

# a tale of **three** cities

## Vienna, Budapest and Prague

**Monday 11 October to Friday 22 October 2010**

What better way to really experience some intriguing cultural cities than by taking time to walk the streets with a local guide? Three fascinating imperial cities are visited and where the mighty River Danube flows, we follow with appropriate transport.

### **DAY 1 • Brussels and Aachen**

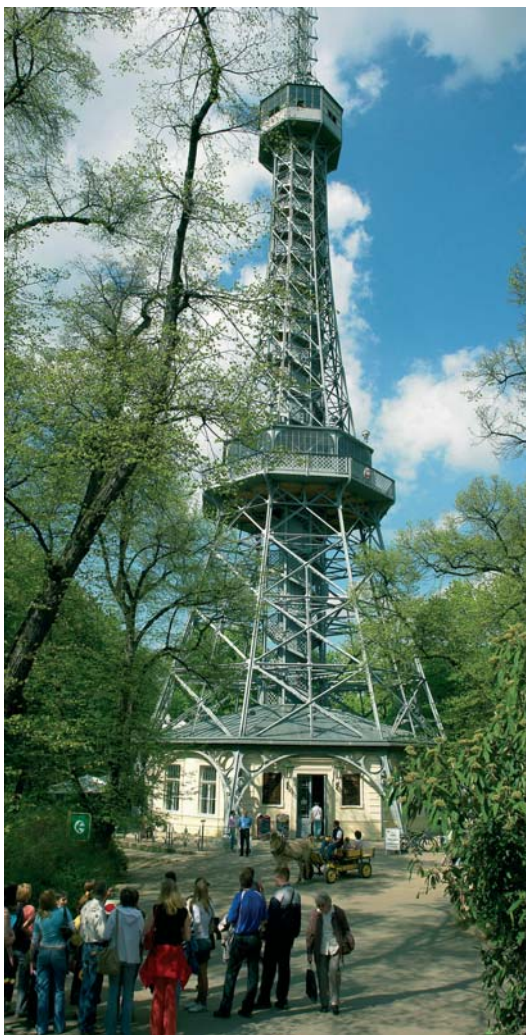
Lunchtime Eurostar departure from London St. Pancras to Brussels where we join a Thalys service for our onward connection to Aachen, our first overnight stay.

### **DAY 2 • Across Germany and into Austria**

Our journey today takes us along the Rhine before cutting across Germany into Austria. This long distance ICE carries a restaurant car where refreshments are available. We arrive in Vienna early evening and transfer to our hotel where we stay for 3 nights.

### **DAYS 3 and 4 • Exploring Vienna**

Two days to explore the city and a local transport card is included. We start Day 3 with a guided walking tour of the city led by one of Vienna's experienced local guides. The city of Vienna is to Austria what New York is to the USA – glamour, glitz and a wonderful place to indulge in culture.



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**DAY 5 • The Danube**

Today we take a different mode of transport! We board a morning hydrofoil for a journey on the mighty River Danube, bound for Budapest. An early afternoon arrival means that, after a short transfer to our hotel, the remainder of the day is free.

**DAYS 6 and 7 • Budapest and the Children’s Railway**

Day 6 starts with a walking tour of the city led by a local guide followed by a visit to the world famous Children’s Railway, located to the west of the city. Day 7 is at leisure to enjoy this unique and distinctive city, from the ruins of the Roman era to Turkish baths from the 150-year Ottoman rule.

**DAY 8 • Slovakia and on to Prague**

Back to the rails today as we board a morning EuroCity train. After briefly travelling through Slovakia we arrive in Prague early evening, our home for the next 3 nights. This beautiful city is known as ‘The Jewel in the Crown’ of Central Europe.

**DAYS 9 and 10 • Prague at Leisure**

Two days to explore starting with a guided, walking tour of the city on Day 9. The remainder of the day will allow us to explore any parts of the city we choose. The whole of Day 10 is free to enjoy this amazing city. Why not take another visit to Charles Bridge or view the medieval astronomical clock dating back to 1410, mounted on the southern wall of the old town city hall.

**DAY 11 • Back to Germany**

After breakfast we depart Prague through Germany and on to Aachen for our final night’s stay.

**DAY 12 • Returning Home**

The home stretch starts off from Aachen with a Thalys connection to Brussels. We travel via the channel tunnel and arrive back in London late afternoon.

**price** per person

Includes rail travel in standard class, hotels + breakfasts, City Cards and walking tours with local guides in Vienna, Budapest and Prague.

<b>Escorted holiday:</b>	<b>£1,595</b>
<b>Single Room Supplement:</b>	<b>£435</b>
<b>Deposit for this holiday:</b>	<b>£100</b>

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