

# Northern European Splendours 2016

**Tour Host:** Archdeacon David Lunniss, Anglican Diocese of Brisbane

Day 1 Sat 27 Aug **Munich**

Upon arrival you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Dinner and overnight **(D)**

Day 2 Sun 28 Aug **Munich**

See most important sights of Munich such as King's Square with its three temple buildings in the classical Greek style, the Pinakotheken art museums, the Hall of Generals, Prinzregenten Street lined by the House of Arts, the Bavarian National Museum and the Angel of Peace monument, the elegant buildings and shops along Maximilian Street, the Maximilianeum (Bavarian state parliament), the Nationaltheater (opera house), the New Residence (Royal Palace), the traditional Viktualienmarkt, an open air food market with colorful outdoor stalls, Karl Square (called "Stachus") and the medieval city gates. Rest of the day at leisure. Eucharist will be offered before dinner this evening. **(B, D)**



Day 3 Mon 29 Aug **Munich to Cesky Krumlov**

Breakfast at hotel and departure for Cesky Krumlov. On the way stop in Passau for some time on your own. Continue to Cesky Krumlov. Accommodation at hotel, dinner and overnight **(B, D)**



Day 4 Tue 30 Aug **Cesky Krumlov to Prague**

We begin our tour with a visit to the main attraction, the mighty **Renaissance castle**, once the seat of powerful lords, the Rožmberks and the Schwarzenbergs. The castle houses a rich collection of period furniture, Flemish tapestries and historical weapons. Then we take a stroll through the city's quaint streets, lined with Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque houses. These ancient buildings once belonged to powerful noblemen. After the tour continue to Prague. Accommodation at hotel, dinner and overnight **(B, D)**

Day 5 Wed 31 Aug **Prague**

Prague has a long and colorful history, from its early days as a bishopric, to becoming the residence of the Bohemian kings, and later the capital of both Bohemia and the Holy Roman Empire. The city was built across seven hills on both banks of the Vltava River more than 1000 years ago. Today, it is one of the most attractive cities in Europe. Your sightseeing starts with panoramic drive to famous Wenceslas Square, Strahov Stadium, and Castle Square. Then, on a walking tour, visit the Royal Castle of Hradcany with the **Cathedral of St. Vitus**, the **Old Royal Palace**, **St. George's Basilica** and the **Golden Lane** with the **Daliborka Tower**. Cross the Charles Bridge and walk through the old quarter of Prague to view the Jewish Ghetto, Town Hall and world-famous Astronomical Clock. The rest of the day is free. **(B, D)**



Day 6 Thu 01 Sep **Prague to Dresden**

Morning departure for Dresden. Upon arrival enjoy sightseeing tour of the city. Dresden is the capital city of the Free State of Saxony in eastern Germany. Today, with a population of just over half a million, it is a thriving city as part of a reunited Germany. But it is perhaps best known for the horrible firebombing that destroyed most of the city and killed at least 25,000 people in the last months of World War II. Fortunately, much of the city's past architectural and cultural glory has been restored. One of the most recent restorations is the Frauenkirche, completed in 2005. Originally built from 1726 to 1743, the landmark Protestant church in the city's Old Town was totally destroyed by Allied bombs in 1945. It took 60 years, but government, corporate and private donations finally led to the church's rededication in October 2005. Today Dresden can still lay claim to its nickname of "Florence on the Elbe". Accommodation at hotel, dinner and overnight **(B, D)**

Day 7 Fri 02 Sep **Potsdam and Berlin**

Departure for Berlin via Postdam. Stop at the **Sanssouci palace** for a guided tour (tour of palace and gardens). Continue to Berlin for dinner and overnight **(B, D)**

Day 8 Sat 03 Sep

### Berlin

Your morning sightseeing tour features views of the impressive Reichstag and lovely Schloss Charlottenburg. Continue through the city to see famous sights such as the Opera, Schiller Theater and Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church. The afternoon is free to explore this once divided city on your own. Eucharist will be offered before dinner this evening. **(B, D)**



Day 9 Sun 04 Sep

### Drive to Warnemunde

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to Warnemunde to embark on *Opera* for our cruise. We shall have a set reservation for dinner on board throughout the cruise, but you will be at liberty to enjoy the buffet or eat at a different time – the choice is yours. Of course, all meals on board are included. **(B, D)**

Day 10 Mon 05 Sep

### Gdynia for Gdansk (formerly known as Danzig in German)

First port of call is the Polish port city of Gdynia. The ship will offer optional sightseeing tours to nearby Gdansk, or you may prefer to relax on board. **(B, L, D)**

