

HAMBURG TO VIENNA BY RAIL

- the landscapes, history and culture of east Germany and the western Czech Republic by scenic and heritage rail -

Thursday 18 September to Monday 13 October 2025



Join us for twenty-four days discovering the highlights of eastern Germany and the western Czech Republic. Great rail journeys, culture, architecture and scenic landscapes. The tour is led by Berlin based, Eastern European expert Martin Kopetshcke, with Takako Ishige & Owen Johnstone-Donnet. The tour begins in Hamburg and ends in Vienna.

Flights to/from Germany

There are a range of flight options from Australia to Hamburg, and return from Vienna, with options for stopovers in Asia or the Middle East in one or both directions, or with two stops via other European cities. We can assist with your flight preferences, or you can make your own flight arrangements and meet us in Hamburg.

Thursday 18 September 2025 – Australia to Hamburg

Depart Australia to Hamburg. Overnight aboard the aircraft enroute to Europe.

Friday 19 September 2025 – arrive Hamburg

Transfer to our hotel in Hamburg. Depending upon the time of your arrival, enjoy time exploring the city centre or around the harbour. From the vibrant city centre, harbourside and historic buildings, the evening is free and overnight Hamburg. (If you wish to spend additional nights in Hamburg before the tour begins we can book you at the same hotel.)



Saturday 20 September 2025 (B) – Hamburg

As a major port city in northern Germany, Hamburg is connected to the North Sea by the Elbe River. It's crossed by hundreds of canals, and visitors are amazed at how much water surrounds the city. Boasting large areas of parkland, its core, at Inner Alster lake, is dotted with boats and surrounded by cafes. The city's central Jungfernstieg boulevard connects the Neustadt (new town) with the Altstadt (old town), home to landmarks like 18th-century St. Michael's Church. We explore Hamburg, with the option for a visit to Miniatur Wunderland, the most extraordinary miniature world you can imagine. Dinner is at leisure, or join with us for a simple local meal, and overnight Hamburg.

Sunday 21 September 2025 (B/D) – to Heiligendamm

Every Sunday morning, the Hamburg Fish Market by the Elbe attracts thousands of visitors, night owls and early birds alike - for the ichthyophiles amongst us, an early morning visit is on the agenda. To attract customers, the market barkers out-shout each other. This results in a loud and verbose crescendo that both locals and tourists enjoy on a weekly basis. 'Come over here, I'll throw in a salmon for you' is what shoppers hear as they stroll from stall to stall. Is it a bargain or too good to be true? Some come to feast on an early morning fish sandwich while taking in some hanseatic chit chat over beautiful views of the harbour. Others put on their dancing shoes in the *Fischauktionshalle* (lit. 'fish auction hall') to keep the Saturday party going well into Sunday morning. Inside the century-old building, the band keeps spirits high with live rock and jazz, attracting party-goers for one last dance after dawn – an institution every Sunday since 1703 ! In the mid morning we depart Hamburg for the Baltic Coast, and Heiligendamm – the oldest seaside spa in continental Europe – boasting visitors to the coastal since 1793. We enjoy our first rail journey aboard one of Germany's Deutsche Bahn (DB) famed ICE trains, changing to a local regional service to our destination. We check in to our seaside hotel, with a Welcome Dinner in the hotel's restaurant. Overnight Heiligendamm.



Monday 22 September 2025 (B) – Bad Doberan, Heiligendamm, Kühlungsborn and "Molli"

Today we enjoy a relaxing day in and around Heiligendamm. We ride the Mecklenburgische Bäderbahn Molli GmbH, known affectionately as "Molli" – first opened in 1886, the nostalgic "Molli" steam trains still travel along the 15.4-kilometre stretch between Bad Doberan via Heiligendamm to the Baltic resort of Kühlungsborn - a resort town on Germany's Baltic Sea coast known for its long sandy beach and the Seebrücke Kühlungsborn pier. Parallel to the beach, the Ostseeallee promenade is lined with ornate, early-1900s villas. The historic narrow-gauge railway with a gauge of 900 mm carries more than 585,000 passengers a year. Enjoy the rail journey for as little or as much as you wish, as well as enjoying our accommodation on the Baltic Coast. Dinner is at leisure and overnight Heiligendamm.



