

Jewels of Eastern Europe: 08 Nights / 09 Days

7th – 15th May 2017



Highlights of the Tour

- ✓ Visit Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Germany
- ✓ Guided Tour of Milan, Italy
- ✓ Guided Walking Tour of Venice, Italy
- ✓ Admire the mesmerising beauty of the Postojna Caves, Slovenia
- ✓ Marvel at the famous sights of Lake Bled, Slovenia
- ✓ Explore jaw-droppingly beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park, Croatia
- ✓ Get an insider's look at the Croatian capital, Zagreb
- ✓ Stretch your legs and see the sights on the walking tour of Budapest, Hungary
- ✓ Hit the historical highlights on a guided tour of Bratislava, Slovakia
- ✓ Get introduced to the history-steeped city of Prague, Czech Republic
- ✓ Guided Tour of Olympic Stadium in Munich, Germany
- ✓ All inclusive package
- ✓ Free time for shopping
- ✓ Stay at the finest hotels in Eastern Europe
- ✓ Services of an experienced ETT Tour Manager.

Hotels Used

- 1 Night in Milan at Hotel Hilton Garden Inn Malpensa or similar
- 1 Night in Venice at Hotel Mercure Marghera or similar
- 1 Night in Ljubljana at Hotel Park or similar
- 2 Nights in Zagreb at Hotel Westin Zagreb or similar
- 1 Nights in Budapest at Hotel Mercure Buda or similar
- 2 Nights in Prague at Hotel Clarion Congress or similar

Enjoy a Continental Breakfast Everyday

Enjoy Indian Lunch and Dinners in Europe

A Choice of Vegetarian / Non-Vegetarian / Jain Menus

Day 1 (07th May)
Arrive into Milan

Welcome to Milan – Italy’s metropolis in northern Lombardy region and a global capital of fashion and design. After we finish the immigration formalities we drive you to your hotel, you can freshen up and relax in your hotel room.

Overnight at your hotel in Milan (Dinner)

Day 2 (08th May)
Guided City Tour of Milan
Onto Venice



After a continental breakfast, check out of the hotel and proceed for a **guided city tour of Milan**. Hub of Italy’s economic miracle and the capital of fashion, Milan is a vibrant city. During your guided sightseeing tour, see the awe-inspiring,

gothic Duomo, one of the largest cathedrals in the world and which took nearly 500 years to complete.

After lunch at an Indian restaurant, we proceed to Venice.

Venice – The City of Love, is a beautiful city located in northeast Italy that is famous for its intricate transport system of interconnected canals. A perfect setting for a magical Valentines break. It has been described as the most beautiful city built by man and one of Europe’s most romantic cities. Venice is also known for its art, architecture and culture. So you’ll never be short of something to do in the “City of Bridges”.

Overnight at your hotel in Venice Mestre (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 3 (09th May)
Guided Walking Tour of Venice
Onto Ljubljana
Postojna Caves



After breakfast, we check-out and take our coach to Tronchetto where we board our boat to the St. Mark's square, Venice for a **guided walking tour**.

We start the tour by visiting Piazza San Marco – the number one sight in Venice. We'll stand in front of the impressive Doge's Palace where Venice's famous lover and writer, Casanova, was held in an attic prison before he managed to escape. Then it's on to the main event – the stunning St. Mark's Basilica. Marvel at the diversity of Venetian culture as your guide points out the spots where eastern architecture and western design have blended to create a structure with an onion dome that could only have been thought up in Venice. In a rare extended tour of the Basilica you'll hear about how St. Mark's remains arrived here illegally and see all sorts of treasures, molded in this very city or plundered during the crusades. The 11th century mosaics are a highlight and one of the few treasures to have survived all the flooding and burning endured by St. Mark's.

We sail back to Tronchetto where we take our coach for lunch at an Indian restaurant.

After lunch we continue our journey to Slovenia.

Our first stop in Slovenia is at the **Postojna Caves**. The jaw-dropping Postojna Cave system, a series of caverns, halls and passages some 24km long and two million years old, was hollowed out by the Pivka River, which enters a subterranean tunnel near the cave's entrance. Visitors get to see 5km of the cave on 1½-hour tours; 3.2km of this is covered by a cool electric train. Postojna Cave has a constant temperature of 8°C to 10°C with a humidity of 95%, so a warm jacket and decent shoes are advised.

We continue our journey to Ljubljana, the capital and largest city of Slovenia which also happens to be one of Europe's greenest and most liveable capitals. Indeed, the European Commission awarded Ljubljana with the coveted Green Capital of Europe title for 2016. Car traffic is restricted in the centre, leaving the leafy banks of the emerald-green Ljubljanica River, which flows through the city's heart, free for pedestrians and cyclists. In summer, cafes set up terrace seating along the river; it almost feels like a nightly street party.



