

European Discovery 2B

Austria – Germany – Netherlands – Hungary – Czech Republic – Slovakia

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Day 1 | TRAVEL TO VIENNA

HIGHLIGHTS: Arrival in Vienna. Transfer to your hotel.

Welcome to Europe! On arrival at the airport you will be transferred to your hotel. Enjoy free time before your tour starts.

Day 2 | VIENNA

HIGHLIGHTS: Vienna city tour. Gardens of the Schönbrunn Palace. Today we explore this impressive city of **Vienna**. Here we experience beautiful avenues, **palaces** and the vibrant **city center**. Then head to **Schönbrunn Palace**, stroll around and enjoy the beautiful gardens. After lunch, enjoy the afternoon at leisure in the city center. This evening we'll head to **City Hall Square**, enjoy the nightlife and have the opportunity to have dinner.

Day 3 | VIENNA - BUDAPEST

HIGHLIGHTS: Cruise on the Danube, tour of Budapest with evening transfer. We head to **Budapest**, Hungary. On arrival, we'll discover Budapest ("Queen of the Danube") on a **boat tour** along the **Danube river** which divides historic **Buda** on one side and cosmopolitan **Pest** on the other. Get some lunch, then take a **scenic tour** of the city. After the tour free time to enjoy the city at leisure. We finish in the lively area of **Vaci Utca**, with an opportunity to have dinner.

Day 4 | BUDAPEST - BRATISLAVA - PRAGUE

HIGHLIGHTS. Explore Bratislava. Czech landscapes. Evening transfer in Prague. We leave Budapest for **Bratislava**, capital of Slovakia on the Danube. At the **historic center**, take time to explore the city and enjoy lunch. After lunch we proceed to **Prague** - capital of Czech Republic. As an introduction, on arrival we make our way to the **Old Town Square** - full of energy and activities. You can have dinner in one of the many restaurants including international cuisines - Czech, Chinese, Indian and Italian. Return to hotel.

Day 5 | PRAGUE

HIGHLIGHTS: City tour of Prague. Visit to Castle. Boat tour along the river. Today we will visit the capital, Prague, the Baroque jewel of Europe. Our local expert will provide an informative city tour, which will include outstanding monuments. During the visit we walk through **Prague Castle** (admission included). Subsequently, we shall take a **river cruise** on the

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Vltava River. In the afternoon enjoy some free time to explore the city. In the evening, we will enjoy more time in the historic **city center** and you will have an opportunity to have dinner. Return to hotel.

Day 6 | PRAGUE - LAUF - WURZBURG - FRANKFURT

HIGHLIGHTS: Bavarian Germany. We leave for Germany. In the region of Bavaria, we will see **Lauf An Der Pegnitz**, a picturesque village with a busy **Market Square** and **Castle**. Later we proceed to **Wurzburg** for lunch and to explore this Bavarian city on the **Maine River**, a former bishopric center, now a major university city. Our journey continues to **Frankfurt**. Explore this historic city and choose one of the many international restaurants. Later we proceed to the hotel.

Day 7 | FRANKFURT - CRUISE ON THE RIVER RHINE - COLOGNE (KÖLN) - AMSTERDAM

HIGHLIGHTS: Rhine cruise included. Today we'll take a **river cruise** on the **Rhine**, between the villages of **Rudesheim** and **St. Goar**, the most picturesque section. After this we travel to **Cologne**, a city renowned for its immense **gothic cathedral**. We then to the Netherlands. Arriving to **Amsterdam** in the late afternoon.

Day 8 | AMSTERDAM

HIGHLIGHTS: Picturesque typical village of Volendam. Boat on the IJsselmeer lake. City tour of Amsterdam. Today we have a very exciting day in the Netherlands. We'll go to **Zaanse Schans** with its **windmills, canals** and its typical **Dutch houses**. Next **Volendam**, a picturesque **fishing village**. A short boat trip from Volendam, will take us to **Marken**, an island that was joined to the mainland by a dike, where the houses are built on stilts. After this, we travel to **Amsterdam** where we will enjoy a panoramic tour of this beautiful city with its **narrow canals**, buildings and parks. We will also get to see and learn about the craft of **diamond cutting**. A large part of the visit will be done on foot, with the use of headsets. Time for dinner in **Rembrandtplein**, an area with many restaurants from all corners of the world and near the famous **red-light district**. We later proceed to the hotel.

Day 9 | AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, end of tour.