

CZECH MAY TOURS

May 18 - 26, 2010

8 glorious days

Offered by **Heritage Tours Inc.**

4219 Thornhill, St. Paul, MN 55127-7822 (for different tour versions)

This extensive – jam packed tour starts in Prague, Czech Republic. I suggest you fly into Prague - May 17th the day before the tour officially starts, so you can rest from your journey, and the bus will pick everyone up from the same hotel. (this is a option) We have reserved rooms in a hotel in the historic center for this option. We can easily book you additional nights at the hotels- no problem. Major towns and locations we visit below on the tour are in bold.

May 18, Tuesday * Tour officially starts at 9 AM - in the lobby of our Hotel in Central Prague*

AM 9 AM Depart from our pre-tour hotel in central Prague for a private tour of a Bohemian hand cut crystal factory.

PM Our next stop is **Pižeň** – stop at the famous brewery, hit the gift shop, optional lunch (liquid ?) and a walking tour of the historic square. Check-in to our hotel in charming Domažlice – dinner and optional walk.

May 19, Wednesday

AM Walking tour of historic **Domažlice**, visit the local museum, with many kroje – folk costumes. It is also possible to buy many folk items, costumes, etc. This town has many antique stores as well !

PM Then to a museum of old crafts, depart to **Klatovy**, walking tour of the historic center, dinner in a local restaurant.

May 20, Thursday

AM Off to visit a historic working weaving mill, with traditional fabric. Stop in **Příbram** for sightseeing or lunch.

PM Tour a local open air museum – see how your ancestors lived. Next to the small village of **Květuš** for a private event – to experience the life of your ancestors - learn a folk craft, maybe how to make kolac!(a pastry) Village dinner feast, dancing, singing, fun ! Then depart to our very modern hotel in **Písek**. Optional stroll to see the oldest stone bridge in Central Europe (built about the year 1300).

May 21, Friday

AM Special Czech Breakfast stop at the small brewery in **Protivín**, tour and tasting, then to the Czech-American Emigration museum.

PM Then to **České Budějovice** for a walking tour, free time. Next to **Český Krumlov** for a walking tour, free time, dinner in a fun medieval restaurant.

May 22, Saturday

AM Guided tour of the majestic Gothic **Orlík** castle. Most of the day will be spent at the 15th Annual South Bohemian Folklore Festival, where you will enjoy lots of dancing, music, folk crafts and local people celebrating their culture.

PM We will have a home cooked dinner, at a private home, then back to the festival !

May 23, Sunday

AM Meet a local folk artist of historic wooden toys, then tour the museum of South-Bohemian folk costumes in **Soběslav**, free time for lunch.

PM Next off to historic **Tábor**, where we will have a walking tour. Then off to **Prague** – check-in to our hotel right in the historic center. Dinner in a local restaurant. Optional evening walk through the old town to Charles bridge - when the lights of the city come on – magical !

May 24, Monday

AM Walking tour through the **Prague Castle** complex - the largest in the world.

PM Lunch and continued sightseeing of **Karlův Most** (Charles Bridge), and **Stare Mesto** (Old Town) till about 3 PM, evening free - for concerts, etc

May 25, Tuesday

AM Today offers you many options - Visit **Vysehrad**, or **Josefov** (Jewish Town) or any of the many other museums.

PM Or explore on your own, visit relatives, shop, etc. Wonderful farewell evening dinner cruise on the **Vltava** river.

May 26, Wednesday

AM *Tour ends* with breakfast this morning, and a lifetime of good memories !

You are free to keep traveling, (Passion play in Germany ?) visit relatives, or return home.

The final itinerary will have more stops, and much more detail. I do not publish this in advanced because we don't want our out-of-the-way places to be swamped with tourists. Our secret places are for you - our valued guests.

PRICE FOR THIS WONDERFUL 8 DAY TRAVEL EXPERIENCE IS ONLY;

\$ 2395.00* per-person sharing a double room. Single is \$ 450 extra for a single room.

