

14 Days

## Eastern European Wonders with Poland

VALUE TOUR 2018

## COUNTRIES

Germany | Czech Republic | Austria | Slovenia | Croatia | Slovakia | Hungary | Poland

HOTELS 

2 nts at Holiday Inn Berlin / Wyndham Garden Inn or similar in Berlin.  
 2 nts at International or similar in Prague.  
 1 nt at Mercure Centrale or similar in Salzburg.  
 1 nt at Park or similar in Lake Bled.  
 1 nt at Panorama Four Points or similar in Zagreb.  
 2 nts at BW Hungary or similar in Budapest.  
 1 nt at NH Vienna Airport or similar in Vienna.  
 2 nts at Novotel Krakow City West or similar in Krakow.  
 1 nt at Novotel Centrum - Warsaw or similar in Warsaw.

MEALS 

## Enjoy a Continental Breakfast Everyday

Bread, Butter, Jam, Cereal, Milk, Tea, Coffee and Juice

## Enjoy Indian / Continental Meals in Europe

A Choice of Jain / Vegetarian / Non-Vegetarian Menus

SIGHTSEEING 

**Germany** • Guided City Tour in Berlin • Visit to the Alexander Platz in Berlin • Guided Walking Tour in Dresden • Guided tour of Potsdam.

**Czech Republic** • Guided Walking Tour in Prague • Astronomical clock • Bohemian Glass making tour in Nizbor • Guided tour of Cesky Krumlov.

**Austria** • Guided Walking Tour in Salzburg • Guided City Tour in Vienna • Visit to Schonbrunn Palace.

**Slovenia** • Guided City Tour of Lake Bled • Boat ride on Lake Bled • Guided tour of Ljubljana.

**Croatia** • Guided tour of Zagreb.

**Slovakia** • Orientation Tour of Bratislava.

**Hungary** • Guided City Tour in Budapest • Cruise on River Danube with Wine/ Soft Drink • Enjoy Hungarian Folklore show with local dinner.

**Poland** • Guided City Tour in Krakow • Visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine • Visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp • Guided City Tour in Warsaw

B - Breakfast • L - Lunch • D - Dinner

## Day 1 Berlin, Germany

Welcome to Berlin - capital of Germany. On arrival check into your hotel on your own anytime after 1500 hrs. After a long journey you can freshen up and relax in your hotel room. Overnight in Berlin. (D)

## Day 2 Berlin, Germany

Today, drive to Potsdam. On a guided tour enjoy the sights of this magnificent city. See some of Potsdam's architectural masterpieces like the 17 palaces that are surrounded by an abundance of landscape gardens lining the banks of the beautiful Havel waterscape have considerably determined Potsdam's World Cultural Heritage status. Later, drive back to Berlin. Upon arrival, on a guided city tour of Berlin, see the Berlin Wall, the Brandenburg Gate located in no-man's land between East and West Germany, the restored Reichstag - the German Parliament Building. Visit Check-Point Charlie - the former border crossing



point between East and West Berlin where Soviet and American tanks stood face to face, after the construction of the wall in 1961. Next, visit the Alexander Platz, wherein stands the World Time Clock and the Fountain of Friendship. Overnight in Berlin. (B, L, D)

## Day 3 Dresden, Germany and Prague, Czech Republic

Today, drive to Dresden - visit the capital of Saxony. Upon arrival, on your guided walking city tour, see the Semper Opera House - the only theater in Germany that bears the name of its architect and many more sights. Later, drive to Prague - the capital of Czech Republic. Enjoy some free time in old town. Overnight in Prague. (B, L, D)

## Day 4 Prague, Czech Republic

Today, drive to the nearby town of Nizbor and visit Bohemian glass factory and discover how its leaded crystal glassware is hand made using time-honoured techniques. Later proceed on a guided walking tour of Prague. Visit the 1000-year-old Hradcany Castle, the former residence of the Bohemian kings and St. Vitus Cathedral. Walk down from the Palace to Charles Bridge. We, also visit the Old Town Square with its Town Hall and Astronomical Clock, one of the outstanding sights of Prague. Overnight in Prague. (B, L, D)

