



Cruise Details

Name:	Danube Explorer & highlights of Budapest
Reference:	EMERALDECPN021024-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Luna
Regions:	Danube
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Departs On:	02 Oct 24
Departs From:	Munich
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Arrives On:	11 Oct 24
Arrives At:	Budapest
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Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

Itinerary

Day 1: Munich (Germany)

Fly from the UK to Munich. 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.

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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.

EmeraldACTIVE
Hike to Veste Oberhaus

EmeraldPLUS
Bavarian

brunch

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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 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.

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Guided tour of Český Krumlov

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Walking tour of Linz with a Linzer Torte tasting (extra expense)

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Excursion to Salzburg (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.

EmeraldACTIVE

Guided bike tour along the Danube

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Hike in Weissenkirchen with activity manager

Included Excursion

Tour of Melk Abbey

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Vineyard hike & wine tasting in Weissenkirchen (extra expense)

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Day 4: Weissenkirchen (Austria)

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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.

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour in Vienna

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Vienna

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Exclusive Viennese evening concert (extra expense)

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Day 6: Vienna (Austria)

Enjoy a leisurely morning exploring Vienna before sailing on to Bratislava, marvelling at the ever-changing scenery of the Danube. 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.

EmeraldPLUS
Local Slovakian entertainment on board

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Guided hike to Bratislava Castle

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Bratislava

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Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)

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Carpathian Wine Route (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'. Venture into the city independently or make use of our on board bikes to explore Budapest's hidden treasures.

Arrives On: 08 Oct 24

Day 8: Budapest (Hungary)

Today, 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, finishing at the neo-Gothic Grand Market, Budapest's largest and most expansive indoor market, where you'll have time to explore independently. 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. This evening, enjoy a traditional Hungarian folklore show on board.

EmeraldPLUS
Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board

Included Excursion
Culinary tour of Budapest with Grand Market visit

EmeraldACTIVE
Hike to Gellert Hill

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Jewish heritage tour (extra expense, not available on Saturday)

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Budapest by Night (extra expense)

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Tour to Szentendre (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.

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Dinner & Folklore Show in Budapest

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Hungarian Bath Experience (extra expense)

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Retro tour of post-Communist Budapest (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 for your flight to the UK, taking memories of apricot orchards and ancient Roman cities with you.

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