

2014 - EUROPEAN EXPLORER (3 WEEKS)

GENERAL ITINERARY

12-Sep	Day 0	Friday	fly out JFK
13-Sep	Day 1	Saturday	arrive Vienna & Day in Vienna
14-Sep	Day 2	Sunday	Vienna
15-Sep	Day 3	Monday	Vienna
16-Sep	Day 4	Tuesday	Vienna - Danube cruise
17-Sep	Day 5	Wednesday	Prague
18-Sep	Day 6	Thursday	Prague
19-Sep	Day 7	Friday	Prague
20-Sep	Day 8	Saturday	Salzburg
21-Sep	Day 9	Sunday	Budapest
22-Sep	Day 10	Monday	Budapest
23-Sep	Day 11	Tuesday	Budapest
24-Sep	Day 12	Wednesday	Vienna to Rome & Day in Rome
25-Sep	Day 13	Thursday	Rome - 8:30 Vatican 4.5hrs tour
26-Sep	Day 14	Friday	Rome
27-Sep	Day 15	Saturday	Rome - 8:30 Colosseum & Ancient Rome 3.5hrs tour
28-Sep	Day 16	Sunday	Rome
29-Sep	Day 17	Monday	Rome
30-Sep	Day 18	Tuesday	Rome to Sorrento & Day in Sorrento
1-Oct	Day 19	Wednesday	Sorrento + Positano + Amalphi + other by boat
2-Oct	Day 20	Thursday	Naples & Sorrento
3-Oct	Day 21	Friday	Capri & Sorrento
4-Oct	Day 22	Saturday	Vesuvius & Sorrento
5-Oct	Day 23	Sunday	fly home via Frankfurt

* Detailed Itinerary is done from my memory, trip notes, and my pictures. Some sights could be in slightly different order

** Many restaurants, bars, gelaterias, food stands where I dined are not mentioned in the itinerary

*** Many hotels, motels, bed and breakfast... are also not mentioned

DETAILED ITINERARY

12-Sep	Day 0	Friday	fly out JFK
13-Sep	Day 1	Saturday	arrive Vienna & Day in Vienna:
			- train from Airport to Vienna
			- metro to City Center
			- Vienna State Opera (Straatsoper)

			- Café Sacher (try sachertorte)
			- Green House (Palmen House)
			- St Stephan's Cathedral (Domkirche)
			- Graben & Plague Monument
			- Austrian National Library
			- Ancient Roman Wall Ruins
			- St Peter's Church (Peterkirche)
			- Hofburg Imperial Palace Complex
			a. Kaiserappartments (within imperial complex)
			b. Imperial Treasury (part of Hofburg Palace) (Schatzkammer)
			c. Augustinekirche - church in Hofburg complex
			d. Albertina Art - 60000 art pieces - DaVinci, Rembrandt, Monet...
			e. Schatzkamme - Imperial Treasury
			f. Spanish Riding School (did not go)
			- City Hall Bldg
14-Sep	Day 2	Sunday	Day in Vienna:
			- Capuchin Imperial Crypt (Kaisergruft)
			- Anti-War & Fascism Monument
			- Vienna pedestrian mall (Kartnerstrasse)
			- Neuer Markt with Four Rivers Fountain
			- St Stephan's Cathedral (Domkirche) & climb to top 343 steps
			- Maria Theresia Monument
			- Hero's Square (Heldenplatz)
			- Hoher Markt Clock (go by noon to see moving figures)
			- People's Garden (Volksgarten)
			- Ringtrasse Walk (can do by tram)
			- The Prater (Ferris Wheel)
15-Sep	Day 3	Monday	Day in Vienna:
			- Schornbrunn Palace & Park
			- St Charles Church (elevator to the dome)
			- Hundertwasserhouse Appt Building
			- Loos' Loos (restrooms)
			- Kunsthaus Wien
			- Mexican Church
			- Buffet Trzesniewski (finger sandwiches)
			- Belvedere Palace (former residence of prince of Savoy)
			- Gulash and Schnitzel Dinner
			<i>Vienna's Hot Dogs in (Wurstelstands):</i>
			a. weisswurst - boiled white sausage (peel before eat)
			b. bosna - with onions and curry

