



the **Legendary Danube**

14-Day River Cruise and Tour

Budapest – Vienna – Dürnstein – Melk – Passau
Regensburg – Roth – Nuremberg – Prague

Oct 21 – Nov 3

FROM \$3,499 Including Air



The delightful Danube sets the stage for this incredible journey as you sail through beautiful scenery and quaint towns. Begin in Budapest, Hungary, with two overnights with guided sightseeing and wonderful Hungarian cuisine. Then, board your river cruise vessel and sail westward to magical Vienna, Passau, and medieval Regensburg. Take a guided walk in the charming town of Dürnstein and visit the awe-inspiring Benedictine Abbey in Melk. Enjoy wine tasting in Melk and beer tasting in Regensburg. Disembark your ship and travel to the "Golden City" of Prague for a final three overnights with guided sightseeing, and plenty of free time to discover the Hradcany Castle, Prague's Jewish Quarter and shop for hand-cut crystal. All of this and more await you on this marvelous vacation!

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES

- Deluxe 7-Night river cruise from Budapest to Nuremberg, plus land tour and air, total 14 days.
- All outside staterooms with panoramic sliding glass doors.
- Deluxe hotels in Budapest and Prague with daily breakfast.
- Guided sightseeing in every port and city, with additional free time.
- Quality European wines with every dinner aboard Vista.
- All meals aboard Vista (7 days river cruising).
- Roundtrip air from Los Angeles.
- Fully escorted including luggage handling, and ground transfers.

BONUS

- FREE Private Motorcoach to / from LA Airport.

ADDITIONAL

- Port Charges of \$147, gratuities aboard Vista.

OPTIONAL

- Trip Protection Insurance of \$279.
- Upgrade from lower deck Deluxe Stateroom to best available Panorama Suite on the middle or top deck for \$499.

DEPOSIT

- \$500 secures your reservation
Final payment is due on or before July 1, 2016

QUESTIONS? READY TO BOOK?

- 1 Call Jen Brisco at Cruise Experts 559-625-5139 Ext 106
- 2 Complete the registration form and mail or fax to Cruise Experts Agency. OR scan and email to Jen@cruiseexperts.com

THE FINE PRINT: Rates are per person based on double occupancy. Additional expenses may include gratuities, personal items, some optional tours offered on the tour. Some stateroom categories are limited in availability and are subject to rapid sell out. *Airline flights, carrier and schedule are subject to change and a similar schedule may be substituted at no additional charge. Airlines reserve the right to add a fuel surcharge at any time prior to final payment. Subject to all terms and conditions found in Globus Avalon Waterways 2016 brochure. Balance of tour cost is required by check, payable to Great Vacations or Cruise Experts, or if you wish to pay by credit card, a 3% credit card fee will apply. Final payment is due July 1, 2016. \$250 of the \$500 deposit is nonrefundable. †Conditions apply: refer to policy for terms and conditions. CST#2067420

REGISTRATION FORM (Leg Danube)

GUEST #1: Name (as it appears on passport) _____ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) _____

GUEST #2: Name (as it appears on passport) _____ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Stateroom Choice: Deluxe Stateroom Lower Deck (included)
 Upgrade to best available Panorama Suite on Middle or Top Deck \$499 per person

Trip Protection Insurance: \$279 per person
 Accept Decline

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard AmEx Discover

Credit Card Number: _____

Security Code: _____ Expiration date: _____

Amount: \$ _____ Make checks payable to: Cruise Experts

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The Legendary Danube 14-Day Cruise & Tour

DAY 1: Fly to Budapest, Hungary

Meet in the morning for a motorcoach transfer from Central California to Los Angeles International Airport, where you'll board your transatlantic flight bound for Budapest. (arrive Day 2)

DAYS 2 & 3: Hungary

Welcome to Budapest, Hungary's lively capital spanning the banks of the Danube. The remainder of the day is free to start exploring Eastern Europe's most cosmopolitan metropolis.

Whether you're seeing the sights, shopping for handcrafted embroidery or Herend porcelain, or basking in the coffee house culture over a rich cream cake in the renowned Gerbeaud Café, Budapest's unique energy is positively palatable. On your GUIDED SIGHTSEEING TOUR, see Heroes' Square as well as the massive hilltop castle complex with its remarkable Fishermen's Bastion and 11th-century Matthias Church, the coronation spot of several Hungarian monarchs. Be sure to take note of the city's eight bridges – many famous sights in and of themselves—which connect ancient Buda on the right bank with Pest on the left. You may even want to walk across Chain Bridge, built in 1849 and a symbol of Budapest. (B)

DAY 4: Budapest (Embarkation)

You have time this morning to explore Budapest further. Perhaps visit St. Stephen's Basilica for marvelous views of the city from its viewing platform. This afternoon, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at a welcome reception. (B, D)