Slovenia's master of early-modern, minimalist design, Jože Plečnik, graced Ljubljana with beautiful buildings and accoutrements; attractive cities are often described as 'jewel boxes', but here the name really fits. And bringing life to these historical riches, the city's 50,000-odd students support an active clubbing and cultural scene, and the museums, hotels and restaurants are among the best in the country.

Overnight at your hotel in Ljubljana (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4 (10th May)

Lake Bled and its surroundings

Onto Zagreb

After breakfast at the hotel, we check out and proceed for a **guided orientation tour of Lake Bled and its surroundings**. Take the "pletnas" traditional wooden boats which will take you across the Bled Lake to the island situated in the centre.



We later take you to the **Bled Castle**. The Bled Castle offers the finest view of the Bled Island, the town of Bled and of the wider countryside of the Gorenjska region. Experience the picturesque architecture of the castle and the museum collection, representing the historical development of Bled, its culture and its

population. Get familiar with the traditional manual technological procedures of printing in the castle printing shop, order a small bottle of wine and seal it with sealing wax in the castle cellar, and get acquainted with artistic ironworks at the castle forge.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

We continue our journey to Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia.

Overnight at your hotel in Zagreb (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5 (11th May)

Plitvice Lakes National Park

After breakfast, we drive to the **Plitvice Lakes National Park** – a UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

Plitviče Lakes National Park is a 295 sq. km forest reserve in central Croatia. It's known for a chain of 16 terraced lakes, joined by waterfalls that extend into a limestone canyon. Walkways and hiking trails wind around and across the water, and a Lake Kozjak ferry links the upper and lower lakes. The latter are the site of Veliki Slap, a 78m-high waterfall. The waters flowing over the limestone and chalk have, over thousands of years, deposited travertine barriers, creating natural dams which in turn have created a series of beautiful lakes, caves and waterfalls. These geological processes continue today. The forests in the park are home to bears, wolves and many rare bird species.



After a local lunch we return back to Zagreb. On arrival we join a **guided city tour of Zagreb**, where handsome 18th and 19th century Austro-Hungarian architecture meshes with communist-era monoliths, medieval landmarks and a vibrant culture. With your guide, explore the charming, fortified Upper Town to see splendid, twin-spired Zagreb Cathedral, St Mark's Church with its colorfully tiled roof, the handsome Croatian National Theatre, the University and other highlights.

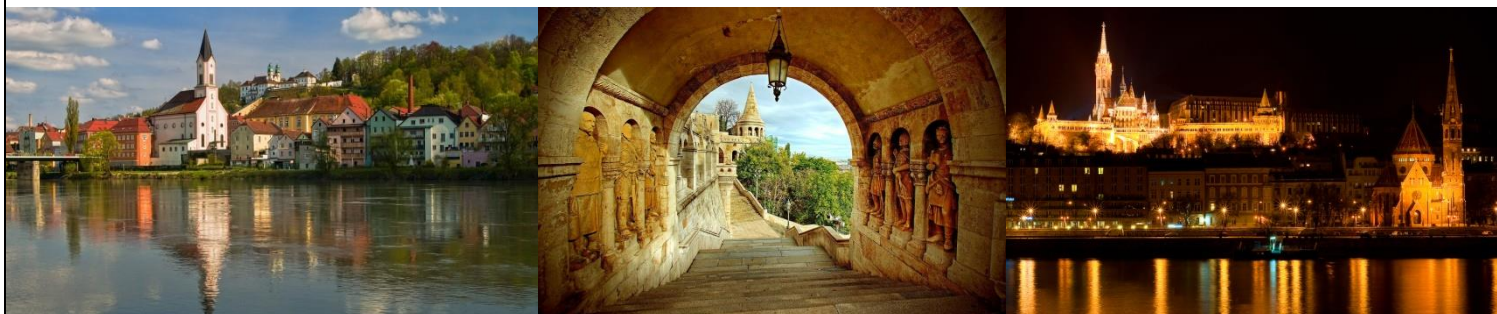
Overnight at your hotel in Zagreb (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6 (12th May)

Onto Budapest

After breakfast, we check out and proceed to Budapest, the capital city of Hungary.

After an Indian lunch we proceed for a **guided city tour of Budapest**.



Buda Castle dominates the twin cities of Buda and Pest, separated by the broad ribbon of the Danube. Heroes' Square typifies the modern capital, while along the riverbank you find the old inns. Your city tour includes entrance to the Fishermen's Bastion and Mathias Church. The views from the Fisherman's Bastion well deserve their own special tower atop the Buda Castle Hill, as not only the Buda Castle but also the river views plus the Danube riverfront sights are now part of the UNESCO World Heritage. This unique feature makes the Fisherman's Bastion one of the most visited places in Budapest.

Overnight at your hotel in Budapest (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7 (13th May)

Onto Prague via Bratislava

After breakfast we check out and start the day by traveling into Slovakia. Once across the border, have a break in Bratislava, its capital. Enjoy a 2 hour **guided tour of Bratislava**.

