8 DAY DANUBE DREAMS (WBD)





Cruise along the peaceful Danube River through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany—discovering some of Central Europe's most splendid capitals and charming towns along the way. Begin this timeless European river cruise in Budapest, where guided sightseeing acquaints you with the highlights of the vibrant capital of Hungary. Set sail on the Danube, take pictures of the impressive Parliament Building as you leave Budapest, and head for Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Here, enjoy a guided walk through the delightful Old Town and visit the Gothic-style St. Martin's Cathedral. Vienna, Austria, the "City of Music," makes an immediate impression with its lavish Habsburg Imperial Palace and neo-renaissance Vienna Opera House.

Enjoy the magnificent views as your river cruise takes you through the picturesque wine region of the Wachau Valley, with stops for a guided walk in Dürnstein and a visit to the impressive Benedictine Abbey of Melk. In Linz, walk around the Hauptplatz—Austria's largest medieval square, which forms the center of the city, and be sure to photograph the splendid Trinity Column. Passau, Germany, the "City of Three Rivers," is uniquely located where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube rivers converge. See its maze of narrow cobblestone streets lined with beautiful Patrician houses, and marvel at St. Stephen's Cathedral, a masterpiece of Baroque architecture. A memorable conclusion to this delightful Danube River cruise!



DAY-BY-DAY

ITINERARY

BUDAPEST

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

The Pearl of the Danube in the Heart of Europe

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, choose among a wide selection of Optional Guided Excursions or take in the beauty of Budapest while enjoying some free time exploring such famous sights as the Chain Bridge. Get to know the city's cafés and pubs or take a hike through the hills above the Danube.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BRATISLAVA





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BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Cathedral Coronations and a Crowning Castle



ACTIVE EXCURSION

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



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided City Walk, including the quaint streets of Old Town, Town Hall, and the sight of royal coronations at St. Martin's Cathedral.

Later, enjoy free time to discover on your own Bratislava, the beautiful capital of Slovakia, rich in history and culture, but also a green city with its forests and parks just a hop away from the city center.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA





VIENNA

Strauss, Schnitzel, Strudel, and Sachertorte



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—Winter residence of the Imperial Family, the iconic Vienna Opera House, and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral.

You may decide to take a Guided Optional Excursion to Schönbrunn Palace—the former imperial summer home of the Habsburg monarchy.

Spend free time strolling in the pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse—the most famous shopping avenue in central Vienna or take a bike ride through the city and stop in a local café to enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel.

This evening, enjoy an unforgettable musical performance with an Optional Excursion to attend a Royal Waltz Concert in an elegant hall.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DÜRNSTEIN





📸 Breakfast 💥 Lunch 📤 Dinner

DÜRNSTEIN-WACHAU VALLEY - YBBS. EXCURSION TO MELK

A King's Ransom and Castle Ruins



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Join 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 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 Ybbs



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Alternatively join your Adventure Host for a bike along the river.

YBBS. EXCURSION TO MELK

Frescoes Above and Vineyards Below



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Enjoy sweet interactive experiences and tastings of local Austrian products as you visit a pastry-baking workshop and an Austrian bee farm, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Visit the Lower Austrian little town of Ybbs. Walk through the doors of Austrian history with a guided sightseeing tour of Artstetten Castle, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Tour of Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO LINZ



📸 Breakfast 💥 Lunch 📤 Dinner



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LINZ

Legendary, Lovely Linz

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



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Walk through the city's historic and beautiful sites along the shore of the Danube and see Hauptplatz—Austria's largest medieval square—and the towering white-marble Trinity Column.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Experience Danube's cycle path, follow your Adventure Host for a bike ride around the area of Linz

Alternatively, consider a full-day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg—the city of Mozart—or to the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LINZ



📸 Breakfast 💥 Lunch 🛕 Dinner



SCHLÖGEN OXBOW-PASSAU, GERMANY

Where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers Meet

This morning, cruise through the Schlögen Oxbow, a particularly beautiful horseshoe-shaped bend of the river.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Join your Avalon Adventure Host for Hiking from Oberhaus along a trail down to the valley and along Ilz River, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided City Walk into Passau, the beautiful "City of Three Rivers."

Before sailing to Vilshofen, take a little free time to explore Passau's cobblestone streets and galleries of Artists' Alley. Maybe stop at St. Stephen's Cathedral to catch a concert rehearsal.

Enjoy a short sailing to Vilshofen.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VILSHOFEN







VILSHOFEN (DISEMBARKATION)

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

Flights should not leave Munich airport before 8 am.



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



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

- Spa Services
- Fitness Room
- Elevator
- · Concierge Desk
- Free WiFi
- Luggage Storage
- Pool
- Parking/Valet

- Business Center
- ATM
- Laundry Available
- Restaurant On-Site
- · Currency Exchange
- Beauty Salon
- Gift Shop

Room Features

- · Coffee Maker
- Phone
- Hair Dryer
- Iron/Ironing Board
- · In-Room Safe
- Alarm Clock
- Cable/Satellite
- Air Conditioning

- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Television
- Mini-Bar
- Smoking Rooms
- · Room Service
- Internet Access
- Climate Control