



ADVENTURESABROAD

Pre-Olympiad Central Europe Grand Tour
BUDAPEST TO LUXEMBOURG

May 30 – June 13, 2027 • 15 Days / 14 Nights
Prepared for Canada's Walking Club

ADVENTURES ABROAD WORLDWIDE TRAVEL

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\$5,900 CAD per person

Based on double occupancy

Single supplement: \$1,950 CAD (limited spots, book early to be sure of availability)

Please note that accommodation is based on double/twin-share occupancy. Solo travellers are welcome and will pay a single supplement. We are unable to arrange share partnerships.

Pricing is based on a minimum of 25 participants.

BOOKING & PAYMENT

- **Deposit: \$1,000** Booking terms & cancellation policy: Outside of 120 days prior to start date, deposit may be transferred to a future tour for a \$100 transfer fee. Credit expiry: 1 year from original start date.
- **Minimum:** This tour package price is dependent on a minimum of 25 people. By 120 days prior to departure, if we have not reached this minimum, and we opt to cancel the tour, we will refund your deposit without penalty.

HOW TO BOOK

To reserve your place on this package, please visit the tour [website](#).

INCLUDES

- 14 nights' accommodation in 4-star or superior 3-star hotels with daily breakfast
- Services of an Adventures Abroad tour leader throughout
- Travel by private coach
- Private English-speaking guides
- Entrance to Market Gardeners' and Wine Growers' Museum, Bamberg
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers
- Radio/earphone system for guided walks
- City taxes

EXCLUDES

- International airfare to Budapest and from Luxembourg
- Olympiad registration
- Arrival and departure airport transfers at beginning and end of your trip
- Travel insurance
- Meals other than breakfast
- Optional entrance fees
- Heuriger meal at Nussdorf, Vienna (Day 4)
- Personal expenses
- Gratuity to Adventures Abroad tour leader

Route: Budapest → Vienna → Prague → Mariánské Lázně → Bamberg → Rothenburg ob der Tauber → Heidelberg → Luxembourg

Duration: 15 days / 14 nights

Overnights: 2 nights Budapest, 2 nights Vienna, 3 nights Prague, 2 nights Mariánské Lázně, 2 nights Bamberg, 2 nights Rothenburg ob der Tauber, 1 night Heidelberg

Walking Level: Easy to Moderate (daily walks 3–9 km, 2–4 hours)

Walk through the heart of Central Europe, following the rivers from the Danube to the Neckar. Discover three storied capitals — Budapest, Vienna, and Prague — the UNESCO World Heritage towns of Bamberg and Mariánské Lázně, medieval Rothenburg, and Heidelberg's castle-crowned hills, all on foot.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 • MAY 30

Arrival & Evening Orientation

Arrive in Budapest, the youngest of Central Europe's great capitals. Buda and Pest existed as separate cities until their 1873 unification, just as Budapest claimed co-capital status in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The grand boulevards, Parliament Building, and bridges represent an explosion of construction designed to announce Budapest's arrival as a European metropolis equal to Vienna itself.

Optional evening stroll along the Pest embankment from Parliament to Chain Bridge. Above all, Budapest is a city defined by its river — the Danube forms the physical and spiritual centre of the Hungarian capital, more intimately connected than the Seine to Paris or the Arno to Florence.

Overnight in **Budapest** | Included Meal(s): None

Walk: 3 km, approximately 1 hour, easy
Terrain: Flat riverside promenade
Elevation: Minimal

DAY 2 • MAY 31

Budapest Hills

Today we leave the city behind for a walk through the forested hills above Budapest. A ride on the iconic Zugliget chairlift carries us above the treetops to the ridgeline, where shaded paths wind through beech forest with panoramic views across the city and the Danube below.

Overnight in **Budapest** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 6–8 km, approximately 3–4 hours, easy to moderate
Terrain: Forest paths/streets
Elevation: 100–200 m

DAY 3 • JUNE 1

Travel to Vienna & Imperial Walk

Private coach to Vienna (2.5–3 hours). If Budapest was the dynamic partner after 1867, Vienna was the orchestrating centre — the nerve centre from which Habsburgs ruled for six centuries. Around 1900, Vienna stood at its peak: Otto Wagner revolutionising architecture, Klimt redefining painting, Freud mapping the unconscious, coffeehouses filled with the empire's best minds.

