

## Budapest to Berlin: Graffiti Walls & Market Halls - EJBB

7 days: Budapest to Berlin

### What's Included

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2018 and onwards

### Itinerary Notes

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#### Day 1 Budapest

Arrive at any time.

Spend your first night with your CEO and group at one of Budapest's famous nightlife spots. Where old meets new, and you meet your fellow travellers and your journey's beginning.

We highly recommend booking pre-accommodation to fully explore this breathtaking city.

#### **Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group**

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

#### **Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends**

Connect with new friends on your first night out in a new destination. Only available on 18-to-Thirtysomethings tours.

## **Optional Activities - Day 1**

### **Buda Castle Visit**

Budapest3h-4h

1500HUF per person

Set on Castle Hill overlooking the Danube River and Pest, Buda Castle was once home to the Hungarian kings of Budapest. Admire the gorgeous architecture and visit its two museums; the National Gallery and the Budapest History Museum. Permanent collections depict the past 500 yrs of Hungary's art history, including Medieval and Renaissance stonework, Gothic wood sculptures, and Gothic altars.

### **Thermal Baths Visit**

Budapest1h-3h

4200-5000HUF per person

Bring two towels, your bathing suit and an aching body and prepare to be healed in the largest medicinal bath in Europe. Built in 1913, you can test the waters of 18 different pools (15 of which are spring fed) amidst stunning neo-Baroque architecture. Play chess on floating chessboards, relax in the whirlpools and explore the wonderful mosaic domes of these historic thermal steam rooms.

### **Budapest Bike Tour**

Budapest3h-4h

28EUR per person

Join a group for a guided city tour by bike. Buzz around the city on two wheels to cover more ground and get your blood pumping.

### **Hungarian National Museum**

Budapest1h-2h

1600HUF per person

Discover a vast collection of relics at the Hungarian National Museum, the oldest in the country. Wander through galleries that feature incredible objects from prehistoric to modern times, including those from the Stone Age, Ottoman period and contemporary Hungary.

### **Hungarian State Opera House**

Budapest30m-1h

2900HUF per person

Constructed in 1873, the Opera House is one of Budapest's most stunning examples of Neo-Renaissance architecture. Take a tour around this stunning building to get a closer look at the ornate marble statues, frescos, and ornate tin work - to name a few highlights.

### **Great Market Hall Visit**

Budapest

Free

Take a stroll though the oldest indoor market in Hungary.

### **Chain Bridge**

Budapest

Free

Straddeling the river Danube, the Chain Bridge suspension bridge is the first built to connect Buda and Pest, and is now one of Budapest's most iconic landmarks.

### **Parliament Building Visit**

Budapest

5200HUF per person

Take a guided tour of one of Hungary's crown jewels - the Hungarian Parliament building. Existing as the third largest Parliament building in the world, its Neo Gothic architecture also makes it a contender for one of the most beautiful. Tour the Hungarian Coronation Jewels in the Dome Hall, the Old Upper House Hall of the bicameral Hungarian Parliament, as well as the Lounge. Guided tours are mandatory for entrance and we recommend booking your tour in advance.

### **Accommodation**

#### **A&O Hostel Budapest (or similar)**

Hostel

## **Day 2 Budapest/Krakow**

Enjoy free time to explore Hungary's capital. Opt to check out the beautiful Parliament building, stroll the streets or visit the thermal baths. Visit a G Adventures-supported café that assists Hungarians living with a disability before boarding the overnight train to Krakow.

With the Danube River dividing old town, Buda, from the newer area, Pest, there is plenty to see and do.

### **Your G for Good Moment: Nem Adom Fel Café and Bar**

Stop at Nem Adom Fel Café and Bar, whose proceeds help fund a non-profit by the same name, which means "Never Give Up." Most of the employees at this social enterprise café are living with a disability,

and the charity advocates for rights for the disabled all over Hungary. Your meal helps this café to invest in the charity's efforts, which also include supporting rural Roma communities through much-needed social programs.

