

Beautiful East Europe

Croatia, Slovenia, Poland, Hungary, Bosnia – Herzegovina, Czech Republic & Slovakia

DAY 01: CANADA PRAGUE

Depart CANADA by flight to Prague.

DAY 2: PRAGUE On arrival we clear all formalities and proceed to board our coach to the Hotel. This evening, enjoy a delicious Dinner. Overnight stay at the Hotel in Prague.

DAY 3: PRAGUE – GUIDED CITY TOUR

After a buffet breakfast, proceed for a city tour of Prague with an experienced local guide. You will start off a visit to the 1,000 year-old grounds of Prague Castle. As you walk through the beautiful courtyards, stop by for a visit to St. Vitus Cathedral – the main church of the castle. Proceed down to Golden lane to see the brightly colored houses lined along the castle wall. After lunch, we proceed to the Church of Our Lady Victorious, to worship the 16th Century statue of Infant Jesus of Prague. The statue was placed in the oratory of the monastery where special devotions to Jesus were offered before it twice a day. The statue of Infant Jesus is ornate, studded with diamonds and crowned with gold, with his left hand holding a golden orb symbolizing kingship and right hand raised with the palm in a blessing posture. Then continue to explore the medieval part of the city and spend some time browsing through the quaint shops of this beautiful city. Tonight, after dinner overnight at your hotel in Prague.



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DAY 4: PRAGUE - OLOMOUC, CZECH REPUBLIC – KRAKOW:



After a sumptuous breakfast, we board our coach for our journey into Czech Republic. We will stop in the beautiful Czech city of Olomouc where we will visit the magnificent Baroque church of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary which overlooks the city. Pope John Paul II had visited the church and promoted it to Minor Basilica.

We will stop for Lunch enroute our journey to the Polish border to Krakow. This evening, enjoy dinner in the hotel.

Overnight in Krakow.

DAY 5: CZESTOCHOWA – THE BLACK MADONNA

After breakfast at the hotel, we board our coach for a fascinating morning; we will soak in the sights and sounds of this vibrant city on an orientation tour. After a packed lunch we drive to Czestochowa to visit JASNA GÓRA, the monastery near Czestochowa, and admire its BLACK MADONNA, which is venerated as the “Queen of Poland” and has become the country’s national symbol. Late evening, we arrive back in Krakow. Tonight, after dinner overnight at your hotel in Krakow (Poland).



DAY 6: WADOWICE – THE HOME OF BLESSED POPE JOHN II

After breakfast, depart for Wadowice and all the sites connected with Pope John II. The first choice is the house at 7 Koscielna street with a flat where the future Vicar of Christ was born and raised. The place has been turned into a museum and used to exhibit. The Wojtylas family’s former possessions as well as personal belongings of Father Karol Wojtyla.

Possibly even more important is the nearby church itself as the future John Paul II grew up in its shadow, was baptized a Catholic and later confirmed in it, served as an altar boy and prayed daily before its miraculous picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The church’s Gothic chancel dates from the 15th century while the late-Boroque nave and aisles were built in the 1790s. The left aisle contains a baptizing font. Also the high school where young Karol Wojtyla was educated has remained in place. Late evening return to Krakow for dinner and an overnight stay.



Day 7: BUDAPEST

After breakfast, we depart to the beautiful city of Budapest. Enjoy this drive via the countryside, with breath taking beautiful views. En-route we have our lunch and arrive into Budapest. On arrival the evening is free to explore (on own). Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Budapest.

DAY 8: BUDAPEST

Today after breakfast in the hotel, we check out and proceed on a guided city tour through Eastern Europe’s most cosmopolitan city. The magnificent Buda and Pest, separated by the broad ribbon of the Danube. On to Heroes’ Square which typifies the modern capital, while along the riverbank you find the old inns. Including sightseeing takes in the Parliament building, Fishermen’s Bastion, the Royal Castle, and the 13th-century Matthias Coronation Church. Dinner at a Restaurant and overnight at our hotel in Budapest.

DAY 9: BUDAPEST - LJUBLJANA - European Green capital

We drive early morning to Ljubljana through the beautiful countryside. On the way to Ljubljana, the river flows through unique and natural landscape of Ljubljana marshes.

Arrive into the green city and after we have a delicious lunch, spend the day with our guide as we check and see the sustainability projects around the city's green nooks and crannies that earned Ljubljana the prestigious European Green Capital 2016 award. The city houses two beautiful parks - Tivoli and Botanic Garden, and is a city of beautiful and architecturally interesting bridges. Ljubljana has various beehives and apiaries in locations across the city and the old city center is landscaped with tree lined riverside walks and weeping willow-lined terraces. Dinner and overnight in Ljubljana..