Walk the Ringstrasse, a grand boulevard that encircles the city centre, past Opera House and Parliament to Hofburg Palace — the former principal imperial palace of the Habsburg dynasty — and the vibrant Naschmarkt.

Overnight in **Vienna** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 5 km, approximately 2 hours, easy to moderate
Terrain: Paved city streets, mostly flat
Elevation: Minimal

DAY 4 • JUNE 2

Vienna Woods Wine Trail

Walk from Kahlenberg through terraced vineyards to wine village of Nussdorf for the option to try traditional Heuriger. Vienna's wine tavern culture is part of a café and wine tradition that connects all the great cities along our route, from Budapest's grand coffeehouses to the legendary establishments of the Austrian capital.

Overnight in **Vienna** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 9 km, approximately 4 hours, moderate
Terrain: Vineyard paths and forest trails, gradual descent
Elevation: 300 m descent

DAY 5 • JUNE 3

Travel to Prague & Castle Walk

Private coach to Prague (4 hours), where all our threads converge. The architectural evolution from Gothic to Art Nouveau that we traced through Budapest and Vienna reaches its most concentrated expression here. Prague was the intellectual and artistic conscience of the empire, producing Kafka's modernist visions, Dvořák's nationalist symphonies, and Můcha's Art Nouveau masterpieces.

Walk across Charles Bridge to Prague Castle, exploring St. Vitus Cathedral. For over four hundred years, this ancient bridge — built by King Charles IV in 1357 — was the only link between the two halves of Prague, and remains an artistic masterpiece lined with Baroque statuary.

Overnight in **Prague** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 6 km, approximately 2.5 hours, moderate
Terrain: Cobblestone streets with stairs
Elevation: 130 m

DAY 6 • JUNE 4

Classic Prague Walking Tour

Walk through Old Town Square with its famous astronomical clock — the work of 15th-century master clockmaker Hanuš of Růže, who, according to legend, was blinded by Prague's town councillors for fear he would create another like it for a rival city.

Continue through the Jewish Quarter, one of the most important centres of Jewish heritage in Central Europe, and take funicular up Petřín Hill for panoramic views across the city.

Overnight in **Prague** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 8 km, approximately 3.5 hours, easy to moderate

Terrain: Mostly flat city streets, funicular up Petřín

Elevation: Minimal using funicular

DAY 7 • JUNE 5

Vyšehrad Fortress Walk

Explore Prague's second castle hill with ramparts, cemetery, and gardens overlooking the Vltava — the river that flows through the country, connecting cities, enabling commerce, and shaping settlement across Bohemia.

Overnight in **Prague** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 6 km, approximately 2.5 hours, easy to moderate

Terrain: Paved paths and ramparts with some stairs

Elevation: 50 m

DAY 8 • JUNE 6

Travel to Mariánské Lázně & Town Walk

Coach to Mariánské Lázně (2.5 hours). Walk through this UNESCO-listed wellness town, one of the great spa destinations of Central Europe. The town's centrepiece is the grand neo-baroque colonnade from 1889, where the celebrated Singing Fountain performs at the foot of elegant promenades lined with ornate spa pavilions.

Goethe, Chopin, Richard Wagner, and King Edward VII were among the distinguished visitors drawn here by its healing mineral springs — of which there are more than one hundred in the town and its surroundings, each with unique properties.

Overnight in **Mariánské Lázně** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 5 km, approximately 2 hours, easy to moderate

Terrain: Cobblestone streets and natural paths

Elevation: 160 m

DAY 9 • JUNE 7

Slavkov Forest Nature Walk

Walk through the Slavkovský les — the 'Emperor's Forest' — a protected landscape of deep spruce woodland and gentle, undulating terrain that has been a conservation area since 1974. Cool and shaded beneath the forest canopy, the trails lead past cold mineral springs — the same waters that have drawn visitors to this corner of western Bohemia for centuries.

Overnight in **Mariánské Lázně** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 7–8 km, approximately 2.5–3 hours, easy
Terrain: Forest paths
Elevation: 30 m

DAY 10 • JUNE 8

Travel to Bamberg & Town Introduction

Coach to Bamberg (2.5 hours). Built across seven hills along the River Regnitz — each crowned by a church — Bamberg is one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities and has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1993. This afternoon's introductory walk offers a first taste of the town's remarkable thousand-year history, from the riverside fishermen's houses to the cathedral hill above.

