



SPECIAL SOLO RATES WHILE THEY LAST Deposit \$400

The Danube Special Single Rates Cruise July 3-10 2024

Pre cruise June 30-July 3 3 nights Prague or July 1-3 2 nights Munich.

— **Why a river cruise:** No packing/unpacking, ships dock next to towns so minimum lost time AND you can walk onto shore easily. Vistas are beautiful from any cabin level.

— **Our ship:** Ama Sonata, 81 cabins from 160-300 sq ft.— many with balconies, all marble bathrooms, free wifi, Apple TV, computer capability, entertainment, a/c. There is a sun deck and pool.

— **Transfers:** arranged by AMA if you book AMA airfare.

— **Included:** all tours, all meals -wine and beer at lunch and dinner- snacks, entertainment and our welcome party. Your only out of pocket is tips; you can give the ship a credit card for \$175-200 total.

— **Dress:** Casual dress even at dinner.

— **Our Group:** We host a welcome party and share cabin numbers and names.

— **Why this itinerary:** The Danube has gorgeous vistas, the towns like Vienna, Linz, Budapest, Prague are historic and elegant, the wines excellent and the overall experience thrilling.

Pre option Prague 3 nights: \$1320 single and \$900 double occupancy Munich Pre Option 2 nights \$1380 single \$940 double occupancy. Prague option includes:

DAY 1 ARRIVE IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Arrive in Prague and check-in to your hotel. **DAY 2 PRAGUE**

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 PRAGUE** 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) *Czech beer tasting may take place on Day 2 or Day 3 of this itinerary

Itinerary Vilshofen to Budapest

DAY 1 Jul 3 EMBARKATION – VILSHOFEN

Board the ship for our Danube cruise. (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. 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 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)



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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. **Add Prague 3 nights or Munich 2 nights pre tour. Both include fine hotels, some touring, intra Europe flights not included.**

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