

# DANUBE TRAVEL STORIES

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**7 day itinerary inspiration**

**from Linz to Budapest based on @reiselife Trip**

**We would suggest extending the trip by a few days to have more  
time to experience each destination**

## Locations

Destinations
<b>Linz</b>
<b>Bratislava</b>
<b>Sopron</b>
<b>Komárom</b>
<b>Esztergom</b>

## Program

### Day 0 | Travel & Arrival Day Linz

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#### Individual Arrival & Check-In at a hotel

Website to plan your arrival: [www.rome2rio.com](http://www.rome2rio.com)

Train: [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at)

### Day 1 | Linz

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#### Limoni-Stollen Tour with a Guide (1,5h)

Equipped with the map on contemporary history you will start your time travel in Linz and go back to the 1930/40ties when the NS regime was effecting Europe and Linz very intensely. Go on a tour underground to Limoni-Stollen with a Guide and hear about Linz in WWII.

**Address:** Limonigasse 10, 4020 Linz

DE: [www.limonistollen.at](http://www.limonistollen.at)

EN: [www.limonistollen.at/english/](http://www.limonistollen.at/english/)

Guide request @ Limello Tours: [www.limello-tours.at](http://www.limello-tours.at),

Map:

DE: [www.linztourismus.at/assets/Uploads/Linz-Zeitgeschichte-Plan-DE.pdf](http://www.linztourismus.at/assets/Uploads/Linz-Zeitgeschichte-Plan-DE.pdf)

EN: [www.linztourismus.at/assets/Uploads/Linz-Zeitgeschichte-Plan-EN.pdf](http://www.linztourismus.at/assets/Uploads/Linz-Zeitgeschichte-Plan-EN.pdf)

#### **Bus trip to Mauthausen Memorial (Timetable Bus)**

The Mauthausen concentration camp, together with the Gusen concentration camp and over 40 satellite camps, was the central site of political, social and racial persecution by the National Socialist regime on Austrian soil from 1938 - 1945.

Today, the Mauthausen concentration camp memorial is an international place of remembrance and historical-political education. In addition to the preserved historical buildings and facilities, the Wiener Graben quarry with the "Death Staircase" and the international memorial park, two permanent exhibitions and the memorial room "Room of Names" can be visited. The permanent exhibition in the former infirmary offers a true-to-source and scientifically based presentation of the National Socialist concentration camp system, as well as the Mauthausen concentration camp and its subcamps.

**Address:** Erinnerungsstraße, 4310 Mauthausen

DE: [www.mauthausen-memorial.org](http://www.mauthausen-memorial.org)

EN: [www.mauthausen-memorial.org/en](http://www.mauthausen-memorial.org/en)

**Trip back to Linz by bus:** [www.ooevv.at](http://www.ooevv.at)

#### **Stroll through lively Linz**

What to experience in Linz: [www.linztourismus.at/en](http://www.linztourismus.at/en)

## Day 2 | Linz

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### 'Time travel - to present and future: Linz.verändert Segway-Rallye

Find out how Linz turned into a town of peace and opened up to Europe and the world to become Austria's City of the Future. See, feel and taste Linz and explore the city changes. See the Tabak Fabrik, the mural harbour and the Danube area with the new bridges.

DE: [www.linztourismus.at/freizeit/linz-entdecken/aktivitaeten/stadtfuehrungen/segway/](http://www.linztourismus.at/freizeit/linz-entdecken/aktivitaeten/stadtfuehrungen/segway/)

EN: [www.linztourismus.at/en/leisure/discover-linz/activities/discover-the-city/segway/](http://www.linztourismus.at/en/leisure/discover-linz/activities/discover-the-city/segway/)

### Ars Electronica Center

Watch artificial intelligence thinking. Train self-driving cars. Program robots. Print in 3D. Process your own DNA with the gene scissors. Visit the Ars Electronica Center and experience how new technologies, especially artificial intelligence, are changing our lives. New laser projectors, a new tracking system, the most powerful graphics cards currently available, plus a whole range of new interactive programmes and 3D applications. You always thought the Deep Space 8K was great? Well the Deep Space EVOLUTION at the AEC will inspire you!

**Address:** Ars-Electronica-Straße 1, 4040 Linz - Miss Shirin Darwish will guide you.

### Explore Linz on your own

What to experience in Linz: [www.linztourismus.at/en](http://www.linztourismus.at/en)

## Day 3 | Linz, Bratislava & Čunovo

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### Check-out and onward journey to Bratislava by train

[www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at)

### Check-in at the HOTEL

### Bike Tour to Čunovo to the Danubiana Meulensteen Museum

One of the most romantic modern art museums in Europe- the Danubiana Meulensteen Art Museum- is located less than 20 km south of Bratislava. It was founded by the Dutch collector and patron of the arts Gerard Meulensteen and the Slovak gallerist Vincent Polakovič. Since its opening in 2000, the museum has arranged numerous exhibitions of leading figures of the Slovak, European and world art scene. Its unique location bordering on three countries, and sensitive integration with the surrounding nature and the River Danube provide visitors extraordinary views of exhibited artworks and of the flora and fauna unique to the peninsula of art in every season of the year.

