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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

1	Depart U.S.A.
2	Budapest, Hungary
3	Budapest (Buda tour)
4	Budapest (Pest tour)
5	Prague, Czech Republic
6	Prague (Old Prague walking tour)
7	Prague (Prague castle tour)
8	Return to U.S.A.

VIENNA OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION • 3 Days/2 Nights

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Listen to the music of street buskers in Prague's Old Town Square.

DAY 1 Depart U.S.A.

DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary Arrive today in Hungary's capital, Budapest, which has been deservedly named "the Paris of central Europe." Straddling a gentle curve of the Danube River, the city is divided into two distinct districts — Buda, with its hills rising dramatically on the west bank; and Pest, on the east bank marking the point from where the Great Plain of Hungary fans out.

Check in to your deluxe Danube-view room at the Hotel InterContinental Budapest, set dramatically between the Elizabeth and Chain bridges. You'll have plenty of time to delve into the city's engaging

contrasts, incredible architecture, and rich cultural heritage during your three-night stay.

DAY 3 Budapest (Buda tour) Today's exploration begins with a tour of Castle Hill (Várhegy) on the Buda side of the Danube. This long, narrow plateau is laced with cobblestone streets bordered by beautifully preserved baroque, Gothic, and Renaissance houses. From here, visit the neo-Romanesque Fishermen's Bastion — a cluster of white stone towers, arches, and columns where medieval fishwives once peddled their wares. Then, atop Gellért Hill, enjoy breathtaking views from the Citadella fortress. Also stop at Béla

Bartók's home — now a museum, where you will be treated to a private concert.

Later, enjoy a reception and cruise along the Danube — Budapest's lit monuments and bridges offer a beautiful backdrop for our festivities. Next, continue to renowned Gundel Restaurant for a traditional Hungarian dinner.

DAY 4 Budapest (Pest tour) Pest — the city's urban heart — is full of landmarks, plus innumerable tiny



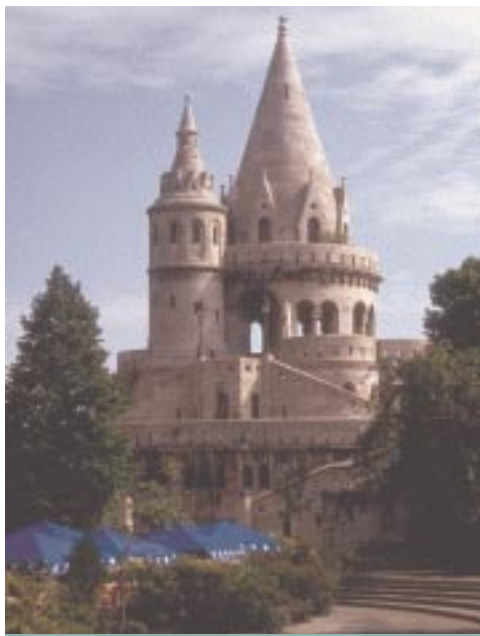
Lion sculpture on Chain Bridge, Budapest

streets and grand avenues where you can wander for hours admiring stately buildings. Discover this side of the city on a tour that takes you past the Main Market Hall, National Museum, and Europe's largest synagogue en route to Heroes' Square. Spend a short time exploring here before continuing to the Parliament building — home to Hungary's legislative, diplomatic, and administrative center — and striking Opera House, where Franz Liszt conducted his *St. Elizabeth Oratorio* and Mahler's *Symphony No. 1*, plus many works by Bartók, were first performed.

Later, savor Hungary's unique cuisine at an elegant restaurant or intimate bistro. INTRAV's concierge staff will be available to assist with recommendations and reservations.

DAY 5 Prague, Czech Republic On the banks of the Vltava River, Prague has a splendor legendary since the 10th century when Hradcany (the Castle District) was built. Her renowned beauty has changed little over the centuries.

Today, fly to this medieval city for lunch and a panoramic tour — a fascinating overview of Prague's many interesting neighborhoods. In addition to the many attractions of Old and New Town, you'll see Smichov quarter — the commercial district. At the tour's conclusion, transfer to



Fishermen's Bastion is a neo-Romanesque work of art in Budapest.

your deluxe river-view room at the Hotel InterContinental Prague, on the Vltava's eastern bank and at the doorstep of major sites and shopping. Enjoy dinner on your own, sampling traditional delicacies at a Czech café.

