

Abercrombie & Kent



ROMANCE IN AUSTRIA & CZECH REPUBLIC

Duration: 11 Days/10 Nights

Romance around the cities known for their imperial settings!
Enjoy the Horse drawn Carriage ride and the beauty nature has to offer.

Programme Overview

Vienna, Salzburg, Prague & Karlovy Vary

Highlights

- Romantic Crystal Dinner
- Individual Viennese Waltz lesson
- Opera show reservations
- Michelin starred restaurant reservation for meals
- Private Picnic lunch in the Vienna woods
- Travel in a Horse drawn carriage ride to the Opera like a true royalty
- Swarovski Crystal Megastore visit
- Luxury Cruise on river Vltava in Prague
- Ride like a Local from Vienna to Prague aboard a high-speed train, a popular mode of travel in Europe

A&K Advantage

- Augustiner Brau Brewery Private Visit
- Reservations at Staatsoper Opera
- A complimentary rose petal bath and breakfast in bed at Augustine Hotel, Prague
- Special offer for couple massage treatments
- Reservations at Duplex, the most exclusive club in Prague
- Vintage Tram Ride
- Trip to Karlovy Vary for a private romantic spa at the beautiful spa town
- Private arrival and departure airport transfers
- The services of an Abercrombie & Kent Guardian Angel

** On arrival in each country, you are welcomed by your A&K Guardian Angel who conducts a briefing on your time in the country. A Guardian Angel is always at hand to provide unparalleled 24/7 support, be it local travel tips or*

reconfirming arrangement details, to providing recommendations for restaurants and shopping. Should you ever need help or advice, dial your Guardian Angel's mobile phone for prompt and courteous service at any time.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE VIENNA—Crystal Dinner

Upon arrival at Vienna Airport you will be met by your Guardian Angel and transferred to your hotel where you will be assisted with check-in.

Day is at leisure.

Reservations will be in place for a Romantic Crystal Dinner in the crystalline luxury cabin. A romantic candlelight dinner for 2 over the rooftops of Vienna is an unparalleled experience. Enjoy a select three-course romantic dinner in the crystalline Wagon of the Vienna Giant Wheel. The light reflections at dusk immerse the wagon in a magical light. The striking crystalline decoration by Swarovski Vienna creates a luxurious, sparkling ambience.

Overnight: Ritz Carlton

Meal Plan: D

DAY 2

VIENNA—Visit Schönbrunn Palace

Meet your English-speaking local guide today and travel outside the city center by private vehicle for a half-day excursion (up to 4 hours) to the magnificent Schönbrunn Palace with its gorgeous grounds. Schönbrunn Palace was the enormous summer residence of the Habsburg's (Habsburg family ruled the Austro-Hungarian Empire until 1918) and takes its name from a beautiful spring found on the estate. The splendor of the strict architectural symmetry is further enriched by its gardens with fountains, trees and alleyways. Your guide will escort you through many of the palace staterooms including the 'Hall of Mirrors' in which Mozart performed for the Empress Maria Theresa when he was only six years old, and the gothic St Stephen's Cathedral, whose soaring structure enshrines the heart of Vienna. You may also be able to see a training session of the famous Spanish Riding School (timetable and ticket availability permitting).

Return to the hotel for a relaxing spa session or walk along the famous 'Ringstrasse' with its 19th century buildings or venture out on the streets of Vienna's famous Kärntnerstrasse on a shopping spree.

Overnight: Ritz Carlton

Meal Plan: B

DAY 3

VIENNA —Private picnic in the woods & Viennese Waltz lesson

Leave the city of Vienna behind this morning with your English-speaking chauffeur-guide and private vehicle for a sightseeing excursion to the charming Vienna Woods. We will pack you a scrumptious picnic basket with a bottle of wine to enjoy a private lunch in the woods with your loved one.

On the return trip to Vienna stop at the Seegrotte, a former mine and now a mesmerizing underground lake, where you can take a motor boat trip for the finest view of the reflections before returning back to your hotel.