**Address:** Bratislava-Čunovo, Vodné dielo, P.O.BOX 51, 851 10 Bratislava-Rusovce

### Visit the 3 Country Edge (HU, AT, SLO)

If you are still in the physical condition & there is time, visit the 3 Country Edge (HU, AT, SLO)

<https://goo.gl/maps/J9fffEgDRxwmaq249>

### Stroll through Bratislava

What to experience in Bratislava: [www.visitbratislava.com](http://www.visitbratislava.com)

## Day 4 | Bratislava & Sopron

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### Check-out and onward journey to Sopron by train

[Train Station Bratislava-Petrzalka](#) (REX 6 or 8)

### Rent a bicycle (best e-bike)

Bike Rental: Soproni Kerékpár Phone: 06 30 999 2585, E-Mail [info@soproniseta.hu](mailto:info@soproniseta.hu),  
More information on Bike-Routes in the region: [www.visitsopron.com/cycle-tracks-in-the-region](http://www.visitsopron.com/cycle-tracks-in-the-region)

### Visit the [paneuropean picnic memorial](#) & remembrance park by E-Bike (8,6km – approx. 45 mins)

On 19 August 1989, the Pan-European Union organized a peace demonstration, the Pan-European Picnic, at the border north of Sopron together with the Hungarian Democratic Forum. During this event, under the patronage of the emperor's son Otto von Habsburg - the latter under the protective hand of the Hungarian Chief Reformist and Minister of State Imre Pozsgay - a gate in the border fence was to be symbolically opened for one hour. In the days that followed, the border guards were tightened, but three weeks later, on 11 September, they were opened to GDR citizens without restriction. In addition to a signposted border trail with a watchtower, a number of artworks in various forms of expression commemorate the event, including a fountain house, the freedom bell and the monument of the open doors.

**Address:** Páneurópai Piknik Emlékhely, Fertőrákos, 9421'

### Explore Sopron on your own

What to experience in Sopron: [www.visitsopron.com](http://www.visitsopron.com)

## Day 5 | Sopron & Komárom

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### Check-out and onward journey to Komárom by train

**Address:** Train Station – Komárom, Rákóczi rakpart 1.-3.  
[www.mavcsoport.hu/en](http://www.mavcsoport.hu/en) or [www.menetrendek.hu/mobile/?lng=en](http://www.menetrendek.hu/mobile/?lng=en)

### Check-in at the hotel

### Visit the Csillag Fortress and the Exhibition there

Opposite the eastern bastion of the Old Castle is the Star Fortress, whose predecessor is the Turkish St. Peter's Palisade. The construction began in 1568. The task of the bridgehead forts was to protect the central fort from surprise attacks, to block the river traffic, to protect the existing or to build a ship bridge if necessary and to serve as a base for horse races against the attackers. After the Turkish battles, the fortification system lost its main function and was therefore neglected

### Visit Fort Monostor and the Danube Bastion

It is the largest fortress in Central Europe from the modern era and was built from 1850 to 1871. Today it also houses the unique Hungarian Bread Museum. More information: [www.iranykomarom.hu/en/fort-monostor-en](http://www.iranykomarom.hu/en/fort-monostor-en)

### Visit the Oldtown – a city in two countries and see the bridge that connects them

What to experience in Komárom: [iranykomarom.hu](http://iranykomarom.hu)

## Day 6 | Komárom & Esztergom

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### Check out & bus from Komárom to Esztergom

[www.menetrendek.hu](http://www.menetrendek.hu)

Volanbuz-Company – tickets can be bought by the driver.

### Check-in at the hotel

### Visit the Basilica of Esztergom

#### **Between Heaven and Earth - an exclusive adventure tour of the Basilica of Esztergom**

The renovation of the largest religious building in Hungary can now be seen from a truly special perspective. During the adventure tour, we will expertly guide you behind the scenes of the unique architectural work. You will start off with an exhilarating ride in an exterior freight elevator on the side of the basilica up to the unusual scaffolding of the dome in protective helmets. Walking along the construction site, you can admire the tinsmith work of the dome's copper roofing, and learn about the gold-plated stuccoes decorated by hand and the meticulous work of the restorers. At the end of the tour, close to a height of 100 m breath-taking panorama of the Danube awaits you. Entering inside the Basilica, learn about the lesser known facts of this majestic building, and visit the only surviving Hungarian renaissance building, the Bakócz chapel. Finishing off your architecture tour visit the interactive exhibition in the Panorama room and find out further interesting details about the renovation works, as well as the 177 years-old time-capsule found in the body of the cross on top of the Basilica. Approx. duration of the tour: 1,5 hours

**Address:** H-2500 Esztergom Szent István tér 1

#### **Dishes from the Cardinal's Table – Have a coffee & cake at the Panorama Café of the Basilica**

After the architecture adventure let us bring you on a gastronomic journey through the kitchens and dining rooms of the archbishops of Esztergom in the 19th century inspired by our newly published unique recipe book, "Dishes from the Cardinal's Table". Enjoy the flavours of our past with breath-taking panoramic views of the Danube from a height of almost 60 metres in the Panorama Café of the Basilica.