## Day 5 Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic and Salzburg, Austria

Today, drive to Cesky Krumlov, in Bohemia's deep south. It's a little like Prague in miniature - a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a stunning castle above the Vltava River, an old town square. Later drive to Salzburg, the fourth-largest city in Austria. On a guided walking tour of this elegant baroque city see its green hills, romantic gardens and breath-taking valleys, small alleys and quaint colourful town homes. See the birthplace of the legendary Mozart, the Mirabell Palace with its landscaped gardens and the Cathedral in the old town. Stroll along the Altstadt, which was recently granted World Heritage Status by UNESCO. Overnight in Salzburg (B, D)



#### Day 6 Lake Bled, Slovenia

Today, drive to Lake Bled, a lake in the Julian Alps of the Upper Carniolan region of northwestern Slovenia, where it adjoins the town of Bled. On arrival, proceed on a guided tour of Lake Bled with a boat ride on the typical “pletna” boat. Visit the lone Island in the midst of the Lake Bled where the St. Mary’s Church beckons visitors with its bell. Overnight in Bled. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7 Ljubljana, Slovenia and Zagreb, Croatia

Today, drive to Ljubljana, the capital city of Slovenia, is one of the most charming cities in all of Europe, and is filled with museums, theatre, historic sites, and many other attractions. On arrival, proceed on a guided tour of Ljubljana - its picturesque bridges across the river Ljubljanica. On a guided tour of Ljubljana, see St. Nicholas Cathedral, Dragon bridge and Triple bridge - Drive to Zagreb - capital of Croatia. Overnight in Zagreb. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8 Zagreb, Budapest, Hungary

Today, on a guided city tour of Zagreb – see historic Upper Town, St. Mark’s Church, St. Catherine’s Church, the Cathedral, Parliament and Government Palace. Later, drive to Budapest - capital of Hungary. Overnight in Budapest. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9 Budapest, Hungary

Today, on a guided tour of Budapest, see the Buda Castle, the Chain Bridge, built upon the request of Count István Széchenyi between 1839 and 1849, the Parliament, Heroes’ Square, the capital’s most spectacular square with the column of the Millennium Memorial. In the evening, enjoy the views of this beautiful city during a romantic evening cruise on the Danube. Later, experience an authentic piece of Hungarian culture at a folk performance in Budapest with music and dancing by one of the best professional folk ensembles in Hungary at the Hungarian Folklore show. Enjoy local dinner at the show. Overnight at the hotel in Budapest. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10 Bratislava, Slovakia and Vienna, Austria

Today, drive to Bratislava - the capital of Slovakia. On arrival, we proceed on an orientation tour of Bratislava, where we see the Old Town, with its Roland Fountain in the square. Later driver to Vienna drive to Vienna - capital of Austria. Upon arrival, proceed on a guided tour of Vienna. Drive on the Ring Boulevard and see the State Opera House, the Parliament, the City Hall and the Burgtheater. We, also make a photostop at the Hofburg-former winterresidence of the Habsburg family

and the Belvedere Palace-former summer residence of Prince Eugene. Later we proceed to the Schonbrunn Palace (the former summer residence of the Habsburg family). Schönbrunn Palace was not only an imperial residence and the setting for countless festivities, but also a place where famous artists and craftsmen from many different epochs created interiors of great beauty. Overnight in Vienna. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11 Krakow, Poland

Today, arrive into Krakow, one of the most culturally and politically significant cities in Poland. On a guided city tour of Krakow, see the Florian’s Gate and Wawel Castle. Visit the Main Square (Rynek Główny) of Krakow with its centrally located Cloth Hall (Sukiennice) which has survived to this day. Overnight in Krakow. (B, D)

#### Day 12 Krakow, Poland

Today, visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Explore the subterranean world of labyrinthine passages, giant caverns, underground lakes and chapels with sculptures in the crystalline salt and rich ornamentation carved in the salt rock. Later, visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp - a symbol of the Holocaust and a grim reminder of what cruelty Man is capable of. Jews were sent there from all over Europe to undergo selection and to be systematically murdered in gas chambers. Overnight in Krakow. (B, L, D)

