

BRATISLAVA TO PRAGUE

WALKING TOUR

May 2 – 13, 2025 | 12 Days

Mikulov
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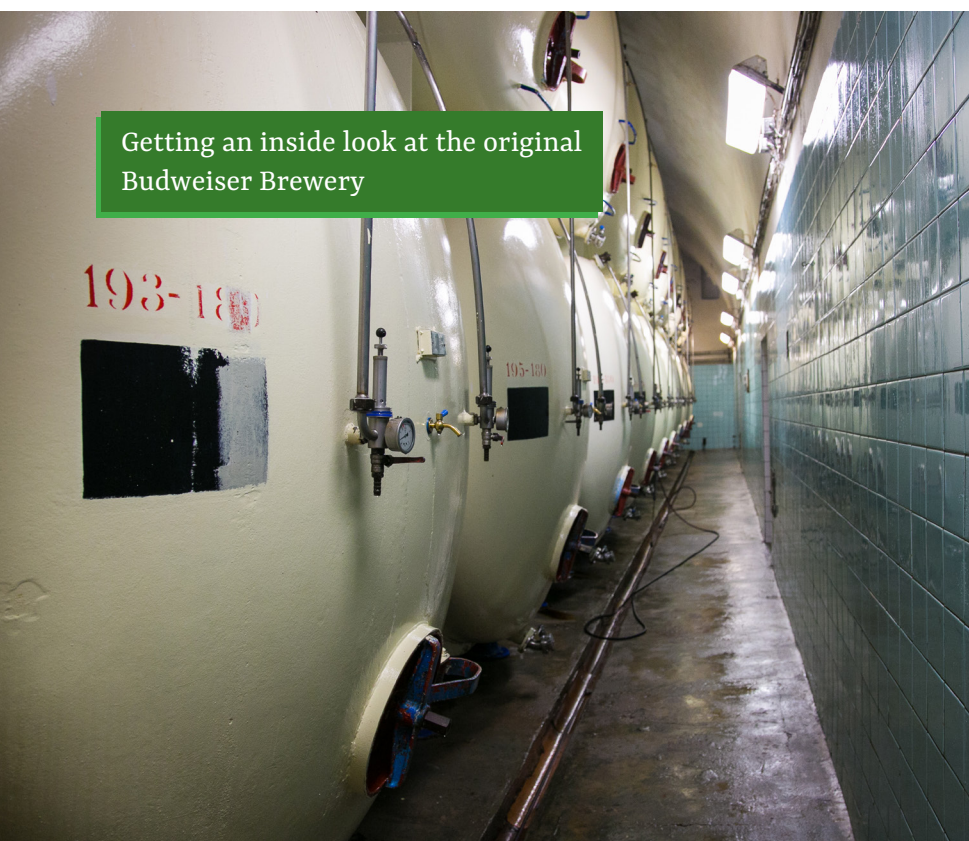
Walking through lush forests and along winding rivers



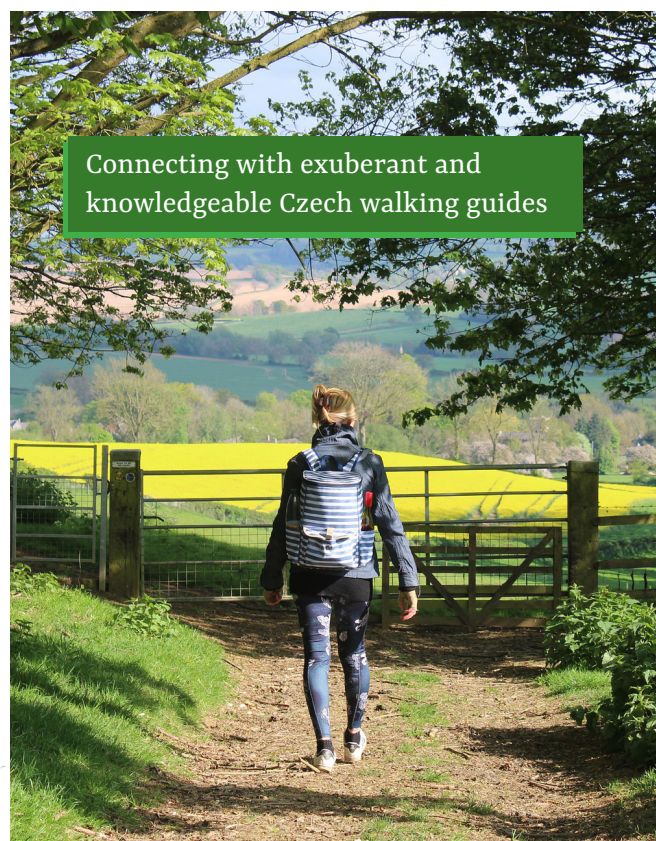
Admiring fairy-tale castles and ruined monasteries



