



16 DAY magnificent RIVER OF EUROPE (WBA)



From Budapest to Amsterdam, and in many exciting stops along the way, experience the culture of Central Europe in a unique way on this timeless European river cruise vacation. Begin by visiting three of Europe's vibrant capital cities: Budapest (Hungary), Bratislava (Slovakia), and Vienna (Austria). A Local Guide will show you the must-see sites in each city with plenty of time to explore on your own. See the famous Heroes' Square in Budapest, stroll through Bratislava's Old Town with its winding streets and bronze sculptures, and stop in a classic Viennese café for a decadent treat.


Sail through the picturesque views of the Wachau Valley and the dramatic Rhine Gorge. Visit Melk's magnificent

Benedictine Abbey and Würzburg's Baroque-style Bishop's Residenz. Enjoy a tasting of wonderful local Wachau wines. Explore quaint towns like Dürnstein with its blue and white Baroque-style Stiftskirche; Passau, known for its narrow cobblestone streets and the stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral; and Bamberg, with its town hall straddling the River Regnitz.

Enjoy guided tours in historic Nuremberg, Würzburg, and Regensburg—one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. In the charming Rhine Valley town of Rüdesheim, enjoy a stroll through its famous cobblestone Drosselgasse lined with shops, restaurants, and lively taverns. Straddling both sides of the Rhine River is Cologne, Germany—a 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic-style architecture. Here, enjoy a guided walk and see its famous twin-spired cathedral. This European river cruise would not be complete without a visit to Holland's lively capital of Amsterdam. See the treasures of this 700-year-old city from a unique perspective—on a canal cruise along the elegant grachten.

CRUISE OVERVIEW

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DAYS COUNTRIES

-  COUNTRIES
- Hungary
 - Slovakia
 - Austria
 - Germany
 - Netherlands

DAY-BY-DAY

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BUDAPEST, HUNGARY (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Hungary. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Budapest must arrive by 3:30 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

The day is yours to relax and enjoy the city with time for photographs, cafés, and confections.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BUDAPEST

 Dinner

The Pearl of the Danube

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

**ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Hike up to a magnificent viewpoint in Budapest with your Adventure Host, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Enjoy a Guided City Sightseeing, including the iconic Heroes' Square.

This afternoon enjoy Budapest on your own. Indulge in a piece of cream cake in one of the many cafés. Consider a scenic hike above the Danube.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BRATISLAVA



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

Castles, Vineyards, and Cosmopolitan Culture

**ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Follow your Avalon Adventure Host on a short hike to lofty Bratislava Castle, OR:

**CLASSIC EXCURSION**

Join a Guided Walking Tour of Old Town's cobblestone streets to Town Hall. Visit the Gothic halls of St. Martin's Cathedral—Hungary's centuries-old coronation church.

Alternatively, in your free time take a bicycle and a picnic from the ship to explore the local sights along the Danube.

Later, enjoy live entertainment onboard.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

Royal Collections and Amusing Attractions

**ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Explore Vienna's Danube Island by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy a Guided Visit to House of Strauss and embark on an interactive journey through Vienna's illustrious past at an immersive audio-visual experience. After the tour, enjoy a coffee and homemade cake, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Explore the Habsburg Empire with a morning Guided City Tour of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the Imperial Palace complex—the winter residence of the Imperial Family, the iconic Vienna Opera House, and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral.

Join a Guided Optional Excursion to Schönbrunn Palace—summer home of the Habsburg empire.

Consider a tram ride to Vienna's Prater amusement park or to one of the many museums nearby. Later, consider joining an Optional Excursion to attend a Royal Waltz Concert in an elegant hall.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DÜRNSTEIN



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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DÜRNSTEIN-WACHAU VALLEY - MELK

A King's Ransom and Castle Ruins



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Take a Guided Hike up to the castle ruins to take in the spectacular view of the village, Danube, and the Wachau Valley below, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Walk, and hear the legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart—who was imprisoned in the castle above the village during the Crusades.

Later, stretch out on the Sky Deck as you sail through the Wachau Valley past vineyards, castles, and charming villages on your way to Melk.

MELK

Frescoes Above and Vineyards Below



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for a walk along the Danube River and around Melk, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Tour of the frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ of Melk's Benedictine Abbey.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Later, enjoy a Wine Tasting on board as you prepare to sail to Passau.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO PASSAU

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

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PASSAU, GERMANY

Where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers Meet



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join an afternoon Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful “City of Three Rivers.”

Alternatively, you may join a full day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg, the city of Mozart, or a full day Guided Optional Excursion to the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO REGENSBURG

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

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REGENSBURG

Bavaria’s Medieval Miracle



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Explore Walhalla by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided City Walk and see Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall) and Porta Pretoria—built in 179 AD as the entrance to Castra Regina fortress.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the Benedictine Monastery in Weltenburg.

Spend a free afternoon exploring Regensburg on foot or by bike through its charming streets.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment after dinner as you cruise toward Roth.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ROTH

 Breakfast  Lunch  Dinner

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ROTH. EXCURSION TO NUREMBERG

Legends and History Lessons



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy an Onboard Lecture about the Main-Danube Canal—linking these two rivers to make a vital connection enabling navigation between the North and Black Seas.



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Enjoy a Guided Sightseeing Tour of the Bavarian town of Roth—with its half-timbered houses, market square, and 1535 hunting lodge, Schloss Ratibor, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Choose a Guided Tour of Nuremberg's medieval architecture, gilded fountain, gothic cathedral, and Kaiserburg Castle, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour of the historic Nuremberg Rally Grounds—used by the Third Reich.

