



Zlin, Czech Republic



High Tatras, Slovakia



Budapest, Hungary



Budapest, Hungary



Moravian Kolaches



Kosice, Slovakia



Brno, Czech Republic



Kosice, Slovakia



Frenstat, Czech Republic



Lomnický Peak, Slovakia



Salzburg, Austria



Munich, Germany



Prague, Czech Republic



TRAVEL



Munich, Germany



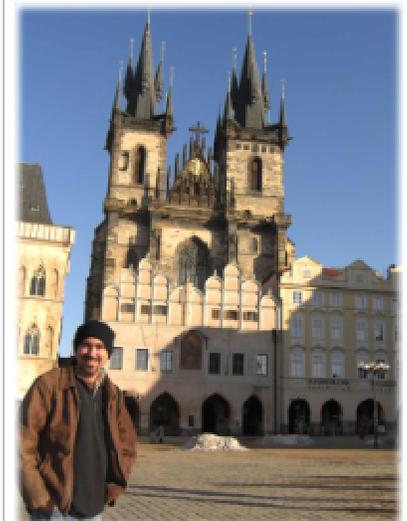
Czech Meal



Czech Beer



Salzburg, Austria



Prague, Czech Republic

EUROPE TOUR WITH EDITA & CHRIS RYBAK

July 1 - 12, 2008

Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Austria, Germany

5 countries of Europe within 11 days

Tuesday, July 1

Depart from **Houston** Airport on the flight at 9.55 PM towards **Europe, Paris**.

Wednesday, July 2

Change the plane in Paris and catch the flight to **Budapest**, the capital of **Hungary**. Arrival in Budapest at 5.55 PM. The luxury bus with attendant team (including your tour guide) will be waiting for you at the airport and take you to the hotel. Check-in. Leisure time for you to do whatever you desire.

Thursday, July 3

Depart for a city tour of **Budapest** which was formed in 1872 with the merger of the three towns of Obuda, Buda and Pest. Visit old historic town Buda rising on several hills – Royal Castle, Holy Trinity Square, Matthias Church, Liberation Monument, Citadell with a beautiful view of the city and the river Danube. Visit the Pest part of the city – Parliament Building, St-Stephen's Basilica etc. In the afternoon a trip to Szentendre, charming village lying on the right bank of the Danube. The streets are lined with brightly-colored houses. Many artists lived here. It's a good place to buy traditional Hungarian articles and souvenirs featuring embroidered tablecloths, lace, paprika, typical Hungarian glass etc. Leave for **Slovakia** in the afternoon. Arrival in **Kosice**, the very east of the country in the evening. Check-in.

Friday, July 4

Tour of this beautiful city of **Kosice** which is the second most important city in the country situated not far from the borders to Hungary, Poland and Ukraine. Historical core of Kosice represents the biggest reservoir of historical monuments in Slovakia. In terms of art and history, the most valuable buildings are situated around the original Middle Age square – present Main Square. View the most important sights including St. Elizabeth's Cathedral built in the Gothic style. Leisure time in the afternoon. Enjoy the party with the local music band in the evening.

Saturday, July 5

Leave for the Czech Republic in the morning. Stop enroute in **High Tatras**, this mountainous region which extends into Poland contains some of the highest summits in Slovakia, often referred to as "miniature Alps". Come to Stary Smokovec which was originally settled around the mineral springs, which tourists still enjoy today. This is the number 1 tourist area full of shops and restaurants for you to enjoy. Stop at the Strbske pleso, the highest settlement more than 4000 ft. Throughout the year the town has a busy cultural life, and is also a well-known skiing center. Since it hosted the 1970 World Championship, a range of competitive European and world-class skiing events has been held here, including ski-jumping and cross-country events. Arrival in the **Czech Republic, Moravia** region. Stop enroute in the Texas museum in **Lichnov** consisting of records on the emigrants to Texas from this region. Check-in the hotel in **Frenštát** and finish the day with Koliba Vlčina Party, Moravian wine, music and the best grilled chicken. "Everyone's favorite quaint place" you will always remember Vlčina. Do not miss the party!!

Sunday, July 6

Depart to **Hostyn** to attend a Sunday mass. The former monastery (1721-1748) and the well-known pilgrimage Church Of Our Lady who protected the residents from the Turks raid is located in a beautiful scenery of Hostynske mountains. It is the second mostly visited pilgrimage place in Moravia and also a very good place to buy religious articles. Afterwards leave to attend the International folklore festival in **Vsetin** where you can enjoy a number of folklore groups of musicians and dancers performing in their folk costumes.

Monday, July 7

Depart to visit the glassworks in **Kvetna** where you can see the production of glass right in front of the furnace and witness the precise work of the skilled glassmakers. There will be a chance to buy the glass in the factory shop. Leave for **Velehrad**, the pilgrimage center. It was formerly thought to have been the capital of the Great Moravian Empire and the starting point of St. Cyril and Methodius's mission. The town was visited by Pope John Paul II in 1990. You will listen to a 5,000 pipe, organ concert in the Velehrad monastery church, one of the largest churches in the Czech Republic. If time permits you can also visit the open-air museum reflecting the primeval history of the country and showing you the way of life at those times. Come back to **Zlin**, leisure time for shopping and get ready for the party with VESELANKA band or VESELANKA duo whose members has toured Texas 4 times. Have a great entertaining evening – dancing – singing – drinking – enjoying our time in Moravia!!

