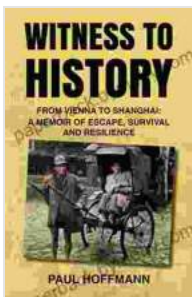


From Vienna to Shanghai: A Journey Through Central Asia

In 2019, I embarked on a journey from Vienna, Austria to Shanghai, China. I traveled by train, bus, and car, and I crossed through nine countries: Austria, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and China. Along the way, I met amazing people, tasted delicious food, and saw some of the most beautiful scenery in the world.



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My journey began in Vienna, a city known for its music, art, and architecture. I spent a few days exploring the city, visiting the Hofburg Palace, the Schönbrunn Palace, and the Vienna State Opera. I also took a carriage ride through the city center and enjoyed a traditional Viennese pastry at a local café.

From Vienna, I took a train to Budapest, Hungary. Budapest is a beautiful city with a rich history. I visited the Buda Castle, the Hungarian Parliament

Building, and the Great Market Hall. I also took a boat tour down the Danube River and enjoyed a traditional Hungarian goulash at a local restaurant.

From Budapest, I took a bus to Bucharest, Romania. Bucharest is a bustling city with a vibrant nightlife. I visited the Palace of the Parliament, the Romanian Athenaeum, and the Village Museum. I also took a walk through the Lipscani district and enjoyed a traditional Romanian sarmale at a local restaurant.

From Bucharest, I took a train to Sofia, Bulgaria. Sofia is a charming city with a rich history. I visited the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the Boyana Church, and the National Historical Museum. I also took a walk through the Vitosha Nature Park and enjoyed a traditional Bulgarian banitsa at a local restaurant.

From Sofia, I took a bus to Istanbul, Turkey. Istanbul is a vibrant city with a rich history. I visited the Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, and the Topkapi Palace. I also took a boat tour down the Bosphorus Strait and enjoyed a traditional Turkish kebab at a local restaurant.

From Istanbul, I took a flight to Tehran, Iran. Tehran is a modern city with a rich history. I visited the Golestan Palace, the National Museum of Iran, and the Azadi Tower. I also took a walk through the Grand Bazaar and enjoyed a traditional Iranian chelo kebab at a local restaurant.

From Tehran, I took a train to Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Ashgabat is a modern city with a rich history. I visited the Independence Monument, the Neutrality Arch, and the National Museum of Turkmenistan. I also took a

walk through the city center and enjoyed a traditional Turkmen plov at a local restaurant.

From Ashgabat, I took a train to Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Tashkent is a modern city with a rich history. I visited the Amir Timur Square, the Khast Imam Complex, and the Chorsu Bazaar. I also took a walk through the city center and enjoyed a traditional Uzbek plov at a local restaurant.

From Tashkent, I took a train to Xi'an, China. Xi'an is a historic city with a rich history. I visited the Terracotta Warriors, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, and the Muslim Quarter. I also took a walk through the city center and enjoyed a traditional Chinese dumpling at a local restaurant.

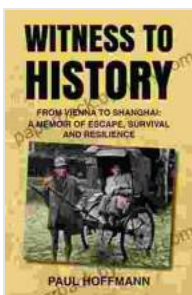
From Xi'an, I took a train to Shanghai, China. Shanghai is a modern city with a rich history. I visited the Bund, the Shanghai Tower, and the Yu Garden. I also took a walk through the city center and enjoyed a traditional Chinese soup dumpling at a local restaurant.

My journey from Vienna to Shanghai was an amazing experience. I saw some of the most beautiful scenery in the world, met amazing people, and tasted delicious food. I also learned a lot about different cultures and ways of life. I would highly recommend this journey to anyone who is looking for an adventure.

Tips for planning your own journey

If you are planning your own journey from Vienna to Shanghai, here are a few tips:

- Plan your route in advance. There are many different ways to travel from Vienna to Shanghai, so it is important to plan your route in advance. You can choose to travel by train, bus, or car, and you can also choose to stop in different cities along the way.
- Get a visa. If you are not a citizen of China, you will need to get a visa before you can enter the country. You can apply for a visa at your local Chinese embassy or consulate.
- Learn some basic Chinese. Learning some basic Chinese phrases will help you to communicate with locals and get around more easily. You can learn Chinese online or at a local language school.
- Be prepared for culture shock. Traveling to a different country can be a culture shock, so it is important to be prepared for some of the differences you will encounter. Be respectful of local customs and traditions, and be open to new experiences.
- Have fun! Traveling from Vienna to Shanghai is an amazing experience, so be sure to have fun and enjoy the journey.



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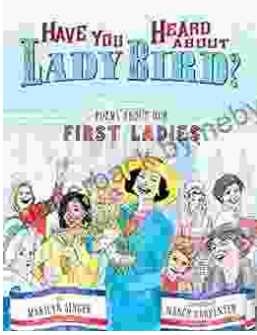
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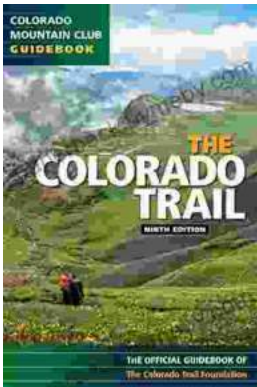
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