

# CAPITALS OF THE HABSBURG EMPIRE

8 days from Prague to Vienna and Budapest

## Vacation Highlights:

- ◆ Arrival transfer from Prague airport to the hotel; or alternatively, join from Kompas' "Bygone and Present Day Discovery of Germany" tour.
- ◆ 8 day/7-night guided tour featuring:
  - Centrally located first class hotels:
    - 3 nights in Prague
    - 2 nights in Vienna
    - 3 nights in Budapest
  - Buffet breakfast daily
  - A welcome reception in Prague (heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink)
  - A dinner in Budapest (coffee or tea included)
  - A farewell dinner in Budapest (coffee or tea included)
- ◆ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ◆ Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach
- ◆ Professional English-speaking tour director
- ◆ Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides
- ◆ Admission included where indicated in bold letters
- ◆ Luggage handling at the hotels
- ◆ Whisper technology enhanced touring
- ◆ Departure transfer from Budapest to Budapest airport or to Belgrade for your continuation with Kompas' "The Ancient Lands of Rumelia, a Journey through the Balkans" tour

## Tour spotlights:

- ◆ Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture in Prague
- ◆ Vienna's Imperial sights, coffee houses and music
- ◆ Budapest, city of thermal springs and fairytale beauty

## Special Features:

- ◆ Opera performance in Prague
- ◆ Strauss & Mozart Concert in Vienna
- ◆ Dinner with Csarda folk dance in Budapest

## Hotels:

- ◆ **Prague:** Angelo by Vienna House Prague (F) / Vienna House Andel's Prague (F) or similar
- ◆ **Vienna:** Hilton Vienna (SF) or similar
- ◆ **Budapest:** Radisson Blu (F) or similar

This tour can be extended with Kompas' "The Ancient Lands of Rumelia, a Journey through the Balkans" tour

## Itinerary:

### Day 1, arrive Prague, Sunday

Upon arrival in Prague, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Then your time is free to begin exploring. Tonight, your tour director is hosting a welcome reception

and will introduce you to your fellow travelers and to the fascinating tour that awaits you. **(WR)**

### Day 2, in Prague, Monday

We cross the Vltava River to see the Royal Castle of Hradcany and visit the **Cathedral of St. Vitus**, the **Old Royal Palace**, **St. George's Basilica** and the **Golden Lane** with the **Daliborka Tower**. The balance of the day is at leisure. **(B)**

**Optional tour: Visit of the Strahov monastery and its brewery**

### Day 3, in Prague, Tuesday

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

**Optional tour: Prague river cruise**

### Day 4, to Vienna, Wednesday

We travel by motor coach to Vienna, the "City of Waltz." There is free time to start discovering the city's delights, from shopping to architecture to pastries. After a free afternoon, enjoy an evening **Concert of Strauss's & Mozart's music**. **(B)**

### Day 5, in Vienna, Thursday

We start the day with a visit of **St. Stephen's Cathedral** and the **Hofburg Palace**; then on to view Belvedere Palace, Prater Amusement Park, and the UN Buildings. **(B)**

**Optional tour: Visit of the Schönbrunn castle**

### Day 6, to Budapest, Friday

Today, we depart for Budapest. The afternoon is free to explore the "Paris of the East", shop along the Vaci Utca, nibble a delicious slice of apple strudel, sip some Hungarian wine, or perhaps join one of the optional excursions available. Tonight, enjoy dinner with entertainment in a typical Csarda restaurant. **(B, D)**

### Day 7, in Budapest, Saturday

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

**Optional tour: Market tour with food tasting**

### Day 8, depart Budapest, Sunday

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport. Alternatively, you can continue your journey and join Kompas' "The Ancient Lands of Rumelia, a Journey through the Balkans" Tour. **(B)**

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departure dates	\$ pp double occupancy	\$ single supplement
2-May-21	\$1.980	\$750
13-Jun-21	\$1.980	\$750
15-Aug-21	\$1.980	\$750
26-Sep-21	\$1.980	\$750
17-Oct-21	\$1.980	\$750
12-Dec-21	\$1.790	\$620

Rates are gross, per person, in US dollars