

Blue Danube Discovery Ri

12 Days | Sept 20, 2021

Featuring 2 nights in Budapest and 2 nights in Prague

Double \$5,953*

plus applicable taxes

***LAND ONLY** Based on Cabin Category E, with upgrades available. Air ticketing is not advised until tour is guaranteed. Air transfers and luggage fee not included.

AIR AVAILABLE upon request with \$300 deposit. Flight must be scheduled to depart Canada one day before the tour start date.

DEPOSIT: \$250 per person, non refundable, plus optional travel insurance due at booking. Final payment due **90 days** before departure date.

*Please note, prices are subject to change.

Tour Operated by: 

TOUR PRESENTATION: February 27, and May 28, 2020, at 2:00 PM and 6:30 PM. Please call or email to RSVP.

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 7 Nights aboard an Avalon Waterways River Boat
- Included Sightseeing by Certified Local Guides - headset provided
- Friendly, English speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Panoramic windows & Sky Deck
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- 24-Hour self-serve beverage station - premium coffees, cappuccinos, lattes, hot chocolate & teas
- Complimentary bicycles available for your time on shore
- Fitness Centre

INCLUDED MEALS:

- Captain's Welcome & Farewell Receptions and Dinners
- Daily Full Buffet Breakfast
- Daily Lunch Buffet on cruise
- Daily four-course a la carte Dinner on cruise
- Complimentary sparkling wine with Breakfast on cruise
- Complimentary wine, beer, or soft drinks with Lunch and Dinner
- Daily Afternoon Tea on cruise
- Avalon Fresh Healthy Cuisine options at every meal

SAVE \$600 PER PERSON IF YOU BOOK BEFORE MARCH 24, 2021!

TOUR DIRECTOR ON-SITE with Minimum Group Size



This timeless European river cruise vacation begins with two nights in vibrant Budapest, Hungary before sailing along the Danube River with exciting stops in Austria and Germany. Your Danube River cruise concludes in the golden city of Prague—the capital of the Czech Republic. In Budapest, Hungary's lively capital, marvel at the eight bridges spanning the river and enjoy an introduction to the city by a local expert who shows you the must-see sights. Embark your Avalon Suite Ship® from Budapest and enjoy an amazing view of the landscapes of Bratislava while sailing. Vienna, Austria, offers stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral, the Habsburg Palace, and the Vienna Opera House.

In the heart of the Wachau wine region is Dürnstein, a 16th-century town with charming cobblestone streets and the baroque Stiftskirche with its luminous blue façade. In Melk, visit majestic Benedictine Abbey, one of Europe's largest monasteries, and enjoy a tasting of some of the Wachau Valley's famous Austrian wines. You'll love a guided walk through Passau, with its narrow streets and beautiful Patrician houses. Further up the Danube River, you'll arrive at the medieval walls of Regensburg—the only German city not bombed during WWII. Your last stop is the 1000-year-old city of Nuremberg, where you'll marvel at the medieval fortifications, extraordinary Gothic churches, and the Imperial Castle. Disembark and travel to beautiful Prague. See the sights with a Local Guide and enjoy exploring on your own. Stroll across Charles Bridge, mix with the locals on Wenceslaus Square, and shop for hand-cut crystal and art books. A perfect ending to a memorable river cruise vacation!

DAY 1 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY Welcome to Budapest-Hungary's Captivating Capital. The day is yours to relax and enjoy Eastern Europe's shining city on the Danube.

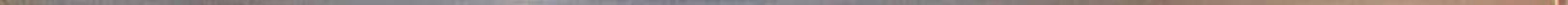
DAY 2 BUDAPEST The Pearl of the Danube in the Heart of Europe. CLASSIC: Enjoy a Guided City Sightseeing Tour, including the iconic Heroes' Square. Take in the beauty of Budapest while enjoying a free afternoon exploring such famous sights as the Chain Bridge. Get to know the city's cafés and pubs, or take a hike through the hills above the Danube. You may wish to experience some of Budapest's most famous sights and most delectable foods on this unique optional guided foodie tour! (B)

DAY 3 BUDAPEST (EMBARKATION) Time for Coffee and Confections with a free day to explore before your cruise, take time to take photographs on the Royal Palace grounds in this treasure trove of historical architecture. Try Budapest's famous thermal bath spas, then lunch in a garden or rooftop eatery before boarding your Suite Ship®. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA (B, D)

