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## Danube Explorer & Highlights of Budapest

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Departure Date: August 16, 2024

  
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A DIVISION OF THE SCENIC GROUP

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Visit the UNESCO World Heritage center of Český Krumlov



Visit the village of Weissenkirchen located in the Wachau Wine Region

**DAY 1 USA / Munich, Germany:** Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Munich, Germany.

**DAY 2 Munich – Passau:** Welcome to Munich, where you will be greeted by a representative of Mayflower / Emerald Cruises and transferred to your contemporary Star-Ship in Passau. A warm welcome awaits from the captain and crew, and this evening, you'll join your fellow guests for dinner onboard. **Meal: D**

**DAY 3 Passau:** Sample homemade specialities and explore the customs and traditions of Bavarian agriculture during a visit to a local farm. Alternatively, set off on a hike, soaking up views such as the hilltop church of Mariahilf and the ancient St. Severin, dating back to the Ottonian dynasty. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Hike to Veste Oberhaus

**EmeraldPLUS:** Bavarian brunch

**DISCOVERMORE:** Bavaria Live (additional expense)

**DAY 4 Linz, Austria – Český Krumlov, Czech Republic:** Crossing the border into the Czech Republic, visit the UNESCO World Heritage town of Český Krumlov. This quaint town has one of the best-preserved ancient centers in Europe, with more than three hundred protected medieval buildings and an iconic castle complex. Enjoy a guided tour of the area, including the 15th-century St. Vitus' Church and a series of delightful Gothic façades, each taking you back to the Middle Ages. **Meals: B, D**

**EmeraldPLUS:** Guided tour of Český Krumlov

**DiscoverMORE:** Linzer torte making workshop (additional expense)

**DAY 5 Melk, Austria – Weissenkirchen:** Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Danube River en-route to Melk. Here, you'll explore the golden halls of Melk Abbey on today's included tour. Afterwards, choose to sail through the idyllic Wachau Valley to Weissenkirchen, or if you're feeling active, cycle from Melk along the Danube River, traversing

a route that offers a different perspective on the region's viticulture.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Guided bike tour along the Danube River

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Hike in Weissenkirchen with activity manager

**DiscoverMORE:** Vineyard hike & wine tasting in Weissenkirchen (additional expense)

**DAY 6 Vienna:** Discover the classical charms of Vienna on a city tour. Uncover the cafés, artisan studios and baroque majesty of Vienna's imperial grandeur. A drive around the Ringstraße will introduce you to the UNESCO World Heritage historic center. Alternatively, enjoy a bike tour along the serene trails on Donauinsel, the Danube Island. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Guided bike tour in Vienna

**DiscoverMORE:** Exclusive Viennese evening concert (additional expense)

**DAY 7 Vienna – Bratislava, Slovakia:** Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring Vienna before sailing on to Bratislava, marvelling at the ever-changing scenery of the Danube. Explore the city's historic architecture on an included guided tour, where everything is within walking distance, including the ornate exterior of the Slovak National Theater. This afternoon, enjoy a guided hike to the fairy tale-like Bratislava Castle. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Guided hike to Bratislava Castle

**DiscoverMORE:** Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (additional expense)

**EmeraldPLUS:** Local Slovakian entertainment onboard

**DAY 8 Budapest, Hungary:** This morning, relax on board your Star-Ship while we sail from Slovakia to Hungary. In Budapest, an exciting program awaits you. As you sail into this magnificent city, it becomes immediately apparent why the Hungarian capital is known as the 'Pearl of the Danube'. Venture into the city independently or make use of our on board bikes to explore



Vienna's Imperial Hofburg Palace

Budapest's hidden treasures. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DiscoverMORE:** Excursion to Szentendre (additional expense)

**DiscoverMORE:** Budapest by Night (additional expense)

**DAY 9 Budapest:** Explore the city's cobbled medieval quarter as you embark on a coach tour through the UNESCO World Heritage city center. Your guide will teach you about the Hungarian capital's culinary scene, finishing at the neo-Gothic Grand Market, Budapest's largest and most expansive indoor market, where you'll have time to explore independently. If you're feeling more active, alternatively choose to hike to Buda Hill. The surrounding area has been rebuilt several times, most recently following the air raids of WWII. Some 18th-century Baroque houses still stand, best explored from the medieval paths and alleyways of the area around Buda Castle. This evening, enjoy a traditional Hungarian folklore show onboard. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldPLUS:** Traditional Hungarian folklore show onboard

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Hike to Buda Hill

**DiscoverMORE:** Jewish heritage tour (additional expense)

**DAY 10 Budapest, Hungary:** The final day in Budapest is left free to pursue independent interests or join a DiscoverMORE excursion. This evening, you are invited to a special dinner and a traditional folklore show for a truly immersive local experience. This is a great chance to bid farewell to your fellow travellers before going home. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DiscoverMORE:** Hungarian Bath Experience (additional expense)

**DiscoverMORE:** Retro tour of post-Communist Budapest (additional expense)

**EmeraldPLUS:** Dinner & folklore show in Budapest

**DAY 11 Budapest / USA:** After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests. Disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of an enjoyable cruise along the Danube River with you. **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.