### **Overnight Train (beds)**

Budapest – Krakow

Stretch out and get some well-earned rest en route to the next stop.

### **Your Discover Moment**

Budapest Full Day

There's plenty to see and do in Budapest, and we wanted to make sure that you had some time to take it all in. Feel free to relax or try optional activities like a visit to the Parliament, a walk around the Fisherman's Bastion, and marvel St. Stephen's Basilica. Your CEO has more ideas if you need them. Just ask!

### **Optional Activities - Day 2**

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#### **Budapest Morning Walking Tour**

Budapest

Wander through Budapest on an early morning walk that ends at Great Market Hall, the city's largest (and oldest) indoor public market. Visit Gellert Hill to learn about the history of Buda and Pest, divided by the

Danube River. On a clear day, capture amazing panoramic shots of the river as it snakes through this ancient city. Continue onto Liberty Square, then take a quick peek at the Gellért Thermal Baths to learn about its place in Hungarian culture. Upon arriving at Great Market Hall, sample local specialties that have been enjoyed in this busy market for over 120 years. Remember to bring your camera (and some cash) for market shopping.

### **Accommodation**

#### **Overnight Train from Budapest to Krakow (or similar)**

Train

### **Day 3 Krakow**

Use free time today to visit Auschwitz, travel to see old salt mines, or stay in the city to explore the Jewish Quarter. In the afternoon, enjoy an orientation walk.

Opt to visit Rynek Główny - Europe's largest medieval market square; savour a traditional Polish breakfast (kielbasa, yum), or sit back with a coffee and a slice of Poland's famous cheesecake (sernik babci) at one of the many cafes in the area. Then, walk it off with a stroll uphill to marvel at the impressive Wawel Royal Castle.

### **Orientation With CEO**

30m-1h

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like supermarkets, main squares, and ATMs. For more specific or in-depth information, an official guided tour is recommended.

### **Free Time**

Krakow Afternoon

With so much to see and do, you'd better get out there.

### **Optional Activities - Day 3**

#### **Rynek Underground Museum**

Krakow 1km

19PLN per person

Travel beneath the market square for a tour of the underground route of forgotten medieval market stalls.

### **Old Jewish Quarter (Kazimierz)**

Krakow

For some of the history that makes Krakow so famous, visit the Jewish district of Kazimierz, just south of Old Town. Once the centre of Jewish life for more than 500 years, it was destroyed during the Second World War, only to be revitalized in the 1990s following the popularity of Steven Spielberg's film, Schindler's List. During your Jewish culture crawl, see synagogues, Gothic churches, and art galleries, then stop for a drink in one of the more than 800 pubs that populate the nooks and alleys of this historic district.

### **Wawel Royal Castle**

Krakow

3PLN per person

Take a stroll up Wawel hill (or catch a ride on a horse and carriage) to 16th century Wawel Castle. Roam the gardens, or the museum featuring exhibitions that give you some insight into life as a royal, such as Royal Private Apartments, and Crown Treasury and Armoury.

### **Bar Mleczny (Milk Bar) Meal**

Krakow

Originally set up as an affordable canteen for Polish workers, bar mlecznys ("Milk Bars") are now known as a must visit for authentic, Polish comfort food. Try the pierogi (traditional dumplings), placki ziemniaczane (potato pancakes), or (and?) kielbasa (sausages).

### **Wieliczka Salt Mines Visit**

Wieliczka 3h-4h

If you can tear yourself away from the charms of Krakow, make a visit the Wieliczka Salt Mines, located only a short distance away.

Built in the 13th century, these mines produced table salt until 2007, making it one of the world's oldest salt mines. Head deep into an underground network of tunnels and chambers some 135m (443 ft) below the surface. Visit the Blessed King's Chapel, a salt cathedral carved by miners, complete with elaborate chandeliers and sculptures.

