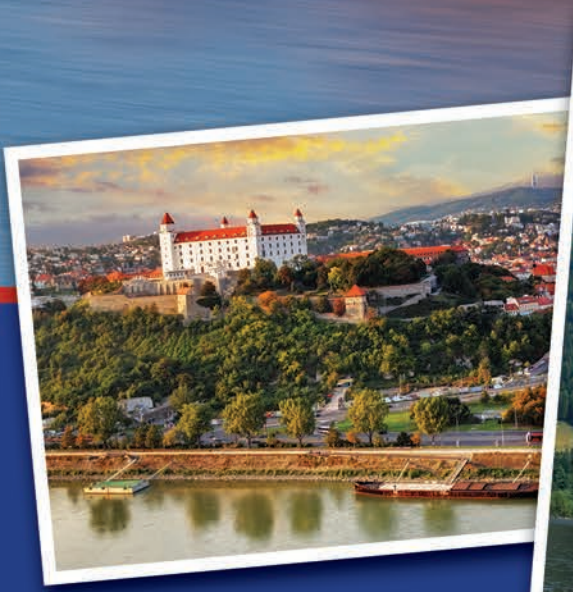


Busta Tour & Travel  
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# *Hidden Gems and Imperial Cities of Austria, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia*

July 15 – 24, 2019

\$3,495 Per Person, Double Occupancy from Minneapolis



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# Day by Day Itinerary

## **Monday, July 15 – MINNEAPOLIS / EN ROUTE (I)**

We depart Minneapolis this evening by scheduled service of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines on the overnight transatlantic flight to Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

## **Tuesday, July 16 – AMSTERDAM / KRAKOW (I,HD)**

On arrival at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, we will change planes for the connecting flight to Krakow, Poland, where we meet our Tour Escort who will accompany us throughout our vacation. One of the oldest and most beautiful cities in Central Europe, Krakow has a unique charm shaped by centuries of history and cultural wealth. Set on a rocky point overlooking the Vistula River, Krakow has been attracting increasing numbers of visitors, lured by its colorful past associated with Poland's national heroes.

## **Wednesday, July 17 – KRAKOW (B)**

Our day begins in the Old Town, where we'll see the Barbican fortress, one of the remaining elements of Krakow's medieval fortifications, and Florian Gate, once the main entry point to the city. Then we'll walk along the Ulica Florianska, a charming street full of restaurants, cafés and shops that will take us into the Old Market Square. In the center of the square we'll see the Renaissance Cloth Hall filled with cafes and shops and home to the Gallery of Polish Painting. We'll also see the Gothic City Hall Tower and visit the Church of St. Mary with its masterpiece altar carved by Wit Stwosz. Then we'll follow the Royal Route down Grodzka Street before heading off to Kazimierz, the ancient Jewish district, which today has a distinctly artistic tone. Here we'll look at several of the splendid synagogues, and the enchanting old Renaissance graveyard. Our tour will come to an end as we arrive at Wawel Hill. We'll see Wawel Castle which was one of the most magnificent Renaissance residences in Central Europe and end our tour with a visit to the Cathedral of Saints Stanislaw and Waclaw.

## **Thursday, July 18 – KRAKOW (Wieliczka) (B,L)**

Today we travel to the town of Wieliczka, famous for its ancient salt mine. Unique in the world, it has been listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. The Wieliczka Salt Mine is a splendid 3-mile-long underground complex of chambers,



chapels, and statues sculptured from salt. Our visit will take us into the ancient underground chambers to see saline lakes, wooden mining machines and underground buildings. The most impressive is the Chapel of Saint Kinga. Hand-carved one hundred years ago by a group of highly gifted miners, it is an awe-inspiring sight.

Following our visit to the salt mines, we'll enjoy lunch before returning to Krakow for an afternoon at leisure. For those interested, an *optional* participation tour will be offered to Auschwitz, site of the infamous Nazi concentration camp, so chillingly evoked in the movie "Schindler's List." The basic structures of the camps have survived, and the experience is amplified by a number of exhibitions about the major victims of the atrocities, chiefly the Jews, but also Poles, Gypsies, and Russians. In recognition of its historical significance as a memorial to all who suffered and died here, the site has been included on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage list.

## **Friday, July 19 – KRAKOW / ZAKOPANE (B,HD)**

Today we depart Krakow and journey south to the Polish Highlands, a region that has had a romantic hold over the Polish imagination for many generations. Our destination is Pieniny National Park, where we'll enjoy a rafting trip along the Dunajec River offering breathtaking views of the picturesque limestone cliffs. Afterward, we'll travel to the mountain village of Zakopane, nestled at the foot of the Tatra Mountains. On arrival we'll take to the skies by cable car and glide to the summit of Mt. Gubalowka for the scenic view over Polish and Czech Tatras. Afterward, we'll return to town where free time will allow us to explore Krupowki, the town's central pedestrian zone which is lined with art galleries and cafés.