Tuesday 23 September 2025 (B/D) – to Rügen and Ostseebad Binz

Late morning we join a DB rail service and head east to the white-sand baltic beaches, seaside resorts and nostalgic charm of the country's largest island, Rügen. Located off the Pomeranian coast in the Baltic Sea and belonging to the state of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, the island has become a mecca for seaside holidays, nostalgic escapes, and the opportunity to experience the steam train 'Rasender Roland.' Our accommodation for the next two night's is in the resort of Ostseebad Binz, with its elegant and long seaside promenade. A number of its elegant hotels are restored to their former glory, whilst in total contrast in the adjacent seaside resort of Prora – you will view what is known as the "Colossus of Rügen." An architectural legacy of the "Third Reich" - a seaside resort built between the towns of Binz and Sassnitz where 20,000 people could holiday at the same time ! The heart of the seaside resort was to be the nearly 4.5 km long building complex built between 1936 and 1939. Today, this gigantic building complex is used for various purposes, among other things, it houses a museum to remind you of those dark days. Dinner is included tonight, followed by a stroll along the esplanade, and overnight Ostseebad Binz.

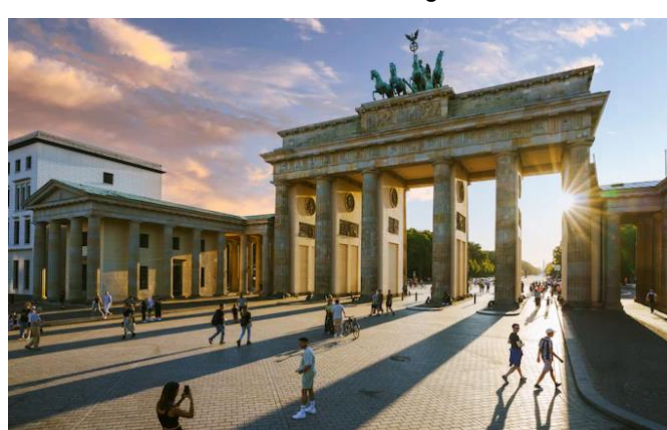


Wednesday 24 September 2025 (B) – the island of Rügen and the 'Rasender Roland' steam train

For over 100 years, railway lines with several different track gauges have been running on Germany's largest island, Rügen: a true natural paradise. The Rügensche Kleinbahn railway made a great contribution to the economic advance in the newly developed Baltic Sea spas around 1900. The Rügensche BäderBahn railway, nicknamed "Rasender Roland" ("Rushing Roland") is what remains of the former narrow gauge dream. We enjoy a journey on the steam train from Binz to Göhren. On our trip we'll view the Granitz hills covered by soothing forests, untouched landscape near Seelwitz, stork eyries in Posewald and ancient alleys. In Göhren we enjoy time for luncheon near the sea, then return to Binz for the afternoon at leisure – there is also the option to explore further aboard the steam train in its journey west towards Lauterbach Mole and Putbus. Dinner is at leisure and overnight Ostseebad Binz.

Thursday 25 September 2025 (B) – to Berlin

A late morning departure for Germany's capital – Berlin. Enjoy the four-hour journey south through rural east Germany, before arrival in the nation's capital. No description of the city can do justice to the extraordinary sight of modern-day Berlin. A city divided for so long, now woven together with new infrastructure, has created an amazing experience of historic buildings and cutting edge architecture – arriving at Berlin Hauptbahnhof will be your first example. Dating from the 13th century, the city boasts impressive reminders of its turbulent 20th-century history - divided during the Cold War, its 18th-century Brandenburg Gate has become a symbol of reunification, and today the city is well known for its art scene and modern landmarks like the gold-coloured, swoop-roofed Berliner Philharmonie, and the spectacular Reichstag. We enjoy a short exploration in the mid/ late afternoon, before dinner at leisure and overnight Berlin.



