



Cruise Details

Name:	Danube Explorer & Prague
Reference:	EMERALDEMPB201024-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Star
Regions:	Danube
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Departs On:	20 Oct 24
Departs From:	Budapest
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Arrives On:	30 Oct 24
Arrives At:	Prague
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Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Budapest (Hungary)

Fly from the UK to Budapest. Welcome to the 'Pearl of the Danube', Budapest. You'll be met at the airport and transferred to the contemporary surrounds of your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to welcome you. This evening, join your fellow guests for a traditional Hungarian folklore show.

EmeraldPLUS Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board

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Day 2: Budapest (Hungary)

Explore the city's cobbled medieval quarter today, 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 and the tour will finish at the neo-Gothic Grand Market, Budapest's largest

and most expansive indoor market, where you'll plenty of time for exploration. 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 and are best explored from the medieval paths and alleyways in the area around Buda Castle.

EmeraldACTIVE
Hike to Gellert Hill

Included Excursion
Culinary tour of Budapest with Grand Market visit

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Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense)

Arrives On: 21 Oct 24

Day 3: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Relax on board as we sail into the capital of Slovakia this morning. This graceful nation of leafy avenues became an independent country in 1993, and since then Bratislava has flourished as a new capital and made a name for itself as a cultural centre. The romantic cobblestone lanes that weave through the city are yours to explore with your local guide, as you enjoy a walking tour of the ancient town centre, including the Slovak National Theatre and a range of Gothic and Art Nouveau buildings.

Alternatively, embark on a guided hike to Bratislava Castle, a landmark steeped in legend that looks as though it has been plucked from the pages of a fairy tale. This striking building has been rebuilt several times, most recently in a Renaissance style. Tonight, enjoy some local Slovakian entertainment on board.

EmeraldPLUS
Local Slovakian entertainment on board

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike to Bratislava Castle

Included Excursion
Walking tour of Bratislava

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Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)

Arrives On: 22 Oct 24

Day 4: Vienna (Austria)

Sweeping boulevards and world-famous art exhibitions welcome you to Vienna, the birthplace of revolutionary breakthroughs in the fields of music and psychology. The city perfectly encapsulates the opulence of the Habsburg Monarchy and their ornate Baroque palaces, some of which you will be able to see during your guided coach tour of the Ringstrasse. Following this, embark on a walking tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city centre and its surrounding classical architectural styles, evidence of the melting pot of artistic influences that have existed here since the turn of the 20th century.

If you're feeling more active, then perhaps choose to explore on two wheels, cycling along the river to the Danube Island.

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour of Vienna

Included Excursion
Guided tour of

Vienna

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Exclusive Viennese evening concert (extra expense)

Arrives On: 23 Oct 24

Day 5: Weissenkirchen (Austria)

Effortlessly suspended in time, Weissenkirchen is one of the most frequented parts of the Wachau wine region, where the delightful warm weather creates the perfect setting for viticulture. Today, join your activity manager for a hike in town before you set sail to Melk. Later, sail through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley and arrive in Melk, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of Melk Abbey. Originally a lavish castle that was gifted to Benedictine monks during the 11th century, this opulent Baroque building is home to some of the most important collections of medieval manuscripts in the world.

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Guided bike tour along the Danube

River

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Hike in Weissenkirchen with activity manager

Included Excursion

Tour of Melk Abbey

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Visit to Schallaburg Castle (extra expense)

Arrives On: 24 Oct 24

Day 5: Melk (Austria)

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Day 6: Linz (Austria)

This morning, your Star-Ship will dock in Linz, where you'll be transferred by coach to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed centre of Český Krumlov, a town built around a 13th-century castle. Join your local guide on a walk along the labyrinth of winding cobblestone streets, passing the colourful façades of buildings, as you learn about how they have survived the test of time. The town surrounds the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Český Krumlov Castle, and your guided tour will include the 15th-century St. Vitus Church and a number of delightful Gothic

façades.

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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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Day 6: Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic)

Arrives On: 25 Oct 24

Day 7: Passau (Germany)

Narrow cobblestone streets and the aroma of freshly baked gingerbread welcome you to Passau, a town nestled on the confluence of three of Europe's main waterways. This important historic trading centre borders Austria and boasts a distinctive blend of cultures.

Experience life on a typical Bavarian farm for some interesting insights into the life of local farmers and livestock farming, then try their homemade specialities. Alternatively, you can set off on a hike, catching sights such as the Mariahilf and St. Severin, an ancient church dating back to the Ottonian dynasty.

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Hike to Veste Oberhaus

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Bavarian brunch

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Bavaria Live (extra expense)

Arrives On: 26 Oct 24

Day 8: Passau (Germany)

After breakfast, disembark your Star-Ship to be transferred to Prague, home to some of the world's most pristine collections of architecture from across the ages. Included is a comfortable three-night stay in the city.

Arrives On: 27 Oct 24

Day 8: Prague (Czech Republic)

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Day 9: Prague (Czech Republic)

The centre of Prague is a true delight, where some of Europe's most pristine collections of architecture from across the ages can be found. After passing through three castle courtyards, you will visit St. Vitus Cathedral, then we walk down the Castle steps with a wonderful view over the city of Prague and we continue to Charles Bridge which we cross to reach the Old Town of Prague. We finish the city sightseeing tour in front of the famous Astronomical Clock at Old Town Square.

Included Excursion
A guided tour of Prague

EmeraldPLUS
Coffee & Cake at Lobkowitz Palace

Arrives On: 28 Oct 24

Day 10: Prague (Czech Republic)

Prague is yours to explore independently today, perhaps enjoying some delicious Czech treats or immersing yourself in the culture that surrounds you. Your tour director will be available to

help plan your day's exploring and to answer any questions that you may have.

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Tastes of Czechia (extra expense)

Arrives On: 29 Oct 24

Day 11: Prague (Czech Republic)

After breakfast, it is time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and leave Prague's idyllic centre for your transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, taking memories of ancient wonders and idyllic panoramic views of UNESCO World Heritage-listed areas with you.

Arrives On: 30 Oct 24

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