DAY 5: Budapest – Vienna, Austria

Enjoy a day of relaxation on board and marvel at the beautiful scenery on both banks of the Danube. Hungary is on your left as you cruise upriver and Slovakia is on your right. The two countries share the Danube for a 58-mile stretch, with the border in the middle of the river. This evening, arrive in Vienna, Austria's capital. Known as the "City of Music," it inspired the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. An optional concert is available during your stay. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: Vienna

Once the center of the mighty Habsburg Empire, Austria's magical capital on the blue Danube is a showcase of gilded architecture. This is home to the lavish Hofburg Imperial Palace complex with its Vienna Boys' Choir and dazzling Lipizzaner stallions; the neo-renaissance Vienna Opera House; and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral – plus, countless other sights your LOCAL GUIDE will show you during an included CITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR. Stroll through the delightful pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse, and be sure to take a break and enjoy a piece of decadent Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in one of the classic Viennese coffee houses, historic institutions that helped shape Viennese culture! (B, L, D)

DAY 7: Dürnstein – Melk

Dürnstein, known for the magnificent baroque, blue Stiftskirche built in the 1700s, is right in the heart of the Wachau wine region. The main street of this small town—with a population of less than 1,000 people – is lined with 16th-century homes and charming cobblestone streets. This morning your Local Guide will take you on an included WALKING TOUR and tell you the tale of England's King Richard the Lionheart, who was imprisoned in the castle whose ruins still stand above the town. During lunchtime, sail the picturesque Wachau Valley and arrive in Melk in the early afternoon. Here, enjoy a GUIDED VISIT of the magnificent 11th-century BENEDICTINE ABBEY, one of Europe's largest monasteries. The abbey houses an ornate library with over 80,000 printed books and 2,000 manuscripts. You'll be captivated by the splendor of the church with its frescoed ceilings, stunning high altar, marble statues, and 210-foot-high cupola. The view from the terrace over the Danube and surrounding countryside is breathtaking! This evening, sample some of the Wachau Valley's FAMOUS WINES. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: Passau, Germany

Today, you might wish to choose from a couple of full-day optional excursions: to Salzburg, taking in some of The Sound of Music sights or to medieval Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Alternatively, you may choose to stay on the ship and relax as you cruise to Passau, uniquely located where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube Rivers converge. Passau is a maze of narrow cobblestone streets lined with beautiful patrician houses. St. Stephen's Cathedral, a masterpiece of Italian baroque architecture, houses one of the world's largest church organs with 17,774 pipes. Take in the highlights on the included GUIDED WALK. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: Regensburg

Dating back to the time of the Celts around 500 BC, Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. Established during the Holy Roman Empire and the only German city not bombed during WWII, Regensburg has at least 1,300 listed buildings of "historic interest." Architectural highlights of your GUIDED WALK include the Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall), built in the 13th century, and Porta Pretoria, gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. Wander through the city's lanes and alleys to discover the many mansions with high towers. Wealthy families built these towers to emphasize their status and wealth during the Middle Ages, and many still remain today. Walk across the 12th-century Steinerne Brücke (Stone Bridge), the oldest of its kind in Germany. Grab a beer and enjoy an included SNACK at the 17th-century Historische Wurstküche (Old Sausage Kitchen), one of Germany's oldest restaurants. Here – where the locals congregate – feel the vibrant atmosphere and take in the remarkable views along the river. After dinner, we'll introduce you to some of Germany's FAMOUS BEERS. (B, L, D)

DAY 10: Roth – Nuremberg

This morning the choice is yours – join a Local Guide for a RALLY GROUNDS tour in nearby Nuremberg, or a GUIDED SIGHTSEEING of Roth. This delightful Bavarian town, with its half-timbered houses and market square, is also an industrial center for textile manufacturing. Visit the interesting INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM and then in contrast, take pictures of Schloss Ratibor, an ancient hunting lodge, built in 1535, with a most picturesque inner courtyard. (B, L, D)

DAY 11: Nuremberg (Disembarkation) – Prague, Czech Republic

After breakfast, say goodbye to your crew and travel by motorcoach to Prague, the "Golden City." (B)

DAY 12: Prague

Prague is a 1,200-year-old city preserved in time, and, unlike other Central European capitals, it was not bombed during the 20th-century wars. A LOCAL GUIDE shows you its best-known treasures, such as the Old Town's Astronomical Clock, built in 1410 and once the envy of all of Europe; HRADČANY CASTLE GROUNDS; St. Vitus Cathedral; and the Charles Bridge, the oldest bridge in Prague. Browse the shops for hand-cut crystal or art books. Mix with the locals in Wenceslaus Square, an important meeting point where people demonstrated against the communist regime; or watch performers on Charles Bridge. (B)

DAY 13: Prague

Enjoy a free day to explore the city at your own pace. Perhaps visit the Communist Museum or take an optional excursion around the Jewish Quarter. Sample the local plum dumplings and Pilsner; stroll along the Vltava River. Your Cruise Director will have other suggestions for things to do. (Breakfast)

DAY 14: Prague

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Transfer from the hotel to Prague Airport, where you'll board your flight back home to Los Angeles (arrive same day) Welcome Home! (B)



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