Discovering charming World Heritage towns



Getting an inside look at the original Budweiser Brewery



Connecting with exuberant and knowledgeable Czech walking guides



**This tour is presented by the alumni associations of the University of Alberta, the University of Saskatchewan, Western University, McGill University, York University, and McMaster University.
All are welcome!**

A storybook come to life!

Enjoy a mix of walking and history exploring this region filled with fairy-tale castles, lush forests, winding rivers, and hillsides covered with vineyards.

Meet in elegant Vienna; then walk from Bratislava to Bohemian Prague, staying in four World Heritage Site locations comprising picturesque medieval towns with bustling market squares and winding little streets.

Walks take us across ancient forests dappled with wildflowers, small villages with red-tiled roofs covering cottages and stately chateaux, and farmers' fields as the harvest is being brought in. End the day with a cold stein of pilsner or a glass of local wine and dine on Czech favourites prepared with farm-fresh ingredients.



Wellness Leader

Dr. Karen Danylchuk is a Professor Emerita at The University of Western Ontario, where she taught and researched in the field of Sport Management in the School of Kinesiology, Faculty of Health Sciences. Throughout her 38 years at Western, she also served in a variety of administrative roles. Prior to working at Western, Karen taught and coached at Hong Kong International School and McMaster University. Karen has published extensively and has presented her research globally.

Karen holds degrees from McMaster University (BPE), The University of Western Ontario (MA), and University of Toronto (EdD), and she has been a competitive athlete and has coached tennis, squash, and golf at the university level. Originally from Sarnia, Ontario, Karen's passion for travel began at a very young age and has taken her to close to 100 countries. She especially enjoys active holidays of hiking, cycling, and downhill skiing, and is very excited to serve as Wellness Leader for this tour!

Detailed Itinerary

Friday, May 2: Meet in Vienna

Guests arrive in Vienna and make independent arrangements to reach our city centre hotel. Meet our guides later this afternoon for a briefing followed by dinner together.

Overnight: Hotel Wandl, Vienna

Meals: Welcome Dinner

Saturday, May 3: To Bratislava


 Walk: 10km

This morning, transfer by coach to the start of our walk at Hainberg Castle. Our route takes us to the ancient Celtic settlement on Braunsberg Hill, and then to the confluence of the Morava and Danube rivers and the ruins of Devin Castle overlooking these rivers as well as to the village of Wolfsthal, where our coach picks us up for the drive into the city. After a picnic lunch, we transfer by coach to the ancient city of Bratislava, which boasts a splendid location on the banks of the Danube against a background of the vineyard-clad Carpathian mountains. The Old Town has been reinvigorated with restorations to the city's charming Baroque and Gothic architecture.

Overnight: AC Hotel Bratislava Old Town

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner

Sunday, May 4: Castles of the Little Carpathians

 Walk: 20km

Drive to the village of Smolenice in the foothills of the "Little Carpathians," dominated by its restored castle. From here, walk the main range of the Little Carpathians to the ruins of Ostry Kamen Castle and onward to the picturesque open valley of Poprad River and to Plavec Castle. (A shorter walking option is also available.) Back in Bratislava, enjoy an optional late-afternoon walk up to Bratislava Castle for the magnificent view.

Overnight: AC Hotel Bratislava Old Town

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch


Ostry Kamen Castle



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Monday, May 5: Valtice to Lednice


 Walk: 15km

An hour's drive this morning takes us to the Lednice-Valtice Cultural Landscape, a 143-square-kilometer World Heritage Site consisting of two monumental chateaux surrounded by splendid gardens, beautiful hunting lodges, and charming lookouts. Within the area is the hiking trail we get to enjoy this morning as we explore the park. Continue on to the town of Lednice, where we stay for two nights.

