



# CENTRAL AND EASTERN

# EUROPE ITINERARY

FIRST ROAD TRIP EXPERIENCE

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2020



# PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

You will spend 3 days in Prague, Czech Republic before setting off onto our road trip!

Your Global Grad Location Managers will be waiting for you upon arrival at a pre-organised location at the airport or other transport hub, ready to transfer you to your first accommodation.

Your Location Managers will be on hand throughout your entire experience to arrange activities, suggest volunteering opportunities for you to get involved in and to give you general support if needed.

Prague, the capital city of the Czech Republic is bisected by the Vlatva River. Nicknamed 'The City of a Hundred Spires', it's known for its Old Town Square, with colourful baroque buildings; Gothic Churches and the medieval Astronomical Clock which gives an animated hourly show.

Start date: 26/10/2020 - End Date: 08/11/2020

\*Please note the itinerary may be subject to change



# PRAGUE TO BUDAPEST

We embark on our road trip to Budapest during which you will experience the sights and cultures of Germany, Austria, Bratislava and Poland.

Your Global Grad Location Managers will travel with you for the duration of the road trip.

## DAY 1 MUNICH

Enjoy the scenery of the Czech Republic and the Bavarian region of Germany as we travel to our first destination; Munich.

Home to some of Europe's greatest cultural treasures, Munich is known for its laid-back atmosphere, beautiful green parks and endless opportunities for testing the beer!

Spend the afternoon exploring the old town or check out the surfers on the Eisbach (Ice Stream) River before soaking in the atmosphere of the city at night.

## DAY 2 MUNICH

Start your day with a walking tour of the city.

Take time to visit Marienplatz, to see the famous Rathaus Glockenspiel clock which depicts the city's history in a show using 43 bells and 32 life-size figures or; if museums are your thing hop on and off the No.100 museum line bus which passes 21 of the city's museums.

In the evening, head to the Olympic Tower to get a bird's eye view of the city before getting your first tast of the famous German Beer.

## DAY 3

### NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE

Situated at the foot of the Bavarian Alps, the magical silhouette of Neuschwanstein Castle rises dramatically between mountains and trees.

Commissioned in the 19th century by 'Mad' King Ludwig II; The Castle was the inspiration for Disney's Sleeping Beauty castle and also featured in the movie Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

A short walk uphill to the Marienbrücke, (Queen Elizabeth's Bridge) and take the opportunity to snap the iconic photograph!

## DAY 4

### SALZBERG

Our next stop is Salzburg; one of Austria's must-visit destinations.

Home to Mozart, the largest fully preserved fortress in Central Europe and several sound of music sites; Salzburg provides the perfect blend of history and culture.

Salzburg's streets are filled with buskers, opera singers and performers, continuing to fill the city with music.

Explore the Old Town, enjoy the view from Hohensalzburg, and visit Mozart's birthplace.

## DAY 5

### VIENNA

Our day begins with the journey to Vienna where we spend the afternoon exploring the City's sights.

Vienna has something for everyone. Wander the elegant streets, take a walking tour of the city, visit the stunning Lipizzaner horses of the renowned Vienna Riding School, or enjoy taste of the world-famous Sacher Torte in a traditional Viennese café.

Spend the evening in the famous Wurstelprater, an amusement park that has existed in Vienna since 1766. Ride the famous Wiener Riesenrad ferris wheel for stunning views of the Danube and city.

# DAY 6

## BRATISLAVA

A short journey along the Danube takes us across the border to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia.

The 18th-century old town is known for its quirky life-sized sculptures of people and for its lively bars and café culture.

Climb the tower above the medieval St Michaels Gate or visit Bratislava Castle for great views over the city and the Danube.

Bratislava also home to what is claimed to be the narrowest house in Europe and the unusual UFO Tower!

Spend the evening sampling, the delicious Slovakian food before our overnight transfer to Krakow.

# DAY 7

## KRAKOW

Perhaps the most popular Polish destination for tourists; Krakow is Poland's true cultural gem. There is always plenty to see, do and eat in its beautiful medieval Old Town, the expansive market square and beyond!

Krakow was an important site that played host to the Nazi General Government during WWII. Despite its painful tragedy, Poland's second biggest city has evolved into a vibrant tourist hotspot that has many stories to tell.

Spend the day exploring the city. Visit Oskar Schindler's Museum or check out the Rynek Underground for a fascinating insight into Krakow's history.

# DAY 8

## KRAKOW : AUCHWITZ

Today we take the opportunity for a compelling WWII history lesson by embarking on a tour to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum.

This the tour will offer a haunting insight into the life of Jewish prisoners during WWII and how they met with their cruel fates.

An option for anyone who doesn't wish to make this visit is to book a tour to the beautiful Wieliczka Salt Mine or to continue to explore the city's many attractions.

# DAY 9

## BUDAPEST

Your road trip ends with a journey from Poland through Slovakia and into Hungary, giving you the opportunity to take in the beautiful scenery of this largely unexplored region.

Crossing the Carpathian Mountains, we arrive once more on the banks of the Danube in the vibrant city of Budapest!





# BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Your road trip ends in Budapest, you will spend 2 days exploring this city!

Budapest has something for everyone; from dramatic history and architecture, to healing thermal waters and a nightlife that is unrivalled in Europe.

The Hungarian people are famed for their design flair and innovative thinking. This relatively small nation has produced 13 Nobel prize winners and Harry Houdini and Erno Rubic are among it's most famous citizens!

Airport transfers will be arranged accordingly.

Let the Global Grad team know if you wish to continue your adventures with the group and we will arrange your accommodation and travel accordingly.

We hope you have an amazing 14 days with us!

# FIRST ROAD TRIP EXPERIENCE



## What's included:

- All accommodation.
- All travel and activities stated on road trip experiences (optional activities can be booked at own expense).
- All travel between locations
- Access to co-working spaces in each Study Location
- In person support from your Location Managers.
- Optional online life coaching sessions and study support with our UK based team.
- Volunteer opportunities organised by your Location Managers.

## What's not included:

- Travel insurance.
- Online course fees (if required).
- Visa fees (if required).
- Return flights from the UK.
- Drinks, food and general entertainment/living costs.
- Paid for volunteering experiences.

## Pre-travel Preparation:

The Global Grad team are here to help you with everything including visa information, booking flights, organising travel insurance, what to pack, and more. Once you have paid your deposit and secured your place on a semester/ experience with us, we send you a welcome pack with everything you need to know. In addition to this, you will be invited to a pre-departure meet up to allow you to get to know us as well as your fellow Global Grads!

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