

JOURNEYS

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Discover Central & Eastern Europe - EDMNG

16 days: Berlin to Bucharest

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- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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VERY IMPORTANT: Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing May 9th, 2018 - June 26th, 2019

Itinerary

NOTE: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1 Berlin

Arrive at any time.

Please make your own way to the joining hotel.

We recommend arriving a day or two early to fully explore this world-renowned city.

Check-in time at hotel is approximately 3:00pm.

Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group

18:00

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Day 2 Berlin

Enjoy an orientation walk with your CEO before exploring sections of the Berlin Wall with a local historian and delving deeper into its political and social history. Opt to take a river tour or visit galleries and museums with free time.

Berlin is an amazing city with tangible historical importance and is a melting pot of different cultures and flavours.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Walk the Berlin Wall with a Historian

Walk sections of the Berlin Wall with a local historian to discuss the barrier that divided a country between east and west. Examine the political, social and cultural aspects of the wall from its beginnings to the fall.

Free Time

Berlin Afternoon

Opt to visit the East Side Gallery, Checkpoint Charlie, world-class museums, the Reichstag, or the Berlin Television Tower for a sweeping view.

Optional Activities - Day 2

East Side Gallery Visit Along Berlin Wall

Berlin 1h-2h

Free

The very name Berlin conjures images of the famous Berlin Wall. Two sections of the original structure still remain on display; the East Side Gallery, where artists have decorated the remaining section of the wall, and the Berlin Wall Memorial (Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer). View these remnants of history that once divided east from west.

Judisches Museum Visit

Berlin 2h-4h

8EUR per person

The Judisches Museum is one of the largest Jewish museums in Europe. See how architect Daniel Libeskind's design evokes three important elements of the past two centuries; the intellectual, economic and cultural contributions of Jewish citizens in Berlin, the reality of the Holocaust, and the recognition of their absence from Berlin (and beyond) following the Second World War. See evocative collections and displays.

Reichstag Visit

Berlin

For those interested in Berlin's government, past and present, visit the Reichstag, home to the German parliament. Climb the stairs to the glass dome for a 360-degree view of the city, or learn about the fascinating history of the building, restored following damage suffered during the bombing raids of the Battle of Berlin in 1945.

Television Tower (Fernsehturm) Visit

Berlin 2h-3h

13-23EUR per person

For an amazing view of Berlin, visit the famous Berlin Television Tower. Bring your camera and take panoramic photos from the viewing room, then grab a drink and snack at the cafe located 203m (666 ft) above ground.

The Berlin Wall Memorial

Berlin

Free

Learn about the history of the "Iron Curtain," the physical, political and emotional barrier that once separated Berlin under the Communist Eastern Bloc and their neighbours to the west. At Berlin Wall Memorial (Gedenkstätte Berliner Mauer), see a complete section of the wall, and look from the east side to see the remains of an electric fence in the so-called "death strip." Discover the stories of those who died trying to escape to the freedom of West Berlin.

Brandenburg Gate Visit

Berlin

Free

The Brandenburg Gate is a spot of great historical significance. Witness the spot where hundreds of thousands of people were finally able to cross from the east side to the west after the fall of the wall.

Walk the cobblestones of the surrounding Pariser Platz and mingle with locals who continue to gather here to see stage shows and celebrate public events.

Checkpoint Charlie Museum Visit

Berlin

17.50EUR per person

Down the street from the Berlin Wall is the Haus am Checkpoint Charlie, a museum that documents the history of the wall, and interestingly, many of the different ways people tried to escape. From hot air balloons to one-man submarines, learn about the tenacity and creativity used by those desperate to cross from the east to western side.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Berlin/Prague

Head to the capital of the Czech Republic by train. Enjoy a guided tour of the old town, including the Jewish Quarter, astronomical clock, Charles Bridge, and Wenceslas Square.

A great way to spend the evening is watching the sunset from the heights of the Letna Beer Garden, where you can sample Czech beer, world-famous for its superb quality and low cost.

Train

Berlin - Prague

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Prague Guided City Tour

Prague 2h-3h

Enjoy a guided tour of the old town including the Jewish quarter, astronomical clock, Charles Bridge, and Wenceslas Square. Visit all the major sights of the Old Town and simply soak up the atmosphere of a unique community where every street, inn, or theatre tells a story.