Tonight, relax onboard with live entertainment as you sail to Bamberg.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BAMBERG



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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BAMBERG

The City of Seven Hills.



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Walking Tour of the former home to imperial dynasties, and see its Romanesque cathedral, Old Town Hall, and seven hills crowned with churches.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Attend an onboard lecture to learn about European history and culture.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO WÜRZBURG



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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WÜRZBURG

A Perfect Day in the Pearl of the Romantic Road



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy an easy bike ride along the river with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Würzburg with its Old Main Bridge, towering fortress, and baroque Bishop's Residenz—with the largest known ceiling fresco.

This afternoon, enjoy leisurely sailing.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MILTENBERG



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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MILTENBERG

Beauty on the Main River

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Discover Miltenberg by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a Guided Walking Tour of Miltenberg, a showcase of medieval half-timber homes and home to Germany's oldest inn.

Later, enjoy onboard entertainment as you cruise to Rüdesheim.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO RÜDESHEIM



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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RÜDESHEIM-RHINE GORGE

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry in Wine Country



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy a hike with your Avalon Adventure Host through the picturesque vineyards of Rüdesheim, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Take a Guided Visit to the historic 18th-century wooden-barrel cellar of Johannisberg Castle and enjoy a delicious wine tasting, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Tour the incredible Mechanical Music Museum for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the authentic Rüdesheimer coffee.

This afternoon cruise through the dramatic Rhine Gorge and see the famous rock of the Lorelei—where mythological siren lured ill-fated sailors to shore.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Enjoy a remarkable classical music concert in a lovely baroque venue at Engers Castle, home to the Villa Musica Rhineland-Palatinate National Foundation, one of Germany's largest music institutions.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN ENGERS



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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COLOGNE

Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland

Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Enjoy a bike ride like the locals in Cologne with your Adventure Host, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a Guided Walking Tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided City Walk of Cologne—explore the Old City and see its soaring twin-steepled Gothic cathedral.

Spend free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager—locally brewed for over 100 years!

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO AMSTERDAM



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

Colorful Canals of Amsterdam



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Start your day joining your Adventure Host on an early morning walk in Amsterdam, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Discover the true beauty of Amsterdam with an off-the-beaten-path Guided Walking Tour through its cobblestone streets for a captivating look at this legendary city, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam with a Guided Canal Cruise past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

In the afternoon you may join an Optional Culinary Walk through Amsterdam to sample savory and sweet Dutch specialties. Or choose an Optional Biking Tour to discover the countryside. You might also consider a Guided Optional Excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses.

Spend free time on your own to explore the colorful cafés, galleries, bridges, and canals of Amsterdam.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN AMSTERDAM



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.



Breakfast

NOTES

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

HAND-PICKED

HOTELS

We've vetted and hand-selected the best hotels around the world with location, comfort, and style in mind. Enjoy first-class hotels in each destination, and check in with the confidence that we've already checked everything out for your comfort and convenience.

Budapest



InterContinental Budapest

Apaczai Csere Janos utca 12-14



WiFi



Deluxe Hotel as shown or similar

Few would argue the InterContinental Budapest is in the city's best location: right on the Danube across from Castle Hill and the Royal Palace. With the Chain Bridge and the Parliament just steps away, there's no shortage of superb sightseeing opportunities. The Váci Utca shopping street, Central Market Hall and the Gellért Baths are also nearby.

Hotel Amenities

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| • Spa Services | • Business Center |
| • Fitness Room | • ATM |
| • Elevator | • Laundry Available |
| • Concierge Desk | • Restaurant On-Site |
| • Free WiFi | • Currency Exchange |
| • Luggage Storage | • Beauty Salon |
| • Pool | • Gift Shop |
| • Parking/Valet | |

Room Features

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| • Coffee Maker | • Non-Smoking Rooms |
| • Phone | • Television |
| • Hair Dryer | • Mini-Bar |
| • Iron/Ironing Board | • Smoking Rooms |
| • In-Room Safe | • Room Service |
| • Alarm Clock | • Internet Access |

- Cable/Satellite
- Air Conditioning
- Climate Control

Amsterdam

1 Westcord Jakarta

Javakade 766

WiFi

 SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

A unique sustainable hotel in Amsterdam, where two worlds connect. At the former location where ships left for Jakarta, lies a green oasis in the centre of the city. Hotel offers 200 luxurious rooms with a Indonesian influenced style. Enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner at Café Jakarta or get a drink at the Malabar. Be pampered in luxury and relax in our wellness and swimming pool with views towards the river IJ.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Beauty Salon
- Bar/Lounge
- Fitness Room
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- Luggage Storage
- Pool
- Parking/Valet

Room Features

- Complimentary Newspaper
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Voicemail
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- In-Room Safe
- Wake-Up Calls
- Alarm Clock
- Pay Movies
- Coffee Maker
- Desk
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Room Service
- Window Opens
- Internet Access
- Cable/Satellite

- Air Conditioning (Seasonal)
- Disabled Access / Rooms
- Air Conditioning
- Climate Control
- Complimentary Toiletries

2 Movenpick Amsterdam City

Piet Heinkade 11

WiFi

 SuperiorFirst-Class Hotel as shown or similar

A stylish 408-room hotel in the perfect location, this waterfront property offers Free Wi-Fi internet access throughout. The chic restaurant serves creative international cuisine and there is a fabulous bar serving drinks and light snacks which is also a great spot for a nightcap. For relaxation there is a Lifestyle Studio featuring a gym, Finnish sauna, bio sauna & ice fountain.

Hotel Amenities

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Bar/Lounge
- Business Center
- ATM
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