARSAW

Breakfast and we start the day with a city tour which giving you a general impression of the Poland's capital completed by walks and inside visit to Wilanow Palace, the baroque residence of King John III Sobieski, the famous conqueror of the Turks at the battle of Vienna in 1683. By bus you pass the Royal Route with its aristocratic residences, historic churches and famous statues. Historical sites as the Ghetto Memorial, the Monument of Warsaw Uprising, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Grand Theater, Chopin's monument, the Belvedere Palace and then get all the way to the Old Town. Enjoy a walking tour passing by the Castle Square, King Sigismund's Column, St. John's Cathedral, the Old Town Market Square and the Barbican. Afternoon at leisure and accommodation.

DAY 15 WARSAW - BERLIN

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for Berlin. We have six hours of actual travel today, Arrival and Check-in.

DAY 16 BERLIN

After breakfast at the hotel, we tour Berlin, a full day of touring with a local guide. Berlin is the political and cultural capital of Germany, and it has a turbulent history. Once the capital of Prussia and leading cultural center of the 1920s, Berlin is characterized by its dazzling modernity and breathtaking architecture. Berlin is reinventing itself once again. Few cities have been shaped to such an extent by history and undergone as much major transformation as Berlin. Our tour will include a visit to "Museum Island", where you can choose from a number of museums. We're including admission to the Pergamon Museum, which is subdivided into the antiquity collection, the Middle East museum, and the museum of Islamic art. It's visited by approximately 1,135,000 people every year, making it the most visited art museum in Germany.

DAY 17 BERLIN

After breakfast at the hotel, our touring begins as we drive out to Potsdam for a half-day tour with local guide, formerly the city of emperors and kings. Experience the magnificence of Potsdam's gardens, palaces and historic city quarters. Highlights of the tour are the visit of the interior rooms of a palace (incl.) in the gardens of Sanssouci and the guided walk through the gardens. Sanssouci is the former summer palace of Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, in Potsdam, near Berlin. It is often counted among the German rivals of Versailles. The palace's name emphasizes this; it is a French phrase (sans souci), which translates as „without concerns", meaning „without worries" or „carefree", conveying that the palace was a place for relaxation rather than a seat of power. We'll also visit the center of Potsdam and have lunch on our own. Then we board a scenic boat for an hour to see Potsdam from the water before we return to Berlin. The rest of the day is on our own.

DAY 18 BERLIN

After breakfast at the hotel, we'll have a short morning tour to include the Checkpoint Charlie Wall Museum. Here we will see objects used to escape over, under, and through the Berlin Wall, including hot-air balloons, getaway cars, chairlifts, and a mini-U-Boat, and read the stories of those escapees who risked their lives to win their freedom. We also visit the remaining section of the Berlin Wall and the Holocaust Memorial, as well as the Topographie des Terrors, which is a center for the documentation of Nazi crimes and now attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. Accommodation.

DAY 19 BERLIN

Breakfast and transfer to airport.







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- Deluxe motorcoach
- English speaking tour escort and local guides for city tours
- Admissions to historical sites as per program
- Welcome dinner incl. drinks

ADMISSIONS INCLUDED

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IMPERIAL CAPITALS

DAY 1 **VIENNA**
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DAY 2 **VIENNA**
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DAY 10 BERLIN
Breakfast and panoramic city tour to see the famous Kurfürstendamm Avenue, Unter den Linden, the Brandenburg Gate, symbol of German unity, Alexander's Square, Humboldt University and the Pergamon Museum. Boat ride on the river Spree, the best way to admire this fascinating city and its beautiful buildings and bridges. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation.

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DAY 2 LONDON
Breakfast and panoramic tour, passing by Parliament, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and London Eye. We will also see the changing of The Guards (if possible) and Buckingham Palace. We continue to the Westminster, Kensington, Mayfair and West End-the famous zone of theatres and restaurants, and then on to Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square. Afternoon at leisure and accommodation.

DAY 3 LONDON
Breakfast and departure to the Windsor Castle, the biggest and most ancient inhabited castle in the world, and one of the official residences of Her Majesty, The Queen. The spectacular castle site contains 900 years of British history and covers an area of 26 acres, which consists of a royal palace, a monumental chapel and the homes and workplaces of large numbers of people. The splendid staterooms are opulently decorated with a variety of the Royal Collection's, the most outstanding artistic creations, including paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens, Canaletto, and Gainsborough. Return to the city center. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation.

DAY 4 LONDON - CAMBRIDGE YORK - DURHAM
After breakfast, we will leave London for the north of England. In Cambridge, we have time to admire its beautiful colleges. Free time before we continue to York, where we will have a short walk through the old town strolling by the famous Cathedral and the walls of Roman origin. We continue towards the medieval city of Durham where we will spend the night. Accommodation.

DAY 5 DURHAM - EDINBURGH
After breakfast, departure to Scotland. Brief stop in the picturesque town of Alnwick with its beautiful gardens and the big medieval castle, the scene of the Harry Potter films .We continue to Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. The historic center has been declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco. Accommodation.

DAY 6 EDINBURGH
Breakfast and visit to the grounds and interior of Edinburgh Castle. We proceed on to main attractions of the city, staring with the Palace of Holyrood, the Cathedral of St. Giles, the National Gallery of Scotland and the Royal Yacht Britannia. We will also visit „The Scotch Whiskey Experience", where we will take you for a one hour tour that offers you everything you need to know about Scottish Whiskey. Savour the different flavours of Whiskey at a tasting. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation.

