

2021 Beading Through Bohemia with Kelly Dale + Cruise + Prague

13 Day / 12 Night tour
Prague, Innsbruck, Vienna & Budapest,
featuring a 3-day Danube River Cruise
March 31 – April 12, 2021

Please visit
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to register!

Triple M Tours and Off the Beaded Path take you on a discovery of the jewels of Central Europe, visiting 3 beautiful countries, their castles, monuments, artisans and culture. The highlights of the tour are sure to be the bead factories in Jablonec nad Nissau, Swarovski Crystal World in Innsbruck and the stunning Danube River Cruise! We will also visit as many bead shops as we can pack in and participate in classes with the very talented Kelly Dale. Guests not participating in the bead-related activities will have the opportunity to visit the cities with the Tour Managers if they wish. Suggested activities for these days will be provided prior to the tour.

A deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration. \$250 of this will be to secure your cabin on the cruise and will be non-refundable after 72 hours regardless of our regular cancellation policy, UNLESS your desired cabin is no longer available, and decide to forgo the cruise. Final Payment due by December 19, 2020.

*Land only, based on double occupancy. Prices will vary according to what types of staterooms are available, or your choice of stateroom, for the River Cruise at the time of booking. Tour starting price is based on **Category E Stateroom**. There are only a limited number of these staterooms available. Book early to secure your desired price/stateroom. Please contact us for single supplement pricing. There is quite a bit of walking on this tour, making this tour unsuitable for anyone with a mobility problem. Unfortunately, wheelchairs can not be accommodated either.

Planned Itinerary

Day 1: Wednesday March 31, 2021:

Arrive in at Prague Airport & Welcome Dinner (sleep 3 nights)

Upon your arrival at Prague Airport, you will be greeted and transferred to our beautiful hotel for check-in. After you have settled in, the group will gather for a "Welcome" Dinner together. **Meals: D**
***Note: if all guests arrive early enough this day, a group shopping excursion will be arranged. Our free day falls on Good Friday and as yet, we are unsure what businesses will be open. We strongly suggest you take advantage of any free time you have today to shop.**

Day 2: Thursday, April 1, 2021:

PRAGUE: Jablonec bead factories and shopping

Don't be fooled - it's an early breakfast today as we are leaving (7am) to visit the heart of Czech bead and glass making. Bead factories and outlet shopping are on the schedule. A light lunch of sandwiches and drinks will be provided on the bus trip between factory towns to make the most of our time there. Non-beaders will be offered other activities on this day. After returning, the balance of the evening will be free for you to enjoy Prague. **Meals BL**

Day 3: Good Friday, April 2, 2021:

PRAGUE: Free Day

Our Free Day in Prague happens to fall on Good Friday. It is possible that the bead stores and other shops will be closed today. As soon as we have that information, we will pass it on to you for planning purposes. Be sure to do some research to see what else might be of interest to you in this wonderful city. **Meals B**

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Day 4: Saturday, April 3, 2021:

Transfer by train to VIENNA and on to INNSBRUCK (sleep 2 nights)

Today the group will spend the better part of the day in transit, so be sure to have some beading handy. First, we will travel from Prague to Vienna. From there it's on to Innsbruck in the heart of Tyrol. Upon your arrival at our hotel in Innsbruck you will have the balance of the day to relax. **Meals: B**
***Note: departure timing of the both legs of the journey are TBD and will depend on current train schedules.**

Day 5: Sunday, April 4, 2021:

INNSBRUCK – Swarovski Crystal World

We will start the day together with a beautiful Easter Sunday Brunch at Daniel's Kristallwelten. After we have eaten our fill, we will spend the next several hours exploring Swarovski Kristallwelten in all its sparkly glory. You will each have a hand-held audio guide and a return shuttle ticket, so you can leave at any time you like and return to the heart of the city. The evening is yours to explore Innsbruck.
Meals: Brunch (Breakfast is also available at the hotel if you are an early riser)

Day 6: Monday, April 5, 2021:

VIENNA – return by train and Sightseeing (Sleep 1 night)

Early(ish) this morning we will take the train back to Vienna. Upon our arrival we will be met by our touring bus & guide to take in the sights of Vienna. We will have lunch together and continue our bus tour. We will be dropped at our hotel and after checking in, the balance of the day is yours to visit this amazing city. **Meals: BL**

Day 7: Tuesday, April 6, 2021:

VIENNA - Beading Class with Kelly (or alternate plans for the non-beading companions)

PLUS 3 nights onboard River Cruise

Today is the first of our beading classes with Kelly. Class will begin at 0830 and end at 1600 (4pm). Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided during the day. After class you will be transported to the dock to board your River Cruise. Tentative departure from the hotel is **5:30pm. Meals: BLD**

Day 8: Wednesday, April 7, 2021:

CRUISE - MELK & DURNSTEIN

Today is dedicated to the beautiful and romantic Wachau Valley, where so much of the excellent Austrian wine is grown and produced. Visit the impressive 11th-century BENEDICTINE ABBEY, which towers over the town of Melk. After Melk, is free beading time or you can lounge on the Sky Deck enjoying the gorgeous scenery as you sail to Dürnstein, best recognized by its baroque blue and white Stiftskirche standing right on the riverbank. The main street of this small town is lined with 16th-century residences and charming cobblestone streets. Explore on your own or choose one of the popular optional excursions. Situated above town are the ruins of the castle where England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in 1192. If you are feeling adventurous, hike up to the ruins for spectacular views of the town and river. **Meals: BLD**

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Day 9: Thursday, April 8, 2021:

