

8 DAY

ACTIVE & DISCOVERY ON **THE DANUBE** (WBL)





Why dip your toes in the Danube when you can explore and adore its landmarks, legends, customs and cuisine in the most interactive ways? Avalon's Active & Discovery cruises on the Danube invite dreamers and doers to activate their curiosities. To look closer, dive deeper, and forage further into the hamlets and hills of Germany, Austria, and Hungary.

Uncover ancient traditions and local flavors in immersive ways. Enjoy leisurely sightseeing or on-your-own discoveries. Whether you walk through winding alleyways, hike to a castle, bike to a palace or row to your own sanctuary of scenery, our diverse offering of Classic, Discovery and Active excursions along the Danube redefines the rules of engagement.

Move.

Enjoy a little get-up-and-go on your cruising vacation when you:

- Sink your teeth into Count Dracula's Visegrád prison tower on a hike to new heights.
- Paddle a canoe on an excursion through the picturesque Bend region.
- Pedal along the postcard-perfect Wachau Valley.

And be moved.

Get off the beaten path and relish the world when you:

- See the ancient jousting skills of the St. George Knightly Order at Visegrád Castle.
- Savor a merry morning walk, Vienna's infamous café culture and VIP access to an art museum.
- Meet the Count of Clam at Austria's 12th-century and beautifully preserved Clam Castle.

Plus, Classic sightseeing is always available in every port along the way.

Activate your senses and discover a world of wonder in all-new, entirely "you" ways on your personal, passion-packed cruise along the Danube.

CRUISE OVERVIEW

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DAYS

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COUNTRIES



COUNTRIES

Hungary

Austria

Germany

DAY-BY-DAY

ITINERARY

1

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY (EMBARKATION)–DANUBE BEND

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 Eastern Europe's shining city on the Danube.

Enjoy a Hungarian Dinner on board during a scenic cruise through the Danube Bend.

EVENING CRUISE TO VISEGRÁD

Dinner

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VISEGRÁD

Jousting Tournaments and Dracula's Tower

**ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Visit Count Dracula's prison tower on a Hiking Tour, OR:

**ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Take part in a Canoe Excursion through the picturesque Bend Region of the Danube for a truly unique perspective of one of the river's most beautiful stretches, OR:

**DISCOVERY EXCURSION**

Join a Guided Visit to the Medieval Knights Tournament at Visegrád's Lower Castle, featuring targeting and fighting demonstrations by members of the St. George Knightly Order.

Spend free time after your selected activities to explore Palotaház, where stonemasons, smiths, potters, and paper-makers produce their traditional items using age-old techniques.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA

Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Strauss, Schnitzel, Strudel and Sachertorte on the Blue Danube

**ACTIVE EXCURSION**

Take a Guided Bike Tour along the famed Ringstrasse and pedestrian avenues of Vienna to see the city's highlights from a unique perspective, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Take an Insider's Tour of Vienna to get behind the scenes of her sights and attractions. You will meet locals, have the chance to prepare some food, and enjoy other surprises, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Vienna, including a tour of Belvedere Palace to see Gustave Klimt's renowned "Kiss" painting.

Spend free time this afternoon strolling through the pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse then take a break for a piece of Sachertorte. Or enjoy an optional excursion in Schönbrunn.

This evening, consider joining an Optional Excursion to attend a Royal Waltz Concert in an elegant hall.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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VIENNA

A Feast for the Soul



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Enjoy a morning Guided Walking Tour to see the city in her best light, along with breakfast at a Viennese café, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Dive into one of the world's most important museums with a Guided Tour of the Habsburg family's private art collection at the Museum of Fine Arts, and enjoy Italian or Dutch master works.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO KREMS



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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KREMS - GREIN

Pedals and Paddles in Austria's Wine Country

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Paddle a canoe on a Guided Tour to see the Austrian waterways and shoreline scenery from a unique perspective, OR:



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Take a Guided Bike Tour from Krems to Spitz, and enjoy a stop in Dürnstein to see the mesmerizing blue Stiftskirche, and to sample local specialties, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join an interactive Wine World Experience with wine tasting, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Enjoy a Guided Visit to a vineyard or apricot orchard to try your hand at harvesting practices and preparing local specialties.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

As we sail through the scenic waters, join an authentic Austrian experience with a live cooking demonstration of the iconic Mozart Balls.

Relax on board this afternoon to enjoy the picturesque Wachau Valley scenery as you cruise to Grein.

GREIN

A Modern-Day Castle and the Count



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

See Burg Clam on a Guided Visit, and meet the Count of Clam during your tour.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN GREIN



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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GREIN - MAUTHAUSEN - LINZ

Theater History...Alive and Well in Grein



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Take a Guided Walk of Grein, including its historic theater, the oldest in Austria still holding regular performances.

Take a mid-morning cruise to Mauthausen.

MAUTHAUSEN

History Lessons and Monastic Life



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Take a Guided Bike Tour along the Danube and discover how fertile this area is. Stop at a local farm and learn more about farming life and flood protection, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Visit the 9th-century St. Florian Monastery—the largest monastery in upper Austria and home to Augustine monks, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Join a sobering Guided Tour of Mauthausen Memorial, one of the largest and most brutal Nazi camp of WWII.

This afternoon sail to Linz arriving this evening.

LINZ

Legendary, Lovely Linz

Tonight, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ENGELHARTSZELL



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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ENGELHARTSZELL-SCHLÖGEN OXBOW

Memories and Beer in the Making



ACTIVE EXCURSION

Bike your way to a local Trappist monastery in Engelhartszell and follow the Danube along the riverbank, OR:



DISCOVERY EXCURSION

Join a Guided Tour to a cider cellar where an expert sommelier will reveal the secrets of Upper Austria's beloved ciders, OR:



CLASSIC EXCURSION

Visit the stunning rococo-style Engelszell Abbey, and explore its Sensory Garden—complete with stone labyrinth, herb garden, and vineyard. Sample cheese and beer made by the resident Trappist monks.

Relax on the Sky Deck this afternoon while you sail through the amazing horseshoe bend of the Danube's Schlögen Oxbow on your way to Vilshofen.



ACTIVE EXCURSION

This afternoon, enjoy a scenic Guided Hike along the Danube's Schlögen Oxbow, a dramatic bend carved by centuries.

EVENING CRUISE TO VILSHOFEN



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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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.