			c. kaisekrainer - boiled, with melted cheese inside
			d. debreziner - boiled, thin, spicy Hungarian with paprika
			e. frankfurter - our weenie (American hot dog)
			f. frischer - fresh
			g. kren - horse-radish
			h. senf - mustard (suss - sweet, scharf - sharp)
			i. burenwurst - pork sausage
			j. waldviertler - smoked sausage
			k. beinwurst - made of smoked pork, herbs, and wine
			l. nurnberger - short and spicy pork sausage
			m. blutwurst, blunzn - made from congealed blood
			bratwurst = grilled sausage
			gekocht=boiled; gegrillt=grilled; the darker-->spicier
			ketchup, curry-ketchup
			kraut - sauerkraut
			brot=bread; semmel-roll
16-Sep	Day 4	Tuesday	Wachau Valley - Danube River Cruise:
			- buy Wachau Valley 49 Euro pass at the train station and depart at 9am train
			- Melk and Melk Abbey & Library
			- Danube 2 hrs cruise to Krems (passing by: Aggstein, Willendorf, Spitz, Waisenkirchen, Durnstein)
			- Stein & Krems (old town)
			- Train back to Vienna
17-Sep	Day 5	Wednesday	Prague:
			- train from Vienna to Prague (4.5 hrs) catch an early 6am train
			- Wenceslas Square (Vaclavske Namesti)
			- National Museum Building & Wenceslas Square with Saint Wenceslas Statue
			Old Town (Stare Mesto):
			- National Library
			- Prague Town Hall
			- Little Square
			- Old Town Square (Staromestskie Namesti)
			- House at a Minute
			- Jan Hus Memorial
			- Old Town Hall & Astronomical Clock
			- Take a tour of the Tower, Clocks, and go to the top of the tower
			- Goltz-Kinsky Palace
			- Prague Meridian
			- At the Stone Table House
			- The Storch House
			- Church of Our Lady Before Tyn
			- House at the Stone Bell

			- House of Gold Ring
			- Ungelt Courtyard (Tynsky Dvur)
			- St James' church
			- Celetna Lane and Black Madonna
			- Powder Tower Gate
			- St Henry's Tower
			- Na Prikope Street
			- Museum of Communism (did not go - next time)
			- Estates Theater
			- Hands Memorial
			- Sex machines museum (did not go - next time)
			- More Medieval Homes
			- Dancing House
			- St Charles' Bridge (Karlův Most) at Night
18-Sep	Day 6	Thursday	Prague:
			- Knights of the Cross Square
			- Museum of Medieval Torture Instruments (did not go - next time)
			- Church of Holy Saviour
			- St Francis's of Assisi Church
			- St Charles Bridge Museum
			- Old Town Bridge Tower
			- Saint Charles Bridge with Statues (Karlův Most)
			- Lesser Town Bridge Towers
			The Castle Quarter (Hradčany):
			- Castle Square
			- Prague Castle (Pražský Hrad)
			a. St Vitus Cathedral
			b. Old Royal Palace
			c. St Charles Hall
			d. St George's Basilica
			e. Golden Lane
			f. Royal Gardens
			- Strahov Monastery
			- Loreto Church
			- Petřín Hill, Petřínská rozhledna (smaller version of Eiffel Tower), Mirror Maze, and Funicular
			- Hunger Wall
			- Memorial to Victims of Communism
			- Church of St Mary the Victorious with Infant of Prague Statue
			- John Lennon Wall
			- Love Lock Bridge
			- Liechtenstein Palace
			- Na Kampě Street

