Cruise Details

Name:	Danube Explorer & Highlights of Budapest
Reference:	EMERALDECPN010426-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Destiny
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	01 Apr 26
Departs From:	Nuremberg
Arrives On:	10 Apr 26
Arrives At:	Budapest
Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

Itinerary

Day 1: Nuremberg (Germany)

Welcome to Munich, where you will be greeted by one of our Emerald Cruises representatives and transferred to your contemporary Star-Ship in Passau. A warm welcome awaits you from the captain and crew, and this evening, you'll join your fellow guests for dinner on board. Please book your flight to arrive into Munich prior to 02:00 PM.

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Day 1: Passau (Germany)

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Day 2: Passau (Germany)

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. EmeraldPLUS
Bavarian Countryside Experience EmeraldACTIVE
Hike to Veste Oberhaus DiscoverMORE
Bavaria Live (extra expense)

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Day 3: Linz (Austria)

Crossing the border into the Czech Republic, you will visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Ceský 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. EmeraldPLUS
Guided tour of Ceský Krumlov DiscoverMORE
Walking tour of Linz with a Linzer Torte tasting (extra expense)

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Day 3: Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic)

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Day 4: 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 EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike in Weissenkircken DiscoverMORE
Wachau Experience (extra expense)

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Day 4: Weissenkirchen (Austria)

Arrives On: 04 Apr 26

Day 5: 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 EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour in Vienna DiscoverMORE
Exclusive Viennese evening concert (extra expense)

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Day 6: 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 EmeraldPLUS
Local Slovakian entertainment on board EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike to Bratislava Castle DiscoverMORE
Carpathian Wine Route (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)

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Day 6: Bratislava (Slovakia)

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Day 7: 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 EmeraldPLUS
Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board

Arrives On: 07 Apr 26

Day 8: 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. EmeraldACTIVE
Hike to Gellert Hill DiscoverMORE
Tour to Szentendre (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Jewish heritage tour (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Budapest by Night (extra expense)

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Day 9: 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. EmeraldPLUS
Dinner & Folklore Show in Budapest DiscoverMORE
Retro tour of post-Communist Budapest (extra expense) DiscoverMORE
Etyek Uncorked (extra expense)

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Day 10: 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. This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.

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