



EXETER
INTERNATIONAL

A PRIVATE CULINARY AND CULTURAL
TOUR OF THE
CZECH REPUBLIC





FEATURING EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES:

VIP VISIT INSIDE THE STRAHOV MEDIEVAL LIBRARY
PRIVATE DINNER EXPERIENCE
PRIVATE WINE TASTING

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WHY EXETER INTERNATIONAL?

Our Experience

At Exeter International we have been creating memories and crafting custom-designed journeys for over 28 years. We are a team of specialists committed to providing the best travel experiences in our destinations. Each of our experts has either travelled extensively on reconnaissance trips, or has lived in their area of expertise, giving us unparalleled first-hand knowledge. Because we focus on specific parts of the globe, we return to the same destinations many times, honing our experience over the years.

Knowledgeable Up-to-the-Minute Local Information

We are best placed to give you advice about traveling to Europe and beyond; from logistics and new protocols in museums, hotels and restaurants in each country. We are here to expertly guide you through the new normal in travel.

Original Custom Programs, Meticulously Planned

Our experts speak your language both literally and culturally. Our advice and recommendations are impartial, honest, and always have the individual in mind. We save valuable time in pre-trip research and focus on developing experiences that enrich and enhance your experience. Once on your journey you will have complete peace of mind with our local 24-hour contact person who is on hand to coordinate any changes in your program or help you in the case of any emergency.

Hand-Selected Guides

We know that guides are one of the most important components of any travel experience. That is why we only use local experts who have a history of working with our guests and whom we know personally. We are extremely particular in selecting our guides and are confident that they will be one of the most memorable aspects of any of our trips.

Flexible Deposit

We prepay deposits for services so we can access the top guides, the best drivers and maintain preferred partnerships with our partner hotels. Our deposit to confirm services is **25%** of the total trip cost. We want you to feel confident to book but also know that we are sensitive to current circumstances. Therefore, 15% of the total trip cost is refundable up to **31 days** prior to departure if you are unable to travel for any reason. **10%** of the trip cost will be retained as a future travel credit for up to 3 years. Future travel will be priced at prevailing rates. If it is determined that you are unable to travel within 31 days of the start of services, all deposits paid will be converted to a future travel credit, less nonrefundable funds committed on your behalf and tickets such as train or theater tickets. This credit may also be applied to our sister travel companies: [Almaz Journeys](#) and [Exeter Safari Company](#).

Financial Stability

We are proud to be recognized by Allianz Insurance on their list of covered [travel suppliers](#) to give you additional peace of mind.

DAY 1



ARRIVAL INTO PRAGUE

Arrival into Prague, where you will be met by your driver for your transfer to your hotel in the center of the city and in the heart of the historic district.

Perhaps more than any other city in Europe, Prague has kept its pre-modern charm. Spared the destruction of the Second World War, the ancient structures of the city still exist in their original state. Prague is a walking city as it was designed over many centuries for the pedestrian and the horse. The inner city lacks major avenues as found in Paris or Rome, giving the city its unique character.

EXETER SERVICES

Arrival Transfer

HOTEL

Aria



DAY 2

PRAGUE

Today your guide will meet you in your hotel lobby and will take you through Prague's storybook Old Town on a walking tour. You'll want to see the beautiful expanse of the Charles Bridge but it's a more magical experience to visit it very late or very early on your own, when it's free of the souvenir stands and tourists. Your guide will give you a quick lesson of Prague's history, evident in every building and small passageway of this 800-year-old city. Be sure not to miss the fairytale-like Old Town Hall Tower (1364) that stands above Old Town Square; you can even go to the top of the tower for a splendid view over the district.

Finally, you will enter New Town—which is new because it was only founded in 1348! Here you can visit Wenceslas Square, where over the many centuries demonstrations of civil discontent have taken place. At the top of the square you will see the imposing building of the National Museum and the Monument to St. Wenceslas, the patron of the Czech lands, by sculptor Josef Myslbek.

