

DANUBE RIVER CRUISE



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Danube River Cruise with Budapest & Prague

Duration: 13 days

Stay: 7 nights outside cabin, 5 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted river cruise with city stays

Booking code: DRCG13M

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About the holiday

Discover the magic of Europe in this extraordinary river cruise with extended city stays!

River cruising offers the unique opportunity to visit Europe's historic cities and charming villages as you sail the world's most beautiful waterways. Cruise aboard a sleek, modern floating hotel, equipped with features and amenities to make your voyage comfortable and carefree.

Enjoy the elegant courtyards and cathedrals in Prague. Marvel at the medieval city of Regensburg and explore the 2500-year-old Passau. Choose to join the optional tour to picturesque Salzburg. Tour the historic Benedictine Abbey in Melk, take in the stunning palaces of Vienna, experience the young and colourful city of Bratislava and view the medieval architecture of Budapest. Plus, with additional nights in both Budapest and Prague, you'll be able to explore all these great cities have to offer.

Why you'll love this trip...

It's an ideal way to explore Europe & see places that coach tours don't include.

Enjoy the comfort of the river ship facilities & a room with an ever-changing view.

Includes shore excursions, meals, drinks with dinner & expert guides.

A river cruise is great value for money with all the inclusions!

Travel dates

2023 - see our website for departures

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date and please ask us for rates on other cruise itineraries.

Want to stay longer & see more? Maybe add flights?

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Escorted River Cruise includes:

- 12 nights accommodations
 - 2 nights Budapest
 - 7 nights outside cabin aboard Monarch Empress, Monarch Queen, Monarch Princess, Monarch Duchess, Monarch Countess or Monarch Governess
 - 3 nights Prague
- River port charges of US\$190 per person
- Cruise & hotel portage
- 25 meals: 12 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Cruise director & activities host throughout cruise
- Local host in Budapest & Prague
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Shore excursions per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring during excursions

Package excludes:

International flights - please request airfare quotes for latest travel deals

Airport & cruise port transfers - arrival transfer can be pre-purchased on request

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for tour manager, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

***Subject to confirmation by river cruise company & local operators.
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

Experiences on tour & special features:

- During your Budapest City Tour, see the Parliament, Heroes Square, Royal Palace and Matthias Church
- Tour romantic Vienna with its legendary opulence and elegance
- Stop in Durnstein, one of the prettiest towns on the Danube
- In Melk, join a guided tour of the historic Benedictine Abbey
- Visit Pilsen's medieval Republic Square and the onion domes of the Great Synagogue
- City tour of Prague "The City of a Thousand Spires"

River cruise features & amenities:

- Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- Wine and beer with dinners
- Locally inspired recipes
- Early riser breakfast in addition to buffet breakfast
- Complimentary basic Wi-Fi access
- Self-serve coffee and tea station
- Lounge serving premium spirits
- Fitness centre
- Non-smoking ship interior
- Shore excursions conducted exclusively in English by licensed guides

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Friday - Arrive in Budapest

Arrive in Budapest and make your own way to the hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to discover Buda and Pest in this elegant city with its wealth of historic monuments linked by eight graceful bridges. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Drink and orientation meeting with your local host at the hotel at approximately 6pm, followed by a briefing about the journey. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in your destination no later than 4pm on Day 2 or earlier, if possible

Overnight: Budapest

DAY 3, Saturday - Budapest City Tour

Your morning tour begins on the Pest side of the city; view the Parliament, City Park and Heroes Square. Cross to Buda to see the Royal Palace, Matthias Church and the graceful medieval architecture along the cobbled streets. Explore the city's wonderful shops and cafes this afternoon on your own.

Tonight, an *optional* dinner and show in Budapest. Travel to the outskirts of Budapest for a traditional Hungarian Dinner in a scenic forested location. While dining, you'll be entertained by colourfully dressed dancers performing a variety of spirited folk dances accompanied by a group playing live music

Optional: Dinner & Show in Budapest (PM)

Overnight: Budapest

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Wednesday - Holloko City Tour & Cruise Embarkation

Travel to the charming village of Holloko (meaning raven-stone) hidden in the Cserhát hills in northeastern Hungary. Take a walking tour of the historic village, a fine example of a preserved traditional settlement and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Experience the typical rural life of the Palóc people and see craftsmen at work. Spend free time in the village and perhaps try some Palóc dishes for lunch before heading back to Budapest. This afternoon, transfer to the port to embark your cruise. Tonight, meet your Cruise Director and enjoy a gala welcome dinner as it sets the mood for your delightful river cruise

