

K601 ~ EASTERN EUROPEAN PANORAMA

13 days from Vienna to Budapest, Krakow, Warsaw, Berlin and Prague

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- * First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- * Breakfast daily and 6 dinners
- * Airport arrival and departure transfers
- * Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- * Professional Tour Director throughout
- * Luggage handling
- * Whisper technology enhanced touring
- * Service charges and hotel taxes

SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

- * Vienna
- * Budapest
- * Krakow
- * Warsaw
- * Berlin
- * Prague

ITINERARY:

Day 1, arrive Vienna, Saturday

You will be transferred to your hotel. Then your time is free to relax or begin exploring. Later, meet your fellow travelers and your Tour Director for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

Day 2, in Vienna, Sunday

On a morning sightseeing tour, visit the **Hofburg Palace**, once the home of the Habsberg emperors, and view the Belvedere Palace, Prater Amusement Park, the UN Buildings, **St. Stephen's Cathedral** and other reminders of the city's imperial past. The afternoon is at leisure to discover more of Vienna at your own pace. (B)

Day 3, to Budapest, Monday

Journey east and cross the border into Hungary. Continue through the Transdanubian region, reaching Budapest with time to freshen up before dinner. (B, D)

Day 4, in Budapest, Tuesday

In 1873, the twin cities of Buda and Pest joined with ancient Obuda to form a new, unified city, Budapest. Charming and beautiful, the city was declared a World Heritage site in 1987. Your morning sightseeing tour includes views of all the main attractions: The Parliament, Royal Palace and the Castle Hill area, **Fisherman's Bastion**, **Matthias Church**, Heroes' Square, and Gellert Hill with its Citadel. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore this exciting city on your own. (B)



Day 5, to Krakow, Wednesday

The road to Krakow winds through the hills and countryside of Slovakia, past the Tatra Mountains, and into the rolling plains of Poland. You'll arrive in time for a relaxing dinner. (B, D)

Day 6, in Krakow, Thursday

A morning sightseeing tour starts with a visit to Wawel Hill, viewing the Royal Castle and visiting the **Royal Cathedral**. Next, take a walking tour of the Old Town where you will see the Main Market Square and Renaissance Cloth Hall, and visit **St. Mary's Church**. The afternoon is free to go for a stroll, browse through the shops, sample some sernik or szarlotka, or simply relax. (B)

Day 7, to Warsaw, Friday

This morning join on a tour to **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, the notorious concentration camp from World War II and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Later, journey to Czestochowa and visit the **Yasna Gora Monastery**, known for the blackened picture of the Virgin Mary, popularly called the "Black Madonna." In the late afternoon, arrive in Poland's capital city, Warsaw. (B, D)



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Day 8, in Warsaw, Saturday

This 700-year-old capital is a symbol of Polish nationhood and the will to survive against great odds. Your sightseeing tour here includes a drive along the famous Royal Route from magnificent Castle Square to Lazienki Park and Palace, the summer residence of the last king of Poland. Pass by the Palace of Science and Culture (known as the "wedding cake"), the Saxon Gardens, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Monument to the Heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto, and Barbican. Continue with a walking tour of the Old Town, Old Market Square and St. John's Cathedral. The rest of the day is free for shopping, a stroll through the city, relaxing in one of the many parks or gardens, or perhaps attend an optional late afternoon Chopin concert. **(B)**

Day 9, to Berlin, Sunday

Heading west, stop in Poznan for an orientation tour. Then continue to Berlin, today's final destination. **(B, D)**

Day 10, in Berlin, Monday

Your morning sightseeing tour features views of the impressive Reichstag and lovely Schloss Charlottenburg. Continue through the city to see famous sights such as the Opera, Schiller Theater and Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. The afternoon is free to explore this once divided city on your own. **(B)**

Day 11, to Prague, Tuesday

After breakfast, continue your journey via Dresden, the beautiful Saxony Baroque city. Stop for an orientation tour, viewing Zwinger Palace and Semper Opera House. Then, on to Prague, the capital of Czech Republic. **(B, D)**

Day 12, in Prague, Wednesday

Built on seven hills more than 1000 years ago, Prague today is a wonder to behold, with beautiful architecture, lush green hills, and graceful bridges spanning the Vltava River. A sightseeing tour starts with panoramic drive past famous Wenceslas Square, the Strahov Stadium and Castle Square. Then, on a walking tour, visit the Royal Castle of Hradcany with the **Cathedral of St. Vitus**, the **Old Royal Palace**, **St. George's Basilica** and **Golden Lane** with the **Daliborka Tower**. Cross the Charles Bridge and walk through the old quarter of Prague to view the Jewish Ghetto, Town Hall and the world-famous Astronomical Clock. The rest of the day is free to explore at your own pace. You might want to attend an optional cultural performance. **(B)**



Day 13, depart Prague, Thursday

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. **(B)**

HOTELS:

- * **Vienna:** Hilton Vienna (SF)
- * **Budapest:** Radisson Blu Beke (F) / Museum (F)
- * **Krakow:** Holiday Inn City Center (DLX) / Doubletree by Hilton (F)
- * **Warsaw:** Radisson Blu Centrum (DLX)
- * **Berlin:** Hotel ABBA (F)
- * **Prague:** Andel's by Vienna House (F)

TOUR K601	
STARTING DATES:	TERMINATION DATES:
04-May	16-May
18-May	30-May
01-Jun	13-Jun
22-Jun	04-Jul
29-Jun	11-Jul
27-Jul	08-Aug
10-Aug	22-Aug
31-Aug	12-Sep
14-Sep	26-Sep
28-Sep	10-Oct
PRICES:	
Per person in twin:	\$2,498
Single room supplement:	\$1,058