

EUROPE HAS ITS OWN MAGIC

The program includes one overnight in Milan or the area (Italy), one overnight in Feldkirch or the area (Austria), one overnight in Kaprun or surroundings (Austria), one overnight in Salzburg or the area (Austria), one overnight in Vienna or surroundings (Austria), one overnight in Budapest (Hungary), one overnight in Belgrade (Serbia), one overnight in Sofia (Bulgaria), one overnight in Plovdiv (Bulgaria), two overnights in Istanbul (Turkey); bus transportation; accommodation in the chosen hotel category; meals as per chosen option; local tour leader during the whole trip.

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Day 1: Milan

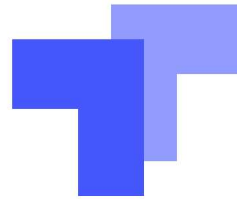
Morning arrival at Milan Malpensa airport. Meet with the tour leader, transfer and sightseeing tour. A renaissance city, capital of the Lombardy region and second largest in the country after Rome, Milan is all about fashion, design and art thanks to its precious heritage sites, famous architecture and esteemed masterpieces safeguarded in the city's many museums. The sightseeing tour will take you to the Duomo, Palazzo Reale, Castello Sforzesco, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, the world-famous La Scala opera house and many more. **Optional lunch.** About 14h00 – check-in at hotel. In the afternoon – time at leisure or shopping at the fashion outlets of Milan. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Milan or the area.

Day 2 (400 km): Milan – Lucerne – Vaduz – Feldkirch

Breakfast. 08h00 – departure to the town of Lucerne situated on the shores of the Lake Lucerne – a pearl in the Swiss Alps (250km). About noon – arrival and sightseeing of the old town – Chapel Bridge, the lakeside with river Reuss and the touching monument of the mortally-wounded lion carved in the glacier rocks. **Optional lunch.** Free time for souvenir shopping and opportunity to purchase the famous Swiss army knife. Around 15h00 – departure to Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein (130km). Arrival in the afternoon and tour of the town of Vaduz – the richest and best developed European state with its fascinating cultural and art scene. In the evening – departure to the town of Feldkirch (20km). Arrival at hotel, check-in and dinner. Overnight in Feldkirch or the area.

Day 3 (315 km): Feldkirch – Innsbruck – Swarovski Crystal Worlds – Kaprun

Breakfast. 07h30 departure to Innsbruck – the capital of the Tyrolean Alps which offers a unique mosaic of history and nature (160 km). Arrival about 10h00 and sightseeing tour – the world famous “Golden Roof”, the St. James Cathedral, Hofkirche (the courts church) and the Hofburg. Free time. **Optional lunch.** After lunch – departure to the famous Swarovski Crystal Worlds park and museum (15km). Arrival and visit of the unique site with the largest synthetic crystal exhibition in the world. Free time for shopping in the largest Swarovski shop. Before departure – coffee break. About 18h00 – departure to the town of Kaprun – one of the most picturesque mountain resorts in Austria (140km). Arrival about 21h00. Check-in at hotel, dinner and overnight in the heart of the mighty Alps.



Day 4* (120 km): Kaprun – Zell am See – Salzburg

Breakfast. 09h00 – short city walk in Kaprun – where the Alps are close enough to touch – and free time for souvenir shopping. About 10h00 – departure to the so called “Top of Salzburg” – the highest panorama platform in the province of Salzburg where you will reach 3029 m above sea level (please mind proper attire!). About noon – back to the bus and departure to the neighboring town of Zell am See – another pearl in the Austrian Alps (8km). **Optional lunch.** Walking tour to the town’s square with the church of St. Hippolyte (the oldest in the area) and to the lake’s promenade where the famous Grand Hotel Zell am See and Casino are located. Free time for shopping or optional boat tour on the Lake Zeller surrounded by breathtaking views (the tour duration is one hour, costs about EUR 15, no group discounts). About 18h00 – departure to Salzburg. Arrival about 20h00. Check-in and dinner at hotel. Overnight in Salzburg or the area.

Day 5 (300 km): Salzburg – Vienna

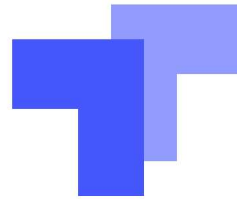
Breakfast. 08h00 – city tour of Salzburg – the “Salt Fortress” included in the UNESCO World Heritage List and birthplace of the world-famous composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Free time for souvenir shopping and to taste the *Original Salzburger Mozartkugeln* – hand-made sweets manufactured for over 100 years only here in Salzburg. About 11h00 – departure to Vienna. **Optional lunch** on the way to Vienna. About 16h00 – arrival in Vienna and visit of the Schoenbrunn palace – the imperial summer residence of the Habsburg family with 1441 rooms and exquisite gardens. In the evening – check-in and dinner at hotel. Overnight in Vienna or surroundings.

