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Cruise Details

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Operator:	Scenic River Cruises
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Departs From:	Dublin
Arrives On:	09 Aug 28
Arrives At:	Budapest
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Total Vacation Days:	35

Itinerary

Day 1: Dublin (Ireland)

Start your journey in the heart of Dublin, Ireland’s vibrant capital, with a two-night Scenic Special Stay. Set on the banks of the River Liffey, Dublin was founded by the Vikings who named the city Dubh Linn, which means ‘Black Pool’ after the tidal pool that formed where the River Poddle met the Liffey. The city is magnificent with Georgian architecture, grand squares and historic monuments, and is steeped in culture and oozes charisma with a touch of hedonism.

Arrives On: 06 Jul 28

Day 2: Dublin (Ireland)

This morning your local guide will help you discover the history and charm of Dublin on a walking tour. See The Mansion House, the official residence of Dublin’s Lord Mayor, Dublin Castle, which was constructed in the 13th century on the site of a Viking settlement, and the old Post

Office, the heart of Dublin’s history and culture for more than 800 years. You will also see 19th century Fitzwilliam Square, St. Stephen’s Green Park, the Molly Malone statue, the Old Parliament House and City Hall. Scenic Freechoice:
Guinness Storehouse: Visit the Guinness Storehouse and factory to learn how this famous brew is made. After your guided tour, learn how to pull the perfect pint and enjoy a tasting from the Gravity Bar on the seventh floor, which has a spectacular vantage point overlooking the city of Dublin.

Tour of Kilmainham Gaol: Journey through some of Ireland’s most fascinating history at Kilmainham Gaol Museum. Your local guide will regale you with tales from the gaol’s nearly 200-year history, including those who were held here while fighting for Irish independence. Tonight, enjoy dinner and a show in a local restaurant with traditional Irish songs, music and dancing.

Arrives On: 07 Jul 28

Day 3: Dublin (Ireland)

Today, you’ll visit the 600-year-old Blarney Castle. Explore the historic location and see the legendary ‘Stone of Eloquence’, more commonly known as the Blarney Stone. Legend says if you kiss it, you will receive the ‘gift of the gab’. Over the years, famous people such as Sir Winston Churchill, Ronald Reagan and Mick Jagger have puckered up to the ancient stone.

Afterwards, continue to Killarney, a charming town nestled in a valley surrounded by Ireland’s highest mountain range, the McGillycuddy’s Reeks.

Arrives On: 08 Jul 28

Day 3: Killarney (Ireland)

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Day 4: Killarney (Ireland)

Today you will experience the breathtaking scenery of the Ring of Kerry, renowned as one of the most picturesque landscapes in Ireland. Here, the Iveragh Mountains dramatically drop into the Atlantic Ocean, where rolling green hills dotted with cows and sheep are punctuated by sparkling lakes, grand houses and ancient castles. Watch as tiny fishing villages
and off shore islands come in and out of view as you wind along this 100-kilometre route, which will captivate you at every bend.

Arrives On: 09 Jul 28

Day 5: Killarney (Ireland)

Today, you will drive along the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way to the Cliffs of Moher, a wind-whipped geological wonder that stretches for eight kilometres and soars to 214 metres above the crashing sea below.

Arrive in the vibrant city of Galway. The only city along the entire 2,500-kilometre Wild Atlantic Way, Galway is a remote, bohemian city that is rich in creative culture.

Arrives On: 10 Jul 28

Day 5: Galway (Ireland)

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Day 6: Galway (Ireland)

This morning, take a walking tour of Galway. Known as the ‘City of Tribes’ thanks to the 14 powerful merchant families who ruled it for centuries, you’ll see how the city blends its 13th century mercantile past with a lively modern vibe driven by students. Your local guide will walk you through the atmospheric lanes of the Latin Quarter, past Lynch’s Castle, Saint Nicholas’ Collegiate Church and the remnants of the old city walls.

Arrives On: 11 Jul 28

Day 7: Galway (Ireland)

Make your way north, stopping enroute to visit the Monastery of Clonmacnoise. Dating to the 6th century, the relics offer a rare insight into life in this period. The site includes the remnants of a cathedral and one of the largest collections of early Christian graves.

Continue to Donegal located in Ireland’s wild, northwest corner. Geographically closer to Iceland than to Cork, it is the site of Europe’s highest sea cliffs, where the Atlantic Ocean crashes dramatically onto empty beaches and mountain roads wind through breathtaking, untouched landscapes.

Arrives On: 12 Jul 28

Day 7: Donegal (Ireland)

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Day 8: Donegal (Ireland)

Set out on an excursion to the Giant’s Causeway, where you can walk across a surreal carpet of more than 40,000 interlocking basalt columns that step down into the Atlantic Ocean. A World Heritage Site shaped by volcanic forces millions of years ago – and by legends of the giant Finn McCool – it combines raw geology with myth, dramatic scenery, and crashing

waves.

