

# CAA SMALL GROUP 2022 24 GUESTS MAXIMUM

### START VIENNA, AUSTRIA | END BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Walk in the footsteps of Prague's Bohemian Kings and fall under the spell of Český Krumlov. Explore the legacy of the Habsburgs in Vienna and Budapest.



### **INSIGHT EXCLUSIVE!**

A private, guided exploration of Schönbrunn Palace will have all your senses tingling.



### **CAA MEMBER BENEFIT**

## **SAVE \$150\*\***

per person when booked by January 31, 2022 FOR TRIPS DEPARTING IN 2022.

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### Day 1: Welcome to Vienna

At Vienna airport, transfers to your hotel will leave at 10:00, 13:00 and 15:30. The Austrian capital is famous for coffee and delicious pastries, so why not stroll to a local cafe? At 17:30, meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a drink, followed by a pleasant Welcome Dinner served with wine at a local restaurant.

Meals: Dinner with Wine Hotel: Hilton Vienna

### Day 2: Stately Vienna and the Habsburgs

Join a Local Expert for a private tour of Maria Theresa's magnificent Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens. Be transported to a time of opulence and extravagance, as you marvel at the intricacies of gilded Rococo frames, frescoed ceilings and crystal chandeliers. Then get your camera ready for a drive around the Ring Road, a grand boulevard built along the lines of the old city walls, showcasing many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence, Austrian Parliament Building and Karlskirche.

Meal: Breakfast Hotel: Hilton Vienna

## Day 3: Charming Český Krumlov and Golden Prague

Once over the Czech border, head for picturesque Český Krumlov where you'll start with a brief orientation tour of this fairy-tale town, straight out of the Middle Ages. Enjoy some free time to explore and appreciate views of the Vltava River. Wander through the cobblestone, traffic-free streets, past colourful houses that lead up to the finest castle in the land. In the afternoon, continue through the green Bohemian countryside to Golden Praque.

Meal: Breakfast Hotel: Hotel Royal Prague

## Day 4: Prague, City of a Hundred Spires INSIGHT CHOICE

Explore Prague with Insight Choice. Choose between walking the courtyards of the Castle and visit the imposing St Vitus Cathedral or alternatively, join your Local Expert for a walk through the Jewish Quarter and learn about a different side of the history of Prague. Continue to Old Town Square where the mechanical antics of the Astronomical Clock's glockenspiel delight onlookers each hour. The afternoon is free for you to explore at your leisure.

Meal: Breakfast Hotel: Hotel Royal Prague

### Day 5: Reflect on Auschwitz then on to Kraków

Enjoy a gentle drive through the stunning Czech landscapes before crossing into Poland where you will stop at Oświęcim, better known by its German name of Auschwitz. Join a guided tour of the memorial and museum of Auschwitz and stop at Birkenau, which bore witness to the terrible atrocities of the Holocaust.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine Hotel: Vienna House Andel's Cracow, Krakow.

## Day 6: Relaxed Start - The Damsels and Dragons of Kraków

In the morning why not join an Optional Experience and journey into a glistening subterranean world at the 600-year-old Wieliczka Salt Mines? In a maze of tunnels deep below the surface, witness unique salt sculptures, sunken lakes and even a glorious cathedral carved entirely out of rock salt by the miners. Alternatively, enjoy a morning at leisure before joining a Local Expert to ascend Wawel Hill and visit the cathedral. Walk past the former residence of Pope John Paul II through the Old Town, to Europe's largest and most beautiful town square. See the medieval Sukiennice Cloth Hall and visit the 14th century St. Mary's Basilica, the most important church in the city, keep your eyes and ears peeled for the trumpeter in the tower. In the evening, choose from a selection of hand-picked local restaurants on your Dine-Around

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

### Hotel: Vienna House Andel's Cracow, Krakow

### Day 7: Through Sleepy Slovakia to Budapest

Journey into the Slovakian region of Orava and see the picturesque Oravský Hrad before continuing through the breathtaking Low Tatra Mountains to arrive in Budapest.

Meal: Breakfast Hotel: Barceló Budapest

### Day 8: Relaxed Start Budapest, the Queen of the Danube

Venture into the heart of Buda's medieval Castle District with a Local Expert, to visit Matthias Church and take in the vista from the Fisherman's Bastion. Cross the Danube to the Pest district to visit Heroes' Square and drive down elegant Andrássy Boulevard. Enjoy time in the foodie's paradise of the Central Market Hall. Wander across its three levels brimming with aromatic food stalls offering delicious salamis, spicy paprika, Hungarian wines and an array of flavoured Pálinkas, a traditional Hungarian fruit brandy. The rest of the day is at your leisure to relax by the Danube or browse the boutiques of Vaci Street. For your Celebration Dinner you are treated to mouthwatering Hungarian specialities, accompanied by specially selected Hungarian wines, as you dine at the elegant Gundel restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine Hotel: Barceló Budapest

### **Day 9: Depart Budapest**

Your Bohemian journey concludes after breakfast with transfers arriving at Budapest airport at 07:00 and 11:00. The 07:00 transfer continues to Vienna airport arriving at midday and offers a final stop at the post-trip hotel.

Meal: Breakfast

