

# ***AMSTERDAM TO BUDAPEST RAIL TOUR***



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## Amsterdam to Budapest Rail Tour & Flights

Duration: 12 days

Stay: 10 nights hotels, overnight flight

Travel style: Escorted rail tour with flights from Australia

Booking code: AMBUR12M

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## About the holiday

This trip takes the classic Europe itinerary and turns it into an exciting rail journey, all the way from Amsterdam to Budapest!

Travel through Eastern Europe on this immersive escorted rail trip. See Berlin's amazing transformation after its turbulent past and wander the streets of Prague surrounded by the city's imposing architecture. Enjoy the classical charm of Vienna and relax in the thermal baths of Budapest.

This rail tour covers all the highlights and offers the perfect balance of guided sightseeing and free time to explore on your own. From stunning scenery to rich cultural experiences, experience the best of Eastern Europe!

## Why you'll love this trip...

Enjoy a three-night stay in Vienna

Walking tours and free time to experience Berlin, Prague and Budapest

Visit Dresden, one of Europe's greatest Baroque cities

Travelling by train between destinations is a wonderful way to explore Europe!

## Travel dates

**Departs Australia in 2024 & 2025**

See our website for the lowest price dates.

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date.*

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## Escorted tour includes:

### Flights

- Return economy airfare to Amsterdam & from Budapest
- Fly from Australian capital cities (surcharges may apply)

### Accommodation

- 10 nights in hotels (2, 3 & 4-star), twin rooms with private bathrooms
- *Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement to ensure private rooms*

### Meals

- 10 breakfast daily, 5 dinners (*Vegetarian options available on request*)

### Transport

- All rail travel throughout your tour with reserved seat selection
- Standard Class Rail
- Any public transport used as part of the tour (excludes free days)

### Tour Leader

- Fully guided tour with experienced tour leader
- Tour leader will accompany group throughout & manage all logistical details

## Package excludes:

Visa fees (if applicable)

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi access etc.

Gratuities for guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential - we can assist with a quote

Prices are based on twin share - please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.  
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

## Experiences on tour:

- Enjoy a welcome dinner in a historic Amsterdam restaurant
- Experience a scenic rail journey from Amsterdam to Germany
- See the sights on a guided tour of Berlin
- Taste German cuisine in a traditional beer hall
- Visit Dresden, a beautiful German city
- Admire the scenery on a rail journey to Prague
- Taste authentic Czech cuisine in Prague
- Embark on a walking tour of Prague with a local guide
- Discover Vienna, Austria's capital
- Enjoy dinner in a historic Viennese wine cellar
- Explore the Castle District in Budapest
- Taste Hungarian cuisine in Budapest

## Itinerary:

### Day 1: Fly from Australia to the Netherlands

#### DAY 2: Arrive Amsterdam

Welcome to one of the world's most vibrant cities. Amsterdam has so much to offer its visitors. From the picturesque canals and bridges to the rich culture, museums and nightlife, it is so easy to fall in love with this exciting city. Tonight's welcome dinner will allow you to get acquainted with your fellow travellers in the lead-up to an epic rail tour adventure. After dinner, enjoy free time to explore Amsterdam and all it has to offer.

#### Experiences

Welcome dinner in Amsterdam: Enjoy a welcome dinner in a historic Amsterdam restaurant - this is a great time to get to know your new travel friends!

Meals - Dinner

Accommodation - Hotel

#### DAY 3: Amsterdam - Berlin

After breakfast, head to the largest railway station in Amsterdam to start the train journey to Germany. Sit back and soak up the scenery as the landscape transforms and the train moves into a new country.

Upon arrival and after checking into the hotel in Berlin, venture out for a guided tour. With such a rich history there is so much to experience. See top sights including the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Wall and Checkpoint Charlie to name a few! Dinner tonight is at a traditional German beer hall. Prost!

### **Experiences**

Scenic rail journey: Glide past small cities in the interior of the Netherlands and Germany. The rural landscape that passes by the train windows is simply breathtaking.

Guided tour of Berlin: Enjoy a guided tour of Berlin with stops at the Brandenburg Gate, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, Checkpoint Charlie and more.

