

# **BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY**

## OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - 16<sup>TH</sup> 2020

The Kingdom of Bohemia was a medieval and early modern monarchy in Central Europe, the predecessor of the modern Czech Republic. It was an Imperial State in the Holy Roman Empire, and the Bohemian king was a prince-elector of the empire. Apart from the Czech Republic, the lands belonging to the Bohemian crown also included Upper Silesia (now southern Poland), Moravia (now Slovakia) and parts of Saxony (now Germany) – in fact everywhere that we are going on this tour!

Much of the charm of the region lies in the history and cultural wealth that its ancient position in Europe created. Prague was once the capital of the Holy Roman Empire and then became a major capital in the Habsburg Empire. This proud legacy is displayed in the grand architecture and fabulous museums that are hosted by the major cities that we will visit.

Krakow was also once the seat of Polish kings and, with the university founded in 1364 (Nicolas Copernicus

studied there), has a long history of intellectual and artistic endeavor. It was the Red Army under Marshal Koner that forced the Germans at the end of World War II to flee before they could, as they intended, "turn the city to rubble," thus miraculously preserving the medieval heart of the city.

While our tour focuses on the cities of Krakow and Prague, we will also explore the rural side of the region, travelling through the ancient provinces of Silesia and Saxony.

This fall, join Judy Pike and friends and discover this wonderfully historic region in the company of Discover Europe's David Phillips. We feel sure that it is going to be the "best trip ever."





#### THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

Land Only (no airfare included): \$4480 Single supplement: \$1390

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

## THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

**HOTELS:** 12 nights' accommodation in first-class hotels, including

all hotel taxes and service charges

**COACHING:** All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary

**MEALS:** Breakfast daily

BAGGAGE: Porterage of one large suitcase per person
ENTRANCES: Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
GUIDES: Discover Europe guide throughout, local guides in

Krakow, Wroclaw, Gorlitz & Prague.

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour. Insurance information will be mailed to each registrant on receipt of deposit.

#### **OPTIONAL BUDAPEST EXTENSION:**

The cost of this extension is \$1680 per person, double occupancy (single supplement: \$590). See itinerary for inclusions.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. OVERNIGHT: PLANE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - Your morning arrival at Krakow Airport will be met for the transfer to our city-center hotel. If our rooms are not available for immediate check-in, there will be time to find lunch and begin exploring the neighborhood. This afternoon we will have a chance to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight. Early this evening we will gather for an orientation meeting before heading out to find dinner. OVERNIGHT: KRAKOW

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> - Krakow remarkably escaped wholesale destruction during the Second World War and has maintained much of its charming medieval architecture. Morning sightseeing with a local guide will show us the 16th-century Wawel Royal Castle,

the Wit Stwosz altar in St. Mary's Church and the ancient cobbled streets of the Old Town. The afternoon is free for individual exploration. (B) OVERNIGHT: KRAKOW

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TII</sup> - Today we take an excursion to the historically significant Auschwitz. The Auschwitz concentration camp was a complex of over 40 concentration and extermination camps operated by Nazi Germany in occupied Poland during World War II. It consisted of Auschwitz I, the main camp (Stammlager) in Oświęcim; Auschwitz II—Birkenau, a concentration and extermination camp built with several gas chambers; Auschwitz III—Monowitz, a labor camp created to staff a factory for the chemical conglomerate IG Farben; and dozens of subcamps. In 1947, Poland founded the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum on the site of Auschwitz I and II, and in 1979 it was named a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. After a tour of the site and time for lunch, we'll return to Krakow. For those not wanting to participate, you can enjoy a free day in Krakow. (B) OVERNIGHT: KRAKOW



Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> - This morning we take an excursion to Wieliczka, a town near Krakow, in southern Poland. It's known for the 13th-century Wieliczka Salt Mine, which is home to the salt-hewn Chapel of St. Kinga, the Krakow Saltworks Museum and a health resort. Hand-chiseled salt sculptures line the mine's winding tunnels and underground chambers. Nearby, the Saltworks Castle features reconstructed Gothic architecture and a collection of antique salt cellars. We'll return to Krakow for a free evening. (B) Overnight: Krakow

