

**19 May - 4 Jun 2023 (17-days) Eastern Europe (Slovakia , Poland & Czech Republic)**

**Estimate Ground Trip Costs only RM8,800 per pax (group of 12 pax) or RM8,300 per pax (for group 13 to 18pax)**

**Update 7 October 2022** Estimate trip costs based on current quotes from ground operators, and subject to changes for significant increases to fuel prices in 2023. Group return flight tickets with Turkish Airlines between Rm4,000 - RM4,100.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** This is meant to be a "free and easy" adventure trip. Participants should be relatively fit, with a good sense of humor, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fussy-pots, and other similarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them. Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun !



Cable car to Lomnický štít 2634m / Inside Dobinská Ice Caves

This will be a [backpack experience using a mix of public buses/trains and some chartered minibuses from town to town](#). We stay in **pensions, hostels and budget hotels in rooms with private bath ranging from 2 to 4 pax sharing room**. It is quite important participants are able to manage their own luggage and we **suggest backpacks or small trolley bags**. As usual, you pay for your own meals, cable car rides, entrance fees, within-the-town taxis/trams and other activities, unless stated otherwise.

Note - B indicates where Breakfast included as part of accommodation costs. O/N means Overnight

**Day 1 KLIA:** Assemble at KLIA late afternoon on **8PM 19 MAY 2023 FRI** for **Turkish Airlines TK61** departing 11:05PM. Fly 10hr 45min towards Istanbul, arriving 4:50AM next day.

**Day 2 Plane / Bratislava:** Transit 3hr 30min in Istanbul before reconnecting on **TK1883** leaving 8:20AM, arriving Vienna at **9:40AM**. From Vienna Airport, we bus directly to Bratislava about 1hr using regular public bus. Relax or wander about the Old City of Bratislava and the main square. Bratislava is the capital city of Slovakia. Stay doubles, triples or quads with private bath in budget hotel with breakfast included. Overnight (O/N) Bratislava.

**Day 3 Stary Smokovec (B):** We take the morning train to Poprad 344km 4.5hr 10:13AM, arriving 2:45PM. Upon arrival in Poprad train station, we take the electric mountain train towards Stary Smokovec for our 3nights stay. O/N Stary Smokovec. Stay doubles/triples/quad with private bath in pension in Stary Smokovec, breakfast not included but cooking facilities available.

**Day 4 Trek Tatry Mountains:** We take the morning train to Tatranska Lomnica 6km and cable car up to Skalnaté Pleso 1751m (2022 price = eu20 1 way). Members have the option of taking another cable car to the second highest point in Tatry Mountains called Lomnický štít 2634m (2022 price = eu46 return). We then walk about 3-4hr down to Hrebienok 1280m and descent using the funicular railway built 1908. Note that train ride to Tatranska Lomnica is covered. The cable car up and funicular down are not covered. Stay 2nd night Stary Smokovec

**Day 5 Dobinska Ice Caves, Spis Castle and Levoca:** We hire a minibus for a full day tour starting with Unesco listed Dobinska Ice Cave. Then we visit Unesco listed Spis Castle, one of the biggest castles in Central Europe. We finish the day in Levoca, a small but impressive town, full of fine Renaissance buildings, completely encircled by original walls and fortifications. Stay 3rd night Stary Smokovec. Minibus cost is covered for this day.



Trekking and Tatra Mountains Slovakia

**Day 6 Zakopane & Kasprowy Wierch Poland:** We hire a bus to take the group directly into Zakopane, Poland. This is the main town in the Polish Tatra Mountains. We proceed to Kuznice for a cable car ride (2022 return fare PLN99) up to Kasprowy Wierch 1987m, a famous snow peak in Poland. After that, group is free to wander about this beautiful mountain village Zakopane, which is filled with good-value restaurants, pubs and outdoor shops. Stay doubles/triples with private bath in pension in Zakopane with breakfast. Minibus transfer covered. O/N Zakopane

**Day 7 Dolina Koscieliska (B):** At 9am, a minibus takes group to Dolina Koscieliska for a beautiful walk inside this valley alongside a pretty river. Members advised to bring along packed lunch to enjoy inside park. Group return to Zakopane in afternoon - rest of day free & easy. Second night in Zakopane. Return trip to Dolina Koscieliska is covered. O/N Zakopane

**Day 8 Krakow & Auschwitz Prison Camp (B):** After breakfast we go by hired minibus to Krakow. Along the way, we have early lunch before 3.5hr guided tour of UNESCO listed Auschwitz Prison Camp (Guided tour equivalent of Rm255/pax included). It is the famous WW2 Prison camp, that was responsible for the extermination of more than 1.5 million Jews and other Nationalities. After the 3hr tour, we continue to Krakow. We have the rest of the day free to relax and walk about this Unesco listed town. Stay doubles/triples/quads with private bath in guesthouse in Krakow. Minibus hire is covered. O/N Krakow

