This tour visits: Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Netherlands

Eastern Europe was for decades shut off to the West, hidden behind the ‘Iron Curtain’ - a term Churchill coined to describe the political divisions and distrust between the two sides of this continent. Luckily for us, Europe is now more united than ever and we get to see some of the magnificent cities on both sides of the former divide on this insightful European tour. Romantic Budapest, classy Vienna, Gothic Prague, historic Berlin and buzzing Amsterdam all await us on a fantastic journey as we make our way to London.

The Bucket List

- Walking tour of Amsterdam
- Driving tour of Berlin
- Driving tour of Vienna
- Walking tour of Prague
- Dutch cheese and clogs demonstration
- Visit to Mauthausen former concentration camp

More Inclusions

- 9 breakfasts, 4 dinners
- 9 nights in hotel accommodation (twin or double)
- English Channel crossing
- Modern air-conditioned coach with free Wi-Fi
- Guided tours of all major cities
- Awesome Trip Leader + Driver

Trip Itinerary
Day 1 - Ljubljana to Budapest, Hungary

Your house in Budapest awaits. Meet your Trip Leader and prepare for two days to get down and Danube (that be the river) with twin cities, Buda and Pest. Check out Hero's Square, Parliament House, the National Palace, Fisherman's Bastion and swanky Andrásy Avenue. After gorging on goulash, cabbage rolls and dumplings, roll into bed.

Meals:
-Dinner

Day 2 - Budapest

Free day = put down your Rubik's Cube and take on a city with enough baroque, neoclassical and art nouveau architecture to keep you puzzled for hours. Want to relax? There are 80+ thermal springs in Budapest so start soaking. Indulge and treat yo' self with a spa treatment then visit the Buda Castle or House of Terror Museum.

Meals:
-Breakfast

Optional activities:
-Dinner cruise on the Danube river

Day 3 - Budapest to Vienna, Austria

Pick your Baroque from Rococo as we slide into The City of Dreams (kudos, Freud)! The Vienna Orchestra provides the soundtrack (optional) while we check out Europe's classiest capital. Wave hello to the President as we go past the Hofburg Palace. And because one palace isn't enough, we also take a peek at the Schonbrunn. Top off your day with a schnitzel and apple strudel if you can find one.

Included today:
-Driving tour of Vienna

Meals:
-Breakfast

Optional Activities:
-Viennese Chamber Orchestra
-Orchestra with dinner

Day 4 - Vienna to Prague, Czech Republic

First, a visit to Mauthausen concentration camp for a lesson in the resilience of humanity. Then, fuel up on trdelník (pastry deliciousness) before a walking tour amongst spires and cobblestone streets of Prague. Suss out the castle deemed worthy by Guinness World Records as being the largest ancient castle in the world, cross medieval Charles Bridge and watch 'Death' toll the hour on an astronomical clock that's over 600 years old.

Included today:
-Visit Mauthausen former concentration camp
-Walking tour of Prague

Meals:
Day 5 - Prague

Another day in Prague for the win. Channel your inner bohemian and seek out the John Lennon memorial wall, then soak up some more Czech history at the National or Communist Museum or get a taste of the quirky local culture at a marionette puppet opera (you gotta see it to believe it). Snap a selfie at Prague's own Eiffel Tower, visit a miniatures museum, eat roast pork from one of the street vendors lining Old Town Square and drink beer. Good beer.

Meals:
- Breakfast

Optional Activities:
- Beer tasting

Day 6 - Prague to Berlin, Germany

Roll over to 800 year-old Dresden - a city virtually destroyed in WWII and then rebuilt - and ogle the Frauenkirche before making your beard all the more ironic in Berlin. Prep yourself for currywurst, absinthe and more hipsters per capita than anywhere else. We'll drive you around to see (what's left of) the Berlin Wall, Checkpoint Charlie, the Brandenburg Gate and the Reichstag building before making your food baby sing with a hearty German meal.

Included today:
- Walking tour of Dresden
- Driving tour of Berlin

Meals:
- Breakfast
- Dinner

Day 7 - Berlin

Shake off last night with a wander around the German capital. Optional: Third Reich walking tour and local insight into what the city was like under Nazi rule during World War II. Hackescher Markt is a hit for lunch. Afternoon suggestion? Have a picnic at the historic Tempelhof airport turned public park #picniconthetarmac. Tonight: hit the hotspots on an optional nightlife tour.

Meals:
- Breakfast

Optional Activities:
- Third Reich walking tour
- Berlin Alternative tour and Nightlife tour

Day 8 - Berlin to Amsterdam, Netherlands

Cheese lovers, rejoice. Next: Amsterdam = mayo-dipped fries and red lights. Get your bearings on a walking tour of the vibrant capital and see the Dam Square, Royal Palace and National Monument. Then: explore all that this notoriously liberal city has to offer.
Included today:
- Dutch cheese and clogs demonstration
- Amsterdam Walking tour

Meals:
- Breakfast

Day 9 - Amsterdam

Join the 881,000 bicycles and get local on a city bike tour (optional) of Amsterdam's iconic canals, bridges and parks. Culture fiends, delve deeper with a visit to the Anne Frank House, Van Gogh Museum or Rijksmuseum. Still thirsty for more? Check out the Heineken Experience for an interactive visit and tasting at the brewery.

Included today:
- Dinner cruise on the Danube river

Meals:
- Breakfast
  - Dinner

Optional Activities:
- Amsterdam bike tour

Day 10 - Amsterdam to London, England

Start planning the next adventure, today we end in London town. Facebook friends?

Meals:
- Breakfast

Accommodation

We endeavour to select a combination of good quality hotels that reflect the character of the local area as well as being as centrally located as possible, while striving to keep the cost affordable.

Your trip will stay in a range of European hotels of three and four-star quality.

Please be aware that European hotel rooms, especially those in major urban centres or older cities, may be smaller than what you are used to in other parts of the world. Standards and ratings may also be different to your home country.

Rooms are en-suite and either twin or triple-share, depending on what you have booked. If you are a solo traveller, you will always be sharing a room with someone of the same sex unless you have paid an extra fee for your own room.

If you are travelling as a couple and would prefer to have a double bed, please officially request a double room with your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant. We never presume that two people travelling together are a couple, even if you share the same surname, unless informed otherwise.
Meals

Your included meals are detailed in the 'More Inclusions' section of this document.

Breakfasts are included every day in the hotel (except on the first morning). They are usually 'continental breakfasts', which are typical in most European countries. A typical breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yoghurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, cheese and a range of spreads, with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast in continental Europe, though on some occasions there may be some hot food available as well.

Included evening meals are in local restaurants or accommodations, and are either two or three courses. In most cases table water is provided with the meals, and if you wish to purchase additional drinks you can do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book, or make note of this in the Topdeck app when you check in (refer below). However, please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs, particularly in Eastern Europe. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

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Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, it's important to be aware of the following:

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow
Topdeckers if you become separated.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Be cautious when accepting drinks from strangers and never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but don't be naïve, and be mindful of the signals you are sending out so that you don't find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.