

Topdeck

EASTERN PATHWAYS



TRIP CODE:

ECPTL-9



Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Ready to discover Eastern Europe and cram in three days sailing in Greece while you're at it? Then this is the trip for you! On this camping adventure we'll travel from the warm waters of the Mediterranean to the lakes of Croatia, through the beauty of Budapest to the gothic charm of Prague. Buckle up - this one's gonna be big!

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



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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)

- + 3 nights sailing in Greece
- + Visit former concentration camp Auschwitz Birkenau
- + Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide
- + Local guide in Dubrovnik

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide
- + Visit Budva
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide
- + Entry to Plitvice Lakes National Park
- + Driving tour of Budapest
- + 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:

Rome
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Italy - EUR
- + Greece - EUR
- + Albania - ALL
- + Montenegro - EUR
- + Croatia - HRK
- + Hungary - HUF
- + Poland - PLN
- + Czech Republic - CZK
- + Germany - EUR
- + Netherlands - EUR

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**



ON-SITE CHEFS

DAY 1 | ROME, ITALY

Meet the group and high five your new camping mates. Then: shop 'til you drop on Via Condotti, head to Capitoline Hill for awesome views of the Roman Forum and Colosseum, or just kick back in Piazza Navona for some dolce far niente (delicious idleness).



MEALS:

+ Dinner

DAY 2 | ROME TO SAILING IN GREECE

Play connect the dots with the stars or let the swell rock you to sleep as we ferry our way from from bella Italia to Greece. Restaurants, bars, and cosy cabin rooms will keep you comfortable.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch

DAY 3 | SAILING IN GREECE

A short drive along the Greek coastline, then it's on to our flotilla of yachts for three days of sun, sand and sailing on the Ionian Sea. By night, flaunt those European tan lines as we drop anchor and hop between authentic Greek tavernas for a hat-trick of feasting, table dancing and ouzo. You know the saying 'too much of a good thing'? Neither do we.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch
+ Dinner

DAY 4 | SAILING IN GREECE

A free day to sail, swim, eat, sleep, repeat. Spend the day your way.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch

DAY 5 | SAILING IN GREECE

More turquoise water. More swimming. More diving off boats. More epic Instagram shots. You could probably get used to this.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch

DAY 6 | SAILING IN GREECE TO TIRANA, ALBANIA

What happens when you paint a former communist capital in vivid colours? According to Tirana's artist-turned-mayor-turned-TED speaker Edi Rama, people start paying taxes and crime rates plummet. True story. We'll kick things off with a driving tour and a group dinner before we let you loose into the night.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide

DAY 7 | TIRANA TO DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Press your nose to the window and soak up all the stunning views that race past the coach window as we head up Montenegro's coast on our way to the most famous walled city in Europe (stopping at Budva on the way). Later, we'll take a wander around Dubrovnik's tiny cobblestoned streets and explore a few hidden cafés and shops before grabbing dinner and checking out the glitzy nightlife.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Budva
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide

DAY 8 | DUBROVNIK

Yay! A free day in Dubrovnik! Spend some time checking out the residential homes further up in the Old Town for some awesome views, then relish a cold beer on the wall as the sun sets over the Adriatic. Alternatively, take to the turquoise water with a spot of optional sea kayaking around the city walls. This is the good life.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Sea kayaking around the Dubrovnik Walls
- + Game of Thrones tour

DAY 9 | DUBROVNIK TO PLITVICE LAKES

Today we'll listen to the ocean play an instrument in Zadar. Yep, you read that right. The Sea Organ is a quirky art installation nested within the city's eclectic mix of Roman ruins and public art. More cool facts await you on a guided city tour with your brainy Trip Leader. Next up: waterfalls and a slice of bliss at Plitvice Lakes National Park.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 10 | PLITVICE LAKES

Today is brought to you by Mother Nature. Made up of 16 lakes connected by streams and waterfalls and surrounded by 300 square kilometres of national park, Plitvice Lakes didn't make it onto the UNESCO World Heritage list for nothing. Hike up to see the tallest waterfall in Croatia or glide across the crystal blue lakes in a rowboat. Mindfulness just got a whole new meaning.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Entry to Plitvice Lakes National Park

DAY 11 | PLITVICE LAKES TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Hungary for more? Budapest is up next! A driving tour will get you down and Danube (that being the river) with twin cities Buda and Pest. Check out Hero's Square, Parliament House, the National Palace, Fisherman's Bastion and the swanky Andrassy Avenue. Then it's time to meet the major food groups: goulash, cabbage rolls and dumplings.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Budapest

DAY 12 | 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 13 | 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 14 | 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 15 | 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 16 | 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 17 | 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 18 | 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 19 | 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 gouda 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 20 | 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 21 | 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!