

BUSBY'S TOURS



Eastern Europe Wine Country: Austria & Hungary

28th August - 14th September 2019

18 days for only \$8,750.00



Visit centuries old fairytale castles, historic churches, cobble streets and more on this magnificent wine and food tour through Austria and Hungary. In Vienna, the old coffee house culture and rustic wine taverns stand alongside some of the best restaurants and yet we are so close to the surrounding ancient vineyards where you will experience terroir expressive wines. Hungary's countryside includes some of the most beautiful scenery to be found anywhere in Eastern Europe, in fact you're never far from spectacular mountains, lakes and the sunset over the Danube River is not to be missed.

Small group only Maximum 8 on this tour (single supplement available on request)

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Vienna

Day 1 : Wednesday 28th August

On arrival into beautiful Vienna make your way to our hotel where you will be met and checked into your room to relax before this evenings drinks in the hotel lobby and then on to dinner. (Transfers can be arranged)

Overnight: Vienna

Meals: Drinks and Dinner (including wine and or beverages)

Day 2 : Thursday 29th August

After breakfast this morning we have a private food walking tour of Vienna. Forget Schnitzel, pork roast or Sacher Torte we will be visiting some of Vienna's finest restaurants and bars representing the "Neue Wiener Küche": a lighter, more modern take on traditional Austrian and Viennese dishes. We will have 4 stops, and we sit down to have a delicious meal at 3 of them. This means there's no rushing you from market stalls to sample little bits and pieces here and there, but instead taking the time to sit down and enjoy a lovely meal, chat, ask questions and enjoy a nice glass of wine.

Overnight: Vienna

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch on tour (including wine and or beverages)

Day 3 : Friday 30th August

Today we discover the highlights of the Austrian Capital. This half-day walking tour is an ideal way to get a fascinating overview of the Austrian capital and its monuments. Our experienced tour guide will plunge us into the heart of Austrian architecture, history and culture. Firstly, you'll discover the eclectic architecture of the Ring Road built around the center in the 19th century to replace the former city walls, which is home to the parliament, city hall and opera house. Inside the Ring Road, you'll travel further back in time as you discover St Stephen's Cathedral, Albertina Square, Holy Trinity Column in Graben and the Hofburg Palace. Dating back to the 13th century, this former imperial residence demonstrates the importance of the Hapsburg dynasty. Tonight we will be having dinner then onto the Opera.

Overnight: Vienna

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner (including wine and or beverages)

Day 4 : Saturday 31st August

We are all about wine tasting today, as we head into the Wachau Valley to taste some of the country's best wines. You'll learn about wine-making and the fascinating history and culture of the region. During the tour you'll taste a wide variety of the valley's dry and fruity whites and sample other local delicacies such as the valley's famed apricot jams and liqueurs. You'll have free time to explore the medieval town of Dürnstein, a highlight of the region. The town is overlooked by a castle where Richard the Lionheart was once held prisoner. Enjoy lunch in a *heuriger*, a traditional family-run Austrian wine tavern. This evening is free for your leisure.

Overnight: Vienna

Meals: Breakfast, Wine Tasting, Lunch (including wine and or beverages)

Day 5 : Sunday 1st September

This is a complete free day for you. You may wish to see another Opera or wander the historic streets and enjoy a cafe and watch the world go by. Tonight we have dinner as we say goodbye to Vienna

Overnight: Vienna

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner (including wine and or beverages)

Salzburg

Day 6 : Monday 2nd September

We head off today to Salzburg, the storybook Old Town burrowed below steep hills looks much as it did when Mozart lived here, 250 years ago. Standing beside the fast-flowing Salzach River, your gaze is raised inch by inch to graceful domes and spires, the formidable cliff-top fortress and the mountains beyond. Dinner tonight will be in one of Salzburg's newest restaurants.

Overnight: Salzburg

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner (including wine and or beverages)

Day 7 : Tuesday 3rd September

We discover the Old and New Towns of Salzburg today on our private walking tour. We visit Mozart Square, Residence square with the Residence building and the Salzburg Dom. We follow the wafting aroma and discover an old bakery next to a beautiful cemetery of the St. Peter's District. Stroll to the Salzburg Festival Hall, try some local specialties at the farmers market and find Mozart's birthplace in the famous shopping street Getreidegasse. Across the river Salzach, we visit where the famous doctor Paracelsus lived and Christian Doppler was born, who is known for the Doppler Effect. Mozart's Residence is close by and also the baroque Palace Mirabell known for the movie Sound of Music. Our tour ends in the Old Market Square which has been a marketplace since the 13th century. We will have lunch here today in this historic spot.