Friday 26 September 2025 (B/D) – Berlin

We enjoy a morning tour of Berlin, seeing many of the main sights of the city - the Reichstag Parliament building, Brandenburg Gate, the government quarter, Unter den Linden, the Holocaust Memorial – 2,700 concrete columns arranged in a row – and the Tiergarten – key sights and churches – we will show you Berlin's highlights. The afternoon is free for you to explore at leisure, visiting places of specific appeal, or perhaps exploring the trams of East Berlin. Or visit the Park Railway Wuhlheide - a real railway that is operated by children from nine years of age and young people under the guidance of volunteer adults. At 6.9km in length, it was one of eleven original park railways set up in the former GDR. We meet in the early evening to head to the Reichstag for dinner. With its iconic glass dome, the roof terrace restaurant offers panoramic views of the city - it is not often you can enjoy an amazing panorama, with good food and wine, whilst just beneath your feet, the political decisions of tomorrow are being made. Both as an architectural wonder and a historical testimony, the Reichstag has an important role to play in Berlin. Dinner is included and overnight Berlin.



Saturday 27 September 2025 (B) – heritage tram to Woltersdorf and cruise to Köpenick

This morning we experience Berlin's S-Bahn from Berlin Zoo station to Rahnsdorf, where we change to the heritage tram to Woltersdorf. The tram in the small town of Woltersdorf will be celebrating 112 years of service - it's the smallest town in Germany owning a tram system. With just 8500 residents, the 5.3km tramline is covered in about twenty minutes, through forests and the tiny town of Woltersdorf, to its destination at Woltersdorf Schleuse. We walk the short distance to join our boat for a scenic cruise via Erkner, Dämeritz Lake, New Venice, Müggelsee Lake and Friedrichshagen to Köpenick. Dinner is at leisure tonight and overnight Berlin.



Sunday 28 September 2025 (B/D) – to Wernigerode and the Harz Mountains

We depart Berlin mid morning and head west to the Harz Mountains. The Harz Mountains are the land of German fairy tales: steep-roofed houses with tiny windows and narrow, cobblestone streets. A world of dark forests, rushing streams and stormy mountains. Many of these stories are well-known outside of Germany as well: *Cinderella*, *Hansel and Gretel*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Rumpelstiltskin*, *Tom Thumb*, *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Rapunzel* and more. Our base for two nights is Wernigerode - a gem, filled with street after street of half-timbered houses. The best part is wandering around the old town (Altstadt) soaking up the atmosphere. The Gothic town hall (Rathaus) was built in the 16th century and is an impressive (and orange) building. Like most of the small towns in the Harz, the main industry was mining silver and copper. Fortunately, most of these towns escaped the damage that fell upon many German cities during World War II. A walk down Breite Strasse, the long pedestrian-only street, is a pleasant way to see many of the elaborately-carved wooden homes. The town is also a terminus of Germany's largest network of narrow-gauge railways. These antique steam engines chug up and over the mountains, connecting the little villages of the Harz. Dinner tonight is included and overnight Wernigerode.

Monday 29 September 2025 (B/D) – the Harz Mountains

Today we visit the Brocken - the highest and most famous mountain in the Harz. In Goethe's best-known and most complex work, the "Faust", the mountains play a prominent role in the Walpurgisnacht. Crossing the labyrinth of valleys, climbing rocks from which river springs gush eternally, wandering through the moss and heath – that's what Faust wants to experience. We do so by steam train, and enjoy the national park, scenery and sound and smell of steam. There is also the opportunity to explore more of the extensive narrow gauge rail network in the Harz, and we will provide details for those interested. Dinner is included and overnight Wernigerode.