Optional Activities - Day 3

Letná Beer Garden Visit

Prague 1h-2h

Free-3EUR per person

Watch the sunset from the heights of the Letná Beer Garden in Letná Park, along the banks of the Vltava River. Sample a pint of Gambrinus 10° Czech beer, world-famous for its superb quality and low cost. Grab a grilled sausage and soak in the scenery.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Prague

The day is free to explore. Wander the quarters to shop or relax at a local café. Opt to visit Prague Castle, museums, and galleries.

Charles Bridge by day is packed with vendors and street musicians. At night, it is less crowded, and it's much easier to appreciate the scenery as well as the ever-so-slightly sinister quality of the statues looming overhead. Cross the bridge and you'll find yourself in Mala Strana, a far less crowded district that offers the perfect atmosphere for some introspective wandering.

If you're in the area and want to experience traditional Czech pubs which are guaranteed to be loud, lively, and packed with locals on any night of the week, this is the place for it. You'll find restaurants serving traditional Czech cuisine like fried pork cutlets, goulash, and dumplings.

Free Time

Prague Full Day

Enjoy this lively city with a full free day to explore.

Optional Activities - Day 4

Malá Strana Visit

Prague

Cross the Charles Bridge and find yourself in picture-perfect Lesser Town (Malá Strana). Browse small shops, explore cobblestone side streets, visit churches and then find a Czech pub or restaurant to relax and revel in the ambience of this ancient district.

Petřín Hill Hike

Prague 2h-3h 3-12km

Free-30CZK per person

Prague certainly has no shortage of breathtaking views and Petřín Hill, near the Prague Castle, offers a less obstructed panoramic vista of the "city of spires." If you're not in the mood for hiking uphill you can always take a cable car all the way to the top.

Prague Castle (Hradčany) Visit

Prague 2h-3h

250-350CZK per person

If you like a challenge, climb 200+ steps up to the famous Prague Castle (known as Hradčany), the Castle of the Bohemian Kings. This UNESCO World Heritage site is the largest castle complex in the world, and includes Roman-style buildings from the 10th century. Still got energy? Climb the lookout tower of St. Vitus Cathedral and be rewarded with a glorious view of the city.

Czech Craft Beer & Food Tasting Tour

Prague

Prague is synonymous with beer, so what better way to spend a day in the city than to embark on this 4-hour beer tour. Start amongst the greenery of Letna Park's beer garden and amble through this beautiful city. You will learn more about the history and culture of Prague from your guide, as you stop off for beer and take in the sights of the stunning architecture all around. Sample light Czech pilsners, heavier dark lagers, and lesser-known local craft beers, all accompanied by complementary local snacks that bring out the individual characteristics of the beers.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Prague/Český Krumlov

Travel to the charming town of Český Krumlov. Opt to visit the castle.

The inclusion of Český Krumlov on UNESCO's List of Natural and Cultural Heritage was undoubtedly a turning point in the modern history of the town. It sent a clear signal to the rest of the cultural world that South Bohemia has something unique to offer.

Private Vehicle

Prague – Český Krumlov 3h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Free Time

Český Krumlov Afternoon

Get out and explore.

Optional Activities - Day 5

State Castle and Chateau Český Krumlov Tour

Český Krumlov 2h-3h

360CZK per person

Tour the Český Krumlov State Castle and Chateau, complete with hidden passageways, a unique Baroque theatre, a hedge maze and beautiful gardens. The castle and surrounding complex is one of the largest in central Europe. Built between the 14th and 19th centuries, the well-preserved layout, structure, interior and architectural details earned it a spot on UNESCO's list of World Cultural Heritage Monuments.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Český Krumlov/Vienna

Drive across the border into Austria, where we take an orientation walk with the CEO. Visit the historic Hotel Sacher and taste the world-famous Sacher Torte. Enjoy free time this evening to visit the opera house or simply enjoy a walk around the city.

Private Vehicle

Český Krumlov – Vienna 4h 210km

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Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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Your Foodie Moment: Hotel Sacher Visit and dessert

Visit the historic Hotel Sacher and get a taste of the world-famous Sacher Torte. It's a cultural experience as well as a delicious cake.