Arrives On: 13 Jul 28

Day 9: Donegal (Ireland)

Today, cross the Irish Sea by ferry to Scotland, where you will travel to Loch Lomond. One of Scotland’s best-known lakes (loch means lake in Scottish Gaelic), it’s the largest in Great Britain by surface area. This evening, check into your hotel for a two-night stay in Loch Lomond.

Arrives On: 14 Jul 28

Day 9: Loch Lomond, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park (Scotland)

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Day 10: Loch Lomond, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park (Scotland)

Enjoy a relaxed morning today. You may like to explore the facilities of the hotel or take a stroll along the shores of the loch.

Loch Lomond may be known for its breathtaking waterway, but Stirling Castle is one of the region’s most iconic sites. Home to multiple generations of Scottish royalty, including the childhood home of Mary Queen of Scots, the ancient chambers of this castle possesses a rich and storied history. You will see the Great Hall, the largest medieval banqueting hall ever built in Scotland, and the elaborate Royal Chapel.

After the castle tour, travel by coach to Glasgow for a short orientation tour followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Arrives On: 15 Jul 28

Day 11: Loch Lomond, Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park (Scotland)

Scottish whisky is famous around the world and has been produced in the Highlands for more than 500 years. This morning, visit a local distillery to see the production process and sample some of this legendary ‘water of life’.

Later, journey to Loch Ness, a corner of the Scottish Highlands that is known for its dramatic scenery and the fabled Loch Ness monster. Keep an eye out for this elusive creature, also known as ‘Nessie’, a large prehistoric reptile believed to be living in the loch. There have been thousands of alleged sightings since the 1930s, including a number of blurry photographs, though there is no scientific evidence that Nessie exists. Nonetheless, the great folklore of the Loch Ness continues to draw in visitors far and wide.

Tonight, you’ll enjoy the first of a two-night stay in Inverness.

Arrives On: 16 Jul 28

Day 11: Inverness (Scotland)

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Day 12: Inverness (Scotland)

Known as the capital of the Scottish Highlands, Inverness sits where the River Ness meets the Moray Firth, an inlet of the North Sea.

Today discover the history of the highlands including a visit to the Battle of Culloden Visitors Centre, where you will learn about the 1745 Jacobite rising and hear tales of the battle that is often described as one of the most brutal in Scottish history.

Arrives On: 17 Jul 28

Day 13: Inverness (Scotland)

This morning you will depart the Highlands bound for Edinburgh via Scone Palace. The palace is the seat of parliaments and the crowning place of Scottish kings, and the capital of the Pict Kingdom. Their name is thought to mean ‘the painted ones’, and there is suggestion that they decorated themselves with tattoos and dyed their skin blue. Scenic Enrich
Falconry Display: In the palace grounds you will be treated to a delicious morning tea accompanied by an impressive demonstration of Falconry. Known as the 'Sport of Kings' this ancient art has a history that dates back almost 4,000 years. Afterwards, continue to Edinburgh. One of the most architecturally beautiful cities in the world, Edinburgh has been Scotland’s capital since the 15th century. Check in to your hotel for a two-night stay.

Arrives On: 18 Jul 28

Day 13: Edinburgh (Scotland)

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Day 14: Edinburgh (Scotland)

Explore Edinburgh’s ancient, cobbled streets and well-preserved medieval and classical architecture today during a guided tour. This historic city was founded upon volcanic Castle Rock, where Edinburgh Castle – one of the oldest fortified castles in Europe – sits today. You will visit this impressive estate, as well as Royal Yacht Britannia, the former royal yacht of Queen Elizabeth II.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Perhaps, wander down the city’s Royal Mile, which is buzzing with stores, cafes, bars, and often street performers. This road connects the two royal residences, stretching from Holyrood Palace to Edinburgh Castle.

Arrives On: 19 Jul 28

Day 15: Edinburgh (Scotland)

This morning you'll depart Edinburgh on a picturesque drive to Alnwick Castle. There, you'll discover an incredible history that dates back over 950 years to the Norman period. Learn about the family that has resided in the castle for over 700 years and hear about the movies that have used Alnwick as a filming location, including Harry Potter and Downton Abbey.

Arrive in York this afternoon. This fascinating medieval city is nestled within ancient city walls and has Roman and Viking roots. Check in for a two-night hotel stay.

Arrives On: 20 Jul 28

Day 15: York (England)

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Day 16: York (England)

This morning you will meet a local guide who will escort you through this delightful city, taking in all the Roman and Viking heritage that is on offer. Walk along The Shambles, the narrow medieval street lined with half-timbered houses and traditional shop fronts, and see the impressive York Minster, said to be one of the most beautiful Gothic churches in the world.

