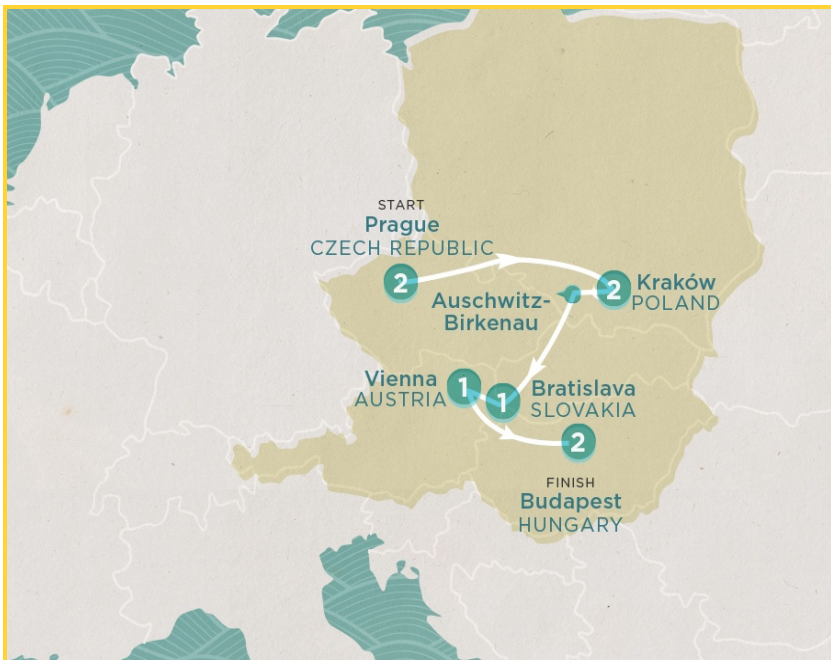


Topdeck

EASTERN LIGHTS



TRIP CODE:

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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

This special Christmas and New Year's trip will convince you you're living in an eastern European fairy tale. But trust us, it's all real. From Prague to Budapest, via Kraków, Bratislava and Vienna, you'll take in Europe's most famous Christmas markets, ancient castles, classical music, thermal springs, warming mulled wine and so much more. Your unforgettable festive escape starts: NOW.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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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)

- + Visit former concentration camp Auschwitz
- + Birkenau
- + Entry to Széchenyi thermal baths

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Walking tour of Prague
- + Walking tour of Kraków
- + Visit former concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau
- + Walking tour of Bratislava
- + Driving tour of Vienna
- + Driving tour of Budapest
- + Entry to Széchenyi thermal baths

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Prague
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Budapest
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Czech Republic - CZK
- + Poland - PLN
- + Slovakia - EUR
- + Austria - EUR
- + Hungary - HUF

Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP
LEADER

DAY 1 | PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Welcome to Prague! This is one pretty city with plenty to keep you occupied. From the astronomical clock to the Castle District and the awesome statue-lined wonder that is Charles Bridge, there's almost TOO much to see. Get out there and explore!



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Prague

DAY 2 | PRAGUE

Oh hello, free day in Prague. Swing by the John Lennon wall for a profile pic to remember, try trdelník (warm, sugary pastry goodness) or simply kick back and indulge in a local beer or two. Well, it is the festive season, after all...



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 3 | PRAGUE TO KRAKOW, POLAND

Wawel Castle could only be built after a cobbler's apprentice did the impossible: he slayed a dragon. A city with history like that needs to be explored. Don't sweat it, we'll take you through the Old Town and the largest medieval market square in Europe to get you started.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Kraków

DAY 4 | KRAKOW

Look up! St Mary's near the main square is beautiful. Just wait 'til you get inside. Want more from your free day here? Why not cruise around the hipster Jewish quarter, visit Schindler's Factory or dig in to a plate of pierogi? These dumpling-like pieces of deliciousness will have you applying for your Polish passport, stat.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner

DAY 5 | KRAKOW TO BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

We'll pay a visit to the former concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau today. Take the time to reflect en route to Slovakia, where a guided tour of Bratislava awaits. Then, the evening is all yours. Don't miss the buzzing bar and café scene while you're here!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 6 | BRATISLAVA TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Mozart, Beethoven and Freud called Vienna home and they left a huge impression on the world. Visit a wiener kaffeehaus (coffee house) before getting 'Bach' on track with a performance by a Viennese chamber orchestra (optional). But first, a driving tour.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Vienna



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Tickets to the Sound of Vienna Orchestra
- + Tickets to the Sound of Vienna Orchestra (dinner included)

DAY 7 | VIENNA TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Swap the classical music for the chance to gorge on goulash and langos. Then: get your bearings on a driving tour and settle in. You're in Budapest, baby!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Budapest

DAY 8 | BUDAPEST

Széchenyi thermal baths in winter? Ahhh yeah! Relax and unwind here on your free day (optional). Later, grab your fellow Topdeckers, put on a woolly hat and grab your cameras. Tonight, there's a de-lish group dinner to look forward to!



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Entry to Széchenyi thermal baths

DAY 9 | BUDAPEST

Time to go home. Or not! Did we mention it's ski season and the Alps are right around the corner?



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!