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Sunday - Full Day in Budapest

Today, enjoy the delights of Budapest independently. Immerse yourself in the heritage of the "City of Baths" and visit a traditional Turkish bath house with its thermal pools and spas or, stroll along the Danube Promenade, a walkway along the Danube that goes from the Elisabeth Bridge to Chain Bridge, offering stunning views of the capital. Another option is to head to Margaret Island, a quite getaway within the city, that serves as a recreational park, located in the middle of the Danube River. Perhaps, join the *optional* half day Taste of Budapest. Explore the local food scene, at the Hold Street Market Hall, while getting introduced to the history of Hungarian cuisine. Taste local cheeses from family farms around Budapest and salami delicacies, along with Hungarian meats and sausages served with fresh bread and mustard. End the tour with a sweet Budapest pastry - local strudel and a cup of coffee

Optional: Half Day Taste of Budapest (AM)

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Monday - Bratislava City Tour

This morning, enjoy the tranquil scenery as you sail along the scenic Danube. In the late afternoon, arrive in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, a mix of modern and Baroque architecture. This capital city is among the youngest in Europe, yet retains a rich history dating back more than 2000 years.

Walk along the cobblestone lanes of the historic town centre; view St. Martin's Cathedral, coronation site of the kings of Hungary, the 13th century Old Town Hall and the Franciscan church. Time to explore this colourful city on your own before returning to the ship for dinner. This evening, the ship will set sail to Vienna

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Wednesday - Vienna City Tour

Your morning tour of romantic Vienna introduces you to this Imperial city with its legendary opulence and elegance. Drive along the famed Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard lined with magnificent Baroque palaces, parks and monuments. View the lavish Hofburg Palace, and the impressive Vienna Opera House. Continue to majestic St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Parliament building. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, or, join the *optional* tour to the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace, once summer residence of the Habsburgs. Visit the gorgeous baroque apartments and stroll through the world-famous manicured gardens. Tonight, perhaps take the opportunity to attend an evening of Viennese culture in the "City of Music" at an *optional* concert performance of the classical masterpieces of Mozart and Strauss, two of Vienna's most famous citizens

Optional: Schonbrunn Palace Tour (PM)

Optional: Classical Viennese Concert (PM)

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Thursday - Melk Abbey

This morning, arrive in the village of Durnstein, one of the prettiest towns on the Danube. Free time to stroll this quintessential village in the heart of the Wachau wine district. Walk along medieval cobblestone streets revealing 16th-century town houses and wine taverns. Continue cruising late this morning and relax on board as the boat cruises through the scenic Wachau Valley, with lovely storybook views of vineyards, castles, hilltop ruins and monasteries. Later, disembark in Melk for a guided tour of the historic Benedictine Abbey, considered one of the finest examples of Baroque architecture in Europe. View the Abbot's chambers, the Kaiser's walk, and the lavish library. The ship will set sail as you dine on board this evening

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9, Friday - Full Day in Passau

Today presents a wonderful opportunity to join the *optional* full day tour to beautiful Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart and setting for the Sound of Music. The walking tour will include some of Salzburg's most historic sites including the Mirabell Palace, the Abbey, Salzburg Cathedral, and St. Peter's Cemetery. After lunch at a local restaurant, there will be time to discover Salzburg on your own before returning to the ship.

If you choose to remain on board, the day is free to explore the 2500-year-old Passau. Well known for its pastel patrician houses, cafes, cobblestone lanes and riverfront promenade, Passau is a town with a mix of Roman, Italian Baroque and Gothic architecture. In the early evening, all passengers will rejoin the ship and set sail for Regensburg

Optional: Full Day Tour of Salzburg

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10, Saturday - Regensburg City Tour

Arrive in Regensburg this morning, one of Germany's largest and best preserved medieval cities designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The guided walking tour highlights the city's stunning architecture as you view the Old Town Hall, the Dom St. Peter, and the Porta Praetoria, gateway to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. Marvel at beautiful churches and one of the oldest stone bridges crossing the Danube. Return to the boat or spend the afternoon at leisure discovering the delights of Regensburg on your own. The ship will remain docked in port this evening as you enjoy your final night on board