Optional Activities - Day 6

Vienna State Opera House Visit

Vienna

8EUR per person

Visit the famous Vienna Opera House and soak in its exceptional architecture. Opt for a guided tour to see the opera house's main features and learn about the history of the building.

Belvedere Gallery Visit

Vienna 1h-2h

19EUR per person

Learn some of the history of this beautiful palace and grounds and explore the impressive art collection. Of particular note, the museum's collection of 24 pieces by Gustav Klimt, including his famous 'Kiss'.

Schönbrunn Palace Visit/Tour

Vienna 30m-1h

11-15EUR per person

Enjoy a guided tour of the stunning summer palace designed by Empress Maria Theresa herself. The palace gardens are free to all visitors.

View Lipizzaner Horses at Spanish Riding School of Vienna

Vienna

14EUR per person

Pay a visit to the gorgeous grey Lipizzaner horses of the renowned Spanish Riding School of Vienna. Witness the birthplace of "airs above the ground," or classical dressage, known for its highly controlled movements and jumps.

Saint Stephen's Cathedral Visit

Vienna

Free

St. Stephen's Cathedral is one of Vienna's main landmarks complete with a 343-step climb up a spiral staircase to look out over the city.

Vienna Boys' Choir Visit

Vienna 2h-3h

56-200EUR per person

Sit back and be transported by the sweet voices of the one of world's best known choirs. Founded in 1498, the Vienna Boys' Choir is made up of boys aged 10-14 from Austria and around the world. Attend a live concert and learn what it means to be moved by music.

*Please note that the price of the ticket will vary depending on the seating you choose.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 7 Vienna**

This morning, visit the famed Naschmarkt with a culinary expert, exploring the stalls and lanes to sample some of Vienna's finest treats. This afternoon is free to wander the elegant streets. Take in some of Europe's most distinguished art galleries, visit the stunning Lipizzaner horses of the renowned Vienna Riding School, experience mass with the Vienna Boys Choir, or settle into a café and order a slice of mouthwatering Viennese cake.

Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Naschmarkt Walk

Vienna's famous Naschmarkt was established in the 16th century as a marketplace for wooden milk bottles. Today, it's the city's most popular market and a major destination for visitors. Discover its bounty of stalls and lanes with the guidance of a local chef, who'll talk about the history of the market and provide professional insight on the local cuisine and food culture of this historic city. Learn all you ever wanted about Austrian cheeses, sausages, spices, and oils and take part in tastings throughout. This perfectly tasty experience is ideal for foodies and novices alike.

Free Time

Vienna Full Day

Enjoy the city as you wish.

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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Vienna/Budapest

Catch a train to our last stop, Budapest. Head out for an orientation walk, then visit a G Adventures-supported café whose proceeds assist Hungarians living with a disability. With some free time, opt to "take the waters" at a thermal bathhouse or visit the stunning castle.

To gain deeper insight on local history, opt for a guided walk. Pre-book the "Budapest History Walking Tour" on the checkout page to include this optional activity.

You might like to have an optional dinner at a local restaurant on Váci Utca, which is the bustling main street of Budapest.

Train

Vienna - Budapest 4h

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

Orientation With CEO

30m-1h

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Your G for Good Moment: Nem Adom Fel Café and Bar

Enjoy coffee and a delicious cheesecake at Nem Adom Fel Café and Bar, whose proceeds help fund a non-profit by the same name, which means "Never Give Up." This social enterprise café supports Nem Adom Fel's efforts to advocate for people living with disabilities, and run much-needed social programs for rural Roma communities through much-needed social programs. Not only will your stop give back to these important causes, you will also be supporting the café's 30 employees - most of whom are living with a disability.

Free Time

Budapest

Enjoy some time to explore on your own.

Optional Activities - Day 8

Buda Castle Visit

Budapest 3h-4h

1500HUF per person

Set on Castle Hill overlooking the Danube River and Pest, Buda Castle was once home to the Hungarian kings of Budapest. Admire the gorgeous architecture and visit its two museums; the National Gallery and the Budapest History Museum. Permanent collections depict the past 500 yrs of Hungary's art history, including Medieval and Renaissance stonework, Gothic wood sculptures, and Gothic altars.

