

Previously hidden behind the Iron Curtain, Eastern Europe is a gem that you're bound to recognize from some of your favorite movies and TV shows. In fact, the entire region is bursting with photogenic natural wonders and varied histories of independence and togetherness you can't help but feel. Relax alongside pristine blue lakes, then enjoy countrysides filled with towering castles, impressive cave systems, and towns filled with terra-cotta Adriatic charm.

#### YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:



#### Full-time Tour Director



**Sightseeing:** 2 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (4 with extension); 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director; 3 walking tours (4 with extension)



Entrances: Memento Park; Matthias Church; Danube Evening Cruise; Tihany Abbey; Funicular to Ljubljana Castle; Postojna Caves; Plitvice Lake National Park; Diocletian Palace; with extension: Mostar Ottoman Mosque; Turkish House



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As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, *weShare*, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

**@EFtours** I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school **#traveltuesday** 

- MELISSA, TRAVELER





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## What you'll experience on your tour

#### Day 1: Fly overnight to Hungary

#### Day 2: Budapest

- Welcome to Budapest, the capital city of Hungary that, before 1873, was actually two cities: Buda and Pest. The history of Budapest is filled with stories of divisions and unifications: Budapest, Austro-Hungary, and post-Cold War reunification. Explore Budapest's wealth of culture and beauty through Art Nouveaustyle architecture, romantic canal views, and bustling city streets.
- Visit Memento Park, an open-air museum dedicated to the Soviet-era statues of Hungary.

#### Day 3: Budapest

- Visit Matthias Church, an extraordinary example a fully-restored 14th century gothic church.
- Time to see more of Budapest or
   Visit the Budapest Baths.
- Enjoy an evening river cruise on the Danube.

#### Day 4: Budapest | Tihany | Ljubljana

- Travel to the historic village of Tihany.
- Enjoy free time for lunch in Tihany.
- Visit the Tihany Abbey for a panoramic view of Lake Balaton.
- Enjoy a ferry ride across Lake Balaton.
- Arrive in Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, where 2,000 years of Slavic history combine with an emerging youth culture in one of Europe's greenest cities.

### Day 5: Ljubljana

- Take an expertly guided tour of Ljubljana.
   With your expert local guide you will see:
- Square of the Republic
- Roman Ruins
- Metelkova City
- Enjoy a funicular ride past Ljubljana Castle's walls for an incredible view of the area, then visit the castle museum.
- Enjoy free time to explore Ljubljana or
   Visit the Bled Castle in Bohinj Valley.
- Enjoy a traditional Slovenian dinner and cultural performance.

#### Day 6: Lake Plitvice Area

- Visit the Postojna Caves.
- Transfer to the Lake Plitvice area where sparkling lakes tumble into each other through a series of picturesque waterfalls.

#### Day 7: Plitvice Lake National Park | Split

- Visit the Plitvice Lake National Park and hike along paths for views that continue to stun, one after another.
- Travel to Split, the second largest city in Croatia, home to Roman palaces, a rebellious past, and a history of, ironically, rather large divisions. From ancient times to the modern, independent Croatia, Split is a storied Adriatic metropolis bursting with life.
- Enjoy a Croatian farm dinner.

#### Day 8: Split

- Take an expertly guided tour of Split.
- Visit the Diocletian Palace.
- Enjoy free time to explore Split or
- Experience a boat tour to Brac Island.

Day 9: Depart for home

#### • 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 9: Dubrovnik

- Travel to Dubrovnik, a Mediterranean port town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. The old medieval fortress of Dubrovnik has most recently become famous as the real world location used for King's Landing.
- Take a walking tour of the ancient city walls.
- Enjoy a panoramic view of Dubrovnik with a cable car ride.

#### Day 10: Dubrovnik | Mostar | Split

- Travel to Mostar, the cultural capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, to learn about the Ottoman influence of the area.
- Visit the Mostar Ottoman Mosque.
- Take a tour of Mostar with an expert local guide.
- Visit the Turkish House.
- Return to Split.

Day 11: Depart for home

This trip was amazing!! Not many people get to go to Eastern Europe, and it was such a great experience. We loved our tour guide and I really felt like i bonded with my classmates. Would recommend this trip to everyone!

- MARY, STUDENT

Via Facebook

### TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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