

***DANUBE RIVER  
CRUISE,  
BUDAPEST  
& MUNICH***



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**Danube River Cruise with Budapest & Munich**

Duration: 12 days

Stay: 7 nights outside cabin, 4 nights hotels

Travel style: Escorted river cruise with city stays

Booking code: DRCMG12M

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# 12 Days Danube River Cruise with City Stays

## About the holiday

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

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.

View the medieval architecture of Budapest and experience the young and colourful city of Bratislava. Take in the stunning palaces of Vienna, tour the historic Benedictine Abbey in Melk and there's the option to tour picturesque Salzburg. Marvel at the medieval city of Regensburg, before disembarking the cruise and enjoying an extended stay in Munich with its impressive monuments and royal residences.

## Why you'll love this trip...

It's an ideal way to explore Europe at a leisurely pace.

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 4-star hotels in Budapest & Munich to discover the delights of the cities!

## Travel dates

**2024 & 2025** - select dates from May to November

*Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Please contact us for current prices & available departures.*

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## Escorted River Cruise includes:

- 11 nights accommodations
  - 2 nights Budapest - K & K Hotel or similar
  - 7 nights outside cabin aboard MS Monarch Queen
  - 2 nights Munich - Holiday Inn Munich or similar
- River port charges of US\$190 per person
- Cruise & hotel portage
- 20 meals: 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners
- Cruise director & activities host throughout cruise
- Services of local guides in cities while on the cruise
- Shore excursions per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring during cruise excursions
- Cruise transfer from Regensburg to Munich

## Package excludes:

International flights - please request a quote for latest airfare deals

Airport transfers & Budapest cruise transfer on day 3

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

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

Gratuities for tour manager, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential & we can provide a quote on request

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

***Subject to confirmation by hotels, river cruise company & local operators.***

***Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

## Experiences on tour & special features:

- See magnificent panoramic views of Budapest from atop Fisherman's Bastion
- Explore the cobblestone lanes of the historic town centre in Bratislava
- Take a city tour of Vienna and view Hofburg Palace, Vienna Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral
- Stop in Durnstein, one of the prettiest towns on the Danube
- Tour the historic Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of the finest examples of Baroque architecture

## 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 in public areas
- Self-serve coffee and tea station
- Lounge serving premium spirits (extra charges)
- 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**

Upon arrival, please make your own way to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to begin to explore this fascinating city.

**Overnight:** K & K Hotel Budapest, or similar

### **DAY 2 - Budapest Free Day**

Your time is free today to explore the city at your leisure.

**Overnight:** K & K Hotel Budapest, or similar

### **DAY 3 - Cruise Embarkation in Budapest**

Check out of your hotel this morning, then 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 4 - 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 5 - 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 6 - 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 7 - 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 8 - 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 9 - 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 10 - Regensburg to Munich**

This morning disembarkation will end at 9:30am. Please make your way to Munich, which is approximately a 1.5-hour drive from the port. Upon arrival, you will be able to store your luggage at the hotel if your room is not ready for check-in.

The remainder of the day is free to start exploring Munich - the pride of Bavaria that's known for its festive, fun-loving spirit.

**Overnight:** Holiday Inn Munich, or similar

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 11 - Munich Free Day**

Today is free for you to explore Munich at your leisure. You may wish to join an optional city tour of Munich that takes you the Olympic Stadium, the main venue for the 1972 Summer Olympics, and breathtaking Nymphenburg Palace, once the summer residence of the rulers of Bavaria, decorated with a gorgeous baroque façade. Munich also has countless museums, galleries, palaces and historic monuments. Marienplatz square is the cultural centre of the city, dominated by the gothic New Town Hall housing Munich's world-famous Glockenspiel, which dates back to 1908. This colourful mechanical clock has life-size figures that dance to music with shows several times a day

**Overnight:** Holiday Inn Munich, or similar

### **DAY 12 - Depart Munich**

This morning, check out of your hotel and if you are flying out today, please make your own to the airport. We hope you'll take with you many wonderful memories from this special European journey.

**Please note: The day-by-day descriptions are intended as an indicative guide only.**

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