

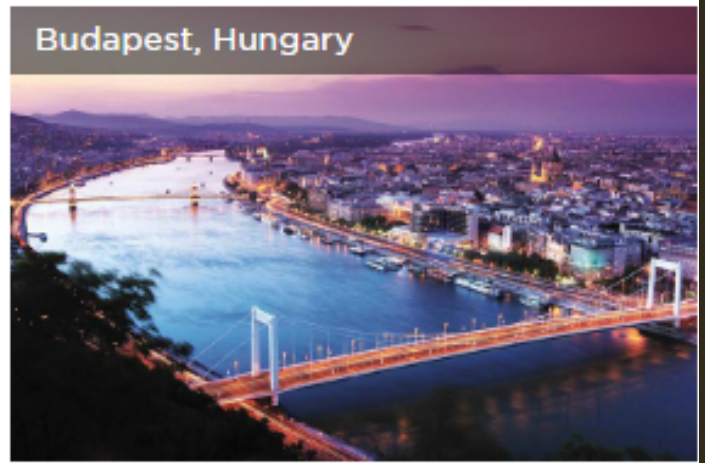
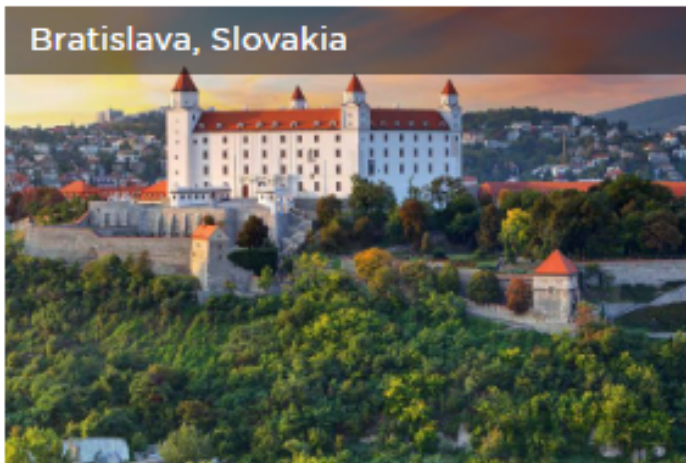
AMA WATERWAYS ROMANTIC DANUBE CRUISE

October 9 - 16, 2024

Travel to Munich, Germany and return from
Budapest, Hungary

7-Night cruise from Vilshofen to Budapest

Travel into the very heart of the continent, where empires were built, kings and queens were crowned and some of the world's greatest music was composed and performed by the likes of Mozart and Beethoven.



PROMOTION UNTIL 9/30/23

Category E (window) starting at
\$3,463.20 pp/double
\$5,382.80 pp/single

Category BB (French Balcony)
\$4,982.40 pp/double
\$7,661.60 pp/single

GROUP RATE:

Category E (window) starting at
\$4,523.20 pp/double
\$6,422.50 pp/single

Category BB (French Balcony)
\$6,422.00 pp/double
\$9,271.00 pp/single



PRE-Night Options (*request additional information*)

PRAGUE - 3-night pre land extension in Prague for an additional \$900 pp/double (Prague Marriott Hotel – subject to change)

MUNICH - 2-night pre land extension in Munich for an additional \$940 pp/double (Munich Bayerischer Hof Hotel – subject to change)

Land pricing includes breakfast, city tours, cruise manager, and transfers to and from the ship.

Free Spirit
TRAVEL VACATIONS AND EVENTS

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480-926-5547

Deposit \$400 per person for cruise, and \$350 per person for Air

Final Payment 90 Days prior to sailing

Air promotion \$899 economy class-subject to change based on booking date.

ROMANTIC DANUBE - *ITINERARY*

Day 1, MUNICH – EMBARKATION – VILSHOFEN. Arrive in Munich and transfer to Vilshofen where you will board your luxury ship. Later in the day, attend an exclusive Oktoberfest celebration with traditional beer and Bavarian folk music and dancing. (B,D)

Day 2, VILSHOFEN – PASSAU. Explore Vilshofen's beautiful old town before cruising to Passau, known as the "City of Three Rivers." Join a walking tour or if you prefer to be more active, hike high into the hills for a visit to the "Veste Oberhaus," Passau's Castle Hill; or go on a River Inn bike tour. (B,L,D)

