# DANUBE RIVER CRUISE & PRAGUE



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Deluxe Danube River Cruise with Prague City Stay Duration: 11 days Stay: 7 nights outside cabin, 3 nights hotel Travel style: Escorted river cruise with sightseeing Booking code: DRCPG11M

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# 11 Days Danube River Cruise with Prague City Stay

## About the holiday

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

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.

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, enjoy the elegant courtyards and cathedrals in Prague on an extended hotel stay to explore all that the great city has 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. Cruise includes shore excursions, meals, drinks with dinner & expert guides. Stay in a deluxe hotel in Prague to treat yourself to the delights of the city!

# **Travel dates**

2024 & 2025 - Starts in Prague or Budapest from May to November 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.

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**Escorted River Cruise includes:** 

- 10 nights accommodation
  - 7 nights outside cabin aboard MS Monarch Empress, MS Monarch Governess or MS Monarch Queen
  - 3 nights Prague hotel, deluxe 4.5 to 5 star
- River port charges of US\$190 per person
- Cruise & hotel porterage
- 23 meals: 10 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Cruise director & activities host throughout cruise
- Local host in 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 a quote for latest airfare deals Visa fees, where applicable 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:**

Itinerary may operate in the reverse direction, depending on travel dates.

#### DAY 1 - Arrive in Budapest, Hungary

Arrive and make your own way to the port. Embarkation will begin at 2:00pm. After arrival formalities, it's time to relax on board. Tonight, meet your Cruise Director and enjoy a welcome dinner as it sets the mood for your delightful river cruise **Overnight:** River Cruise **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

#### DAY 2 - 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 before you set sail for Bratislava **Optional:** Dinner & Show in Budapest (PM) **Overnight:** River Cruise **Meals:** Breakfast

#### DAY 3 - 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 center; 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 colorful 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 4 - 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 Hapsburgs. 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 Recital (PM) Overnight: River Cruise Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### DAY 5 - 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 6 - 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 7 - 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 8 - Pilsen to Prague

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 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 and 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 9 - 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* morning tour to Terezin, the infamous Nazi WWII concentration camp, now a memorial to those who perished **Optional:** Terezin (PM)

Overnight: Prague Meals: Breakfast

#### DAY 10 - 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 11 - Depart the Czech Republic

This wonderful journey comes to an end after breakfast. **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 and conditions, road accessibility, 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.

# **Optional tours:**

Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Travel insurance may only cover services purchased prior to departure
- Call our office to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure

#### Schonbrunn Palace Tour

Enjoy an afternoon guided tour of the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace, once the summer residence of the Hapsburg emperors. Visit the gorgeous baroque apartments and stroll through the world-famous manicured and aromatic gardens. Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

#### **Classical Viennese Recital**

Experience a delightful evening of Viennese culture in the "City of Music." Attend a recital 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.

#### Mala Strana Tour

Embark on a walking 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. Begin your walk through the well-manicured Waldstein Garden and continue to St Nicholas Church, the most famous Baroque church in Prague. Proceed to the famous 14th century Charles Bridge with its 30 Baroque statues of various saints. From here, view Kampa Island and admire panoramic views of Prague Castle, while listening to commentary about the city's history from your guide. Afterward, view the Lennon Wall, filled with John Lennon-inspired graffiti. Conclude the tour with a visit to Infant of Prague Church, its well-preserved interior is decorated with works from some of the best artists of the 17th and 18th century before ending your tour at Old Town Square. Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

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