Beer hall dinner: Taste authentic German cuisine and say prost! with a local beer in a traditional setting.

Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation - Hotel

### **DAY 4: Berlin: Free Day**

Berlin's turbulent history has certainly shaped it into what it is today. This city has a fascinating history, a buzzing modern atmosphere and so much more to offer travellers. With a vibrant art scene and modern landmarks, you will be spoiled for choice with how to spend your free day. Why not join the Berlin+ optional excursion for a full day of exploration and a unique insight into Germany's capital city? This tour includes visits to the East Side Gallery, the German Democratic Republic at the Museum in the Kulturbrauerei and the Hackescher Markt. End off the day with a trip to the top of the Berlin TV Tower for magnificent views of the city!

Meals - Breakfast

Accommodation - Hotel

### **Optional Tour Excursions**

Berlin+

Discover Berlin's fascinating history and vibrant modern culture. Visit the East Side Gallery, the Hackescher Markt, the Berlin TV Tower and more. Approx. € 65

Berlin Food Tour

Go on a walking food tour of Berlin and enjoy food inspired by the city's vibrant and varied communities! Try kebabs, beer, "berliners" and more. Approx. € 75

### **DAY 5: Berlin - Dresden - Prague**

It's time to rock the rails again as our European train journey continues. Today's itinerary is jam-packed and kicks off with a morning visit to Dresden. Embark on an orientation tour of Dresden and see the Dresden Castle and the Frauenkirche with its grand dome before exploring the city on your own.

Later, continue on to Prague, the Czech Republic's beautiful capital city which is renowned the world over for its awe-inspiring Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Tonight, share a traditional Czech dinner with the group and look forward to tasting delicious and hearty local cuisine. Be sure to give that famous Czech beer a try!

### **Experiences**

**Visit Dresden:** Enjoy an orientation tour before exploring this historic German city during free time.

Dresden was painstakingly rebuilt after WW2 bombing caused widespread destruction. Admire the reconstructed buildings and absorb the historic ambience of the city.

**Scenic rail journey to Prague:** Admire the remarkable scenery along the Elbe river as the train makes its way from Germany to the Czech Republic.

**Czech Dinner:** Taste traditional Czech cuisine as part of an included dinner tonight.

Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation - Hotel

### **DAY 6: Prague**

The cobblestoned streets of Prague will be our playground today! Begin the day with a guided tour of the "City of a Hundred Spires". See the well-preserved castles and cathedrals and fall in love with the dreamy bridges across the Vltava River. Your guide will explain more about the history of the city and showcase sights around the Old Town and Jewish Quarter. This afternoon, enjoy free time to explore on your own or join the Prague + optional excursion! This exciting excursion includes a tour of Prague Castle District, a cruise on the Vltava River and more! Tonight, choose to enjoy some traditional Czech music and dancing along with a four-course dinner.

### **Experiences**

**Locally guided tour of Prague:** Nicknamed "the City of a Hundred Spires", a guided tour of Prague showcases a wide variety of architectural styles. One of the highlights of the tour is a stop at the Astronomical Clock Tower which offers an animated show every hour. Other highlights include the fascinating Old Jewish Quarter and the iconic Charles Bridge.

Meals - Breakfast

Accommodation - Hotel

### **Optional Tour Excursions**

Prague+

Tour the incredible Prague Castle, wander through the charming Mala Strana neighbourhood, cruise the Vltava River, enjoy a buffet lunch and more! Approx € 60

## Traditional Czech Folk Music & Dance Evening

Enjoy a delicious three-course Czech dinner with unlimited drinks while delighting in a traditional folk show complete with Czech music and dancing! Approx. € 55

## DAY 7: Prague - Vienna

The train journey continues onward to the capital of Austria today. Intellectuals and artists like Mozart, Beethoven and Freud helped shape the legacy of what is known as Europe's cultural capital. Arrive and embark on a guided tour of Vienna which will showcase the beauty of this enchanting city. Be charmed by the beautiful architecture of St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Vienna State Opera and much more. Tonight's dinner setting is a triple-level wine cellar dating back to the Romanesque and Gothic periods!

