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European River Cruise, Amsterdam, Budapest & Flights

Duration: 20 days

Stay: 4 nights hotels, 14 nights French Balcony cabin, overnight flight

Travel style: Escorted river cruise with flights from Australia

Booking code: ERCABG20M

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20 Days European River Cruise, Amsterdam to Budapest

About the holiday

Discover the magic of Europe on this stunning river cruise that ticks all the boxes!

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. Plus, enjoy an upgrade to a French Balcony cabin for a sublime cruising experience.

Cruise the winding canals of Amsterdam. Sail the legendary Rhine to Cologne. Marvel at the visible history of Nuremberg, the medieval city of Regensburg and explore 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. Explore all that 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 can'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.

Tour Amsterdam & Budapest with deluxe hotel stays, plus flights are included!

Travel dates

Cruise Amsterdam to Budapest or in reverse

2025 - Select dates from April to September

Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price may vary depending on your travel date. Contact us for current prices and cruises at other times of the year.

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Escorted River Cruise includes:

- Return economy airfare to Amsterdam & from Budapest, or vice versa
 - Fly from Australian capital cities (surcharges may apply)
- Hotels - Deluxe city stays, pre & post cruise
 - 2 nights Amsterdam
 - 2 nights Budapest
- River Cruise - 14 nights Rhine, Main & Danube River Cruise
 - MS Monarch Baroness or MS Monarch Queen river cruise ship or similar
 - French Balcony cabin with private facilities
- River port charges of US\$380 per person included
- Cruise portage
- 45 meals: 18 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners
- Wine & beer with dinners on the ship
- Cruise director & activities host throughout cruise
- Services of local guides
- Local hosts in Amsterdam & Budapest
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring during excursions

Package excludes:

Airport & cruise port transfers - 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 cruise crew, 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 airline, hotels, river cruise company & local operators.
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

Experiences on tour & highlights:

- In Amsterdam, board a glass-top boat and cruise the winding canals
- Sail on the legendary Rhine to Cologne, capital of the Rhineland
- View the mighty Lorelei Rock named for the siren "Lorelei" rising vertically from the waters
- Walk in Bamberg's medieval center with its 11th century Romanesque cathedral
- In Nuremberg, visit the historic Palace of Justice where the War Crimes Tribunal met in 1946
- Marvel at the beautiful churches and ancient stone bridges in Regensburg
- In Melk, join a guided tour of the historic Benedictine Abbey
- Stop in Durnstein, one of the prettiest towns on the Danube
- Tour romantic Vienna with its legendary opulence and elegance
- Take a guided walking tour of charming Bratislava, capital of Slovakia
- See magnificent panoramic views of Budapest from atop Fisherman's Bastion

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 Wi-Fi access in public areas
- 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, Thursday - Depart for the Netherlands

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DAY 2, Friday - Arrive in Amsterdam

Welcome to Amsterdam, Holland's sophisticated and modern capital; catch a taxi to your hotel (an arrival transfer can be pre-booked for an additional fee). The remainder of the day is free. Tonight, attend an orientation meeting with your local host at the hotel at approximately 6 PM. We recommend that you select flights which arrive no later than 4 PM

Overnight: Amsterdam

DAY 3, Saturday - Amsterdam City Tour

Today's panoramic tour of 700-year-old Amsterdam introduces you to both the old and the new sections of this city. View Amsterdam's port, one of the main harbors of Dutch East India Company during the Golden Age. Continue to the former Jewish quarter with its 17th century Portuguese Synagogue, and National Holocaust Names Memorial. Pass by the 19th century neighborhood with its classic architecture, museums, and lively squares. Then, board a glass-top boat, and cruise the winding canals for an up-close view of the stately historic homes, 16th century warehouses, and charming churches with striking bell towers. The rest of the day is on your own

Overnight: Amsterdam

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Sunday - Cruise Embarkation in Amsterdam

Time for personal exploration or shopping in Amsterdam this morning* before the afternoon transfer to the port for embarkation. After arrival formalities, rest and relax on board. This evening, meet your Cruise Director and enjoy dinner as it sets the mood for your delightful river cruise

