



## Cruise Details

Name:	Danube Explorer
Reference:	EMERALDEWPA150525-1
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Luna
Regions:	Danube
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Departs On:	15 May 25
Departs From:	Munich
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Arrives On:	22 May 25
Arrives At:	Budapest
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Cruise Nights:	7
Total Vacation Days:	8

## 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.

Arrives On: 15 May 25

### Day 2: Passau (Germany)

Today, you'll gain fascinating insight into the life of local Bavarians during a visit to a farm, where you'll also be able to 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.

**EmeraldACTIVE** Hike to Veste Oberhaus

**EmeraldPLUS** Bavarian Countryside

Experience

**DiscoverMORE**   
 Bavaria Live (extra expense)

Arrives On: 16 May 25

#### Day 3: Linz (Austria)

Today, you will visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Český Krumlov. This quaint Czech 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 Český Krumlov

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

Arrives On: 17 May 25

#### Day 3: Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic)

Arrives On: 17 May 25

#### Day 4: Melk (Austria)

Relax as we cruise down the Danube River early this morning, passing some of the world's best wine-producing vineyards, before arriving in Melk.

On your included tour today, walk the gold-leaf halls of Melk Abbey. Afterwards, enjoy sailing through the idyllic Wachau Valley to Weissenkirchen. Alternatively, you can stay in Melk and cycle to Weissenkirchen, 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

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 Vineyard hike & wine tasting in Weissenkirchen (extra expense)

Arrives On: 18 May 25

#### Day 4: Weissenkirchen (Austria)

Arrives On: 18 May 25

#### Day 5: Vienna (Austria)

Discover the classical charms of Vienna today. As we take you through the heart of the city, we'll point out all of the best cafés and artisan studios as you discover its 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 the Danube Island.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Vienna

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided bike tour of Vienna

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Exclusive Viennese evening concert (extra expense)

Arrives On: 19 May 25

#### Day 6: Vienna (Austria)

Enjoy a short but tranquil sailing between Vienna and Bratislava, marvelling at the everchanging scenery of the Danube. This afternoon, enjoy a guided hike to Bratislava Castle – its silhouette looks as though it has been pulled from the pages of a fairy tale. Alternatively, explore the city's historic architecture on an included guided tour, where everything is in walking distance, including the ornate exterior of the Slovak National Theatre.

**Included Excursion**  
Guided tour of Bratislava

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Local Slovakian entertainment on board

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Guided hike to Bratislava Castle

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Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)

**DiscoverMORE**  
Carpathian Wine route (extra expense)

Arrives On: 20 May 25

#### Day 6: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Arrives On: 20 May 25

#### Day 7: Budapest (Hungary)

Welcome to Budapest, where an amazing end to a fantastic trip awaits. 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 while touring the neo-Gothic Grand Market, Budapest's largest and most expansive indoor market, where you'll have time to explore on your own.

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. This evening, enjoy a traditional Hungarian folklore show on board.

**Included Excursion**  
Budapest tour with Grand Market visit

**EmeraldPLUS**  
Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board

**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Hike to Gellert

Hill

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Tour to Szentendre (extra expense)

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Hungarian Bath Experience (extra expense)

Arrives On: 21 May 25

#### Day 8: Budapest (Hungary)

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 apricot orchards and ancient Roman cities with you.

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Arrives On: 22 May 25

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