Vienna is the world's capital of music and one of its most sought-after "export goods" is the Viennese Waltz, the dance in three quarter time that waltz king Johann Strauss victoriously took across the globe. This evening you will have the chance to take a private Viennese Waltz lesson in an exclusive baroque ballroom. After your introductory lesson you will have a traditional Viennese "pause" with coffee or sparkling wine and cake. At the end of the lesson you will receive a certificate authenticating your efforts.

Overnight: Ritz Carlton

Meal Plan: B, L

DAY 4

VIENNA—Trip to Swarovski Megastore, Opera and Dinner at Steirereck

Enjoy a special crystalline experience at the enormous Swarovski Megastore, captivating with an impressive facade and a fascinating interior in the heart of Vienna. Enjoy several stories of shimmering wonders from the world of crystals and experience the inspiring interplay of design, culture and visions of crystals, all merging into a extravagant

shoppers' landscape. While there, you may visit their Moët & Chandon Bar on the first floor and enjoy a prickling glass of champagne.

Treat yourselves to sweet treats at the Altmann & Kühne, producers of handmade bonbons for more than 100 years with their undisclosed recipe. You may buy fresh, handmade chocolates, marzipan and nougat bonbons.

Nothing is quite as exquisite in Vienna as a night at the Staatsoper. Constructed in 1869, this extravagant auditorium is the scene for world-class opera and ballet and the celebrated Vienna Philharmonic. The reservations will be made and a Horse drawn Carriage will transport you like a royalty for the night to follow.

Dinner reservations at the Steirereck, Vienna's only double-Michelin-starred restaurant, an intimate and appealing spot within the Stadtpark, serves classic Viennese dishes alongside modern Austrian and international cuisine, complemented by wines from an exceptional cellar of 35,000 bottles.

Overnight: Ritz Carlton

Meal Plan: B

DAY 5

VIENNA-DANUBE VALLEY-SALZBURG-Sightseeing

This morning you will transfer with your chauffeur-guide and private vehicle towards Salzburg along the beautiful Danube Valley. En route sightseeing will include the town of Krems where you will visit a 14th century former cloister, then on to Durnstein which is arguably the most beautiful of the region's villages and finally to Melk where you will see the magnificent abbey.

Time at leisure

The Goldener Hirsch is a personally run hotel, rich in tradition. The hotel consists of four townhouses, one of which is across the street from the others. Guestrooms are tastefully furnished with antiques and enjoy all modern services. Other facilities at the hotel include a gourmet restaurant, a traditional tavern and a bar.

Overnight: Hotel Goldener Hirsch

Meal Plan: B

DAY 6

SALZBURG-SALZKAMMERGUT-SALZBURG-Walking tour, sightseeing of the lakes and evening at Club Five

This morning you will enjoy a walking tour of the city. Begin at your hotel with an English-speaking local guide who will show you the important sights in this "Mozart City" such as the Getreidegasse with Mozart's birthplace, the "Pferdeschwemme" (Royal Horse Trough) and St Peter's Abbey. You will also visit the Mirabell Palace and Gardens, renowned for being part of the background to "The Sound of Music".

After lunch enjoy sightseeing with your chauffeur-guide and private vehicle to the Salzkammergut Lake District, located outside Salzburg where you can romance around the beautiful lakes. Begin in Fuschl on Lake Fuschl, which is known for its pure blue deep waters. Then travel on to St. Wolfgang, which is set against a dramatic backdrop of mountains and home to the White Horse Inn where you may wish to savor a coffee and apple strudel with cream on the terrace. You may also enjoy a boat ride on picturesque Lake Wolfgang. The last would be the town of Bad Ischl, best known for its fine tortes (pastries).

An evening at the Club Take Five is scheduled for you. Club Take Five just newly opened in Old Town Salzburg but it is becoming a trendy evening all around entertainment spot in town. Sultry, sexy, sleek, and stylish are just a few words that can describe its entirety.

