

History, Geography & Culture Tour of Budapest, Vienna, Prague, Berlin

10 Nights / 11 Days



Budapest



Vienna



Prague



Berlin

***** NOTE:**

This tour can be combined with other cities in Europe, depending on the airline being used. For example: Berlin on Lufthanza, etc.

Tour Features Include:

- ◆ Tour Price is based on minimum 15 Students + 1 teacher.
- ◆ Return economy class airfare on Swiss Air
- ◆ Accommodation at 2 & 3 star class hotels.
 - 3 nights Budapest
 - 2 nights Vienna
 - 2 nights Prague
 - 1 night on Train to Berlin
 - 3 nights in Berlin
- ◆ Daily breakfast and dinners
- ◆ Travel by train and private bus.
- ◆ Professional registered English speaking tour guide.
- ◆ Entrance fees to all sites on scheduled tours.

DAILY ITINERARY

FLIGHT TO BUDAPEST

Your fascinating journey begins as you depart Johannesburg on your overnight flight bound for Budapest on Swiss Air with a stopover in Zurich.

DAY 1: ARRIVE BUDAPEST.

Upon arrival in Budapest, meet our representative and transfer to hotel. The rest of the day is free.

Overnight in Budapest (B)

DAY 2: BUDAPEST CITY TOUR

Breakfast at hotel. Budapest is one of Eastern Europe's most lively cities. On your morning tour, your guide will introduce you to the history and sights of the city. Enjoy a panoramic view from **Fishermen's Bastion** located on **Castle Hill**. Visit the 13th century **Matthias Coronation Church** and its **museum** and view the **Citadel on Mount Gellert**. The afternoon is free at leisure.

Overnight in Budapest (B)

DAY 3: DANUBE BEND EXCURSION

Breakfast at hotel. Embark on a full day excursion to the charming artist's town of **Szentendre** (on foot) with a guide, a real gem at the gateway to the picturesque **Danube Bend** region. Free time to explore before returning to Budapest where you may revel in the fine arts and architecture at your own pace.

Overnight in Budapest (B)

DAY 4: BUDAPEST/VIENNA

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the station for a train across the border into Austria to splendid Vienna, the center of the Hapsburg Empire. On arrival, take a half-day guided sightseeing tour of the city's glorious past. View Emperor Franz Josef's **Hofburg Palace** and the **Opera House** and continue with a visit inside **St Stephens Cathedral**.

Overnight in Vienna (B)

DAY 5: VIENNA CITY TOUR

Breakfast at hotel. Today is a full day city tour of Vienna. Visit the magnificent **Schonbrunn Palace**, the baroque summer residence built for the Hapsburgs, and Vienna's more unusual museums such as the one dedicated to **Sigmund Freud**.

Overnight in Vienna (B)

DAY 6: VIENNA/PRAGUE

Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to the station for a train across the Czech border through rich farmlands to **Moravia**. Pass through the quaint towns of **Duernstein** and **Telc** en route to Prague, one of Europe's most vibrant and colorful cities.

Overnight in Prague (B)

DAY 7: PRAGUE/CITY TOUR

Breakfast at hotel. Today is an half-day tour of the beautiful city of Prague, built on seven hills and served as a former capital of the Roman Empire. Visit the impressive **Hradcany Castle**, **Golden Lane** and **Daliborka**, **St George's Basilica** and **St. Vitus Basilica**. Afternoon at leisure.

Overnight in Prague (B)

DAY 8: PRAGUE FREE DAY/NIGHT TRAIN TO BERLIN

Breakfast at hotel. Today is free at leisure to explore bustling markets and the fascinating Jewish Quarter.

In the evening, transfer to the station for a night train to Berlin.