#### Day 13 Warsaw, Poland

Today, drive to Warsaw - capital of Poland. On a guided city tour of Warsaw, visit the Old Town Square Market - originally constructed in the late 13th century, the Castle Square, King Sigismund’s Column, St. John’s Cathedral and the Barbican. Overnight in Warsaw. (B, L, D)

#### Day 14 Return Home

Today, after continental breakfast your ‘Eastern European Wonders with Poland’ tour ends as you check out of the hotel. We hope you have thoroughly enjoyed your tour of Europe. Write in and tell us how you enjoyed it and give us any suggestions you may have. Goodbye till we meet again! (B)

14 Days Eastern European Wonders with Poland Tour Price			
Adult in Twin	Child with Bed*	Child without Bed**	
USD 2,550	USD 1,750	USD 1,550	
Single room supplement USD 700 per person. • *As a 3rd in a triple, a roll away cot may be provided. • **As a 3rd in a double, no bed or cot will be provided to the child. Person below 12 years will be considered as a Child. • Maximum 3 persons are allowed per room. • Peak Season Surcharge of USD 20 Per Person will be applicable from 1st Jun till 31st Aug 2018. • Price are valid till 30th September 2018.			
<b>Visa Requirements:</b> You must be in possession of a valid Multiple entry Schengenstatin Visa. The cost of this visa is not included in your package tour price. It would be best to check with your travel agent and the consulates nearest to you for advice and information. Please ensure that your travel documents are ready in time for departure.			
<b>Ticketing Requirements:</b> For this tour you would require confirmed air tickets to arrive into Berlin and depart from Warsaw. It would be advisable to check with your SOTC sales officer or local travel agent for ticketing.			
Month	Departure dates	Month	Departure dates
May 2018	3, 10, 17, 24	August 2018	2, 23
June 2018	7, 14, 21, 28	September 2018	6
July 2018	5, 19		
*Day 1 as mentioned in your day to day itinerary.			
Hotels / Flights / Itinerary / Route are subject to change without notice.			
Please refer to page no xxx for what your tour price includes & does not include.			

## Important Information for your Holidays

### WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDE



#### Accommodation

- Accommodation at the hotels mentioned or similar.



#### Services

- Meals, coach tours, entrance fees, sightseeing and surface transportation as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Services of our Tour Manager or Local Representatives. (Subject to minimum 20 full-paying passengers travelling together).

### WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE



#### Exclusions

- Passport, Visa charges, Airport & Port taxes.
- Cost of your Air tickets required to participate in this tour.
- Porterage, Insurance, laundry, telephone charges, transfers all items of personal nature and also food and drinks not forming part of the group menus.
- Cost of the Suggested Excursions. (Suggested excursions will be operated subject to minimum 20 passengers).
- Any increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangement which may come in to effect prior to departure.
- Mandatory tips of **Euro 3 per person per day** for Coach drivers, Guides etc.
- Anything not specifically mentioned in 'What your Tour Price includes' box.

• Surcharges applicable during Peak and Event periods • Price valid till 30th Sept. 2018.

## Handy Tips - Europe

### ON ARRIVAL



- All joining direct passengers will have to reach the respective hotel/airport, on their own and check in

### BAGGAGE REGULATIONS AND SOME RECOMMENDATIONS



- Airlines allow maximum of 20 kgs per person as check-in baggage. One small handbag is allowed per person as cabin baggage, which should not weigh more than 5 kgs.
- Due to limited space for luggage in the coach each passenger will be allowed to carry only one check-in baggage. The dimension of the check-in bag should not exceed 30" x 18" x 10". In case passengers arrive on tour with more than 1 check-in bag and if the same cannot be fitted in the luggage hold of the touring coach then the passengers will have to courier their extra bags to the next destination at their own expense.
- We recommend to travel light especially when there are internal flight involved in the program due to baggage weight limitation.
- We suggest that you carry 01 set of clothes along with your daily utility items and other accessories in your hand baggage. This is just a precautionary measure in case your baggage is misplaced.
- We advice that you travel as light as possible, since portorage is not included in your tour price and carrying heavy luggage would be inconvenient. Take bags with wheels and sturdy handles, as they are more convenient and easy to pull.
- Please note that airlines do not permit items like loose batteries, razor blades, nail cutter, scissors, knives, gels, any form of liquid, cigarette lighter in your hand baggage. If required carry such items in your check-in bag.
- Please ensure that you do not place any valuables in your check-in bag. Carry your foreign currency / travel documents / jewelry / insurance in your hand bag.