Thursday, October 8<sup>TH</sup> - Leaving Krakow this morning we head northwest towards the town of Wroclaw. We'll pass through Katowice, the capital of the Province of Silesia, and stop in Opole, on the Oder River. This charming medieval city is known as the "Venice of Poland," because of the picturesque old town and the canals and bridges connecting parts of the city. We'll have time for lunch here before we head just outside the city to visit the Wsi Opolskiej Museum, an outdoor history museum that has preserved many traditional Polish rural buildings. Following the Oder River, we'll make a stop to visit Brzeg Castle before we reach our destination of Wroclaw. (B) Overnight: Wroclaw

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> - Morning sightseeing of Wroclaw with a local guide will take us first to Market Square, lined with elegant town-houses and featuring a modern fountain. Also on the square is the Gothic Old Town Hall, with its large astronomical clock. Nearby is the Panorama of Racławice, a painting depicting the 1794 battle for independence. The Centennial Hall auditorium, with its giant dome and tall spire, lies across the river. The afternoon is free. (B) OVERNIGHT: WROCLAW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> - A full day excursion today to the "Churches of Peace." The Churches of Peace in Jawor and Świdnica in Silesia were named after the Peace of Westphalia of 1648. It permitted the Lutherans of Silesia to build three churches from wood, loam and straw outside the city walls, without steeples and church bells. The construction time was limited to one year. The third church,

erected in Glogow, burned down in 1758 - we will visit the remaining two. We return to Wroclaw for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: WROCLAW** 



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> - We continue our journey northwest today, until we reach the River Neisse, the border between Poland and Germany. We will visit the Muskau park, unique because it extends on both sides of the river in two different countries. We will admire the magnificent landscaped gardens of the park and visit the Muskau Castle in its center. We then turn south, driving through Germany, to the town of Gorlitz, where we will check into our hotel and have a free evening. (B) OVERNIGHT: GORLITZ

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup> - This morning a local guide will introduce the town. It's known for its well-preserved old town, where buildings of different eras show off a wealth of architectural styles. St. Peter's is a late-Gothic church, with 2 steeples and an early 18th-century Sun Organ. The early-Renaissance Schönhof and adjacent buildings are home to the Silesian Museum, displaying German, Polish and Czech art and history. The afternoon and evening are free. (B) OVERNIGHT: GORLITZ

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> - Heading west this morning, through Saxony, we arrive in Dresden to spend the day uncovering the phoenix that has arisen from the ashes of World War II. Re-emerging as the "Florence on the Elbe," Dresden continues a painstaking process of renewal and reconstruction from the ravages of war. Our sightseeing in the city will include visits to the restored Frauenkirche and the New Green Vault, a collection of wondrous treasures housed in the Castle. From here we drive south, across the border and into the Czech Republic. We arrive in the capital, Prague, with time to check in to our hotel and freshen up before finding dinner. (B) OVERNIGHT: PRAGUE

BUDAPEST

**Wednesday, October 14**<sup>TH</sup> - Today will begin with a morning sightseeing tour of the city with a local guide. We'll see Wenceslas Square and the Old Town with its famous Astronomical Clock atop the 14th-century Town Hall. We'll continue

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through the Jewish Ghetto to St. Nicholas Church and stroll along the banks of the Vltava River to the Charles Bridge. Our bus will drop those interested in visiting it, at the castle before returning to the hotel. The afternoon and evening are free for individual exploration. **(B) OVERNIGHT: PRAGUE** 

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> - A full day excursion into the beautiful Czech countryside today. Our destination is the unspoiled spa town of Karlovy Vary. We'll visit to the Moser Glassworks, established in 1857 and then have free time for lunch and a walking tour. This evening we return to Prague for a final free evening. (B) OVERNIGHT: PRAGUE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup> - Morning transfers to Prague Airport for returning flights to the U.S. (B) OVERNIGHT: HOME