As you stroll, our guide will point out some of the interesting sculptures in Prague. There are several thought provoking and somewhat controversial sculptures around the city. You get little slices of Czech history and, in some cases, some interesting political commentary, too!

Note: All touring today is on foot in largely pedestrian only areas.

Exeter International Extraordinary Experience

This evening your driver will take you to the home of a local chef. Step inside his modest apartment and be enchanted by his amazing cuisine and storytelling. Sit down and watch your chef prepare and plate each of your ten courses while you learn about his interesting life and about traditional Czech cuisine. Cap off the evening with a magnificent dessert pairing! Includes non-alcoholic beverages.

EXETER SERVICES

Guide (4 Hours); Dinner Transfers

HOTEL

Aria

DAY 3



PRAGUE

This morning your guide and driver will meet you for an overview drive of some of Prague's top sites. Drive by the famous Dancing House and through the historical area of Vysehrad, with its 10th-century fort. You will also observe modern local Czech life with a drive through the bustling residential area of Vinohrady, once covered by vineyards. You will then head towards the Castle District and Hradčany.

Exeter International Extraordinary Experience

Today you have a VIP visit to the Strahov Monastery. Here, you will be invited into the two main halls of the library: The Philosophical Hall and the Theological Hall. These two halls are always viewed by the public through the narrow doorways at the end of each room, but you will be allowed to enter the rooms to walk alone among the ancient books and artifacts.

Included today will also be a visit to the Prague Castle complex. This castle, designed with courtyards inside of courtyards, is a fascinating view into the lives of the Czech monarchy. You might want to step into the towering and wonderfully Neo-Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral inside the complex.

We love a visit to the Lobkowitz Palace to view The Princely Collection. This is a special treat, as the audio guide that you will use is recorded by Mr. William Lobkowitz himself. After the confiscation by the Nazis and later, the Communists, the palace has been returned to the Lobkowitz family, one of the most powerful Czech aristocratic families whose history goes all the way back to the 14th century. The tour will give you an insight into their life and their collection of paintings, decorative art, porcelain sets, music scores (one with Mozart's own handwritten notes), arms, and armors. Don't miss the original score of Beethoven's Eroica!

Your day will end in the Malá Strana or Little Quarter, which is best known for the Wallenstein Palace and Church of St. Nicholas. Also, it is here in the Malá Strana that you will find many charming restaurants and unique shops full of Bohemian glass and the marionettes that are so famous in Prague.

Note: All touring today is on foot in largely pedestrian only areas.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle & Driver (3 Hours); Guide (6 Hours)

HOTEL

Aria

DAY 4



DAY TRIP TO MIKULOV

This morning meet your driver and guide in the hotel lobby for a trip to Mikulov.

Mikulov is a picturesque little town in the Southern Moravian region which is known for its wine. The town itself is full of charming winding streets with pretty Renaissance and Baroque houses. West of the Mikulov Castle is the Jewish Quarter, once the seat of the Moravian Chief Rabbi. The thriving community used to have a well-known yeshiva, many synagogues and a large graveyard where many of the famous rabbis are buried.

Exeter International Extraordinary Experience

After a bit of time to explore the town, head to a small family-run winery just outside of Mikulov where you will learn about wine production in this region and enjoy a selection of their best wines along with homemade accompaniments.

As time allows, and if you want to do some exploring, you might want to drive towards Valtice and Lednice, a beautiful UNESCO-listed complex that features two magnificent chateaus and several artificial ruins, temples, arches and colonnades. The two chateaus are linked by a 7-kilometer avenue of lime trees. Valtice Castle also offers wine tasting of a selection of Moravian wines.

EXETER SERVICES

Vehicle, Driver & Guide (8 hours)

HOTEL

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DAY 5



PRAGUE

Enjoy this morning at leisure.