### Experiences

Vienna guided tour: Join a local guide and see why Vienna is known as the cultural capital of Europe. See top attractions such as the Palace Gate, Heldenplatz Square, Stephansplatz Square, the Vienna State Opera, St. Stephen's Cathedral and much more.

Dinner in Viennese wine cellar: Tonight's included dinner is in a triple-level Gothic and Romanesque wine cellar with an amazing ambience.

Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation - Hotel

## DAY 8: Vienna: Free Day

Continue your exploration in Vienna as today is free to spend however you wish! Today's highly recommended optional excursion is an in-depth visit to Schonbrunn Palace. The palace offers a look into the history, interests and taste of the Hapsburg rulers as this was their main summer residence. The extravagant interior of the palace is really something to behold, and the gardens are an enchanting continuation of the lavish palace. End off this excursion with coffee and cake at a stunning Viennese café! Tonight, why not soak up the musical culture that Vienna is known for with a classical music concert?

Meals - Breakfast

Accommodation - Hotel

### Optional Tour Excursions

Imperial Vienna: Schönbrunn Palace & Viennese Café

Soak up Vienna's imperial history with visits to Schönbrunn Palace, the artsy Mariahilf and Neubau districts, and a historic Viennese café. Approx. € 80

## Vienna Classical Music Concert

Enjoy a classical concert held in a beautiful Viennese concert hall. The orchestra will play classics from the Strauss dynasty and Mozart. Approx. € 75

## **DAY 9: Vienna: Free Day**

By now you will have ticked off some of the major travel bucket-list items in Vienna. So, today it is time to do as the locals do! Grab a coffee and a slice of Sachertorte or apple strudel. Visit one of the main squares and immerse yourself in the local culture and music.

For an extraordinary culinary experience, the Vienna Naschmarkt offers fruit, vegetables, delicacies and many restaurant options; this spot is very popular with locals. Alternatively, add another country to the list and join the day trip to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia! This charming capital is known as Vienna's twin city and features incredible architecture.

Meals - Breakfast

Accommodation - Hotel

## **Optional Tour Excursions**

Day Trip to Slovakia

Visit Bratislava, capital of Slovakia! Take a walking tour with your tour leader, admire the city's contrasts and visit Bratislava Castle. Approx. € 80

## **DAY 10: Vienna - Budapest**

Say Auf Wiedersehen to Vienna and hello to Hungary as the group boards the train to Budapest, Hungary's enchanting capital city. Arrive and embark on a guided walking tour of Budapest's Castle district. Learn more about how this city evolved on the banks of the Danube River. Afterwards, enjoy free time to experience the sights and sounds on your own. Tonight, get a taste of local Hungarian cuisine as the group will enjoy an included dinner at a local restaurant.

## **Experiences**

**Budapest guided tour:** Enjoy a guided tour of the Castle district. This area is packed with many of the city's most important museums and top attractions and landmarks such as Castle Hill and the Royal Palace.

**Dinner in Budapest:** Celebrate the first night in Budapest with an included group dinner at a local restaurant. Taste authentic Hungarian cuisine!

Meals - Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation - Hotel



## **DAY 11: Budapest: Free Day**

Budapest is said to be one of the most photogenic cities in Europe. Architectural wonders like the Parliament Building and a collection of stunning basilicas make for a very dramatic skyline that simply begs to be adored (and photographed of course). Why not visit one of the city's thermal baths on your free day? Budapest is known as the "City of Spas" as over 100 natural thermal springs bubble up beneath the city's foundations. The Széchenyi Baths in City Park are perhaps the most well-known. Why not end the day with a memorable dinner cruise along the Danube? The lights of Budapest by night are truly a sight to behold!

Meals - Breakfast

Accommodation - Hotel

## **Optional Tour Excursions**

Danube Dinner Cruise

Indulge in a traditional Hungarian feast as you admire Budapest's top sights from the water with a nighttime cruise along the Danube River. Approx. € 60

## **DAY 12: End of tour in Budapest, Fly to Australia**

This morning, our European rail tour from Amsterdam to Budapest comes to an end. It is time to say goodbye to your fellow travellers and reminisce about your favourite memories. Please make your way to the airport in time for your return flights to Australia. We hope you have enjoyed your adventure!

Meals - Breakfast

**Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.**

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