Overnight: Hotel Goldener Hirsch

Meal Plan: B

DAY 7

SALZBURG-PRAGUE-Sightseeing

You will be privately transferred to the station and your local representative will show you to your pre-reserved seating in the First Class carriage of the train bound for Prague.

Upon arrival into Prague you will be met from the train door by your Guardian Angel and privately transferred to your hotel where you will be assisted with check-in.

Explore this delightful city in the afternoon with a visit to Prague's Castle District with your English-speaking local guide. You will travel by private vintage tram from a tram stop near your hotel to a stop near Prague Castle. Hradcany Castle was the seat of Bohemian kings and Holy Roman emperors. Stroll along the Golden Lane, a row of tiny houses dating from the 16th century.

Time at leisure

In the evening enjoy a quiet drink in the hotel's intimate St Thomas brewery bar, housed in the cellar or you may enjoy your dinner at Kampa Park, Prague's premium fine dining establishment. A favorite amid local and celebrities, this upmarket restaurant delivers lavish gourmet paired with over 150 types of wines. Diners can select between sophisticated dining rooms or the intimate riverside terrace overlooking Charles Bridge or Certovka stream.

Overnight: Augustine Hotel

Meal Plan: B

DAY 8

PRAGUE–Sightseeing and hot air ballooning

Meet your English-speaking local guide and enjoy a half-day walking tour (4 hours) of the Old Town with its winding cobbled streets and fairy-tale charm and the fascinating Jewish Quarter, birthplace of Franz Kafka. See the striking Gothic Town Hall in Old Town Square, famous for its unique astronomical clock, and visit the Jewish Museum which houses the largest collection of Judaica in Europe, the Old-New Synagogue and the very moving Jewish Cemetery. You may also enjoy a walk across the romantically picturesque 14th century Charles Bridge.

This afternoon post lunch you will be transported for a hot air balloon flight. A thrilling, unforgettable and romantic experience post which you will celebrate with a bottle of Champagne and refreshments.

Overnight: Augustine Hotel

Meal Plan: B

DAY 9

PRAGUE–KARLOVY VARY–PRAGUE–Exotic Spa treatment and night at Duplex club

A day trip to the Spa town planned especially for you. You will be transported by a private vehicle to Karlovy Vary which is a small & beautiful spa town located approx. at a distance of 2 hours from Prague.

The spa began in the 14th century, seeing its first major influx of international guests in the 17th century. Spa buildings grounds include geysers as well as thermal springs which are natural and not man made, which is a unique point for the Karlovy Vary and reason it's so famous for natural spa therapies.

A reservation for a private couple therapy and an hour in the Relaxation pool exclusively for you will be made. Unwind and relax in each other's company along with a bottle of Champagne and strawberries.

Evening you will be transferred back to the hotel.

Reservations at Duplex for the night will be in order. Duplex is the elite club in Prague, with outstanding views to match its status. Perched on the rooftop of one of the tallest buildings, the Duplex club is designed to be an enormous glass cube. The multi-level space is contemporary and classy, with glass walls and mood lighting. The terrace balcony provides memorable views of the city. Dancers cheer up the atmosphere and Duplex's fine resident DJ's vie with international names to entertain the crowd. It is known to be the best music venue in the city that attracts the most elite gentry.

Overnight: Augustine Hotel

Meal Plan: B

DAY 10

PRAGUE–Personalised shopping & Luxury cruise on Vltava

Enjoy a complimentary rose petal bath & breakfast in bed before meeting your Guardian Angel who will accompany you to Wenceslas Square for shopping.

Tonight you are booked on a luxury cruise with a À la carte menu. You can look forward to a delightful experience on board of a luxury boat, during which you will enjoy live piano composition and excellent culinary delights. Add to it

exceptionally memorable views of shimmering river Vltava and charismatic architectural monuments of the capital city to complete your perfect night out.

Overnight: Augustine Hotel

Meal Plan: B, D

DAY 11

DEPART PRAGUE

This morning you will be privately transferred to Prague airport for your departure flight.

Meal Plan: B