



Cruise Details

Name:	Delights of the Danube
Reference:	EMERALDENUMB291024-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Sky
Regions:	Danube
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Departs On:	29 Oct 24
Departs From:	Nuremberg
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Arrives On:	05 Nov 24
Arrives At:	Budapest
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

Itinerary

Day 1: Nuremberg (Germany)

Fly from the UK to Nuremberg. Welcome to Nuremberg, a charming Bavarian chocolate box city. Here, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to greet you. After boarding, you'll have plenty of time to explore the city and its architectural wonders, which have been inspiring famous artists such as Albrecht Dürer for centuries. This evening, you'll join your fellow guests for dinner on board.

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Day 2: Regensburg (Germany)

This morning, you'll sail the final stretch of the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg. As you continue sailing down the Danube, one of Germany's best-preserved medieval cities welcomes you with two millennia of history. For almost 150 years, the Old Town Hall was the

seat of parliament. Dating back to the 13th century, it consists of the Town Hall Tower, the Imperial Chamber building, and the Town Hall. Wander the streets with your guide, as the romantic narrow alleys of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town enable you to live through the city's history.

The main highlight of your tour will be the 12th-century Stone Bridge, a medieval structure crossing the Danube. Enjoy time to explore Regensburg at leisure after your guided tour or return to your Star-Ship for some peace and tranquillity. Later today, enjoy a traditional Bavarian band performance on board.

EmeraldPLUS
Bavarian band performance on board

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Regensburg

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Sausage-making workshop (extra expense)

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Day 3: Passau (Germany)

Passau is a picturesque city that has been shaped by the surrounding rivers over the years, sitting 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. 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.

Return for lunch on board and an afternoon peacefully cruising along the Danube.

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Passau

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Excursion to Salzburg (extra expense)

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Excursion to Český Krumlov (extra expense)

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Day 4: Melk (Austria)

Situated within Austria's wine-growing region, Melk is home to a 900-year-old Benedictine abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site, which is yours to explore today during an included tour. Your guide will take you through a series of opulent rooms, each adorned with the finest Italian Baroque architecture and ornate gold leaf walls, including the ancient monastic library, renowned for its extensive collection of medieval manuscripts.

Later, the Star-Ship sails through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley and on to Dürnstein, one of the most enchanting villages in the Wachau wine region, where you can choose to hike to Dürnstein Castle, the site where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned after returning from the Crusades.

Alternatively, enjoy an EmeraldACTIVE guided bike ride along the Danube from Melk to Dürnstein, passing famous vineyards and quaint

towns.

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour along the Danube

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike to Dürnstein Castle

Included Excursion
Tour of Melk Abbey

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Day 5: Vienna (Austria)

Austria's breathtaking capital is recognised for its cultural legacy. 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.

Explore the famous sights of the Ringstrasse and Vienna's city centre by coach and on foot or join a guided bike tour. Marvel at the Renaissance-style arches that adorn the façades of the Opera House, the Baroque Burgtheater and the Flemish Gothic Parliament before enjoying time to explore Vienna at leisure.

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided bike tour of Vienna

Included Excursion
Guided tour of Vienna

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Viennese evening concert (extra expense)

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Visit to Schönbrunn Palace (extra expense)

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Day 6: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Set at the crossroads of ancient trade routes in the heart of Europe, Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, is a place where Baroque palaces, boutiques and cafés adorn cobblestone streets. In the morning, 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 Episcopical 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.

This afternoon, a local family will be happy to welcome you into their home for some great conversation over traditional sweet treats and coffee.

EmeraldPLUS
Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family

EmeraldACTIVE
Guided hike to Bratislava Castle

Included Excursion
Walking tour of Bratislava

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Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)

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/>Carpathian wine route (extra expense)</p>

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Day 7: Budapest (Hungary)

<p><p>Budapest is Eastern Europe’s liveliest and most cosmopolitan city. Divided by the iconic Danube River, Buda and Pest on either side can be reached via the Chain Bridge, one of the city’s most symbolic structures.

Enjoy a guided tour of the city with your local guide this morning. Alternatively, embark on a hike to Gellert Hill. This evening, you will enjoy a Hungarian folklore show before your farewell dinner.</p></p><p>EmeraldPLUS
Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board</p><p>EmeraldACTIVE
Hike to Gellert Hill</p><p>Included Excursion
Guided coach tour of Budapest</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense)</p><p>DiscoverMORE
Jewish heritage tour (extra expense, not available on Saturdays due to Sabbath)</p>

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Day 8: Budapest (Hungary)

<p><p>After breakfast, it’s time to say farewell to your fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK, taking memories of the delightful Danube with you.</p></p><p><p>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.</p></p>

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