



Itinerary

Day 1 Budapest

Embarkation

Arrive in Budapest and board your luxurious river cruise ship. (D)

Day 2 Budapest

Buda city tour
OR Castle Hill hike
Pest city tour

Today you have the opportunity to visit both the Buda (hilly) and Pest (flat) sides of the Danube River. Start on the Buda side, following your guide through the city's Castle District where you will marvel at the fairytale turrets of Fisherman's Bastion, gaze upon the breathtaking panorama below and see Matthias Church, renowned for its striking tower and colorful mosaic roof. For a more active tour, hike to Budapest's Castle Hill. In the afternoon, explore the treasures of Pest, admiring the colossal Hungarian Parliament Building, Heroes' Square and the moving "Shoes on the Danube Bank" memorial. (B,L,D)



Day 3 Bratislava

"Coronation City" walking tour
OR Tastes of Slovakia
OR Bratislava Castle hike

Host to the crowning ceremonies of 11 Hungarian kings and queens between 1536 and 1830, Bratislava certainly has earned the title "Coronation City of Kings," as you'll discover during your walking tour. Or join a special "Tastes of Slovakia" tour. For a more active adventure, hike up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city. (B,L,D)

Day 4 Vienna

"Imperial Vienna" tour
OR Vienna city tour by bike
Free time

The "City of Waltzes" offers a wealth of gems and your city tour showcases its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs. Conclude your tour in Vienna's historic city center and then visit St. Stephen's Cathedral, or discover Vienna by bike. During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time to further explore this iconic city. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Weissenkirchen Highlights of Dürnstein and Melk Abbey visit
OR Dürnstein with wine and apricots
OR Dürnstein fortress hike
OR Weissenkirchen to Melk bike tour

Scenic Cruising Strudengau Valley and UNESCO Wachau Valley

Grein Exclusive Greinburg Castle visit

After reaching Weissenkirchen, you'll be treated to several choices of excursions. Take a walking tour of Dürnstein before visiting the UNESCO designated Melk Abbey. For a more culinary focused experience, join a walking tour in Dürnstein, then enjoy a wine tasting hosted by a local vintner and sample special apricot treats from a local boutique. If you prefer a more active adventure, hike up to the fortress where Richard the Lionheart was once held or join a guided bike tour to Melk. Later in the day, sail through the Strudengau and Wachau valleys to medieval Grein for an exclusive visit to the more than 500 year old Greinburg Castle, looming regally from above. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Linz Full-day Salzburg excursion
OR Full-day Český Krumlov excursion
OR "UNESCO City of Media Arts" walking tour
OR "Cultural Mile" bike tour

The ship arrives in Linz where you'll have several choices of excursions. For those who love The Sound of Music, enjoy a full day excursion to Salzburg and tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market. En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the Basilica St. Michael, where the famous wedding scene in the movie was filmed. You may also choose to join a full day excursion to the charming Czech mountain town of Český Krumlov, where you can stroll its cobblestone streets; marvel at the city's picturesque Baroque and Renaissance style buildings; and tour Krumlov Castle, one of Europe's largest castle complexes. Following these full day excursions, you may also choose to take a brief walking tour in Linz. Alternatively, join a walking tour through the old city center of Linz and by the Mozart House; or bike along the city's famed "Cultural Mile" and the Danube. (B,L,D)

Day 7 Passau "City of Three Rivers" walking tour
OR Passau Castle hike
OR Passau River Inn bike tour

Vilshofen Exclusive Oktoberfest celebration

Discover the city of Passau in one of three ways. Enjoy a walking tour and marvel at Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Alternately, choose between a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus fortress or a guided bike tour along the River Inn. Later, cruise to Vilshofen, where you will be treated to a festive Oktoberfest celebration— an AmaWaterways exclusive. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Vilshofen Disembarkation

Bid farewell to Vilshofen and prepare for your flight home. (B)