### MEALS



- You have a choice of Jain / Veg / Non-Veg meals. The menus, however, are fixed in advance and a la carte is not possible.
- Most lunches and dinner are unlimited buffets, but it is requested that you do not waste food.
- All lunches provided on tour are vegetarian.
- If there is any early morning departure to the airport a box breakfast may be provided.
- Some cities you may be served local meals.

### CLIMATE



- Europe's climate is as varied as its countries, but it is mostly temperate.
- Frequent changes of weather make forecasting difficult. To be on the safe side, be sure to bring a sweater and an umbrella with you.

### HOTELS & ROOMS



- Most hotels offer the facility of complimentary safe deposit lockers (few hotels charge a refundable deposit). We advice that you keep all your valuables like money, passport, tickets and jewelry in the locker, in case you are staying for more than one day at the hotel.
- Please make sure that no damages are done to your hotel room during the stay, as the same would be charged to you directly by the hotel.
- Hotel rooms may have facilities like mini-bar, pay television channels, telephones etc. Please note that these facilities are not complimentary and will be charged as per actual usage.
- Hotels in Europe do not have tea/coffe kettle in the rooms.
- Due to favourable weather conditions, most hotels do not have air conditioners or fans.
- Normal tap water in the hotels you stay is safe for drinking all over Europe.



- Please note that we will try our best to provide you with adjacent rooms asked by you at the time of booking, but the same will be subject to availability at the time of check-in. It is also difficult to provide interconnecting rooms, however the tour manager and the hotel will try their best to ensure that you are provided with adjacent rooms wherever possible.
- In Europe the standard check-in time at hotels is after 3.00 pm and standard check-out time is 10.00 am.

### CLOTHING



- Carry 4/5 pairs of comfortable clothes like jeans/trousers, shirts/T-shirts, shorts pants, punjabi suits/sarees and necessary undergarments.
- Warm clothing like sweaters, jackets, woollens, thermals are essential. You must carry a cap, sunglasses, a folding umbrella, comfortable footwear preferably walking shoes.

### TIPPING POLICY



- Tipping in Europe is something that is expected of anyone providing you a service, e.g. coach driver, local guides, etc. It is mandatory to tip a nominal amount of Euro 3 per person per day.
- Public toilet attendants need to be tipped nominally after use.

### TIME MANAGEMENT



- Its very important to be on time and punctual on your holiday, since your itinerary has been designed and planned to offer you the most on your holiday.
- Every sightseeing trip where you get off has an allotted time, please make sure you remain with the group and return at the allotted time. Any delay would actually deprive the entire group of their sightseeing time.

### ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO BE CARRIED



- Your passport, air tickets, original insurance policy, Tour Confirmation Voucher & necessary foreign exchange for personal use.
- Carry a photocopy of your passport including valid visas & keep them separately from the original.
- Please do not forget to carry an additional pair of spectacles if you are using one, digital camera chips with higher MB, extra batteries, chargers for digital camera and mobile.
- Carry your mobile phone's charger if you are taking your cell phone with global roaming. Also carry multi-purpose adapter as sockets are different.
- Required medicines, with doctor's prescription.

### COACH



- Since traveling distances are comparatively long, we have carefully chosen air conditioned luxurious coaches for your convenience and comfort except in the U.K where the coaches are air - cooled. It is very important to maintain a pleasant environment on board the coach and keep it clean. Therefore drinking, smoking and eating is not allowed in the coach.

