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Czech Republic Austria & Hungary

Sports Tour

Prague, Vienna & Budapest

11 Day / 9 Night Program



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your game & practice schedule, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team's arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 **USA – PRAGUE**

Evening Depart USA on your overnight flight to Prague. Possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

Day 2 **PRAGUE**

Morning Arrive in Prague.

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. The Tour Managers we select are chosen for their high-energy and commitment to customer satisfaction. For the duration of your stay, your Tour Manager will be coordinating and managing all of your scheduled activities and will be available to you on a 24-hour basis should you need special assistance.

Prague is one of Europe's most historic cities and popular tourist destinations. The city's centuries-old architectural landmarks are largely untouched and unspoiled, almost giving the city the feel of a giant museum waiting to be explored with many treasures to be discovered. Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and neoclassical-style buildings and monuments are mixed in with newer architectural styles, such as art nouveau and cubist, making for an engaging visual feast.

Transfer by private motorcoach to your Three-Star Hotel for check-in.

Afternoon Free time to explore the neighborhood around your hotel and have lunch on your own.

Afternoon **PRACTICE SESSION or CLINIC with Licensed Professional Coaches.**

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 3 **PRAGUE**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **Prague Castle Tour**



Prague Castle



Vltava River



St. Vitus Cathedral

This castle is Prague's most compelling landmark, located high on a hill overlooking the bend in the **Vltava River**. The original structure was built in the 9th century but it has undergone four reconstructions since then and **today is the largest ancient castle in the world** at 1850 ft. long and an average of 415 ft. wide.

The castle is actually a set of walls with several buildings and courtyards within with **St. Vitus Cathedral** being the dominant structure. Enter the cathedral and view the beautiful stained-glass windows and climb the narrow stairway to the top of the 310 ft. high Great Tower for panoramic views of the city.

Go to **Matthias Gate**, the castle's main entryway, to see the hourly changing of the guard and visit the **Old Royal Palace** with the "Story of Prague Castle" exhibition featuring replicas of the Czech crown jewels (the originals are locked away in the Coronation Chamber in St. Vitus Cathedral).

Afternoon Free time for lunch and to explore the city on your own

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening **MATCH # 1 vs. a CZECH TEAM**

Day 4 **PRAGUE**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **Old Town & New Town Tour**



Charles Bridge



Old Town Square



Astronomical Clock

Cross the **Vltava River** on your motorcoach over the iconic **Charles Bridge**, completed in 1400, to Prague's Old Town Square. View the medieval Old Town Hall with its famous **Astronomical Clock** featuring hourly shows by varied figures including the 12 apostles. The nearby spiky-topped, Gothic-style "**Tyn Church**" is one of Prague's best known structures.

Continue on to the **Jewish Quarter** where you will find Europe's oldest surviving Jewish cemetery, dating back to the 15th century, and containing a fascinating spectacle of some 12,000 toppling, faded stones leaning against one another. They are said to contain up to 100,000 graves piled in layers. Three synagogues, highlighted by the **Old-New Synagogue** and the **Prague Jewish Museum**, make for a culturally-rich neighborhood reflecting Prague's Jewish history.

Continue on to **New Town** with historic **Wenceslas Square**, where Alexander Dubcek and Vaclav Havel declared the end of communism in 1989.

Afternoon Free time to experience Prague's sights and have lunch on your own.

Afternoon **PRACTICE SESSION or CLINIC with Licensed Professional Coaches.**

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 5 **PRAGUE**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon **Karlstejn Castle & Konopiste – Full-Day Tour**



Karlstejn Castle



Aerial View



Konopiste Castle

Twenty miles southwest of Prague we find the town of **Karlstejn**, home to the **Karlstejn Castle**, one of the most visited Castle in the country. Built in the mid 1300's, this gothic-renaissance building was founded by **Charles IV**, and went through several reconstructions in the following centuries.

