

Central Europe with Pride 2026

Complete Trip Guide & Detailed Itinerary

Dates: August 3–11, 2026

Countries: Germany • Czechia • Austria • Hungary

Hosted by: Pride Adventures

Operated on the ground by: G Adventures

How to Use This Guide

This guide is your primary reference for the Central Europe with Pride journey. It includes the full day-by-day itinerary, accommodations, included experiences, meals, packing guidance, and important travel details. Updates and reminders will be shared via the group WhatsApp chat and posted on the Pride Adventures trip page as we approach departure.

Trip Documents & Links

This guide brings together all essential information for the Central Europe trip in one place. We've also included a detailed **Optional Post-Trip Guide: Spain & Total Solar Eclipse**, outlining a self-booked extension following the trip.

Optional Post-Trip Guide – Spain & Total Solar Eclipse (PDF):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yBEs6ZU2jDDP2U4v8ZMIGk0C13DZQMI7/view?usp=sharing>

Welcome to Central Europe with Pride ✨

Get ready to explore the heart of Europe on a thoughtfully curated LGBTQ+ group journey through historic capitals, medieval towns, and cultural landmarks. This Pride Adventures experience blends meaningful sightseeing, comfort, and connection—supported on the ground by G Adventures and designed for travelers who want depth without rushing.

From Cold War history in Berlin to medieval Prague, baroque Vienna, and the thermal baths of Budapest, this journey balances immersive guided experiences with free time to explore, connect, and unwind.

Trip Overview ✨

- **Duration:** 9 Days / 8 Nights
 - **Start:** Berlin, Germany
 - **End:** Budapest, Hungary
 - **Group Size:** Maximum 15 travelers (average ~12)
 - **Physical Rating:** 2 – Light (city walking, stairs, cobblestones)
 - **Service Level:** Boutique hotels & comfortable transportation
 - **Transportation:** Private coach and intercity train travel
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Leadership & On-Trip Support 👥

- A professional **G Adventures Chief Experience Officer (CEO)** manages logistics, daily planning, and local guiding throughout the journey.
 - **Chris Smith**, Founder & Chief Adventure Officer of Pride Adventures, joins the group to support community connection, shared experiences, and ensure the trip reflects Pride Adventures' values and spirit.
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Trip Highlights 🎉

- Walk the **Berlin Wall** with a local historian
- Explore **Prague's Old Town** and historic neighborhoods
- Tour **Český Krumlov Castle**, a UNESCO World Heritage site

- Visit Vienna's **Belvedere Palace**, home to Klimt's *The Kiss*
 - Enjoy a classic **Sacher Torte tasting** in a Viennese café
 - Sample local flavors on a **Naschmarkt tasting walk**
 - Relax in **Budapest's thermal baths**
 - Visit **Nem Adom Fel Café**, a Planeterra-supported social enterprise
 - Pride Adventures–hosted Welcome & Farewell Dinners
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Where We'll Stay 🏠

Centrally located, boutique-style hotels selected for comfort, character, and LGBTQ+ friendliness.

- **Berlin:** Hotel Gat Point Charlie (or similar)
- **Prague:** Hotel Aida (or similar)
- **Český Krumlov:** Hotel Mlýn (or similar)
- **Vienna:** Hotel Zeitgeist Hauptbahnhof (or similar)
- **Budapest:** Hotel Museum Budapest (or similar)

Rooming Notes

- Limited private room upgrades available
 - Some hotels may not have elevators
 - Travelers should be comfortable carrying luggage up and down stairs when needed
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Meals & Dining 🍴

Included Meals

- Daily breakfasts
- Welcome Dinner (Day 1 – Berlin)
- Farewell Dinner (Day 8 – Budapest)

Most lunches and dinners are on your own, allowing flexibility to explore local cuisine. Your CEO and Pride Adventures host will regularly share dining recommendations, and we'll often choose to dine together as a group when it makes sense.

What's Included

- 8 nights in boutique hotels
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- Guided sightseeing and cultural experiences listed in the itinerary
- Private coach and train transportation between cities
- Tips for included guides, drivers, and group meals
- Pride Adventures host support
- G Adventures CEO and 24-hour operational assistance

Not Included

- Flights
- Airport transfers
- Most lunches and dinners
- Optional activities not listed as included

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 – Monday, August 3 | Berlin, Germany

Arrival, Welcome Meeting & Dinner

Arrive in Berlin by **3:00 PM** and check into our centrally located hotel. Take time to settle in, refresh, or explore the surrounding neighborhood.

Around **6:00 PM**, we'll gather for a **Welcome Meeting** to meet our **G Adventures Chief Experience Officer (CEO)** and your **Pride Adventures host**, review logistics, and walk through the journey ahead.

Following the meeting, we'll enjoy a **hosted Welcome Dinner**, offering a relaxed and social start to the trip and a chance to connect as a group.

If you arrive later in the day, check with hotel reception for any notes from the CEO with next-day instructions.