Overnight: Hotel Galant, Lednice

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Tuesday, May 6: Pavlovské Hills

 Walk: 15km

Travel by coach to Mikulov from where we hike up to the scenic Saint Hill viewpoint. Our walk takes us across the limestone Pavlov Hills covered with vineyards to Pavlov village on the banks of the Nové Mlýny Reservoir, overlooked by the ruins of Děvičky Castle. Back in Lednice, enjoy dinner at a charming Moravian wine cellar, accompanied by music from a dulcimer band.

Overnight: Hotel Galant, Lednice

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner

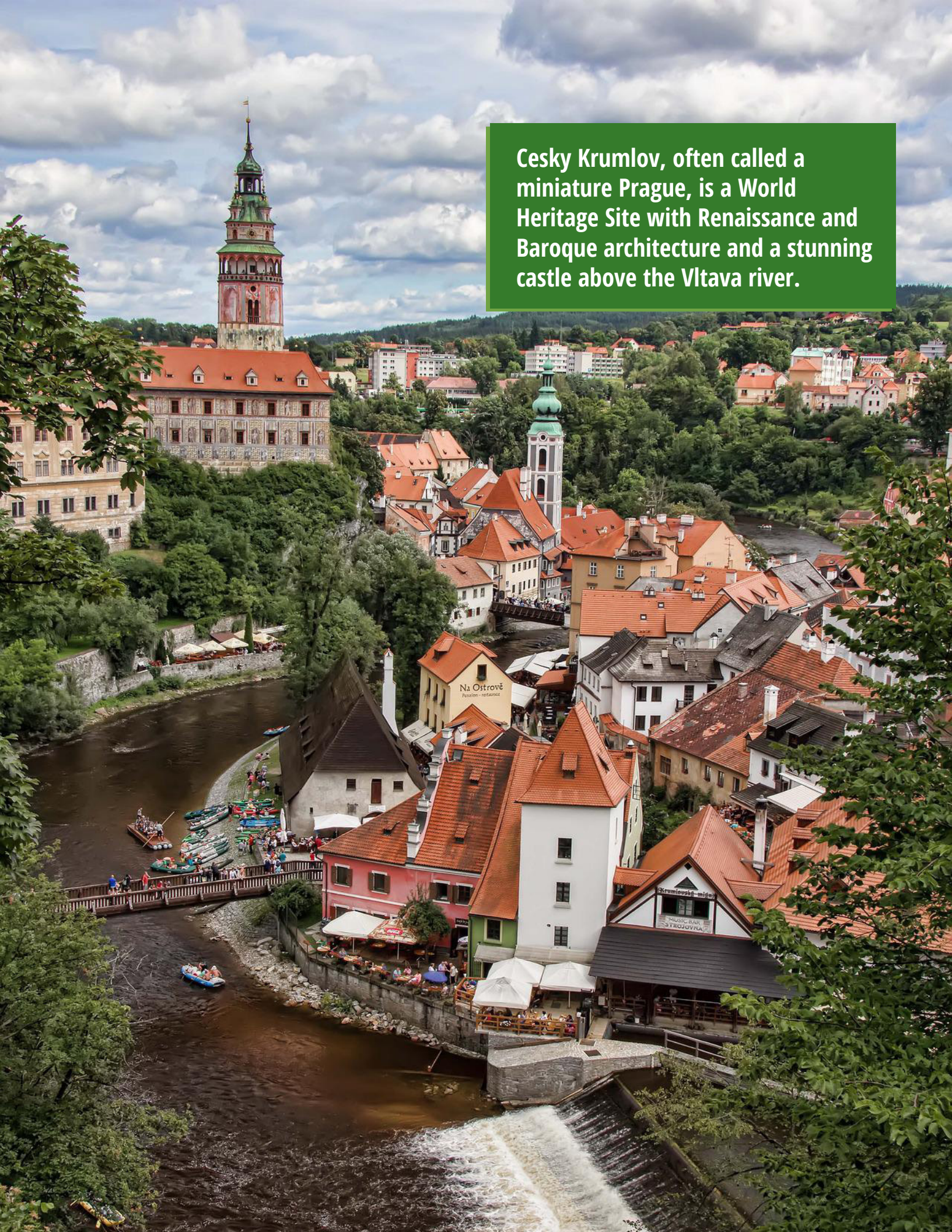
Wednesday, May 7: Podyji National Park