## Exceptional Inclusions

- **25 Meals:** 9 breakfasts, 7 lunches, and 9 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit **five countries**
- **Nine-night cruise in a suite or stateroom** of your choice onboard the vessel
- **All gratuities included**
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Onboard Activity Manager** will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- Personal **listening device** for onboard excursions
- Most meals included onboard with a **variety of international cuisine**
- Complimentary **regional wines, beer and soft drinks** accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary **bottled water** in your stateroom
- Complimentary **WiFi onboard**
- Complimentary **bicycles onboard** for use ashore
- **All port charges included**

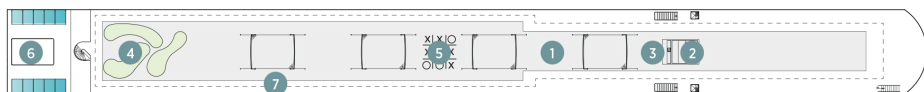
## CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 through 10 –** Aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship  
Post-cruise hotel stays available in Budapest. Call for details.

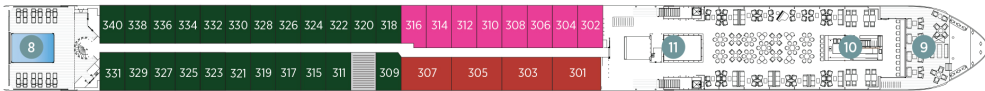
# Emerald Cruises Star-Ships

**Built:** 2014-20 **Speed:** 15.5 mph **Staterooms:** 19 **Suites:** 72 **Length:** 443 ft. **Crew:** 47

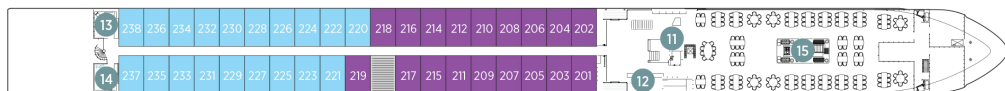
## SUN DECK



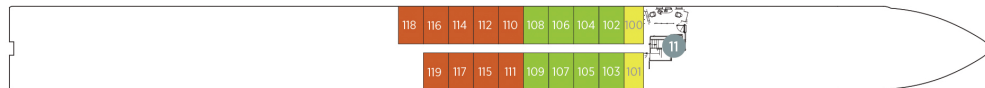
## HORIZON DECK



## VISTA DECK

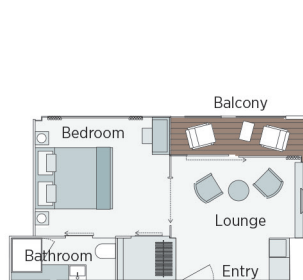


## RIVIERA DECK



## Public Areas and Ship Amenities

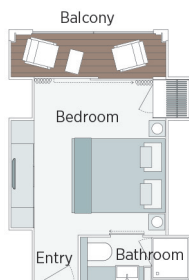
- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Sky Barbeque
- 4 Golf Putting Green
- 5 Games Area
- 6 Retractable Glass Roof
- 7 Walking Track
- 8 Daytime Pool / Evening Cinema
- 9 The Terrace
- 10 Horizon Bar and Lounge
- 11 Elevator
- 12 Reception
- 13 Wellness Area
- 14 Fitness Area
- 15 Reflections Restaurant



**Owner's One-Bedroom Suite**

315ft<sup>2</sup>

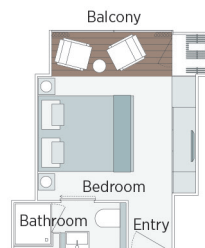
**CAT SA**



**Grand Balcony Suite**

210ft<sup>2</sup>

**CAT S**



**Panorama Balcony Suite**

180ft<sup>2</sup>

**CAT A CAT B CAT C**



**Emerald Stateroom**

162ft<sup>2</sup>

**CAT D CAT E**

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CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	AUGUST 16, 2024		
			PER PERSON TWIN		SINGLE ROOM ADD
			FULL FARE	SPECIAL FARE	
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$4995	\$3,985	+\$3,885
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5445	\$4,335	+\$4,235
C	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6295	\$4,996	+\$4,896
B	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6495	\$5,152	+\$5,052
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6695	\$5,307	+\$5,207
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$7645	\$6,046	N/A
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$8795	\$6,941	N/A

**Price Includes FREE AIR, Land and Round Trip Transfers to and from Tampa International Airport.**

**Free air must be booked by September 30, 2023.**

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.*



## Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises

With cruise tour priced up to \$5,000 - \$499 per person  
With cruise tour priced from \$5,001 and up - \$569 per person

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

**Exclusions:** Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. *Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.*



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