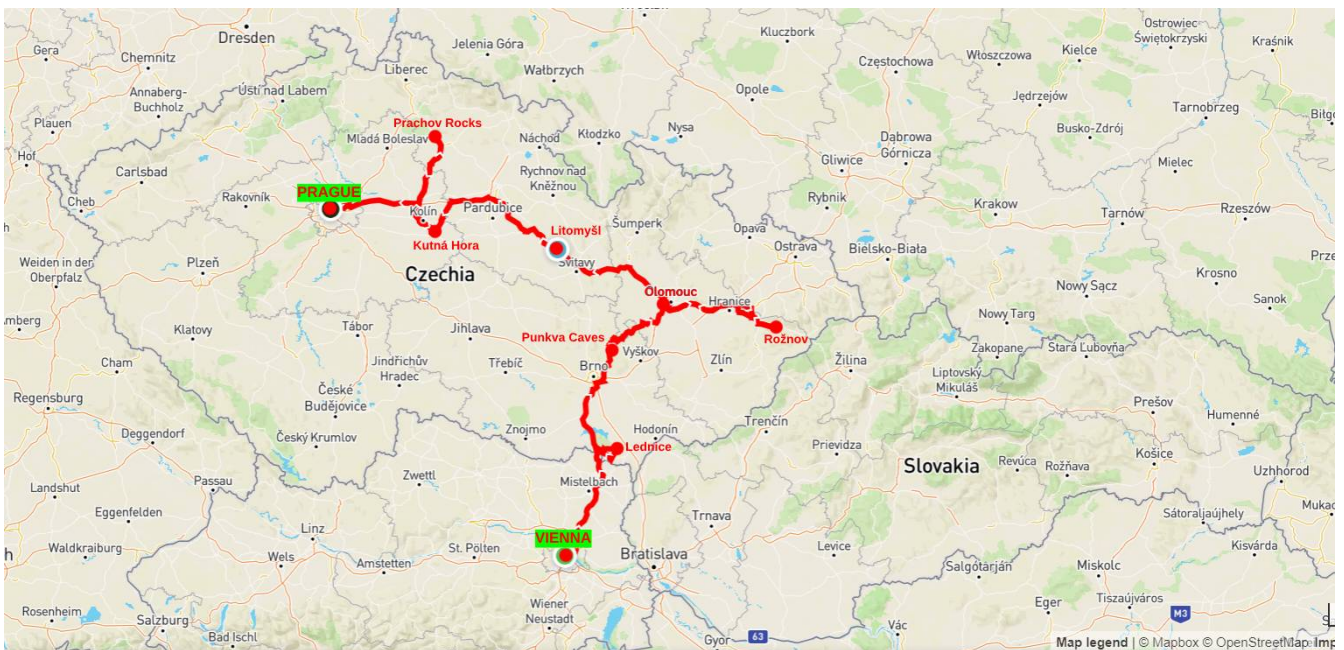


Vienna to Prague Tour

Tour Highlights:

- Vienna, a gem of Baroque elegance (UNESCO)
- Six prominent UNESCO World Heritage sites!!!
- Romantic follies in the Valtice-Lednice Cultural Landscape (UNESCO)
- Elegantly formed dripstones and structures of the Punkva Caves
- Holy Trinity Column and Baroque fountains in Olomouc (UNESCO)
- Towering rock formations and of the Bohemian Paradise
- Renaissance masterpiece of the Litomyšl Chateau (UNESCO)
- Silver City of Kutna Hora and an eerie ossuary in Sedlec (UNESCO)
- Resplendent beauty of Prague, an architectural gem of Europe (UNESCO)



DAY 1 Meeting in Vienna, Orientation Briefing

Convene at the hotel in the late afternoon for an orientation briefing, followed by a delightful dinner to set the stage for an enjoyable and informative gathering.