Overnight Night Train (B)

DAY 9: BERLIN/WALKING CITY TOUR

Arrive in Berlin and embark on **half-day** walking city tour. Visit the city landmarks of its dark past history as well as new. Walk through the **Brandenburg Gate** and see the **Reichstag** (parliament) with its famous new dome; walk past the new **Holocaust Memorial** and visit the site of **Hitler's bunker**, and listen as your guide explains why there is nothing left to see and what happened here at the end of the war. See how 21st century Berlin is taking shape on **Potsdamer Platz**; and find out where the Nazi SS and **Gestapo HQ** stood ("Topography of Terror"). See the **Berlin Wall** and follow the "death strip" (where the Berlin Wall stood) to **Checkpoint Charlie**; along the way, your guide will explain how the Wall was built as well as the momentous events of its fall in 1989, and show you where people managed to get over or through the Wall! End the tour on one of Europe's most beautiful squares, **Gendarmenmarkt**,

Overnight in Berlin (B)

DAY 10: BERLIN/CONCENTRATION CAMP

Breakfast at hotel. Today is 6 hours tour to the infamous **Sachsenhausen** that was one of the main concentration camps in Nazi Germany, purposely built in 1936 by the SS, set up to detain all 'enemies' of the regime - political, racial and 'asocial'. Of the 200,000 people interned, over 50,000 lost their lives by execution, systematic brutality and appalling living conditions. See the main exhibits inside and learn why this camp was built. Following Kristallnacht in 1938, thousands of Jews were sent to the camp where they faced especially brutal treatment. Thousands of Soviet POW's were murdered immediately after arriving at Sachsenhausen in 1941, and it is estimated that over 50,000 people died here before the camp was liberated by the Soviets in 1945. The camp was then used by the "liberators" until 1950 to detain former Nazis, German soldiers and political opponents of the communists. Many thousands more died from malnutrition and disease. Inside the camp you will see the "Appellplatz" - parade ground, the Jewish Barrack, punishment cells, execution grounds and crematorium, "Station Z", the Pathology Laboratory and camp hospital.

Dinner & Overnight in Berlin (B)

DAY 11: BERLIN/FREE DAY

Breakfast at hotel. Today is free at Leisure.

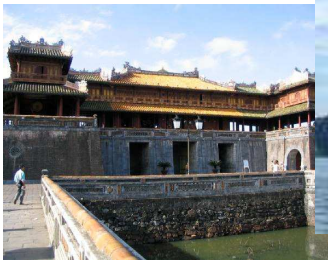
Overnight in Berlin (B)

DAY 12: BERLIN/FREE DAY/FLIGHT HOME

Breakfast at hotel. Free day until transfer to the airport for a night flight back home via Zurich.

History, Geography & Culture Tour of Vietnam

11 Nights / 12 Days



Hue Imperial Citadel



Halong Bay



Co Chi Vi etcong Tunnels



Emperor Minh Mang Mausoleum

Tour Features Include:

- ◆ Tour price is based on minimum 15 students + 1 teacher
- ◆ Return airfare ORT/Hanoi Hochiminh/ORT
- ◆ Domestic Flight Hanoi/Hue & Da Nang/Hochiminh
- ◆ Accommodation based on twin/double sharing room with daily breakfast
- ◆ Daily breakfast and dinner + 1 lunches, Vietnamese set menu
- ◆ 2 nights in Hanoi - Thang Long Opera 3* or similar
- ◆ 1 night in Halong – Saigon Halong 4* or similar
- ◆ 3 nights in Hue - Queen 3* or similar
- ◆ 2 nights in Hoi An – Riverside Hotel 4*
- ◆ 2 nights in in Hochiminh - Chancery 2* or similar
- ◆ 1 night in Mekong Delta
- ◆ Private transportation as itinerary
- ◆ Meals as indicated: Vietnamese set menu
- ◆ English speaking guide
- ◆ Entrance fees and boat trip as sites listed
- ◆ AIG group travel insurance



DAILY ITINERARY

FLIGHT ON SINGAPORE AIRLINES

Today we fly from Johannesburg to Hanoi.

DAY 1: ARRIVE HANOI/HAIPHONG BAY

Arrive Hanoi 10:00 and transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure to browse in the streets to get orientated.