This afternoon, you'll meet with special culinary guide in the hotel lobby. Discover the hidden secrets of Prague's excellent food scene while also learning more about the traditional Czech pubs. Your journey will utilize both public transport and walking, so be prepared to walk off all the calories you imbibe! Taste freshly brewed beer from a local brewery. Enjoy some of the tasty and beautiful open-faced sandwiches from our favorite shop. Discover traditional Czech gingerbread and more as you learn more about Czech history and local life today.

EXETER SERVICES

Food Guide (3-4 Hours)

HOTEL

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DAY 6



DEPART FROM PRAGUE

Meet your driver and guide this morning for your transfer to the airport for your journey onward.

EXETER SERVICES

Transfer

WHAT'S INCLUDED



Cost of the Program:

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| For two (2) guests traveling together | April 1 – October 31 | From \$4,700 |
| | November 1 – March 31 | From \$4,500 |
| For four (4) guests traveling together | April 1 – October 31 | From \$3,400 |
| | November 1 – March 31 | From \$3,200 |

All pricing is per person and based on double occupancy. Airfare is not included.

Accommodations

Prague

Deluxe Room for 5 nights at the Aria Hotel Prague; tax and breakfast included.

This boutique hotel is situated in one of our favorite neighborhoods in Prague: Malá Strana. The hotel has a musical theme with a music library and even a music concierge. It has a lovely rooftop terrace overlooking one of the castle gardens and a fantastic restaurant serving modern Czech cuisine.

The hotel features just 51 rooms, all of which were renovated in 2018. They are spacious, and many suite possibilities exist. All rooms have complimentary Wi-Fi. All rooms are nonsmoking.

Deluxe Room: These rooms feature 250–325 square feet of space and all have one king bed. Rooms face either nearby St. Nicholas Church or the hotel's Winter Garden Atrium.

Meals

No meals included, other than breakfast as described above and dinner on day 2. *Our restaurant recommendations will be included with your documents.*

Services

Private vehicle, driver and guide at your service as described. The timing for each day is noted in your program.

Exeter International's local offices are available for your assistance 24 hours per day while you are traveling. Our local staff may also assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of additional theater and museum tickets at your request.

Transportation

Transportation is included as noted. Unless otherwise noted, all transfer service is with a driver only, not a guide. In general, drivers have limited English-speaking skills. Timing for each day is noted in your program.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art, and architecture. Guides are at your disposal as noted in your itinerary.

Tickets

All entrance tickets as described in the program.

Exeter International Travel Information

BAGGAGE

The vehicles reserved for your itinerary can accommodate up to two medium-sized suitcases per person. If you intend to travel with additional luggage, please advise your travel consultant so appropriate arrangements may be made. In general, we schedule a sedan for parties of two, a minivan for parties of three to four and a minibus for parties of five or more.

SIGHTSEEING

Sightseeing arrangements have been made with your special interests in mind. Your drivers and guides are at your disposal as indicated in the itinerary. Within those time and mileage guidelines, you are free to modify your program as you please. Should you require additional time or mileage, the costs will be quoted on request and may be paid for locally in the local currency or U.S. Dollars.

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time you plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, your guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange your sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

OPTIONAL EXPENSES

Charges for extra meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to your established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

GRATUITIES

Gratuities are not included in your tour price and are at your own discretion. Please see your final documents for tipping suggestions.

DINING WITH YOUR GUIDE

On days when dinner and lunch costs have not been included in your itinerary (or in your tour cost), you may, at your discretion, choose to invite your guide to dine with your party. You are under no obligation to do so but, if you do extend such an invitation, the guide is your guest and you will be responsible for the cost of his/her meal.

REFUNDS

We regret that refunds cannot be issued for arrangements confirmed on your itinerary but unused once your tour has begun.

INSURANCE

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment. You will find insurance costs noted on your invoice and insurance coverage information in your original booking packet.

PRICES AND ARRANGEMENTS

The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars on the current rate of exchange and tariff as of 2021. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Devaluation of a foreign currency will be weighed against any tariff increases imposed. Exeter International does not breakdown costs involved in any Small Group or Individual Travel Program.

All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.

Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full.

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