 Walk: 15km

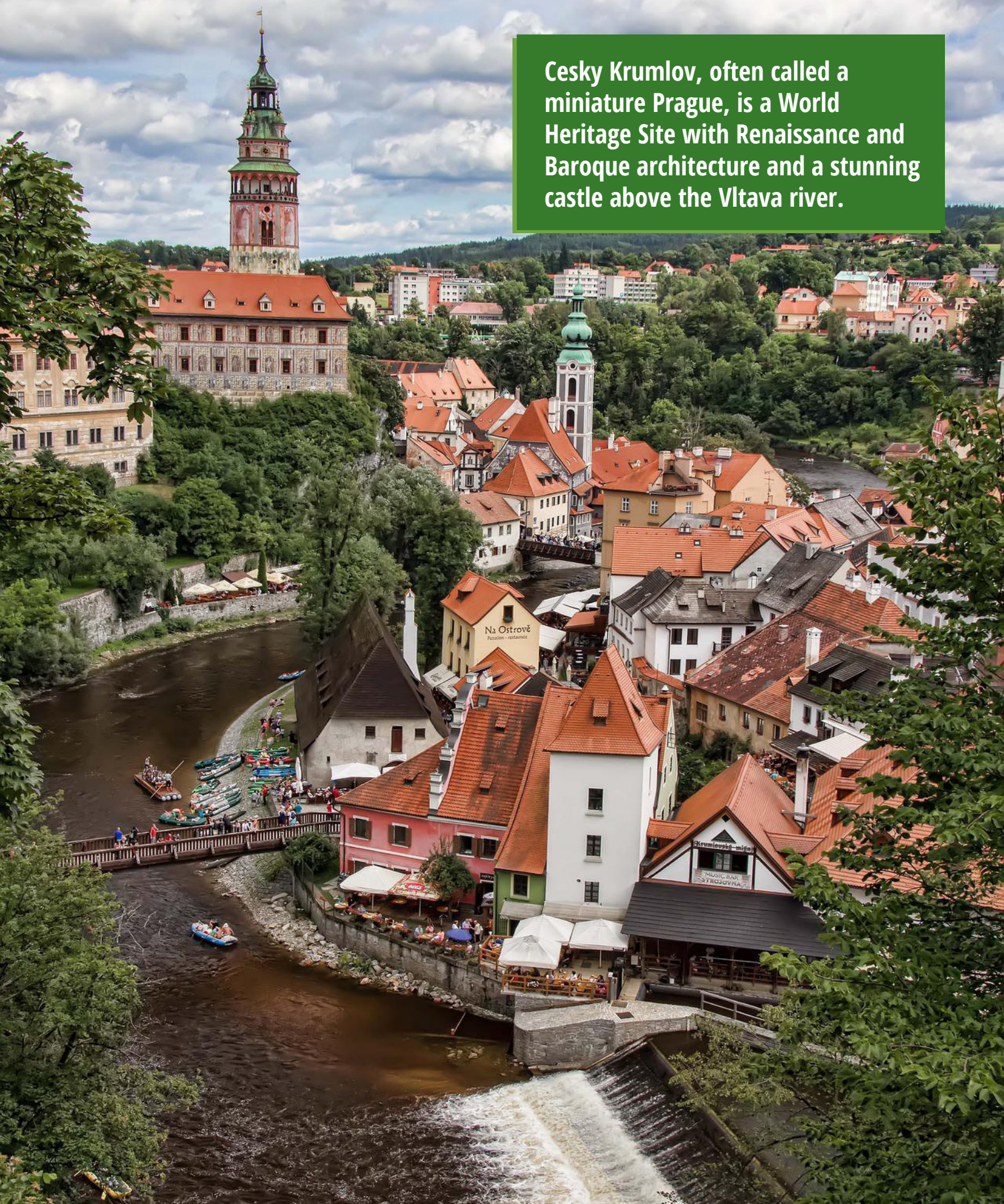
Podyji National Park, the Czech Amazon, lies along the border with Austria and the Dyje River. The park is home to hundreds of rare species of flora, including irises and orchids. We may also spot the Black Storks which nest here every summer, the otters and beavers who inhabit the river shores, and the Roe Deer in the dense mixed-coniferous forest. Our walk takes us past the last preserved section of the Iron Curtain fence in the village of Čížov. At the end of our walk, transfer by coach to our next base in Telč, a listed World Heritage town with a stunningly beautiful market square and spectacular castle.

