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# DANUBE DELIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 10-20, 2019

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY 1 2 3 4 5 ENERGETIC

*Prague sightseeing*

*Visit to Prague Castle*

*Nuremberg tour*

*7-night river cruise*

*Walking tour of Regensburg*

*Passau walking tour*

*Melk Abbey*

*Vienna's Ringstrasse*

*Bratislava touring*

*Guided tour of Budapest*





**DAY 1 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**FLIGHT TO PRAGUE**

Today we transfer to the airport for our overnight flight to Prague. Sit back, relax and enjoy the flight!

*Note: The airport location and airline will be confirmed no sooner than 9 months before departure.*

**DAY 2 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**PRAGUE**

**(D)**

Welcome to **Prague**, the capital city of the Czech Republic. We will be met by our local guide and enjoy a **panoramic tour** with commentary. We'll be transferred to our hotel around noon and have some time to walk around the area and have lunch on our own. Our rooms will be ready around mid-afternoon to allow us to relax and freshen up before dinner together this evening.

**DAY 3 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**PRAGUE - NUREMBERG**

**(BD)**

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel this morning before meeting our local guide for a **tour of the city**. Nicknamed "the city of a hundred spires," Prague is known for its **Old Town Square**. It's the heart of the city's historic core, with colorful Baroque buildings, Gothic churches, and the medieval astronomical clock, which offers an animated hourly show. A visit to **Prague Castle** is a must, as this is the largest castle in Europe and contains more than 700 rooms. Following the tour we will transfer to **Nuremberg, Germany**, for the evening.

**DAY 4 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**NUREMBERG**

**(BD)**

Following breakfast today, we'll meet our coach and local guide for a **tour of Nuremberg**. The city is situated along the Main-Danube canal, an engineering masterpiece linking the rivers of Germany with the mighty Danube, which flows from the Alps to the Black Sea. Some of the locks along the canal are up to 25 meters high with only inches to spare on either side of the ship. The navigation through these locks is truly a showcase of the captain's skill! Early in the afternoon, we will board our Emerald Waterways luxury river cruise ship and be welcomed by the captain and crew. After settling into our cabins, we will join our fellow travelers for a cocktail reception and welcome dinner as we begin our cruise.

**DAY 5 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**KELHEIM - REGENSBURG**

**(BLD)**

This morning takes us through the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to **Kelheim, Germany**. We'll then continue cruising along the Danube River to **Regensburg**, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities. On our **guided walking tour**, we will have the opportunity to see one of the oldest bridges crossing the Danube and see the city's architectural highlights, including the **Old Town Hall**. As a special treat this evening, a traditional Bavarian band will entertain us on board.

**DAY 6 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**PASSAU - LINZ**

**(BLD)**

Cobblestone streets and graceful arcades welcome us to the beautiful city of **Passau, Germany**. On this morning's walking tour, we will stroll through the old town's narrow alleys and see the hilltop **Oberhaus Fortress** from the town below. Along the way, we'll visit **St. Stephen's Cathedral**, a wonderful example of Baroque architecture and home to Europe's largest church organ, with more than 17,000 pipes. Lunch awaits us on board as we relax on an afternoon cruise along the Danube into Austria.

**DAY 7 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**MELK - DÜRNSTEIN**

**(BLD)**

Situated within Austria's wine-growing region, **Melk** is home to an imposing 900-year-old **Benedictine abbey** which features Austria's finest Italian Baroque architecture, with its ornate gold leaf walls, 640-foot Imperial Corridor, and fresco ceilings. A local student will guide us through the artistic corridors and offer insight into life at the abbey for the Benedictine monks that have continually lived and worked here since 1089. Later, the ship will sail through the spectacular Wachau Valley and on to **Dürnstein**, one of the most enchanting villages of the Wachau wine region. This is the site of the castle where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned after returning from the crusades in the 12th century.



**DAY 8 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**VIENNA**

**(BLD)**

Welcome to **Vienna**, the capital of classical music. Today, we will explore Austria's capital, beginning with a drive along the magnificent **Ringstrasse**, a grand boulevard along which we will find Vienna's world-famous **Opera House, Burgtheater, Spanish Riding School, Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral**, and the **Hofburg Imperial Palace**. Our guide will lead us through the grounds of the palace that was once home to over 1,000 nobles. We'll pass by the training stable of the Spanish Riding School into the center of Vienna where St. Stephen's Cathedral stands proud in the main square. The remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore Vienna and perhaps try a piece of the chocolate cake that the city is famous for!

**DAY 9 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**BRATISLAVA**

**(BLD)**

Set on the crossroads of ancient trade routes in the heart of Europe, **Bratislava** is the capital of Slovakia and embodies various cultures, primarily Celtic, Roman, and Slavic. Today, we will enjoy a **sightseeing tour** that includes the enchanting **Old City** with its **Town Hall, Mirbach Palace**, and the **Gothic Cathedral of St. Martin**. This evening, the captain will be delighted to welcome us to the Captain's Gala Dinner.

**DAY 10 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

**BUDAPEST**

**(BLD)**

**Budapest** is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan city. We will enjoy a **guided tour of the city** including the **Hungarian Parliament Building**, the **Buda Castle**, and the **Chain Bridge** linking Buda and Pest. For those feeling more active, an exciting hike to Buda Hill will also be available. This evening, the ship will embark on a nighttime cruise along the Danube, passing under the city's numerous bridges while we enjoy a traditional Hungarian farewell dinner complete with folk dancing and music.

**DAY 11 FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

**HOME**

**(B)**

We disembark in Budapest and begin our journey home with wonderful memories of the sights and sounds of the Danube.





Buda Castle



Passau

## INCLUSIONS

- Round Trip Airport Transfers
- Round Trip Air to Prague and Return From Budapest
- 2 Nights' Accommodations On Land
- 7-Night Cruise in Cabin Category of Choice
- 4 Meals on Land (2 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners)
- All Meals On Board
- Taxes and Gratuities for Included Services
- Admission to Attractions as Stated On Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels/Ship
- Travel Protection Plan
- Professional Tour Manager
- Included Shore Excursion at Every Port
- Wi-Fi On Board
- Complimentary Beverages On Board (including alcohol)

*Not included in the price of this tour: meals/beverages other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea or coffee with included meals on land, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels/ship, passport fees, current baggage fees at the airport as assessed by the airline, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.*

## TOUR PRICING

Per Person, Double Occupancy

(5 available)

**Cat. C** Panorama Balcony Suite - Vista Deck **\$5,649**

(5 available)

**Cat. A** Panorama Balcony Suite - Horizon Deck **\$6,329**

**A non-refundable \$500 deposit per person is required with your registration form. FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE: MAY 20, 2019**

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