



The Best of Eastern Europe

May 27 – June 11, 2021

Escorted by Michael and Glenna Bodolosky

Highlights:

- ▲ **BERLIN:** Welcome dinner; guided sightseeing, take pictures of Brandenburg Gate and the Holocaust Memorial, visit Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church; a special farewell dinner with wine at a local restaurant
- ▲ **POZNAN:** Stop in the historic city
- ▲ **WARSAW:** Guided sightseeing, visit the Cathedral of St. John; attend a private Chopin concert
- ▲ **CZESTOCHOWA:** Visit the Monastery of Jasna Góra and its Black Madonna
- ▲ **AUSCHWITZ:** Visit the site of the former concentration camp
- ▲ **KRAKOW:** Guided sightseeing, walking tour of the Kazimierz Quarter, see Wawel Castle, visit St. Mary's Church
- ▲ **DONOVALY:** Stop in this pretty ski resort
- ▲ **BUDAPEST:** Guided sightseeing, panoramic view from Fishermen's Bastion, visit Matthias Coronation Church
- ▲ **VIENNA:** Guided sightseeing, visit Heldenplatz and St. Stephen's Cathedral
- ▲ **PRAGUE:** Guided sightseeing, Astronomical Clock, visit the Hradčany Castle grounds; taste a Trdelnik rolled pastry
- ▲ **DRESDEN:** Walking tour



Travel Dates
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2021

\$2,878

per person

double occupancy +

air + transfers

single supplement \$951

Travel Protection \$249
(double occupancy)
\$299 single



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Price and taxes may vary until time of ticketing.

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Inside visits and special features are shown in UPPERCASE in the tour description, including admission charges where applicable.

DAY 1 – OVERNIGHT FLIGHT FROM THE UNITED STATES

DAY 2 – ARRIVE IN BERLIN, GERMANY

Welcome to Berlin! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. *Dinner*

DAY 3 – BERLIN

Sightseeing with a Local Guide in the once-divided metropolis includes the Ku'damm, the restored Reichstag, a picture stop at monumental Brandenburg Gate and the Holocaust Memorial, Charlottenburg Palace, and the 210-foot Victory Column in the vast Tiergarten park. Visit the KAISER WILHELM MEMORIAL CHURCH, drive along Unter den Linden boulevard, and pass the German State Opera House and Checkpoint Charlie. To enhance your stay, why not join an optional excursion to historic Potsdam? *Breakfast*

DAY 4 – BERLIN – POZNAN, POLAND – WARSAW

Cross the Polish border, enjoy vistas of rural life in the fertile central plains, and take a break in historic Poznan on your way to Warsaw. *Breakfast, Dinner*

DAY 5 – WARSAW

Your Local Guide will tell you about the tormented, often tragic history of this important gateway city between East and West. See the medieval Stare Miasto (Old Quarter) with its market square and 14th-century CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN, the “wedding cake” Palace of Culture and Science, neoclassical Lazienki Palace, and the remnants of the Jewish ghetto. Later, attend a PRIVATE CHOPIN CONCERT. *Breakfast*

DAY 6 – WARSAW – CZESTOCHOWA – AUSCHWITZ – KRAKOW

A fascinating morning: visit JASNA GÓRA, the monastery near Czestochowa, and admire its BLACK MADONNA, which is venerated as the “Queen of Poland” and has become the country’s national symbol. Next, stop in Auschwitz to visit what is left of the CONCENTRATION CAMP, a chilling reminder of the Holocaust. Evening arrival in Krakow. *Breakfast, Dinner*

DAY 7 – KRAKOW

This morning, there is a chance to join an optional excursion to the Wieliczka salt mines. Later, guided sightseeing in ancient Krakow features a walking tour of the KAZIMIERZ QUARTER, a picture stop at Wawel Castle, and a visit to ST. MARY’S CHURCH. Tonight, why not join an optional Polish dinner and folklore show? *Breakfast*

DAY 8 – KRAKOW – DONOVALY, SLOVAKIA – BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

A scenic drive through the heart of mountainous and densely wooded Slovakia, where brown bears still roam free, brings you to Donovaly, a popular ski resort in the Tatra Mountains. Continue to Budapest, proud capital of Hungary. This evening, you may wish to join an optional private dinner cruise on the Danube River, the perfect introduction to this fascinating city. *Breakfast*

DAY 9 – BUDAPEST

Your Local Guide takes you through Eastern Europe’s most cosmopolitan city. See elegant Andrassy Avenue, the Thermal Baths, and the world’s second-largest Jewish synagogue. From the lacy lookout towers of Fishermen’s Bastion, enjoy a panoramic view of the sprawling city. Then, visit the 13th-century MATTHIAS CORONATION CHURCH and Heroes’ Square. Afternoon at leisure. Tonight, a delectable optional Hungarian specialty dinner can be arranged. *Breakfast*

DAY 10 – BUDAPEST – VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Drive through the Hungarian plains to Vienna, once the center of the mighty Habsburg Empire. Meet your Local Guide and start your sightseeing with vistas of Prater park with its giant Ferris wheel. Then, drive along the elegant Ringstrasse. Pass the impressive State Opera House, the Jewish quarter, and stop at the Hofburg Palace, winter residence of the Austrian imperial family. Marvel at the impressive courtyards and famous Heldenplatz, and visit awesome ST. STEPHEN’S CATHEDRAL. *Breakfast*

DAY 11 – AT LEISURE IN VIENNA

A whole day at leisure offers you the opportunity to join exciting optional excursions to the capital of Slovakia, Bratislava, and a concert in one of Vienna’s concert halls, or to just explore this magnificent city on your own. *Breakfast*

DAY 12 – VIENNA – TELC, CZECH REPUBLIC – PRAGUE

Cross the Czech border and enter Moravia. Stop in one of the most beautiful towns in the Czech Republic, Telc, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where a light lunch with local specialties awaits you. In the afternoon, drive through the rich farmlands of Moravia and Bohemia to Prague. Tonight is your chance to join an optional outing to explore Prague by night. *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

DAY 13 – PRAGUE

Guided sightseeing includes a visit to HRADČANY CASTLE GROUNDS. Also see St. Vitus Cathedral, the Old Town, the Jewish ghetto, and the ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK, once the envy of all Europe. Then, taste a Trdelnik, the famous rolled pastry topped with sugar and walnut mix. Balance of the day at leisure. *Breakfast*

DAY 14 – PRAGUE – DRESDEN, GERMANY – BERLIN

Re-enter Germany and stop in Dresden, the former capital of Saxony. Badly damaged by Allied bombing in February 1945, the city has since been restored to its baroque splendor. During your walking tour, admire the architecture of the Zwinger Palace and Semper Opera. Next, return to Berlin, where a special farewell dinner awaits you at a local restaurant. *Breakfast, Dinner*

DAY 15 – BERLIN

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. *Breakfast*

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