You may charge your tour deposit to your credit card, by phone or email. Or by personal check sent in the mail. To place a credit card tour deposit, call Mark at 651-426-1222 or at 1-888-427-8687

Please feel free to contact Mark, as he is on almost every tour, with any tour questions you may have by : email at : CStours@ymail.com or CStour@visi.com or by phone at (651) 426-1222

Tour price is based on double room occupancy. (most times it's two beds in a room) Single supplement price is for a single room, with a single bed. Triple rooms are available too. Tour price includes : Hotel rooms with private bath, in small select superior class hotels (3 stars or above). Almost all meals, every breakfast, and most all evening meals, (which are large). Professional driver, in a nice new 48 passenger modern air-conditioned motor coach - (with LOTS of room to relax and spread out on all those empty seats, this is a real luxury – as most tours will cram you in, every seat is full) Or a smaller vehicle in case of a small group. This is a fully guided tour, with a full time licensed local Czech guide. You will not be left on your own - with no clue. (unless you want to) Your admission to places and events, on the itinerary. Plus lots of entertainment, (due to our extensive expertise, almost all entertainment we have is exclusive to Heritage Tours) **This is a Land only tour.** Program is subject to change, tour price based on currency exchange rates as of Nov. 1st, 2009.

No two tours have ever been the same, each is unique and custom designed around the local calendar of events. No one else will offer a tour like ours, period **Tour size is limited to around 10 – 20 people** – again this is a real luxury, as many of my competitors have 35 to 50 people on one tour. **Tour space is held by deposit only.** *Listed tour price is by personal or bank check, final payment can be made by credit card, and 4 % will be added to your total for credit card fees. (the 4 % is NOT added to your tour deposit) You may charge your tour deposit to your credit card, by phone or email. Or by personal check sent by postal mail.

We add many things to our tour program in Europe and are only satisfied when most people say I am too tired to go on ! We don't believe in playing games with tour prices, there will be very few extras while you are on our tour.

Those very few extras are: **a.** One meal a day, mostly lunches (with two BIG meals a day, its not missed by most people) Beverages other than breakfast. **b.** Car, drivers, translators, for family visits and personal reasons, and additional services done by the genealogical service. **c.** An occasional evening cultural program, or extra stops at places or events we come across. **d.** Gratuities during the tour. **e.** Transportation to / from Europe in Prague transfers to meet the start of the tour.

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Our exclusive family history assistance: While on a Heritage Tour if you are interested in locating your family's roots, we can make it happen. We take this mission VERY SERIOUSLY. Unlike others we contact and search for your living relatives LONG before you depart for Europe. We check in advance to make sure people know you are coming, that the church will be open, that people will be home etc. All these matters dealing with family history are handled by a professionally licensed genealogical service, run by a Slovak American married to a Czech based in Prague. They work extensively in Central Europe. We will contact your relatives, and you and they will decide how long your visit will be, a evening, afternoon, a day ? As not everyone will speak English, drive, or even have a car, we can help out with a car, van, driver or translator if you request it, no problem ! (at a additional fee) We will basically fill in with whatever you need to make your family visit a roaring success ! Detailed information regarding this service and much more, will be sent out to you after you have signed up for a tour

This is a GREAT GENERAL TOUR, each day is plum full of activities, your personal family history and visit is for you, the group is not invited along. We will be very interested to hear about your wonderful visit, but it's your day to be spent with your family.

Don't let the large paragraph above worry you if your not of Czech or Slovak background. If your interest is just seeing a wonderful part of Europe enjoying a more in depth experience, or extensive travelers looking for a better travel experience- all have found our tours a wonderful off the beaten path travel experience !

In the last few years we have had many non-Czech or Slovak background people join us, as more of the world learns what a wonderful place Central Europe really is. Including American Teachers and librarians doing school projects, and American's living in Europe full time. On our last tour of 2006, we had **6 Australian's and a lady from England** - two of the Australians were returning for their 2nd tour with us ! (none of whom are of Czech or Slovak background, they had all heard wonderful things about our tours- all the way down under !)

You will meet many friends as we have over the last 18 years, it's less like a tour and more like a family outing visiting friends. **Don't miss your chance..... Join us for the trip of a lifetime in 2010!**