Overnight: Salzburg

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch (including wine and or beverages)

Day 8 : Wednesday 4th September

Today we discover some of the most breathtaking palaces in the world. We travel through the countryside to visit Neuschwanstein the utter manifestation of the Fairy tale King's fantasies and dreams and is often referred to as being the most romantic castle in the world. Linderhof Palace, gardens and park are likewise impressive. Together with the most beautiful Rokoko building in Europe, the Pilgrimage Church of Wies, and Oberammergau this tour is as outstanding and fascinating as the eccentric king and his life and the miracle of Wies. Make sure your cameras are fully charged.

Overnight: Salzburg

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch (including wine and or beverages)

Day 9 : Thursday 5th September

After our big day yesterday you have time to relax and soak in the magical surrounds of Salzburg at your own pace. We will meet for dinner tonight as we say goodbye to Salzburg.

Overnight: Salzburg

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner (including wine and or beverages)

Graz

Day 10 : Friday 6th September

After breakfast we head towards Graz city which has a blend of old and new Austria. With one of the best-preserved historic town centers in Europe and four universities, it offers both a glimpse into the past, and a young, innovative cultural life. You have some free time this afternoon before we have dinner tonight.

Overnight: Graz

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner (including wine and or beverages)

Day 11 : Saturday 7th September

We are off on a fantastic wine tour of Burgenland today. Known for its excellent red wines, wide-open plains, and the country's largest lake, Neusiedler. We visit Austria's rural red wine country and see how the bubbles get into the sparkling wine and how to saber a bottle. We take a tractor ride through the gentle rolling vineyards to a lookout point over the lake where you might spot the most famous of the area's 300 bird species—the Stork.

We get to enjoy a gourmet three-course meal at a lakeside restaurant to taste Burgenland's culinary delights.

Overnight: Graz

Meals: Breakfast, Wine Tasting and Lunch (including wine and or beverages)

Day 12 : Sunday 8th September

Today is free for you to roam around Graz. Enjoy its renaissance arcades, gothic staircases and magnificent churches before we join up for dinner tonight at one of Graz's best restaurants.

Overnight: Graz

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner (including wine and or beverages)

Budapest

Day 13 : Monday 9th September

After breakfast this morning we make our way to Hungary and the enchanting city of Budapest. After we have settled into our hotel you have some free time to wander the city before we have dinner tonight.

Overnight: Budapest

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner (including wine and or beverages)

Day 14 : Tuesday 10th September

Make sure you don't overdo it at breakfast today as our private culinary tour is a beautiful indulgence. Our tour begins at The Central Market Hall—Budapest's cathedral of food and one of Europe's largest and most spectacular indoor markets—and continues through two of its most charming neighborhoods. We will discuss the spectacular building, the culture of eating and drinking in Hungary, the ingredients, the dishes commonly made from them ... and just what it is that Hungarian home cooks do with all of that pork fat, paprika, and goose liver. As we walk the market aisles we'll taste a selection of foods (and have an aperitif to fortify us).

After a lunch spread at a traditional butcher, we'll head to a classic coffeehouse to sample some of the elegant cakes for which Hungarian bakers are known. We'll be ready to relax over three glasses of quintessential wine (with pairings of local artisan cheese). A sommelier will introduce us to the Hungarian wine regions, varietals, and styles, helping us put the Hungarian wine scene in context.

Overnight: Budapest

Meals: Breakfast and Food and Wine Tour (including wine and or beverages)

Day 15 : Wednesday 11th September

After breakfast today we have a full day of wine tasting ahead of us. Tokaj is one of the world's oldest wine regions, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This volcanic region produces some of the world's best sweet wine, as well as amazing dry furmint. Stone cellars wind deep under the ground, and its winemakers are passionate about reviving traditions. The wineries we visit are a mix of the traditional, the experimental, and the modern. We'll visit the production areas, wander in the vineyards, and tour the ageing cellars (ranging from 500-year-old ancient hand-carved ones to the ultra-modern). Often we'll meet the winemakers themselves. The tour includes a platter of local cheese/charcuterie with one of the tastings and a slow lunch homemade at a winery where we'll see how the regional food matches with the wine.