Thermal Baths Visit

Budapest 1h-3h

4200-5000HUF per person

Bring two towels, your bathing suit and an aching body and prepare to be healed in the largest medicinal bath in Europe. Built in 1913, you can test the waters of 18 different pools (15 of which are spring fed) amidst stunning neo-Baroque architecture. Play chess on floating chessboards, relax in the whirlpools and explore the wonderful mosaic domes of these historic thermal steam rooms.

Budapest Bike Tour

Budapest 3h-4h

28EUR per person

Join a group for a guided city tour by bike. Buzz around the city on two wheels to cover more ground and get your blood pumping.

Hungarian State Opera House

Budapest 30m-1h

2900HUF per person

Constructed in 1873, the Opera House is one of Budapest's most stunning examples of Neo-Renaissance architecture. Take a tour around this stunning building to get a closer look at the ornate marble statues, frescos, and ornate tin work - to name a few highlights.

Great Market Hall Visit

Budapest

Free

Take a stroll through the oldest indoor market in Hungary.

Chain Bridge

Budapest

Free

Straddling the river Danube, the Chain Bridge suspension bridge is the first built to connect Buda and Pest, and is now one of Budapest's most iconic landmarks.

Danube River Cruise

Budapest

Float down the Danube for a better look at the picturesque sites along the river bend.

Budapest History Walking Tour

Budapest

Unravel the secrets of Budapest on a 3-hour walking tour of the city's medieval and Jewish districts. Your guide will meet you and then take you to visit Great Market Hall, the city's largest food market, before making your way through winding streets to see remnants of Budapest's 15th-century fortress walls. Immerse yourself in the pre-Ottoman worlds of Buda and Pest, separated by the Danube River, and learn about events of historical significance along the way. Stop for a coffee break, then continue onto the city's Jewish district and visit the Dohany Street Synagogue to learn about the history of Hungarian Jews. Today, this area is known for its "ruin bars" and is a lively center of nightlife.

Parliament Building Visit

Budapest

5200HUF per person

Take a guided tour of one of Hungary's crown jewels - the Hungarian Parliament building. Existing as the third largest Parliament building in the world, its Neo Gothic architecture also makes it a contender for one of the most beautiful. Tour the Hungarian Coronation Jewels in the Dome Hall, the Old Upper House Hall of the bicameral Hungarian Parliament, as well as the Lounge. Guided tours are mandatory for entrance and we recommend booking your tour in advance.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 9 Budapest**

Enjoy a full day for exploration in Budapest. Opt to visit Buda Castle, the famous thermal baths or take a bike tour of the city.

Today, new travellers may join you for the rest of your adventure. You are welcome to join them at a group meeting this evening, followed by an optional dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 10 Budapest**

Explore Budapest by embarking on a guided historic tour of the city. Start at Heroes Square and hop on the metro to learn the history of Europe's second oldest underground transportation system. Discover the Opera House, Liberty Square and Chain Bridge, ending at the Great Market Hall with a typical Hungarian lunch. The afternoon is free to explore.

Budapest City Tour

Budapest 1h-2h

Explore Hungary's capital city on a guided tour. Discover Budapest like a local and hop on the metro and visit landmarks including Heroes Square, Liberty Square, the Opera House and Chain Bridge.

Free Time

Budapest

Situated on a beautiful stretch of the Danube, Budapest consists of two parts: Buda and Pest. Buda is the older and more historical part of the city, with old narrow winding streets and medieval buildings. Here you can find Buda's most ancient sights: the Royal Palace, St. Matthias Church, Fisherman's Bastion and Castle Hill with its old town. Across the Danube is grand Pest with its vibrant streets such as Váci Utca, which is the bustling main street of Budapest.

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Budapest
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Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 11 Budapest/Cluj-Napoca

Embark on a full-day transfer from Budapest to Cluj-Napoca. Along the way, stop in Egerszalók to visit the Salt Hill terraces. These rare salt springs and water terraces are a great place to stretch our legs or enjoy a picnic.

Private Vehicle

Budapest – Egerszalók 1h48m 130km
Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Salt Hill Terraces

Egerszalók
Discover naturally formed salt springs and water terraces. Water spouting from these terraces claim to have medicinal benefits helping to alleviate back pain, eczema and musculoskeletal disorders.