Tuesday 30 September 2025 (B) – to Quedlinburg and to Erfurt

We depart Wernigerode today by coach to first visit Quedlinburg - an almost 1100-year-old half-timbered city and its cultural treasures. A unique medieval city plan with over 2000 half-timbered houses from eight centuries, the castle hill with the Collegiate Church and castle. UNESCO awarded Quedlinburg with the status "World Culture Heritage" in 1994 - with 93 hectares, the city is one of the few awarded area monuments. Then on to Erfurt - a city of flowers and horticulture, the city where Martin Luther lived and studied, and the location of a number of historical Jewish sites. Whilst perhaps lesser known than other German cities, Erfurt houses architectural treasures - succumb to the charms of Erfurt's romantic old quarter: Germany's largest single heritage site, with its medieval architecture and fascinating history – an ancient abbey, magnificent churches, the Erfurt Treasure and grand patrician town houses. A late afternoon stroll through the town, dinner at leisure, and overnight Erfurt.



Wednesday 1 October 2025 (B/D) – the Lichtenhein Cable Railway and Erfurt

Today we experience a most unusual railway - a funicular from Obstfelderschmeide on the valley floor to Lichtenhein on the plateau above. The train consists of a 1.35 km broad gauge cable railway and a connecting 2.63 km standard gauge line linking to the village of Cursdorf – and it is all operated by Germany's DB ! We return to Erfurt for the afternoon to explore at leisure, before meeting for an included dinner in a classic German restaurant. Overnight Erfurt.

Thursday 2 October 2025 (B) – to Leipzig and Dresden

After breakfast we join a mid-morning train for the journey to Leipzig. With its beautiful Old town, largest railway station in Europe, and links to J S Bach, we explore the city for a few hours. The fine St Thomas Church is closely associated with the composer himself. He was the church's musical director from 1723 until his death in 1750. It was here that he composed and performed many of his masterpieces with the famous St Thomas Boys Choir. The choir, founded in 1212, is one of the oldest boys' choirs in Germany, with an unbroken tradition spanning more than eight centuries. JS Bach's remains lie in state in the church. We then head to Dresden - set amidst a stunning river landscape, and considered one of the finest cultural cities in the world - the sheer abundance and splendour of Dresden's cultural treasures are enough to take your breath away. The city is famed not only for its three major landmarks – Zwinger Palace, Semper Opera House and the extraordinary restoration of the Church of Our Lady – but also for Brühl Terrace, the Royal Palace, the Elbe palaces on the Loschwitz hillside, the exclusive villas of Blasewitz and for the twelve Dresden State Art Collections. No to forget the city centre's prime position on the western bank of the Elbe, at the apex of one of the river's gently sweeping meanders. Enjoy a late afternoon stroll along the Elbe, dinner at leisure and overnight Dresden.



Friday 3 October 2025 (B/D) – the historic Kirnitzschtalbahn and a steamer on the River Elbe

This morning we join a DB service to Bad Schandau, where we change to the historic Kirnitzschtal tram for the eight kilometre journey through the wildly romantic Kirnitzschtal valley. Since 1898, the metre-gauge tramway that runs from Bad Schandau's spa gardens along the Kirnitzsch River through the rocky Kirnitzsch Valley to the terminus at Lichtenhainer Wasserfall has transported people for 127 years into the idyllic as well as mystical rocky world of Saxon Switzerland National Park. We return to Bad Schandau and join a river steamer along the Elbe, enjoying an early evening meal aboard as we cruise towards Dresden. Dinner is included and overnight Dresden.



Saturday 4 October 2025 (B) – Dresden, Moritzburg Castle, steam train, rack railway and more

Today provides a range of activities for you to enjoy – as few or as many as you like. Enjoy an exploration of Dresden's cultural assets, its fine museums and historic centre. Visit Moritzburg Castle by steam train, or explore the historic rack, funicular and park railways of this fine east German city. Dinner at leisure and overnight Dresden.



Sunday 5 October 2025 (B/D) – Dresden's Green Vault, to Görlitz and dinner in Poland !

