

Central Europe by Train

Four Iconic Cities, One Journey

September 06 - September 16, 2028

Women Travel Tribe

Small Group Adventures for Women 50+

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Tour Overview

Duration:	11 days
Maximum Group Size:	12 women
Start Date:	September 06, 2028
End Date:	September 16, 2028
Arrival Airport:	Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG)
Departure Airport:	Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD)

There is something especially enjoyable about exploring **Europe by train**, watching the landscape change from one capital to the next while knowing each stop will bring a different mood, different food, and a completely different rhythm. On this thoughtfully designed small group tour for women over 50, you will travel through **Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, and Budapest**, with a balance of guided experiences, special local moments, and time to enjoy each city in your own way.

Along the way, you'll experience a wonderful mix of grand capitals, historic streets, and memorable local traditions. In **Prague**, you will begin with a cosy Czech welcome dinner, then explore the city through **Charles Bridge, the Lesser Town, Prague Castle, the Jewish Quarter, and the Old Town Square**, with extra time to go deeper through options such as a **marionette workshop** or a day trip. In **Vienna**, imperial highlights are paired with some of the city's most loved rituals, including a **classic coffee house, lunch at a Heuriger, and a private classical music concert**. You'll also head to **Bratislava** for a full day, where the **castle, cathedral, old town streets**, and views over the Danube offer a very different feel from Vienna. In **Budapest**, you'll get to know the city through the Danube Promenade, its grand architecture, and one of its most famous experiences, time at a **historic Turkish bathhouse**.

Just as importantly, this journey also gives you time to enjoy each place in the way that appeals most to you. You will have free time throughout the trip to visit museums, shop, linger over lunch, attend a concert, explore markets, or simply wander at your own pace, with your **tour leader available throughout the trip** to help you make the most of each day. If you love beautiful cities, memorable experiences, and the freedom to explore with support always on hand, this is a **wonderful way to experience Europe**.

Itinerary

Day 1: Prague (Arrival Day)

Included meals: Dinner

Upon arrival you'll be picked up at the airport and taken to our hotel near the city center. After getting settled and having a rest, we'll start off with an orientation meeting and group dinner at a well known spot famous for cosy, homemade Czech cooking.

Day 2: Prague

Included meals: Breakfast

After breakfast today we'll embark on a half-day guided tour of Prague, a city known for its dramatic skyline, deep history, and one of the best preserved historic centers in Europe. We'll begin at Charles Bridge, where the views open up across the river to Prague Castle, with church towers and red rooftops stretching out around us. From there we'll enjoy a panoramic tram ride through the Lesser Town, one of Prague's most elegant districts, where quiet streets, baroque facades, and embassy buildings sit below the castle hill. We'll then visit Prague Castle, the vast complex that has been the seat of Czech rulers for centuries, including St. Vitus Cathedral, whose Gothic architecture, stained glass, and sheer scale make it one of the city's most impressive landmarks. The tour will also take us through the Jewish Quarter, a major part of Prague's history, before finishing in Old Town Square, where we'll see the famous Astronomical Clock and be surrounded by some of the city's most beautiful buildings. After the tour, the afternoon will be yours at leisure. Options include exploring the castle area at your own pace, browsing regional design shops for Czech glass and handmade pieces, booking a cooking class, or attending a classical concert.

Day 3: Prague

Included meals: Breakfast

Today will be your chance to go a little deeper into Prague, choosing what you are most curious about, with our tour leader available to help with your plans. A standout option is a hands-on marionette workshop, where you'll work with a local maker to assemble and decorate your own puppet, and learn why puppetry became such a proud Czech tradition. For a day trip, Terezín is an option for those interested in the stories that shaped this region, and Kutná Hora is another wonderful choice, known for its Gothic architecture and a very different side of Bohemia. You could also choose to keep it simple with a long lunch, a relaxed wander through streets you have not seen yet, and time to enjoy Prague at your own pace, a city that is genuinely rewarding to explore on foot.

Day 4: Prague / Vienna

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

After breakfast today, we'll take the train to Vienna, a journey of 4 hours that brings us into one of Europe's great imperial capitals. Once we arrive we'll check into our hotel and head out for lunch, a nice chance to settle in and enjoy a taste of traditional Viennese cooking. Afterwards we'll visit a classic Viennese coffee house, one of the city's loved traditions, where coffee is served in its own distinct styles and the cake counter is part of the ritual, making it easy to pick whatever looks most tempting. We'll then take an easy orientation stroll through the nearby center, pointing out the key areas around us and the easiest routes to get around, while also getting our first feel for the elegant streets, heritage buildings, and atmosphere that make Vienna so enjoyable to explore.

Day 5: Vienna

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

This morning we'll embark on a half-day tour of Vienna, a place shaped by imperial power, music, and a long cafe tradition. We'll visit Schonbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburgs, where the scale of the palace and gardens gives a clear sense of the dynasty's world. We'll then continue to explore some of the city's most important highlights, including St Stephens Cathedral, the main Gothic church and one of the standout known landmarks, and the Vienna State Opera, one of the great cultural institutions of Europe. We'll also explore the historic center, with its grand streets, elegant facades, and significant buildings that show why this was once the heart of a vast empire. After the tour we'll enjoy lunch at a Heuriger, a traditional Viennese wine tavern where local wine is served alongside simple regional dishes, giving us a very different side of the capital from the imperial landmarks of the morning. The rest of the evening will be free, giving you time to relax, enjoy more of the center at your own pace, or head back out for dinner, a concert, or a stroll through the streets.