EN: [www.visitesztergom-budapest.hu/en/dishes-from-the-cardinals-table-quails-in-pastry-cardinal-simor](http://www.visitesztergom-budapest.hu/en/dishes-from-the-cardinals-table-quails-in-pastry-cardinal-simor)

### Walk around & experience Esztergom

What to experience in Esztergom: [www.visitesztergom-budapest.hu](http://www.visitesztergom-budapest.hu)

## Day 7 | Esztergom & Budapest

Check-out and onward journey to Budapest by train  
[www.menetrendek.hu](http://www.menetrendek.hu)

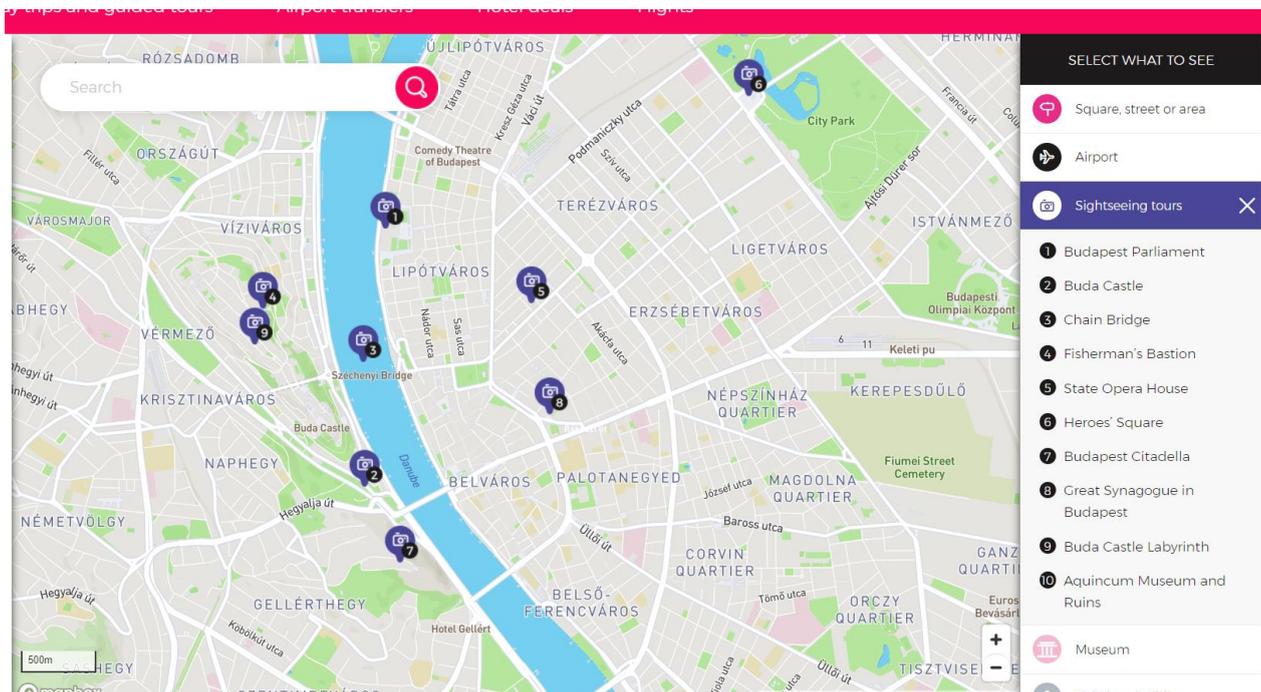
Check in at a hotel

Monument rally in Budapest

...to the monuments mentioned in the story & the statue park of communists

Material will be offered in print with the travel-materials

[www.introducingbudapest.com/map](http://www.introducingbudapest.com/map)



More information: <https://www.budapestinfo.hu/>

Public transport: <https://www.budapestinfo.hu/public-transport>

Overnight or departure

**All destinations of the Europe Trail:**

Linz – Bratislava – Čunovo – Sopron – Komárom/Komárno – Esztergom/Štúrovo – Visegrád –  
Budapest – Dunaújváros – Pécs – Vukovar – Novi Sad – Timișoara