After breakfast we visit the Green Vault, which contains the largest treasure collection in Europe. The museum was founded in 1723 by Augustus the Strong of Poland and Saxony, and features a variety of exhibits in styles from Baroque to Classicism. Gold, rock crystal and diamonds seem to want to outshine each other in the treasury, with the Amber Cabinet, the Ivory Room and the Jewellery Room, with the famous Moor with the Emerald Step, presenting a stunning display of around 3,000 precious objects. We then join the DB rail service to Dresden Neustadt and change for our regional train service to Görlitz. Sitting across the Neiße River from its Polish sister city of Zgorzelec, Görlitz is Germany's eastern most town. It has a beautifully preserved old town, and survived the Second World War more or less intact, making it one of the best preserved towns in Central Europe. We'll explore the city centre, and then cross into Poland for dinner. Overnight Görlitz.





Monday 6 October 2025 (B) – to Zittau and Prague

We join our chartered coach this morning to take us to the historic town of Zittau - located in Upper Lusatia at the foot of the Zittau mountains where Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic meet. Its history goes back 750 years and takes us to a time when the town became rich and powerful through the cloth trade and damask weaving. Zittau's fully preserved historic town centre is a treasure in itself. The market square is dominated by a magnificent town hall in the style of an Italian palace featuring a beautiful council hall and the church of St. Johannis with its 60-metre-high tower for excellent views. Further architectural highlights are the mighty Zittau Salt House, an armoury, horse stable and storehouse from the 16th century, Baroque fountains and the Fleischerbastei, one of the town's old fortifications. We join the Zittau Narrow-Gauge Railway to discover picturesque sandstone rock formations and small mountain villages, in lovely Upper Lusatian. Then back on our coach we continue into the Czech Republic to its capital Prague. After a full day dinner is at leisure, and overnight in this wonderful city.

Tuesday 7 October 2025 (B/LR) – Prague

Capital city of the Czech Republic, and bisected by the Vltava River, Prague is nicknamed "the City of a Hundred Spires." Known for its Old Town Square, the heart of its historic core, with colourful baroque buildings, Gothic churches and the medieval Astronomical Clock, which gives an animated hourly show. Completed in 1402, the pedestrian Charles Bridge is lined with statues of Catholic saints. Today we explore the city using the wonderful tram system – visiting some of Wenceslaus Square, the Jewish Quarter, the Church of St Nicholas, the Golden Lane, St Vitus Cathedral and more. There is the historic tram line 42 you can enjoy, and in the late afternoon we plan to charter our own private tram for drinks and refreshments as we trundle through the city of Prague – with Takako's refreshments aboard as on our last visit to Prague. After our tram ride you're free to explore the city at night, and overnight Prague.



Wednesday 8 October 2025 (B) – Prague

Today is free to explore in and around Prague. The historic tram line links a number of important sights, and the public transport system is extensive and frequent, providing opportunity to explore near and far. Or spend a relaxing day strolling through the smart shopping precinct, admiring the fine historic buildings, with a café stop to enjoy whilst people watching. Dinner at leisure and overnight Prague.

Thursday 9 October 2025 (B) – to Ceske Budejovice to Ceske Krumlov

This morning we board a CZD rail service for the journey from Prague to Ceske Budejovice. On arrival our chartered coach meets us for a tour of the city. The capital of the South Bohemian Region, with almost 95,000 inhabitants, the city was founded by the Czech king Přemysl Otakar II in 1265. It is an important economic, administrative and cultural centre of the region, and the historical town hall building is located on the Přemysl Otakar II square. The city is famous for the world-known brewery Budweiser, and it is an important university town with about 9,000 students. Along with the Přemysl Otakar II square, Samson Fountain and Black Tower, we enjoy an exploration of the city centre.



In the afternoon we continue by chartered coach to Ceske Krumlov for dinner at leisure, and overnight.

Friday 10 October 2025 (B/D) – Ceske Krumlov

Today we explore the fairy-tale town of 15,000 inhabitants, buried in the hills of the southern Czech Republic. With its delightfully cobbled Old Town, rare Baroque theatre, and colourful castle, Český Krumlov feels lost in a time warp. Tucked into a hairpin bend in the Vltava River, it was a safe, choice spot for Celtic, then German, then Slavic tribes to settle. In the 16th century — the town's Golden Age — Český Krumlov hosted artists, scientists, and alchemists from all over Europe. These days the mighty castle of the Rožmberk family, who ran the city from this perch for three centuries, until about 1600, attracts attention. Across the river from the castle is the made-for-strolling Old Town. Gothic buildings curve with the winding streets.



