Danube River Cruise
From Budapest to Prague
September 3-12, 2020

Dates may be subject to change. Framed by rolling hillsides, lush vineyards, and medieval castles, the Danube River has captivated people throughout the centuries. Experience the timeless beauty and fascinating history of the region. Take in scenic highlights in the famous cities of Budapest (Hungary), Vienna (Austria), and Prague (Czech Republic). Also, see Bratislava (Slovakia), and Regensburg and Passau in Germany. This tour can be paired with once-in-ten years Oberammergau Passion Play tickets & a 2-night hotel stay, September 14-16, 2020. PLAY TICKET PACKAGE MUST BE BOOKED ASAP.

Itinerary

Thursday, September 3  Budapest, Hungary
Arrive in Budapest—Hungary’s enchanting capital city! The day is yours to relax and stroll the city with time for photographs, cafés, and confections. This afternoon, embark your river cruise ship and settle in, then enjoy dinner on board.

Friday, September 4  Budapest, Hungary
Enjoy a guided tour of this pearl of the Danube in the heart of Europe, including visiting the iconic Heroes’ Square. Take in the beauty of Budapest during a free afternoon. Get to know the city’s cafés and pubs or take a hike through the hills above the Danube. Overnight cruise to Bratislava.

Saturday, September 5  Bratislava, Slovakia
Arrive at Bratislava, Slovenia’s capital, a fascinating combination of past and present. Take a guided city walk to see the quaint streets of Old Town, Town Hall, and St. Martin’s Cathedral. If you’re inclined, borrow walking sticks from the ship and hike to Bratislava Castle. Watch live entertainment on board your ship. Overnight cruise to Vienna.

Sunday, September 6  Vienna, Austria
Vienna, the capital of Austria, is famed for its music history and magnificent sights. Begin your time here with a sightseeing tour, including the Kunstkammer’s remarkable collection. Later, choose either a visit to a local museum, or continue exploring with guided sightseeing. Take an optional guided excursion to Schönbrunn Palace—spanning 300 years of the Habsburg monarchy. In free time why not stroll through Kärntnerstrasse—the most famous shopping avenue in Vienna. Take a bike ride through the city and stop in a local café to sample Austrian confections. Later this evening, you may choose to attend a Royal Waltz Concert for an unforgettable evening of music. Overnight cruise to Dürnstein.

Monday, September 7  Dürnstein / Wachau Valley, Austria
Join a guided walk at the ruins of Dürnstein Castle and hear the legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart who was imprisoned in the castle. Or for a more active experience, take a guided hike up to the castle ruins, to see a spectacular view of the village, Danube River, and the Wachau Valley below. Later, stretch out on your ship’s deck as you sail past vineyards, castles, and charming villages on your way to Melk. In Melk, take a guided tour of the magnificent Benedictine Abbey to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ. Overnight cruise to Linz.
**Tuesday, September 8 Linz, Austria**
Fall in love with the legendary art, music, and food of Linz! On a guided walk through the city’s beautiful historic sites along the Danube, see Austria’s largest medieval square, and the towering white-marble Trinity Column. Consider an optional full-day guided excursion to Salzburg, the city of Mozart, or visit the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov. Enjoy the afternoon on your own to bike along the banks of the Danube with a picnic from the ship, or hike through Linz’s beautiful nature trails to Pöstlingberg for a birds-eye view of the city and river below.

**Wednesday, September 9 Schlögen Oxbow / Passau, Germany**
This morning, cruise through the Schlögen Oxbow, a beautiful horseshoe-shaped bend of the river. Join a guided city walk to learn more about Passau, where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet. Or for a more active excursion, hike from Oberhaus along a trail down to the valley and along the Ilz River. Spend free time wandering along the cobblestone streets and into the galleries of Artists’ Alley or peek into St. Stephen’s Cathedral to possibly catch a concert rehearsal. Overnight cruise to Deggendorf.

**Thursday, September 10 Deggendorf / Regensburg, Germany / Prague, Czechia**
Join a tour of the medieval Bavarian city of Regensburg to see the Old Town Hall and Porta Pretoria—built in 179 AD. Then step through historic lanes and squares to today’s modern and vibrant Regensburg. Continue to Prague.

**Friday, September 11**
Prague is often considered one of the loveliest cities in the world. On a city walk, visit Hradčany Castle Grounds, and see St. Vitus Cathedral and Old Town’s Astronomical Clock. Join an optional excursion to uncover the secrets of Prague as a local guide takes you to Charles Bridge and Mala Strana—two of Prague’s most picturesque spots. Sample delicious plum dumplings by the Vltava River. Be mesmerized by street performers in Wenceslas Square, or browse the market stalls at Charles Bridge. In the evening, you can watch an optional Folklore Dinner Show, sampling traditional Czech cuisine in an authentic Prague setting.

**Saturday, September 12**
As you say farewell to your fellow travellers, think back on all the wonders the Danube has revealed to you as you journeyed up the river.

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Single Supplement costs available upon request.

**Fare includes**
- Ship accommodations and onboard amenities
- All onboard dining
- Expert tour leaders and local guides
- Shore excursions in every port
- Pre-paid gratuities

**Fare excludes**
- International airfare and airport transfers
- Port charges and fees ($238 CAD)
- Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance

**Insurance**
Travel medical (out-of-country emergency) and cancellation/interruption insurance are not mandatory but are highly recommended.

**Payments**
Rates shown are in effect 03/19. Though every effort is made to maintain established prices, TM reserves the right to adjust prices should it become necessary. The price is guaranteed when paid in full. We accept cheque and credit card payments. Credit card payments are charged a 3% fee.

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