

## BUDAPEST-VIENNA-MUNICH ITINERARY

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### ■ 24th Dec, Sunday – Arrival at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport

- Terminal 2A at 10:35 am.
- Take a taxi to the Hotel Callas House, District 6 – Terézváros (Andrássy út 20, 1061). (~23 min, 21 km, €21 via Főtaxi).
- Airport shuttle bus 100E to Deák Ferenc tér (750 m, 8-min walk). Hotel beside Opera House, reception 3rd floor.
- Spend the day on the Pest side of the river.
- District 6 – Terézváros (Theresa Town): Explore Andrássy Avenue, luxury boutiques, Heroes' Square.
- Visit St. Stephen's Basilica.
- Nearby: Budapest-Nyugati train station.
- Café: Művész Kávéház at Andrássy Avenue
- Lunch: Restaurant Menza
- Dinner: Restaurant Zeya

### ■ 25th Dec, Monday – Explore District 1: Budavár (Castle District)

- Széchenyi Bridge & Elisabeth Bridge connect downtown to Buda.
- Funicular (Budavári Sikló) to Castle Hill (~1.8 km from hotel, 20-min walk, 2-min taxi).
- Explore: Buda Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Gellért Hill, Elisabeth Bridge, Széchenyi Chain Bridge.
- Cafés: Café Retszvár, Café Ruszwurm
- Lunch: Restaurant 21 a Magyar
- Dinner: Restaurant Vakvarju E'tterem

### ■ 26th Dec, Tuesday – Explore District 5 & 7 (Belváros-Lipótváros & Jewish District, Erzsébetváros)

- District 5: Parliament Building, Shoes on the Danube, St. Stephen's Basilica, Chain Bridge, Váci Street, Deák Ferenc Street.
- District 7: Dohány Street Synagogue, Kazinczy Street.
- District 9 – Ferencváros: Central Market Hall, National Theater, Palace of Arts.
- Cafés: Café Gerbeaud, New York Palace Café
- Lunch: Borbíróság or Bock Bistro
- Dinner: Borkonyha or Rosenstein Vendéglő

### ■ 27th Dec, Wednesday – Transfer to Vienna

- Check out hotel, taxi to Budapest Keleti railway station (~2.8 km, 5 min).
- Morning train to Vienna Westbahnhof.

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## VIENNA (AUSTRIA) ITINERARY

### ■ 27th Dec, Wednesday – Arrival

- Taxi to Hotel MOTTO, Mariahilfer Straße 71a / Schadekgasse 20, 1060 Vienna (~2.5 km, 5 min).
- Explore District 6 (Mariahilf – shopping, Naschmarkt) & District 7 (Neubau – MuseumsQuartier).
- Café: Café Sperl
- Lunch: Hotel MOTTO
- Dinner: Door No 8 Steakhouse

### ■ 28th Dec, Thursday – Salzburg Day Trip

- Visit Salzburg (~1.5–2 hours by train from Vienna).
- Explore Old Town, Mirabell Gardens, Hohensalzburg Fortress.
- Dinner: Maria und Josef

### ■ 29th Dec, Friday – Classic Vienna Tour (Districts 1, 3, 4)

- Innenstadt: Hofburg Palace, Sisi Museum, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna State Opera, pedestrian streets (Kärntner Strasse, Graben, Kohlmarkt).
- Landstraße: Belvedere Palace, Austrian National Gallery, Kunsthaus Wien.
- Wieden: Karlsplatz & Karlskirche.

- Cafés: Cafe Demel or Cafe Central
- Lunch: Figlmuller
- Dinner: Zur Herknerin

■ **30th Dec, Saturday – Hallstatt Day Trip**

- Visit Hallstatt: lake, old town, salt mine, Skywalk.
- Dinner: Bruder Vienna

■ **31st Dec, Sunday – Hietzing & Schönbrunn**

- Explore District 13 (Hietzing – Schönbrunn Palace) & District 1 (Innenstadt).
- Cafés: Cafe Kleines, Gerstner K.u.K Hofzuckerbäcker
- Lunch: Plachutta's Hietzing
- Dinner: Hotel MOTTO (New Year's Eve celebration)

■ **1st Jan, Monday – Transfer to Munich**

- Taxi to Vienna Westbahnhof (~2.5 km, 5 min).
- Morning train to Munich Westbahnhof

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**MUNICH (GERMANY) ITINERARY**

■ **1st Jan, Monday – Arrival & Old Town Exploration**

- Check in at Hotel Bayerischer Hof (or similar)
- Explore Altstadt: Marienplatz, neo-Gothic Town Hall, Munich Residenz, Hofbräuhaus, Frauenkirche, Peterskirche
- Lunch: Augustiner Klosterwirt (~1.2 km from hotel)
- Walk to Opera House, Kaufhof Department Store, Maximilianstraße, Dallmayr

■ **2nd Jan, Tuesday – Munich Sightseeing**

- Continue exploration of Munich: Viktualienmarkt, Asamkirche, Nymphenburg Palace, English Garden
- Dinner: Servus Heidi (2 km from hotel, 1.4 km from Marienplatz)