DAY 7 EDINBURGH - GLASGOW
Today we have an exciting stage in the scenic Scottish Highlands. Passing through the city of Inverness, we will arrive at the mysterious Loch Ness. After lunch, we visit the medieval castle of Urquhart, where we will take a boat trip on the dark waters of the lake. The tour continues towards the town of Fort William, at the foot of Ben Nevis, the highest peak in the United Kingdom. Passing through the Loch Lomond region, we will arrive in Glasgow in the late afternoon. Accommodation.

DAY 8 GLASGOW - LIVERPOOL
Breakfast. Continuation of our tour passing through the Grasmere Lake District, a place of inspiration for English poets and writers. Arrival in Liverpool, birthplace of the most famous pop group: The Beatles. Accommodation.

DAY 9 LIVERPOOL
Breakfast and panoramic visit passing by the Albert Dock, which was the main port of the British Empire; and the Echo Wheel, a 60 meter high Ferris wheel; the Royal Liver Building; and the Tate Museum. We finish our tour with the visit of the Beatles Museum to discover the stories of one of the most popular bands of all time. Afternoon at leisure. Accommodation. Possibility of an optional tour to the medieval city of Chester, which still preserves its walled enclosure dating back to Roman times. Equally worth seeing is the Norman cathedral, built in 1250.

DAY 10 LIVERPOOL - BRISTOL
Breakfast and departure to Wales; where we will make a stop in the Snowdonia National Park with an area of more than 1250 km2, dominated by Mount Snowdon, the highest peak in Wales. We then continue along the west coast until we reach the city of Bristol, known for the famous Clifton Bridge, and its wonderful cathedral. The medieval center invites a stroll through its streets full of craft shops and typical restaurants. Accommodation in Bristol.

DAY 11 BRISTOL - BATH - STONEHENGE - BOURNEMOUTH
This morning we cross the Severn Bridge on the way to Wiltshire Coun-



ty and continue to the charming town of Bath, where we will enjoy a walk through its old streets and and visit the Roman baths. Next, we we will travel to the mystical dolmen monument of Stonehenge. The great and ancient stone circle of Stonehenge is one of the wonders of the world, with more than 5000 years of history. It is the central enclave of the Salisbury Plain, displaying a mysterious landscape dotted with burial mounds and prehistoric carvings, now a World Heritage Site. We continue to Bournemouth, one of the main coastal towns in southern England. Accommodation.

DAY 12 BOURNEMOUTH - BRIGHTON - LONDON

Breakfast and continuation of the trip to Arundel, a small town dominated by its castle, the residence of the Dukes of Norfolk for more than 700 years. Free time to walk through its picturesque medieval streets. We drive on to Brighton, a traditional coastal town that has become a vibrant tourist destination. Free time and departure to London. Accommodation.

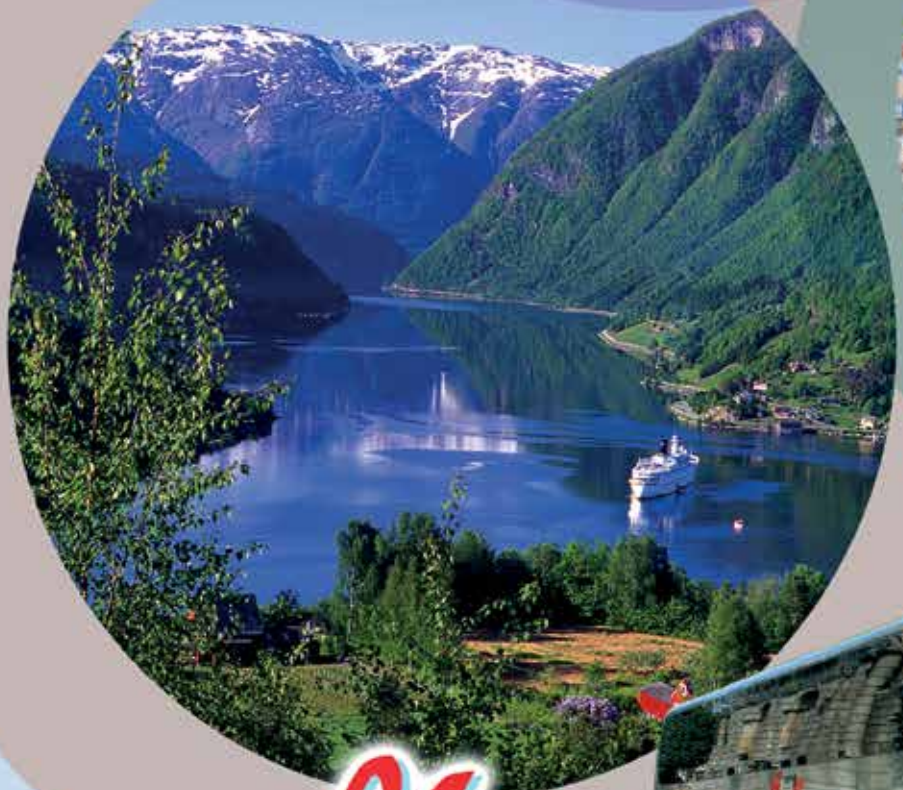
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