### **Auschwitz Tour**

Krakow 5h-7h

48USD per person

Visit the site of one of history's most horrific crimes, Auschwitz-Birkenau. The site of this former Nazi concentration camp embodies terror, tragedy, inhumanity and the survival of will. Today the museum

stands testament to the inconceivable atrocities of the Holocaust and the extermination of at least 1.1 million prisoners, most of whom were Jewish, during the Second World War.

### **Accommodation**

#### **Ginger Hostel Krakow (or similar)**

Hostel

### **Day 4 Krakow/Prague**

Take a day train to Prague, then enjoy an orientation walk around town, including a visit to a genuine beer hall. Later, enjoy your Big Night Out with the group. Na Zdravi!

Imagine a city lined with Bohemian art, beer halls offering the finest brews in the region, tranquil gardens, and ornate chapels - it's no wonder why visitors fall in love with this place. Take the afternoon and get lost.

### **Train**

Krakow - Prague 8h

Climb aboard, take a seat, and enjoy the ride.

### **Orientation With CEO**

30m-1h

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### **Bohemian Beer Hall Visit**

Prague

Visit a genuine bohemian beer hall and try a famous Pilsner beer in its home region.

### **Your Big Night Out Moment:**

Celebrate late into the night with your new travel tribe.

### **Optional Activities - Day 4**

#### **Prague Ghetto (Josefov/Jewish Quarter) Visit**

Prague 1h-2h

10-20EUR per person

The Prague Ghetto, known as Josefov, is located between the Old Town Square and the Vltava River. This Jewish Quarter was first established in the 13th century, when Jewish people were ordered to leave their homes in other areas of the city and settle in this designated community. Birthplace to author Franz Kafka, see a monument in his honour, visit historical synagogues, a cemetery and museum with many artifacts collected during the Second World War.

### **Museum of Communism**

Prague

150CZK per person

Visit the Museum of Communism for an in-depth look into Prague's recent history. Covering the period after Nazi occupation and leading up to the Velvet Revolution - a tumultuous 40 years for many Czech people - there's much to explore over two floors. Wander through galleries filled with photos, videos, artifacts and other exhibits that provide a glimpse into everyday life during the communist era.

### **Petřín Hill Hike**

Prague 2h-3h 3-12km

Free-30CZK per person

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### **Letná Beer Garden Visit**

Prague 1h-2h

Free-3EUR per person

Watch the sunset from the heights of the Letná Beer Garden in Letná Park, along the banks of the Vltava River. Sample a pint of Gambrinus 10° Czech beer, world-famous for its superb quality and low cost. Grab a grilled sausage and soak in the scenery.

### **Old Town Hall and Clock Tower**

Prague

110-440CZK per person

The Astronomical Clock Tower, built next to Prague's Old Town Hall, is a 600-year-old masterpiece and the oldest working clock in the world. Every hour, hundreds of visitors gather to hear it chime and watch the twelve apostles "greet" curious onlookers. At the visitor's centre, opt to book an independent tour of the clock tower to see its inner workings.

### **Charles Bridge Visit**

Prague 15m-30m

Free

Visit the Charles Bridge, commissioned by King Charles IV in 1357. Cross the ancient cobblestone walkway which spans 16 arches, lined with 30 religious statues. Buy souvenirs and listen to street musicians. It's less crowded first thing in the morning and at night.

### **Old Town Visit**

Prague 15m-30m

Wander the cobblestoned streets and soak in the Eastern European charm.

### **Prague Castle (Hradčany) Visit**

Prague 2h-3h

250-350CZK per person

If you like a challenge, climb 200+ steps up to the famous Prague Castle (known as Hradčany), the Castle of the Bohemian Kings. This UNESCO World Heritage site is the largest castle complex in the world, and includes Roman-style buildings from the 10th century. Still got energy? Climb the lookout tower of St. Vitus Cathedral and be rewarded with a glorious view of the city.