			- Piss at Lesser Town (Pissing Fountain)
			- Vltava River boat trip
19-Sep	Day 7	Friday	Prague:
			Jewish Quarter (Josefov):
			- National Theater
			- Pinkas Synagogue
			- Old Jewish Cemetery
			- Klausen Synagogue
			- Jewish Town Hall
			- Old-New Synagogue
			- Maisel Synagogue
			- Church of Holy Spirit
			- Franz Kafka Statue
			- Spanish Synagogue
			- Prague Metronome
			- Jan Palach Memorial Cross
			- Charles Square (next time)
			- Jubilee Synagogue
			- Train back to Vienna
20-Sep	Day 8	Saturday	Salzburg:
			- Westbahn train to Salzburg (3 hrs)
			- Mirabell Palace Gardens
			- Dwarf Gnome Park (Zverglgarten)
			- Mozart's residence
			- St Sebastian Church
			- Kapuzinerkloster Monastery
			- Steingasse
			- Old Town (Altstadt)
			- Mozart Square (Mozartplatz)
			- St Michael's Church
			- Residenz Square & Fountain
			- New Residenz
			- Old Residenz Palace
			- Salzburg Cathedral with statue of Mary and three gates
			- Kapitelplatz - square with chessboard and large yellow sphere
			- Funicular (Festangsbahn) to Hohensalzburg Fortress
			- Hohensalzburg Fortress
			- St Peter's Cemetery
			- St Peter's Abbey (Stift Sankt Peter)
			- Fransican Curch (Franziskanekirche)
			- Mozart's Birthplace (Geburtshaus)

			- Getreidegasse
			- Winkler Terrace
			- Castle Monchstein (Schloss Monchstein)
			- Monchsberg
			- train back to Vienna
21-Sep	Day 9	Sunday	Budapest:
			- take train to Budapest (3.5 hrs)
			- St Stephen's Basilica
			- Freedom Square
			- Imre Nagy Memorial
			- Hungarian Parliament
			- Holocaust Memorial
			- Chain Bridge
			- Clark Adams Square
			- Buda Castle (left side)
			- Hungarian Parliament at Night
22-Sep	Day 10	Monday	Budapest:
			- Andrassy Avenue
			- House of Terror (next time)
			- Hero's square with Millennium Monument
			- Vajdahunyadvar Castle
			- Statue of Anonymous
			- Monument of 1956 Revolution
			- Carl Lutz Memorial
			- Dohany Street Synagogue (tour)
			- Wallenberg Memorial park (Tree of Life and other)
			- Hungarian Parliament Tour
			- Buda Castle (right side)
			a. Turul Bird
			b. Buda Royal Palace
			c. Holy Trinity Square
			d. Matthias Church
			e. Fisherman's Bastion
			f. St. Istvan's Statue
			g. Vienna Gate
			h. Parliament views
			- First McDonalds in Eastern Europe behind Iron Curtain (1988)
23-Sep	Day 11	Tuesday	Budapest:
			- Ferris Wheel
			- Memento Park

			- Citadel
			- Liberation Monument
			- Citadel
			- Cave Church
			- Gellert Baths (great experience)
			- Liberty Bridge
			- train back to Vienna
24-Sep	Day 12	Wednesday	fly Vienna to Rome; train to Rome from airport, and walk to hotel not to far to Termini Train Station
			- Trevi Fountain
			- Spanish Steps (and meet up with friends that joining us for next few days in Rome)
			- wonder around the streets of Rome
			- Plaza de Fiori (and 1st dinner in Rome)
25-Sep	Day 13	Thursday	Rome:
			- Vatican Grand Tour (booked with www.citywonders.com) (4.5 hrs)
			a. Pinacoteca
			b. Bramante Staircase
			c. Vatican Museums
			d. Sistine Chapel
			e. St Peter's Basilica
			f. Climb to the top of Cupola of St Peter's Basilica
			g. St Peter's Square
			- Castel St Angelo
			- Ponte St Angelo
			- dinner at Trastevere
			- Church of Santa Maria in Trastevere
			- Coloseo at night
26-Sep	Day 14	Friday	Rome:
			- Church of Santa Maria Maggiore
			- Pantheon
			- Fontana delle Tartarughe
			- Campo de Fiori with Giordano Bruno Statue and day market
			- Spanish Steps
			- Villa Borghese (next time)
			- Museo dell'Ara Pacis
			- Mausoleum of Augustus
			- Egyptian Obelisk
			- Sovereign Order of Malta
			- Gelateria della Palma (150 flavors)

