

# IMPERIAL EUROPE TOUR Germany, Austria, Czechia, Poland Proposed Dates: March 26 to April 9, 2026

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#### Day 1 – Departure Day

- 16:00 Meet at the airport and check in
- 18:05 Departure from Edmonton to Amsterdam, Netherlands on KLM 676



#### Day 2 – Arrive in Germany

- 09:55 Arrive in Amsterdam
- 12:30 Depart Amsterdam for Nuremberg on KLM 1843
- 13:40 Arrive in Nuremberg, Germany meet our guide and bus, then depart for the hotel. Check in and free time to freshen up and relax. Welcome dinner included at a restaurant.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Nuremberg, Germany Hotel: TBA



#### Day 3 – Nuremburg – Nazi Party Grounds and the Old Town

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning guided sightseeing tour of Nuremburg starting with the former Nazi Party rally grounds that contain the most important remains of National Socialist architecture in Germany. The tour of this extensive area explains the use of megalomaniac architecture as a theatrical backdrop to large-scale propaganda ceremonies. In addition, it provides an account of the ways in which Nuremberg has dealt with its National Socialist legacy. A visit to the interior rooms of the Zeppelin Tribune, including the so-called "Golden Hall" concludes the tour.



The walking tour continues in the Old Town with information on the castle, the fountains, wells, the cities churches and art treasures as well as a flavour about the cities colourful past and cosmopolitan present.

The remainder of the day is free for you to explore and have lunch on your own. Meet at the hotel and depart for dinner.

Dinner at a local brewery with a traditional Franconian meal.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Nuremberg, Germany

Hotel: TBA



# Day 4 – Medieval Towns of Rothenburg ob der Tauber and Bamberg

Breakfast at the hotel

Morning departure for Rothenburg ob der Tauber

This tour through the historic old town with its romantic alleys and picturesque corners offers you an overview of the different aspects and eras of Rothenburg's city history. Let yourself be guided to the most important and beautiful historical buildings and get an insight into life in a medieval city. Your guide will be happy to take you to the Gothic St. Jacob's Church, which, among other art treasures, also houses the very worth seeing Holy Blood Altar by the great Würzburg wood carver Tilman Riemenschneider.

Free time in Rothenburg to explore the town, shop at the <u>Kathe Wohlfahrt</u> Christmas store, walk along the medieval wall and to visit the <u>Medieval Crime Museum</u>. Maybe try the local specialty, the Schneeball, or snowball.



Afternoon departure for Bamberg.

Free time in Bamberg to explore the city on our own. The town is a treasure trove of history, culture, and scenic beauty. Known for its well-preserved medieval architecture, vibrant traditions, and unique cuisine.

- Meet for dinner in the evening to try local dishes and you may be interested in trying the local beer, Rauchbier. Rauchbier is a malty amber beer with a distinctive smoke flavour imparted by using malted barley dried over an open flame of Buchenholz (Beech).
- After dinner we will enjoy a Bamberg Ghosts, Myths and Legends tour that brings to life the events of centuries past. Learn about the legends of witchcraft and the devil's work, bourgeois pride and tales of love.

Return to the hotel in Nuremburg Meals: B, L Overnight: Nuremberg, Germany Hotel: TBA



#### Day 5 – Munich and the Hofbrauhaus

Breakfast at the hotel and check out Depart for Munich

Arrive in Munich and meet our local guide for a sightseeing tour of the city.

After a short bus tour around the city to see the Olympiapark, the BMW headquarters and the Nymphenburg Palace Park we will go to the old town for a walking tour.

The tour includes Munich's landmarks such as the Neues Rathaus, Marienplatz and the Frauenkirche during the tour of the old town. You will also see Maximilianstrasse, the Residenz and the Feldherrnhalle at Odeonsplatz are also visited during the tour. The tour continues past the famous Hofbräuhaus and ends near the Viktualienmarkt, where you can also enjoy Bavarian and international specialties at the market stalls or in the beer garden.

After free time in the city centre we will go to the hotel, check in a have a short time to relax.



### Depart for the Munich Hofbrauhaus

The Hofbräuhaus am Platzl was founded in 1589 by the Duke of Bavaria, Wilhelm V. It is one of Munich's oldest beer halls. It was founded as the brewery to the old Royal Residence, which at that time was situated just around the corner from where the beer hall stands today. The beer quickly became popular thanks to the first brewer, Heimeran Pongratz, and the "Bavarian Beer Purity Law" of 1516 that stated that only natural ingredients could be used in the brewing process. The Staatliches Hofbräuhaus in München (State Brewery in Munich, also Hofbräu München) is a brewery in Munich, Germany, owned by the Bavarian state government. The Hof (court) comes from the brewery's history as a royal brewery in the Kingdom of Bavaria. The brewery owns the Hofbräuhaus am Platzl, the Hofbräukeller and one of the largest tents at the Oktoberfest (Hofbräu-Festzelt). There are many types of beer brewed using original recipes handed down by Wilhelm V, the Duke of Bavaria. The current beers produced include a Weißbier and Helles, Maibock, Dunkel and Oktoberfest lagers. The Hofbräuhaus am Platzl in Munich inspired the song "oans, zwoa, g'suffa" (The Bavarian dialect for: "one, two, down the hatch"). Enjoy a traditional Bavarian dinner and a 1 litre original Hofbrauhaus Beer.