Dinner & Overnight Hanoi (B,D)

DAY 2: HANOI CITY TOUR /HO CHI MINH MAUOLEUM/ONE PILLAR PAGODA/ TEMPLE OF LITERATURE/HISTORICAL MUSEUM/HOAN KIEM LAKE/NGOC SON TEMPLE/CYCLO TOUR/WATER PUPPET SHOW

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit **Ho Chi Minh Complex**, containing **Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum**. The mausoleum that was inaugurated in 1975 is the permanent memorial for Respected Uncle Ho, the founder of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. It is 21 m high and in Vietnamese grey marble and granite. Like a lotus flower it was erected right at the historical place of Ba Dinh where President Ho Chi Minh declared the independence for Vietnam in 1945. The mausoleum is now a place of big interest that cannot be missed. The Vietnamese always line up to visit him to show all good sentiments and respects to beloved Uncle Ho. On site are also the **Presidential Palace**, **Ho Chi Minh's house** and **One Pillar Pagoda**. This is a nice square and wooden pagoda leaned on one pillar in the middle of a green lotus pond. It was constructed in 1049 and called Dien Huu. Legends said that King Ly Thai To did not have any sons. One night the Goddess of Mercy in his dream sitting on a lotus gave him a son. Later he married a young country girl and had a successor. The king thanked the Goddess of Mercy by building this pagoda in the form of a lotus. We continue to **Temple of Literature** Built in 1070, consecrated to Confucius and used as a school for princes, the temple of literature was considered as the first university of Vietnam in 1076. It is about 350m long and 70 m wide and surrounded by a vast wall of bricks. There are 5 yards inside. The middle entrance is for the king; one side entrance is for the civilian mandarins and the other for military ones. Behind the big door is the pavilion for poetic entertainment dated 1802. All the most educated people recited and composed poems and made literary comments. In front of the rectangular yard lined with 82 stone stelae carved with the names of the doctors of philosophy who passed the king's examination from 1498 to 1787. After lunch (not included) visit **Hoan Kiem Lake** with **Ngoc Son temple**. In the evening, enjoy **Water Puppet Show**. Water puppetry - a traditional art form with distinctive culture identity of Vietnam. It came to existence, developed and diversified over a thousand years ago in the Red River Delta.

Dinner & Overnight Hanoi (B,D)

DAY 3: HANOI COOKING CLASS/HALONG BAY.

Breakfast at hotel. 08:00 – 12:30: Half day cooking class: Transfer group to Highway 4 restaurant for a **cyclo trip** through the streets of Hanoi's legendary Old Quarter to market (in the event of rain it may be necessary to cancel the cyclo trip and use bus for transfer). Enjoy a guided market tour around market. Transfer back to Highway 4 restaurant, enjoy welcome drink, kit out in chef outfits, and receive menu booklets and briefing from your guide about today's dishes. Begin cooking class (3 dishes). Enjoy lunch – feast on the dishes you have just prepared and get an introduction to Vietnamese dining style. End of cooking course – select a special gift from the Highway 4 range and farewell from our team. 13:00pm Depart for Halong Bay, check in.

Lunch, Dinner & Overnight Halong (B,L,D)

DAY 4: HALONG BAY/HANOI/FLIGHT TO HUE

Breakfast at hotel. Take a **boat cruise** on **Halong Bay** to visit **Thien Cung** and **Dau Go**. Take pictures at **Ga Choi Stone**. Lunch on boat (arranged by Vietravel since it will be included in boat reservation)

Transfer back to Hanoi airport for **flight** to Hue (19:30 / 20:45). Arrive in **Hue**, pick up at airport.

Dinner & Overnight Hue (B,L,D)

DAY 5: HUE

Breakfast at hotel. Cruise along **Perfume River** to visit **Thien Mu pagoda**. Then visit **mausoleum of Minh Mang** and **Tu Duc**. Lunch transfer. Visit **Imperial Citadel** and then shopping at **Dong Ba market**.

Dinner at Cung Dinh Restaurant (Morin hotel).

