



DAY 1 BUDAPEST

★ WELCOME DINNER & EVENING CRUISE

Welcome to your Danube cruise! Your journey begins in Budapest, with an afternoon embarkation. This evening, join us for a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a specially-prepared Welcome Dinner. A romantic evening cruise through beautifully illuminated Budapest, as well as a Hungarian folklore show, make for a perfect beginning!

Stay Budapest

31 Over Night



DAY 2 BUDAPEST > ESZTERGOM

★ VISIT TO ESZTERGOM, THE FORMER IMPERIAL RESIDENCE OF HUNGARY

Discover the beautiful sights and attractions of the Hungarian capital. This morning, explore the city which straddles the beautiful Danube, with its Fisherman's Bastion on the Buda side, overlooking the river, and the Pest side with its grand, Neo Gothic style Parliament House.

Depart from Budapest after lunch by coach on an excursion to the Hungarian countryside to explore the artists' town of Szentendre, and the former imperial residence and capital of Hungary, Esztergom. Should you choose to remain on board, enjoy an afternoon relaxing on deck as the vessel cruises through the Hungarian landscape, before arriving in Esztergom for dinner, where your fellow passengers rejoin the vessel.

Stay Budapest

31 Departure at 1:30pm

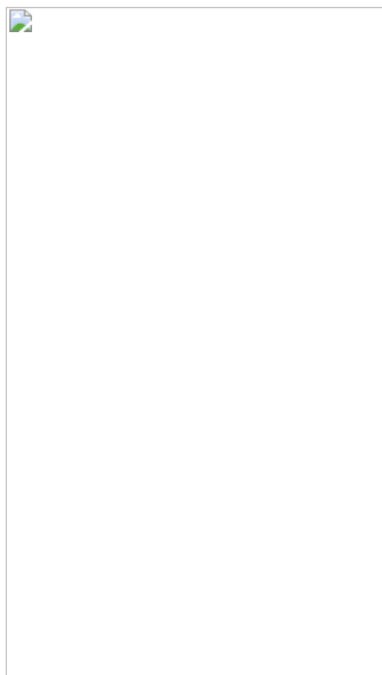
Excursions

 Budapest - Capital of Hungary

 Excursion to Szentendre and Esztergom

Stay Esztergom

31 6:30pm - 8:00pm





DAY 3 BRATISLAVA

★ VISIT TO HISTORIC OLD TOWN OF BRATISLAVA

In the morning, we call at our next capital city – Bratislava. Explore the city during a walking tour, or on your own. See the home of the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra, the old city walls, the summer residence of the archbishop and the current residence of the president of Slovakia.

This afternoon's optional excursions offer a choice – first, the opportunity to visit impressive Schloss Hof with its aristocratic palace, terraced garden and tranquil estate farm. The palace was acquired in 1726 by Eugene of Savoy and redesigned for the Empress Maria Theresia. Wine lovers will want to explore the wine country of Slovakia in the foothills of the Carpathian mountains, on the Small Carpathian wine route. Enjoy dinner on board before the vessel departs from Slovakia late this evening and crosses into Austria.

Stay Bratislava

 8:00am - 11:00pm

Excursions

-  Bratislava - Beauty on the Danube
-  Visit to Schloss Hof Palace and Estate
-  OR The Small Carpathian Wine Route



DAY 4 VIENNA

★ WALK THROUGH THE GARDENS OF SCHÖNBRUNN CASTLE

There is much to see in Imperial Vienna: Palaces, a Museum Quarter displaying works by artists Egon Schiele and Gustav Klimt, the historic buildings along the Ringstrasse, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the famous Vienna State Opera among others.

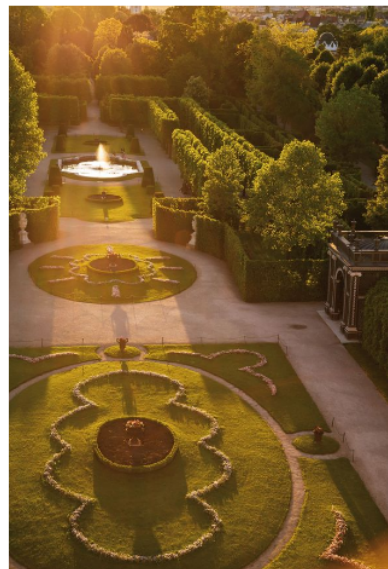
This afternoon, choose to venture to Schönbrunn Palace, the sumptuous summer palace and gardens of Empress Maria Theresia and the Habsburg Empire. This evening take the chance to attend the "Sound of Vienna" and listen to the "Alt Wien" orchestra play popular pieces from Vienna's classical era – a perfect end to your Vienna experience, before the vessel departs.

