Cruise Details

Name:	Oktoberfest & Danube Delights
Reference:	EMERALDEMNB200927-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Astra
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	20 Sep 27
Departs From:	Munich
Arrives On:	29 Sep 27
Arrives At:	Budapest
Cruise Nights:	9
Total Vacation Days:	10

Itinerary

Day 1: Munich (Germany)

Fly from the UK for the start of your cruise. Welcome to Germany and Munich. Upon arrival, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your centrally-located hotel in the Bavarian capital for your included two-night stay. Later, enjoy meeting your fellow guests and tour director for a convivial welcome drink.

Arrives On: 20 Sep 27

Day 2: Munich (Germany)

Soak up the sights of Munich and the world-famous Oktoberfest on today’s included excursion. Later, you may wish to explore this historic Bavarian capital at your own pace. Perhaps enjoying more of the legendary Bavarian hospitality in the city’s traditional beer halls or strolling through the historic Old Town. Your tour director will be more than happy to help you plan your explorations in Munich. Included Excursion
Guided city

tour of Munich & Oktoberfest Entrance
After breakfast, join an included panoramic tour of Munich that showcases the former Olympic site, Nymphenburg Palace, Maximilianstrasse, the Parliament, the National Theatre and Munich's Residenz. During today's guided walking tour, stroll the Marienplatz Square and see the famous Glockenspiel. After the guided tour, you'll head to the world-famous Oktoberfest grounds, where you will enter the tent to celebrate this iconic beer festival like a true local and enjoy a typical Oktoberfest meal.

Arrives On: 21 Sep 27

Day 3: Munich (Germany)

This morning, after breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests as you will be transferred from Munich to Regensburg, ready for your exciting river cruise ahead. As you embark on your luxury Emerald Star-Ship, you'll be warmly welcomed on board by your friendly captain and crew. This evening, meet your fellow guests for a welcome dinner on board.

Arrives On: 22 Sep 27

Day 4: Regensburg (Germany)

Spend your day exploring this fascinating city. EmeraldACTIVE
Guided e-bike tour to Walhalla monument
Those feeling active can join an e-bike tour to the Walhalla monument, which towers high above the slopes of the Danube. From here, you'll enjoy a fascinating view of the river and the surrounding landscape. EmeraldPLUS
Walking tour of Regensburg with Bavarian sausage tasting
Set out on foot to discover the highlights of Regensburg. Wander the streets with your guide, as the romantic narrow alleys of the World Heritage-listed Old Town and 13th-century Town Hall invite you to live through the city's history. The highlight of your tour will be the 12th-century Stone Bridge, a medieval structure crossing the Danube. Followed by a Bavarian sausage tasting experience at a local restaurant for a taste of the region's flavours.
Activity level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours

Arrives On: 23 Sep 27

Day 5: Passau (Germany)

Passau is a picturesque city that has been shaped by the surrounding rivers over the years, situated right on the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz. This memorable destination is dominated by large squares, magical promenades and romantic lanes. Cobblestone streets and graceful arcades welcome you in the beautiful city of Passau.

Return for lunch on board and an afternoon peacefully cruising along the Danube. Included Excursion
Guided tour of Passau
On this morning's walking tour, stroll

through streets lined by Baroque buildings dating back to the 17th century and look at the Gothic Town Hall, Bishop’s Residence and St. Stephen’s Cathedral, a wonderful example of Baroque architecture and home to the largest church organ in Europe. EmeraldACTIVE
Guided e-bike tour along the River Inn
Alternatively, those feeling active can join a picturesque e-bike tour along the River Inn, one of the three rivers converging in Passau.

Arrives On: 24 Sep 27

Day 6: Melk (Austria)

Nestled within Austria’s famed Wachau Valley, Melk offers a fascinating glimpse into centuries of history. Tracing its origins to Roman times and early medieval rulers such as the Babenbergs, this vibrant town charms with its blend of stunning Baroque architecture, wonderful river views and rich cultural heritage.

Later, cruise through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley before arriving in Dürnstein, one of the most enchanting villages in the Wachau wine region. EmeraldACTIVE
Guided e-bike tour along the Danube
Enjoy an active guided e-bike ride along the Danube from Melk to Dürnstein, passing famous vineyards and quaint towns before settling down for a picnic on the riverbanks. E-bikes will take you smoothly along the 30km (18.64 mile) route through picturesque surroundings including a relaxing break for a refreshing drink along the way. EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike to Dürnstein Castle
Hike to Dürnstein Castle, the site where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned after returning from the Crusades. Conquer the challenging yet rewarding trail, taking in the spectacular panoramas of the river and surrounding countryside from the peak. EmeraldPLUS
Göttweig Abbey with Organ Recital
Explore this ancient abbey today on a special tour. Part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed landscape since 2000, it’s one of Austria's most important Benedictine abbeys and attracts visitors from all over the world. Built in 1083, it continues to serve as a spiritual centre in the heart of Lower Austria and is run by a community of around 34 monks. End your visit with a private recital in the abbey’s church – a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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Day 7: Vienna (Austria)