### CURRENCY



- Italy, Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, France & Finland = Euro, Switzerland = Franc , United Kingdom = Pound, Czech Republic = Koruna, Hungary = Forint, Poland = Zloty, Sweden, Norway, Denmark = Krone
- The denomination of Euro are : Notes : 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 & 5. Coins: 2 , 1 Euro and 50, 20, 10, 05, 02 & 01 cents
- Most credit cards and Travelers Cheques are accepted widely.

Average Temperature Chart (in degree celsius)													
CITY	APR		MAY		JUN		JUL		AUG		SEP		
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	
France	06	14	09	18	12	21	14	24	14	24	11	21	
Switzerland	03	13	08	18	11	21	13	24	13	20	10	20	
Italy	07	19	11	23	14	27	17	31	17	31	14	27	
Austria	05	14	09	19	13	22	15	25	15	25	12	21	
Germany	04	13	08	18	11	22	13	23	12	23	09	18	
Netherlands	03	13	07	17	10	20	12	22	12	22	09	19	
Belgium	04	12	08	17	11	19	12	22	12	22	10	19	
UK	05	13	08	17	11	20	14	23	13	23	11	19	
Spain	08	20	11	22	13	25	15	30	17	30	14	25	

Every effort has been made to ensure that all information given above is accurate at the time of going into print. However, we do not accept any responsibility / liability for any loss or inconvenience caused due to any changes / omissions.







## Coaches



Our air-conditioned coaches (air-cooled in London) offer you complete comfort as you sit back and enjoy the sights. Our trained and qualified drivers take pride in their vehicles and in the safety and comfort of our travelers. Some traveling distances are comparatively long and thus we provide frequent comfort stops where you can use the rest room facilities and grab a quick bite. All our coaches are non-smoking.





## Experienced Tour Managers



Our tour manager is your friend, philosopher and guide on your holiday. Professionally trained to enhance your holiday experience while taking care of you, your tour manager is your host and will travel along with you for your entire trip. He will assist you right from choosing the best shopping areas and getting great bargains to selecting amazing eateries. Also in addition to our tour managers, in certain cities we have expert local guides to give you a greater essence of the city.



# How to book your holiday

## WHERE TO BOOK

Your own trusted SOTC's General Sales Agent or Travel Agent can book you on your SOTC Tour. If you are booking through SOTC's General Sales Agent or your own Travel Agent, please make all payments to them and they will pay us on your behalf. There is no additional cost to you, so do take advantage of SOTC's General Sales or Travel Agent's professional advice and service. Our General Sales Agent's office is located at UK, UAE, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Kenya, Hong Kong, Tanzania, and Canada. In the United States we encourage you to book with your travel agent or call us directly on our TOLL FREE NO 1-877-827-SOTC.

## TIME LIMIT

We would be happy to hold seats on the Tour of your choice provisionally, on a time limit of 4 days (Subject to availability of seats on that tour).

In order to secure your reservations on a definite basis, you would be required to complete the Booking Form and pay a deposit of US \$400 per person (Adult/Child), towards the cost of your tour, within 4 days.

## BOOKING & DEPOSIT

You must complete and sign the official SOTC Booking Form enclosed in this brochure, which gives the Booking Conditions of the Tour. Please complete one booking Form per party. Along with the Booking Form, please enclose a non-refundable deposit interest free amount of US \$400 per person (Adult/Child). This said deposit amount would be adjusted towards the cost of the tour.

All cheques must be made payable either to your own Travel Agent or SOTC Travel Ltd. and sent to SOTC's General Sales Agent, nearest to you. For passengers booking from USA, all cheques must be made payable to your own Travel Agent or Horizon Travel Services LLC and mailed along with your booking form duly filled and signed to 356 Morning Glory Drive, Monroe, NJ 08831. Within a few days you will receive the SOTC Invoice and an Official Receipt. Your SOTC Invoice is a written confirmation of your Tour. However it is not valid for travel on the Tour.