This afternoon is at leisure, with free time to explore the city on your own.

Arrives On: 21 Jul 28

Day 17: York (England)

Enroute to the Roman city of Bath, you will stop in the charming town of Stratford-upon-Avon, the birthplace of William Shakespeare. Enjoy an orientation tour to see where the famous Bard was born, learn about his life and see his final resting place.

This afternoon you'll arrive in Bath and check into your hotel. The city of Bath has been a spa town since Roman times thanks to the mineral waters with restorative properties that bubble beneath its surface. It was also the home of Jane Austen and was frequented by Charles Dickens.

Arrives On: 22 Jul 28

Day 17: Bath (England)

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Day 18: Bath (England)

Discover beautiful Bath on a guided walking tour. The UK’s only World Heritage-listed city, the town is resplendent with honey-coloured Georgian architecture, stately Palladian townhouses and the renowned Roman Baths, constructed in 70AD.

Later, indulge in the quintessentially British tradition of afternoon tea, a delightful experience of freshly brewed tea, delicate finger sandwiches, and an array of elegant pastries and cakes.

Enjoy some free time explore the city at your own pace. Perhaps you would like to pack your swimsuit and make your way to the contemporary Thermae Bath Spa to experience the therapeutic waters that make this city world famous or climb the 212 steps to the top of Abbey Tower for a panoramic view over the ancient city and surrounding countryside.

Arrives On: 23 Jul 28

Day 19: Bath (England)

On your way to London, you’ll discover the mystical wonders of Stonehenge. It is estimated that this World Heritage site is around 5,000 years old and it’s considered the most architecturally sophisticated stone circle in the world. Walk around the stones, see the Neolithic villages and learn more at the exhibition.

Afterwards, you’ll make a short stop in Salisbury for an orientation tour, before continuing on to the English capital, London, for a two-night stay. The city features some of the most recognisable historic landmarks in the world, including Big Ben, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace.
Among London’s 2,000-year history, you’ll find bustling pubs, the West End theatre district and the glorious River Thames at its heart.

Arrives On: 24 Jul 28

Day 19: London (Greenwich) (England)

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Day 20: London (Greenwich) (England)

Today, explore London with a local guide, seeing highlights such as Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace, the King’s official London residence. You’ll also visit Westminster Abbey. With more than 1,000 years of history, the abbey has been the site of countless royal weddings, coronations and state ceremonies.

This afternoon is yours to explore at leisure, perhaps take a cruise along the River Thames, visit one of the city’s art galleries or step inside the Tower of London, home to the Crown Jewels.

London is famous for its pubs, so tonight enjoy dinner in a modern upscale pub near your hotel.

Arrives On: 25 Jul 28

Day 21: London (Greenwich) (England)

Join an included flight to Amsterdam where you will board your Scenic Space-Ship for a journey along the Rhine, Main, Danube.

Arrives On: 26 Jul 28

Day 21: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

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Day 22: Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Spend this morning exploring Amsterdam. The Netherlands' capital is a treasure trove of architectural beauty, galleries filled with masterpieces, 16th century canals, narrow cobbled laneways, and streets busy with cyclists. Often referred to as the 'Venice of the North', much of the World Heritage-listed canal system exists today as it did hundreds of years ago, lined with well-preserved houses and intersected by charming bridges. Scenic Freechoice:
Discover more of the city on one of these excursions:

Canal cruise: Amsterdam has more than 100 kilometres of canals. See some of the most stunning sights of the city on a one hour cruise along these historic waterways. Admire Golden Age mansions, grand warehouses and narrow bridges.

Walking tour of Amsterdam: Explore Amsterdam on foot, discovering the maze of canals and bridges in the city centre. Your guide will be covering history, modern lifestyle and Dutch culture. You also get to taste herring, a local delicacy not to be missed.

Dutch countryside e-bike tour: Amsterdam is known as the 'Bicycle Capital of the World'. Take a small ferry to the outskirts of town for a biking tour. Your local guide will be at hand to offer information about everyday life of the Dutch people, many of whom you will see getting around on two wheels.

Excursion to Schermerhorn & Alkmaar: Leave Amsterdam to visit the village of Schermerhorn, home to a number of authentic 16th century windmills. Then travel to the charming town of Alkmaar, known for its historic buildings and picturesque canals on this experience only available with Scenic.

Arrives On: 27 Jul 28

Day 23: Cologne (Germany)

Arrive in the 2000 year old city of Cologne early this afternoon. Cologne suffered extensive damage during World War II but was painstakingly restored over the following decades. Set out on a walking tour of the Old Town, admiring its historic buildings, beautiful squares and the World Heritage-listed Cologne Cathedral. Then enjoy some free time to explore the city on your own. Scenic Enrich
La Redoute Recital Hall: An exclusive experience awaits you this evening. Travel to Bonn by coach and the magnificent La Redoute recital hall, built in 1792 by the last Elector of Cologne, previous guests include Princess Diana and Queen Elisabeth II of England. Sit down to a lavish dinner accompanied by classical

music. Your Scenic Space-Ship will meet you in Bonn later that evening.