Day 6 (250 km): Vienna – Budapest

Breakfast. 08h00 – sightseeing tour of Vienna – the capital of Austria and the former Austrian-Hungarian Empire, hosting the world famous Opera and Symphony, Maria-Theresien-Platz, the St. Stephan Cathedral and many more. Free time. **Optional lunch** and chance to taste one of the culinary symbols of Vienna – the Sacher cake (*Sachertorte*). Around 13h00 – departure to Budapest, the capital of Hungary, often called “Paris of the East” for its beautiful illuminations and reflections in the waters of river Danube. Arrival in the afternoon and panoramic city tour – the Hero’s square, the Parliament and the so called “Fisherman’s Bastion” with the 14th century Gothic church of St. Matthias (entrance to the church is optional and not included). 19h00 – dinner cruise on the river Danube – a real treat to the eyes and palate. After dinner – transfer to hotel and check-in. Overnight in Budapest.

Day 7 (400 km): Budapest – Novi Sad – Belgrade

Breakfast. 08h00 departure to Novi Sad – the second largest city in Serbia (300 km). Arrival about noon. **Optional lunch.** Short sightseeing tour of the old town and visit of the famous Petrovaradin fortress – often called “Gibraltar of the Danube”. Free time. About 16h00 – departure to the capital of Serbia – Belgrade (100km). Check-in at hotel and time for leisure. 20h00 – dinner at the district of Skadralija where you can feel the bohemian spirit of Belgrade in one of the very typical restaurants with traditional urban music. Return to hotel and overnight in Belgrade.



Day 8 (400 km): Belgrade – Sofia

Breakfast. 08h00 – panoramic city tour of the Serbian capital – one of the oldest settlements in Europe with rich and controversial history. We will visit “Kalemegdan” – a fortress of three empires overlooking river Sava and its confluence with the mighty Danube, the St. Sava Temple – one of the largest Orthodox churches in the world, the Square of the Republic and the pedestrian zone full of shops and cafés. Time at leisure. **Optional lunch.** About 13h00 – departure to Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. Arrival in the evening. Check-in and dinner at hotel. Overnight in Sofia.

Day 9 (350 km): Sofia – Rila Monastery – Plovdiv

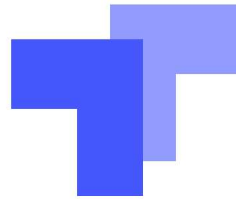
Breakfast. 08h00 – sightseeing tour of Sofia – city that “grows, but never grows old” – 2000 year old settlement steeped in history, yet youthful and exotic with its fusion of roman ruins, golden churches, Ottoman mosques and stubborn Red Army monuments. Time at leisure. **Optional lunch.** About 13h00 – departure to Rila Monastery – UNESCO World Heritage Site (130km). Visit of the 10th century old complex built on 8800 square meters and located at an altitude of 1147 m amidst fragrant coniferous forest of Rila mountains. It bears centuries of Orthodox history and holds a very precious library with rare manuscripts and old printed books. About 16h00 – departure to the city of Plovdiv – the second largest of Bulgaria (220km). Arrival in the evening. Check-in at hotel. Dinner at traditional restaurant with folklore program. Return to the hotel. Overnight in Plovdiv.

Day 10 (420 km): Plovdiv – Istanbul

Breakfast. 08h00 – Sightseeing tour of Plovdiv – “The City of the Seven Hills” regarded as one of world’s oldest ones and chosen for the **European Capital of Culture 2019**. We will stroll through the narrow and steep streets of the Old Town, famous with its ensemble of houses from the period of the National Revival (19th century) – nowadays most of them turned into museums and galleries. We will take a glimpse of the ancient Roman Theatre (currently still in use) and then take a walk down to the main pedestrian street where remnants of the Roman Stadium still exist right next to Dzhumaya Mosque – one of the oldest Ottoman mosques on the Balkans. Free time. **Optional lunch.** Around 13h00 – departure to Istanbul. Arrival in the evening. Check-in. Dinner and overnight in Istanbul.

