IN VINO VERITAS – MISSION: CENTRAL EUROPE
Adventure across wine districts of 4 countries

1st day  Arrival in Vienna, meeting our specialized tour escort guide

2nd day  City tour in Vienna – often described as Europe’s cultural capital
Visit to Grinzing, old Viennese wine village, famous for its vineyards and numerous Heurigers – traditional wine-taverns in which wine-growers serve their youngest wines. Wine tasting and dinner in a Heuriger.

3rd day  Wachau wine region – Austria
Stretching from the imposing Monastery of Melk to the city limits of Vienna, the prime winegrowing areas of Wachau are strung like pearls along the blue Danube River. The river winds through a stunning landscape that varies from steep, terraced vineyards to rolling hills and forests that are marked by historic cloisters and majestic castles.
Visit to Melk - Melk has been a spiritual and cultural center of Austria for more than 1000 years, first as a castle then, from 1089, as a Benedictine monastery.

4th day  Sopron / Pannonhalma wine regions - Hungary
The Sopron wine region, home to Blue Frankish, is one of the oldest wine growing regions in Hungary. The wine growing and wine making culture in this territory started with the Celts and the ancient Romans.
In the afternoon - travel to Pannonhalma - The first written documents of the smallest wine region of Hungary date back to 1002, when the Benedictine monks founded their first monastery.
Visit to Pannonhalma Archabbey, one of the oldest historical monuments in Hungary. Wine tasting at Abbey Winery Pannonhalma.
In the evening - travel to Budapest

5th day  Sightseeing in Budapest – a city that represents a stunning journey through two thousand years of history /Optional programme – visit to Etyek-Buda wine region

6th day  Eger wine region – Hungary
Eger is home to the legendary “Bull’s Blood of Eger” (Egri Bikavér), perhaps the best-known Hungarian red wine abroad. Based on Kékfrankos (Blaubrankisch), Bull’s Blood is a cuvee, a blend of three or more grapes, matured in oak barrels for at least 12 months. Eger is also home to some fresh whites, as white grapes also have long-lasting traditions in the region.
City tour in Eger - a historic town with splendid Baroque architecture, robust wine, thermal and medicinal waters.
In the afternoon arrival at Tokaj

7th day  Tokaj-Hegyalja wine region - Hungary
Located in the foothills of Northern Hungary, the Tokaj-Hegyalja wine region has been famous for its delicious sweet wines for centuries. The Tokaj wine became internationally renowned when Louis XIV served it to his court at Versailles in 1703 and named it the “wine of kings, the king of wines.” In 2002, UNESCO recognized the more than 1,000 continuous years of Tokaji Aszú production by declaring Tokaj a World Heritage Site.
8th day   Balatonfüred-Csopak wine region – Hungary
On the way to Balatonfüred we stop by Gődőlő – visit to The Royal Palace, the largest baroque palace in Hungary and one of the largest in Europe / traditional Hungarian lunch at an equestrian park. The 150-year-old wine houses in the Balatonfüred-Csopak region offer a look back at traditional winemaking. Other attractions include the Tihany Peninsula with the picturesque village of Tihany and Balatonfüred, a historical bathing town.

9th day   Badacsony wine region – Hungary
Perhaps the most famous wine region around Lake Balaton is Badacsony, where Cistercian monks planted the first vines on the slopes in 1375. In Badacsony the quality of the wines is accompanied by the stunning beauty of the scenery.
In the evening – arrival in Ljubljana

10th day  Sightseeing in Ljubljana, the Slovenian capital, famous for its small-town friendliness
Primorje wine region - Slovenia is the most internationally recognised region in Slovenia. Tucked away in a small corner on the Italian border, the Goriska Brda region is Slovenia’s answer to Tuscany.

11th day  Visit to Predjama castle / Postojna caves – an amazing underworld of 2 million-year-old caves
Friuli-Venezia Giulia wine region – Italy - The most fitting description for the luminous white wines of Friuli-Venezia Giulia is “intelligent.” Italy’s northeasternmost region is the crossroad of Europe’s Latin, Germanic and Slavic cultures.

12th day  City tour in Venice – an extraordinary architectural masterpiece spread over 118 small islands

13th day   Padua-Ravenna-Bologna – Exploring the cultural heritage of the Veneto Region of Italy

14th day   Veneto wine region - Italy
Veneto is slightly smaller than Italy’s other main wine-producing regions – Piedmont, Tuscany, Lombardy, Puglia and Sicily – yet it generates more wine than any of them, gaining recognition with such wines as Valpolicella, Amarone, Soave and Prosecco.
Garda Lake – the picturesque Scaliger castle dates from the 13th century and visitors can see a ruined Roman spa named the Grotte di Catullo

15th day   Departure - Extensions are possible to Transylvania wine region, to Istria/North – Dalmatia wine regions and to Emilia-Romagna /Tuscany wine regions

NB: The programme may suffer some changes according to opening hours
It can be extended or modified on request
The price depends on season, number of guests, type of accommodation, quantity and quality of tasted wines, etc…

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