

Danube Symphony (Westbound)

6 Day River Cruise Budapest to Deggendorf



Vacation overview

Board your Avalon Suite Ship® in Budapest to embark on an unforgettable 6-day European river cruise on the Danube. You'll begin with a visit to Slovakia's quaint town of Bratislava for guided sightseeing along the streets of Old Town and St. Martin's Cathedral. In Vienna, learn about the Habsburg Empire with guided sightseeing, and see the Imperial Palace complex, the Opera House, and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral. Explore Krems on a guided tour of a town seemingly untouched by the modern world. Cruise through the Wachau Valley—home of charming villages and Austrian wines from its beautiful vineyards. Visit Ybbs with a guided tour of its romantic old town. Visit the magnificent 9th-century St. Florian Monastery, still home to Augustine Monks, or take a sobering tour of Mauthausen Concentration Camp—one of the largest and most brutal Nazi camps of WWII.



In Linz, enjoy free time to sample its famous pastries, and cruise overnight to conclude your river cruise in Deggendorf, Germany. A fantastic combination of history, art, food, and wine on your Danube River cruise.



- ① = Overnights
- = Start City
- = End City

Itinerary

Day 1 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Hungary. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.

Flights into Budapest must arrive by 2 pm.

Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

Spend free time strolling along the cobblestone streets, browsing art galleries, sipping coffee, and sampling sweets before boarding your Danube cruise for a welcome dinner this evening.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BRATISLAVA

Day 2 BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Cathedral Coronations and a Crowning Castle

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

ACTIVE Grab Nordic walking sticks and follow your Avalon Adventure Host on a Hike to Bratislava Castle which crowns the hilltop above, OR:

CLASSIC Join a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Old Town's cobblestone streets to Town Hall. Visit the gothic halls of St. Martin's Cathedral—Hungary's centuries-old coronation church.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA

Day 3 VIENNA, AUSTRIA

A Feast for the Soul in Vienna

ACTIVE Explore Vienna's Danube Island by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:

CLASSIC Explore the Habsburg empire with a Guided City Tour of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the Imperial Palace complex—the winter residence of the Imperial Family, the iconic Vienna Opera House and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral.

Optional tours today include a Guided Tour of magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, the former imperial summer residence of Habsburg royalty. You may also choose to attend an Optional Excursion to a Royal Waltz Concert for an unforgettable evening of music in an elegant hall.

Alternatively you can choose to spend your free time strolling through Kärtnerstrasse, the most

famous shopping avenue in central Vienna; stop in a local café to enjoy authentic Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO KREMS

Day 4 KREMS–WACHAU VALLEY

An Ancient Village and Vintages of the Wachau Valley

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

ACTIVE Experience Wachau valley by bike with your Adventure Host, OR:

DISCOVERY Join an interactive Wine World Experience with wine tasting, OR:

CLASSIC Join a guided walk to explore this small valley town, seemingly untouched by the new world.

Relax on board and enjoy the picturesque Wachau Valley scenery as you cruise to Ybbs, affording you an incredible view of Melk Abbey from your ship.

YBBS

CLASSIC Visit the Lower Austrian little town of Ybbs. Admire the fine architecture of the Babenberger and its romantic old town.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN YBBS

Day 5 MAUTHAUSEN

History Lessons and Modern-Day Devotion

CLASSIC Visit the 9th-century St. Florian Monastery—the largest monastery in upper Austria and home to Augustine monks, OR:

CLASSIC Join a sobering Guided Tour of Mauthausen Concentration Camp, one of the largest and most brutal Nazi camps of WWII.

LINZ

Legendary, Lovely Linz

Consider an Optional Excursion to visit Linz and its medieval square or join an Optional Guided Hike.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DEGGENDORF

Day 6 **DEGGENDORF, GERMANY (DISEMBARKATION)**

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

Vacation Highlights

Day 1 Budapest (Embarkation): Onboard welcome reception

Day 2 Bratislava: Choice of a guided sightseeing, visit St. Martin's Cathedral or hike to Bratislava Castle with your Adventure Host

Day 3 Vienna: Choice of guided sightseeing or bike with your Adventure Host

Day 4 Krems-Wachau Valley-Ybbs: Choice of guided walk in Krems or Wine World Experience with tasting or bike with your Adventure Host; scenic cruising through the Wachau Valley; guided tour in Ybbs

Day 5 Mauthausen-Linz: Choice of visit to St. Florian Monastery, or guided tour of Mauthausen Concentration Camp; free time in Linz

Day 6 Deggendorf (Disembarkation): Your cruise ends this morning

- In the event of technical or water level issues, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or alter the program, including hotel overnight when necessary.
- Guided Tours, Optional Excursions, activities, sailing and docking schedules may be contingent on weather conditions or other issues outside of our control and could therefore be subject to change at any time.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.