Proximity to nature gives Slovakia's capital its strongest flavoring. The Danube winds through the city, and cycle paths weave through the verdant flood plain that begins just outside the centre. The charming old town is the place to start appreciating Bratislava. Stroll narrow pedestrian streets of pastel-coloured 18th-century buildings or sample the myriad sidewalk cafes under the watchful gaze of the city castle, which harks back to medieval times.

Drive north to cross yet another border into the Czech Republic. The highway will take you through Bohemia, an enchanted land of castles, spa towns, and picket-fenced villages. In the evening we arrive into Prague.

Overnight at your hotel in Prague (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 8 (14th May)
Guided City Tour of Prague

After breakfast, proceed for a **guided city tour of Prague**. Soak up the skyline of spires and turrets; drive around streets packed with Gothic and Romanesque monuments; and learn about Prague's history from our experienced guide. See the State Opera and circle bustling Wenceslas Square, dominated by the National Museum and statue of St Wenceslas, Bohemia's patron saint. Continue around Charles Square to the Vltava River and admire the statue-topped Charles Bridge, the 14th-century stone edifice that spans the water. View the Rudolfinum and head for UNESCO-listed Prague Castle, a massive, fortified complex of churches and palaces. Head inside to explore the courtyards and buildings, including St Vitus Cathedral, once the coronation site of Bohemia's monarchs; and Golden Lane, the cottage-lined cobbled alley that once housed castle servants and alchemists. Wind through the former Jewish Quarter and stop near Prague's Old Town Square to explore this glorious space.



Overnight at your hotel in Prague (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 9 (15th May)
Onto Munich
Guided Tour of Olympic Stadium
Return Home with Wonderful Memories

After a continental breakfast, checkout of the hotel and proceed to Munich. On arrival, proceed for a **guided tour of the Olympic Stadium** – a must see for all sports fans. See the Olympic Stadium in detail and learn more about its background and the way things work. Especially worthwhile is the former booths of the FC Bayern Munchen and TSV 1860 Munchen football club and the VIP area where you can enjoy an excellent view.

Evening proceed to the airport for your flight back home.

Return home with wonderful memories of your tour with Europe Tours and Travels !!!

***** TOUR ENDS *****

9 days Eastern Europe Tour Price

Price	Adult in Twin/Triple sharing
Adult (<i>based on minimum 35 adults travelling together</i>)	Euro 1275
Child No Bed (As a 3rd in a double, no bed or cot will be provided)	Euro 710
Child With Bed Price (As a 3 rd in a Double, Maximum 3 persons allowed per room)	Euro 885

Single Room supplement: Euro 320

What your Tour Price includes

- Accommodation at the hotels mentioned or similar
- Services of an ETT Holidays Tour Manager
- Meals, coach tours, transfers, entrance fees, sightseeing and surface transportation as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Tips to the coach driver.
- Airfare inside Europe.

What your Tour Price does not include

- Any increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangement which may come in to effect prior to departure.
- Any increase in the air fare, fuel surcharge and taxes charged by the airlines on your air ticket (calculated at 10th November, 2016 rates).
- Cost of extension of the validity or deviation from route of your air ticket.
- Cost of any Suggested Excursions, Tips, Porterage, laundry, wines, mineral water, telephone charges.
- Cost of Overseas Travel Insurance policy
- All items of personal nature and also food and drinks not forming part of the group menus.
- Anything not specifically mentioned in "What your Tour Price includes" box
- Surcharges applicable owing to events / exhibitions / Festive periods etc.
- Cost of the Schengen visa needed to participate in the tour

Hotels / Flights / Itinerary / Route are subject to change without notice.

Guidelines for booking your Eastern Europe Tour

Booking procedure:

1. You can book the tour by remitting a non-refundable booking deposit of EURO 250/- per person.
2. Please hand over the passport copy of all the participants.

Visa Process:

To join your Eastern Europe Tour, you must be in possession of a valid multiple entry Schengen visa. On completing the booking process, our service executives will assist you preparing documents for the visa application. The visa process during the holiday season can take more than a month. We request you adhere to the time lines given by us to help you obtain your visas on time. Granting of visa is solely at the discretion of the consulate. Some Consulates may request the applicants to appear for a personal interview at their office. The expenses for the interview will have to be borne by the applicant.

Payment Policy:

Booking deposit: Euro 250/- (Non Refundable)

Balance Payment: Immediately after obtaining the visas or 45 days before departure whichever is early.

Cancellation policy:

If you want to cancel your booking for any reason, you must intimate in writing to the Company and deliver it to the concerned officer you are dealing with at the sales outlet. In case of cancellations the following cancellation charges would apply.

Cancellation Period	Charges
46 days prior to departure	Euro 250/- per person
29 to 45 days prior to departure	25% of the total cost
19 to 30 days prior to departure	50% of the total cost
11 to 20 days prior to departure	75% of the total cost
01 to 10 days prior to departure	100% of the total cost

We wish you a happy holiday!!