DAY 6 Prague (Old Prague walking tour)

The historic core of Prague is an architectural record of the city's development — an eclectic representation of centuries worth of Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, baroque, and art-nouveau facades, all amazingly undisturbed by the 20th century. In 1992, Prague was entered on

the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List. Visit Stare Mesto (Old Town) on a walking tour that meanders along a compact network of lanes, passages, and cul-de-sacs to Hradcany; Mala Strana (the Small Quarter), west of the river; and Vaclevske Namesti (Wenceslas Square) to the east, with its Astronomical Clock that dominates the square. Connecting east to west is the Charles Bridge. Your route also passes by the Spanish Synagogue — startlingly Moorish in appearance



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The Vltava River flows past majestic Prague.

Your INTRAV Adventure Includes

- Deluxe stays at InterContinental hotels in Budapest and Prague (river-view rooms)
- All meals daily, as well as special events during the course of the trip, including: Danube River reception cruise plus dinner at Gundel Restaurant, farewell reception at Zlatá Praha (rooftop of the InterContinental Prague), and a convenient dine-around plan that affords guests the freedom to indulge at restaurants of choice each evening
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— and the Old Jewish Cemetery, the only burial site available to Prague’s Jewish community for at least 300 years.

Later, continue independent exploration of Prague, perhaps visiting Nove Mesto (New Town), with its shops, cafés, museums, and theaters; Vysehrad, where mythical Prague was born; or one of the city’s excellent museums or art galleries.

DAY 7 Prague (Castle tour) The crowning glory of the city’s vast skyline, perched high above the Vltava River, Hradcany is the former home of Bohemian kings and current residence of the republic’s president. Enjoy a walking tour of the complex, which includes Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Vladislav Hall, the Royal Palace, and Golden Lane, before continuing to the delightful residential area known as Strahov. Relax during a short classical concert in the private library at the monastery here.

Tonight, join your fellow travelers atop the hotel at Zlatá Praha — venue for our farewell reception. Delight in stunning views of the “Golden City” as you recall highlights of your recent travels.

DAY 8 Return to U.S.A.

VIENNA OPTIONAL POST-TRIP EXTENSION HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL VIENNA

3 Days/2 Nights Few world cities embody such an alluring combination of elegant style and enduring history as Vienna. The grandiose capital, once a showpiece of the formidable Habsburg dynasty, still boasts a wealth of cultural gems: monumental edifices line the city center and world-class museums abound. The train transfer from Prague, as well as the “Treasures of the Habsburgs” and city (with lunch) tours, are included during your stay.

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Once dimmed by the shroud of the "Iron Curtain," Eastern Europe today is reawakening, and the light from two of her brightest jewels — Budapest and Prague — shines once again for all to see. Experience these wonderful cities, each thrust to the forefront of Western civilization early on in its history due to impressive intellectual and artistic progress.

HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL BUDAPEST

Reputed to be among the city's finest hotels, the InterContinental Budapest — renovated in 2000 — offers all the modern amenities. Your Danube-view guest room features satellite television; direct-dial, dual-line telephone; in-room Internet access; minibar; in-room safe; daily turndown service; 24-hour room service; and bath facilities with hair dryer.

Try the elegant Corso Restaurant and Bar, with its Asian- and Mediterranean-influenced Hungarian cuisine, for a dynamic new dining concept. Or sample sweet cakes, always plentiful, with local coffee specialties.

Also find a full fitness center, with indoor swimming pool, sauna, massage, solarium, cardiovascular machines, and free weights.



A magnificent view from the restaurant of Hotel InterContinental Prague

HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL PRAGUE Renovated in 2002, the InterContinental Prague is a fine hotel at the heart of the city. Your Vltava River-view guest room features satellite television, international direct-dial telephone, minibar, in-room safe, daily turndown service, 24-hour room service, and marble bath with hair dryer.

Dining venues include Zlatá Praha, with its grand views and fine Czech or international cuisine; the informal Primator, showcasing traditional dishes; Dukes Bar and Café for delicious coffee and cakes; and the Cocktail Bar.

Also find a deluxe fitness center, with indoor swimming pool, saunas, and whirlpool.

RATES PER PERSON*

Rates are in U.S. dollars, based on double occupancy, and include all meals and sightseeing.

Double Occupancy **\$2,395**

Single Supplement **\$525**

*Rates do not include round-trip airfare from/to your home city.

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Budapest skyline by night

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