Day 3, LINZ, AUSTRIA. The ship arrives in Linz where you'll have several choices of excursions. Opt for a full-day excursion to Salzburg where you'll 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 Linz's old city center and by the Mozart House; or go on a guided bike tour along the city's famed "Culture Mile" and the Danube. You can also choose to visit the charming mountain town, Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border. (B,L,D)

Day 4, WEISSENKIRCHEN. Cruise through the Strudengau and Wachau valleys to Weissenkirchen, gateway to Dürnstein. Once here, you can choose to join a walking tour in Dürnstein along its cobblestone streets to the Baroque Stiftskirche, and then visit Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey. For the more active adventurer, you can opt to hike up to the fortress where Richard the Lionheart was once held, or take a bike ride along the Danube through the Wachau Valley. As an alternative excursion, visit a local apricot grower, where you'll enjoy the region's finest apricot treats. Later in the evening, enjoy a special wine tasting of locally grown, world-renowned Riesling and Grüner Veltliner in Weissenkirchen. (B,L,D)

Day 5, VIENNA. The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems and your city tour showcases them, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace. Your tour concludes in the historic city center with a visit to St. Stephen's Cathedral. Or if you prefer a more active tour, take a guided bike ride through Vienna. During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time to further explore this iconic city. (B,L,D)

Day 6, BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA. 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 7, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. Your city tour begins at Budapest's Great Market Hall, where you'll discover plenty of delicious food and shopping. Afterwards, you'll visit both the Buda (hilly) and Pest (flat) sides of the Danube River. You'll see the 19th-century Chain Bridge, which connects the Buda district with Pest; and the UNESCO-designated Castle Hill district, which contains some of Budapest's most important medieval monuments and museums. As an alternative choice, you can hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city below. (B,L,D)

Day 8, BUDAPEST – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship as you prepare for your flight home. (B) Note: The Great Market Hall is closed on Sundays.

ROMANTIC DANUBE | *PRE-NIGHT OPTIONS*

PRAGUE

3-night pre land extension in Prague

Additional \$900 pp/double

Prague Marriott Hotel – subject to change

Day 1 - Arrive in Prague and check-in to your hotel.

Day 2 - "Golden City of a Hundred Spires" Tour OR Prague Castle Hike

Experience the wonders of Prague and its historic city center that is a recognized UNESCO World Heritage Site on your city tour or you can hike to the grand castle. See Rudolfinum and the Hundertwasser Dancing House. Visit the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle and St. Vitus before walking over the romantic Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square, where you will find the capital's famous Astronomical Clock. (B)

Day 3 - Czech beer tasting

Beer has a long and illustrious history in the Czech Republic with the first brewery known to have existed in 993. Pilsner Urquell was created in 1842, being the first pilsner ever made, whilst Budweiser came into being in the city of Budweis. Beer is a core part of the country's national identity, so much so the Czechs are the biggest consumers of beer in the world. The country is home to more than 100 breweries with a combination of big names and micro establishments offering a huge range of styles, so join a Czech beer tasting and discover for yourself what makes the Czech's beer some of the very best in the world. (B)

Day 4 - Transfer to Regensburg

Regensburg - UNESCO city highlights tour, Transfer to Vilshofen

Vilshofen - EMBARKATION

Depart from Prague via motorcoach and enjoy a stop in Regensburg, one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Take a guided walking tour showcasing the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria. After touring Regensburg, continue your journey on to Vilshofen, where you will board your luxury cruise ship. Cap the day off with an exclusive festive Oktoberfest celebration. (B,D)

MUNICH

2-night pre land extension in Munich

Additional \$940 pp/double

Munich Bayerischerhof Hotel – subject to change

Day 1 - Arrive in Munich and check-in to your hotel.

Day 2 - Walking Tour, Bavarian Beer Hall and pretzel tasting

This morning you will tour Munich, the capital of Bavaria and one of Germany's largest cities, as well as the undisputed beer capital of the world. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town through the city ending at the famous Glockenspiel, with its 43 bells and 32 life-size figures that portray historic scenes, such as a wedding celebration. You will see Frauenkirche, the "Cathedral of Our Dear Lady." Later in the day go to a Bavarian Beer Hall for beer and pretzels. This is the cradle of Bavarian tavern culture, and the origin of tradition, "gemütlichkeit" and hospitality. (B)

Day 3 - Transfer to the ship - EMBARKATION

Check out of your hotel and transfer to Vilshofen where you will board your luxury ship. Later in the day, attend an exclusive Oktoberfest celebration with traditional beer and Bavarian folk music and dancing. (B,D)