

Topdeck

EASTERN EXPLORE



TRIP CODE:

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Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

This tour of Eastern Europe begins at the very edge of a continent. Travel through the stunningly beautiful yet recently reborn Balkan nations and uncover opulent capitals and bustling cities as we make our way to London. Along the way we'll experience spectacular scenery and discover varied cultures, try deliciously different dishes and enjoy vibrant nights out. Enjoy all this and more on this Eastern Europe tour of discovery.

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)

- + Driving tour of Berlin
- + Canal dinner cruise in Amsterdam
- + Visit former concentration camp Auschwitz Birkenau
- + Driving tour of Budapest
- + Walking tour of Prague
- + Walking tour of Sarajevo
- + Walking tour of the restored city of Dresden
- + Driving tour of Belgrade
- + Driving tour of Copenhagen
- + Walking tour of Kraków
- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide
- + Visit the Srebrenica Memorial
- + Driving tour of Vienna
- + Walking tour of Amsterdam
- + Walking tour of Bratislava

MORE INCLUSIONS

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YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

London
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Croatia - HRK
- + Bosnia and Herzegovina - BAM
- + Serbia -
- + Hungary - HUF
- + Slovakia - EUR
- + Austria - EUR
- + Poland - PLN
- + Czech Republic - CZK
- + Germany - EUR
- + Denmark - DKK
- + Netherlands - EUR

Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP
LEADER

DAY 1 | DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Meet the group and let the adventure begin! 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 Dubrovnik's glitzy nightlife.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a 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.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 3 | DUBROVNIK

Today, we've got some optionals that'll knock your socks off. Choose from sea kayaking around the city walls, or head out to explore 'King's Landing' on a Game of Thrones tour.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Sea kayaking around the Dubrovnik walls
+ Game of Thrones tour

DAY 4 | DUBROVNIK TO SARAJEVO, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

Roll out of Dubrovnik and into Sarajevo, a city that's still shaking off its tragic past. We'll show you the sights on a guided tour and round off the day with some delicious local food. If you fancy, there's also an optional guided tour of the Sarajevo tunnel on the cards.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Sarajevo

DAY 5 | 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 6 | 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
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Budapest

DAY 7 | 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 8 | BUDAPEST TO VIENNA, AUSTRIA VIA BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Prepare your retinas – there's gonna be some amazing scenery playing outside the coach windows today as we make our way to Bratislava for a walking tour. Then: 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:

- + Walking tour of Bratislava
- + Driving tour of Vienna



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

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

DAY 9 | VIENNA 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



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Kraków



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Kraków pub crawl

DAY 10 | 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 11 | 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
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 12 | 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 13 | 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 14 | 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 15 | BERLIN TO COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

On to Copenhagen to find out why this city keeps popping up among the top five most liveable cities in the world. Get your bearings on a guided driving tour and discover why Copenhagen is home to half of the nation's population.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Copenhagen

DAY 16 | COPENHAGEN

Today you have the chance to explore the city in true local fashion: on a bike. Romantic streak? Check out The Little Mermaid, a tribute to the fairytale writer Hans Christian Andersen's pre-Disney masterpiece. Spoiler alert: the original version has the lovestruck mermaid become foam on the sea after she fails to win the prince's affections. Even back then, it seems, #thestrugglewasreal.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 17 | COPENHAGEN TO HAMBURG, GERMANY

With more bridges than Venice and Amsterdam combined, no skyscrapers (read: views for days) and the first zoo with no enclosures, Hamburg is one of the hippest cities in Europe. It's also got 3 km of funfair shenanigans and Europe's biggest Japanese garden. What are you waiting for? Get exploring! Later, check out the nightlife at the Port.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 18 | HAMBURG 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



INCLUDED TODAY:

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

DAY 19 | 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 20 | AMSTERDAM TO LONDON, ENGLAND

Love and leave Amsterdam this morning as we head back to London, where this trip of a lifetime ends.



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.

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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!