Private Vehicle

Egerszalók – Cluj-Napoca 4h30m 365km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 12 Cluj-Napoca/Sighișoara**

Visit Salina Turda Salt Mine, the world's deepest underground salt museum and marvel at 2,000 years of history and highly preserved galleries. Learn about all the purposes of the mine over the years, from being used as a World War II bomb shelter to becoming a warehouse for storing cheese. From here, head to Sighișoara and enjoy an orientation walk of the old town on arrival.

Private Vehicle

Cluj-Napoca – Salina Turda 45m 35km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Salina Turda Salt Mine Visit

Salina Turda 1h-2h

Visit the world's deepest underground salt museum. Learn the history behind this key landmark and the many purposes it has served throughout the years, from being used as a World War II bomb shelter to becoming a warehouse for storing cheese.

Private Vehicle

Salina Turda – Sighișoara 2h 120km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Sighișoara Old Town Visit

Sighișoara

Enjoy an exploration of the old town of Sighișoara. Among the impressive sights are the Clock Tower, Scholar's Stairs and the Citadel. In 1431, it is claimed that an unknown woman gave birth to Vlad the Impaler, also known as Dracula, within the shadow of the Clock Tower, adding to the myths and legends that adorn this region.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 13 Sighișoara/Brașov**

Transfer to the small medieval village of Medias. Together with a local chef, visit the market to pick out fresh ingredients for your Transylvanian cooking class and learn about the cultural and gastronomical influences found in Transylvanian cuisine. In the afternoon, head to the town of Brasov to visit the famous Black Church.

Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Transylvanian Foodie Experience

Meet a local chef and learn about Transylvanian cuisine while shopping at a local market. Chat with farmers along the way, then head into the kitchen to prepare a traditional meal. A mix of neighboring culture's cuisines and the country's agrarian roots, Romanian food is simple yet hearty and full of flavor.

Private Vehicle

Sighișoara – Brașov 1h36m 115km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Black Church (Biserica Neagră) Visit

Brașov 30m

The Black Church is the biggest church between Vienna and Istanbul. It's a famous landmark of the town of Brasov, is Romania's leading Gothic church, and has the largest church bell in the country, weighing a hefty 7 tons (6,350 kg)! Explore its beautiful interior, including stained glass windows and its collection of 119 Turkish carpets, the largest in Europe.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch**Day 14 Brașov**

Enjoy a free morning to explore Brasov's baroque architecture and beautiful squares. Later, visit the haunting Bran Castle, also known as Dracula's castle, for a guided visit. Afterwards, head to the castle's tea house for an afternoon tea accompanied by the on-site historian and learn about the castle's eerie past and connection with Dracula.

Free Time

Brașov

Explore Brașov. The city provides a mix of wonderful mountain scenery and medieval charm. It boasts beautiful baroque architecture and stunning squares, and offers a delightful cable-car ride to the top of Tâmpa Mountain.

Bran Castle Visit

Bran 2h-3h

Visit the picturesque Bran Castle, impressively situated on a rock outcrop and dominating the valley. This 14th century castle is steeped in history and folklore and is an unmissable highlight. Sometimes called "Dracula's Castle", it served as a defense point to protect the border between Transylvania and Wallachia. Rumours abound regarding Dracula's interaction with the castle. You'll have to visit to find out the truth.

Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Afternoon Tea at Bran Castle

Sit down for an afternoon tea ceremony in the tea house at Bran Castle, widely known as Dracula's castle. Learn about the castle's history from a local historian and partake in ghost storytelling at this historic landmark.

Optional Activities - Day 14

Brasov History Museum

Braşov 1h-1h30m

7RON per person

Explore the rare exhibits that showcase Brasov's history, including stone tools from the Paleolithic age and painted ceramics from the Neolithic age, at this impressive museum.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Braşov/Bucharest

Travel to Bucharest, stopping to visit Snagov Monastery and its intricately painted walls. Dating back to the 14th century, the monastery is believed to hold the remains of Vlad the Impaler. Once in Bucharest, enjoy a walking tour. Opt for a final night out on the town.

Private Vehicle

Bran – Bucharest 2h45m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Snagov Monastery

Snagov

Lake Snagov is home to a popular Romanian holiday resort, with villas dotting the waterfront. Located on an islet on the lake is the historic Snagov monastery. Dating back to the 14th century, the monastery is rumoured to be the last resting place of Vlad the Impaler. Enjoy the views across the lake from here.

Free Time

Bucharest Evening

Explore this capital city.

