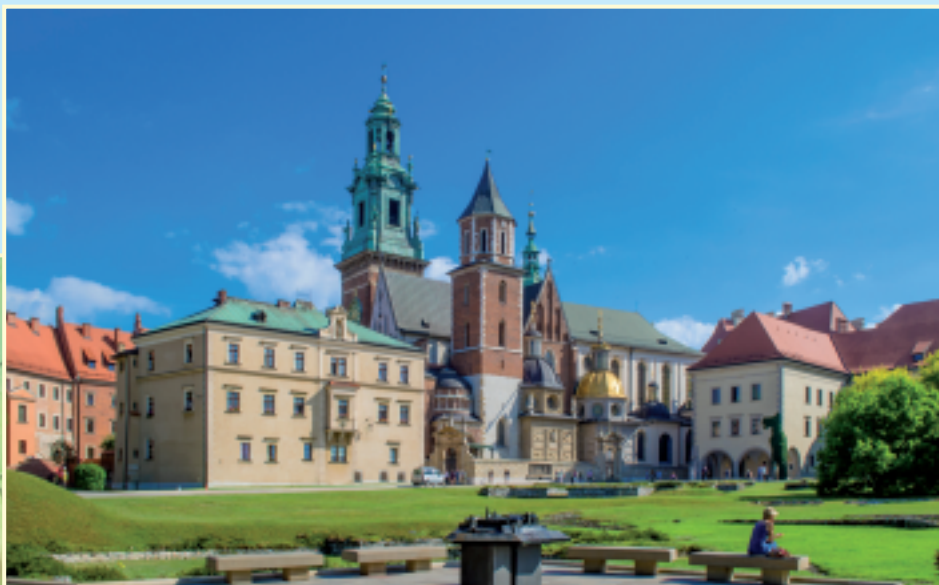


# The Empire of Samo

**Tour Time**  
Summer



Having optimized our short Eastern Europe Taster tour, this is now a trip aimed at those who like to travel at a relaxed speed to meet our next neighbours in the East. Since the early 1990s Czechia, Slovakia and Hungary have been destinations at which we value the hospitality of the kitchens and the cellars as well as the culture.

Samo, who is the patron of this tour, was a frankian merchant who managed to create the first slavic empire, ruling this as a king for 35 years. Unfortunately not much is left of this time, but his empire was in the regions that we visit during this trip. It is Western Slavia or the Visegrad Area.

Even if we do not hear much of Samo, the varied history of Eastern Europe offers us much to see in ways of churches, monasteries, fortresses, monuments and other impressive architecture. Monarchs, princes of the church, explorers and certain tribes handed their culture and folklore down to discover and enjoy.

A few days in the nature, activities outside of the large cities and short driving stage round off this tour.

In case you want to end your tour in Budapest, because you favour a spa holiday, check out the shorter version of this tour.

