



## Cruise Details

Name:	Grand Danube Cruise
Reference:	AMAAM250511BH
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	AmaMagna
Regions:	Danube
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Departs On:	11 May 25
Departs From:	Vilshofen
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Arrives On:	25 May 25
Arrives At:	Giurgiu
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Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Vilshofen (Austria)

EMBARKATION – VILSHOFEN, GERMANY. Board the ship in Vilshofen for your Grand Danube Cruise. In the evening, be treated to a festive Oktoberfest celebration – an AmaWaterways exclusive. (D)

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### Day 2: Vilshofen (Austria)

PASSAU, GERMANY. Cruise to Passau, where you have the option of exploring it one of three ways. Take a walking tour and marvel at Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Or choose between a guided bike tour along the Danube River or a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus fortress. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 12 May 25

## Day 2: Passau (Germany)

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## Day 3: Grein (Austria)

Arrives On: 13 May 25

## Day 3: Linz (Austria)

LINZ. The ship arrives in Linz where you'll have several choices of excursions. Opt for a full day excursion to Salzburg where you'll tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market. En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the Basilica St. Michael. Or join a morning walking tour through the old city center of Linz and by the Mozart House; or go on a bike tour of the city's famed "Cultural Mile" and the Danube. During the afternoon, for guests who have not chosen the full-day Salzburg tour, visit charming Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border. In the evening, enjoy a walk through the quaint Austrian town of Grein. On your tour, you will visit the historic Castle Greinburg, Austria's oldest residential castle which overlooks the Danube River. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 13 May 25

## Day 4: Spitz (Austria)

Arrives On: 14 May 25

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MELK – SPITZ, AUSTRIA. Arrive in Melk, where you can take a tour of the UNESCO-designated Melk Abbey or enjoy a guided bike tour to Marbach. Continue on to Spitz, where you can enjoy a walking tour through the medieval cobblestone streets that reveal 16th-century townhouses and wine taverns. Marvel at the luminous blue facade of the Baroque Stiftskirche, Dürnstein's famed church cloister tower, considered the most beautiful of its kind in all of Austria. OR hike the trail up to the ruins of Durnstein Fortress, where Richard the Lionheart was once held captive, and where you'll find spectacular views of the valley, river and village below. You can also choose to cycle along the picturesque Danube on a guided bike tour or enjoy a Spitz Hike. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 14 May 25

## Day 5: Vienna (Austria)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA. The "City of Waltzes" is a treasure trove and your city tour showcases its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs.

Conclude your tour in the UNESCO-designated historic city center and visit St. Stephen's Cathedral. For a more active exploration, take a guided bike ride through Vienna. During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time exploring this iconic city even more or visit Schnobrunn Palace & Gardens. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 15 May 25

#### Day 6: Bratislava (Slovakia)

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA. Host to the crowning ceremonies of 11 Hungarian kings and queens between 1536 and 1830, Bratislava certainly has earned the title "Coronation City of Kings," as you'll discover during your walking tour. Or join a special "Tastes of Slovakia" tour. For a more active adventure, hike up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 16 May 25

#### Day 7: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY. You cannot help but fall in love with Budapest, known as the "Queen of the Danube." Your city tour begins with a visit to the Great Market Hall. The remainder of this tour takes you to both the Buda (hilly) and the Pest (flat) sides of the river. Alternatively, hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 17 May 25

#### Day 8: Budapest (Hungary)

BUDAPEST. Tradition will be on full display in Puszta, the Great Hungarian Plain. Tour a genuine Hungarian csárda (farm) run by world-champion carriage-drivers. Afterwards, be treated to an unforgettable performance of horsemanship and then experience the Hungarians' warm hospitality, along with a traditional lunch complete with authentic goulash. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 18 May 25

#### Day 9: Mohács (Hungary)

Arrives On: 19 May 25

#### Day 10: Vukovar (Croatia)

VUKOVAR, CROATIA. Vukovar is a Croatian symbol of resistance, which you'll better understand on your city tour showcasing the Ovčara Memorial and Eltz Castle. Alternatively, choose a wine tasting in Ilok, a center of wine production since Roman times, where you'll sample its famous Grasevina, Traminac and Frankovka wines. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 20 May 25

#### Day 11: Belgrade (Serbia)

BELGRADE, SERBIA. Explore Serbia's capital, Belgrade, on a city tour that includes the Kalemegdan Fortress and the Serbian Orthodox Temple of St. Sava. Or, hike to well-preserved Belgrade Fortress with its conical towers. In the afternoon, enjoy a taste of the region by sampling Serbian plum brandy, and delicious local delights. For a more active adventure, join a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 21 May 25

#### Day 12: Iron Gates (Romania)

SCENIC CRUISING THROUGH THE IRON GATES. Visit Golubac Fortress, one of the best preserved medieval fortresses in Europe, then enjoy scenic cruising through the Iron Gates – one of Europe's most awe-inspiring natural wonders. The Danube narrows as it winds through a series of magnificent gorges between the Carpathian and Balkan mountains. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 22 May 25

#### Day 13: Vidin (Bulgaria)

VIDIN, BULGARIA. Explore Vidin, one of Bulgaria's oldest cities, and surrounding areas with a choice of excursions. Discover Baba Vida Fortress, the largest preserved medieval castle in Bulgaria. Continue on to Belogradchik, one of Bulgaria's natural wonders, where you can hike around its most spectacular rock formations. Alternatively, visit a local home for a demonstration of traditional Bulgarian yogurt and Banitsa, a pastry you will also get to make. You also have the choice to bike through Vidin and to the castle or to take a Vidin Walking Tour. (B,L,D)

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#### Day 14: Ruse (Bulgaria)

ROUSSE – GIURGIU, ROMANIA. Visit Bulgaria's ancient capital, Veliko Tarnovo, with its medieval fortress and multiple orthodox temples. You can opt instead to go to Rousse, known for its 19th- and 20th-century Neo-Baroque and Neo-Rococo architecture, and then afterwards visit the UNESCO-designated Rock-Hewn Churches of Ivanovo with frescos revealing exceptional artistry of 14th-century paintings. Or, travel through the Romanian countryside to the capital of Bucharest, known as the "Little Paris of the East." Enjoy a full-day panoramic tour of the historic city center and its elegant architecture, including a visit to the Palace of the Parliament, the second largest administrative building in the world. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 24 May 25

#### Day 15: Giurgiu (Romania)

GIURGIU – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship and bid farewell to Giurgiu as you prepare for your flight home. (B)

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