Dreaming Danube River Cruise
Vienna – Durnstein - Melk - Linz - Bratislava - Budapest - Esztergom – Vienna - Prague

12 Days/10 Nights

Considered one of Europe’s most popular and beautiful river paths, you’ll find your own inspiration. Walk along Danube’s river banks, soaked in history, and through dreamy villages of Austria and Hungary. Along the way, visit the magnificent cathedrals and Baroque abbeys, sample Vienna’s sinfully rich sachertorte cake, experience the breath-taking scenery of the Wachau Valley winemaking region and traverse Europe’s Continental Divide. Delve into Europe’s history ending in fairy-tale Prague.

Day 1: Canada-Vienna
Overnight flight to Vienna.

Day 2: Arrive Vienna (D)
Arrive in Vienna, the “City of Music”, the place that inspired the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven and Strauss. Vienna, once the center of the mighty Habsburg Empire, is a showcase of gilded architecture which amply lives up to its reputation as Austria’s magical capital on the Danube. You will be met and transferred to your ship for embarkation. This evening, enjoy the dinner and music on board.

Day 3: Vienna (B, L, D)
Not only is Vienna one of the most beautiful cities in Central Europe, famous for its architecture, but also it was home to many historical figures such as Sisi, Straus, Mozart and Gustav Klimt. We will begin our tour today by bus and head to the famous Viennese Ring, which features such major attractions as the Urania, the State Opera House, Parliament, Hofburg Palace (seat of the Habsburgs), City Hall, the Burg Theater and Vienna University. We will then explore the city on foot, starting at the famous Albertina Museum, proceeding to the “Graben” (the former city moat), the Hofburg Palace, and St. Stephen’s church. Along the way you’ll
discover Vienna’s rich culture and stunning architecture. After the walking tour, you are free to explore and enjoy the city on your own, statue of Jan Husek, and the Old Town’s Astronomical Clock, the latter having been built in 1410 and once the envy of Europe. Browse the shops for hand-cut crystal or art books. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring this historic city.

Day 4 Vienna-Durnstein-Melk (B, L, D)
This morning you sail to Durnstein, in the heart of the Wachau wine region and best known for its magnificent baroque Stiftskirche with its renowned blue façade. Richard the Lionheart, King of England was imprisoned in 1192 in the castle whose ruins are located above the town. Join the guided tour to explore this picturesque little town and enjoy wine tasting. We’ll return back to the cruise vessel for lunch. In the afternoon we’ll arrive at the historic town of Melk. Enjoy a guided tour of the 11th century Benedictine Abbey, one of Europe’s largest monasteries, which dominates the town from its hill site. The abbey church houses stunning frescoed ceilings, marvellous statures, a large organ and an ornate library featuring a large collection of medieval manuscripts. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the Danube and the surrounding countryside from your vantage point on the terrace.

Day 5 Linz (B, L, D)
Linz, Austria’s third-largest city and an important river port, is a place where culture plays a significant role in everyday life. Enjoy a walking tour of the second largest city in Austria, along the Danube River, and past the ultra-modern Ars Electronica Center. After lunch on the vessel, we’ll depart for Bratislava. On our way, you can enjoy the peaceful river views from the comfort of our ship’s Danube Deck.

Day 6 Bratislava (B, L, D)
Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is the country's main economic, political and cultural centre. On the Bratislava city excursion, you can visit historic and modern landmarks of the city, such as St. Martin’s Cathedral, the city walls, the Presidential palace, St. Michael’s gate, and the city’s main streets, which feature beautiful sculptures and fountains. Along the way, we’ll have a chocolate treat!

Day 7 Budapest (B, L, D)
Budapest, the capital of Hungary, is often called the “Paris of the East”. Discover this magical city with a guided bus and walking tour. You will see how the division of the city by the Danube river into the one side known as “Buda” and the other side “Pest” has affected the city's history and development. On our bus tour, we will visit the famous historic sites located on Andrássy Út street, such as the Opera, Hero’s Square, the under-cover market, St. Stephen's church, the largest synagogue in Europe (in which Franz Liszt played) and Parliament. Interestingly enough, the Hungarian Parliament, which contains nearly 20 km of corridors, resembles the British Parliament buildings. Continuing our tour and proceeding via the famous chain bridge, we will visit historic Buda Castle, and the coronation church of St. Matthew, where the famous Sissi and her husband were crowned rulers of Hungary. Finally we will reach the fabulous Fisherman’s Bastion, from where you can have an unforgettable view of the city.

Day 8 Budapest- Esztergom (B, L, D)
This morning we sail to Esztergom, a small town which however played an important role 1000 years ago, in the establishment of the Hungarian state. Our guided tour today includes an interior visit of the town’s famous cathedral basilica, the largest Roman Catholic church in Hungary. Tonight, on board, enjoy the Captain’s dinner.