Tuesday, July 8

Leave for **Vizovice**, the so-called “Gate to Wallachia” known for its tradition of Slivovitz making, summer festival of plum harvesting. Visit a distillery of Jelinek producing all kinds of fruit spirits including Slivovitz (typical wallachian drink made of plums). See the production and you will get to taste a few samples as well! Visit a beautiful chateau built in the first half of the 18th century with extensive French and English park. Enjoy the richly furnished chateau with collections of porcelain and paintings. Arrive in **Slusovice**, shopping in the crystal shop, offers also china and other Czech gifts enjoyed by US tourists. Horse-race track and golf course inside located nearby. Leave for **Prague**, the capital of the **Czech Republic**, the so-called “City of a hundred spires”. Check-in. In the evening enjoy the boat cruise on river Vltava including a buffet dinner! See the beauties of the capital – beautifully illuminated Prague Castle, Vyšehrad-Upper Castle, National Theatre and other sights of Prague, the accordion music on board to entertain you.

Wednesday, July 9

In the morning sightseeing tour of **Prague**. Start at the grounds of Prague Castle with St. Vitus Cathedral, Hradcany quarter, Church of Our Lady Victorious with a famous wax statue of Prague Infant Jesus, walk across the famous Charles Bridge, the oldest one in Prague which was built in the 14th century. On to Old Town Square to see the Astronomical clock, Prague horologe and the procession of Apostles. After lunch end up the tour at Wenceslas Square which was the venue of many events including the 1989 Velvet Revolution demonstrations. Have free time for individual sightseeing and great shopping in numerous stores lining the square. In the evening you have the option of the entertainment, either enjoy the light and music show accompanied with music at Krizik's fountain or spend some time in the most famous and oldest beer joint in Prague called U Fleku established in 1499 (live accordion music and beer from the local brewery)...or rest at the hotel.

Thursday, July 10

Leave for Austria, stop enroute still in the Czech Republic, in the Southern Bohemia, town of **Lisov** to experience the private collection of organ grinders and marionettes more than 100 years old and still working! Afterwards continue on our way to **Austria, Salzburg**. Enjoy a short tour of this beautiful city, Mozart's birthplace and in the same time the site where the successful musical Sound of Music was filmed (performed on Broadway almost 1500 times), the sights include the Mozart memorial on Mozart Square, Residenz Square, the Cathedral, the fortress Hohensalzburg etc.

Friday, July 11

Leave for Munich, stop enroute already in **Germany**, in the area of **Berchtesgadenerland**, namely Eagle's Nest which is a site given to Adolf Hitler for his 50th birthday, on behalf of the NSDAP party. The road leading to the Eagle's Nest parking lot was blasted out of solid rock, making a road that is unique in the world, and we will go by bus specially adjusted to the narrow road. Unforgettable view of the surrounding area and the mountains, chance to view the tea room with the fireplace. Arrive in **Munich**, the capital of Bavaria region and the centre of economic and cultural activity in southern Germany, its one of Germany's most attractive cities where every year the largest beer festival Oktoberfest take place. Check-in. Walking tour of the historic core of Munich – the main square Marienplatz

with a new town hall built in the neo-Gothic style and possessing an animated carillon, Church of Our Lady, the vast Late Gothic hall-church which has become the symbol of the city. Leave for the evening show in the famous porter house – Hofbräuhaus which dates from 1589. This is the favorite place where every day 17500 pints of beer in 1 l pint tankards is served. There is a generous pub buffet that features an array of Bavarian specialties. You will surely enjoy an evening of Bavarian tradition and folklore as it used to be – in the one-of-a-kind atmosphere of the restored festival hall from the year 1897. There will be the most attractive Bavarian customs and traditions presented: folklore groups, alphorn players, a yodeler and the forever-popular Alpine „Schuhplattler“ dancers, melodies of the Alps played on real cow bells.

Saturday, July 12

Leave from **Munich** airport in the morning on the flight arriving to **Houston** at 7:30PM.
HOME SWEET HOME!!!

!!There may be slight changes made in the above mentioned itinerary!!

ACCOMMODATION

Wed	July 2	HUNGARY	Budapest
Thu, Fri	July 3,4	SLOVAKIA	Kosice
Sat	July 5	CZECH REPUBLIC	Frenstat
Sun, Mon	July 6,7	CZECH REPUBLIC	Zlin
Tue, Wed	July 8,9	CZECH REPUBLIC	Prague
Thu	July 10	AUSTRIA	Salzburg
Fri	July 11	GERMANY	Munich

Tour Price: **\$2,950** (includes flight, accommodation, bus, tour guide service, entrance fees, breakfasts, dinners, drinks with group meals, buffet on the bus-drinks, candy and wafers, music)

Single supplement: **200.- USD**

Insurance: (optional) 3.-/day/person, totally 39.-USD/tour
(covers medical and hospitality treatment of the cost up to 60 000 USD, transportation home cost up to 60 000 USD, dental treatment of cost up to 250 USD, maximum cost cover 100 000 USD)

Passports: Some countries require that your passport be valid at least **six** months beyond the dates of your trip and/or have two to four blank visa/stamp pages. Some airlines will not allow you to board if these requirements are not met. For renewing or applying for a new passport as well as info, visit: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>
(At this time, the processing time for passport applications is within four to six weeks of receipt.)

There will be 2 deposits:

First deposit due now: **\$1,500**
Second one by April 1, 2008: **\$1,450**
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