

Topdeck

EASTERN ESCAPE



TRIP CODE:

EXBMHP-9



Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Take in some of the finest sites and cities of Eastern Europe. The Gothic glories of Prague, the cobbled streets of Krakow and the beautiful romanticism of Budapest are all open for us to explore. Travelling with a group of like-minded companions, this trip is an Eastern Europe experience you'll never forget!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Explorer



Nights



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package.

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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)

- + Explore Transylvania
- + Visit former concentration camp Auschwitz
- + Birkenau

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Driving tour of Budapest
- + Visit Peles Castle (entry not included)
- + Walking tour of Brasov
- + Walking tour of Cluj-Napoca
- + Visit Bran Castle (entry not included)
- + Walking tour of Kosice
- + Visit Spiš Castle (entry not included)
- + Walking tour of Kraków
- + Walking tour of Zakopane
- + Walking tour of Český Krumlov
- + Guided tour of former concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau
- + Walking tour of Prague

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Budapest
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Prague
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Hungary - HUF
- + Romania - RON
- + Slovakia - EUR
- + Poland - PLN
- + Czech Republic - CZK

Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP
LEADER

DAY 1 | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Start your trip in the home of goulash, ruin bars and the Rubik's cube. Yep, we're talking about the twin cities of Buda and Pest.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Budapest

DAY 2 | BUDAPEST

Wake up in Budapest and hit the hot springs (just because you can). Afterwards, head out to explore Buda Castle Quarter, Andrassy Avenue and Heroes' Square.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Dinner cruise on the Danube River

DAY 3 | BUDAPEST TO SIBIU, ROMANIA

Sibiu is next up. While you're here, don't forget to check out the medieval old town. Think: cobbled streets, secluded lanes and quaint churches.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 4 | SIBIU TO BUCHAREST

Now it's time for the little sister of Paris. With credentials like that, we're sold! This destination is an up-and-comer with attitude.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner

DAY 5 | BUCHAREST

This city wears its history on its sleeve – or along its streets, at least. See 300-year-old churches, communist-era apartments and modern glass and steel within a few steps. The Lipscani District is worth checking out, too. -Included today: -Driving and walking tour of Bucharest with a local guide



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Visit Parliament House

DAY 6 | BUCHAREST TO BRASOV

Stock up on garlic – we're off to visit Dracula! En route to Brasov, we'll stop off at Peleș Castle (entrance not included) to soak up some haunted vibes. Medieval gateways and turrets make for a storybook ending to the day.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Peleș Castle (entry not included)
- + Walking tour of Brasov



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Entry to Peleș Castle

DAY 7 | BRASOV TO CLUJ-NAPOCA

Known as the 'heart of Transylvania', Cluj-Napoca is a cosmopolitan city with oodles of classic European charm. Tick off the sights on a city walking tour before exploring Bran Castle (it's like something out of a fairytale).



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Cluj-Napoca
- + Visit Bran Castle (entry not included)



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Entry to Bran Castle

DAY 8 | CLUJ-NAPOCA

You've got a free day to check out the city's Gothic architecture or chill out by the lake in the Central Park. Tonight: see what the Transylvanian nightlife is all about.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 9 | CLUJ-NAPOCA TO KOSICE, SLOVAKIA

Dubbed the European Capital of Culture in 2013, Košice sure knows how to entertain. Take to the streets and bars of the Old Town centre and indulge in a cocktail or two.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Kosice

DAY 10 | KOSICE TO KRAKÓW, POLAND

Situated in Tatra National Park, Zakopane is an outdoor paradise. Let your nature-loving self run free as we cruise through this alpine town en route to Kraków.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Spiš Castle (entry not included)
- + Walking tour of Kraków
- + Walking tour of Zakopane



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Entry to Spiš Castle
- + Kraków pub crawl

DAY 11 | KRAKÓW

Fact: Kraków has more bars per square metre than anywhere else in the world. Check out the Jewish Quarter or the 13th-century Wieliczka Salt Mine – and don't miss the Old Town and Wawel Castle.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 12 | KRAKÓW TO CESKÝ KRUMLOV, CZECH REPUBLIC

Welcome to Český Krumlov, the town with more Renaissance appeal than you can poke a castle spire at.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Český Krumlov
- + Guided tour of former concentration camp Auschwitz-Birkenau

DAY 13 | CESKÝ KRUMLOV TO PRAGUE

This is probably the only place you can love more than Paris. Soak up the boho vibes and check out the city on foot.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Prague

DAY 14 | PRAGUE

Say goodbye to your comrades – we're outta here after breakfast. Round two, anyone?



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

Meals

Breakfasts are included every day in the hotel (except on the first morning). They are usually 'continental breakfasts', which are typical in most European countries. A typical breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yoghurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, cheese and a range of spreads, with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast in continental Europe, though on some occasions there may be some hot food available as well.

Included evening meals are in local restaurants or accommodation places, and are either two or three courses. In most cases table water is provided with the meals, and if you wish to purchase additional drinks you can do so at your own expense.

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!