Overnight: Budapest

Meals: Breakfast, Wine Tour, Cheese Platter, Lunch (including wine and or beverages)

Day 16 : Thursday 12th September

After breakfast today you have some free time during the day before we have our private night tour of Budapest. The "Paris of the East" is one of the most famous sentences used when describing Budapest at night. The magnificent buildings and sights all glowing and illuminated at night just give this city a totally different feel than what you'll experience during the day. Our Night Stroll is designed to take you along a route where you see the best parts of the city by night for some of the most terrific photo ops. You'll not only learn about these grandiose sights but hear the stories and the history surrounding them with legends from the ancient past up until very recent history. The end of the tour we cap off the evening with a one-hour boat cruise on the Danube with a free drink of choice from the drink list!

Overnight: Budapest

Meals: Breakfast and Drinks on River Cruise (including wine and or beverages)

Day 17 : Friday 13th September

Today is for you to soak in those lasting memories of this amazing city before we have our farewell dinner tonight and have the opportunity to reminisce on our wonderful adventure.

Overnight: Budapest

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner (including wine and or beverages)

Day 18 : Saturday 14th September

After breakfast today we make our way back to Vienna where we say goodbye to our Busby's Tours family and wish everybody a safe journey home.

Meals: Breakfast

The team of Busby's Tours wish to thank you and hope you have enjoyed your time on tour

We hope to share our knowledge of food and wine tours with you somewhere else in the wonderful world of travel

Inclusions

- You will visit: **Vienna**; private food walking tour, private tour of the capital including all major sites, an evening at the Opera, wine tasting today in the Wachau Valley, explore medieval town of Durnstein, **Salzburg**; sites in old & new town, Salzburg farmers market, Mozart's birthplace, home of Dr Paracelsus & Christian Doppler, Palace Mirabell (location of movie Sound of Music), old Market Square Neuschwanstein famous fairytale castle, Linderhof Palace gardens, Pilgrimage Church of Wies, Oberammergau **Graz**; wine tour of Burgenland, lake Neusiedler, tractor ride through vineyards to lookout over lake **Budapest**; private culinary tour from Central Market Hall with tastings & aperitif, wine tasting in world's oldest wine regions & visit ageing cellars as well as meeting the winemakers themselves, private night tour of Budapest, evening cruise on Danube River
- 17 Breakfasts / 6 Lunches / 9 Dinners including Welcome drink, Welcome & Farewell dinners, Lunch & Dinner includes wine and/or beverage with each meal, 4 wine tastings
- Our personal food & wine tour guide with us to also assist in selecting your lunch or dinner locations when not with the group
- Private driver in air conditioned mini-van or bus
- Tour begins in Vienna and finishes in Vienna (*allows you to seek a better price for return airfare*)
- 4 1/2 & 5 star accommodation (*2 per room share basis or single supplement if required*). Unique hotels in central locations with more night's accommodation in several hotels allowing a more relaxed feel to your vacation
- No early morning rises you are on holidays and we want you to make the most of every destination (*you will be given a day by day itinerary showing times we leave of a morning when on a day tour or if a flight or other transfer has to be met*)
- Restaurants for lunch & dinner are pre booked months in advance by our Food & Wine guide therefore please inform us if you have any special food dietary requirements
- Taxes, surcharges (*where part of Busby's Tours itinerary*)
- Tips to guides / drivers (*where part of Busby's Tours itinerary*)
- Tips to waiters (*where Busby's Tours include a meal*)
- Busby's Tours Co-ordinator services throughout tour for any of your requests
- Min 6 - Max 8 on this tour (**early booking is recommended**)
- Surprise experiences

Tips are a gratitude and Busby's Tours pay for those mentioned above, however if you wish to tip direct to driver / tour guide etc, this would be very welcomed

Not Included

International flights; items of a personal nature; any items used from hotel mini bars or phone calls from room (you may be required by hotel to leave a credit card for security on your room); passport; laundry; personal transport; excess baggage; travel insurance; meals not specified (all meals are shown on pre departure list that is included on tour); alcoholic beverages other than what is shown on itinerary with each meal; Optional excursions or activities that may be offered but not included in the tour price.