Many precious Gothic and Renaissance frescoes were whitewashed in Baroque times, when the colourful trimmings of earlier periods were way out of style. At the heart of the Old Town is the main square, lined with a mix of Renaissance and Baroque homes of burghers (all built on 12th-century Gothic foundations). Lékárna, with a fine red Baroque facade on the lower corner of the square, is still a pharmacy, as it has been since 1620. We enjoy a farewell dinner tonight, and overnight Ceske Krumlov.

Saturday 11 October 2025 (B) – to Rožmberk nad Vltavou, Rybnik and to Vienna

We rejoin our coach and head south to the village of Rožmberk nad Vltavou - situated on the banks of the River Vltava with romantic meanders - the historical heart of the town is a world-famous heritage precinct where numerous corners still breathe out the atmosphere of the Czech Kings - meaning that Rožmberk is not only a town of boaters, but also a site sought by history enthusiasts. The town is dominated by the Rožmberk Castle that is amongst the oldest structures of its kind in this country. The virgin natural world in the surroundings, the wonderful stretch of the river and the site's historical background form a great attraction as we come to the end of our tour. We then travel by coach to Rybnik, and join an intercity rail service to Linz, then an OEBB RailJet express service to Vienna. Our accommodation is located close to Vienna's relatively new Hauptbahnhof. Dinner is at leisure, and overnight Vienna. (Note – for those who need to depart tonight, there are late evening departures from Vienna Airport connecting through the Middle East and Asia for Australia.)



Sunday 12 October 2025 (B) – Vienna and to Australia

You may like to stay on a few extra days in Vienna to explore the city – we can arrange extra nights at our accommodation – or departures during the day for Australia.

Monday 13 October 2025 (B/L) – Australia or beyond

Depending upon flights, arrival in Australia. Thank you for joining the tour and we are confident you will have had a memorable experience with us.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Accommodation is in 4 - 4½ star hotels. In some locations the best available may not be 4 star, and in some we have selected superior hotels as part of the experience. Some hotels are older buildings, and in small regional towns, without lifts. Rooms may be on the first or second floor, with access only possible by a flight or two of steps. Whilst we will do all possible to ensure the room quality (size, perspective, outlook, features) are shared equitably through the tour, some hotels will have no room exactly the same as others. All are comfortable, clean and well located for our tour. Meals are included as shown - breakfast is included most mornings, and we have included lunch and dinner on other occasions when it is prudent to do so. Where a wide range of dining options is possible, we have allowed you to dine when and with whom you wish. Meals are indicated as (B) Breakfast, (L) Luncheon, (LR) Light Refreshments and (D) Dinner.

PERSONAL SERVICE AND MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

SJR prides itself on its personal service and attention to detail. The tour is escorted by the organiser/s of the itinerary. You are assured of the utmost service and our commitment to your satisfaction. We recognise that each passenger has different interests, and we will aim to provide the opportunity to allow you to rest from the group, explore by yourself or visit special sites you've read about – if you wish. Detailed advice and assistance will be given to help you, and many travel requirements can be made for you.

HERITAGE RAILWAYS

A feature of the tour is to experience a selection of heritage rail operations in Germany and the Czech Republic. Some are yet to finalise their exact 2025 programme. We are working with them to include some special experiences for our tour, such as chartered special carriages and dining experiences aboard. Details of these may not be known until closer to the time, and we may adjust the tour programme to accommodate where possible.

PARTICIPATION IN THE TOUR

A feature of the tour is travel by rail – this requires you to manage your own luggage between hotels and railway stations, and on and off trains. On some occasions we will have a coach to carry the luggage independently, however there may be occasions when it is necessary to change trains, and to use station steps. Whilst most stations have elevators, they may not be working, or other impediments may mean it is necessary to use steps. A condition of joining this tour is your ability to manage your own luggage. Additionally, a medical / insurance form will be sent to you prior to departure from Australia, requesting the provision of key health information to pass to doctors/ hospitals in the event of an emergency, and requesting details of your travel insurance provider, and travel insurance policy number and contact telephone in the event a claim needs to be made. The provision of this information to the tour leader is a mandatory condition of participation in the tour.