Austria’s grand capital on the Danube, Vienna, is celebrated for its ornate Baroque palaces, elegant historic centre and rich cultural and artistic heritage. As the former residence of Mozart

and Beethoven, a multitude of imperial palaces represent a rich history, and the museum district boasts contemporary buildings, housing the work of some of the world’s most prolific artists. Included Excursion
Art tour of Vienna, including Kunsthistorisches Museum
Discover the creative heart of the city on an art tour that showcases its world-class galleries and museums, including the Kunsthistorisches Museum — Austria’s largest and one of the most celebrated art institutions in the world. EmeraldACTIVE
Guided e-bike tour of Vienna
Embark on a guided e-bike tour of Vienna to Danube Island. Your guide will provide insight into why Vienna is the most liveable city in the world and share personal stories, introducing you to a different side of the city. This is an opportunity to visit places other travellers won’t see and experience the authentic Vienna. DiscoverMORE
Viennese evening concert (extra expense)
With Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss and Schubert among its historical repertoire, Vienna is the world capital of opera and classical music. Enjoy an exclusive evening concert at one of Vienna’s most beautiful concert halls, with favourites such as the ‘Blue Danube Waltz’ and the ‘Radetzky March’. A complimentary glass of sparkling wine on arrival adds to the unforgettable occasion.
Activity level: Easy, Duration: 2.5 hours

Arrives On: 26 Sep 27

Day 8: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Set at the crossroads of ancient trade routes in the heart of Europe, the Slovakian capital of Bratislava is a place where Baroque palaces, boutiques and cafés adorn medieval cobblestone streets. At the same time, the complex history of Communism can be found in its Brutalist landmarks and military monuments. Included Excursion
Walking tour of Bratislava
Enjoy a sightseeing tour, including the enchanting Old City or hike to Bratislava Castle. Your local guide will take you through the heart of the city. Pass by the botanical gardens of the Episcopal Summer Palace, the Old Town Hall and its delightful Renaissance courtyard and the Slovak National Theatre, where busts of famous composers adorn the façade. After your tour, enjoy free time to explore at leisure. EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike to Bratislava Castle
This active excursion begins at the port of Bratislava, passing the monumental building of the Slovak National Theatre and continuing to the extensive riverside promenade. Admire the Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral, the most famous sacral building in Bratislava, climb the hill to Bratislava Castle for panoramic views, see St Michael’s Gate and walk through the main square. EmeraldPLUS
Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family
Be invited into the home of a local Slovakian family to learn about their culture over coffee and cake. Get an insight into their history, culture and traditions as they show you how they live every day. DiscoverMORE
Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)
On this truly insightful tour

of Bratislava in a Skoda car, you'll learn about life during the Communist era through real personal stories from your guide and enjoy some local, authentic refreshments from this time. This off-the-beaten-track tour brings the story of Bratislava in the turbulent 20th century alive.
Activity level: Easy, Duration: 2 hours DiscoverMORE
Carpathian wine route (extra expense)
Explore the viticultural towns of the Small Carpathian Wine Route, including the vineyards of Vinosady and a family-run winery in Senkvice. You'll learn about the proud heritage of winemaking and sample some local wines in a historic wine cellar.
Activity level: Moderate, Duration 4hr 40min

Arrives On: 27 Sep 27

Day 9: Budapest (Hungary)

Budapest is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan city. The Hungarian capital is divided by the iconic Danube River, with Buda and Pest on either side. They can be reached via the Chain Bridge, one of the city's most symbolic structures. Included Excursion
Guided coach tour of Budapest
Enjoy a guided tour of the city with your local guide this morning. Explore the World Heritage-listed centre, travelling through the chapters of architecture through the ages from Romanesque to Baroque and classical façades. See the Liberty Statue, Heroes' Square and the Buda Castle district, before a walking tour showcases Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion. EmeraldPLUS
Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board
This evening, enjoy a lively Hungarian folk dancing and music performance. EmeraldACTIVE
Hike to Gellert Hill
Strap on your walking shoes for a beautiful hike up to the World Heritage-listed site of Gellert Hill. On your walk, take in the stunning views of the Danube River and the city's architecture. You'll pass landmarks like Várkert Bazaar and beautifully landscaped gardens, making this an unforgettable experience in Budapest. DiscoverMORE
Etyek Uncorked (extra expense)
Just beyond Budapest, Etyek presents a tranquil wine region celebrated for its distinctive wines. The region's climate and soil are ideal for cultivating varieties like Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir. Wineries here mix old traditions with modern methods, and visitors can stroll through cellar-lined streets and enjoy vineyard views. Enjoy a guided walk through the vines, step inside a historic cellar, and sample the region's acclaimed wines. DiscoverMORE
Jewish heritage tour (extra expense)
During this thoughtful tour, your local guide will introduce you to some of the most significant Jewish events that have shaped Budapest's culture. See the buildings that once played important roles in the flourishing Jewish trade that existed prior to World War II. In Pest, the 'Shoes on the Danube' memorial stands as a striking reminder of what happened to the Jewish communities in Budapest during wartime.

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Day 10: Budapest (Hungary)

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests and disembark your Emerald Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport for your return flight to the UK., taking memories of the delightful Danube 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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