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

It is your responsibility to hold valid Travel Documents such as Passports, Visas, confirmed air tickets to be able to travel on the Tour. The cost of processing your Travel Documents is not included in the Tour Price and you are required to pay for them separately and shall be responsible for any delay in procuring the travel documents and consequential loss whatsoever. It would be best to check with your Travel Agent or SOTC's General Sales Agent nearest to you for advice and information. Please ensure with them that your travel document will be processed in time for your departure.

## TICKETING

To participate on the tour you must be in possession of confirmed tickets on flights and sectors the tour is scheduled to operate on. The details of internal flights and sectors are available with our General Sales Agent or Sales Officer. It is advisable that you purchase the tickets prior to your arrival. Please check with your travel agent for advise and necessary information.

## BALANCE PAYMENT

Balance payments towards the cost of your Tour and Booking Form must reach us at least 45 days prior to the departure of your Tour.

On payment of the balance amount in full you will receive your Final SOTC Invoice with an official SOTC seal. This Invoice will be valid for your Travel on the tour. Your Final documents can only be issued, upon receiving your balance payment & the Booking Form. There will be delay in issuing your final documents, unless Full Payments and the Booking Form is made in the stipulated time.

Please ensure that full and final payment along with the Booking Form reach us 45 days prior to the departure of your Tour. If it does not, this would result in cancellation of your seat on the Tour. We will then be constrained to levy Cancellation Charges.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

The tour cost does not include your overseas travel insurance. It is highly recommended that you have adequate insurance in place to secure your life, health and property as may be advised by your insurance agent to cover any eventualities associated with your overseas travel. You may be required to provide us with a copy of such insurance cover prior to your booking confirmation.

## SOTC Invoice

Your Final Invoice entitles you to travel on the Tour, and must be presented by you to the SOTC Tour Manager/ Local Representative on the first day of the Tour. No services will be provided, if the Final SOTC Invoice is not in your possession.

## ADDITIONAL BOOKINGS

Pre / Post Tour Accommodation / Add on Package are available to you at special rates. Please ensure that you request for the same, with your Travel Agent/General Sales Agent at the time of booking your Tour.

## AMENDMENTS

A transfer from one Tour to another will be treated as a cancellation from one Tour and a fresh booking on another. Therefore Cancellation Charges will apply.

## CANCELLATIONS

If circumstances make you cancel your Tour, the cancellation must be intimated to us in writing. As per this Booking Conditions of the Tour we are constrained to levy the following Cancellation Charges.

When a Cancellation is made	Charges
45 days or more prior to the departure of the Tour or for non payment of the Balance amount	US \$ 400
44 to 15 days prior to the departure of the Tour	50% of the Tour cost
14 to 04 day prior to the departure of the Tour	75% of the Tour cost
03 days prior to the departure of the Tour or in case you are a "No Show" on the Tour	100% of Tour cost

SOTC reserves the right to cancel any Tour prior to the departure, without assigning any reason. In such situation we will book the passenger on a different tour date. In case if the alternate tour date is not acceptable, we will refund all monies paid by you, but no compensation are payable. SOTC cannot take responsibility for any cost or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not done through SOTC.

## CANCELLATION FEE WAIVER

Booking Fee Protection Plan for US\$ 69:

In event of visa not being granted this unique scheme protects your non-refundable booking fee of US\$ 400.

Tour Cost Protection Plan for US\$ 179: In the unlikely event of you cancelling the tour this scheme protects you against the cancellation charges that would be levied as explained in the cancellation details. The protection is of 75% of the tour cost and subject to cancellation being initiated in writing up to 04 days before the departure date. Cancellation under 04 days to departure will be charged as per Cancellation Policy.

Note: Booking Fee Protection is applicable only against proof of document of a visa application refused. This cancellation fee waiver is application only on land arrangement. Passengers taking cruise will have to pay cancellation charges as per cruise company policy.

## REFUNDS

Refunds (if any) for amendments and / or cancellations will be paid directly to you by SOTC/the Travel Agent/ General Sale Agent through whom you have forwarded your payment to us. It would take a least 30 days to process refunds. There is no refund payable for any Unutilized Services (e.g. Meals, Entrance Fees, Suggested excursions, Hotels, Cruise etc).