**Day 9 Krakow:** Members have option to join free walking tours of Krakow in the morning. Rest of afternoon to explore Krakow's Old Town, Wawel castle and Jewish quarter. Many of the impressive structures of Krakow are built from the salt money, which was worth its weight in gold at one time. This town has the largest town square in Europe, measuring a total of 800 meters all round. Stay 2nd night in Krakow. O/N Krakow

**Day 10 Wieliczka Salt Mine:** We take the frequent local bus to UNESCO listed Wieliczka Salt Mine, one of the oldest salt mines in Europe for a 2 hour guided tour (2022 price PLN119 or Rm 115 included). We have the rest of the day to relax and enjoy Krakow. At night we take the overnight sleeper train to Prague Czech Republic 500km about 9hr. Public minibus fare to Salt Mine and overnight train to Prague is covered. O/N Train



Auschwitz Birkenau Camps / Wawel castle grounds at Krakow

**Day 11 Prague:** We arrive in Prague early morning and take local trams to our nearby hotel 2 stops down. After check-in, we will have a 2 hour walking tour with local guide. Rest of afternoon free & easy to enjoy UNESCO listed Prague with its amazing old architecture, which includes Prague Castle and the famous Charles Bridge. Prague 24hr Public Transport Pass of CZK120 included. Stay budget hotel in doubles/triples private bath with breakfast provided. O/N Prague

**Day 12 Kutna Hora & Prague (B):** After breakfast, day trip with train to Kutna Hora to visit the famous Bone Church and Unesco listed Old City. The silver mined here in the 16th century made Kutna Hora rich and the medieval townscape is basically unchanged. We return to Prague for our final 2nd night stay. Train from Prague to Kutna Hora and public bus transfers at Kutna Hora included. Not included is entrance fee to Bone Church CZK160 or Combined ticket for 3 sights at CZK300. O/N Prague

**Day 13 Cesky Krumlov (B):** We leave by chartered bus in the morning towards Cesky Krumlov, UNESCO Heritage site and one of the prettiest Medieval town in Europe. Our road trip takes us through scenic Czech countryside. Along the way, we make a stop at Karlstejn Castle for a 1hr tour and lunch break (Karlstejn Castle entrance with tour CZK250 included). We arrive Cesky Krumlov by afternoon. Stay in twins/triples/quad with private baths in pension, breakfast included. O/N Cesky Krumlov

**Day 14 Rafting Canoeing in Cesky Krumlov (B):** Morning time, we suggest a river trip by rubber rafts or canoes down the Vltava River that meanders through the middle of the town. Almost every Czech person would have done this at least once in their lifetime. Or hire a bicycle and enjoy the countryside. Members are free to explore Cesky Krumlov - labyrinth of narrow streets filled with restaurants and quaint shops. Second night in Cesky Krumlov.

**Day 15 Vienna (B):** We take a shuttle bus from Cesky Krumlov to Vienna Austria 3.5hr. Afternoon, members have option to visit the the Schonbrunn Palace (2022 price eu26), the seat of power of the Habsburg Empire or various attractions around Vienna city centre. Stay in Pension in doubles/triples/quads with breakfast. Minibus cost to Vienna and 24hr Vienna travel ticket included. ON Vienna

**Day 16 Airport (B):** Early morning visit to colourful market of Naschmarkt, Vienna's largest local market. We take the Airport Shuttle 45 minutes for our evening flight **Turkish Airlines TK1888** leaving **7:50PM** towards Istanbul, arriving 1115PM. Flight time 2hr 25min. Transit in Istanbul for 2hr 5min. Airport shuttle bus fare covered.

**Day 17 Home:** Reconnect on **TK60** departing **1:20AM** (flight time 10hr 20min), arriving KLIA afternoon on **4 JUN 2023 SUNDAY 4:40PM**



Small town Cesky Krumlov / Prague town square

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. Trip Ground cost covers accommodation, meals, entrance fees and traveling to sites mentioned above.
2. Accommodations will be in doubles, triples or quads with private bath as stated above, in pensions, hostels and budget hotels. Breakfast is provided with accommodation in the places mentioned above.
3. Not covered are return flight fares & airport taxes, meals (Rm70 x 15 days = Rm1050), entrance fees, cable-cars and rafting/canoeing (about Rm1,050 in total). In-town trams metro are not covered unless mentioned above. Transfers to and from train/bus stations to our place of stay are covered. In some places, we have kitchen facilities for self catered meals to save cost.
4. Cost is subject to change depending on fluctuations in exchange rates and/or airfares. Costs calculated based on Eur1.00 = MYR4.702
5. A deposit of **Rm3,200** is collected to confirm your place.
6. We may quickly call in more deposits should we require to pay for lower fares flights either online or through ticketing agent.

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