

DANUBE DREAMS

WITH 2 NIGHTS IN PRAGUE (WESTBOUND)

10 DAY RIVER CRUISE BUDAPEST TO PRAGUE

September 15-24, 2027



Cruise along the peaceful Danube River through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany—stopping at some of Central Europe’s most splendid capitals and charming towns along the way. Begin in Budapest, where guided sightseeing acquaints you with the highlights of the vibrant capital of Hungary. See Heroes’ Square, and all the famous sights that make this city come to life! Set sail on the Danube, take pictures of the impressive views of the 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 St. Martin’s Cathedral. Vienna, Austria, makes an immediate impression with its lavish Hofburg 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. Visit the impressive Benedictine Abbey of Melk and enjoy a tasting of some of the renowned local wines. In Linz, walk around the Hauptplatz, Austria’s largest medieval square, which forms the center of the city. Take a guided walk around Passau, Germany, known for its maze of narrow cobblestone streets and St. Stephen’s Cathedral—a masterpiece of baroque architecture. Enjoy guided sightseeing in Regensburg, before heading to beautiful Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. Here, you’ll be amazed at St. Vitus Cathedral and Old Town’s Astronomical Clock, a unique and intricate piece of art unlike anything else in the world.

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DAY 1

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
Meals (Dinner)

DAY 2

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
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 3

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.

This afternoon, 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
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 4

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
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 5

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.

CLASSIC EXCURSION 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.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO LINZ
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 6

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
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 7

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
Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

DAY 8

VILSHOFEN (DISEMBARKATION) - REGENSBURG-PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC
Magical Regensburg—Bavaria's Medieval Miracle.

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

Take free time to enjoy a hearty lunch and a local beer, then step back in time through historic lanes and squares of today's modern and vibrant Regensburg. Continue on to the Golden City of Prague.

Meals (Breakfast)

DAY 9

PRAGUE

Gothic Cathedrals, Grand Castles, and Great Cuisine.

CLASSIC EXCURSION Take a Guided City Walk to visit Hradcany Castle Grounds; see St. Vitus Cathedral and Old Town's Astronomical Clock.

Consider sampling delicious plum dumplings and traditional Pilsner lager beside.

Mingle with the locals and be mesmerized by street performers in Wenceslas Square, or admire the arches and statues decorating Charles Bridge.

Meals (Breakfast)

DAY 10

PRAGUE

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.
Meals (Breakfast)