Evening free or return to the hotel after dinner. Meals: B,D Overnight: Munich, Germany Hotel: TBA



# Day 6 – Salzburg - Mozart's Hometown and the "Sound of Music" City

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Depart for Salzburg, Austria

Arrive in Salzburg and meet our local guide for a walking tour of the city centre. The guide will also point out places where the "Sound of Music" was filmed so you can take great photos.

The tour starts at the enchanting Mirabell Palace and Gardens then crosses the walking bridge over the Salzach River to the old town. We will stroll along the picturesque Getreidegasse, a charming shopping street lined with wrought-iron guild signs and historic buildings. The street also has the birthplace of the city's most famous son, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. We continue to the Rezidence Platz with the Archbishop's Rezidence and the stunning Salzburg Cathedral. The tour ends at the foot of the Hohensalzburg Fortress, one of the largest and best-preserved medieval fortresses in Europe. You can take a funicular to the top after the tour for great views. You will have free time for lunch and maybe to savor local specialties like Salzburger Nockerl (a fluffy dessert soufflé) and indulge in a piece of Sachertorte at a cozy café.

Meet at a local restaurant for dinner then we will check in to the hotel.

The evening is free and for those that are interested we can visit the Red Bull Hangar-7 at the Salzburg Airport. It is a unique architectural masterpiece and houses a large collection of historic aircraft from the Flying Bulls as well as Red Bull motorcycles, racing cars and memorabilia.
 Meals: B, D Overnight: Salzburg, Austria

Hotel: TBA



#### Day 7 – Medieval Ceske Krumlov and Prague Folklore Show

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for the Czech Republic

Arrive in Ceske Krumlov for a guided walking tour

Ceske Krumlov is a picturesque town nestled in the heart of the Czech Republic. It has centuries-old architecture, winding cobblestone streets, and a tranquil river create a scene straight out of a fairytale. The UNESCO-protected town is dominated by the13th-century Ceske Krumlov Castle. On a rocky outcrop carved by the Vltava River, this picture-book fortress commands sweeping views of the old, red-roofed town below. We will take a stroll through the castle, past the bear moat, and a medieval tower to the caste gate leading to the old town. The medieval streets of the Old Town, are surrounded by colorful Renaissance buildings and Gothic churches from centuries past including the Church of St. Vitus.

During your free time you can enjoy lunch along the peaceful banks of the Vltava River then walk throughout the old town and discover hidden gems around every corner. In the afternoon we will continue to Prague and check in to the hotel on arrival.

Tonight we will enjoy a Czech Folklore show with a 4-course dinner based on the original Czech recipes of our grandmothers. Great food is served to you in the middle of the table, and because great food deserves great drinks, you will enjoy unlimited beer, wine, soft drinks and water.
Return to the hotel. Evening free.
Meals: B, D Overnight: Prague, Czech Republic

Hotel: TBA



#### Day 8 – Prague Tour and Vltava Dinner Cruise

#### Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for the Prague Castle and meet our local guide for a walking tour of the city.

- Built in the 9th century, the Prague Castle has long served as the seat of power for kings of Bohemia, Holy Roman emperors, presidents of Czechoslovakia, and now, the official residence and workplace of the president of the Czech Republic. The magnificent St. Vitus Cathedral, the largest and most important church in Czechia, is a prominent example of Gothic architecture. Situated withing the Prague Castle, it contains the tomb of the most important Czech patron saint. Form the castle we will walk down through the Lesser Town's cobblestone streets and cross the medieval arched Charles Bridge, which was completed in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and arrive into the old town. We will follow the Karlova Street, which was once part of the coronation route for Bohemian Kings, to the old town square. The old town square is one of the most beautiful squares in Europe with the old city hall and tower adorned with the famous astronomical clock. The square has been Prague's principal public square since the 10th century, and was its main marketplace until the beginning of the 20th century. The square features buildings belonging to various architectural styles, including the Gothic Church of Our Lady before Týn, which has been the main church of this part of the city since the 14th century.
- The guided tour will end at the old town square. After a short walk to Wenceslas Square, so that you have a complete orientation of the old town, you will have free time to have lunch on your own and to explore.

Meet and walk to the bus pick up area to depart for the hotel.

We will check in and have some free time to relax and freshen up for the evening.