Overnight: Vienna

DAY 2 Vienna: Imperial Jewel of Austria



Grandios Hofburg Palace



Stunning Baroque interior of the Jesuit Church

After breakfast, embark on a captivating city tour of Vienna with a local guide. Begin at the iconic St. Stephen's Cathedral, a marvel of Gothic architecture. Leisurely walk through Vienna's city center, immersing yourself in its historic charm as you meander through the enchanting streets of the Innere Stadt, absorbing the vibrant atmosphere. Explore the grandeur of the Hofburg Palace, once home to the Habsburgs, and stroll along the bustling Graben shopping street. Marvel at the Kunsthistorisches Museum from the outside, appreciating its architectural splendor. Delve into Vienna's musical heritage at the Mozarthaus Vienna, the former residence of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Take in the baroque splendor of Maria Theresien Platz, surrounded by impressive buildings. Spend the remainder of the day at your leisure, immersing yourself in the enchanting atmosphere of Vienna, whether indulging in local shopping or relaxing at a traditional Viennese café. In the late afternoon, enjoy a scenic ride to Mikulov, a historic town and a renowned center of wine-growing located right on the Czech-Austrian border.

Overnight: Mikulov

DAY 3 Romantic follies of the Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape (6mi/10km)



Classicist Collonade in Valtice-Lednice



Three Graces in Valtice-Lednice Park

Embark on a day of exploration by immersing yourself in the lavish interiors of the Lednice Chateau, a splendid Tudor Gothic masterpiece that once served as the summer retreat for the influential House of Liechtenstein. Positioned between the charming towns of Valtice and Lednice, this area has been transformed into the "Garden of Europe," showcasing the lords' extravagant opulence. Wander through the chateau gardens and artificial lakes, adorned with

an array of native and exotic tree species, and marvel at the impressive Moorish Minaret, an observation tower. Enjoy a delightful stroll to Jan's Castle, a romantic folly intentionally designed as a 19th-century ruin. Traverse pine woods, encountering the stunning Apollo's Temple and Diana's Temple. After picnic lunch, pass by St. Hubert Chapel, dedicated to the patron saint of hunters, and the Temple of the Three Graces, adorned with allegorical statues of Sciences and Muses. Admire the grand Baroque Chateau in Valtice, then ascend the hill to the Classical colonnade atop Rajsna hill, providing breathtaking panoramic views of rolling hills and vineyards. Conclude your day with an evening of wine tasting, complemented by live traditional dulcimer music.

Overnight: Mikulov

DAY 4 Dripstones of Punkva Caves and Baroque Splendor of Olomouc (5mi/8km)



Dripstones in Punkva Caves



Holy Trinity Column in Olomouc

Embark on a morning transfer to Moravian Karst and explore the stunning Macocha Abyss, Central Europe's deepest sinkhole, providing a breathtaking view from the highest edge down to the abyss's bottom. Descend to the bottom and enter the caves where the subterranean Punkva River has shaped an extensive cave system with underground passageways, domes, and abysses. Marvel at the natural wonders of dripstone formations, including artistic stalactites, stalagmites, draperies, flowstones, and columns, quietly growing for 25-30 million years, unseen until the late 19th century. The guided tour concludes with a romantic water cruise on the subterranean Punkva River. After lunch, enjoy a short tranquil woodland stroll through the Suchy Zleb canyon, featuring unique rock formations. Our journey continues to Olomouc, another UNESCO site with rich historical significance and a vibrant atmosphere. Traverse the patterned cobblestone streets, passing by Baroque and Gothic churches, imposing palaces, and iconic public fountains featuring ancient Roman gods and heroes. The picturesque main square is dominated by the celebrated Holy Trinity Column, the most monumental of its kind in Central Europe. Cap off the day with a splendid dinner at a distinguished restaurant.

Overnight: Olomouc

DAY 5 Picturesque wooden houses in Roznov Open-Air Museum



Stylish Libusin Restaurant at Pustevny



Enchanting panorams of the Beskyd Mountains

Embark on a scenic one-hour drive to Roznov pod Radhostem, a former climatic resort serving as a gateway to the Moravian-Silesian Beskids. Explore the Wallachian Open-Air Museum, delving into the interiors of picturesque wooden houses and gaining insights into the lifestyles of people from bygone centuries. Indulge in a delectable lunch at the stylish Libusin restaurant, blending Art Nouveau with local folk architecture. Embark on a leisurely panoramic hike along a mountain ridge, immersing yourself in the captivating scenery of the Beskids. Conquer the summit of Radhost, a legendary mountain once dedicated to the Pagan god Radegast and later adorned with a wooden chapel in honor of Byzantine missionaries Cyril and Methodius in 1898. Conclude the day with a return journey to Olomouc, where the evening unfolds with a delightful dinner at an elegant restaurant.