Overnight in **Bamberg** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 6 km, approximately 2.5 hours, easy to moderate
Terrain: Cobblestone streets with stairs to cathedral
Elevation: 80 m

DAY 11 • JUNE 9

UNESCO World Heritage Walking Tour: Bamberg's Triad in Depth

Privately guided walking tour discovering all three parts of Bamberg's UNESCO World Heritage site. Begin in the Market Gardeners' District, where traditional half-timbered houses recall centuries of horticultural trade — Bamberg's famous "onion traders" once exported seeds, onion sets, and liquorice well beyond the city borders. Visit the hidden gem of the Market Gardeners' Museum and the viewing platform.

Continue to the Island District with its lively streets and squares, home to faculties of Otto Friedrich University and the extraordinary Old Town Hall perched on an island in the middle of the River Regnitz, plus the former fishermen's settlement known as "Little Venice." Finish in the City on the Hills, where narrow lanes, baroque and romantic facades reveal Bamberg's "Franconian Rome" character. Explore Cathedral Hill — the spiritual and secular centre of power from the 11th century — including the Imperial Cathedral, the baroque New Residence, the Old Court, Michelsberg Monastery, and the Rose Garden with its magical atmosphere.

Overnight in **Bamberg** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 4–5 km, approximately 3 hours, easy
Terrain: Cobblestones throughout; no significant elevation changes
Elevation: Minimal
Included Activities: Guide walking tour; Market Gardeners' Museum entrance; viewing platform

DAY 12 • JUNE 10

Travel to Rothenburg & Medieval Wall Walk

Coach to Rothenburg (1.5 hours). Walk the complete circuit atop the medieval town walls, following covered wooden ramparts above terracotta rooftops and peering down into private gardens, with views stretching across to the Tauber Valley beyond.

Overnight in **Rothenburg ob der Tauber** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 4 km, approximately 2 hours, easy to moderate
Terrain: Covered wooden walkway with steep tower stairs

Elevation: Minimal once on walls

DAY 13 • JUNE 11

Tauber Valley Mill Walk

Descend from the hilltop walled town into the quiet Tauber Valley below, passing historic water mills on a guided walk through one of Franconia's most scenic river landscapes. The contrast between the medieval streets above and the peaceful riverside paths is one of the highlights of the trip.

Overnight in **Rothenburg ob der Tauber** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: 9 km, approximately 4 hours, easy to moderate

Terrain: Riverside paths and forest trails

Elevation: 150 m descent and return

Included Activities: Local guided Tauber Valley walk

DAY 14 • JUNE 12

Travel to Heidelberg: Stift Neuburg Abbey Hike

Coach to Heidelberg (3 hours). This afternoon, we set out on a privately guided scenic hike that blends stunning views, nature, and history. Starting along Heidelberg's famous Philosopher's Walk, enjoy panoramic sights over the Neckar River and Old Town before winding through the forested beauty of "Neuenheimer Schweiz," a remarkable nature reserve with sweeping valley views. The trail leads to the historic Benedictine Abbey Stift Neuburg, where you can tour the serene monastery church and experience the tranquility of this centuries-old spiritual retreat.

Overnight in **Heidelberg** | Included Meal(s): Breakfast

Walk: Stift Neuburg hike — approximately 3 hours, easy to moderate

Terrain: Forest paths and nature reserve trails

Elevation: Moderate, gradual

Included Activities: Privately guided Stift Neuburg Abbey hike via Philosopher's Walk

DAY 15 • JUNE 13

Heidelberg Castle, Transfer to Luxembourg

This morning we explore Heidelberg Castle & the Old Town: Take the funicular to Heidelberg Castle for a self-guided tour of the castle courtyard and the famous Great Barrel, then descend through the Old Town for free time to explore one of Germany's most romantic cities.

In the early afternoon, group transfer from Heidelberg to Luxembourg City (3–4 hours). Tour ends upon arrival at a predetermined drop-off point of convenience for the group.

Included Meal(s): Breakfast

This itinerary is subject to change. Routing, and activities may be adjusted based on availability and local conditions. Walking distances and times are approximate.