FARES AND BOOKING PROCEDURES

The tour is limited in size, with a maximum of 20 participants, with bookings confirmed in order of receipt of a deposit of \$3,000 per person. **The tour fare is \$19,890* per person (twin share) plus airfares from Australia, with a \$5,880* single supplement for hotels.** The tour fare includes all hotels and sightseeing, rail and coach travel as indicated, all bus, tram, metro and light rail transfers when part of the group; all accommodation on a double/twin share basis (single accommodation is available on payment of the single supplement); sightseeing and entrance fees to sites as indicated, and meals as shown in the itinerary for each day. The fare does not include meals not identified, drinks, excess baggage charges, gratuities, telephone calls, laundry, any items of a personal nature, travel outside the organised group. Due to the variety of interests of individuals, and the range of sites, museums etc. available for inspection on some days, we have included key features in the tour cost. Inspection and entry fees when not part of the planned group activity are not included in the tour cost. Additional or optional activities or entrance fees (shown as (O) in the itinerary, are not included in the cost. Bookings should be made on the attached form. The deposit of \$3,000 per person should be forwarded by Electronic Funds Transfer to:

Account Name: Scenic Journeys by Rail
BSB: 033364
Account Number: 612826
Reference: Your name and 'Czech'

You can also pay by cheque, payable to St James Rail, sent to SJR, PO Box N400, GROSVENOR PLACE, 1220.

If paying by EFT, include the reference above and your surname, and email to sjr@digitor.com.au to advise you have paid. Please forward the booking form to the postal address above.

Debit/credit card payment is available, with merchant fees of 1.00% for Visa/MasterCard, and 1.8% for American Express. Please call us to make payment by debit/credit card.

BOOKING, CANCELLATION AND TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Bookings will be accepted on the attached form. **Changes to the itinerary** - as the tour involves a range of both scheduled and heritage rail operations, some in remote parts of Germany and the Czech Republic, where accommodation and travel options are limited, the tour organiser reserves the right to change and amend the itinerary at his sole discretion based on necessary changes to travel plans due to air, sea, land and rail operation schedule changes and hotel availability. **Currency fluctuations** – the tour organiser reserves the right to adjust the tour price based on significant foreign exchange movement between the Australian Dollar and the Euro. **Cancellation** fees apply as follows: the initial deposit is non-refundable. After further payment towards the final tour cost, costs for tickets, accommodation,