Overnight: Hotel U Hraběňky, Telč

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Cesky Krumlov, often called a miniature Prague, is a World Heritage Site with Renaissance and Baroque architecture and a stunning castle above the Vltava river.





Thursday, May 8: In and around Telč

Walk: 15km

A short drive takes us to Javorice Hill from where we walk back to Telč. The route takes us through sections of shady forest, past farmers' fields, and along country lanes. Visit Telč Castle, one of the best-preserved Renaissance castles in the Czech Republic and tour the sumptuous interiors and immaculately tended gardens.

Overnight: Hotel U Hraběnký, Telč

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch

Friday, May 9: To Cesky Krumlov

Walk: 8km

Today we follow the route of a famed local brigand from Penikov farm to Rudolek and onward to Radikov, passing through pretty villages. Visit the 13th-century Landštejn Castle, a vast Romanesque building set in midst of unspoiled nature. Transfer to Cesky Krumlov, one of the most picturesque towns in Europe. Often called a miniature Prague, the town is a World Heritage Site with Renaissance and Baroque architecture and a stunning castle above the Vltava River.

Overnight: Hotel Gold, Cesky Krumlov

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Saturday, May 10: Sumava National Park

Walk: 15km

Transfer by coach to Vyšší Brod to visit the Cistercian Monastery, the spiritual centre of South Bohemia since the 13th century and still home to a community of monks. The richly decorated library dates from the Baroque period. Follow the 'Way of the Cross' through forests and country roads to the picturesque village of Maria Rast. Return to Cesky Krumlov to enjoy exploring the town at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Gold, Cesky Krumlov

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Sunday, May 11: To Prague

Walk: 5km

This morning, walk up the striking Cesky Krumlov Castle for a guided visit. Head off by coach to Prague, stopping first at the original Budweiser Brewery in Ceske Budejovice for a tasting. Get a first look of Prague with a short, guided walk in the Little Quarter, a popular nook with colourful Baroque houses and cobblestoned streets.

Overnight: Hotel Čertovka, Prague

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Monday, May 12: Prague

Looming above the left bank of the Vltava River is the fairytale Prague Castle. Take in a guided visit of the complex, which includes an extensive collection of palaces and church buildings of various architecture styles from the remains of Romanesque buildings to Gothic modifications and 20th-century restorations. Spend the afternoon at leisure visiting galleries or wandering the maze of picturesque lanes and hidden courtyards before our farewell dinner this evening.

Overnight: Hotel Čertovka, Prague

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Prague Castle



Tuesday, May 13: Depart Prague

The tour concludes after breakfast today. Guests make independent arrangements for departure.

Meals: Breakfast

Note: The itinerary and accommodation described in this detailed itinerary are subject to change due to logistical arrangements and to take advantage of local events.



Tour Details

Tour Cost (per person): C\$6495
Includes all taxes and gratuities

Single Supplement: C\$1000

If you are travelling alone and would like to share, we will attempt to match you up with an appropriate roommate. If we cannot, the single supplement will apply. This will be collected at 90 days prior to departure.