■ **3rd Jan, Wednesday – Departure**

- Check out hotel
  - Taxi to Munich Airport (~37 km, 30–45 min, €85–100)
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- Budapest: Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD), main stations: Nyugati, Keleti
- Vienna: Vienna Westbahnhof (U3 & U6 metro), Vienna International Airport (VIE) ~20 km
- Munich: Westbahnhof, Munich Airport (MUC) ~37 km
- City Districts & Highlights are already covered per day above
- Europe Plug Type: F (2 round pins), 220V
- Walking & Metro: Highly walkable cities, metro/trams efficient
- Winter packing: coats, gloves, 3 layers, waterproof shoes
- Café culture: visit historic cafés, keep metro tickets validated

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**Trip Duration: 12 days total**

- Budapest: 24–27 Dec → 3 nights (2 sightseeing days + 1 travel day)
  - Vienna: 27–31 Dec → 5 nights (4 sightseeing + 1 travel day)
  - Munich: 1–3 Jan → 2 sightseeing days + 1 departure day
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# Budapest & Prague – 8-Day Luxury Escape

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Experience the elegance, history, and gastronomy of Budapest and Prague in style. Private transfers, boutique and 5-star hotels, Michelin dining, chocolate indulgences, and curated VIP experiences make this a perfect week-long escape.

## Full Day-to-Day Itinerary

### Day 1 — Arrival: Budapest (Pest side)

- Arrive at Budapest Airport (BUD). Private transfer to your hotel:
  - Four Seasons Gresham Palace (iconic Art Nouveau, Danube views) or
  - Hotel Callas (intimate boutique luxury near Opera House)
- Afternoon: Stroll along Danube promenade, view Chain Bridge, Parliament, and Váci Street shopping
- Dinner: Fine dining in Pest (recommendation: Onyx)

### Day 2 — Buda & Pest Exploration

- Morning (Buda side): Private guided tour of Buda Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church
  - Funicular Option: Clark Ádám Square → Buda Castle hill, approx. €2–3 one-way
  - Walking Option: Free stairs from Danube promenade — scenic, photo-friendly route
  - Tip: Comfortable walking shoes recommended for cobblestones and hill walks
- Lunch (Pest side): New York Café — imperial luxury, pastries, and coffee (don't miss apple strudel)
- Afternoon (Pest side): Explore Jewish Quarter, artisan boutiques, and central cafés
- Evening: Rooftop cocktails at 360 Bar, panoramic Danube views
- Dinner: Michelin-style dining at Costes Downtown

### Day 3 — Buda Hills & Thermal Baths

- Morning: Optional private walk or hike in Buda Hills
- Afternoon: Relax at Gellért or Széchenyi Thermal Baths (spa treatments available)
- Evening: Danube dinner cruise or private chef's table

### Day 4 — Budapest → Prague

- Morning: Private transfer or scenic first-class train to Prague (≈6.5 hrs)
- Check in: Four Seasons Hotel Prague or Aria Hotel Prague
- Afternoon: Explore Old Town Square, Astronomical Clock, Charles Bridge
- Dinner: La Degustation Bohême Bourgeoise (Michelin tasting menu)

### Day 5 — Prague Castle & Lesser Town

- Morning: Private tour of Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Golden Lane
- Lunch: Café Lobkowitz at Prague Castle
- Afternoon: Explore Mala Strana, Kampa Island, John Lennon Wall
- Dinner: Modern Czech cuisine at Field Restaurant
- Optional evening: Private classical music concert in historic venue

#### **Day 6 — Day Trip or Leisure in Prague**

- Option A: Kutná Hora – UNESCO town, Bone Chapel, silver mine
- Option B: Leisure day in Prague – boutique shopping, galleries, riverfront stroll
- Lunch: Local fine dining or picnic-style gourmet at Kampa Island
- Afternoon: Czech chocolate tasting at artisan chocolatiers
- Dinner: Michelin-style tasting or historic tavern experience with private chef

#### **Day 7 — Hidden Gems & Český Krumlov**

- Morning: Explore Vinohrady district, cafés, and local markets
- Afternoon: Optional walk to Letná Park for city views or visit art galleries
- Evening: Private classical music or jazz concert
- Dinner: Chez Bernard-inspired fine dining or Michelin tasting
- Optional full-day excursion: Český Krumlov (≈2.5 hrs each way)
  - Explore castle, historic streets, riverfront
  - Lunch: Local gourmet bistro
  - Evening return to Prague

#### **Day 8 — Departure**

- Morning: Leisurely breakfast or last stroll along Charles Bridge / Old Town
- Private transfer to Prague Airport (PRG) for onward flight

#### **Luxury Notes & Recommendations**

##### **Hotels:**

- Budapest: Four Seasons Gresham Palace or Hotel Callas
- Prague: Four Seasons Hotel Prague or Aria Hotel Prague

##### **Dining & Experiences:**

- Budapest: New York Café, Onyx, Costes Downtown, 360 Bar, Danube dinner cruise
- Prague: La Degustation, Field Restaurant, Café Lobkowitz, artisan chocolate tastings
- Highlights: Apple strudel, Sachertorte, and fine chocolates

### **Transport & Tips:**

- Comfortable walking shoes for Buda side (cobblestones, hills, stairs)
- Funicular tickets: approx. €2–3 one-way
- Private transfers or first-class train travel between cities
- Book Michelin dining in advance

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