## Programme:

**Day 1 Dresden** D  
Tour Start, Welcome

**Day 2 Dresden - Wroclaw** 250km PL  
Entering the Silesian region of Poland

**Day 3 Wroclaw**  
Guided tour of the old town


**Day 4 Wroclaw -  - Podlesiecie** 250km PL  
En route Czestochowa "Black Madonna"

**Day 5 Podlesiecie - Krakow** 180km PL  
En route optional visit of Auschwitz

**Day 6 Krakow**  
Sightseeing of the old town and Wawel hill



**Day 7 Krakow**  
Leisure Day

**Day 8 Krakow -  - Nowy Targ** 120km PL  
En route visit of Wieliczka salt mine

**Day 9 Pieninsky National Park**  
Rafting tour on the Dunajec river

**Day 10 Nowy Targ - Tatraska L.** 70km SK  
To the small alpine mountains of the High Tatra

**Day 11 Tatraska Lomnica**  
Excursion to the mountains

**Day 12 Tatraska Lomnica**  
Leisure Day

**Day 13 Tatraska L. - Košice** 140km SK  
Enroute: Spiš Castle or Dobšiná ice cave

**Day 14 Košice**  
Guided visit of the town known as Kaschau

**Day 15 Košice - Miskolc** 90km H  
Optional programme – the thermal baths

**Day 16 Miskolc**  
Excursion: Historic Train to Lillafüred

**Day 15 Miskolc - Eger** 70km H  
Spa town atmosphere, wine and more



**Day 18 Eger**  
Sightseeing, wine tasting and goulash

**Day 19 Eger - Budapest** 150km H  
Overland to the Danube

**Day 20 Budapest**  
Guided visit of the Hungarian capital

**Day 21 Budapest**  
Leisure Day

**Day 22 Budapest - Bratislava** 220km SK  
Following the Danube back to Slovakia

**Day 23 Bratislava**  
Guided visit of the capital city





**Day 24 Bratislava - Brno** 210km CZ  
To Moravia and also Austerlitz

**Day 25 Brno**  
Guided visit of the city of music

**Day 26 Brno - Prague** 200km CZ  
To the Czech capital

**Day 27 Prague**  
Guided tour of Hradshin and Malá Strana

**Day 28 Prague**  
Guided tour of the old town and squares

**Day 29 Prague**  
Tour end, individual onward travel

**Total: approx. 1950 km**  
From Dresden to Prague

**Not included in the price:**  
charges for road tolls, border or ferry fees, fuel, optional programmes

**Required documents:** ID-Card or passport

**Tour service:**  
Organisation and booking  
26x camping fee  
9x lunch/dinner (local cuisine)  
13x sightseeing/programmes  
1x wine tasting  
1x folklore  
Admission charge for included programmes  
English speaking tour guide  
Resignation & break-off insurance  
Information material & pre-tour meeting

**Participants:** min. 16 pers., max. 30 pers.  
In the case that the minimum number of participants is not reached the cancellation of the tour is possible up to the key date (§9.1).

**Additional Information:** page 22 - 23  
Download or request additional information!  
Cancellation-Category: A



**Short Option of this Tour:**

For anyone wishing to stay behind in Hungary, i.e. for taking a spa holiday, you may end this tour earlier.

Your participation then ends on the morning of Day 20 in Budapest.

**Tour service:**  
Organisation and booking  
21x camping fee  
7x lunch/dinner (local cuisine)  
10x sightseeing/programmes  
2x wine tasting/folklore

**Total:** approx. 1300 km  
from Dresden to Budapest

**Please Note:**

- + short driving stages
- + time for individual interests
- + Mix 60% culture / 40% nature
- +/- in the summer holidays
- +/- multi-language tour German/English
- ♦ See leaflet for latest tour dates and prices or check online at [www.mir-tours.com](http://www.mir-tours.com)



**What else we wanted to tell you .....  
about your trip**

If a trip begins or ends a little further away, as part of our service, we offer you a list of campsites and/or parking spaces, which you can use **to arrive** and/or **depart** with other participants or the tour escort, for example.

Our trips are designed in such a way that all important and interesting **sightseeing and programs** are included in the tour price. Only special interests such as ballooning, ballet or mountain hikes can occasionally be booked as an option and are paid for separately. We also include all services in the travel price that are identical for



all participants and are part of the process. So, on our trips you do not meet tour guides who collect additional amounts from the participants every day.

We think that **eating together** every few days on the trip brings the group together and thus contributes to a nice travel climate. The tour price therefore regularly includes 3-course menus with a non-alcoholic drink, but you should also enjoy other typical local specialties such as afternoon tea, tapas or shashlik. We are happy to create the conditions so that you can occasionally grill or cook together during the tour.

Regardless of whether you drive the **stages** alone, with another participant or in a convoy with the tour guide: You set your own travel pace and decide when to start and arrive. We support you with appropriate maps, written directions (road book) as well as data and routes for your navigation device.

A route rarely goes from A to B and when it does, there are reasons. Where it makes sense, you will receive details for additional

sightseeing options, photo stops and stopping options at supermarkets, gas stations or other places.

In some countries we hire a **local companion** who supports the tour leader and, as a local guide, ensures that the travel process runs smoothly. This system has proven itself particularly in the event of breakdowns, illness or other minor adversities.

**Supporting** a participant who is confronted with a breakdown or illness before, during and after the trip is our top priority. You benefit from our many years of experience in this case.