Day 6: Vienna / Bratislava / Vienna

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

After breakfast today we'll leave Vienna behind for a full-day trip to Bratislava, a chance to spend the day in a smaller capital that feels very different from Vienna. Once we arrive we'll explore the grounds of Bratislava Castle, set high above the city, where the hilltop position gives us sweeping views over the old town, the Danube, and the surrounding area. We'll also visit St. Martin's Cathedral, one of the city's main historic churches, where Hungarian kings and queens were once crowned. Along the way we'll enjoy lunch and a guided walking tour through Bratislava's old town, where we'll explore its beautiful streets, lively squares, and graceful buildings while getting a better feel for the city beyond its headline sights. After the tour, there will be some free time to enjoy the center at your own pace before we return to Vienna in the late afternoon.

Day 7: Vienna

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Today will be a free day at leisure, giving you plenty of time to enjoy Vienna in the way that suits you best. You may wish to explore the Belvedere for its art and architecture, spend time walking through Vienna's historic streets, or simply enjoy the city at a slower pace with cafes, shops, and museums. It is an excellent chance to shape the day around your own interests and enjoy more of the city on your own terms. In the evening we'll come back together for a private classical music concert, a special way to experience one of the traditions that Vienna is most known for. This will be a memorable chance to enjoy the music in an intimate setting and end the day with a taste of the elegance and cultural life that have made Vienna such an important musical city for centuries.

Day 8: Vienna / Budapest

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

After breakfast today we'll board the train for the 2.5-hour journey to Budapest, where the Danube divides the city between the hills of Buda and the grand boulevards of Pest. Once we arrive and settle into our hotel, we'll head out for an early lunch featuring traditional Hungarian cuisine, a first taste of Budapest's rich food culture. Later we'll embark on an introduction to the city, its history, and its culture as we explore the heart of Pest and walk along the Danube Promenade. We'll start outside St. Stephen's Basilica, one of the city's main churches, then continue past the elegant Gresham Palace and the Chain Bridge, the famous crossing that linked Buda and Pest and helped shape Budapest into the capital it is today. As we walk, we'll take in the beautiful architecture, wide river views, and some of the most important landmarks in the city center. We'll finish outside the Parliament, one of Budapest's most striking and recognizable buildings, and at the Shoes on the Danube Bank memorial.

Day 9: Budapest

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

We'll head out this morning for one of Budapest's top experiences, a visit to one of the city's impressive Turkish bathhouses, where thermal bathing has been part of life here for centuries. Fed by natural hot springs, these bathhouses are known for their domed rooms, stone pools, steam, and mineral rich thermal waters, with traditions that go back to the Ottoman period. It is one of the most distinctive things to do in Budapest and a great way to enjoy a part of the city that visitors have been coming to for generations. After lunch, the rest of the afternoon will be free for you to enjoy Budapest at your own pace. You may want to explore the Castle District, walk along the Danube promenade, browse the Central Market Hall, visit a museum, or settle into a cafe for an unhurried afternoon.

Day 10: Budapest

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Our final day of the trip will be free at leisure, giving you time to enjoy Budapest in the way that suits you best. If you would rather keep exploring, you might choose to visit Buda Castle and the Castle District, take in the views from Gellert Hill, stroll along the Danube promenade, or spend time at the market shopping for paprika, sweets, and other Hungarian specialties. For those who would like to get out of the city, there are also day trip options such as Szentendre, a small riverside town just outside Budapest known for its baroque streets, galleries, and relaxed old town atmosphere. However you choose to spend the day, our tour leader will be on-hand to help you plan it. We'll then come back together in the evening for a farewell dinner at one of the city's top restaurants, a wonderful way to celebrate the trip and end our time in Europe as a group.

Day 11: Budapest (Departure Day)

Included meals: Breakfast

You will be picked up at the hotel by a private driver who will take you to the airport for your departing flight.

Tour Inclusions

Included

✓ Small group experience with a maximum of 12 women

✓ Professional tour leader throughout the trip

✓ 10 nights of accommodation in comfortable 4-star hotels

✓ Daily breakfast, 5 lunches and 3 dinners

✓ Transportation within Europe, including private air-conditioned vans when needed, public transportation and trains between cities

✓ Local English-speaking guides throughout the trip

✓ All activities, entrance fees and unique experiences listed in the itinerary

✓ Airport transfers

Not Included

✗ Flights to Prague / from Budapest

✗ Passport/visa fees (no visa needed for US, Canadian, Australian or EU citizens)

✗ Meals and activities not mentioned

✗ Travel insurance (mandatory)

✗ Gratuities

Pricing

Shared Room:	**$ 4,975**
Single Room:	**$ 5,970**
Deposit:	**$ 750**

Accommodations

On this tour, we'll stay in comfortable and convenient 4* hotels. All rooms have a private bathroom. There are a maximum of 8 single rooms available. These rooms will be offered on a first come-first served basis. The remainder of the rooms will be shared. Solo travelers will be paired together, two travelers per room in two single beds.

Physical Demand

MODERATE

This trip includes city walking tours, train travel between cities, public transportation, historic streets and full days of exploration. Guests should be comfortable walking for up to 3 hours at a time, including on cobblestones, uneven streets, stairs and station platforms.

Because this tour travels by train, guests should also be able to manage their own luggage through train stations, onto platforms and between hotels and transportation points when needed. This trip is best suited for women who enjoy active city travel and can comfortably handle walking, stairs, public transport and luggage movement during a multi-city journey.

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