Optional Activities - Day 15

Museum of the Romanian Peasant

Bucharest

Visit the Museum of the Romanian Peasant for an interesting look inside the rural culture of Romania. The museum displays a collection of costumes, artifacts of Romanian peasant life, and religious icons.

National Village Museum Visit

Bucharest

Check out examples of Romanian rural architecture at this outdoor museum that's literally a park 10 hectares large. It boasts rural homes built in the styles throughout Romania as well as churches, outhouses, and mills -- you'll really feel like you're walking through a Romanian village. To give an even more authentic feel to things, many structures are filled with furniture and pieces from the eras they replicate.

Palace of the Parliament Visit

Bucharest

Enjoy a visit to the Palace of the Parliament, which contains both chambers of the Romanian parliament as well as the National Museum of Contemporary Art (MNAC). It's the world's largest civilian building with an administrative function, according to the World Records Academy; it's also the most expensive administrative building.

Bucharest Bike Tour

Bucharest 2h-3h

20RON per person

You can always cover more land on a bike! Get out and explore on two wheels.

Museum of Medieval Weapons

Sighişoara

If you're interested in the town's past, visit the history museum. There are a number of old churches scattered throughout the historic centre as well, along with a Saxon cemetery. The ground floor of the birthplace of Vlad "The Impaler" has been converted into a restaurant, and the upper floor is home to a museum of medieval weapons.

Clock Tower Visit

Sighișoara

Free

Enjoy a visit to the Clock Tower, also known as the Council Tower -- it's Sighisoara's main point of attraction. It was built in the second half of the 14th century and expanded in the 16th century. After a fire in 1676 when the town's gunpowder deposits located in the Tailors' Tower exploded, Austrian artists rebuilt the roof of the tower in its present baroque style and, in 1894, colourful tiles were added.

The Church of the Dominican Monastery Visit

Sighișoara

Free

Enjoy a visit to the Church of the Dominican Monastery. Built in the late Gothic style, it was last repaired in 1929, quite some time after it was first attested in a document back in 1298.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Bucharest

Depart at any time.

Meals included: Breakfast

What's Included

Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Walk the Berlin Wall with a Historian, Berlin

Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Naschmarkt Walk, Vienna

Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Transylvanian Foodie Experience, Sighișoara

Your Journeys Highlight Moment: Afternoon Tea at Bran Castle, Bran

Your G for Good Moment: Nem Adom Fel Café and Bar, Budapest

Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group

Your Foodie Moment: Hotel Sacher Visit and dessert, Vienna. Tour Prague's old town including the Jewish quarter, clock tower, Charles Bridge, and Wenceslas Square. Visit the historic Hotel Sacher and sample the Sacher Torte. Guided historic tour of Budapest. Visit to the Salt Mine terraces in Egerszalok. Guided visit of Salina Turda Salt Mine. Sighisoara old Town Visit. Black Church visit in Brasov. Guided tour of Bran Castle. Snagov Monastery visit. All transport between destinations and to/from included activities.

Highlights

Explore Prague's Old Town and the charming medieval gem of Český Krumlov, Visit the Berlin Wall with a local historian, Take a dip in soothing waters at a thermal bathhouse in Budapest, Prepare a traditional Transylvanian meal with a local chef.

Group Size Notes

Max 16, Avg 12.

Meals Included

15 breakfasts, 2 lunches

Transport

Train, bus, private van, local bus, walking.

Accommodation

Hotel/pensions (15 nts).

My Own Room

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops.

Please be aware that single room accommodations in European hotels are often smaller, and may not be to the same service level as double-occupancy rooms.

About Accommodation

On this trip you can expect to stay in small family-run hotels or pensions (with the exception of the start and finish hotels, which are often larger city hotels), which will vary a little in standard and facilities: some may not have elevators, air-conditioning or English-speaking staff, but most importantly all are locally-run, with some traditional character, and in excellent central locations to give you maximum time for exploring the sights. You can expect to find clean, safe, simple accommodation in convenient locations.

Note that most accommodation in Europe does not have air conditioning units in rooms. Air conditioning is not routinely installed in European homes and workplaces. However, nearly all hotels will provide a standing or desk fan for your room on hot nights. If you do not already have one in your room, please ask your CEO to organize one for you with reception.

