

BRIDGE TRAVEL WITH ANDY HUNG:

Budapest (Hungary)

&

Bratislava (Slovakia)

(Close distance to Vienna)

SEPTEMBER 10 – 21, 2023 (11.5 DAYS/11 NIGHTS)

\$4295PP (DOUBLE), \$4695PP (SINGLE)

Andy Hung invites you to an all-new international Bridge Holiday in Budapest and Bratislava – two very unique destinations full of history, beautiful architecture, and rich culture.



BUDAPEST, capital city of Hungary, is considered to be the “Paris of the East” by many. It has something for everyone ranging from its history, architecture, unique thermal springs, and full of great restaurants. We will be experiencing the heart of Budapest through the tours offered (all included in the holiday package), learning about both sides of the city (Buda on the West, and Pest on the East, separated by the Danube River), as well as visits to the Royal Palace (Buda Castle) and the Dohány Street Synagogue.

BRATISLAVA, capital city of Slovakia, is set along the Danube River on the border with Austria and Hungary. Bratislava is a mosaic of illustrious history: a medieval and Gothic old town, baroque palaces commissioned by Hungarian nobles, and the crowning castle, rebuilt to Renaissance finery.

HOLIDAY PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 7 nights at a 4-star MGallery Hotel Nemzeti in the heart of Budapest, and 4 nights at 4-star Art Hotel William in the centre of Bratislava
- All breakfast and dinners (except for two dinner nights where you are free to make your own arrangements)
- All bridge activities: Duplicates and Professional Seminars with extensive bridge notes!
- All tours, which include:
 - Private Bus and Walking Tours in Budapest and Bratislava with an English guide. Sights that we will see are the Buda Royal Palace, exploring East and West of Budapest, the Dohány Street Synagogue, the Bratislava Castle, and lots more.
 - Boat Trip along the Danube River
 - A visit to the Opera or Ballet
 - Private Bus from Budapest to Bratislava
 - Non-bridge players are very welcome!
- **Not included:** Airfares, visa, hotel transfers, alcohol with meals, lunches and two dinners, and items of a personal nature.
- **Note:** This holiday starts in Budapest and ends in Bratislava. After the holiday, we recommend to continue your journey and visit the beautiful city of Vienna, just an hour train ride from Bratislava.

**** EARLY BIRD SPECIAL ****

Book before 20th March 2023 to receive
\$200 per person discount!

TOURS: BUDAPEST & BRATISLAVA

Included in this trip are a number of fantastic sight-seeing tours around the vibrant cities of Budapest and Bratislava. We will have a taste of Hungarian and Slovakian cuisine (along with their national drinks, Pálinka and Borovička, fruit spirits which are about 40% alcohol!), and also a visit to the theatre for a ballet or opera. With a distance of 200km, we will have our own private bus to have a relaxing trip from Budapest to Bratislava.

Here are some of the great sights that we will be seeing:

ROYAL PALACE (BUDA CASTLE)



The Budapest Castle is a royal historic palace built in the thirteenth century when the Hungary was invaded by the Mongol. The castle was destroyed but constructed later in the 14th century and was built in the Roman style of housing. Later the castle has replaced a palace constructed in the design known as the Gothic-style. The castle has been there to reflect the fortunes of the people of Hungary.

THE DOHÁNY STREET SYNAGOGUE

The Dohány Street Synagogue is the largest synagogue in Europe and the second largest in the world. Its surroundings include a museum and archives, a memorial for 10,000 Jewish Hungarian soldiers who lost their lives in WWI, a garden used as a cemetery for the victims of the Holocaust as well as the Wallenberg Memorial Park. The Dohány Street Synagogue Complex is a symbol of integration, remembrance and openness to dialogue.

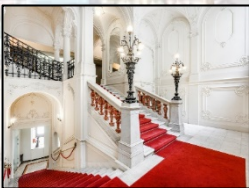


BRATISLAVA CASTLE

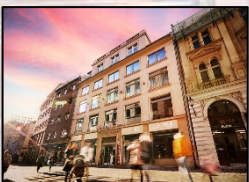
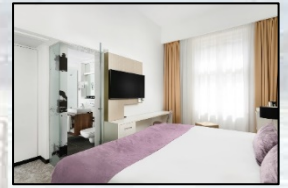


Bratislava Castle was built in the 9th century. As an age long symbol of the city, it proudly stands on the hill above Danube river. The castle stands on an important crossroad of the ancient routes. First traces of the settlement on the hill stretch back to the Stone and Bronze Age. The place had its strategic geographical importance in the period of the Great Moravian Empire.

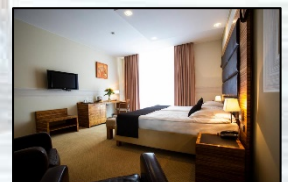
HOTEL NEMZETI, BUDAPEST ★★★★★ ART HOTEL WILLIAM, BRATISLAVA



Budapest: In the heart of the city, the 4-star superior Hotel Nemzeti MGallery is located on the grand boulevard with excellent public transport services including metro and tram, with lots of restaurants, cafes, and attractions in the vicinity. The rooms are stylish, and includes all of the essentials including free Wi-Fi.



Bratislava: We will stay in the 4-star Art Hotel William hotel, located in the historical centre with restaurants, cafes, and cultural monuments within walking distance. The rooms are spacious, modern, clean, and comes with all of the essentials including free Wi-Fi.





Indicative Holiday Itinerary



DAY 1 (Sun, Sept 10)

14:00-17:30: Check-in at MGallery Hotel Nemzeti, Budapest. Get settled in and relax, and with an optional bridge quiz to get you started! Feel free to explore the surroundings before we get together for dinner at the hotel.



