

7-Night Danube Cruise from Budapest to Vilshofen plus a 2-Night post-cruise Package in Prague

July 19, 2019, Day 0, Budapest – Embarkation

During the evening you will be treated to a special Illuminations Cruise around Budapest's famed Parliament Building. The city virtually glistens since these special landmarks are awash in light.

July 20, 2019, Day 1, Budapest

Home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Buda Castle quarter in Castle Hill, and Heroes' Square, Budapest offers and unmatched combination of culture, tradition and even a secret labyrinth of caves and caverns under the city. Your city tour begins with a visit to the vibrant Great Market Hall brimming with vendors selling everything from food to souvenirs. The remainder of this tour takes you to both the Buda (hilly) and the Pest (flat) sides of the river.

July 21, 2019, Day 2, Bratislava, Slovakia

Host to the crowning ceremonies of 11 Hungarian kings and queens between 1536 and 1830, Bratislava certainly has earned the title of "Coronation City of Kings" as you'll discover during your walking tour. Or join a culinary host to sample traditional Slovakian specialties, as well as learn how to prepare stuffed potato ravioli with an opportunity to taste your own creation. For a more active adventure, hike up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city.

July 22, 2019, Day 3, Vienna, Austria

The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems and you have two ways to discover them. Join a city tour showcasing the regal splendor of the city, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna's historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and then visit St. Stephen's Cathedral. Or, for a more active exploration of the area, take a guided bike ride along the Danube. During the afternoon, you can enjoy leisure time or pedal your way to Klosterneuburg Monastery on a guided cycling tour.

July 23, 2019, Day 4, Weissenkirchen – Grein

After reaching Weissenkirchen in the heart of the Wachau Valley, you'll be treated to several choices of excursions. Discover the best of both Durnstein and Melk with a walking tour in Durnstein before visiting the UNESCO-designated Melk Abbey. You can also opt for a walking tour of Weissenkirchen followed by a visit to the Abbey. For those preferring a more culinary-focused experience, join a walking tour of Durnstein and then be treated to a wine tasting hosted by a local vintner as well as a visit to a local boutique where you will enjoy a tasting of special apricot treats. Prefer more active adventures? Join a guided bike tour to Melk. Later in the day, set sail through the scenic Strudengau Valley to the medieval town of Grein. Be treated to an exclusive visit to the more than 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, looming regally above the village. While here, enjoy a folklore show along with a wine reception.

July 24, 2019, Day 5, Linz

The ship arrives in Linz where you'll have several choices of excursions. You may opt for a full-day excursion to Salzburg where you will tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square, and the Old Market. En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the famed Basilica St. Michael and site of the wedding scene in the "Sound of Music." Alternatively, you can join a morning walking tour through the old city center of Linz and by the Mozart House, or go on a guided bike tour along the city's "Culture Mile" and the Danube. During the afternoon, you have three more excursion options. Choose a half-day excursion to Salzburg or take a scenic drive through the beautiful Austrian Lake District with a stop in St. Wolfgang. You can also choose to visit the charming mountain town, Cesky Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border.

July 25, 2019, Day 6, Passau, Germany – Vilshofen

Discover the 2,000-year-old-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. Guests looking for a more active morning can choose between a guided bike tour along the Danube River, or a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus Fortress. Later, the ship cruises to Vilshofen, where you will be treated to a festive Oktoberfest celebration with local beer, Bavarian folk music and dancing—an AmaWaterways exclusive.

July 26, 2019, Day 7, Vilshofen – Disembarkation and scenic transfer to Prague

Check into your hotel for a two-night stay. Balance of the day on your own at leisure.

July 27, 2019, Day 8, Prague

"Golden City of a Hundred Spires" tour is included this morning and a Czech beer tasting is yours to enjoy.

July 28, 2019, Day 9, Depart for U.S.A.

After breakfast this morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

Please plan to join us next summer on the Danube. It promises to be a memorable week of travel, 8 hours of continuing education and fun. But don't wait, our negotiated deadlines with AMA Waterways will be here soon . . . and we don't want you to miss the boat! Bon voyage!

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