

# Topdeck

## BUDAPEST TO BIG BEN



TRIP CODE:

ECPTL-9



## Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

See some of the best of Europe's grand capitals as you make your way from stunning Budapest all the way to London, ticking off the best sites and experiences along the way.

### WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Camping



Nights



Android/iPhone app  
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This is a sector trip.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Walking tour of Prague
- + Driving tour of Berlin
- + Walking tour of Kraków
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Visit former concentration camp Auschwitz
- + Birkenau

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Walking tour of Kraków
- + Visit former concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau
- + Walking tour of Prague
- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Driving tour of Berlin
- + Dutch cheese and clogs demonstration
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Budapest  
Europe

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

London  
Europe

## *Trip currencies*

- + Hungary - HUF
- + Poland - PLN
- + Czech Republic - CZK
- + Germany - EUR
- + Netherlands - EUR

# Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP LEADER**



**ON-SITE CHEFS**

## DAY 1 | BUDAPEST

You've made it to Budapest! Take on a city with enough baroque, neoclassical and art nouveau architecture to keep you busy for hours. Say hey to your new trip mates and get ready for the adventure!

## DAY 2 | BUDAPEST

A free day to take on a city with enough baroque, neoclassical and art nouveau architecture to keep you entertained for hours. Tonight, hang with the hipsters and drink local fruit brandy at one of the original ruin bars. Wanna go one step further? An optional dinner cruise on the Danube has your name on it.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

+ Dinner cruise on the Danube River

## DAY 3 | BUDAPEST TO KRAKÓW, POLAND

Legend has it a dragon had to be defeated in order for Kraków to be built – bit tougher than the usual council approvals, no? Get acquainted with Poland's beating heart (and the largest medieval town square in Europe) with a walking tour. Buff up on history at Wawel Castle, feed the ducks from the banks of the Wisla and slay a few glasses of mead after dinner. Did someone say optional pub crawl?



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch  
+ Dinner



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Walking tour of Kraków



**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

+ Kraków pub crawl

## DAY 4 | KRAKÓW

After breakfast it's your day, your choice. Our recommendations? Well, you could discover Kraków's inner hipster in the Jewish district or shop for amber in the UNESCO-listed Cloth Hall. If all else fails, there's always pierogi and potato pancakes to keep you busy.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast

## DAY 5 | KRAKÓW TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

First, a visit to former concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau for a lesson in the resilience of humanity. Then, on to Prague. Get Insta-happy and seek out the John Lennon Wall, soak up some 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).



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch  
+ Dinner



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Visit former concentration camp  
Auschwitz-Birkenau  
+ Walking tour of Prague

## DAY 6 | PRAGUE

Another free day for the win. 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 wash it all down with a beer. As in, a really good beer. Prague, we love you.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## DAY 7 | PRAGUE TO BERLIN, GERMANY

Get acquainted with 800 year-old Dresden – a city virtually destroyed in WWII and then rebuilt – and check out the Frauenkirche before we make tracks to 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.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Driving tour of Berlin

## DAY 8 | BERLIN

Today, why not step out on an optional Third Reich walking tour for a local insight into what the city was like under Nazi rule during World War II? Kreuzberg is a hit for lunch. Afternoon suggestion? Have a picnic at the historic Tempelhof airport-turned-public park. Tonight: explore the city after dark on an optional alternative street art and nightlife tour.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Third Reich walking tour
- + Street art and nightlife tour

## DAY 9 | BERLIN TO AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

Start dreaming of cheese, clogs and cheeky café stops as we roll through tulip and windmill dotted fields to Amsterdam. DAM, it's going to be a good day! Learn how cheddar and clogs are made, then get your bearings on a walking tour of the vibrant capital. We're talking the Dam Square, the Royal Palace and the National Monument, so get your cameras at the ready. For the perfect end to the perfect day, give in to temptation and grab a cone of hot chips with mayo. Mmm.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Dutch cheese and clogs demonstration
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam

## DAY 10 | AMSTERDAM

Join 881,000 bikes and get your cycle on with an optional bike tour of Amsterdam's iconic canals, bridges and parks. Culture fiends, delve deeper with a visit to the Anne Frank House or the Van Gogh or Rijksmuseum. Still thirsty for more? Check out the Heineken Experience and indulge in a spot of beer tasting. What better way to toast the final night of your Europe Inspired adventure than with an optional drinks cruise on the canal?



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam
- + Canal drinks cruise

## DAY 11 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

After all the Amster-damage has been done, it's time to hit the road back to ol' Blighty. Soak up all the happy group vibes you can possibly handle – this is your last coach ride with the gang. #sadface.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast

## Meals

Accompanying you on your trip will be a trained Topdeck Chef who is responsible for providing any included meals. The coach will be equipped with all the utensils required for the Chef to cook dishes fresh at every destination, whether breakfast, lunch or a two-course dinner. Occasionally, some of the included meals may be in local restaurants or accommodations.

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. 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

## Topdeck Travel App

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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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, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

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 registered 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. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

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. 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 stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

# OTHER INFORMATION



**THAT'S IT!**