### **Kafka Museum**

Prague 1h-2h

200CZK per person

Immerse yourself in the world of Franz Kafka, widely regarded as one of the 20th century's greatest literary authors. At the Franz Kafka Museum, explore the Prague of Kafka's youth, weave your way through the places and events which influence his writing style (often referred to as "Kafkaesque") and uncover how his formative experiences led to works such as "The Metamorphosis".

### **Mucha Museum**

Prague

240CZK per person

Spend some time with a master of Art Nouveau - a style famous for its flowing lines and natural forms - at the Mucha Museum. With seven themed galleries that explore the life and times of Czech artist Alphonse Mucha, view dozens of the decorative panels, posters, illustrations, paintings and photographs that made him one of the art world's most prolific and revered figures.

### **Accommodation**

#### **Czech Inn Hostel (or similar)**

Hostel

### **Day 5 Prague**

Free day for exploration—check out the Prague castle complex or walk the cobblestone streets through the old town and Jewish ghetto.

Enjoy all Prague has to offer. Opt to visit the famous Charles Bridge, the clock tower in the main square or a traditional Czech beer hall with serious helpings of meat and potatoes.

### **Free Time**

Prague Full Day

Leave no stone unturned. Explore historic castles, town centres, or stretch those legs on a hike.

### **Optional Activities - Day 5**

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### **Malá Strana Visit**

Prague

Cross the Charles Bridge and find yourself in picture-perfect Lesser Town (Malá Strana). Browse small shops, explore cobblestone side streets, visit churches and then find a Czech pub or restaurant to relax and revel in the ambience of this ancient district.

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Berlin is an amazing city with tangible historical importance and a melting pot of different cultures and flavours.

### **Train**

Prague – Berlin 5h

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### **Free Time**

Berlin Afternoon

Get out and start exploring.

### **Optional Activities - Day 6**

#### **East Side Gallery Visit Along Berlin Wall**

Berlin 1h-2h

Free

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### **Reichstag Visit**

Berlin

For those interested in Berlin's government, past and present, visit the Reichstag, home to the German parliament. Climb the stairs to the glass dome for a 360-degree view of the city, or learn about the fascinating history of the building, restored following damage suffered during the bombing raids of the Battle of Berlin in 1945.

### **Television Tower (Fernsehturm) Visit**

Berlin 2h-3h

13-23EUR per person

For an amazing view of Berlin, visit the famous Berlin Television Tower. Bring your camera and take panoramic photos from the viewing room, then grab a drink and snack at the cafe located 203m (666 ft) above ground.

### **The Berlin Wall Memorial**

Berlin

Free

Learn about the history of the “Iron Curtain,” the physical, political and emotional barrier that once separated Berlin under the Communist Eastern Bloc and their neighbours to the west. At Berlin Wall Memorial (Gedenkstatte Berliner Mauer), see a complete section of the wall, and look from the east side to see the remains of an electric fence in the so-called “death strip.” Discover the stories of those who died trying to escape to the freedom of West Berlin.

### **Brandenburg Gate Visit**

Berlin

Free

The Brandenburg Gate is a spot of great historical significance. Witness the spot where hundreds of thousands of people were finally able to cross from the east side to the west after the fall of the wall. Walk the cobblestones of the surrounding Pariser Platz and mingle with locals who continue to gather here to see stage shows and celebrate public events.

### **Checkpoint Charlie Museum Visit**

Berlin

17.50EUR per person

Down the street from the Berlin Wall is the Haus am Checkpoint Charlie, a museum that documents the history of the wall, and interestingly, many of the different ways people tried to escape. From hot air balloons to one-man submarines, learn about the tenacity and creativity used by those desperate to cross from the east to western side.