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11, Sunday - Pilsen

This morning, bid farewell to your Cruise Director and meet your local host as you disembark from the river cruise and drive to the "Golden City" of Prague. On your way, stop in the city of Pilsen for a delightful city tour of where you will visit Republic Square, one of the largest medieval squares in the Czech Republic, and gaze upon the gothic style of St. Bartholomew's Cathedral & Old Town Hall. View the onion domes of the Great Synagogue before your free time to explore Pilsen on your own. Tonight, mix with the locals at Wenceslas Square, shop for local handicrafts, enjoy one of the many charming cafes or dine at a world-class restaurant

Overnight: Prague

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 12, Monday - Prague City Tour

Discover Prague this morning with a city tour. Visit the 1000-year-old Hradcany Castle grounds, former residence of the Bohemian Kings and enjoy breathtaking views of the Charles Bridge and Lesser Town below. Walk through the elegant courtyards and see St. George Basilica and the St. Vitus Cathedral. Continue to the Jewish Quarter, and the Old Town Square to view the world-famous Astronomical Clock and the Town Hall. This afternoon, join the *optional* tour to Terezin, the infamous Nazi WWII concentration camp, now a memorial to those who perished

Optional: Terezin (PM)

Overnight: Prague

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 13, Tuesday - Full Day in Prague

Today is free to further explore this beautiful city independently. Visit the museums, galleries or stroll along Parizska Street, the city's famous shopping district, or perhaps join the *optional* tour of Malá Strana, also known as Lesser Town, one of Prague's most historic districts. Explore this enchanting part of Prague, filled with important cultural landmarks such as the Charles Bridge with its 30 Baroque statues of various saints, and beautiful Kampa Island which is full of quaint restaurants and a lovely park. This evening, perhaps try traditional Czech cuisine at a popular restaurant. Remember to sample Prague's national treasure - its world-renowned beer

Optional: Mala Strana Tour (AM)

Overnight: Prague

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 14, Wednesday - Depart the Czech Republic

Make your own way to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Please note: The day by day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, river levels, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and many other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that are ultimately for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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Dinner & Show in Budapest

Travel this evening to the outskirts of Budapest for a traditional Hungarian dinner in a scenic forested location. While dining, you'll be energetically entertained by colorfully dressed dancers performing a variety of spirited folk dances accompanied by a group playing live gypsy music.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Half Day Taste of Budapest

Begin your tour at St. Stephen's Basilica. From here, walk to the Hold Street Market Hall, passing by the American Embassy and the statue of Ronald Reagan. At the market, explore the local food scene, while getting introduced to the history of the Hungarian cuisine. Next, taste local cheeses from family farms around Budapest and salami delicacies. After this, continue with a tasting of different Hungarian meats and sausages served with fresh bread and mustard. The last stop is at a pastry shop. Indulge in a sweet Budapest pastry - local strudel and a cup of coffee.

**Advance purchase is highly recommended for this tour. Tickets are limited and will not be available for purchase locally.*

Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

Schonbrunn Palace Tour

Enjoy an afternoon guided tour of the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace, once the summer residence of the Habsburg emperors. Visit the gorgeous apartments and stroll through the world-famous manicured and aromatic gardens.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Classical Viennese Concert

Experience a delightful evening of Viennese culture in the "City of Music." Attend a concert featuring the classical masterpieces of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strauss, two of Vienna's most famous citizens. The musicians will bring to life the passionate strains of Mozart, a child prodigy who blossomed into one of history's greatest composers and Strauss, the Waltz King, who composed the Blue Danube, the world's most famous waltz. The chamber orchestra is accompanied by a professional dance performance, recalling the golden age of the 19th-century Viennese ballrooms.

Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

Tour of Salzburg

Enjoy a full-day excursion to beautiful Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and inspiration for the Sound of Music. The walking tour will include some of Salzburg's most historic sites including Mirabell Gardens and a stop outside the house where Mozart lived. Lunch is included at a local restaurant, and then there will be time to explore the streets of Salzburg on your own before returning to the boat.

Approximate tour duration is 9 hours.

Half Day Terezin Tour

Visit the site of the Nazi concentration camp at Terezin, a place of suffering and inhumanity for over 150,000 prisoners. Upon arrival, walk to the camp's ghettos where more than 35,000 Jews lost their lives. The tour includes visits to the Memorial of National Martyrdom, the Small Fortress and the Museum of the Ghetto.

Approximate tour duration is 4.5 hours.

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