Continue on to **Konopiste**, where you will visit the famous Konopiste chateau. This fabulous construction served as the residence of **Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria**, whose assassination in 1914 caused the initiation of **World War I**.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening **MATCH # 2 vs. a CZECH TEAM**

Day 6 **PRAGUE – VIENNA**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out and transfer to **Vienna** with stop for lunch on your own enroute. (4:30 transfer time)

Afternoon Arrive in Vienna and check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Vienna is one of Europe's most culturally-refined cities as exemplified through its strong classical music heritage – Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn and others all composed here – and its fine culinary traditions, mostly in the form of delicate pastries, such as the Sacher torte. Seat of the powerful Austro-Hungarian empire until its demise after World War I, for centuries Vienna was home to the Habsburgs, one of Europe's most important royal families. Their legacy remains in some of Vienna's most beautiful and impressive sights, such as the Hofburg and Schonbrunn imperial palaces.

Afternoon Free time to explore the neighborhood around your hotel and have lunch on your own.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 7 **VIENNA**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **Vienna City Tour**



Natural History Museum



State Opera House



St. Stephen's Cathedral

Board your private motorcoach for a tour of **Vienna's** most important sights in the center of the city bounded by the famed **Ringstrasse** and the **Danube Canal**.

Ride around the Ringstrasse with the **Hofburg Imperial Palace** at its center to view a parade of many of Vienna's most prominent buildings, including the **Freud Haus** (former home of **Sigmund Freud**), the **University**, **Parliament**, the **National Theater**, **City Hall**, **Natural History Museum**, **Museum of Fine Arts**, and the **State Opera House**.

Free time to walk in the neighborhoods northeast of the Hofburg with the highlight being the grand **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, the Gothic/Romanesque house of worship. Climb the 343 steps to the observation platform on the cathedral's south tower for magnificent views of the city.

Continue on the **Schonlaterngasse**, lined with beautiful baroque townhouses, and the **Hoher Markt** featuring the **Anker Clock** and its show with mechanical figures representing Austrian historical figures. Visit **Mozarthaus**, former home of the famous composer and shop at **Karntnerstrasse**, Vienna's most popular shopping street or **Kohlmarkt** for more upscale items.

Afternoon Free time for lunch on your own.

Try the **Griechenbeisl tavern** in the city's medieval core or at Café Central, one of Vienna's most famous cafés. Afterwards indulge and have dessert at **Demel**, the city's best known pastry shop with a huge mouth-watering selection of tortes and other delicacies.

Afternoon

Hofburg Palace – Half-Day Tour



Hofburg Palace



Josef II Statue



National Library

Visit the **Hofburg**, the former Imperial Palace to the Habsburgs located in the heart of Vienna with many attractions harking back to the royal era.

Visit the **Imperial Apartments** for a peek into the opulent lifestyle of the royals and stop in the Grand Hall of the **National Library**, with elaborate and detailed "High Baroque" style decorations and touches. The **Chapel** of the Imperial Palace is home to the world-famous **Vienna Boys' Choir** which performs every Sunday from mid-September to June. Tickets to their performances need to be purchased many months in advance.

The **Spanish Riding School** with its stark-white Lipizzaner horses is a highlight at the Hofburg with performances from March to December but you might be better off taking in one of the morning training sessions, complete with music, that are held from Tuesday-Saturday 10am-12noon.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening

MATCH # 3 vs. an AUSTRIAN TEAM

Day 8

Vienna

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

PRACTICE SESSION or CLINIC with Licensed Professional Coaches.

Afternoon

Schonbrunn Palace – Half-Day Tour



Schonbrunn Palace



Schonbrunn Palace



Belvedere Palace

Enjoy a tour of the former summer residence of the **Hapsburg family**. Visit this larger-than-life building with its 1441 rooms. Open to visitors 50 years ago, it became one of Vienna's most popular attractions. Admire the **show rooms**, the splendid **Bergl Rooms**, and stroll through the "**Labyrinth**."

On your way back to Vienna, you will pass by the **Belvedere Palace**, the former summer residence of **Prince Eugen**.

Evening

Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening **MATCH # 4 vs. an AUSTRIAN TEAM**

Day 9 **VIENNA – BUDAPEST**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of hotel and transfer to **Budapest** (3:00 transfer time)

Afternoon Arrive in Budapest and check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Budapest is the capital of Hungary and its largest city with 1.7 million people. It was actually two towns, Buda on the west bank of the Danube River and Pest on the east bank until the two were unified in 1873 into Budapest. The city was the second capital of Austria-Hungary until the empire's dissolution in 1918 after World War I. After Soviet occupation for many years, the city and the state of Hungary gained their freedom as the Third Hungarian Republic. Today, Budapest has many significant landmarks that are testament to its storied past making it a fascinating place to visit.

