Cruise Details

Name:	Best of the Danube (Celebration of Music)
Reference:	AMAAE280809DBM
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaSonata
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	09 Aug 28
Departs From:	Budapest
Arrives On:	16 Aug 28
Arrives At:	Budapest
Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	7

Itinerary

Day 1: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – EMBARKATION. Check out of your hotel and board your luxurious ship, with the option to explore Budapest on your own before gathering for evening briefings, cocktail hour, and dinner.

Arrives On: 09 Aug 28

Day 2: Bratislava (Slovakia)

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA. Spend a leisurely morning cruising from Austria to Slovakia before arriving in Bratislava, the “Coronation City of Kings.” Choose a walking tour to admire its historic sites, enjoy surprise musical performances along the way, or sample local flavors on a “Tastes of Slovakia” culinary tour. More adventurous passengers can hike to Bratislava Castle for panoramic views or join a guided bike tour through the city.

Arrives On: 10 Aug 28

Day 3: Melk (Austria)

WACHAU VALLEY – MELK, AUSTRIA. Spend the morning soaking in the postcard-perfect scenery of Austria’s UNESCO-listed Wachau Valley. Later, arrive in Melk to visit the magnificent Melk Abbey, perched above the Danube. This revered Baroque monastery, founded in the 11th century, features a museum, a historic library filled with medieval manuscripts, frescoes by Johann Michael Rottmayr and Paul Troger, and a live choir performance to complete your visit.

Arrives On: 11 Aug 28

Day 4: Linz (Austria)

LINZ, AUSTRIA. Arrive in Linz and choose from several excursions. Stroll through the old city center past the Mozart House, explore the old market, or take a guided bike tour through the city. For a full-day adventure, visit Salzburg to see its historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square, the Old Market, and Mozart’s Birth House. In the afternoon, guests not joining Salzburg can explore the charming Czech town of Český Krumlov, wandering cobblestone streets, admiring Baroque and Renaissance architecture, and touring the impressive Krumlov Castle.

Arrives On: 12 Aug 28

Day 5: Vienna (Austria)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA. Enjoy a full morning of scenic cruising, taking some time to sit back, relax and delight in the ever-changing views. Sleep in late, participate in a complimentary wellness class, treat yourself to a massage and get to know fellow cruisers while exploring all the amenities on board. In the afternoon, enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride through the historic city center as a traditionally costumed coachman regales you with fascinating stories along your route, offering a new perspective on this sophisticated city. Alternatively, take a thrilling guided bike ride along the romantic Danube Canal and through the city, traversing a bridge, cycling across a meadow and heading to Vienna’s famous Ringstrasse Boulevard. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 13 Aug 28

Day 6: Vienna (Austria)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA. Following your stay in the “City of Waltzes,” trace the footsteps of legendary composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, and Schubert by visiting their former residences, museums, and grand monuments. Explore the interactive House of Music, where you can feel sound waves and even conduct a virtual Vienna Philharmonic performance. Or, enjoy a nature escape with a hike through the Vienna Woods in Cobenzl.

Arrives On: 14 Aug 28

Day 7: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. Begin your adventure in Buda, exploring the Castle District with Fisherman’s Bastion, panoramic views, and Matthias Church. Active travelers can hike Castle Hill. In the afternoon, enjoy a classical music tour at the Hungarian State Opera House and Franz Liszt Memorial Museum, or explore Pest’s landmarks, including the Parliament, Heroes’ Square, and “Shoes on the Danube Bank.” In the evening, admire the city’s illuminated skyline from the Sun Deck or on a stroll.

Arrives On: 15 Aug 28

Day 8: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – DISEMBARKATION. Begin your journey home

Arrives On: 16 Aug 28

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