



# Regal Retreats of Europe

OCTOBER 1-11, 2026

## A Castle Stay Experience Fit for Royalty

Experience a truly royal journey through Austria, Slovakia, and Poland, where you'll stay in magnificent, real castles that bring history to life. Settle into luxurious castle accommodations, explore stunning landscapes, and immerse yourself in rich cultures as you experience the splendor of royal living.

### DAYS 1-2: WELCOME TO VIENNA!

After arriving in Vienna following an overnight flight, the afternoon is yours to settle into our hotel before our welcome dinner as a group. **D**

### DAY 3: VIENNA/SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE

Begin the day with breakfast at the hotel before exploring Austria's captivating capital. Enjoy a guided walking tour through Vienna, marveling at its grand Baroque architecture and iconic landmarks. Together, we'll pause for a coffee break featuring a slice of the region's famous Sacher Cake. After some free time to explore the city and enjoy lunch on your own, step into the grand Schönbrunn Palace to see this 1,441-room residence and learn the history of the Habsburg monarchs. **B**

### DAY 4: BRATISLAVA/CHÂTEAU BELA CASTLE

This morning, journey to Bratislava, the vibrant capital of Slovakia and one of Europe's youngest capital cities. Nestled along the banks of the Danube River, Bratislava offers a blend of old-world charm and modern energy. Together we'll experience a city walking tour to see the ancient trading routes, unique architecture, and learn the history of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Later, enjoy free time to explore before we head to our home for the next two nights: the stunning Château Bela Castle. Tonight, we'll gather for a group dinner in the castle's restaurant. **B, D**

### DAY 5: WINE TASTING/CHÂTEAU BELA CASTLE

Today, immerse yourself in the history and charm of Château Bela Castle with a guided tour, followed by a wine tasting featuring locally produced wines. After a group lunch in our castle, the afternoon is yours to unwind and explore the property's luxurious amenities. Take a refreshing dip in the outdoor pool, relax in the wellness center, or stroll through the serene gardens. **B, L**

**+** **Option—Southern Slovakian Winery Tour** Enjoy a guided visit to a picturesque Slovakian winery with a stroll through its scenic vineyards. Explore the winery's charming galleries, sample its signature wines, and savor a delicious buffet dinner surrounded by beautiful vineyard views. **D** Price: \$100 per person

### DAY 6: BANSKÁ ŠTIAVNICA/GALICIA NUEVA CASTLE

This morning we travel to Banská Štiavnica, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its stunning beauty and rich history. Enjoy a guided tour



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of this town, which includes a fascinating falconry demonstration! After the tour, you'll have free time to explore at your own pace and enjoy lunch at a local café. This afternoon, transfer to Galicia Nueva Castle for our second royal stay, where we'll enjoy a tour of the castle and its park before dinner and live music at the castle. **B, D**

#### DAY 7: HIGH TATRAS

After breakfast, we'll set off for the High Tatras, pausing along the way to enjoy lunch at a traditional restaurant and sample local cheeses. Our journey continues to the charming village of Štrbské Pleso, where we'll check in at the luxurious 5-star Grand Hotel Kempinski High Tatras. Nestled on the shores of Lake Štrbské Pleso within High Tatras National Park, this historic property is often hailed as one of the world's finest hotels. During our stay, we'll take a guided tour of this stunning castle-like retreat to learn the history and see exactly why this property has won Europe's most prestigious hotel awards. The evening will then be yours to savor dinner at your leisure and explore the beautiful regal surroundings. **B, L**

#### DAY 8: HIGH TATRAS

Start your day with a relaxing morning at your own pace, perhaps indulging in the hotel's spa and wellness center or venturing out to explore the scenic trails of High Tatras National Park. Whether you prefer a leisurely walk or a more challenging hike, the park offers stunning vistas and a chance to immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Slovakia's oldest national park. In the afternoon, we'll come together at the hotel for a traditional tea, complete with coffee and cakes, as we continue enjoying this shared travel experience. The evening is yours to enjoy dinner and unwind as you wish. **B, Afternoon Tea**

#### DAY 9: KRAKÓW/KAZIMIERZ

Today we'll travel to Kraków, Poland, where we'll begin with a guided walking tour of the city's historic Old Town. Following some free time to enjoy lunch at your leisure, we'll delve deeper into Kraków's rich heritage with a guided tour of Kazimierz, the city's former Jewish quarter. In the evening, we'll come together for a delightful dinner, complete with live music, at a traditional Jewish restaurant in the heart of Kazimierz. **B, D**


#### DAY 10: KRAKÓW

After breakfast, enjoy a full day to explore Kraków at your own pace, with the option to visit Schindler's Factory (tickets must be purchased in advance and on your own). Alternatively, join the group for an optional excursion to Auschwitz, a solemn and powerful experience honoring the memory of those who lost their lives in the Holocaust. In the evening, we'll come together for a farewell dinner at a delightful local restaurant in the heart of Old Town. **B, D**



**Option—Auschwitz/Birkenau Tour** Take part in a poignant and deeply moving experience through this former Nazi concentration camp. Learn about the tragic stories of the Holocaust and reflect on the impact this site has had on world history. **L Price: \$200 per person**

#### DAY 11: FAREWELL

This morning concludes your castle adventure as you depart for home, taking with you exciting regal memories and new friends. **B** 

Galicia Nueva Castle



## TOUR DETAILS

**11 Days • 16 Meals**

**Oct 1-11, 2026**

**Price Per Person:**

Double: \$6,577; Single: \$7,513

**Depart/Return:**

Milwaukee

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay in real castles, including Grand Hotel Kempinski High Tatras
- Enjoy unparalleled views of High Tatras National Park
- Tour Schönbrunn Palace
- Optional Southern Slovakia Winery Tour or Auschwitz/Birkenau Tour
- Discover Banská Štiavnica, a UNESCO World Heritage town

## INCLUSIONS

- Round-trip airfare from Chicago
- Round-trip coach transfer from Milwaukee to Chicago (ORD)
- Professional, English speaking Tour Director
- Welcome Dinner and meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Fees and tips for included attractions, meals, local tour director, and driver
- Luggage handling at most hotels
- 24-hour emergency call service

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Nights 2-3:** Hotel Stefanie, Vienna (or similar)

**Nights 4-5:** Château Bela Castle, Belá

**Night 6:** Galicia Nueva Castle Hotel, Halič

**Nights 7-8:** Grand Hotel Kempinski High Tatras, Štrbské Pleso

**Nights 9-10:** Grand Ascot, Kraków (or similar)

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