Dinner & Overnight Hue (B,D)

DAY 6: HUE/VINH MOC/HUE

Breakfast at hotel. Depart for **Quang Tri**.. On arrival, take a city tour: visit **Vinh Moc Tunnels**, **Ben Hai River** one of the demarcation lines between North and South Vietnam, over **Hien Luong Bridge** with two flags towers, **Mc Namara Electronic Fence**. Continue on a **City tour: La Vang Church**.. Transfer back to Hue.

Dinner & Overnight Hue (B,D)

DAY 7: HUE/DA NANG/HOI AN

Breakfast at hotel. Depart for **Hoi An**, stop on top of **Hai Van Pass** for beautiful view and take photos. Visit **Cham museum**. After lunch break visit **Historical and Cultural Museum**.

Overnight Hoi An (B,D)

DAY 8:HOI AN/FREE DAY

Breakfast at hotel. Today is free at leisure.

Dinner & Overnight Hoi An (B,D)

DAY 9: HOI AN/FLIGHT: DA NANG TO HOCHIMINH CITY

Breakfast in box served by hotel. Transfer to Da Nang airport for flight to **Hochiminh City** (08:00 / 09:10). Arrive in **Hochiminh City**, pick up group Visit **War Remnant Museum**, **General Post Office** and **Notre Dame Cathedral**. Lunch transfer. Visit **Reunification Palace** and **Kup Dail Temple** before going to **Ben Thanh market**.

Dinner & Overnight Hochiminh City (B,D)

DAY 10: MEKONG DELTA

Depart for **Vinh Long**. Take a boat cruise on **Long Ho canal** and **Cai Ca canal**. Visit some workshop: tiles, soyabean curd, making burn bricks, ceramic and coconut candy, experiencing local farmer's daily life.

Dinner & Overnight at Local Home (B,,D)

DAY 11: CU CHI TUNNELS/FLIGHT HOME

After breakfast go on a full day visit to the Vitekong's **Cu Chi Tunnels**. Return to **Hochiminh**.

Dinner & Overnight Hochiminh City (B,D)

DAY 12: FREE DAY/FLIGHT HOME

Breakfast at hotel. Free day until transfer to airport for a night flight home.

History, Geography & Culture Tour of Israel – The Holy Land & Egypt

10 Nights / 11 Days



Tour Features in Israel Include:

- ◆ Tour price is based on minimum 15 students + 1 teacher.
- ◆ Round trip group economy flight on Egypt Air Ex Johannesburg.
- ◆ Round-trip transfer from airport to hotel.
- ◆ Accommodation: in Triple rooms.
- ◆ 3 Nights – Tiberias
- ◆ 3 Nights – Jerusalem
- ◆ Meeting and assistance at airport.
- ◆ Breakfast and dinner daily.
- ◆ Fish lunch & boat ride on Sea of Galilee.
- ◆ Private English speaking tour guide.
- ◆ Private air-conditioned motor-coach.
- ◆ Entrance fees, portage.

Sea of Galilee



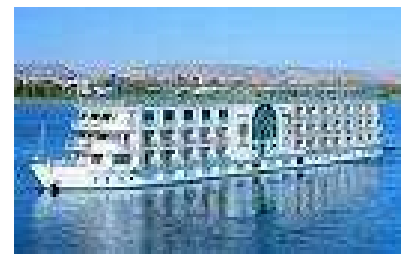
Massada



Tour Features in Egypt Include:

- ◆ Return flight Cairo / Aswan – Luxor / Cairo
- ◆ Accommodation: in Double rooms
- ◆ 1 night in Cairo (by the Pyramids) – 4* Zoser Hotel HB
- ◆ 3 Night Movenpick Radamis 1 Full Board
- ◆ Day Tour To Memphis / Sakkara , Pyramids , Sphinx and Egyptian Museum
- ◆ Sightseeing in Luxor and Aswan as Per Cruise itinerary
- ◆ Extra One Lunch and Extra One Dinner in Luxor on departure day.
- ◆ Transfers airport / Hotel / Airport
- ◆ Tours / transfers with Deluxe Coach and English speaking back to Back Guide
- ◆ Touring with English speaking guide.
- ◆ Portage and Entrance fees to all sites.

