



2023 | WHITE CHRISTMAS

BUDAPEST, VIENNA & PRAGUE

TOUR DATES: 04 DECEMBER – 15 DECEMBER 2023

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€2870* PP SHARING TWIN/DOUBLE ROOM | €705* SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
LAND ARRANGEMENTS ONLY (AIRFARE SEPARATE)

INTRODUCTION

Three days in each city give you the opportunity to explore the magnificent cathedrals, imperial palaces and storybook castles in some of Europe's most dramatic capitals. The flavours and colours of the most beautiful Christmas markets await you! And if we are lucky ... snow. Join us on this incredible tour with 5-star accommodation and transport filled with unique local experiences.

YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

10 DAYS | 3 COUNTRIES | 3 NIGHTS IN BUDAPEST | 3 NIGHTS IN PRAGUE | 3 NIGHTS IN VIENNA

DAY 1: WELCOME IN BUDAPEST

On arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, enjoy a complimentary transfer to your hotel at 10:00, 13:00 or 15:30. At 17h30 (or earlier!): A meet and greet in the Hotel's bar, followed by dinner with the rest of the group.

Your Welcome Dinner will be at Gundel, one of Budapest's most renowned restaurants for over a hundred years. Dine in elegance with Hungarian delicatessens accompanied with specially selected Hungarian wine. **(Dinner and 2 glasses wine/beer)**



**EASY PACE BUDAPEST,
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DAY 2: RELAXED START BUDAPEST, QUEEN OF THE DANUBE

Drive along the elegant boulevards to Heroes' Square. Cross the river with its famous suspension bridge, visit the Matthias Church with its unique story and feast your eyes on the dashing view from the Fisherman's Bastion. You will definitely come across a stand selling their famous Paprika too!

At a traditional strudel house, watch pastry chefs at work preparing delicious strudel by stretching the dough and stacking it with delicious fillings. Enjoy one of these famous mouth-watering delicatessens with a rich aromatic coffee.

(Breakfast, Strudel, Dinner)

DAY 3: RELAXED START FREE TIME IN BUDAPEST AND DINNER WITH LOCALS

Enjoy a relaxed day of discovering Budapest on your own. Visit the Christmas markets and/or one of the hot springs/baths with its healing water. Perhaps the Jewish district with its "Ruins bars" offering Palinka, or rather whistle brandy, might be more up your alley. Walk along the Danube and feast your eyes on the picturesque, historical buildings.

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DAY 4: ALONG THE DANUBE TO SZENTENDRE AND ON TO STATELY VIENNA

Travel along the Danube to the village of Szentendre with its brightly coloured houses and quaint churches.

Journey to Győr, located on the confluence of the Danube, Rába and Rábca rivers. Cross the border and continue to stately Vienna, home of classical music and known for its elegant coffee houses and lavish architecture steeped in history.

Dine tonight at one of our specially selected restaurants. A finger licking experience! **(Breakfast and Dinner with 2 glasses wine/beer)**



DAY 5: VIENNA AND THE HABSBURGS

Join a Local Expert for a private visit of Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. The golden plated rooms will leave you breathless. The Palace also boasts with the world's oldest zoo. Our visit is private, without the mob of daily visitors to this beautiful site.

Get your camera ready for a roundabout trip of the famous Ring Road. It showcases the Opera House, Hofburg Imperial Residence, the Austrian Parliament Building and the Karlskirche – all built along the ancient city walls. Vienna's Christmas markets are truly special. Don't miss out on a



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glass of Glühwein! The well-known Landtman coffee house's Sacher torte is highly recommendable. Vienna is buzzing with activities – simply too much to mention!

Enjoy a free afternoon of exploring on your own.

We end the day off with a highlight. A classical era concert while eating dinner in a palace. You'll be swept away by the sounds of Mozart. **(Breakfast and Dinner)**

DAY 6: RELAX START VIENNA AT LEISURE

Discover the regal grandeur of Vienna at your own pace. Feel free to cross the Slovakian border and add another capital to your travels, Bratislava. Alternatively, ask your Travel Director for recommendations of local attractions and restaurants to enjoy a cosy winter evening filled with scents and colours of a European Christmas. **(Breakfast)**



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DAY 7: CHARMING ĀESKY KRUMLOV AND RADIANT PRAGUE

Once we crossed the Czech border, we continue to the picturesque Āesky Krumlov and get a head start with a quick orientation tour. Wander through cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colourful houses leading to the finest castle in the country. The market offers an abundance of traditional food and souvenirs.