Day 11 Tue 06 Sep

### Klaipeda

This small port city on the mouth of the Dane River is the gateway to Lithuania. Klaipeda has a very checkered history having been Prussian, German and Russian and is now independent. Time to go ashore and explore or take one of the optional tours offered by the ship. **(B, L, D)**



Day 12 Wed 07 Sep

### Riga

The capital of Latvia is on our itinerary today. The town centre is on the UNESCO World Heritage listing and like most of the Baltic cities has a very colourful history dating back to 1201. The 'hop-on-hop-off' bus is a good option for sightseeing today. **(B, L, D)**

Day 13 Thu 08 Sep

### Tallinn

We have a full day in port in this very picturesque capital of Estonia. We have arranged for a morning sightseeing tour today, still leaving time for independent exploring before our ship departs at 1600. **(B, D)**

Day 14 Fri 09 Sep

### St Petersburg

Arrive in port this morning and set off for a full day of sightseeing of this amazing city. We shall visit the Hermitage Museum, once the Winter Palace of the tsars, St Isaac's Cathedral with its fantastic mosaics, Peter and Paul Fortress and the Church of the Saviour of the Spilled Blood. This full day tour will include lunch. **(B, L, D)**



Day 15 Sat 10 Sep

### St Petersburg

Another day in port and you may choose to take an optional tour to Peterhof. Ship sails at 1900. **(B, L, D)**

Day 16 Sun 11 Sep

### Helsinki

Arrive in the capital of Finland early this morning, and after breakfast we set out on a half day city sightseeing tour which will include the Lutheran cathedral and the impressive Sibellius monument. Ship sails at 1400. Eucharist will be offered this evening. **(B, L, D)**



**Day 17 Mon 12 Sep Stockholm**

Today we have planned to take a city sightseeing tour and still allow time for private exploring before the ship sails at 1630. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 18 Tue 13 Sep At Sea**

A relaxing day to enjoy all the offerings of *Opera* – perhaps be pampered in the spa or spend time in the gym. Or simply find a quiet corner and enjoy people watching. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 19 Wed 14 Sep Copenhagen**

The very interesting capital of Denmark will be visited today. We have planned a shore excursion to take in the city sights, including the Tivoli Gardens and the wonderful town centre. Time for browsing before the ship sails. **(B, L, D)**

**Day 20 Thu 15 Sep Warnemunde to Hamburg**

We disembark this morning in Warnemunde and transfer to the nearest city of Hamburg for overnight. Tonight marks the end of our journey as we share our farewell dinner. **(B, D)**

**Day 21 Fri 16 Sep Hamburg**

After breakfast we transfer to Hamburg airport for onward or return flights. **(B)**

**TOUR COST:**

From \$6,800 twin share

**INCLUSIONS:**

Private sightseeing from Munich to Warnemunde to include

- Accommodation at selected hotels, taxes included
- Breakfast daily, 9 x dinner (3 course meal without drinks)
- Australian tour manager
- Touring with modern air-conditioned motor coach from 27 AUG till 04 SEP
- One group arrival and one group departure transfer – it may be necessary to arrange private individual transfers, for which there would be an additional charge
- Local guide for sightseeing tours as per program: 3 hours local guide for Munich, 2 hours local guide for Cesky Krumlov, 4 hours local guide for Prague, up to 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours local guide for Dresden, local guide for Sanssouci palace, up to 4 hours guide for Berlin
- Entrance fee as per program indicated in bold letters
- Porterage at hotels in/out
- Transfer from Warnemunde to Hamburg after cruise
- Transfer from hotel to airport in Hamburg

Cruise – share inside two-berth cabins, all meals on board.

Shore excursions in Tallinn, St Petersburg, Helsinki, Stockholm, Copenhagen

Compulsory on board gratuities

Port taxes

**NOT INCLUDED:**

Air fares and airline taxes

Travel Insurance

Passport and visa fees (if applicable)

Tips to local guides and driver when touring – €30 per person should be sufficient

Shore excursions other than those indicated above as being included

Drinks and items of a personal nature throughout the tour.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** Whilst on tour only = \$520

In addition – Single supplement on the cruise component represents 100% of the cruise charge. Details on application.

Depending on numbers, it may be possible to select single accommodation during the land content of this tour, and share accommodation on board the ship

**CRUISE UPGRADE:** The cruise has been based on a standard inside cabin.

Upgrade as follows on application:

Outside cabin – \$325 – \$510 per person

Balcony cabin – \$1230 per person

Travellers choosing to share in a 3 or 4 berth cabin will attract a reduction of \$850 per person on the cruise component.