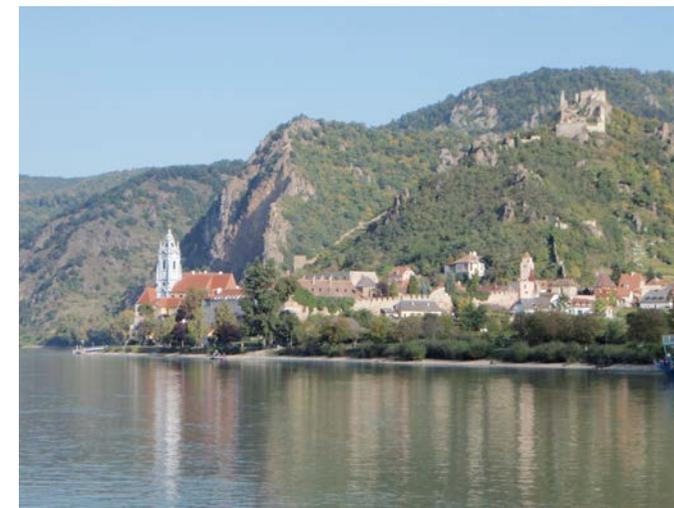




Central Europe by train is a magnificent tour that presents this fascinating part of the world in a completely different way. You can sit back and relax as you enjoy the comfort and amenities of top class train travel, as some of the world's most superb scenery passes by your window.

This thirty one day tour travels across some of the most interesting and beautiful areas of Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, The Czech Republic, Germany, and Switzerland. Travelling across Europe by train is relaxing, and the format of the tour keeps the movement of luggage to a minimum. Lengthy stays in major centres, greatly reduces the hassle of constantly packing and unpacking luggage.



Danube cruise through The Wachau, Austria

A unique tour experience:

- * The tour group is not too large, (about 12 to 20), much smaller than most other tours.
- * Travel between cities and towns where we stay, is almost exclusively by first class train.
- * There is a great deal of flexibility in the tour, with a considerable amount of free time built into the itinerary. This allows the more experienced travellers to “do their own thing”, whilst at the same time, less experienced travellers will have the tour leader available to offer suggestions about places of interest and/or actually lead them there.
- * Local and regional travel on the tour is by a wide variety of train and other forms of transport, including trams, funiculars, cable cars, ferries and launches.
- * The pace of the tour is also somewhat easier than most coach tours of Europe. Several mornings feature a 9.00 am or later start.



Above the Partnach Gorge, Garmish-Partenkirchen, Germany



The Chain Bridge, Budapest, Hungary

The tour itinerary is characterized by a great deal of variety. The traditional three great cities of Central Europe – Budapest, Prague and Vienna, with all they have to offer, feature prominently. But there is much more – several other interesting towns and cities, glorious alpine scenery, delightful villages, magnificent Baroque palaces and churches, famous castles and historical sites, and many wonderful special experiences.



Old Town Square, Prague, Czech Republic

Tour Itinerary:

Day 1: Melbourne to Zurich.
Day 2: Zurich - City sights tour & free time.
Day 3: Zurich to Salzburg.
Day 4: Salzburg - City tour & free time.
Day 5: Salzburg - Salzkammergut day trip.
Day 6: Salzburg – Free Day
Day 7: Salzburg to Vienna. pm City tour.
Day 8: Vienna - am Schoenbrunn, pm free.
Day 9: Vienna - Bratislava day trip.
Day 10: Vienna - Wachau day trip.
Day 11: Vienna - Free Day.
Day 12: Vienna to Budapest - pm City tour.
Day 13: Budapest - City sights tour.
Day 14: Budapest - Szentendre & Buda Hills.
Day 15: Budapest - Danube Bend day trip
Day 16: Budapest to Prague via Bratislava.
Day 17: Prague - City tours & free time.
Day 18: Prague - Cesky Krumlov day trip.
Day 19: Prague - Free day.
Day 20: Prague to Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
Day 21: Garmisch-P.- Partnachklamm & free time.
Day 22: Garmisch-P. - Zugspitze & free time.
Day 23: Garmisch-P.- Innsbruck day trip.
Day 24: Garmisch-P. to Interlaken via Zurich.
Day 25: Interlaken - Harder Kulm & Brienzsee.
Day 26: Interlaken - Mountain rail trip.
Day 27: Interlaken - Matterhorn day trip.
Day 28: Interlaken – Luzern day trip.
Day 29: Interlaken – Free day.
Day 30: Depart for Zurich and flight home.
Day 31: Arrive Melbourne.

2021 Tour dates

Departs: April 30 Returns: May 30

Inclusions in the Price:

Air Fares: Return airfare Melbourne to Zurich with Singapore Airlines.

Airport taxes.

Accommodation: 28 nights on twin-share basis 8 with private facilities in hotels of distinct European character, in excellent locations.

Sightseeing: Twenty-eight days as per itinerary.

Meals: Full continental buffet breakfast with each night's accommodation. Fourteen evening meals and eight lunches.

Transport: All scheduled train travel, including first class seats on all inter-city trains [where available].

Transfers: By train from Zurich Airport to hotel; to and from hotel in Budapest by coach; to and from hotel in Prague by coach.

Travel Passes: Three-day travel passes for city public transport networks in Vienna, Budapest and Prague. Four-day pass for the town bus in Garmisch-Partenkirchen. Five-day pass for the town bus in Interlaken. The Salzburg Card. The Innsbruck Card.

Entrances, Fares or Tours: Vienna highlights tour, Schonbrunn Palace, Danube River cruise through The Wachau, Mozart and Strauss Concert - Vienna, Grinzing Heuriger - Vienna, "Sound of Music" sites – Salzburg, 'Bratislover' train tour, Budapest highlights tour, Fishermen's Bastion - Budapest, Danube Bend tour - Budapest, Prague highlights tour, Prague Castle & St. Vitus Cathedral - Prague, Cesky Krumlov - Day Tour, Prague, Zugspitze trip - Garmisch Partenkirchen, Partnach Gorge trip - Garmisch Partenkirchen., Harder Bahn - Interlaken, Brienzsee cruise - Interlaken, Lake Luzern cruise, Bort chairlift - Grindelwald, Kleine Scheidegg mountain rail trip, Surprise night - Interlaken.

Not included:

Meals and sightseeing entrances not specified above, optional rail journeys or other tours, insurance and personal items.

Tour Price: \$14,000

Single Supplement: \$1,800



The Matterhorn, Zermatt, Switzerland

James Court Tours is a small company that conducts specialized tours in Europe. **Trevor Wickham**, host of the **Central Europe by Train** tour has past experience as a Geography and History teacher. Trevor has travelled extensively in Europe and led the inaugural tour in 2002, after thorough research of the tour itinerary in 2001. He contributes to the tour a broad knowledge of all the areas visited.

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