Key to included meals: B - breakfast

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## **OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>™</sup> - Departure from your chosen US gateway city. Overnight: Plane

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Your arrival at Budapest Airport will be met for the transfer to our city-center hotel. After checking in to the hotel, there will be time to find lunch and begin exploring the neighborhood. This afternoon we will have a chance to unpack and rest up from the overnight flight. Early this evening we will gather for an orientation meeting before heading out to dinner. **OVERNIGHT: BUDAPEST** 

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> - Morning sightseeing of the twin cities of Buda and Pest, with a local guide, introduces the local history. We'll view the magnificent Parliament building on the banks of the Danube, built to rival London's Palace of Westminster, drive through Heroes' Square and past the Opera House, over the Elizabeth Bridge and on to the Citadel atop Gellert Hill. The afternoon and evening are free to explore the local shops, to enjoy one of the thermal spa treatments for which the city is famous, and to sample the local cuisine at a neighborhood restaurant. (B) OVERNIGHT: BUDAPEST

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**<sup>RD</sup> - A full day excursion just to the north of the city today takes us to the region known as the Danube Bend. We begin with a visit to the cobbled streets of the artist's village of Szentendre and then board our river cruise to Visegrad, dominated by the 13th-century castle at the top of the hill. We'll stop for lunch at a riverside cafe and then visit Ezstergom, the ancient religious capital of medieval Hungary. From here our coach returns us to Budapest for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: BUDAPEST** 

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - This morning we return to the airport to take the short flight to Krakow, where we will join the rest of the group arriving today and begin the main itinerary. (B) OVERNIGHT: KRAKOW

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## REGISTRATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Make checks payable to DISCOVER EUROPE, LTD.
- 2. Detach the bottom section and mail it to Discover Europe with your registration payment of \$500 per person. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure.
- 3. Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport.
- **4**. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
- **5**. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.

#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

- 1. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
- 2. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
- 3. Conduct During The Tour: You are also responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, in our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.
- 4. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.

#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- 1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form (if it has not already been paid).
- 2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to trip departure. A late fee of \$100 per person may be added to balances still outstanding 60 days prior to departure.

#### **TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS:**

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However, we do reserve the

right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

- 1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the currency of the countries visited on your tour by more than 10% in the year prior to trip departure.
- 2. Group size. Your tour has been based on a group size of 14 participants. Should we end up with less than this number, Discover Europe will work with the group organizer to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
- 3. Late registrations (received within 60 days of departure) may also incur extra fees and charges as discounted rates for hotels and airfares may no longer be available so close to departure. Participants will be made aware of any such charges before their registration is accepted.

#### **REFUND POLICY:**

- 1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty.
- **2.** Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 but more than 60 days prior to the day of their trip departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$2000 cancellation penalty.
- 3. Participants who withdraw 60 or fewer days prior to trip departure will not receive a refund.
- 4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
- 5. Comprehensive travel insurance, including cancellation coverage, is NOT included in your tour package. Discover Europe strongly advises you to purchase comprehensive coverage and we will provide information on a recommended insurance company with your registration confirmation.
- **6.** All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
- 7. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
- **8.** Your place on this tour is not transferrable.

### **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

- 1. Discover Europe will be very happy to book your flights for you. The fee for this service is \$40 per ticket.
- 2. If you are arranging your own flights to join the tour, it is essential that Discover Europe has your complete flight information. Please make sure you give us the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. Note: please take notice of the advised arrival times at the beginning of this tour. Participants who arrive outside of the times will be charged a supplement to cover additional airport transfers.

## **INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS:**

1. All inclusions on BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY are listed on this itinerary.

2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): transportation to and from the participant's home to their departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, gratuities to tour guides and coach drivers, and items of a personal nature.

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