

## **Czech & Germany Trip Itinerary**

### **Day 1: Welcome to Prague!**

Welcome to the beautiful bohemian city of Prague! Make your way to the hotel to check in. Later this evening, you will meet the rest of the group, guide, and Happy Ambassador. First, we will enjoy appetizers and drinks at a beautiful rooftop bar overlooking Old Town and the Astronomical Clock. We will have a bit of free time after cocktails to explore the Christmas markets. Afterwards, we will make our way to have dinner on a glass boat on the Vltava River. A boat trip along the Vltava river is one of the most romantic suggestions for those who want to relax on the deck of the ship and admire the city from a different perspective. After the boat dinner finishes, we return to our hotel.

Meals: D

Hotel: Iron Gate Prague

### **Day 2: Exploring Praha & Beer Spa**

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, we will embark on a 4-hour walking tour of Prague. During this tour, you will get acquainted with the beautiful city of Europe, which was once the residence of the Holy Roman Empire. Plunge into the medieval atmosphere of the narrow streets of Prague!

After our walking tour is complete, we will enjoy a Beer Spa! You will relax in a tub of warm bubbling beer within arms reach of two taps of unlimited delicious and Prague famous pilsner brews - light and dark Krušovice tank beer. The bath is a mixture of tank beer with beer extracts and a herbal beer mixture. You will also get to rest by the fireside on a bed made of real wheat straw and enjoy some fresh homemade beer bread. After the bath is complete, we will be transferred back to the hotel. This afternoon, you will have free time to explore Prague and the Christmas Markets on your own.

Meals: B

Tour time: 4 hours

Hotel: Iron Gate Prague

### **Day 3: ČESKÝ KRUMLOV AND HLUBOKA NAD VLTAVOU CASTLE**

Today, we will visit the one of the most beautiful medieval cities in Europe today, Cesky Krumlov (2 hour driving time) and see the historical center. First, we will enjoy a 2-hour guided visit of Hluboká nad Vltavou Castle: more than hundred rooms, dozens of towers, a glazed greenhouse, stables and courtyards, and a huge English park around the castle with rare species of trees. This trip takes you to the fabulous atmosphere of aristocratic castles and medieval towns. You will visit one of the most beautiful castles of the Czech Republic - Hluboka nad Vltavou, famous for the elegance of its renaissance interiors, rich collections of paintings and works of applied arts.

After the tour of the castle, we will travel into town and enjoy lunch at a Medieval Tavern. Once lunch is complete, we will have a 2 hour tour of the city of Cesky Krumlov. Then you will have free time to walk around the city of Cesky Krumlov (UNESCO), which has surprisingly preserved to this day a medieval look.

After, we will return to Prague.

Meals: B,L

Tour time: 10-11 hours

Hotel: Iron Gate Prague

#### Day 4: Kutna Hora Bone Church

After breakfast, we will journey to explore the historic UNESCO World Heritage Site of Kutná Hora (1 hour driving time) on a tour from Prague. The most unusual and controversial sights of the Czech Republic - the Chapel of All Saints is situated there. It is also called Kostnitsa due to

the fact that all the decoration in the interior of this unusual church is made of human bones. It's hard to believe, but you will have the opportunity to see it with your own eyes, and our guide will tell the story of this place.

During this tour you will see another famous castle - Czech Sternberk. The clan of princes Sternberkov owns this castle from time immemorial and to this day. The successful location of the castle on a rock towering above the Sazava River allowed the castle to be considered an impregnable fortress in the Middle Ages and to avoid conquests and looting.

Tonight, we will be in Dresden. Dresden remains a major cultural centre of historical memory, owing to the city's destruction in World War II. Each year on 13 February, the anniversary of the British and American fire-bombing raid that destroyed most of the city, tens of thousands of demonstrators gather to commemorate the event.

Meals: B,L

Tour time: 7 hours

Hotel: Iron Gate Prague

### Day 5: Experience Dresden Christmas

The nicest time of the year begins when the Christmas season starts in Germany. This is a time of contemplation which is characterized by candle light and the smell of biscuits, frost patterns on windows, mysterious Christmas stories and crisp cold weather. German Christmas cake (Stollen), ginger bread, spiced biscuits, cinnamon stars and mulled wine are a definite must during this time of the year – and there is more than enough of all of this available in a large variety and in a good quality at the Christmas markets.

Immerse yourself in the traditions of the holiday season with mulled wine and Christmas cookies to munch on along the way. Explore Dresden and to get an insider's perspective of the Christmas markets of Dresden.

Discover the historic city of Dresden on a guided walking tour and visit the iconic Frauenkirche. Enjoy a guided tour of the elegant Dresden Zwinger Gardens and see where royalty once lived on a tour of Dresden Castle.

Dresden Christmas market is the oldest in Germany and is known locally as Striezelmarkt. With stalls selling everything from toys to hand-made trinkets, visitors should definitely sample the delicious Hefestriezel (German Christmas Cake) and delicious mulled wine.

Enjoy the rest of the day on your own to explore this beautiful historical city!

Meals: B

Tour Time: 2 hours

Hotel: INNSide by Melia Dresden

### Day 6: Explore Munich

After breakfast, we will check out of our hotel and travel too Munich (3 hours driving time). After we check into the hotel, we will have some free time to explore or relax. Later, we will have a 3 hour guided tour of Munich and lunch together. After more free time, we will meet one final time for a Bavarian farewell dinner at a Beer Hall.

Meals: B, L, D

Tour Time: 6 hours

Hotel: Leonado City Center Munich

### Day 7: Goodbye!

Today, everyone will make their own way to the airport to head home.

Meals: B