Depart for the docks on the Vltava River to catch our boat.

This evening we have a delightful evening dinner cruise through the heart of Prague on the Vltava River. Enjoy a buffet-style dinner then go to the top deck to enjoy the panoramic views.

Return to the hotel or stay downtown and return on your own.

Meals: B, D Overnight: Prague, Czech Republic Hotel: TBA



# Day 9 – Prague Free Day

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today you will have a free day in Prague to explore on your own.

Azorcan's Prague Guide will give you numerous options on how to spend your day. Enjoy your day!

Meals: B Overnight: Prague, Czech Republic Hotel: TBA



#### Day 10 – Staropramen Brewery and Medieval Dinner

Breakfast at the hotel.

Depart for the brewery tour and tasting.

The Staropramen Brewery is a historical complex of buildings in Prague's Smíchov neighborhood. Our interactive tour will introduce you to the history of Staropramen from its foundation in 1869 to the present day. You will be guided through its rich history by one of the most important figures in the history of Staropramen, head brewer Josef Paspa. We conclude the tour with the most important part, the tasting of our prized product.

The afternoon is free for you to enjoy in Prague.

We will meet at the hotel or in the Old Town Square this evening for a special dinner.



Step back in time to the era of the medieval ages and experience an unforgettable evening filled with fantastic entertainment, delicious food, and an authentic atmosphere. We will experience a medieval dinner with various menu options and including unlimited beer, wine and soft drinks. During the feast you will be entertained by swordsmen, jugglers, and belly dancers, accompanied by contemporary music

Return to the hotel. Evening free.

Meals: B, T, D Overnight: Prague, Czech Republic Hotel: TBA



#### Day 11 – Moravian Karst (Moravsky Kras) and Bouzov Castle

Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Depart for the Moravsky Kras near the city of Brno.

Moravian Karst is one of the most important karst areas of Central Europe. In the area of the Moravian Karst, there are more than 1100 caverns and gorges. But only 4 caves are open to public. We will take a shuttle to the cave entrance when we arrive at the parking area. There we will meet our guide and explore the Punkvevní jeskyně (Punkva Caves) by foot. Eventually we will board small boats to explore on the underground river.

After the tour we will have lunch in a restaurant at Moravsky Kras before continuing to Bouzov Castle.



Arrive at Bouzov Castle and walk to the castle courtyard to meet our guide.

Bouzov is a romantic castle built at the turn of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. It is located in the countryside of Litovel and Mohelnice. In 1696 it was owned by Order of German knights and in 1945 it became the property of the state. In 1999 he was declared a national cultural monument. The castle is fully furnished and equipped with paintings, objects of art, history and custom made furniture. Unique are the two functional drawbridge and portcullis, which visitors can see in operation on festive occasions at the start and end of the season. The magical charm of the castle it permanently makes the sought-after object for social events, concerts, theatre performances, exhibitions, weddings and as a film location.

We continue to Ostrava and check in on arrival. The evening is free tonight and dinner is on your own. Meals: B, L Overnight: Ostrava, Czech Republic Hotel: TBA



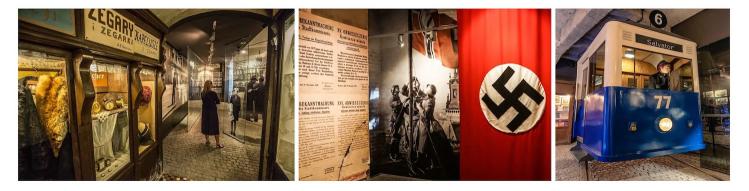
# Day 12 – Auschwitz-Birkenau WWII Concentration Camp and Oscar Schindler's Enamel Factory Breakfast at the hotel and check out.

Depart for Krakow, Poland

Arrive at the Auschwitz-Birkenau WWII Concentration Camp and meet our guide.

KL Auschwitz was the largest of the German Nazi concentration camps and extermination centers. Over 1.1 million men, women and children lost their lives here. All over the world, Auschwitz has become a symbol of terror, genocide, and the Shoah. It was established by Germans in 1940, in the suburbs of Oswiecim, a Polish city that was annexed to the Third Reich by the Nazis. Its name was changed to Auschwitz, which also became the name of Konzentrationslager Auschwitz. The direct reason for the establishment of the camp was the fact that mass arrests of Poles were increasing beyond the capacity of existing "local" prisons. The first transport of Poles reached KL Auschwitz from Tarnów prison on June 14, 1940. The authentic Memorial consists of two parts of the former camp: Auschwitz and Birkenau.

After the somber tour we will continue to Krakow, check in to the hotel and have lunch.



Depart for Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory

Oskar Schindler's factory in Krakow, Poland, is a poignant museum commemorating the Holocaust. An enamelware and munitions plant during World War II, today it showcases Schindler's efforts to save 1,200 Jews and offers visitors a sobering yet enlightening experience.