Nile cruise



DAILY ITINERARY

DEPARTURE FLIGHT TO ISRAEL

Today we depart from Johannesburg to Tel Aviv, Israel via Cairo.

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN ISRAEL/JAFFA/CAESAREA/BAHAI GARDENS/MEGIDDO/TIBERIAS

Arrive in Cairo and proceed to Tel Aviv arriving mid. morning. Meet our representative who will assist us through customs. We begin our tour with a short visit to **Jaffa** and continue to **Caesarea**, Roman and a Crusader city. Beyond the streets of shops in Caesarea is the Crusader City, which was protected by stout walls and projecting bastions within a deep moat. View the monumental Roman amphitheater built in the days of Christ. Travel to Haifa to visit the **Bahai Shrine, Persian Garden** and **Mount Carmel** for a panoramic view of the city. We next continue to **Megiddo**, overlooking the plains of Armageddon and visit the site of the 21 superimposed cities. Continue to your hotel. **Overnight - Galilee (B,D)**

DAY 2: MT. BEATITUDES/TABGHA/CHURCH OF PRIMACY/CAPERNAUM/BOAT RIDE-FISH LUNCH/BEIT SHEAN

After breakfast the first stop will be the **Mt. Beatitudes**. Near here Jesus gave the Beatitudes and taught on many occasions. Here he also performed many of the miracles. Travel to **Tabgha**, where Jesus performed the miracle of the multiplication of the fish and loaves and fed 5000. Nearby we will visit the **Church of Primacy**, where Jesus appeared to his Disciples after his resurrection. Continue to **Capernaum** where much of the Galilean Ministry took place. Afterwards, enjoy a **boat ride** on the Sea of Galilee and hear how Jesus calmed the stormy sea and walked upon these waters. Enjoy a traditional St. Peter's **fish lunch**. We will now drive to **Beit Shean** and view the well-preserved mosaic floor and ancient ruins.

Dinner & overnight - Galilee (B,L,D)

DAY 3: CAESAREA PHILIPPI/ GOLAN HEIGHTS/KIBBUTZ

After breakfast begin the day with a tour of the Kibbutz and explore this unique way of life. From here ascend the Golan Heights. Our guide will explain why this area is so vital to Israel's security. Visit to the sacred site of **Caesarea Philippi**. We then ascend the **Golan Heights** to **Tel Fagher**, the main Syrian's outpost bunkers overlooking the Hula valley, where one of the fiercest battle took place when Israel captured the Golan Heights during the 1967 war. Your guide will explain why this area is so vital to Israel's security. We travel down to **Kibbutz** to learn about this unique way of life.

Dinner & overnight - Galilee (B,D)

DAY 4: GIDEON SPRINGS/MASSADA/KING DAVID'S WATERFALLS/DEAD SEA/QUMRAN/JERUSALEM

After breakfast we drive to **Gideon Springs**, where Gideon's army drank the water. From here we drive through the Jordan Valley to **Massada**. Ascend by cable car. Our guide will take us on a fascinating tour of this mountain where 960 Jewish defenders organized the last resistance to the Roman Conquerors. Descend Massada and travel to **Kibbutz Ein Gedi** to view **King David's Waterfalls** and then to the **Dead Sea** for an optional float in the salty waters. Our next stop is at **Qumran**, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We will now ascend the hills of Jerusalem to the "Eternal City of God".