**Today, the country is celebrating King's Day. Museums may be closed. Expect street closures and large crowds. Feel free to join the festivities.*

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Monday - Leisure Morning in Amsterdam, Afternoon Cruising

Morning at leisure on board or pick up some last-minute Dutch souvenirs. This afternoon, the ship sails south for Germany

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Tuesday - Cologne City Tour

Today join a walking tour of Cologne, highlighted by the soaring twin-steeple Gothic cathedral that is the geographical and spiritual heart of the city. Known for its vibrant art scene, Cologne abounds with cafes, galleries, shops and taverns. After dinner on board, time to explore Cologne's vibrant nightlife before setting sail

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Wednesday - Morning in Koblenz & Afternoon Cruising

The ship docks this morning in Koblenz, located at the confluence of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers. Join an orientation walk this morning and free time to explore the Romanesque architecture and imposing defensive towers of this 2000-year-old city. Or, join the *optional* tour to the dramatic Marksburg Castle, the only hill castle on the Rhine that's never been destroyed and has been continuously occupied for over 700 years.

During lunch, set sail and spend a relaxing afternoon on board, taking in the spectacular vistas as the ship cruises past castles perched on lofty cliffs, terraced vineyards and tiny villages. Pass the mighty Lorelei Rock on the eastern bank of the Rhine rising vertically from the waters, named for the siren "Lorelei" who bewitched sailors passing by

Optional: Marksburg Castle Tour (AM)

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Thursday - Miltenberg Walking Tour

After a leisurely morning on board, arrive in the picturesque Bavarian village of Miltenberg, a jewel on the banks of the Main River. Discover the Market Square with its Renaissance-era fountain, the Merchant Hall with its stunning Gothic architecture and the unique 14th and 15th century half-timbered houses. Rejoin the ship just before dinner and set sail for Wurzburg

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9, Friday - Wurzburg City Tour

Discover Wurzburg, named the "Pearl of the Romantic Road," with its dramatic Marienberg fortress, 15th century bridge and lush vineyards. Your tour takes you to the ornate Bishops' Residenz Palace, a stunning example of Baroque architecture, home to the largest ceiling fresco ever painted, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon, explore the town on your own or relax on board

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10, Saturday - Bamberg City Tour

Today, dock in historic Bamberg, former residence of one of Germany's most powerful imperial dynasties and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Begin your walk in the medieval city center with its impressive 11th century Romanesque cathedral and gorgeous Rose Garden. After, view the very unusual City Hall built on a tiny island in the middle of the Regnitz River and Little Venice, an area of colorful fishermen's houses. This afternoon is free to explore Bamberg independently, before setting sail this evening while you dine on board

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11, Sunday - Nuremberg City Tour

Today explore Nuremberg, an energetic city with a visible history of almost one thousand years. The guided excursion visits the historic Palace of Justice where the War Crimes Tribunal met in 1946 and continues to the vibrant Market Square.

After lunch on board the ship, the afternoon is free to further discover this wonderful city on your own. Stroll through the shops that fill the Old Town or walk along the fortified walls of Nuremberg Castle. In late afternoon set sail for Regensburg

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12, Monday - Regensburg City Tour

This morning relax on board as the ship cruises the Danube River. Arrive to Regensburg in the early afternoon, 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, 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 ship or spend the afternoon at leisure discovering the delights of Regensburg on your own. Tonight, after dinner, set sail for Passau

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 13, Tuesday - Morning in Passau

Dock this morning in 2500-year-old Passau, known for its pastel patrician houses, cafes, cobblestone lanes and riverfront promenade. Passau is a Bavarian town with a mix of Roman, Italian Baroque and Gothic architecture. Explore Passau on a guided walking tour in the morning, or join the *optional* full day tour to picturesque Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and setting for the *Sound of Music*. The walking tour will include some of Salzburg's most historic sites including 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 onboard the ship, continue sailing during lunch and relax this afternoon. In early evening, all passengers will rejoin the ship and continue sailing for Melk

Optional: Tour of Salzburg (PM)

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 14, Wednesday - Melk Abbey

Disembark in Melk this morning 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. Then, return to the ship and continue cruising through the scenic Wachau Valley. This afternoon, 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

