

Topdeck

EASTERN EXPOSURE



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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Come tour Eastern Europe with us and discover for yourself what all the fuss is about. In the Balkans we'll see gorgeous scenery and interesting cities. From there, we'll check out Budapest and the romanticism of Prague before heading back west to cool Berlin and buzzing Amsterdam. Aaaaand go!

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 guides in Dubrovnik and Sarajevo
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam
- + Visit former concentration camp Mauthausen

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with 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
- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Driving tour of Berlin
- + Dutch cheese and clogs demonstration
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Canal dinner cruise

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Dubrovnik
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Croatia - HRK
- + Bosnia and Herzegovina - BAM
- + Serbia -
- + Hungary - HUF
- + Austria - EUR
- + Czech Republic - CZK
- + Germany - EUR
- + Netherlands - EUR

Your Itinerary



DAY 1 | DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Meet and greet your new mates and Trip Leader today. Wander Dubrovnik's tiny cobblestoned streets and explore hidden cafés and shops before grabbing some dinner and checking out the glitzy nightlife.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Dubrovnik with local guide

DAY 2 | 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 3 | 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 4 | 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 5 | 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 6 | 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 7 | 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 8 | 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 9 | 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 10 | 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 11 | 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 12 | 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



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 13 | 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 a dinner cruise on the canal?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Canal dinner cruise



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Bike tour of Amsterdam

DAY 14 | 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

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!