Dinner & overnight - Jerusalem (B,D)

DAY 5: MT. OF OLIVES/GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE/POOL OF BETHESDA/CAIAPHAS' HOUSE/COURTYARD OF PETER'S CONFESSION/UPPER ROOM LAST SUPPER/DAVID'S TOMB/ECCE HOMO/VIA DOLOROSA/HOLY SEPHULCHER/WESTERN WALL/CARDO/JEWISH QUARTER/ORIENTAL BAZAAR

After breakfast visit the **Old City of Jerusalem**. Jews, Christians and Moslems alike know the biblical and historical importance of the City of Jerusalem. At the start of the morning, drive to the crest of **Mt. of Olives** where the entire city of Jerusalem unfolds before us. Today's walking tour includes: **Garden of Gethsemane, Pools of Bethesda, Caiaphas House & Dungeon, the Courtyard of Peter's Confession, Upper Room of the Last Supper, David's Tomb, Ecce Homo Arch, Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulcher, Western Wall, Cardo, Jewish Quarters and Oriental Bazaars.**

Dinner & overnight - Jerusalem (B,D)

DAY 6: MODEL/SHRINE OF THE BOOK/KNESSET/YAD VASHEM/VIEW OF BETHLEHEM/GARDEN TOMB

After breakfast we begin with a visit to the **Model of the Herodian City of Jerusalem** dating back to the time of the Second Temple. Visit the **Shrine of the Book**, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are on display. Travel to the **Knesset**, (Israeli Parliament), and continue to **Yad Vashem** -Memorial to the six million Jews that lost their lives in the Holocaust. Continue for a spectacular view of the city of **Bethlehem*** (visit to Bethlehem is optional and subject to situation). We will have the opportunity to browse through an authentic souvenir store where olive wood and antique items are on display. Next, we drive to the **Garden Tomb** where a Communion Service will be held.

Dinner & overnight – Jerusalem (B,D)

DAY 7: TRANSFER TO BEN GURION AIRPORT/ARRIVE CAIRO/MEMPHIS/SAKKARA/PYRAMIDS/SPHINX/MUSEUM

After breakfast, transfer to Ben Gurion Airport for your flight to Cairo. Meet our representative who will assist. Transfer to your hotel. Start your tour of **Memphis** and **Sakkara**, followed by visits to the great **Pyramids** of Giza (only 100 people a day are allowed inside, so the chance to go inside is remote), the **Valley Temple** and **Sphinx**. Continue with a visit to the **Egyptian Museum**. Enjoy dinner at oriental restaurant.

Dinner & Overnight in Cairo. (B,D)

DAY 8: FLIGHT TO ASWAN/ BEGIN NILE CRUISE: - DAY 1

Early morning transfer for a flight to Aswan. Upon arrival, transfer to cruise embarkation 11:00. Lunch on board of the cruise. Visit **Aswan High Dam** and the Quarries, where the Granite stones were cut to build the ancient monuments and the Dam. Continue to the **Temple of Philae** and **Unfinished Obelisk** of Queen Hatshepsut. Agha Khan Mausoleum in Aswan is currently closed

Dinner on board.

Dinner, Lunch & Overnight Aswan. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: NILE CRUISE – DAY 2

Breakfast on board. Sail to **Kom Ombo**. Visit the Temple shared by two gods Sobek & Haeroris in Kom Ombo Continue sailing to **Edfu**. Lunch on board. Visit **Horus Temple**. Afternoon tea during sailing to **Edfu**.

Dinner on board

Dinner, Lunch & Overnight in Edfu. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: NILE CRUISE – DAY 3

Breakfast on board. Visit **Horus Temple** in Edfu.. Sail to Luxor. Via Esna.

Lunch on board. Afternoon tea. Dinner on board.

Dinner, Lunch & Overnight in Luxor. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: NILE CRUISE/FLIGHT LUXOR/CAIRO/TRANSFER TO AIRPORT/FLIGHT HOME

Visit the **West Bank**. Visit to **Valley of the Kings**, where dozens of ancient tombs have been discovered and then continue to the temple of **Queen Hatshepsut** at **El-Deir**, **El-Bahari** and **Colossi Memnon**. Visit the **East Bank (Karnak & Luxor Temples)**. Disembark the cruise. Transfer to the airport for a flight to Cairo. Transfer to the airport for a flight back home on Tuesday 01:30.

Dinner, Lunch (B,L,D)