### **Accommodation**

#### **Generator Hostel Berlin Mitte (or similar)**

Hostel

### **Day 7 Berlin**

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### **Judisches Museum Visit**

Berlin 2h-4h

8EUR per person

The Judisches Museum is one of the largest Jewish museums in Europe. See how architect Daniel Libeskind's design evokes three important elements of the past two centuries; the intellectual, economic and cultural contributions of Jewish citizens in Berlin, the reality of the Holocaust, and the recognition of their absence from Berlin (and beyond) following the Second World War. See evocative collections and displays.

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### **German Historical Museum**

Berlin 1h-2h

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With exhibits that trace the country's history from the Middle Ages to present day, the German Historical Museum provides visitors a sweeping, fascinating perspective unmatched by other museums in the city.

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### **Pergamon Museum**

Berlin 1h-3h

12EUR per person

Located in Berlin's Museum Island, the Pergamon museum holds an impressive collection of art and objects from Greek and Roman antiquity, the ancient Near East (covering Mesopotamia, Syria and Anatolia) and the Museum of Islamic Art.

PLEASE NOTE: The museum will close on October 23, 2023 for 4 years.

### **Schloss Charlottenburg Palace**

Berlin 2h-3h

10EUR per person

Named after Sophie Charlotte, the first Queen consort of Prussia, the Schloss Charlottenburg is one of the few grand structures of Berlin which largely escaped damage during World War II. Visit the palace's rococo ballroom, the Silver Vault, the exotic Orangery and its impressive gardens, designed by the same royal gardeners who worked on the palace of Versailles.

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## **Highlights**

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1. It is important to note that in Europe, all guiding is based around local guides all of whom are licensed to work only in a particular city. As such, our leaders are able to provide orientation walks which will show you the layout of each town and city as well as the location of local services such as post offices and laundromats, but are unable to legally share historical facts and figures in public places.
2. In Europe it is very rare to find elevators in train stations, hotels or other public places. We use public transport on this trip, which means you will need to carry your luggage from platform to platform, in and out of trains and buses etc. and also possibly up several flights of stairs. You will also need to be able to stow your luggage safely on trains and buses. It is therefore essential that you pack light and bring luggage which is compact and lightweight, and which you can easily transport. The carrying of your luggage remains your responsibility at all times.
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4. Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes.
5. **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES NOTE:**  
During high season in Europe (May-October) we highly recommend booking reservations for any popular optional activities/museum tickets etc. in advance to avoid encountering sold-out activities on the ground while on tour.

## Group Leader Description

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This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our CEOs (Chief Experience Officer). The aim of the CEO is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

It is important to note that in Europe, all guiding is based around local guides all of whom are licensed to work only in a particular city. As such, our leaders are able to provide orientation walks which will show you the layout of each town and city as well as the location of local services such as post offices and laundromats, but are unable to legally share historical facts and figures in public places. If you wish to take a guided city tour in any location our CEO will do their best to help you arrange this and pay locally.

## Group Size Notes

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Max 16, avg 10.

## Meals Included

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No meals included

## Meals

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Eating is a big part of traveling. G Adventures understands the importance of breakfast to start your day, we strive to include a basic breakfast wherever possible. A typical breakfast may include toast, coffee and tea, however this may vary depending on the city. Should breakfast not be included, your CEO can suggest some local options.

Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. While trekking in remote regions etc. food is included, plentiful and made of fresh local ingredients.

For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

## Transport

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Train, bus, metro, walking.

## About our Transportation

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On this trip we will use local buses and trains for intercity transport and a mix of metro (subway), local bus, taxis and walking for transport between hotels and bus/train stations. Please be prepared to carry your own bags short distances (20-30 mins max) between hotels and transport, as well as to lift your bags on and off buses and trains. Please note that there is often limited luggage storage space on public transport.

18-to-Thirtysomethings TRIP TRANSPORT:

As we rely heavily on public transportation during this trip, we ask you to be flexible for possible changes in the modes of transport and schedules, which may necessitate small itinerary changes.