DAY 7 (Sat, Sept 16)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast. Bridge activities.
Lunch at your own leisure
Afternoon: More bridge activities!
Evening: Dinner (location to be confirmed), then a visit to a Ballet or Opera.

DAY 8 (Sun, Sept 17)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast. Departure by private bus to Bratislava with bridge discussions on the bus! We will have a pit stop for lunch.
Afternoon: Check-in at Art Hotel William in Bratislava. A relaxing walking tour in the city of Bratislava.
Evening: Dinner (location to be confirmed)

DAY 2 (Mon, Sept 11)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast. Walking tour around Buda and Pest with an English guide.
Lunch at your own leisure
Afternoon: Bridge activities.
Evening: Dinner (location to be confirmed).

DAY 9 (Mon, Sept 18)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast. Tour around Bratislava with an English guide.
Lunch at your own leisure
Afternoon: Bridge activities.
Evening: Dinner (location to be confirmed).

DAY 3 (Tues, Sept 12)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast. Walking tour around Buda and Pest (other side) with English guide.
Lunch at your own leisure
Afternoon: Bridge activities.
Evening: Dinner (location to be confirmed).

DAY 10 (Tues, Sept 19)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast. Bridge activities.
Lunch at your own leisure
Rest of Day: At your own leisure to see more of Bratislava. See and experience more of the city in your own time.

DAY 4 (Wed, Sept 13)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast. Half day tour to another town or city outside of Budapest.
Lunch at your own leisure
Afternoon: Bridge Activities.
Evening: Dinner (location to be confirmed).



DAY 5 (Thurs, Sept 14)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast, then Bridge activities.
Lunch at your own leisure
Afternoon: Possible bridge at a local bridge club.
Evening: Dinner (location to be confirmed).

DAY 11 (Wed, Sept 20)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast, followed by another tour around the beautiful Bratislava city.
Lunch at your own leisure
Afternoon: Bridge Activities.
Evening: Farewell dinner, with prize giving.

DAY 6 (Fri, Sept 15)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast, then a Boat tour along the Danube River.
Lunch at your own leisure
Rest of Day: At your own leisure to see more of Budapest. See and experience more of the city (we will give you recommendations and a restaurant list).

DAY 12 (Thurs, Sept 21)

Morning: Fully cooked breakfast.
Check-out time is **12pm**. Departure, farewell, have a safe trip home (or more onward holiday)!
Our recommendation is to take the train to Vienna, a short 1-1.5hr ride which will get you to a beautiful and majestic capital city of Vienna. The airport in Vienna is an International hub that can fly you anywhere.

Tour Costs

Double Bed or Twin Bed Shared Room: \$4,295 per player
Single Room: \$4,695 per player

Not included: Airfare, airport transfer, drinks with meals, meals not mentioned, and personal items

Early Bird Special: Book before 20th March 2023 to receive \$200pp discount!

- ♠ Non-bridge players are more than welcome - cost is reduced by \$400.
- ♠ If you are arriving earlier to Budapest, or would like to stay longer in Bratislava, let us know and we can ask the hotel for additional night(s).

Note: This holiday will begin in Budapest, and end in Bratislava.

Bookings and Terms:

- ♠ The holiday is based on minimum numbers and will be confirmed as proceeding on or before 30th April 2023. In the event that the holiday does not proceed for any reason all payments will be fully refunded.
- ♠ 25% deposit required with booking which is fully refundable if you cancel before 30th April 2023.
- ♠ Balance of payment due on 1st June 2023 and becomes non-refundable thereafter. However, you may nominate alternative participants to take your place.
- ♠ All participants are urged to take out travel insurance in case of events beyond our control.

Bridge Program

As always, Andys bridge holidays are action-packed with an insightful bridge program. Although there are no topics set in stone (they will be new topics), we generally cover all aspects - from declarer play, to constructive and competitive bidding, as well as defensive play.

The bridge program will include professional seminars with Andy, duplicate bridge, and also discussion-and-analysis sessions. The seminars and tournaments are for ALL standards of player.

You are invited to participate in the bridge activities as much or as little as you wish. Feel free to come with or without a partner (we will arrange).

About Your Host

Andy is a professional bridge player and has been teaching bridge for the past 12 years. Now 35, Andy has represented Australia on numerous occasions. His latest achievements are making the Australian Open Team in 2018, 19, and 21, and placing third in the US Nationals.

Feedback from Past Holidays

- ♥ "I had a marvellous time and love to do another trip with Andy in the future!"
- ♥ "The hosts were excellent, the hotel was very comfortable and convenient, and the bridge lessons were very good and well organised. Overall, an excellent holiday!"
- ♥ "The Bridge was very stimulating, you are a great teacher, and your notes are so clear and explicit, I will treasure them."
- ♥ "Not just a good tour, a great tour"
- ♥ "I have never enjoyed a holiday as much as this. It was really wonderful, well organised and executed with no problems at all"

Extend Your Holiday

If you want to experience more of what Europe has to offer, we recommend visiting another city before or after (or both!) our holiday. Just a short flight/train ride away, there are many options for you to choose from.

Flight Recommendation

Please note that you are required to arrange your own flight itinerary. Our recommendation would be to fly with Emirates or Qatar Airways as they have just one stopover from most Australian cities making it very convenient.

If you plan to fly back home after the holiday, we suggest flying out from the Vienna airport (a 40 minute drive from Bratislava) as it is a major international hub. Of course, you might as well use the opportunity to visit Vienna, the capital city of Austria!



Visa to Hungary/Slovakia

Australian and New Zealand passport holders do not require a visa to either Hungary or Slovakia!

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