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 15, Thursday - Vienna City Tour

Drive along the famed Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard, lined with magnificent palaces, parks and monuments, as well as the Opera House and the Austrian Parliament. You will walk through the lavish Hofburg Palace on the way to St. Stephen's Cathedral. Spend the afternoon at leisure, or, join the *optional* tour to the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace, once summer residence of the Habsburgs. Visit the gorgeous 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* recital performance of the classical masterpieces of Mozart and Strauss

Optional: Schonbrunn Palace Tour (PM)

Optional: Classical Viennese Recital (PM)

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 16, Friday - Bratislava City Tour

This morning, enjoy the tranquil scenery as you sail along the scenic Danube. At noon, arrive in Bratislava, 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 as you sail for stunning Budapest

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 17, Saturday - Budapest City Tour

The morning tour begins on the Pest side of the city; view the Parliament, City Park and Heroes Square. Admire the Buda side with beautiful views of the Royal Palace, Matthias Church and the graceful medieval architecture. Explore the city's wonderful shops and cafes this afternoon on your own. Tonight, enjoy a lavish dinner on board

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 18, Sunday - Disembarkation, Budapest Castle District Tour

This morning, bid farewell to your Cruise Director and meet your local host. Begin the day with a tour of the Budapest Castle District.

Head to Philosophers' Garden, featuring bronze statues of philosophers and religious figures. Walk around the garden, offering beautiful views of the city. Stroll along the cobbled streets of the Castle Hill quarter and learn about its fascinating history. View Royal Palace and from Fisherman's Bastion, admire panoramic views of the city. Free time to explore the area on your own before visiting the 13th century Matthias Church, the coronation site of Hungarian kings. Afterward, check into your hotel. Tonight perhaps, join the *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 colorfully 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, Dinner

DAY 19, Monday - Full Day in Budapest

Today, discover the delights of Budapest independently. Immerse yourself in the heritage of the "City of Baths" and visit a traditional Turkish bathhouse 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 quiet getaway within the city, that serves as a recreational park, located in the middle of the Danube River

Overnight: Budapest

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 20, Tuesday - Depart Hungary, Fly to Australia

It's time to check out of the hotel this morning, then catch a taxi to the airport in time 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 water 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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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.

Marksburg Castle Tour

Join a guided tour of the dramatic Marksburg Castle, the only hill castle on the Rhine that has never been destroyed. The castle has been continuously occupied for over 700 years and houses a host of artifacts that bring the Middle Ages to life.

*This tour will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. Approximate tour duration is 2 hours.

Tour of Salzburg

Enjoy a full-day excursion to beautiful Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and setting for the Sound of Music. The walking tour will include some of Salzburg's most historic sites including Mirabell Palace, the house where Mozart lived, Nonnberg Abbey, Salzburg Cathedral and St. Peter's Cemetery. 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.

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.

Know before you book - high & low water risks

European river cruising is a relaxing and convenient way to experience Europe while enjoying the comfort of a deluxe ship. However, before making the decision to book your holiday, please be aware of potential conditions which may impact your cruise. While most of the time river cruises operate exactly as planned, weather conditions may result in high or low water levels which impact a ship's itinerary and, on occasion, render a ship unable to sail at all. On rare occasions, other events such as heavy fog, a damaged lock, or an incapacitated vessel blocking the river, may impact a sailing. These events typically occur with little or no notice. In the event that a cruise is partially or completely impacted, the itinerary will be operated by deluxe motor coach, accompanied by a Tour Manager, with overnights in hotels. When the option exists, the operator will "swap ships" with another vessel sailing in the opposite direction, retaining the sailing experience. Crew, ship and cabin configuration may differ. The itinerary will include as many of the originally scheduled sightseeing features as possible, considering the travel time and distances required, as well as meals. Whilst it is not possible to recreate the more leisurely comforts of sailings, we will endeavor to provide a comparable itinerary. These alternative services will be provided at no additional charge.

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1. Full names, as per passport
2. Date of birth
3. Home address
4. Phone number
5. Next of kin contact details (will only be used in case of emergency)
6. Departure airport (if booking flights from Australia) and any special requests, such as dietary requirements, medical conditions, bed configuration etc.



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