Joining Instructions

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day. Upon arrival to the city on day 1 (or earlier if you have booked pre-accommodation with us), please make your way to the joining hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon). Once you arrive at the hotel, look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

Getting from Berlin airport to the city centre:

Taxi:

The taxi ranks at Tegel Airport offer a wide variety of vehicles to accommodate any group of travelers. The cars are recognized by their cream white colour and a distinctive black and yellow roof sign. Make sure to avoid unlicensed drivers who might approach you at the terminals as you come out, because they will charge you excessively. The trip to the city of Berlin should cost approximately 32€ and ranges from 20 to 30 minutes depending on the traffic conditions.

Public Transportation:

The two buses that take you to the central Zoologischer Garten Station are the X9 and 109, each bus should be available at the station every 10 minutes and the ticket price for both is 2.80€. However, the X9 is faster since it makes 6 less stops than the 109. Unfortunately, after reaching the Zoo station you will need to use Berlin's main metro network U-Bahn to reach the downtown area. The official duration for the X9 is 20 minutes and for the 109 is 30 minutes. The third option is the TXL express which goes to the city centre through Hauptbahnhof Station, waiting time is 6 minutes, ticket price is 2.80€ and the official travel duration is 37 minutes.

To arrange an arrival or departure transfer, we recommend you book through our preferred transfer provider - HolidayTaxis - by copying the link below into your web browser:

<https://partner.holidaytaxis.com/?ref=GADVE>

Choose from a range of transport options including both private and shared transfers at a discounted rate.

We advise that you book both your arrival and departure transfers in advance. Please make sure you have the following details before booking:

- Flight number
- Flight Arrival Time and Date
- Flight Departure Time and Date
- Passenger's Name
- Number of Passengers
- Email
- Valid Mobile Telephone Number

- Drop off and/or Pick Up Address

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER

G Adventures Berlin office: +44 7817 262559

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, from calls within North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from within UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from within Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from within Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from within New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

Packing List

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

Visas and Entry Requirements

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

Tipping

While conventions can vary from country to country, tipping is customary in Europe. A general rule is 10% of the bill for wait staff, and a smaller amount (€1 or €2) for other service providers.

Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program, and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €3-5 per day, depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

At the end of each trip, if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is expected and appreciated. The precise amount is a personal preference, however €30-€40 per person, per week can be used as a guideline.

Optional Activities

Berlin

- East Side Gallery Visit Along Berlin Wall (Free)
- Judisches Museum Visit (8EUR per person)
- Reichstag Visit
- Television Tower (Fernsehturm) Visit (13-23EUR per person)
- The Berlin Wall Memorial (Free)
- Brandenburg Gate Visit (Free)
- Checkpoint Charlie Museum Visit (17.50EUR per person)

Prague

- Letná Beer Garden Visit (Free-3EUR per person)
- Malá Strana Visit
- Petřín Hill Hike (Free-30CZK per person)
- Prague Castle (Hradčany) Visit (250-350CZK per person)
- Czech Craft Beer & Food Tasting Tour

Český Krumlov

- State Castle and Chateau Český Krumlov Tour (360CZK per person)

Vienna

- Vienna State Opera House Visit (8EUR per person)
- Belvedere Gallery Visit (19EUR per person)
- Schönbrunn Palace Visit/Tour (11-15EUR per person)
- View Lipizzaner Horses at Spanish Riding School of Vienna (14EUR per person)
- Saint Stephen's Cathedral Visit (Free)
- Vienna Boys' Choir Visit (56-200EUR per person)

Budapest

- Buda Castle Visit (1500HUF per person)
- Thermal Baths Visit (4200-5000HUF per person)
- Budapest Bike Tour (28EUR per person)
- Hungarian State Opera House (2900HUF per person)
- Great Market Hall Visit (Free)
- Chain Bridge (Free)
- Danube River Cruise

- Budapest History Walking Tour
- Parliament Building Visit (5200HUF per person)

Braşov

- Brasov History Museum (7RON per person)

Bucharest

- Museum of the Romanian Peasant
- National Village Museum Visit
- Palace of the Parliament Visit
- Bucharest Bike Tour (20RON per person)

Sighişoara

- Museum of Medieval Weapons
- Clock Tower Visit (Free)
- The Church of the Dominican Monastery Visit (Free)

Minimum Age

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

International Flights

Check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.