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# **Danube Explorer**

The Czech Republic • Germany • Austria • Slovakia • Hungary

Tour Dates: August 29th – September 9th, 2024



### **Danube Explorer**



**DAY 1** Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Prague, Czech Republic.

**DAY 2** Prague, Czech Republic: Welcome to the Czech Republic! Upon arrival you will be met at the airport by a representative of Mayflower Cruises and Tours and transferred to your hotel in Prague. The day is at leisure to begin discovering your new surroundings.

DAY 3 Prague: After breakfast, enjoy an included city tour, highlighting the famous sites of this beautiful city. Following a brief panoramic drive, the heart of the city is discovered on foot. See Old Town Square with its historic astronomical clock and the medieval Charles Bridge. The tour concludes at the hotel. During free time this afternoon, continue to explore the city on your own, or join the optional excursion to the Terezin Concentration Camp. Meal: B DiscoverMORE: Terezin Concentration Camp (additional expense)

DAY 4 Prague – Passau, Germany: Depart Prague and journey by motorcoach to Passau, Germany, where your friendly Captain and crew welcome you onboard your luxurious Emerald Cruises Star-Ship. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore the ship and become acquainted with the onboard amenities. This evening join your fellow guests for dinner onboard. **Meals: B, D** 

DAY 5 Passau: Narrow cobblestone streets welcome you to Passau, a town nestled on the confluence of three of Europe's main waterways. On today's excursion, venture out to a local farm to gain a fascinating insight into the life of local Bavarian farmers. Tour the farm, see the animals and learn how the family is utilizing methods of sustainable agriculture. Meet with the farmers and sample some of their homemade specialties during an included tasting. Alternatively, if you are feeling more active, participate in a guided hike to Veste Oberhaus where you can catch a site of the Mariahilf and St. Severin, an ancient church dating back to the Ottonian dynasty. **Meals: B, L, D** 

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided hike to Veste Oberhaus (instead of included city tour) DiscoverMORE: Bavaria Live (additional expense) EmeraldPLUS: Bavarian brunch-livestock farming and homemade specialties tasting

DAY 6 Linz, Austria / Ceský Krumlov, Czech Republic: Today's adventure takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Ceský Krumlov. With its 13th-century castle, meandering river,



and a maze of quaint alleyways, this town has one of the bestpreserved centers in Europe. Join your local guide to traverse a labyrinth of winding cobblestone lanes as you experience the charming atmosphere of Ceský Krumlov's medieval buildings and iconic castle complex. During the excursion, visit the 15th-century St. VItus' Church, a highlight of the town. **Meals: B, D EmeraldPLUS:** A guided walking tour of Ceský Krumlov **DiscoverMORE\*:** Linzer Torte-making workshop (additional expense) \*this excursion runs at the same time as the included tour; only one can be selected.

DAY 7 Melk – Weissenkirchen: Relax as you cruise along the Danube River early this morning, passing delightful apricot orchards and beautiful terraced vineyards that produce some of the world's best wine, before arriving in Melk. Enjoy an included tour of Melk Abbey, originally a lavish castle that was gifted to Benedictine monks during the 11th century. This opulent Baroque building features ornate gold leaf walls, seemingly endless spiral staircases and is home to some of the most important collections of medieval manuscripts in the world. After the tour, sail through the idyllic Wachau Valley, passing medieval villages, terraced vineyards and areas of natural beauty. Upon arrival in Weissenkirchen, you have the opportunity to join a hike. Alternatively, stay in Melk and cycle to Weissenkirchen, traversing a route that offers a different perspective on the region's viticulture. Meals: B, L, D DiscoverMORE (from Melk): Visit to Schallaburg Castle (additional expense) EmeraldACTIVE\*: A guided bike ride along the Danube from Melk to Weissenkirchen EmeraldACTIVE\*: Hike in Weissenkirchen with Activity Manager DiscoverMORE\*: Weissenkirchen vineyard hike with

tasting (additional expense)