27-Sep	Day 15	Saturday	Rome:
			- Colosseum Underground Experience Tour, Roman Forum, and Palatine Hill (www.citiwonders.com) 3.5 hrs
			- Arch of Constantine
			- Circus Maximus
			- Bocca della Verita (Mouth of Truth)
			- Knights of Malta Keyhole
			- attempt to watch Roma game at the Stadio Olimpico (need original ID (not copies) to buy tickets)
			- walk from Stadio Olimpico to Trastevere
			- gelateria Giolitti
			- Piazza Navona at night
28-Sep	Day 16	Sunday	Rome:
			- Baths of Diocletian
			- Trajan's Column
			- Trajan's Market
			- Trajan's Forum
			- Victor Emmanuel Monument
			- Mussolini's Speech Balcony
			- Piazza del Campidoglio
			- She-wolf Statue (copy)
			- St Peter-in-Chains Church (San Pietro in Vincoli)
			- Piazza Navona & Pantheon and wondering around Old Rome
			- stroll down on Via del Corso --> via Condotti --> to Spanish Steps
29-Sep	Day 17	Monday	Rome:
			- Pyramid of Gaius Cestius
			- Porta San Paolo and Museo della via Ostiense
			- walk along Aurelian Walls
			- Baths of Caracalla
			- metro to Piazza Venezia
			- Gesu Church
			- Santa Maria del Popolo Church
			- Pantheon
			- wonder around Old Rome
			- Largo Argentina
			- Four Rivers Fountain (Piazza Navona)
			- Spanish Steps
			<i>Sites to Visit Next Time in Rome:</i>
			- Capitoline Museums
			- Borghese Gallery and Gardens
			- Capuchin Crypt

			- National Museum of Rome
			- St Paul's Outside the walls
			- Museum of Roman Civilization
			- Appian Way
			- Catacombs of San Callisto
			- Ostia Antica
			- Tivoli
			<i>Gelato: eat everywhere; 1,2,3 times a day</i>
30-Sep	Day 18	Tuesday	Train from Rome to Naples and local train from Napoli Centrale(Garibaldi) train station to Sorrento
			- walk around small streets; great views of Vesuvius
			- dinner in one of many restaurants
			- cliffside square
			- Marina Piccola
1-Oct	Day 19	Wednesday	Boat Trip: Sorrento - Amalfi - Emerald Grotto - Positano - Sorrento
2-Oct	Day 20	Thursday	Naples
			- take local train to Naples
			- Archaeological Museum
			- Spaccanapoli
			- Spanish Quarter
			- Piazza Plebiscito
			- funicular to top of San Martino
			- Royal Palace
			- Harbor Views
			- Gran Café Gambrinus
			- Castel Nuovo
			- Galleria Umberto I
			- Piazza Gesu
			- Piazza San Domenico Maggiore
			- Cappella Sansevero (Veiled Christ) - fantastic!
			- Statue of Nile
			- Altare a Maradona (did not see one - rainy day)
			- Duomo
			- Pio Monte della Misericordia Church
			- Street life at via Vivaria Vecchia (center of Camorra)
			- take train back to Sorrento
			<i>Eat: Pizza Margherita - almost any place - best in Italy and great prices (around 4 Euro/pie)</i>

3-Oct	Day 21	Friday	Boat trip from Sorrento to Capri
			- boat trip around Capri
			- Blue Grotto (closed - high tide)
			- Beach at Marina Piccola
			- Bus to Capri Town
			- Walk around Capri town
			- Chairlift to Mount Solaro - best views
			- boat trip back from Marina Piccola to Sorrento
			- walk around Sorrento and Marina Grande
			- dinner at Ristorante Tasso
4-Oct	Day 22	Saturday	Vesuvius and Sorrento:
			- take train to Pompeii Scavi train station
			- buy bus tour ticket to Vesuvius
			- bus to Vesuvius, walk to the top of volcano
			- great views of Bay of Naples
			- take bus and train back to Sorrento (Circumvesuviana)
			- pizza at Franco pizzeria
			- last evening stroll through Sorrento
5-Oct	Day 23	Sunday	fly back home with layover in Frankfurt, Germany
			- taxi from Sorrento to Naples airport (about 1hr)
			- plane to Frankfurt
			- train from Frankfurt airport to city center (15min)
			- Dom (cathedral)
			- Romerberg (center square of Frankfurt)
			- Fountain of Justice
			- Alte Nikolaikirche
			- the Romer
			- Goethe residence
			- Eise mer Steg
			- beer with frankfurter
			- Borse (Frankfurt Stock Exchange) & Bull & Bear
			- train back to airport
			- fly back to NY