

Topdeck

THE GREAT EASTERN



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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Join us as we travel from Ancient Greece, where the Olympics were first held, to modern-day Prague. We'll follow the torch on this incredible tour of Europe's greatest cities and most spectacular scenery. From the island paradise of Mykonos and rugged beauty of Croatia, the cobbled streets of Budapest and spires of Prague, this is the gold-medal standard of Europe tours!

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



Hostel Plus



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)

- + Local guide Tirana
- + Visit the Srebrenica Memorial
- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- + Party in Mykonos
- + Local guide Dubrovnik
- + Visit the cliffside monasteries of Meteora (entry not included)

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Driving tour of Athens
- + Visit the cliffside monasteries of Meteora (entry not included)
- + Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide
- + Visit Budva
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide
- + Walking tour of Sarajevo
- + Walking tour of Belgrade
- + Visit the Srebrenica Memorial
- + Driving tour of Budapest
- + Driving tour of Vienna
- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- + Walking tour of Prague

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Athens
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Prague
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Greece - EUR
- + Albania - ALL
- + Montenegro - EUR
- + Croatia - HRK
- + Bosnia and Herzegovina - BAM
- + Serbia -
- + Hungary - HUF
- + Austria - EUR
- + Czech Republic - CZK

Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP
LEADER

DAY 1 | ATHENS

It doesn't get much feta than this! Orient yourself before you meet the group today - exciting times ahead.



MEALS:

+ Dinner

DAY 2 | ATHENS TO MYKONOS

Today we hop on a ferry over to Mykonos (aka 'that island with the cute windmills'). Epic beaches, sinfully good local restaurants and a bustling nightlife. What's not to love?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 3 | MYKONOS

Free day in para-para-paradise. Loving it? We hope so! Soak up those rays and dive into 50 shades of blue.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 4 | MYKONOS

You could totally get used to Mykonos' dreamy backdrop of chalky villages, sky blue churches and laze-worthy beaches. Another free day to spend exactly how you please.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 5 | MYKONOS TO ATHENS

Today it's back on the ferry to Athens for a second dose of ancient vibes. Make sure your camera's charged today - we're taking you on a driving tour.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Athens

DAY 6 | ATHENS TO METEORA

Leave your fear of heights in Athens. We're driving to Meteora, perched on the nail biting cliffs of Thessaly (Google it). Later, round off the day with good friends, good food and some FaceTiming.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit the cliffside monasteries of Meteora (entry not included)

DAY 7 | METEORA TO TIRANA, ALBANIA

Next stop, Tirana! Your Trip Leader will clue you up on everything you need to know about this former hardline communist state. Add a splash of colour to your Insta story today as you take a wander around.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Tirana with a local guide

DAY 8 | 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 9 | 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 10 | DUBROVNIK TO SARAJEVO, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Roll out of Dubrovnik and into Sarajevo, a city that's still shaking off its tragic past – but first, there's just enough time for a pit stop in historic Mostar. When we reach Sarajevo, we'll show you the sights on a guided tour and round off the day with some delicious local food.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Sarajevo

DAY 11 | SARAJEVO BELGRADE, SERBIA

Gritty but charming Belgrade is up next. Honour the victims of the 1995 genocide at the haunting Srebrenica Genocide Memorial, a sobering reminder of the greatest atrocity on European soil since the Second World War.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Belgrade
- + Visit the Srebrenica Memorial

DAY 12 | BELGRADE 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



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Budapest

DAY 13 | 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 14 | BUDAPEST TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Prepare your retinas – there's gonna be some amazing scenery playing outside the coach windows today as we make our way to Vienna. Don't forget to wave hello to the President as we go past the Hofburg Palace! Vienna is famous for three things: musicians, grand coffee houses and, of course, apple strudel. Classical music fans, opt in for a night out to hear the works of Mozart, Beethoven, Bach and Strauss at the Viennese Chamber Orchestra.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Vienna



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Tickets to the Viennese Chamber Orchestra
- + Tickets to the Viennese Chamber Orchestra (dinner included)

DAY 15 | VIENNA TO PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

First, a visit to former concentration camp Mauthausen 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
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen
- + 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



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Local beer tasting

DAY 17 | PRAGUE

All good things come to an end. Swap number and prepare for the next adventure.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

Meals

Breakfasts are included every day (except on the first morning). Included meals will be a combination of those prepared by Topdeck On-Site Chefs, local restaurants and places in which we stay.

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

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!