Please note that the accommodation on overnight buses and trains varies in Europe. Overnight buses typically have airline-style reclining seats. On some overnight trains, tickets are for airline-style seats whereas other overnight journeys are in multi-share sleeper compartments. Please see day-to-day itinerary for specific information about accommodation type for overnight journeys.

## Solo Travellers

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We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## Accommodation

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Hotels/Hostels (5 nts, multi-share with 3-6 people), overnight train (1 nt).

## About Accommodation

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The variety and local flavour of our accommodation is a favourite part of our European 18-to-Thirtysomethings trips. Although the properties we use are simply furnished and with few facilities, we base our choices on location, character and cleanliness. We will stay in a mixture of hotels, some hostels, and private rooms in local households.

All accommodation on this tour will be multi-share. This may involve 4-6 group members sharing and even (on rare occasions) dormitory-style rooms for the whole group. The majority of accommodation will have shared bathroom facilities.

Where we use multi-share hostels, rooming requests of any kind cannot be taken.

Note that most accommodation in Europe does not have air conditioning units in rooms. Air conditioning is not routinely installed in European homes and workplaces. However, nearly all hotels will provide a standing or desk fan for your room on hot nights. If you do not already have one in your room, please ask your CEO to organize one for you with reception. For private accommodation please see tours in our Classic Travel Style.

Please note that pre & post additional accommodations cannot guarantee same gender rooming thus mixed gender rooming may occur.

## Joining Instructions

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For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

A&O Hostel Budapest (please check your vouchers to ensure this is your start hotel):

To get from Budapest Airport to A&O Hostel Budapest, you can take the following steps: Take Bus 100E from the airport towards Deák Ferenc tér and get off at the final stop, Deák Ferenc tér. Transfer to Tram 47 or 49 towards Kelenföld vasútállomás and get off at Wesselényi utca station. Walk north on Wesselényi utca, then turn right on Akácfa utca, A&O Hostel Budapest will be on your left. The travel time from the airport to the hostel is approximately 45 minutes, and the total cost of the journey is 900 HUF (for the Bus 100E ticket) plus the cost of a single ticket or travel pass for the tram.

From Nyugati pályaudvar / Western railway station:

Take tram 4 or 6 towards Móricz Zsigmond körtér and get off at station Wesselényi utca. Walk north on Wesselényi utca, then turn right on Akácfa utca.

From Keleti pályaudvar / Eastern railway station:

Take bus 7 or 7E towards Budaörsi út and get off at station Blaha Lujza tér. Change to tram 4 or 6 towards Széll Kálmán tér and get off at station Wesselényi utca. Walk north on Wesselényi utca, then turn right on Akácfa utca.

From Liszt Ferenc Nemzetközi Repülőtér Airport:

Take the Bus 100E and go to station Deák Ferenc tér. Change to tram 47 or 49 towards Kelenföld vasútállomás and get off at station Wesselényi utca. Walk north on Wesselényi utca, then turn right on Akácfa utca. Alternatively, take the Airport Shuttle Minibus service directly to the hostel.

Note: Public transportation tickets in Budapest can be purchased at newsstands or ticket vending machines. Don't forget to validate your ticket before boarding the tram or bus.

Alternate to transfer company to arrange an arrival or departure transfer by taxi:

To arrange an arrival or departure transfer, we recommend you book through our preferred transfer provider - HolidayTaxis - by copying the link below into your web browser:

<https://partner.holidaytaxis.com/?ref=GADVE>

Choose from a range of transport options including both private and shared transfers at a discounted rate.

We advise that you book both your arrival and departure transfers in advance. Please make sure you have the following details before booking:

- Flight number
- Flight Arrival Time and Date
- Flight Departure Time and Date
- Passenger's Name
- Number of Passengers
- Email
- Valid Mobile Telephone Number
- Drop off and/or Pick Up Address

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

## Arrival Complications

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We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO. If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details.

