

## CENTRAL EUROPE

Explore Germany's centers of music, architecture, and technology before visiting Austria's cultural hubs of Salzburg and Vienna. Round out your trip by taking in panoramic views in Prague before discovering the modern metropolis of Berlin.

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## CENTRAL EUROPE: GERMANY, AUSTRIA & CZECH REPUBLIC

**Day 1:** Board your flight to Germany.

**Day 2:** Munich

- Meet with your bilingual Tour Director at **Franz Josef Strauss International Airport**.
- Board your private motor coach and head to your hotel for dinner.

**Day 3:** Munich

- Embark on a guided tour of the capital city of **Bavaria** including stops at the cathedral and **Marienplatz Square**. You may even catch a carillon performance by the belltower.
- Continue to the food market, with Bavarian and international delicacies. Finish your tour at **St. Peter's Church**, the oldest in Munich (dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> century).
- Discover the **Nymphenburg Palace**, once the summer retreat for Bavarian rulers. Built in 1675, the castle features massive frescoes, intricate decorations, and idyllic gardens.

**Day 4:** Salzburg

- Board your private motor coach and travel to **Salzburg**, the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the setting for the classic musical, *The Sound of Music*.
- Stroll through the baroque **Mirabell garden**.
- Admire the Renaissance façades and the **Salzburg Cathedral**. Visit **St. Peter's Cemetery** and its famous catacombs.
- Experience the **Getreidegasse**, Salzburg's most famous shopping street.
- Tour **Mozart's home** and discover details from his life during this 3-floor experience.

**Day 5:** Vienna

- Enjoy a guided tour of the Austrian capital. Visit the **Hofburg** (a former imperial palace), the **Graben** (an elegant pedestrian street), **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, and **Kärntner Straße**, a famous shopping street ending at the opera house.
- Explore **Schönbrunn Palace**, the "Viennese Versailles" and summer home of the Habsburg monarchs. The castle is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

**Day 6:** Brno

- Board your private motor coach and travel to the Moravian capital.
- Visit **Špilberk Castle** and continue to **Villa Tugendhat**, a pioneering example of modern architecture in Europe.
- Take a trip to **Slavkov (Austerlitz)**, famous for the Battle of the Three Emperors during the Napoleonic Wars. The memorial and interactive exhibit bring this notable event to life.

**Day 7:** Prague

- Board your private motor coach and travel to the Czech capital.
- Take in a panoramic view of Prague from the hilltops. Look out for the baroque **Strahov Monastery**.
- Continue to **Prague Castle**, a 9<sup>th</sup> century complex holding the Guinness World Record™ as the largest ancient castle. It now houses the office of the President of the Czech Republic.
- Visit **St. Vitus Cathedral**, **St. George Cathedral**, and **Golden Lane**, built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century to house the castle guards.

**Day 8:** Prague

- Enjoy a full-day walking tour taking you to **Old Town** and the **Jewish Quarter**, the **Church of Our Lady before Týn**, **Town Hall**, and **Charles Bridge** (the oldest still standing over Vltava River). The second half of your tour visits four synagogues, exploring the lives and history of the Czech Jewish community.

**Day 9:** Dresden

- Board your private motor coach and head to the capital city of the Free State of Saxony, on the banks of the River Elbe.
- After lunch, visit sights like the **Semperoper** (the opera house), the **Zwinger** (a former royal palace), and the **Frauenkirche** (a Lutheran church destroyed during the World War II bombings).

**Day 10:** Potsdam & Berlin

- Board your private motor coach and travel to the capital city of the state of Brandenburg.
- Upon arrival in **Potsdam**, tour **Sanssouci**, a rococo castle that was the summer retreat for Frederick the Great, King of Prussia.
- Board your private motor coach and travel to neighboring **Berlin**.
- Take a panoramic tour of the German capital, including the **Alexanderplatz** (a large public square and transit station), **Unter den Linden** (a main boulevard connecting the **City Palace** and **Brandenburg Gate**), **Checkpoint Charlie** (former border crossing at the **Berlin Wall**), and **Victory Column** (a golden monument commemorating Prussian victory in war).
- Visit the interactive **DDR Museum** and experience life in East Germany.

**Day 11:** Berlin

- Spend a relaxing morning on the **Spree River** and view the monuments from a new perspective on a **sightseeing cruise**.
- Enjoy a free afternoon in Berlin to visit a museum, explore a new district, or do some shopping.

**Day 12:** Depart to the airport for your flight home.