DAY 10: LJUBLJANA - BLED CASTLE, BLED

Today after breakfast, we board our coach to the medieval castle of Bled, built on a precipice above the city, overlooking Lake Bled. It is the oldest Slovenian castle and is the most visited tourist attraction in Slovenia. Its walls and ramparts tell a tale of medieval times, and one is drawn back into the dark ages of kings and knights. Explore the buildings around the two courtyards, climb up the Romanesque Towers and visit the chapel painted with illusionist frescoes. The castle also has a draw bridge across the moat. After lunch return to spend the rest of the day in beautiful Ljubljana. rest of the day free to explore the city.

Overnight in Ljubljana.

DAY 11: PLITVICE NATIONAL PARK, CROATIA.

Today after a continental breakfast we drive towards Croatia's best-known national park – Plitvice Lakes



National Park, a 295 sq.-km forest reserve. It is known for a chain of 16 terraced lakes, joined by waterfalls, that extend into a limestone canyon. You will enjoy a walk with a local guide through the breathtaking scenery of this natural wonder. Its 16 lakes, wooded hills, waterfalls, and cascades make it one of Europe's most loved national parks. Tonight enjoy a local dinner, spend the night in Plitvice.

DAY 12: PLITVICE-MEDJUGORJE

After breakfast, we board our coach and drive towards Bosnia, Medjugorje. Enjoy the drive through the beautiful and scenic countryside. We will stop for a packed lunch en route. After lunch, we continue towards Medjugorje,

the city Our Blessed Mother visited. We finally arrive into the beautiful city of Medjugorje. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Medjugorje.

DAY 13: MEDJUGORJE

After breakfast we will experience all that Medjugorje has to offer. You will meet pilgrims from around the world coming together in prayer and faith. Medjugorje is favored place in which the Holy Virgin Mary has supposedly appeared daily for nearly 30 years. Medjugorje is a place in which the Our Lady, has said: "...in a special way I have chosen this parish, one more dear to me than the others, in which I have gladly remained when the Almighty sent me..." March 21, 1985.



You will visit Cross Mountain, Apparition Mountain and St. James Church all places that play a huge part in understanding the visitations and meaning of Our Lady's messages to the visionaries. Dinner and overnight at Medjugorje.

DAY 14: MEDJUGORJE - ZAGREB

After breakfast at Medjugorje, we bid this beautiful and holy city farewell and continue our journey back to Croatia, enjoy this beautiful drive along the country side, a packed lunch enroute . Arrive early evening into Zagreb, this evening free to explore the city, (on your own). Dinner and Overnight at Zagreb.

DAY 15: ZAGREB

Today morning, after breakfast we drive to the Croatian Capital of Zagreb. We proceed on a wonderful tour of this city packed with historic buildings, such as the gothic style Church of St. Marcus, Trg Bana Jelacica – Zagreb's central square, the Croatian Parliament and the Bans's Palace-now the Presidential Palace. End your tour with a visit to the lovely Maksimir Park with its artificial lakes, Echo pavilion and the quaint 19th century Bellevue Pavilion. Return to your hotel for a local dinner. Overnight at your hotel in Zagreb.

DAY 16: ZAGREB - CANADA

Today after breakfast, it's time to bid goodbye to Europe as you board your coach to the airport for your flight back home. Good times need never end, after your check in formalities are completed, sit back, relax and enjoy the in-flight services and meals as you relive the memories of your tour with Royale Orchid Holidays. Arrive back home with wonderful memories of the tour and all the new friends and families that you met, we are sure you will relive the memories over and over again. We thank you for choosing to tour with Royale Orchid Tours & Holidays

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1. AIRFARE- Return Economy Class Group Airfare as per the Itinerary
2. ACCOMMODATION In First Class Hotels (Twin Bedded Room 2 people sharing)
3. MEALS - Continental Buffet Breakfast, Packed/ Buffet Lunches & Dinners as Mentioned.
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Any expenses such as Tourist Tax and of personal nature such as portorage, laundry expenses, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menus provided by us, mini-bar, telephone calls, tips to the drivers, hotel waiters, local guides etc. are to be borne by the passengers. Meals are pre-set and a choice of menu is not available.

Anything not mentioned in “What your Tour Price Includes box”

Tips: East Europe @ 120 Euro per person for the entire duration

Any change in date of travel/ deviation from original group travel dates that will result increase in airfare and applicable taxes.

PLEASE NOTE

The above cost is based on minimum 30 passengers travelling together.

Tour Itinerary/ Hotel/ Airlines/ Flights/ routes are subject to change without prior information.