Return to the hotel or get off in the old town. Evening free. Dinner is on your own tonight. Meals: B, L Overnight: Krakow, Poland

Hotel: TBA



# Day 13 – Krakow

Breakfast at the hotel.

Meet our local guide for a walking tour of Krakow.

Krakow is a city rich in history, culture, and charm, offering a perfect blend of medieval architecture, vibrant neighborhoods, and significant historical sites. The Wawel Castle and Wawel Cathedral, the seat of Polish royalty for over 500 years, is an impressive castle complex showcases stunning Renaissance architecture and breathtaking views over the city. We will see the Rynek Główny (Main Market Square), one of the largest medieval squares in Europe, featuring the iconic Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Basilica, and the historic Town Hall Tower. We will visit the Rynek Underground Museum to explore Krakow's medieval past beneath the Main Market Square.

After the city tour the remainder of the day is free for you to explore the city.

Azorcan's Krakow Guide will give you numerous options on how to spend your day. Enjoy your day!

Meals: B Overnight: Krakow, Poland Hotel: TBA



# Day 14 – Wieliczka Salt Mine and Polish Folklore Show

Breakfast at the hotel

Depart for the town of Wieleczka.

The deposit of rock salt in Wieliczka and Bochnia has been mined since the 13th century. This major industrial undertaking has royal status and is the oldest of its type in Europe. The site consists of the Wieliczka and Bochnia salt mines and the Wieliczka Saltworks Castle. The Wieliczka and Bochnia Royal Salt Mines illustrate the historic stages of the development of mining techniques in Europe from the 13th to the 20th centuries: both mines have hundreds of kilometers of galleries with works of art, underground chapels and statues sculpted in the salt, making a fascinating pilgrimage into the past. The mines were administratively and technically run by Wieliczka Saltworks Castle, which dates from the medieval period and has been rebuilt several times in the course of its history. The Wieliczka Salt Mine, a UNESCO-listed wonder, is an underground labyrinth of salt-carved chambers and chapels.

Return to Krakow and have free time to sightsee, shop and have lunch on your own.



Meet at the hotel and depart for the evening dinner.

Spend an unforgettable evening in a splendid scenery, accompanied by traditional Polish music, and consume traditional Polish dishes and drinks. During the show you will enjoy traditional songs and dances performed by a Cracovian folk ensemble. Your will learn about Polish culture and cuisine with meals prepared in accordance with traditional Polish recipes. Enjoy a great evening of tasty food, great fun and an unforgettable experience

Return to the hotel, evening free Meals: B Overnight: Krakow, Poland

Hotel: TBA

# Day 15 – Return Home

Breakfast at the hotel and check out of the hotel. Depart for the airport and check in.

- 06:30 Depart Krakow for Amsterdam on KLM 1322
- 08:30 Arrive in Amsterdam
- 14:55 Depart Amsterdam for Edmonton on KLM 675
- 15:45 Arrive in Edmonton



# IMPERIAL EUROPE TOUR

Tour information, cost, and insurance

#### Imperial Europe Tour Includes Flight from Edmonton or Nuremberg Flight from Krakow to Edmonton 13 nights hotel accommodation in single or double occupancy All transfers included in the itinerary Breakfast daily plus lunches or dinners as listed in the itinerary English speaking guide

Imperial Europe Tour Included Sightseeing Guided city tours of Nuremburg, Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg, Ceske Krumlov, Prague and Krakow. Ghosts, Myths and Legends Tour in Bamberg Staropramen Brewery tour and beer tasting Moravsky Kras Bouzov Castle Auschwitz-Birkenau Wieleczka Saly Mines Oskar Schindler's Enamel Factory

Imperial Europe Tour Special Meals Munich Hofbrauhaus Dinner Prague Czech Folklore Show, Vltava Dinner Cruise, and Medieval Dinner Krakow Folklore Show

Imperial Europe Tour Does Not Include Travel Insurance (Medical and Trip Cancellation) We recommend that all passengers purchase insurance at the time of registration. Drinks at meals are not included unless noted. Optional free time activities Tips for guides or bus drivers

Imperial Europe Tour Cost Per Person Double or Twin room cost - **\$6495.00** Single room cost - **\$7395.00** 

Tour Payment Schedule
 Initial deposit to guarantee your spot on the tour - \$ 500.00
 Please complete the tour registration form and email with an image of your passports.
 Second payment by November 15, 2025 - \$ 1500.00
 Final Payment and final name list by January 10, 2026

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Receive a **\$ 1700.00** discount to arrange your own flights and meet the group in Europe. Economy seats are reserved for the group.

If you want to extend your stay Azorcan can change your return flight and the gateway. There may be an additional cost to do this and on a group file we are limited by the number of passengers we can do changes on either the outbound or return flight.

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