DAY 4 VIENNA, AUSTRIA Vienna Waltzes and the Beautiful Blue Danube Start the day with a visit to the adventure centre. Enjoy sailing the Danube, which shares dozens of miles with Hungary and Slovakia. Relax on the Sky Deck to see the rolling landscape and red-rooftops of the Slovakian capital of Bratislava come into view. This evening in Vienna, you may choose to join an Optional Excursion to attend a Royal Waltz Concert for an unforgettable evening



Panorama Suite Category A, B, P



of music in an elegant hall. **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA (B, L, D)**

DAY 5 VIENNA Royal Collections and Amusing Attractions. **CLASSIC:** Venture into the Habsburg empire this morning on a Guided City Tour of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the Imperial Palace complex-the winter residence of the Imperial Family, the historic Vienna Opera House and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral. Join a Guided Optional Excursion to Schönbrunn Palace-a Habsburg Empire summer home for 300 years. This afternoon, enjoy free time to take a tram to visit Austria's Prater amusement park or one of the many museums nearby. You may also decide to borrow a bike from the ship to explore the streets and squares of Vienna, or ride along the banks of the Danube at your leisure. Later, relax on board with live entertainment as you sail to Dürnstein. **OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DÜRNSTEIN (B, L, D)**

DAY 6 DÜRNSTEIN Fairytale Castles, Kings, and Cobblestones of Delightful Dürnstein. **CLASSIC:** Join a Guided Walk, and hear the legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart-who was imprisoned in the castle above the village during the Crusades, **OR:** **ACTIVE:** Join a Hike up to the castle ruins with your Adventure Host for a spectacular view of the village, Danube, and the Wachau Valley below. Enjoy coffee or a cocktail on the Sky Deck as you sail through the picturesque Wachau Valley to Melk. **MELK** Ornate Architecture and Scenic Splendors **CLASSIC:** Take a Guided Tour of Melk's magnificent Benedictine

Abbey to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ. **DISCOVERY:** Enjoy the flavors of the Wachau Valley with a Wine Tasting on board. **EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO PASSAU (B, L, D)**

DAY 7 PASSAU, GERMANY Go for Baroque in Passau-Where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet **CLASSIC:** Join a Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers," **OR:** Join a full day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg-the city of Mozart-or to the picturesque Bohemian town of Český, Krumlov. Meet your ship back in Passau after your selected activities for sailing. **EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO REGENSBURG (B, L, D)**

DAY 8 REGENSBURG Magical Regensburg-Bavaria's Medieval Miracle **CLASSIC:** Join a Guided City Walk and see the Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall) and Porta Pretoria-built in 179 AD as the entrance to Castra Regina fortress. You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the Benedictine Monastery in Weltenburg. Spend a free afternoon exploring Regensburg on foot or by bike through its charming streets. This evening, enjoy live entertainment after dinner as you cruise toward Roth. **EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ROTH (B, L, D)**

DAY 9 ROTH (EXCURSION TO NUREMBERG) Living Heritage and History Lessons **DISCOVERY:** Enjoy an Onboard Lecture about the Main-Danube Canal-linking these two rivers to make a vital connection enabling navigation between the

North and Black Seas. **CLASSIC:** Choose a Guided Sightseeing Tour of the Bavarian Town of Roth, with its half-timbered houses, market square and 1535 hunting lodge Schloss Ratibor, **OR;** **CLASSIC:** Take a Guided Tour of the historic Nuremberg Rally Grounds-used by the Third Reich. **EVENING CRUISE TO NUREMBERG.** Later, indulge in a beer tasting on board. (B, L, D)

DAY 10 NUREMBERG (DISEMBARKATION) – PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC Welcome to Prague! Explore the City of 100 Spires. Enjoy free time to explore the Golden City of Prague and its surrounding countryside. Consider sampling delicious plum dumplings and traditional Pilsner lager beside the Vltava River. (B)

DAY 11 PRAGUE Gothic Cathedrals, Grand Castles, and Great Cuisine. **CLASSIC:** Take a Guided City Walk, and visit the Hradcany Castle Grounds; see St. Vitus Cathedral, and Old Town's Astronomical Clock. Spend free time hiking the nearby hillsides, or stay in town to stroll the city of Prague to photograph its stunning cityscape. You might catch the entertaining street performers, visit the market stalls at Charles Bridge, and sample Prague's famous beer varieties in a local restaurant. Tonight, you may decide to join us for an Optional Folklore Dinner Show, sampling traditional Czech cuisine in an authentic Prague setting. (B)

DAY 12 PRAGUE Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)