

HR & Talent Management Journey to Hungary & the Czech Republic

## OPTIONAL PRAGUE POST PROGRAM EXTENSION

4 days | Explore Outside Prague Including Visits to Český Krumlov & Karlovy Vary

Extend your stay for three additional nights in Prague. This will provide an opportunity to continue exploring the nearby towns, their history and gorgeous scenery.

### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

📍 Prague, Czech Republic

After breakfast at the hotel this morning, you will depart with your local guide for a full day (roughly 10 hours) trip to **Český Krumlov**.

Český Krumlov is a medieval town amid the beautiful South Bohemian countryside. Called the Pearl of Bohemia, it has preserved the atmosphere of the Middle Ages.



Your explorations today will include a tour of **Český Krumlov State Castle and Chateau**, the second largest in the country. Since 1992, this architectural gem has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along with the town center. Enjoy admiring the rich collection of antique furniture, Flemish tapestries and ancient weapons.

Lunch will be provided in town today. Return to Prague early this evening where dinner will be on your own arrangement.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

#### DAY 2: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018

📍 Prague, Czech Republic

After breakfast, you will depart today to continue your explorations outside of Prague. Stops today will include the nearby towns of **Nizbor**, **Plzeň** and **Karlstein**.

Located less than an hour outside of Prague, the **Nizbor Glass Factory** is home to Růckl Crystal. A portion of the factory is open to tours where visitors can learn all about the 300-year-old tradition of Bohemian glass and crystal making.

Make your way onward to the town of **Plzeň's** historic town center where your guide will share information on the town's history.



Lunch will be provided at the Pilsner Urquell Brewery.

After the lunch, you'll receive an in-depth tour of the Pilsner Urquell Brewery. See a short film about the history and secrets of making the legendary lager before being guided through the modern bottling plant and the historic brewery cellars. And don't worry – of course you'll have the chance to taste an unfiltered, unpasteurized Pilsner Urquell on tap, straight from the oak lager barrels.



Finish the day with a visit to the gothic **Karlstejn Castle**, which sits high atop a hill, looming over the village of the same name 18 miles southwest of Prague. Charles IV, King of Bohemia, founded the castle in 1348 as a kind of safe for the Imperial Regalia and for his personal collection of crown jewels and holy relics. The castle’s medieval turrets, towers and high walls evoke a fairy-tale ambiance and make it one of the Czech Republic’s most visited attractions. A visit to the castle is an easy, and very popular, day-trip from Prague – in the summer months the volume of visitors crowding the castle grounds can get somewhat overwhelming. Tours of the castle include the ornate Chapel of the Holy Cross, where the thick walls contain 2,200 semi-precious stones and 128 paintings by Master Theodoric. The Chapel is connected by a wooden bridge leading to the Emperor’s chambers and the Great Tower, the highest point of the castle.

Return to Prague where dinner is on your own this evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Lunch

**DAY 3: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

📍 Prague, Czech Republic

Depart this morning for **Karlovy Vary**. Your first stop today is at a local hotel for brunch.

Your guide will take you on an exploration late this morning including some of the highlights of the town. Start with a panoramic walking tour to hear how this Bohemian town

grew up around natural springs said to have been discovered by the Holy Roman Emperor Charles — or Karl, IV — in 1358. Hear how the town took the emperor’s name and how, in the 1800s, it attracted figures such as Ludwig van Beethoven who came here for the reputedly curative waters. In Karlovy’s stately center, stroll around the graceful spa colonnades and fountains.



Sample some of the water and taste the town’s famous wafers, circular cracker-style treats smeared with chocolate, vanilla, and other Moreish coatings. After lunch at a local restaurant, be sure to try some Becherovka, a traditional herbal liqueur that’s synonymous with the town. Savor the gingery-cinnamon cocktail as you hear how it’s made with a secret recipe using Karlovy’s soft water.

Lunch will be included today at a local restaurant with some time to explore on your own this afternoon.

You might opt to do some more shopping or visit a **local spa** where services can be purchased as desired (additional expense).

Return to Prague where dinner will be provided at a local restaurant.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**DAY 4: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2018**

Depart today for your return to the U.S. and your connecting flights home.

**PROGRAM INFO**

**Date & Length:** 4 days November 18–21, 2018

**Extension cost:** \$1,999 per person. *Single supplement:* \$499.

**Inclusions:** Airport transfers; baggage handling, most gratuities; tours; meals as mentioned; local guide for tours and transfers; and accommodations based on double occupancy.

**Not Included:** Hotel incidentals and meals not mentioned.

*To participate in the optional extension, complete and return the extension registration form. Return no later than 90 days prior to departure or within five days of receiving the information.*



The upscale Corinthia Hotel Prague stands on top of one of Prague's hills, 2 metro stops from the center. It offers panoramic city views and a top-floor spa with a swimming pool. The Vysehrad metro station, the Prague Congress Centre, and the 11<sup>th</sup>-century Vyšehrad fortress are a few steps from the Corinthia Hotel Prague. All rooms are air-conditioned and feature flat-screen satellite TVs, high-quality furniture and luxurious fabrics. Business and Executive Lounges offer lots of additional amenities. Czech, Mediterranean and Asian cuisine can be enjoyed in the various elegant restaurants of the Corinthia Hotel Prague.

#### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

##### **Corinthia Hotel - 5 Star**

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