sightseeing etc made on your behalf will incur cancellation charges equal to the cancellation charges incurred to us, imposed by suppliers/operators, plus a fee to cover administrative costs – more than three months prior to departure, \$1000 per person; within three months, \$2000 per person. No refund will be made for cancellations after 1 May 2025. All cancellation or administration charges imposed by the suppliers/operators of components of this tour must be borne by you, the passenger. **Responsibility** - St James' Rail acts only as the organiser of the tour. On acceptance of tickets and travel documents for this tour, which may be evidenced in writing by a ticket, voucher, letter, or other document, you accept that neither St James' Rail nor representatives from any other firm supplying services in conjunction with this tour programme, shall be liable in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, loss, damage, accident, sickness, delay or additional expense to you or your possessions arising directly or indirectly by force majeure or other events which are beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part, including, but not limited to, civil disturbance, fire, floods, acts of God, acts of Governments or other authorities, changes in itinerary, weather, strikes, war, transportation disruption, failure of machinery or equipment, industrial action, pandemic, quarantine or any other cause. Where travel is by scheduled carrier, or charter service, that carrier's responsibility is limited in accordance with their conditions of carriage. Similarly all luggage is your responsibility, and we cannot be held liable for any loss or delay however caused. The care of your travel documents are your own responsibility. All expenses incurred by loss must be borne by you. Airline regulations and conditions are written on the airline tickets and are issued to passengers subject to their acceptance of these conditions. Changes in exchange rates, taxes and any land arrangements costs may alter the price of the tour, and St James' Rail reserves the right to change, amend or cancel this tour and/or itinerary if necessary. We reserve the right to amend the itinerary en route to account for unforeseen changes or conditions, or to improve the tour experience for the majority, as determined by the tour leader. **Passports, visas, vaccinations, health requirements** – a valid passport with six months validity from the end of the tour is required. Obtaining all visas, vaccinations or other health requirements to meet the expectation of airlines or foreign governments is your responsibility. St James' Rail cannot accept responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred as a result of a passenger not holding valid and necessary passport, visa, vaccination or health documents. **Special conditions relating to Government restrictions** – if the tour is unable to proceed due to Government restrictions, SJR may at our election: postpone your travel arrangements to a future date, in which case we will issue you with a credit note equal to amounts paid at the time of postponement; or cancel your travel arrangements, in which case our contract with you will terminate. If we cancel your travel arrangements and our contract terminates, neither of us will have any claim for damages against the other. However, we will refund payments made by you less unrecoverable third-party costs and less fair compensation for work undertaken by us up until the time of termination and in connection with the processing of any refund. SJR will refund payments it is able to recover or not incur from the various suppliers of services to this tour. Refunds will be made when the funds have been received by SJR from third party suppliers. **Full details of terms and conditions:** if you would like a copy of the full terms and conditions applicable to all SJR tours please contact us and we will forward a copy to you.

INSURANCE

Travel insurance is highly recommended to protect yourself against cancellation fees, health and other travel risks. If you cancel your participation in the tour, either prior or during the tour, cancellation costs will apply. An insurance policy can be sent to you from our travel agent, Sarah Manche, MTA Travel, for your consideration. Obtaining insurance cover is your responsibility. In the event of hospitalisation or prolonged medical care, you are responsible for managing your own situation. The tour leaders cannot provide an extended (more than six hours) of personal care to assist you in the event of medical care.

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Booking Form

YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Name:

Address: Suburb: Postcode:

Home tel: Work tel: Mobile:

Email:

BOOKING DETAILS (Full passenger names EXACTLY as shown in the passport – please include a scan of the data page of your passport, either with the booking form, or subsequently)

Passenger 1 Name:

Date of Birth: Passport No: Expiry Date:

Frequent Flyer: Airline No:

Passenger 2 Name:

Date of Birth: Passport No: Expiry Date:

Frequent Flyer: Airline No:

PAYMENT

..... I have enclosed \$ as deposit (\$3,000 per person) for the above booking. Please make cheques payable to St James Rail.

..... I have paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as described previously. Please email SJR to advise and send this form.

Account Name: Scenic Journeys by Rail
BSB: 033 364
Account Number: 612826
Reference: Your name and 'Czech'

A letter will be sent acknowledging receipt of your deposit and providing further details.

AIR TRAVEL TO HAMBURG / FROM VIENNA

..... Please book me/us to arrive Hamburg on Friday 19 September 2025, and depart Vienna on Sunday 12 October 2025.

(Departing from which Australian city?:

We will call to advise of the best fare option at the time of booking.)

..... Economy class air travel Premium Economy class air travel Business class air travel

..... Please call me to discuss air travel options.

..... I will make my/our own air travel arrangements and meet you in Hamburg on Friday 19 September 2025

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Single rooms: Double rooms: Twin (two bedded) rooms:

A single supplement is payable for sole use of rooms in hotels.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please indicate any dietary or any other sort of special request :

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INSURANCE

..... Please send an insurance policy from our travel agent, Sarah Manche, MTA Travel.

YOUR SIGNATURE

I have read the reservation conditions outlined above and accept them on behalf of myself and my party by whom I am authorised to make this agreement.

Signature of person making reservation: Date:

Cancellation charges will apply as advised in this itinerary. An insurance policy can be forwarded from our travel agent Sarah Manche, MTA Travel, upon request. It is your responsibility to obtain appropriate travel insurance for your personal circumstances.

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