## **Saturday, July 20 – ZAKOPANE / BRATISLAVA (B,HD)**

This morning we depart Zakopane and travel to Bratislava, the capital city of Slovakia, located at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains. For almost 300 years, the ancient city of Bratislava, built on the crossroads of Europe, bore witness to 19 coronations of Hapsburgs as the former capital city of Hungary. For all it offers, Bratislava is relatively small and easily explored on foot. We'll learn about the city's past and present while exploring the charming squares, courtyards, and narrow lanes of the Old Town that are home to the medieval fortifications of St. Michael's Gate, the neo-Classical Primate's Palace, and St. Martin's Cathedral located in the shadow of Bratislava Castle.

## **Sunday, July 21 – BRATISLAVA (Vienna) (B)**

Today we travel to Vienna, Austria, known as the "City of Waltzes." As we'll soon find out, no other city in Western Europe has a more romantic, old-world flavor than Vienna. We'll enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vienna that will feature the Hofburg Quarter. This part of Vienna is one of the capital's most fashionable and lively areas. Our tour will take us along the stately Ringstrasse,



Kings, and Fishermen's Bastion occupying a site along Buda's old defensive walls and the medieval square where fish was once sold. Next, we'll visit Gellert Hill from where there is a beautiful view of the city. From here, we make our way across the Chain Bridge, the city's first permanent bridge to span the Danube, to modern day "Pest". Here we'll see the neo-Gothic Parliament, St. Stephen's Basilica, and Heroes' Square, a World Heritage Site that pays tribute to Hungary's National Identity. The afternoon is free to explore the enchanting and exotic capital city of Budapest on your own. As you'll soon find out, Budapest's ornate turn-of-the-century architecture, elaborate bathhouses and wide, leafy boulevards make for an intriguing city experience.

Tonight, we'll end our vacation in style with a Danube River dinner cruise accompanied by an enthusiastic band of musicians and folklore dancers dressed in traditional Hungarian costume – an evening we'll long remember.

**Wednesday, July 24 – BUDAPEST / MINNEAPOLIS (B,I)**  
 This morning we travel to Budapest's Ferihegy International Airport in preparation for our return journey home. No better time to reflect on memories of our *Hidden Gems and Imperial Cities* vacation to last a lifetime and new friendships made along the way!

and highlight the opulent façade of the Neues Rathaus, Parliament, the Burgtheater, the University of Vienna, and the grandeur of the Hofburg Complex, a permanent reminder of the glory of the Habsburg Empire. Our tour comes to an end with a visit to the magnificent St. Stephen's Cathedral. Largely destroyed during World War II, the cathedral has been restored to its former glory by the efforts of the entire nation and is today the very soul of the city. Afterward, we'll enjoy a visit to Café Central, the most splendid of all the coffee houses in Vienna, for a traditional Viennese cup of coffee and cake.

**Monday, July 22 – BRATISLAVA / BUDAPEST (B,HD)**  
 This morning we depart Bratislava and travel to city of Esztergom, the former capital of Hungary under the reign of the Arpad kings. To this day, Esztergom remains a prominent town, as it is the seat of the Hungarian archbishops. Dominating the skyline is the huge Catholic cathedral and the remains of the 10th century castle. The picturesque Old Town is also well worth exploring. This afternoon we'll be on our way to Budapest, the capital city of Hungary. Budapest lies along the banks of the Danube River and is known as the "Pearl of the Danube". One of the most attractive cities in Europe, Budapest is often described as the "Paris of Eastern Europe" due to the alluring evening illumination.

**Tuesday, July 23 – BUDAPEST (B,RD)**  
 This morning we will enjoy an introductory tour of Budapest that will begin in "Buda's" Castle District. We'll see the Royal Palace, one of the symbols of Hungary that has been the scene of battles and wars since the 13th century. We'll also see the seven-hundred-year-old Matthias Church, the coronation church of Hungarian

**\* \* \* Welcome Home \* \* \***

**Meal Code: B-Breakfast L-Lunch  
 HD-Hotel Dinner RD-Restaurant Dinner**

**The Vacation Price Includes:**

- Economy-class airline transportation by scheduled service of Delta Air Lines.
- Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Tour Escort.
- Accommodations in first-class hotels.
- Buffet breakfast each morning and all meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary.
- Sightseeing as detailed in the Day by Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees.
- Luggage handling and portorage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotels.
- Taxes for included ground services, and airline fuel surcharge and taxes of \$480 per person.

**The Vacation Price Does Not Include:**

Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; travel insurance; gratuities to the Motor Coach Driver, Tour Escort, and Step-on Guides; luggage handling at airports; and meals other than those stated above.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me/us on the *Hidden Gems and Imperial Cities* vacation. Enclosed is my/our check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$350 deposit per person), plus \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to purchase the optional Travel Protection Program.

Yes, I/we would like to purchase the optional Travel Protection Program @ \$194 per person.

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Please make checks payable to: **INTERTRAV CORPORATION.**

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