Day 11: Istanbul

Breakfast. 08h00 – Istanbul sightseeing tour – a panoramic and walking tour of the 3000-year old metropolis, capital of 3 empires, final stage of the legendary Silk Road. You will experience a living history and breeding culture from ancient to modern times and will enjoy an architectural triumph of 3 millennia which miraculously remained untouched over centuries of ups and downs. The tour includes the Topkapi palace (from outside), historic Sultanahmet Square with the magnificent Blue Mosque, the Egyptian Obelisk, the Column of Constantine, the Serpent Column, as well as visit to St. Sofia (*Hagia Sofia*) monument built in the 6th century as a church, later turned into imperial mosque, now a museum. Free time for shopping or visit some of the magnificently decorated Istanbul mosques. **Optional lunch.** Later we will cross the Golden Horn Bay, take a look of the Bosphorus and explore the area of Taksim square, where you can enjoy the lovely cafes and the heritage of Asian and European cuisine. In the evening – dinner at a restaurant with entertaining program including oriental dances. Return to hotel. Overnight in Istanbul.



Day 12**: Istanbul – Departure

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Departure to home.

***In case of a late flight from Istanbul, additional activities can be provided*

THIS ITINERARY IS SUITABLE FOR GROUPS – PACKAGE RATES ARE UPON REQUEST.

PLEASE SEND US YOUR DETAILED TRAVEL INFORMATION, e.g.:

- APPROXIMATE DATES OF TRAVELLING;
 - NUMBER OF PAX;
 - NUMBER OF ROOMS;
- PREFERRED HOTEL CATEGORY;
- ANY OTHER SPECIFIC REQUESTS.

WE WILL REVERT TO YOU WITH OUR OFFER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Our package includes:

- Eleven overnights on the preferred basis and hotel category (BB/HB/FB; 3 or 4 star hotels);
 - One dinner cruise on the river Danube in Budapest (for HB and FB basis);
 - One dinner in the bohemian district of Skadarlija in Belgrade (for HB and FB basis);
 - One dinner in a traditional restaurant with folklore program in Plovdiv (for HB and FB basis);
 - One dinner in a restaurant with entertaining program in Istanbul (for HB and FB basis);
 - Bus transportation during the whole trip, including road taxes and parking fees;
 - Bus transfer from and to airport;
 - Local tour leader during the whole tour;
 - Local tour guides in the cities;
 - Entrance to the Swarovski Cristal Worlds, including coffee break;
 - Lift ticket to the highest mountain platform in Salzburg province – Top of Salzburg;
 - Entrance to the palace of Schoenbrunn in Vienna;
 - Entrance to the Rila Monastery in Bulgaria;
 - Entrance to the Hagia Sofia in Istanbul.
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The package doesn't include:

- Airplane ticket incl. taxes from/to your home town;
 - Accommodation and other costs for the representative of the arriving company;
 - Tips for the driver and tour leader (obligatory – EUR 4 per person/per day);
 - Medical insurance;
 - Visa fees and assistance (if required);
 - Ticket for a cruise ship in Zell am See;
 - Entrance fees for museums or other sights (excluding the above specified);
 - Personal expenses of all kind, pocket money, etc.
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Important remarks (NB!!):

- Check-in is available after 14:00h, Check-out is until 12:00h;
- Hotel names will be advised latest about one month before arrival;
- In some hotels only DBL or only TWIN rooms are available. The tour operator can't guarantee the type of the rooms but will do the best to provide the requested ones;
- If TPL room is required, pls mind that the third bed usually is an extra bed or sofa bed;
- As per local regulations, city tax is applicable at some places during the tour. The city tax is payable on spot, prices vary between 2-5 euro pp/night, depending on the hotel category;
- **Day 4*:** In winter time (November to February) visit of Kaprun and Zell am See is not recommended. Instead, we will go to Germany and visit the city of Munich – the capital of Bavaria. Our third overnight will be there and on Day 4 we will have a sightseeing tour with some time at leisure. In the afternoon – we will departure to Salzburg;
- **Day 4*:** In bad weather conditions the tour operator can't guarantee visit to the Top of Salzburg viewing platform. Some alternative options can be provided depending on the lifts' operating hours and the weather conditions. Please mind proper attire for this day;
- **Please mind high season in December** due to Christmas markets, Christmas holidays and New Year's Eve. Accommodation prices could be higher than usual which might affect the package price, in case this period is chosen.
- It is obligatory that the tour operator is informed in advance about any special food requirements – e.g. vegetarians, vegans, allergies, etc.;
- All given times of arrival and departure are approximate. The tour operator can't foresee any road or boarder obstacles and cannot be held responsible for any delays;
- All objects (excluding the above specified visits) are seen from outside. Any other historical sites, museums, mountain lifts and etc. can be visited at additional cost;
- Due to local or religious festivals, changes in the museums' policy (e.g. changes in the prices or the working time tables), other unforeseen circumstances or bad weather conditions, **the tour operator reserves the right to amend the sequence of the above given itinerary or to offer an alternative sites at a short notice.**

The itinerary is subject to change upon request.

We are able to provide you with tailor-made tours according to your taste, needs and budget.

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