



# Prague, Vienna and Budapest by Rail

## 7 Night Rail Tour

Discover the timeless charm of Central Europe on this unforgettable rail journey through three of the region's most beautiful capitals.

Begin in the storybook city of Prague, where Gothic towers and Baroque facades rise above charming cobbled streets. Continue to the elegant imperial city of Vienna, renowned for its grand palaces, musical heritage and historic coffee houses, before concluding in magnificent Budapest, beautifully set along the banks of the Danube River.

Travelling between cities by scenic rail offers a relaxed and comfortable way to experience the changing landscapes and rich cultural heritage of this fascinating region.

### Highlights:

- Explore the historic Old Town of Prague
- Visit the magnificent Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral
- Experience the imperial grandeur of Vienna
- Discover the beauty of Schönbrunn Palace
- Enjoy the riverside splendour of Budapest
- Admire the spectacular Hungarian Parliament Building
- Travel comfortably between cities by scenic European rail

### What's included:

- Getting there: Flights to Prague, return from Budapest
- Transport: Private airport transfers, and 1st class rail between cities.
- Accommodation: 7 nights total duration at your chosen hotels - 3 nights Prague, 2 nights Vienna, 2 nights Budapest
- Meals included: Room only or bed and breakfast, depending on your chosen hotels

### Not included:

- Any meals, drinks, tips, expenses of personal nature
- Optional excursion/tours
- Anything not mentioned in the "What's Included" column

# Full Itinerary

## Day 1: UK to Prague

Fly from the UK to the enchanting Czech capital of Prague, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel.

Often described as one of Europe's most beautiful cities, Prague is a captivating blend of Gothic spires, Baroque facades and charming cobbled streets; its wonderfully preserved historic centre has remained largely unchanged for centuries.

Spend the afternoon exploring the city with a gentle walk through the historic Old Town; the lively Old Town Square is surrounded by colourful historic buildings, cafés and street performers.

This evening, perhaps enjoy dinner in a traditional Czech restaurant where you can sample local dishes such as roast pork, dumplings and sauerkraut, accompanied by a glass of world-famous Czech beer.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Any hotel in central Prague near the train station, like 4\* Grandium Hotel Prague or 4\* K+K Hotel Central



## Day 2: Exploring Prague

Today discover the magical charm of Prague.

Begin in the historic Old Town Square, home to the famous Astronomical Clock, which has been delighting visitors since the 15th century. Every hour crowds gather to watch the small mechanical figures perform their charming procession.

From here, stroll through the narrow medieval lanes towards the iconic Charles Bridge. Dating back to the 14th century, this historic bridge is lined with statues of saints and offers wonderful views across the Vltava River towards the castle district.



Crossing the bridge brings you to the charming quarter of Malá Strana before climbing gently towards the magnificent Prague Castle, one of the largest castle complexes in the world. Within the grounds you will find the striking St. Vitus Cathedral, whose Gothic spires dominate the city skyline.

Spend the afternoon exploring the picturesque streets, relaxing in a riverside café or perhaps taking an optional boat cruise along the Vltava River to see the city from a different perspective.

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## Day 3: Prague at Leisure

Enjoy another full day to experience Prague at your own pace.

You might visit the atmospheric Jewish Quarter, home to historic synagogues and the Old Jewish Cemetery, or browse the elegant shops and cafés around Wenceslas Square.

Prague is also famous for its café culture and traditional beer halls, making it easy to enjoy a relaxed afternoon soaking up the city's timeless atmosphere.

In the evening, consider dining in a traditional cellar restaurant or attending a classical music concert in one of the city's historic venues.

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## Day 4: Rail Journey to Vienna

After breakfast, make your way to the station for your scenic rail journey to Vienna, the elegant capital of Austria. The journey takes approximately four hours and passes through picturesque countryside.

Once the capital of the powerful Habsburg Empire, Vienna remains one of Europe's most elegant cities, famous for its grand architecture, musical heritage and refined café culture. On arrival, make your way to your hotel for a two night stay.

You might spend the afternoon enjoying a walk along the famous Ringstrasse, the grand boulevard that encircles the historic centre and showcases many of Vienna's most impressive buildings.

Dinner this evening could be in a traditional Viennese restaurant, where you might try local specialities such as Wiener Schnitzel or Tafelspitz.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Any hotel near the station in Vienna, like 3\* ibis Wien Hauptbahnhof, 4\* Hotel Schani Wien Hauptbahnhof, 4\*Novotel Wien Hauptbahnhof or 5\* Andaz Vienna Am Belvedere.