CRUISE - BRATISLAVA

This morning you will awaken in Bratislava, the dynamic capital of Slovakia at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains. Join your Local Guide for a tour of the city, including a GUIDED WALK of its fascinating Old Town, where winding cobblestone streets and narrow alleyways twist and turn to reveal the Town Hall, one of the oldest stone buildings in the city. Also visit gothic ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL, coronation church for the Kingdom of Hungary from the 16th to 19th centuries. This afternoon is free to explore on your own. **Meals: BLD**

Day 10: Friday, April 9, 2021:

BUDAPEST – arrival and Beading Class (sleep 3 nights)

This morning we arrive in Budapest. After disembarking, you will be transferred to our hotel where we will join the rest of our group. Beaders will have lunch together at the hotel (11-11:30) and then this afternoon we will have the second of our beading classes with Kelly (from 12:00-5:30). Dinner on your own and free time this evening. **Meals: BL**

Day 11: Saturday, April 10, 2021:

BUDAPEST – Sightseeing

We will spend the first part of the day on a bus tour of this magnificent city seeing. We will have lunch together and resume our tour. Once finished, we will be dropped off near the main shopping district close to the Swarovski flagship store from there you can spend the remainder of your day as you wish. This evening you are on your own for dinner. **Meals: BL**

Day 12: Sunday, April 11, 2021:

BUDAPEST – Free time & Farewell Dinner

Today is our last day to enjoy beautiful Budapest. Debra is going to try to arrange for you to have exclusive access to a lovely little bead shop today. If that doesn't work out, we will have a chance to visit it earlier in the week. Tonight, we gather for our Farewell dinner as a group. **Meals: BD**

Day 13: Monday, April 12, 2021:

BUDAPEST: Departure

Today we are organizing 3 morning shuttles to drive you to the airport♦. These shuttles will be for early morning flights (departing prior to 7am), mid-morning flights (departing before Noon) and afternoon flights (departing any time after Noon). If you are considering another time to go to the airport or departing from the train station, arrangements will be on your own. **Meals B**

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Included in the price of your tour:

- ✓ **Bead Class Supplies* see note below**
- ✓ 4 Star Hotels
- ✓ 3-night River cruise along the Danube from Vienna to Budapest aboard a Luxury Riverboat
- ✓ Meals as outlined above: 11 (or 12 if you wish) Breakfasts, 1 Sunday Brunch, 7 Lunches, and 5 Dinners
- ✓ Train transportation between cities as outlined above
- ✓ All Transfers between airport, train stations & hotels
- ✓ Coach tours & local guides as outlined in itinerary
- ✓ Professionally guided visits in English
- ✓ Public Transit passes for each city for use during free time
- ✓ Entrance fees for monuments, visits, museums, artisans' shops outlined in itinerary
- ✓ Beading classes ** see note below regarding lamps

Not included:

- ✗ Airfare, however, we are happy to help you arrange your flights
- ✗ Alcohol if not indicated as "included" with Meals
- ✗ Personal purchases
- ✗ Snacks, beverages or meals when a meal is not indicated as being provided
- ✗ Gratuities and tips for porters, drivers and guides
- ✗ Some fees may apply to optional items on free days

Additional Notes:

*Project samples and pricing will be available by September 1, 2020. The cost for class supplies **ARE INCLUDED in the tour price. We have factored in \$100 for both project kits.** Once the actual price is calculated, you will be refunded the difference. Kits will be mailed to you prior to your departure for Europe. **NON-BEADERS will automatically get a \$100 refund on their tour price prior to the final payment date.**

Since we will be travelling so much by train, it is not feasible for your Tour Manager to be hauling an additional large suitcase full of lamps around with her. Therefore, **YOU WILL NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN BATTERY-OPERATED LAMP for class. These can be purchased inexpensively on Amazon.**

Given that we will be travelling by train, our **baggage policy will be enforced.** Please see our Terms & Conditions for more information.

A US, Canadian, Australian or EU passport valid until **December 10, 2021** is required for every traveller. If your passport expires prior to this, please renew it before the trip, or you may be denied entry into Europe. If you are not a US, Canadian, Australian or EU citizen, Entry Visas may be required, and it is up to you to determine this and cover the costs associated with any required documentation.

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* Due to reservation requirements for the River Cruise, if you cancel your booking after 72 hours, there is a minimum \$250USD cancellation fee. In addition to that, Triple M Tours regular cancellation policies apply. Please see <https://www.triplemtours.ca/terms-and-conditions>

River Cruise Stateroom Information

This cruise features 5 Stateroom categories over 3 decks. Categories D & E are on the lower deck and feature two long windows near the waterline that do not open. In addition, you will also enjoy the following amenities in your Stateroom:

Alarm clock	Full shower with glass door
Bathrobes & slippers	Hairdryer
Bedside tables with reading lamps	Individual climate control
Choice of bed configuration	In-room safe
Comfort Collection Beds	Large mirror in bathroom
Complimentary bottled water	L'Occitane bath products
Complimentary Wi-Fi	Luxurious mattress toppers
Direct-dial telephone	Nightly turn-down service
Easy under-bed luggage storage	Soft & firm pillows
Egyptian super-combed cotton linens	Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
Elegant, contemporary design	USB Ports
European-style duvets	Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
Extra blankets	Well-stocked minibar
Flat screen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options	Writing desk and chair

Staterooms in Categories A & B are on the middle deck, and Categories P & S (suite) is on the upper deck. In addition to the amenities noted above, these Staterooms also feature Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air Balcony plus a 6-person sitting area with coffee table and Sofa and marble counter tops in the bathroom.