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# Danube Explorer

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Departure Date: July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Freedom To Wander

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Ceský Krumlov, Czech Republic



Visit the village of Weissenkirchen located in the Wachau Wine Region

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

**DAY 2 Munich – Passau, Germany:** Welcome to Munich! Depart 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. **Meal: D**

**DAY 3 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 and sample some of their homemade specialties. 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 tour)  
**DiscoverMORE:** Bavaria Live (additional expense)  
**EmeraldPLUS:** Bavarian Countryside Experience

**DAY 4 Linz, Austria / Český Krumlov, Czech Republic:** Today's adventure takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Český Krumlov. With its 13th-century castle, meandering river, and a maze of quaint alleyways, this town has one of the best-preserved centers in Europe. Join your local guide to traverse a labyrinth of winding cobblestone lanes as you experience the charming atmosphere of Český Krumlov's medieval buildings, the iconic castle complex and 15th-century St. Vitus' Church, a highlight of the town. Alternatively, choose the DiscoverMORE option to visit Salzburg, Austria. **Meals: B, D**  
**EmeraldPLUS:** A guided walking tour of Český Krumlov  
**DiscoverMORE:** Full day tour to Salzburg (additional expense)  
**DiscoverMORE:** Linz walking tour and Linzer Torte tasting (additional expense)

\* both DiscoverMORES and the included tour operate simultaneously; only one can be selected

**DAY 5 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**  
**EmeraldACTIVE\*:** A guided bike ride along the Danube from Melk to Weissenkirchen  
**EmeraldACTIVE\*:** Hike in Weissenkirchen with Activity Manager  
**DiscoverMORE\*:** Wachau Experience (additional expense)  
\*these activities overlap; only one can be selected

**DAY 6 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**  
**EmeraldACTIVE:** Bike tour in Vienna (instead of city tour)  
**DiscoverMORE:** An exclusive Viennese evening concert with the music of Mozart and Strauss (additional expense)

**DAY 7 Bratislava, Slovakia:** Today you sail into the capital of Slovakia. This graceful nation became an independent country in



Vienna's Imperial Hofburg Palace

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:** Carpathian Wine Route (additional expense)  
**EmeraldPLUS:** Local Slovakian entertainment onboard  
**DiscoverMORE:** Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (additional expense)

**DAY 8 Budapest, Hungary:** Welcome to the “Pearl of the Danube”. Explore Budapest’s cobbled medieval quarter 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 Gellert 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 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 Gellert Hill (instead of city tour)  
**DiscoverMORE\*:** Tour of Szentendre (additional expense)  
**EmeraldPLUS:** A traditional Hungarian folklore show onboard  
 \* the DiscoverMORE’s operate simultaneously; only one can be selected.

**DAY 9 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**

Itinerary and excursions are subject to change.



## Exceptional Inclusions

- **19 Meals:** 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit **four countries**
- **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**

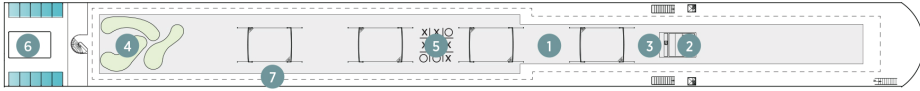
### CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 through 8** – aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship  
 Post-cruise hotel stays available in Budapest. Call for details.

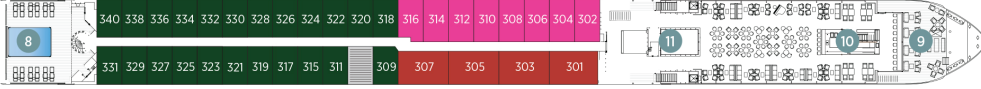
# Emerald Cruises Star-Ships

**Built:** 2014-2026 **Speed:** 15.5 mph **Staterooms:** 19 **Suites:** 72 **Length:** 443 ft. **Crew:** 47

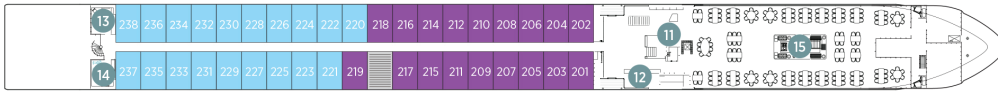
## SUN DECK



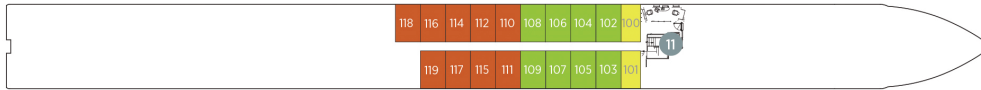
## HORIZON DECK



## 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>

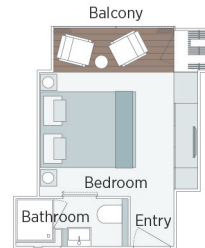
**CAT SA**



**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**

## 2026 Departure Dates

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<b>E</b>	Emerald Stateroom	\$4,405	+ \$4,405
<b>D</b>	Emerald Stateroom	\$4,469	+ \$4,469
<b>C</b>	Panorama Balcony Suite	\$5,365	+ \$5,365
<b>B</b>	Panorama Balcony Suite	\$5,419	+ \$5,419
<b>A</b>	Panorama Balcony Suite	\$5,779	+ \$5,779
<b>S</b>	Grand Balcony Suite	\$6,499	N/A
<b>SA</b>	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	\$7,095	N/A

**Free Round-trip airfare from PHX when booked by 2/28/2026.**

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.*

## Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises

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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