



Cruise Details

Name:	Danube Explorer & Budapest with Prague
Reference:	EMERALDECHP080826-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Star
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	08 Aug 26
Departs From:	Prague
Arrives On:	20 Aug 26
Arrives At:	Budapest
Cruise Nights:	12
Total Vacation Days:	13

Itinerary

Day 1: Prague (Czech Republic)

When you arrive in Prague, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your centrally located hotel for a three-night stay.

Arrives On: 08 Aug 26

Day 2: Prague (Czech Republic)

The heart of Prague is an enchanting treasure trove, showcasing some of Europe's finest and most well-preserved architectural marvels from various eras. Begin your journey by exploring three magnificent castle courtyards before stepping into the awe-inspiring St. Vitus Cathedral. From there, descend the Castle Steps, where breathtaking views of Prague unfold before your eyes. Next, we stroll across the iconic Charles Bridge, leading us to the charming Old Town. Our unforgettable city tour concludes at the legendary Astronomical Clock in the vibrant Old Town Square, leaving you captivated by Prague's timeless beauty.

Included

Excursion
A guided tour of
Prague</p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Coffee & Cake at Lobkowitz
Palace</p>

Arrives On: 09 Aug 26

Day 3: Prague (Czech Republic)

<p><p>Your tour director will be available to help you plan a day of independent exploration today, perhaps strolling past ornate façades in the Baroque quarter or discovering Prague’s Jewish heritage in Josefov.</p></p><p>DiscoverMORE
Tastes of
Czechia (extra expense)</p>

Arrives On: 10 Aug 26

Day 4: Prague (Czech Republic)

<p><p>You’ll be collected from your hotel and transferred to Passau this morning, to board your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship.</p></p>

Arrives On: 11 Aug 26

Day 4: Passau (Germany)

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Day 5: Passau (Germany)

<p><p>Today, you’ll sample homemade specialities and explore the customs and traditions of Bavarian agriculture during a visit to a local farm. Alternatively, you can set off on a hike, soaking up views such as the hilltop church of Mariahilf and the ancient St. Severin, dating back to the Ottonian dynasty.</p></p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Bavarian Countryside
Experience</p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Hike to Veste
Oberhaus</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Bavaria Live (extra
expense)</p>

Arrives On: 12 Aug 26

Day 6: Linz (Austria)

<p><p>Crossing the border into the Czech Republic, you will visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Český Krumlov. This quaint town has one of the best-preserved ancient centres in Europe, with more than three hundred protected medieval buildings and an iconic castle complex. Enjoy a guided tour of the area, including the 15th century St. Vitus’ Church and a series of delightful Gothic façades, each taking you back to the Middle Ages.</p></p><p>EmeraldPLUS

[Guided tour of Český Krumlov](#)

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[Walking tour of Linz with a Linzer Torte tasting \(extra expense\)](#)

Arrives On: 13 Aug 26

Day 6: Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic)

Arrives On: 13 Aug 26

Day 7: Melk (Austria)

Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Danube River en-route to Melk. Here, you'll explore the golden halls of Melk Abbey on today's included tour.

Afterwards, you'll have the choice to sail through the idyllic Wachau Valley to Weissenkirchen, or if you're feeling active cycle from Melk along the Danube River, traversing a route that offers a different perspective on the region's viticulture.

[Included Excursion](#)

[Tour of Melk Abbey](#)

[EmeraldACTIVE](#)

[Guided bike tour along the Danube](#)

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[Guided hike in Weissenkircken](#)

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[Wachau Experience \(extra expense\)](#)

Arrives On: 14 Aug 26

Day 7: Weissenkirchen (Austria)

Arrives On: 14 Aug 26

Day 8: Vienna (Austria)

Discover the classical charms of Vienna as we take you through the city. Uncover the cafés, artisan studios and baroque majesty of Vienna's imperial grandeur. A drive around the Ringstraße will introduce you to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic centre. Alternatively, enjoy a bike tour along the serene trails on Donauinsel, the Danube Island.

[Included Excursion](#)

[Guided tour of Vienna](#)

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[Guided bike tour in Vienna](#)

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[Exclusive Viennese evening concert \(extra expense\)](#)

Arrives On: 15 Aug 26

Day 9: Vienna (Austria)

This morning you will sail to Bratislava. Explore the city's historic architecture on an included guided tour, where everything is within walking distance, including the ornate exterior of

the Slovak National Theatre. This afternoon, enjoy a guided hike to the fairy tale-like Bratislava Castle.

Included Excursion

Guided tour of Bratislava

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Local Slovakian entertainment on board

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Guided hike to Bratislava Castle

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Carpathian Wine Route (extra expense)

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Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)

Arrives On: 16 Aug 26

Day 9: Bratislava (Slovakia)

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Day 10: Budapest (Hungary)

This morning, relax on board your Star-Ship while we sail from Slovakia to Hungary. In Budapest, an exciting program awaits you. As you sail into this magnificent city, it becomes immediately apparent why the Hungarian capital is known as the 'Pearl of the Danube'. In the afternoon, explore the city's cobbled medieval quarter as you embark on a coach tour through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city centre. Your guide will teach you about the Hungarian capital's culinary scene while touring the neo-Gothic Grand Market, Budapest's largest and most expansive indoor market, where you'll have time to explore independently.

Included Excursion

Budapest tour with Grand Market visit

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Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board

Arrives On: 17 Aug 26

Day 11: Budapest (Hungary)

Venture into the city independently to explore Budapest's hidden treasures. If you're feeling more active, you can instead choose to hike to Gellert Hill. The surrounding area has been rebuilt several times, most recently following the air raids of WWII. Some 18th-century Baroque houses still stand, best explored from the medieval paths and alleyways of the area around Buda Castle. This evening, enjoy a traditional Hungarian folklore show on board.

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Hike to Gellert Hill

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Tour to Szentendre (extra expense)

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Jewish heritage tour (extra expense)

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Budapest by Night (extra expense)

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Day 12: Budapest (Hungary)

On your last full day in Budapest, we invite you to a special dinner and a traditional folklore show for a truly immersive local experience. This is a great chance to bid farewell to your fellow travellers before going home.

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Dinner & Folklore Show in Budapest

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Retro tour of post-Communist Budapest (extra expense)

Arrives On: 19 Aug 26

Day 13: Budapest (Hungary)

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests. Disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of apricot orchards and ancient Roman cities with you.

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Arrives On: 20 Aug 26

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