## Emergency Contact

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Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER

G Adventures Berlin office: +441858378000

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, from calls within North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from within UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from within Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from within Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from within New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What to Take

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We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage. You must be prepared to carry your luggage up and down stairs, on and off transportation, and to hotels (max 15-20 mins.)

## Packing List

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### Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

### Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

### Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

#### Health & Safety:

- Hand sanitizer (required)
- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)
- Quick Covid Test/Antigen Test

#### Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

## Laundry

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Laundry facilities are offered by some of our accommdation for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap. Your CEO can also show you where the you can get your laundry done.

## Visas and Entry Requirements

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All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

## Spending Money

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Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## Money Exchange

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Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances but you must remember to bring your PIN number (be aware that many ATM machines only accept 4-digit PINs). Both Cirrus and Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. Visa cards are the most widely accepted credit cards. While ATMs are commonly available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work - check with your bank. You should be aware when purchasing products or services on a credit card, that a fee usually applies.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money. A combination of Euros and cards is best.

Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

## Emergency Fund

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Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## Tipping

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While conventions can vary from country to country, tipping is customary in Europe. A general rule is 10% of the bill for wait staff, and a smaller amount (€1 or €2) for other service providers.

Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program, and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €3-5 per day, depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

At the end of each trip, if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is expected and appreciated. The precise amount is a personal preference, however €30-€40 per person, per week can be used as a guideline.

## Optional Activities

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### Budapest

- Buda Castle Visit (1500HUF per person)
- Thermal Baths Visit (4200-5000HUF per person)
- Budapest Bike Tour (28EUR per person)
- Hungarian National Museum (1600HUF per person)
- Hungarian State Opera House (2900HUF per person)
- Great Market Hall Visit (Free)
- Chain Bridge (Free)
- Parliament Building Visit (5200HUF per person)
- Budapest Morning Walking Tour

### Krakow

- Rynek Underground Museum (19PLN per person)
- Old Jewish Quarter (Kazimierz)
- Wawel Royal Castle (3PLN per person)
- Bar Mleczny (Milk Bar) Meal
- Auschwitz Tour (48USD per person)

### Wieliczka

- Wieliczka Salt Mines Visit

### Prague

- Prague Ghetto (Josefov/Jewish Quarter) Visit (10-20EUR per person)
- Museum of Communism (150CZK per person)
- Petřín Hill Hike (Free-30CZK per person)
- Letná Beer Garden Visit (Free-3EUR per person)
- Old Town Hall and Clock Tower (110-440CZK per person)
- Charles Bridge Visit (Free)
- Old Town Visit
- Prague Castle (Hradčany) Visit (250-350CZK per person)
- Kafka Museum (200CZK per person)
- Mucha Museum (240CZK per person)
- Malá Strana Visit

### Berlin

- East Side Gallery Visit Along Berlin Wall (Free)
- Reichstag Visit
- Television Tower (Fernsehturm) Visit (13-23EUR per person)
- The Berlin Wall Memorial (Free)
- Brandenburg Gate Visit (Free)
- Checkpoint Charlie Museum Visit (17.50EUR per person)
- Jüdisches Museum Visit (8EUR per person)
- German Historical Museum (8EUR per person)
- Pergamon Museum (12EUR per person)
- Schloss Charlottenburg Palace (10EUR per person)

## Health

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Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that quite often we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings in this dossier for trip specific information. For travellers over 70 years a completed Medical Form is required. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our CEO they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

## Safety and Security

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Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewelry at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## A Couple of Rules

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Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## Travel Insurance

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Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. G Adventures can provide you with the appropriate coverage. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.



## Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures

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Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## Feedback

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After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at [customersolutions@gadventures.com](mailto:customersolutions@gadventures.com) and we will send it on to you.

## Newsletter

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Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

## Minimum Age

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Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

## International Flights

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Check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.