Cruise Details

Name:	Danube Delights & Classic Prague
Reference:	EMERALDEWPB080527-2
Operator:	Emerald Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Emerald Astra
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	08 May 27
Departs From:	Budapest
Arrives On:	18 May 27
Arrives At:	Prague
Cruise Nights:	10
Total Vacation Days:	11

Itinerary

Day 1: Budapest (Hungary)

Fly from the UK for the start of your cruise. Welcome to Budapest, one of the most cosmopolitan cities in Eastern Europe. Here, you'll be met at the airport and transferred to the comfortable surrounds of your Emerald Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to greet you.

Your ship will remain docked in Budapest overnight so you can head out to discover some of the city’s legendary nightlife. EmeraldPLUS
Traditional Hungarian folklore show
This evening, enjoy a lively Hungarian folk dancing and music performance on board. Please book your flight to arrive into Budapest prior to 05:00 PM.

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Day 2: Budapest (Hungary)

Wake in Budapest this morning. 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. EmeraldACTIVE
Hike to Gellert Hill
Strap on your walking shoes for a beautiful hike up to the World Heritage-listed site of Gellért 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.

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Day 3: Bratislava (Slovakia)

Bordering Austria and Hungary, the Slovakian capital is yours to discover today. Set at the crossroads of ancient trade routes in the heart of Europe, 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
Your local guide will take you through the heart of the city or on a hike to Bratislava Castle. 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: 10 May 27

Day 4: 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. 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: 11 May 27

Day 5: Dürnstein (Austria)

Stop in enchanting Dürnstein this morning, from where you'll get to visit one of Austria's most important Benedictine abbeys, and active excursions can show you more of the surrounding countryside

Later, relax on the Sun Deck as you cruise through the World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley and on to Melk, nestled in the heart of the Wachau wine region. 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. 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, and you'll be able to take in the spectacular panoramas of the river and surrounding countryside from the peak. EmeraldACTIVE
Guided e-bike tour along the

Danube
Enjoy an active guided e-bike ride along the Danube from Dürnstein to Melk, passing famous vineyards and quaint towns before settling down for a picnic on the riverbanks. E-bikes will take you smoothly along the 30km route through picturesque surroundings, including a relaxing break for a refreshing drink along the way. 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.

Arrives On: 12 May 27

Day 6: Passau (Germany)

Situated on the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers, Passau is a postcard-worthy destination that has been shaped by the surrounding waterways. Maze-like romantic lanes weave through the city, opening into large squares and magical promenades adorned with classical boutiques. 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.

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Day 7: Regensburg (Germany)

Cruise the fascinating Main-Danube Canal to Regensburg today. As you continue down the Danube, one of Germany’s best-preserved medieval cities welcomes you with two millennia of history. Despite its ancient past, modern-day Regensburg has a relaxed atmosphere, its streets made lively by the high population of university students.

Return for lunch on board and an afternoon peacefully cruising along the Danube. Later tonight, enjoy a waltz dance class on board. EmeraldACTIVE
Guided e-bike tour to Walhalla monument
Those feeling more 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 EmeraldPLUS
Bavarian band performance on board
Make your way to the Horizon Bar & Lounge for a special performance from a Bavarian band, who will play traditional music and wear their authentic Lederhosen.

Arrives On: 14 May 27

Day 8: Regensburg (Germany)

Today you'll disembark your luxury Emerald Star-Ship in Regensburg, ready to be transferred to the Czech Republic and its enchanting capital, Prague - home to some of the world’s most pristine collections of architecture from across the ages. Upon arrival, settle into your centrally-located hotel, which is included in your exciting three-night Prague stay. Later, meet your fellow guests and tour director for a convivial welcome drink.

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Day 8: Prague (Czech Republic)

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Day 9: Prague (Czech Republic)

Soak in the sights of Prague on your included morning tour. Later, you may continue exploring the city at leisure. Included Excursion
Guided city tour of Prague
This morning, join a guided walking tour of Prague, exploring its vivid history through its Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, with each style encapsulating a slice of the city’s past. After passing through castle courtyards, you'll visit St. Vitus Cathedral, walking down the Castle steps, where you can enjoy wonderful views across the city of Prague. Continue to Charles Bridge to reach the charming Old Town of Prague. You'll conclude your enthralling city tour in front of the famous Astronomical Clock at Old Town Square. Afterwards, enjoy time at leisure to explore more of Prague. EmeraldPLUS
Coffee & Cake at Lobkowicz Palace
Enjoy a moment of sheer indulgence at Lobkowicz Palace, one of the most significant cultural sites in the Czech Republic. Here, freshly brewed coffee and delicate pastries are served against a backdrop of aristocratic charm and history.

Arrives On: 16 May 27

Day 10: Prague (Czech Republic)

You may choose to continue exploring independently today or join an optional Emerald DiscoverMORE excursion. Your tour director will be on hand to help you plan a day of discovery in Prague; a city often regarded as one of Europe’s most magical. Perhaps sample some delicious Czech treats or immerse yourself in the rich culture that surrounds you, from the elegant Baroque Quarter to Malá Strana, one of the capital’s most historic districts. DiscoverMORE
Tastes of Czechia
During this fascinating tour, you’ll learn all about the wonderful variety of Czech wines. A short walk from your hotel will take you through some of the city's most interesting hidden corners, before arriving at a local restaurant. Meet your sommelier and enjoy a welcome drink of Czech sparkling wine, followed by a selection of red, white and Rosé wines; each one comes accompanied by traditional charcuterie and cheeses carefully selected to complement every glass.
Activity level: Easy, Duration: 2.5 hours

Arrives On: 17 May 27

Day 11: Prague (Czech Republic)

This morning, after breakfast, it's time to say farewell to beautiful Prague as you're transferred from your hotel to the airport for your return flight to the UK. As you depart, you'll take with you cherished memories of ancient wonders, the flavours of Prague and panoramic views of World Heritage-listed sites.

Arrives On: 18 May 27

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