Overnight: Olomouc

DAY 6 Elegant city of Litomysl and the silver city of Kutna Hora



Majestic Renaissance Chateau in Litomysl



St. Barbara Church, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture

Embark on a morning transfer to Litomysl, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the birthplace of the illustrious Czech composer Bedrich Smetana. A guided tour of the Renaissance chateau reveals enchanting sgraffito decorations, grand halls adorned with stylish furnishings, an impressive dining room, and a unique Baroque theatre. Following a leisurely stroll through the gardens of the Piarist Monastery and along the main square with its historical buildings boasting elaborate facades, indulge in a delightful lunch. Take a short drive to Kutna Hora, a stunning and inspiring medieval city. Thanks to its great deposits of

silver ore, the city once competed with Prague economically, culturally, and politically. Explore the awe-inspiring interior of St. Barbara's Church, admire the exquisite Baroque statues in front of the colossal Jesuit College, experience the monumental Gothic St. James's Church, and revel in the rich decoration of the Gothic Stone Haus. Visit the Cistercian monastic church and the eerie Ossuary in Sedlec, known for its unique artistic decorations made of actual bones and skeletons. Conclude your day with a delectable dinner in a historic restaurant.

Overnight: Kutna Hora

DAY 7 Towering rocks of Bohemian Paradise



Intricate labyrinths of Prachov Rocks



Formidable Trosky Castle

Commence the day with a brief transfer to the serene Bohemian Paradise, a region aptly named for its captivating landscapes featuring rolling hills, imposing rock formations, and commanding castles. Immerse yourself in the enchanting Prachov Rocks, where the unique shapes of towering sandstone spires and majestic gorges will captivate your senses. The rocks originated millions of years ago during the Cretaceous period and today are a testament to the intricate interplay of natural forces over geological time, creating a landscape of exceptional beauty and geological interest. Explore beneath the atmospheric ruins of Parez Castle, once a notorious stronghold of ruthless highwaymen, and savor a delightful picnic lunch by a tranquil lake. Ascend to the summit of Trosky Castle, majestically perched on two imposing basalt rocks, offering an unparalleled panoramic vista of the picturesque surroundings. Conclude the afternoon with a scenic drive back to our hotel in Kutna Hora.

Overnight: Kutna Hora

DAY 8 Prague, City Of Hundred Spires



Formidable Prague Castle, the largest in the World



Majestic Charles Bridge from the 14th century

After a hearty breakfast, embark on a brief journey to Prague, the enchanting capital of the Czech Republic. Initiate the city tour at the iconic Prague Castle, a vast complex showcasing the monumental St. Vitus Cathedral, the intricate stone vaults of Vladislav Hall, and the charming Golden Lane, adorned with picturesque little houses, all against a backdrop of breathtaking panoramic views of the city. Following a delightful lunch, cross the Moldau River to Josefov district, Prague's Jewish Quarter, where historical synagogues and the Old Jewish Cemetery beckon exploration. Our journey concludes with a stroll through the winding cobblestone streets of the Old Town. Here, the Gothic-style Town Hall and its astronomical clock, a marvel of medieval engineering, captivate attention in the fabulous square. After the city tour, check in at your conveniently located hotel and spend the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Overnight: Prague



Gardens of the Wallenstein Palace in Prague



Opulent decoration of St. Nicholas' Church

DAY 9 Prague, Baroque Gems of Lesser Quarter

Embark on your day by exploring the charming Lesser Quarter, one of Prague's four historic districts. Encounter grand aristocratic palaces, serene gardens, and majestic churches. Begin with the Wallenstein Palace and Garden, a testament to the opulence of Albrecht of Wallenstein, one of Czech history's wealthiest figures. Admire the whimsical and playful architecture of St. Nicholas Cathedral, often considered the most beautiful Baroque church

north of the Alps. Ascend the intricate terraces of Vrtba Garden, a captivating masterpiece of spatial design. Cross the Moldau River via the iconic Charles Bridge, adorned with medieval statues, pass by the Rudolfinum Concert Hall, and savor a delightful lunch on a boat cruise along the river. The remainder of the day is yours to spend at leisure.

Overnight: Prague

DAY 10 End of tour, departure

Early morning transfer to the airport for departing flights.