

Post-Convention Eastern Europe Highlights

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Fri., May 31 - Depart Home for Germany.

Sat., Jun 01– Arrive Hamburg: No Howard Tours' events or services are scheduled.

Sun., - Wed., Jun 02-05 - Hamburg: Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Howard Tours' events or services are scheduled in deference to the Rotary Convention activities.

Thu., Jun 06–Hamburg/Berlin: Enroute to Berlin, visit the Prussian jewel of Potsdam with its harmonious landscape of parks and palaces. Our tour will enjoy the highlights of the old city center and the grounds of Sanssouci Palace with its water fountains before we continue on to Berlin. Lunch is included as a tour service. **Abba Berlin Hotel** accommodations, including daily breakfasts.

Fri., Jun 07– Berlin: Morning city sightseeing tour to experience one of Europe's most exciting cities and learn about its history. Enjoy a of the impressive Brandenburg Gate and a walk along "Unter den Linden" boulevard in the historic center of the city passing the State opera and the Berlin Cathedral. See the Museum Island with the Pergamon Museum and loop back towards Checkpoint Charlie to view the renowned link between East and West during the Cold War. Along the way stop by at the Potsdamer Platz and visit the Reichstag, the meeting place of the Bundestag and lower house of Germany's national legislature, one of Berlin's famous landmarks. Balance of today is free for individual pursuits.



Sat., Jun 08– Berlin: Morning city sightseeing discover the former "East Side" of the city. You will see such sights as the Berlin Wall, Alexanderplatz, and the headquarters of the secret police. Learn how the German Democratic Republic (GDR) was formed after World War II, and learn what life was like for citizens of the GDR. See the Berlin Wall memorial and get a sense of the security arrangements designed to prevent citizens from reaching West Berlin and the risks that many people took to escape the notorious state security service. Balance of today is free for individual pursuits.



Sun., Jun 09 - Berlin/Dresden: Morning departure for your trip to Dresden. Enjoy a tour of this delightfully Baroque city, reborn from the ashes of World War II. Its star is the inspiring Frauenkirche, destroyed in the firestorms of 1945 and rebuilt with donations from around the world. Tour includes a visit to Zwinger Palace. Lunch is included as a tour service. **Hotel Radisson Blu Parkhotel** accommodations, including daily breakfasts.

Mon., Jun 10– Dresden/Prague: Today we continue south to the Czech Republic, stopping in the fortified town of Terezín, a fortress built by the Enlightenment ruler Josef II which was converted into a Jewish ghetto and concentration camp in 1941. Lunch is included as a tour service. Upon arrival in Prague the balance of your afternoon is free **Hotel Barcelo Old Town** accommodations, including daily breakfasts.

Tue., Jun 11– Prague: Morning walking tour including the Old Town Square, the Jewish Quarter and the old-new Synagogue. Afternoon free for your own pursuits.



Wed., Jun 12– Prague: Morning sightseeing including a walk in the the Prague Castle complex, St. Vitus and the Golden Lane. From Prague Castle, we drive to the picturesque Vltava River, and cross over into the Old Town to discover the origins of one of the best preserved medieval cities. Balance of the afternoon is free for exploration.

Thu., Jun 13- Prague/Vienna: Full day sightseeing enroute to Vienna including a stop and visit centuries-old town of Český Krumlov and it's castle. Lunch is included as tour service. **Hotel AT Savoyen Vienna** accommodations, including daily breakfasts.

Fri., Jun 14– Vienna: Morning half day sightseeing tour discovering downtown Vienna including the Ringstrasse, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Opera House. Enjoy a walk around the Hofburg Palace, the former winter residence of the Imperial Family. See the neoclassical Parliament, the acclaimed Burgtheater and the striking City hall and stop at one of the traditional Viennese Cafes to experience a Viennese coffee brewed at its finest with a delicious cake. Balance of your day is free to explore this beautiful city.

Sat., Jun 15 – Vienna: This morning continue our tour of Vienna with a visit to the historic state-rooms of the Schonbrunn Palace, the former imperial summer residence. Take a stroll through the palace gardens before we continue on to the Belvedere Palace, home to Prince Eugene of Savoy and stroll around the beautifully landscaped garden. Afternoon free for personal enjoyment. Typical Heuriger dinner in the Grinzing wine growing region of Vienna is included as a tour service.



Sun., Jun 16 – Vienna/Budapest: Vienna to Budapest via the scenic Danube Bend. Enroute stop in the town of Visegrad, known best for its medieval citadel. We will have a walking tour of Szentendre featuring charming squares, cobblestone streets, Serb temples and Baroque architecture. Lunch in included as a tour service before you arrive in Budapest. **Hotel Mercure City Center** accommodations, including daily breakfasts.

Mon., Jun 17 – Budapest: Morning sightseeing tour of Budapest including including the main and most beautiful sights in the city. You will visit both banks of the River Danube, the hilly side of Buda on the western bank and the flat plain of Pest on the eastern bank of the river. Visit Heroes' Square built in 1896 to celebrate the millennium of the Hungarian conquest of the Carpathian Basin. See St. Stephen Basilica, and continue to the Castle district where you will walk through some of Budapest's most enchanting scenery and history. Visit Matthias Church, which is one of the oldest and finest monuments of the capital. Walk along Fishermen's Bastion offering a magnificent view over Pest and the Danube bridges. Finish your tour with the ultimate panorama of the Majestic River and twin cities underneath. Afternoon free to explore this magnificent city. Typical Hungarian dinner included as tour services



Tue., Jun 18 – Budapest/Depart for Home: