



## From Munich to Prague

10 Days | Spring 2024

The experience of a lifetime is waiting for you. Every detail from the cities you'll stay in to the cultural discoveries you'll make have been customized by your teacher for your group. Take a look at your personal itinerary for a sneak peek of what's in store.

### Included on tour



Round-trip flights on major carriers; full-time Tour Director; projectbased learning program, EF's personalized learning experience; hotels with private bathrooms; breakfast and dinner daily unless otherwise specified.

Sightseeing: Munich; Salzburg; Vienna; Prague

**Entrances:** BMW Welt, Munich; Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial; Herrenchiemsee; Mozart's Birthplace; Salt Mines, Salzburg; Schönbrunn Palace; River cruise, Prague





## Your Itinerary

#### Day 1: Fly to Germany

Board your overnight flight to Munich!

#### Day 2: Munich

#### Arrive in Munich

Welcome to Munich! This center of culture boasts over 45 museums, 10 university buildings and two opera houses. The city is also home to the Olympic center with full facilities and more than the occasional beer-hall.

#### Walking tour of Munich

Your introduction to Munich begins with a Tour Director-led walking tour. Perhaps you will pass through Marienplatz, once the center of medieval trade routes. Or, you might stop in front of the iconic Hofbräuhaus or walk through the local Viktualienmarkt, a daily food market in the heart of the city!

#### Day 3: Munich

#### Guided sightseeing of Munich

Munich derives from the city's German name, München (meaning 'little monk'), named because the original settlement bordered a monastery. Hop on the bus where your guided tour takes you past the Olympic Stadium, the Residenz, the Deutsches Museum, and the Alte Pinakothek art museum. Your tour concludes at Marienplatz, the city's main square and medieval heart since 1158. Here you'll see the city's famed Glockenspiel-an ornate clock complete with bells and life size figures.

#### Visit the BMW Welt

Today, you will visit BMW Welt, or BMW World. This part of the BMW family is focused on displaying the company's newest and most impressive products, while also being an automobile distribution and information center.

#### Visit the Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site

Once merely another sleepy German village, Dachau has since 1933 gained notoriety as Germany's first Nazi concentration camp. Today, the old administration building houses a museum documenting the rise of Hitler and the horrors of camp life. Commemorative chapels and memorials have also been built on the site, which stands as an eternal memorial to those who endured life here until liberation by Allied forces.

#### **Exploration time in Munich**

Take time to explore Munich on your own. Wander through the *Marktplatz*, sampling the wares of local farmers and craftsmen, or you might choose to visit the Spielzeugmuseum *(toy museum)* just off Marienplatz.

#### Day 4: Munich | Salzburg region

#### Travel via Herrenchiemsee to the Salzburg region

Join us on this excursion to Herreninsel, the island which holds "Mad" King Ludwig II's largest castle, Herrenchiemsee. The King hoped to build a Versailles replica, but ran out of funds with only the central portion created. Herrenchiemsee has 70 rooms, but only 50 were completed and Ludwig himself only inhabited it for ten days. The palace is quite impressive, nonetheless. Explore the vast stateroom, which holds classical music concerts; catch a glimpse of yourself from several angles in the Hall of Mirrors; or smell the flowers of the pretty French gardens. Don't miss the Royal Bed Chamber draped in a bed cover that took 30 women seven years to embroider, though it's rumored that no one even slept here!

#### Arrive in the Salzburg region

Welcome to Salzburg, famed for its alpine views, chocolate production and stylish architecture. This charming city has been home to many forms of music over the years, from Mozart to *The Sound of Music*.

#### Exploration time in Salzburg

Enjoy time to explore Salzburg on your own. You might wish to visit the acclaimed Natural History museum or the Residenz gallery which features works from the 16th to 19th centuries.

#### Day 5: Salzburg region

#### Guided sightseeing of Salzburg

Explore Salzburg today, a UNESCO World Heritage Site nestled in the Alps. Here you will visit Mozart's birthplace before venturing into the heart of the city, much of which was designed during the 16th century. Your walk will take you to see the imposing and beautiful Domplatz as well as striking examples of Gothic churches, most notably the Franziskanerkirche.

#### Visit the salt mines

Here you'll begin a fascinating underground journey through the 450year-old salt mines-via train, boat, and wooden slides! Dressed in traditional mining costumes and under the dim light of miners' lamps, you'll trace the story of the "white gold" that brought wealth and prosperity to Bavaria and nearby Salzburg literally meaning "fortress of salt".

#### Day 6: Salzburg region | Vienna

#### Travel to Vienna

Vienna has long played a central role in the changing face of Europe and has adapted many times to war, revolution, siege and the rise and fall of empire. The capital of Austria is also home to a strong music tradition as well as buildings of imposing elegance and beauty.

#### **Exploration time in Vienna**

Take time to explore Vienna on your own. You might choose to visit the city's fine museums and churches, or spend your time in one of Vienna's many cafés sampling the local delicacies.

#### Day 7: Vienna

#### Guided sightseeing of Vienna

The residence of the imperial court for six centuries, Vienna is marked with the seal of the Habsburgs, a family who once ruled over half of Europe. Your expertly guided tour takes you down the Ringstrasse, a series of wide boulevards commissioned by Emperor Franz Josef in 1857. Ride past the flower-adorned Rathaus (Town Hall), and the Hofburg, where the powerful Habsburg dynasty ruled until 1918, before visiting Schrönbrunn Palace.

#### Visit Schönbrunn Palace

As you visit the beautiful Schönbrunn Palace, where Marie Antoinette (the most famous of Empress Maria Theresa's 16 children) spent her childhood. When the six-year-old Mozart played for the empress inside the palace, he told Marie Antoinette, "I'll marry you when I'm grown up!" After viewing the elegant interior, stroll through the palace's beautifully landscaped gardens.

#### Wiener schnitzel dinner

Tonight, enjoy the authentic Austrian dish of wiener schnitzel, made with boneless meat thinned with a mallet (escalope-style preparation), coated in bread crumbs and fried.

#### Day 8: Vienna | Prague

#### Travel via Brno to Prague

Stop today in Brno, the second-largest city in the Czech Republic, and capital of the Moravia region. Destroyed in the 17th century by Swedish aggressors, the city was subsequently rebuilt in the Baroque style you see today. Brno is known for its industry, most notably for its textile and metal manufacturers. Two of its most popular attractions, the Brno Dragon and the Wagon Wheel, derive from playful city legends.

#### Arrive in Prague

Welcome to Prague, former capital of the Holy Roman Empire. Dubbed the City of One Hundred Spires, the city boasts an enchanting mix of diverse architecture, Bohemian culture, and storied history.

#### Walking tour of Prague

Your introduction to Prague begins with a Tour Director-led walking tour. As you stroll through the City of One Hundred Spires, pass the concert hall in which Mozart himself conducted the premiere of *Don Giovanni*.

### **Your Itinerary**

#### Day 9: Prague

#### Guided sightseeing of Prague

Explore the city today by viewing the celebrated Prague Castle (Hradcany). In the castle's courtyard, you'll peek inside the magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral, which took over 600 years to complete. Afterwards, take a stroll across the Charles Bridge, adorned with 30 beautiful baroque statues, to the 13th-century Old Town (Stare Mesto). Here you'll see Market Square, famous for its 15th-century astronomical clock.

#### **River cruise**

Admire the city as you cruise down the Vltava River.

#### Day 10: Depart for home

**Transfer to the airport for your return flight** Your Tour Director assists with your transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

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