Group Size: 12 - 16 participants

What's Included:

- Accommodation based on double occupancy, in three-star hotels and bed & breakfasts as indicated or similar — all rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast daily
- Picnic or café lunches as indicated in the itinerary
- Six dinners
- All ground transportation in 30-seat coach driven by a professional driver
- Water in coach during drives
- All activities as described in the itinerary
- Local site guides
- Audio headsets during tours
- All entrance fees to sites visited during the tour
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, hotel staff, and group meals
- Taxes
- Porterage of one standard piece of baggage per person
- Services of our two Czech Walking Leaders
- Fully escorted by your Tour Manager

Not Included:

- Roundtrip airfare from your home to join the tour
- Fuel surcharge (if applicable)
- Airport departure taxes (is applicable)
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Items of a personal nature
- Beverages with meals
- Travel insurance
- Additional transportation required due to any emergency or other situation
- Any item not mentioned in "What's Included"

Payment Details:

A non-refundable deposit of C\$750 per person is required to reserve a space on this tour. A second payment of C\$2000 per person is six months prior to departure. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

What To Expect



Joining Instructions

Arrival: Friday, May 2

This tour begins with our briefing at 5:30PM in the hotel lobby. Please note that participants are to make their own arrangements for arrival at our hotel in Vienna. Please arrive by 4:00PM in order to join the group.

Departure: Tuesday, May 13

The tour concludes after breakfast. Participants are to make their own arrangements for departure from our hotel in Prague.



Travel Documents

You will require a passport for your trip to Austria, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. Please ensure it is valid for six months beyond your scheduled return date. Before booking, please refer to the Canadian government website to obtain travel advice for the destination(s) you are visiting: www.travel.gc.ca



Level of Activity: Active

Although this trip is escorted, you are free to walk at your own pace in your own time. You will be provided with a pack of easy-to-read maps and instructions, complete with directions to guide you on the well-marked paths and tracks.



COVID-19 Entry and Travel Requirements

All travellers on Worldwide Quest tours are required to be fully vaccinated and prepared to show proof of vaccination as per local regulations. Please refer to the below website for current requirements:

Austria: www.austria.info

Slovakia: www.mzv.sk

Czech Republic: www.mvcr.cz

Canada: <https://travel.gc.ca/travel-covid>



Transportation

We will be travelling in a comfortable, air-conditioned 28-seater coach driven by a professional driver. We will be transferring from the mainland to Battle Harbour Properties by boat.



Weather

We expect comfortable walking conditions with highs of about 20°C and lows of about 10°C as well as a mix of sun and cloud with a chance of some rain. Overall, the weather is fresh, temperate, and ideal for a walking tour.



Accommodation and Luggage Transfer

Hotel Wandl is superbly located within about a 15-minute walk from nearly all of Vienna's most prominent cultural sites. This storied building dates back to 1850 but has been fully updated for modern sensibilities.

The **AC Hotel** is a modern hotel with a convenient location in the old town of Bratislava.

Hotel Galant is a premium hotel in the village of Lednice. Enjoy the outdoor heated pool, wellness centre, and wine cellar.

Hotel U Hraběnký is a restored Baroque house located next to the castle park in the centre of Telč.

The **Hotel Gold**, Cesky Krumlov, is situated in a restored portion of the old Jesuit College on the left bank of the Vltava River.

The **Čertovka** is a small hotel in a great location on the banks of the Čertovka Canal in the Mala Strana with lovely views of Prague Castle.

Your luggage will be transferred to your next accommodation. A support vehicle will be available at all times.



#SafeTravels

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Additional Info

Terms and Conditions

For additional information about our terms and conditions, please refer to your booking form, the current brochure or our website. All participants booking with Worldwide Quest are covered by the terms of the Ontario Travel Industry Act (Worldwide Quest International, Ontario – License # 2667946). See full details [here](#).

Cancellation Policy

All payments are non-refundable; however, you may transfer your initial deposit for any land tour to another tour 90 days or more prior to your scheduled departure date. Initial deposits for cruises are non-refundable and non-transferable. Your second payment and your final payment are non-refundable and non-transferable. If you cancel within 90 days prior to trip departure, all associated trip costs are non-refundable. In the event of a cancellation, you must notify Worldwide Quest immediately and in writing. See full details [here](#).

Travel Insurance

We urge you to ensure that you have adequate cancellation and medical insurance in place, should an unexpected event cause you to cancel or interrupt your trip or should the tour not be operable per our terms and conditions. We will offer you Manulife insurance coverage. Medical insurance including emergency medical evacuation coverage is mandatory on all our tours.



How to Book

Please contact the Worldwide Quest office for more information and to secure your booking.

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