Stay Vienna

 7:00am - 11:59pm

Excursions

-  Vienna - Imperial discovery tour
-  Visit to Schönbrunn Palace
-  "Sound of Vienna" classical concert (Cat. B)





DAY 5 DUERNSTEIN > EMMERSDORF

★ CRUISE ALONG THE ROMANTIC WACHAU VALLEY

The romantic Wachau Valley is one of the most beautiful landscapes of Austria. In the morning your AMADEUS ship docks in Dürnstein, with its picturesque blue medieval abbey on the edge of the Danube river. Wander through this quaint village or join a walking tour featuring a visit to the Dürnstein Abbey.

Alternatively, if you wish to explore the wines of the Wachau, a visit to the Krems winery estate to learn about the history and enjoy a tasting is a must. During lunch on board, your cruise continues to Emmersdorf. Spend the afternoon discovering this typical small town in Lower Austria or opt to travel across the river to nearby Melk and its magnificent Benedictine abbey – the largest in Austria. In the evening, your ship leaves the Wachau and heads for Linz.

Stay Duernstein

31 8:00am - 12:00pm

Excursions

-  Dürnstein walking tour with visit to the Dürnstein abbey
-  OR Winzer Krems vineyard and winery

Stay Emmersdorf

31 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Excursions

-  Visit to Melk Abbey



DAY 6 LINZ > ASCHACH > PASSAU

★ EXCURSION TO THE MOZART-TOWN OF SALZBURG

Arrive in the erstwhile cultural capital of Linz, where your vessel makes a short stop for the departure of today's excursions – the walking tour of Linz with a scenic drive to Aschach to rejoin the vessel for lunch, or a full day tour to the Mozart town of Salzburg with lunch at a local restaurant.

Late in the afternoon, the vessel arrives at the confluence of the Danube, the Inn and the Ilz Rivers, in the three-rivers city of Passau, which you can explore on a commented walking tour. This evening, celebrate at the Captain's Gala Dinner with multi-courses of regional specialties.

Stay Linz

31 7:00am - 8:30am

Excursions

-  Full-day Salzburg including Salzkammergut and lunch
-  OR Linz walking tour with Linzer Torte tasting

Stay Aschach

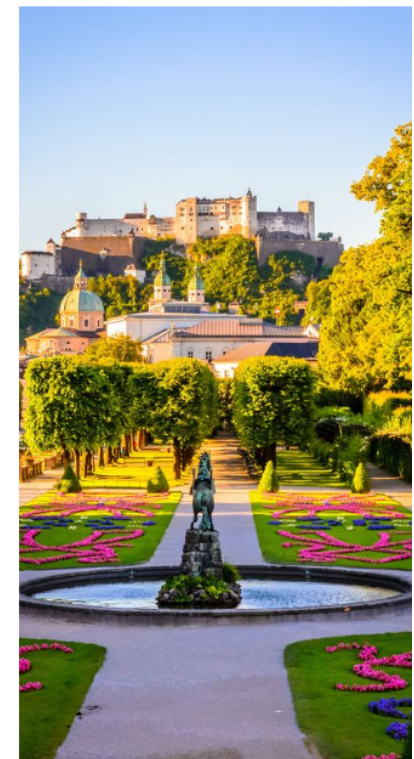
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Stay Passau

31 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Excursions

-  OR Passau walking tour



▼ DAY 7 REGENSBURG

★ BAVARIAN EVENING ON BOARD

After a leisurely breakfast, arrive in the Bavarian city of Regensburg, which is one of the most beautiful old towns in Germany. This UNESCO World Heritage Site boasts architecture from many centuries, reflective of its varied history. The stone bridge, built in 1135 –1146 and the Cathedral of St. Peter are a few of the highlights seen on the guided walking tour.

This afternoon, offers two wonderful options – an excursion to the Danube Gorge and Weltenburg Abbey or a visit to the Thurn & Taxis Palace – both excursions offer the opportunity to sample the local brew. A traditional Bavarian dinner is served as your ship departs for Passau.

Stay Regensburg

31 10:00am - 8:00pm

Excursions

Regensburg walking tour

Danube gorge and Weltenburg abbey with beer tasting

OR Thurn & Taxis Palace with brewery and tasting



▼ DAY 8 PASSAU

★ FAREWELL

After breakfast, we bid you farewell. We hope to welcome you again soon!

Stay Passau

31 Arrival at 8:00am