Day 9 Vienna - Prague (Disembarkation) (B)
Our vessel returns to Vienna, and your cruise ends with breakfast this morning. Your tour guide will greet you at the port and transfer you to Prague, capital of the Czech Republic. This fascinating city, with its domes, cupolas, spires and pinnacles, straddles the Vitava River.

Day 10 Prague (B, L)
Prague, a city whose origins date back 1,200 years, is considered to be one of Europe’s most attractive. Its historic city centre is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Among the famous sites you will visit are the Rudolfinum, the National Museum, Wenceslas Square and the Hundertwasser Dancing House. Your local guide will show you Prague’s best known historic sites, including the thousand-year old Prague Castle, the St. Vitus Cathedral (built in the Gothic style) and the Charles Bridge, the oldest bridge in Prague. Feel free to mix with the locals in Wenceslas Square. The square includes such famous historic sites as the Tyn Church, the statue of Jan Husek, and the Old Town’s Astronomical Clock, the latter having been built in 1410 and once the envy of Europe. Browse the shops for hand-cut crystal or art books. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring this historic city.

Day 11 Prague (B)
Enjoy this free day to explore on your own or you may join the optional Half-day excursion to Kutna Hora ($85pp). Head to marvellous and stunning Kutna Hora on this half day tour to the UNESCO world heritage-listed town an hour east of Prague. Marvel at the ossuary, a gothic church whose interior is bedecked with the bones of 40,000 people (many of whom died from the plague). Explore the majestic Cathedral of St. Barbara and stroll down the town’s narrow cobbled lanes. For the rest of the day, you may stroll through one of Prague’s many museums or galleries, wander along the banks of the Vitava River, shop for handicrafts at a local artisan market or sample the beer at one of the city’s famous breweries.

Day 12 Prague - Canada (B)
This morning, transfer to the airport and fly back to Canada.
Harmonious and carefree travel - that’s what MS Bellejour stands for. With this comfortable vessel offering Panoramic views from the restaurant and bar, a comfortable lounge and large Sun deck. We offer a fantastic price, excellent, spacious 4 star cabin accommodation and the opportunity to explore independently or join excursions in your port of call. Generously proportioned with a glass dome and observation lounge, this cruise ship will make you feel at home from the second you step on board. Light, airy lounge areas and roofed promenades offer space and comfort for guests. The MS Bellejour’s reading lounge and library are the perfect place to retreat and browse your holiday reading in peace. The wireless internet connection on the whole river cruise liner means you can stay in touch from anywhere on board. In the inviting spa area you can treat both your body and mind to a real holiday! Onboard you will find:

- non-smoking restaurant
- panorama lounge with bar
- wellness with sauna, whirlpool and fitness
- large, elegant reception foyer
- reading lounge
- wireless internet on the whole cruise liner
- huge sun deck with sunbeds and deck chairs
- onboard shop

Accommodation

Cabin Overview

Cabins are situated on 3 decks and are all similar in size (approximately 14.5m²).

All cabins are spacious and equipped with twin beds (can be made as double), satellite TV, safety deposit box, phone, hairdryer, mini bar, individual heating and cooling systems, separate bathroom with individual shower and wc. Superior cabins (middle deck) and Deluxe cabins (upper deck) have opening French balconies.

Standard cabins (lower deck) have two fixed picture windows (cannot be opened).
8 Days 7 Nights Cruise Schedule

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Price Guide
- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation
- Single and triple cabins are based on request.
- Add on airfare from other cities: Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city $300
- Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St.John $400,
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the latest information
- Single Supplement for Regular Cabin: $980

Price Includes
- International Airfare from Toronto in economy class
- Airport tax($80pp) and Port taxes
- Prague pre cruise 3 nights 4 days tour with some meals and sightseeing tours
- Accommodation in selected cabin
- Full board, three meals per day (from dinner on arrival day to breakfast on departure day); Daily Early-riser breakfast; Table water during meals, Afternoon high tea: tea, coffee and cakes or late night snack; 24-hour coffee-station on board
- Welcome and farewell captain’s cocktails (including 1 drink per person); Welcome and farewell captain’s dinner with special menu
- Excursion programs detailed in the itinerary (Optional tours are available on board)
- Luggage service pier – ship – pier
- Live music in the bar every night
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Satellite tv and info-channel on board

Price Not Included
- Personal spending
- Gratuities
- Insurance
- Minibar
- Bottled water, soft and alcoholic drinks during lunch and dinner
- Wi-fi: Limited Wifi is available on-board, notably in the bar/lounge/reception area. Internet log-in passwords can be purchased at the reception, including instructions on how to connect. Up to 7 nights is around € 50