Overnight: Berlin

Included: Welcome Dinner

Day 2 – Berlin

Berlin Wall History & Neighborhood Exploration

This morning, we set out on a **guided Berlin Wall walk** led by a local historian, learning about Berlin's Cold War history, division, and reunification.

The afternoon is free for flexible exploration. Options include Museum Island, the Reichstag Dome, Tiergarten Park, or Berlin's LGBTQ+ neighborhoods and cafés. Shared plans will be coordinated based on group interest.

Overnight: Berlin

Included: Breakfast

Day 3 – Berlin → Prague, Czechia

Train Travel & Old Town Orientation

Travel by train through the German countryside to **Prague**. Upon arrival, enjoy an **orientation walk** through Old Town, highlighting major landmarks and helpful navigation tips.

Evening is free to explore or join fellow travelers for dinner.

Overnight: Prague

Included: Breakfast

Day 4 – Prague

Flexible Exploration of the Golden City

Explore Prague at a relaxed pace. Possible group activities include Prague Castle, the Jewish Quarter, Charles Bridge, or beer gardens overlooking the Vltava River.

Overnight: Prague
Included: Breakfast

Day 5 – Prague → Český Krumlov

Bohemian Countryside & Storybook Castle

Travel by private coach through South Bohemia to **Český Krumlov**. Tour the castle complex and enjoy free time wandering this UNESCO-listed medieval town.

Overnight: Český Krumlov
Included: Breakfast

Day 6 – Český Krumlov → Vienna, Austria

Art, Elegance & Viennese Café Culture

Arrive in **Vienna** and visit the **Belvedere Palace**. Later, enjoy a traditional café experience with **Sacher Torte tasting**. Evening at leisure.

Overnight: Vienna
Included: Breakfast

Day 7 – Vienna

Naschmarkt Tastings & Cultural Options

Enjoy a guided **Naschmarkt tasting walk**, followed by a flexible afternoon for Schönbrunn Palace, concerts, museums, or coffeehouses.

Overnight: Vienna
Included: Breakfast

Day 8 – Vienna → Budapest, Hungary

Thermal Baths & Farewell Celebration

Travel by train to **Budapest**. After an orientation walk, visit **Nem Adom Fel Café**, then unwind together at the city's famous **thermal baths** before a celebratory **Farewell Dinner**.

Overnight: Budapest

Included: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day 9 – Tuesday, August 11 | Departure

Depart after breakfast. Please book flights **after 11:00 AM** from Budapest (BUD).

Included: Breakfast

Optional Post-Trip Extension

Spain & Total Solar Eclipse (Self-Booked)

After the trip, travelers may choose to **self-book an optional extension** to witness the **Total Solar Eclipse on August 12, 2026** in **León, Spain** (near the centerline of totality, ~1 minute 55 seconds).

 **Full Post-Trip Guide (PDF):**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yBEs6ZU2jDDP2U4v8ZMIGk0C13DZQMI7/view?usp=sharing>

Accessibility & Physical Expectations

This trip includes city walking, stairs, cobblestones, and luggage handling. Elevators are not guaranteed at all hotels. Please reach out before booking with any mobility concerns.

Weather Snapshot

Warm summer days (70s–80s°F / 20s–30s°C), cooler evenings (50s–60s°F / 10s–20s°C), and occasional rain.

Short Packing List

- Passport (valid 6+ months beyond return)
 - Travel insurance (required, \$200K minimum)
 - Comfortable walking shoes
 - Light layers & rain jacket
 - Power adapter (Type C/F)
 - Reusable water bottle
 - Swimsuit (Budapest thermal baths)
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Emergency Contacts & Travel Notes

Local Emergency Number (All Countries): 112

G Adventures – 24-Hour Emergency Support

 +44 1858 378000

Use this number only for urgent situations when immediate local support is needed.

Travel Authorization (ETIAS)

Beginning in 2025, travelers from visa-exempt countries (including the U.S. and Canada) may be required to complete **ETIAS authorization** before entering the Schengen Area. Details and reminders will be shared closer to departure.

Group Communication 📱

A **group WhatsApp chat** will be launched before departure and used for real-time updates, meeting reminders, optional meet-ups, and day-to-day coordination during the trip.

Pride Adventures Leadership & Contacts 📞

Chris Smith

Founder & Chief Adventure Officer | Pride Adventures

Role: Trip Host & On-Site Leader

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Chris will be on-site throughout the trip, hosting group activities and serving as the primary contact during the journey.

Kevin Smith

Adventure Officer | Pride Adventures

Role: Traveler Logistics & Pre-Trip Support

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Kevin supports travelers with **flight coordination, travel insurance, documentation, arrival/departure questions, and general trip logistics** leading up to departure.

Final Reminders ✅

- Book flights according to arrival/departure guidelines
- Confirm travel insurance and submit required details
- Join the group WhatsApp chat once launched

We can't wait to explore Central Europe with you — **castles, culture, connection, and Pride.**

Travel with Pride! 