Enjoy free time to explore on your own, before we continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Prague in the afternoon. **(Breakfast , Dinner)**

DAY 8: PRAGUE, CITY OF A HUNDRED SPIRES

Join a Local Expert on a guided tour of one of Europe's most beautiful and historical cities. Start at the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle, admiring the stained-glass windows of St Vitus Cathedral and the spectacular views of the Old City. Gerrie will accompany you to point out some highlights. The Charles bridge is also on the menu.

The tour comes to an end on the Old Town Square where the mechanical antics of the Astronomical Clock's glockenspiel delights spectators on the hour.

Explore on your own for the rest of the day. The Czechs are passionate about their beer. Enjoy a local lager with a mouth watering Czech meal. You can even bath in beer! **(Breakfast)**

DAY 9: RELAX START PRAGUE AT LEISURE

Wind along cobbled streets and discover a treasure-trove of hidden gems, as you explore Prague at your own pace. The Christmas market on the Old Town Square is one of Europe's best!

Tantalise your taste buds tonight with a feast of local specialities at Prague's oldest restaurant, while being entertained by local musicians. Truly a highlight. Dobrou chut! **(Breakfast and Dinner)**



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DAY 10: DEPART PRAGUE

After breakfast, this incredible tour sadly comes to an end. Transport times to the airport will be announced well in advance.

INCLUSIONS

- Air conditioned luxury coach.
- 9 night's accommodation
- Cruise on the beautiful Danube
- Classical concert while dining in a castle
- Breakfast daily
- x5 dinners
- Gerrie Pretorius as your wonderful Tour HOST!!

EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares and airport taxes (We can assist with flight bookings – but prices can only be confirmed in February 2023)
- Dinners (unless specified), and all drinks
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- Personal expenses
- Optional excursions
- Tips
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Domestic flights in South Africa if required.
- Single Supplement €705

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IMPORTANT

- Please note that we have negotiated this special tour with Insight Vacations to offer you the best value for your money. Although your host, Gerrie, will accompany you at all times, you will also have enough time to explore on your own. Transport to your hotel on arrival has been arranged. An Insight Vacations representative will be on duty full-time, to assist with questions and information should Gerrie not be available. Please note that although South Africans will fill most of the 40-seater coach, we may be sharing the bus with visitors from other countries too.
- Gerrie is going to share his favourite restaurant in Prague with you, while you might also opt for dinner while cruising the Danube River. You are in experienced hands, sit back and relax and enjoy the tour at your own pace and tempo. Gerrie enjoys touring on foot, however alternative options are always available. Come with an open mind, make new friends, pack warm clothing and experience Leef Jou Reis for yourself !
- This includes bed and breakfast, several dinners and outings where specified, as well as a classic era-concert and specialist experts. Observe a pastry chef at work and enjoy a traditional strudel in Budapest. It also includes transport to and from the airport at scheduled times. The bus is spacious and free Wi-Fi is available. Beverages, lunches, gratuities for tour guides and bus drivers are excluded. Grab a bite for lunch at a local market, if you're still hungry after the morning's hearty breakfast.



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THINGS TO BEAR IN MIND:

- Bookings are very much on a **first come first served basis** and your deposit is what secures your place with Gerrie on this wonderful tour.
- The **deposit of R10 000.00 is *non- refundable**, and secures your space on the tour. *Please bear in mind that we are obligated to pay deposits and administration fees to our providers to secure our group bookings and we cannot recover these once paid. Refer to our website for our full terms and conditions.
- The **next payment of R10 000.00 is due 01 April 2023**.
- The **balance will be due by 15 September 2023**.
- The itinerary can vary subject to availability and safety issues.
- You will need a **passport valid for 6 months after we return – until 16 June 2024** – with 2 clear facing pages at least.
- The rate of exchange used is €1 = R17 if the currency varies, so does the price of the tour until the final payment is received. If the Rand weakens below R17 = Euro 1, the price will increase.
- These prices are based on EFT payments. Cash deposit fees must be borne by the payer.

WHAT TO DO NOW??

Steps to follow to secure your seat on the White Christmas Tour:

STEP 1:

Let us know you want to join us on this exciting tour by sending us your email address and cell no. We will send you the booking form which you need to complete and return to us with a copy of your passport and POP for your deposit to our email,

bookings@gerriepretorius.co.za

- **Payable to: GJ Pretorius, ABSA, Branch Code 032 005, Account Number: 2078183449.**
- **Reference on your deposit: WITXMAS23 + NAME AND SURNAME.** Please make sure you use the right reference number and that you send proof of payment to us on email:
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STEP 2:

We will send you a confirmation and tips on the trip, destinations and things to plan for.

STEP 3:

Get really excited and look forward to the most idyllic holiday of your life!!



FOR MORE INFORMATION FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US ON:

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