Afternoon **Budapest City Tour**



Royal Palace



Parliament



Fisherman's Bastion

Start your tour for an overview of the city's most significant sights at the massive neoclassical and Baroque-style **Royal Palace** (aka Buda Castle) looming high above the river on the Buda side. Nearby within the castle complex are the **Fisherman's Bastion** lookout tower and **Matthias Church** with a roof of colored, diamond-pattern tiles and Gothic spire dating back to the 13th century.

Cross the **Danube** over the **Chain Bridge**, regarded as the most beautiful of the eight bridges spanning the river, to the Pest side of the city. View the neo-Gothic **Parliament**, an imposing building that contains the Holy Crown made for Hungary's first king, St. Stephen, in 1000. Continue to **St. Stephen's Basilica**, also a massive structure, built in the 19th century and featuring a cupola that you can climb for great views of the city. Finish your tour at **Heroes' Square**, dominated by the neoclassical crescent-shaped **Millennium Monument** that also consists of a tall column topped by the archangel Gabriel.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Day 10 **BUDAPEST**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon Free day to explore the city's sights more in-depth, such as with tours of the interiors of the Royal Palace or Parliament.

Evening Dinner at Hotel (included in tour program).

Evening **MATCH # 5 vs. a HUNGARIAN TEAM**

Day 11 **BUDAPEST – USA**

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Check out of Hotel and transfer by private motorcoach to Budapest International Airport for your flights to the USA. Possible change of plane enroute.

Arrive in the USA.

Your European Sports & Cultural Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime!

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Travel Services:

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA / Prague & Budapest / USA.
- Round-trip Airport / Hotel transfers by private motorcoach.
- Four Nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Prague, Czech Republic.
- Three nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Vienna, Austria.
- Two nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Budapest, Hungary.
- Intercity transportation as indicated in itinerary by private motorcoach.
- Breakfast and Dinner Daily (including one drink at each dinner).
- Prague Castle Tour
- Old Town & New Town Tour in Prague
- Karlstejn Castle & Konopiste – Full-Day Tour
- Vienna City Tour
- Hofburg Palace – Half-Day Tour
- Schonbrunn Palace – Half-Day Tour
- Budapest City Tour
- Bilingual Guide for all the tours.
- Transfers for all of the above activities by private motorcoach.
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Europe and 24/7 access in case of emergency.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours'** Operations Office.

Sports Program:

- **Five Games vs. Czech, Austrian & Hungarian Teams.**
- **Three Practice Sessions or Clinics with Licensed Professional Coaches.**
- **Round-trip Transfers to above Sports Activities by private motorcoach.**

Summary of Included Meals:

- 9 Breakfasts
- 9 Dinners

Tour Price:

- For the most up-to-date pricing information on this tour, please visit our website:

<http://www.victorysportstours.com/browse-tours/>

Click on your sport and scroll down to the tour named **"Czech Republic, Austria & Hungary #1"**.

- Price is per person based on a minimum of 20 paying travelers.
- One **FREE** Coach's Trip is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Prices are subject to availability of airfares at time of booking.

- Coach would share twin room with a paying traveler and **pay only the taxes / fees.**

Notes:

- The itinerary text outlines both included services and suggested free time activities. For a definitive indication of what is included in the tour price, please refer exclusively to the "TOUR INCLUSIONS" section above.
- No booking has been made yet. Tour dates are subject to availability.
- Tour price is based on current U.S. dollar/foreign currency exchange rate. Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly prior to receiving your tour deposit.
- Air taxes/fees are determined by the various governments/airlines involved and are those currently in effect. By government regulation, actual air taxes/fees collected will be those in effect at ticketing, approx. 45 days before departure.
- Airlines may add a fuel surcharge if the price of fuel increases significantly.
- Final fuel surcharge is determined approx. 30 days prior to departure.
- Full Terms & Conditions to be provided upon acceptance of this proposal.