\*these activities overlap; only one can be selected

**DAY 8** Vienna: Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and the capital of classical music. The city perfectly encapsulates the opulence of the Habsburg Monarchy and their ornate Baroque palaces. On the included city tour, see monuments and grand buildings as the coach drives along the famous Ringstrasse. During the walking tour, stroll with your guide through the city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel at the classic architectural styles of the buildings, see St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Hofburg Palace, right in the heart of the city center. If you are feeling more active, opt to explore on two wheels, cycling along the serene trails on Danube Island. **Meals: B, L, D** 

**DiscoverMORE:** An exclusive Viennese evening concert with the music of Mozart and Strauss (additional expense)



DAY 9 Bratislava, Slovakia: Today you sail into the capital of Slovakia. This graceful nation became an independent country in 1993, and since then, Bratislava has flourished as a new capital and made a name for itself as a cultural center. The romantic cobblestone lanes that weave through the city are explored with your local guide as you enjoy a walking tour of the ancient town center, seeing the Slovak National Theatre and a range of Gothic and Art Nouveau buildings. For the more active guests, embark on a guided hike to Bratislava Castle, a landmark steeped in legends that looks as though it came from the pages of a fairytale book. Meals: B, L, D EmeraldACTIVE: A guided hike to Bratislava Castle (instead of walking tour) DiscoverMORE: Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (additional expense)

EmeraldPLUS: Local Slovakian entertainment onboard

DAY 10 Budapest, Hungary: Welcome to the "Pearl of the Danube". Explore Budapest's cobbled medieval guarter as you embark on a coach tour through the UNESCO World Heritage city center. Your guide will highlight a number of architectural wonders and also talk about Budapest's culinary scene. The tour will end at the Grand Market Hall, the city's most expansive indoor food and craft market, where you'll have time to explore on your own. If you are feeling more active, you may instead 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 Barogue houses still stand, best explored by foot along the medieval paths and alleyways in the area around Buda Castle. This evening, join your fellow guests for a folklore performance onboard and a traditional Hungarian dinner. Relax on the Sun Deck and enjoy the fabulous view of the city, aglow in nighttime splendor, Meals: B. L. D EmeraldACTIVE: Guided hike to Buda Hill (instead of city tour) DiscoverMORE\*: Tour of Szentendre (additional expense) **DiscoverMORE\*:** Budapest spa experience (additional expense) EmeraldPLUS: A traditional Hungarian folklore show \* the DiscoverMORE's operate simultaneously; only one can be selected.

**DAY 11** Budapest: It's time to disembark the ship and transfer to the hotel in Budapest. The day is free of planned activities for you to pursue individual interests. **Meal: B** 

**DAY 12** Budapest / USA: Bid a fond farewell to Europe and return home with wonderful memories of life enriching experiences from your cruise along the Danube River. **Meal: B** 



### **Exceptional Inclusions**

- 22 Meals: 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit five countries
- Two-night **hotel stay and touring** in Prague, the Czech Republic
- Seven-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
- Overnight hotel stay in Budapest

#### **CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Days 2 and 3 – Hotel Jalta, or similar, Prague, Czech Republic
 Days 4 through 10 – aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
 Days 11 – Barcelo Hotel, Budapest, Hungary

## **Emerald Cruises Star-Ships**

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

SUN DECK	<ul> <li>Public Areas and Ship Amenities</li> <li>Sun Deck with Deck Chairs</li> <li>Navigation Bridge</li> <li>Sky Barbeque</li> <li>Golf Putting Green</li> </ul>						
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B Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,154	+\$4,275		es, Breakfast and Transfer to Budapest Airport.		
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Mayflower Cruises & Tours' Guaranteed Share Program is available on the Riviera, Vista, and Horizon Decks standard staterooms only. Guaranteed shares please add \$110 to the above pricing.

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Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - \$569 per person (Optional) 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 nused 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 notingal excursion costs: TOUR ACTIVITY | EVEL

- 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

Grand Balcony Suite

Owner's One-Bedroom Suite

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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.







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.

#### Cabins are sold on first come, first-serve basis. Book Early to secure your Cabin!



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IMPORTANT: Please print your name EXACTLY as it appears on your passport. We require a copy of your passport within two (2) weeks of making your reservation. Name corrections, after final payment due date or after tickets have been issued, will result in additional fees being assessed.

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