## Day 5: Discovering Imperial Vienna

Today you have the opportunity to discover some of the cultural treasures of Vienna.

A highlight is the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the former summer residence of the Habsburg emperors. This UNESCO listed palace features opulent imperial rooms and beautifully landscaped gardens which offer lovely views across the city.

Back in the city centre, visit the impressive St. Stephen's Cathedral, with its colourful tiled roof and towering spire.

No visit would be complete without experiencing the city's legendary coffee house culture. Relax with coffee and a slice of Sachertorte in one of the historic cafés that once hosted artists, composers and philosophers.

This evening you may wish to attend a classical concert celebrating the music of Mozart and Strauss.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Any hotel near the station in Vienna, like 3\* ibis Wien Hauptbahnhof, 4\* Hotel Schani Wien Hauptbahnhof, 4\*Novotel Wien Hauptbahnhof or 5\* Andaz Vienna Am Belvedere.



## Day 6: Rail Journey to Budapest

This morning continue your journey by train to the Hungarian capital, Budapest. The journey takes approximately two and a half hours and follows the beautiful Danube River valley for part of the route.

Upon arrival, make your way to your hotel for a two night stay.

Budapest is often described as the 'Paris of the East', famous for its dramatic architecture, grand boulevards and beautiful setting along the Danube River.

Spend the afternoon exploring the Pest side of the city where you will find lively shopping streets, cafés and historic landmarks. A highlight is the spectacular Hungarian Parliament Building, one of the largest and most impressive parliament buildings in the world.

In the evening, enjoy dinner overlooking the river as the city's landmarks become beautifully illuminated.

ACCOMMODATION: Any hotel in central Budapest, like 3\* Ibis Budapest City, 4\* NH Collection Budapest City Center or 4\* Mövenpick Hotel Budapest Centre.



## Day 7: Discover Budapest

Today explore the historic sights of Budapest.

Cross the famous Chain Bridge to the Buda side of the city and visit the historic Buda Castle, which overlooks the river. Nearby you will find the fairytale-like Fisherman's Bastion, offering some of the best panoramic views of Budapest and the Danube.

Budapest is also famous for its thermal bath culture, a tradition dating back centuries. You may wish to spend part of the afternoon relaxing in one of the city's historic bathhouses.

For your final evening, a dinner cruise along the Danube is a wonderful way to admire Budapest's illuminated landmarks including the Parliament, Chain Bridge and castle district.

ACCOMMODATION: Any hotel in central Budapest, like 3\* Ibis Budapest City, 4\* NH Collection Budapest City Center or 4\* Mövenpick Hotel Budapest Centre.

## Day 8: Return to the UK

Depending on your flight time, you may have some free time to enjoy a final glimpse of Budapest. Perhaps take a leisurely stroll along the banks of the beautiful Danube River or relax in one of the city's elegant cafés as you soak up the atmosphere one last time.

When the time is right, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to the UK.



# FAQs

## WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO TRAVEL?

Central Europe is a wonderful destination to visit year-round, with each season offering its own unique charm across Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Spring (April to June) and autumn (September to October) are often considered the best times to travel, with mild temperatures, fewer crowds and ideal conditions for sightseeing. Summer months bring warmer weather and a lively atmosphere, with outdoor dining, festivals and long daylight hours, although popular sights can be busier. Winter offers a more peaceful experience, when historic streets and landmarks take on a magical feel, particularly during the festive season when traditional Christmas markets fill the cities with lights, music and seasonal treats.

## DO I NEED A VISA?

UK passport holders do not need a visa to travel to Czechia, Austria or Hungary for up to 90 days in a 180 day period. Please refer to the FCDO website for more information.

## DO I NEED ANY VACCINATIONS?

There are no mandatory vaccinations required to enter Czechia, Austria or Hungary. However, we recommend consulting your GP or a travel health clinic before you travel to ensure your routine vaccinations are up to date and to receive any personalised health advice.

## TRAIN TRAVEL

You will be provided tickets for 1st class travel on direct services between each city.

## RAIL STATIONS

Transfers will not be included to and from the train stations. You can choose an accommodation near the station, use public transport or a local taxi service.

## CAN I CHANGE THIS ITINERARY?

Our itinerary can be fully customised; you can extend the duration, change the hotels, add optional excursions, or even modify the destinations.

We are able to arrange the majority of train journeys across Europe and beyond, tailoring the experience to suit your preferences.

Please contact our Tailormade Sales Team who are able to assist with your enquiry.