Arrives On: 28 Jul 28

Day 23: Bonn (Germany)

Arrives On: 28 Jul 28

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Relax on board this morning as you cruise through the picturesque Rhine Gorge, where the landscapes could have been pulled from the pages of a fairytale. This 65 kilometre stretch of the river is dotted with some 40 hilltop castles and fortresses that span a period of 1,000 years. Look out for the Lorelei statue, dedicated to the tragic legend of a beautiful maiden whose voice enraptured sailors as she avenged the sweetheart's betrayal.

This afternoon, disembark in Rüdesheim, a picturesque town surrounded by steep vineyards that have been cultivating wine for more than two millennia. The charming town centre is filled with half-timbered houses lining cobbled streets, quaint shops selling trinkets, as well as a smattering of wine taverns and open-air beer gardens. Scenic Freechoice:
Make your selection from this afternoon's Scenic Freechoice tours:

Siegfried’s Musikkabinett Museum: A local guide will introduce you to the weird and wonderful mechanical musical instruments. Then explore on your own or take the cable car up to the Niederwald Monument.

Hike & cable car: Join a local guide for a hike through the rolling vineyards of Rüdesheim and enjoy spectacular views of the countryside and Rhine River below. Start with a cable car up to the Niederwald Monument before returning to town on foot.

Arrives On: 29 Jul 28

Day 24: Rüdesheim (Germany)

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Day 25: Wertheim (Germany)

Arrives On: 30 Jul 28

Day 25: Miltenberg (Germany)

Relax on board this morning as you cruise towards Miltenberg. You may like to book a massage in the spa (additional cost) or relax in the exclusive Salt Therapy Lounge, which has natural anti-viral, anti-inflammatory and anti-bacterial properties.

This afternoon, dock in Miltenberg. Located on the banks of the Main River, this historic town is one of the best preserved in Germany, home to hundreds of pastel-coloured half-timbered houses and one of the country’s

oldest inns, Zum Riesen. Today is all about connecting with culture and meeting the locals, an experience that is unique to Scenic guests. Scenic Freechoice:
This afternoon, choose from the following Scenic Freechoice tours that will immerse you in local life:

Wertheim tour and winery: Start your excursion in Miltenberg, a historic town filled with half-timbered houses for an orientation tour and some free time. Then travel to the nearby town of Wertheim to visit a local winery to meet the winemaker and learn about the production process.

Gamburg Castle tour: Visit the town of Gamburg for a guided tour of Gamburg Castle. Here you will also meet the Baron and Baroness for a private reception and learn about their modern aristocratic life over a glass of sparkling wine.

Miltenberg hike: Be immersed in the elegant Franconian landscape on a guided hike through the hills and forests encircling Miltenberg. Led by an expert local guide, this active walk reveals panoramic views of the Main River, ancient vineyard terraces, and timeless villages. Along the way, discover the region's quiet charm and hear stories of its medieval past.

Tastes & treasures of Miltenberg: Step into the local life of Miltenberg as you seek out the town's finest local producers, from artisanal butchers and bakers to independently run Schnapps producers, offering an authentic taste of Franconian craftsmanship. Cobblestone lanes and half-timbered houses set the scene for a delicious journey of discovery.

Schnapps tasting: After an orientation tour and free time in Miltenberg, visit a local schnapps distillery to understand how this flavoured liqueur is produced. Enjoy a tasting of the multiple flavours before transferring to the town of Wertheim where you will meet your ship.

Arrives On: 30 Jul 28

Day 26: Würzburg (Germany)

With its lavish Baroque and Rococo architecture, you'll be captivated by the glamorous port of Würzburg. This city straddles the Main River in the heart of Franconian wine country. Surrounded by undulating vineyards, Würzburg is home to a World Heritage-listed palace, a dominating hilltop fortress, the 15th century Old Main Bridge, and three universities, including Bavaria's oldest. Scenic Freechoice:
Discover more of the region on one of this morning's excursions:

Walking tour and Würzburg Residence: Visit the Baroque Würzburg Residence, a palace surrounded by manicured gardens, for a guided tour to see its many valuable paintings, tapestries and period furniture. Then take a short stroll into the city for some free time.

Romantic Road to Rothenburg: From Würzburg, drive by coach to Rothenburg along the famed Romantic Road, an important trading route during the Middle Ages. Take a guided tour of the well-preserved medieval old town and enjoy some free time to explore on your own. This afternoon, sit back with a drink on the Sun Deck or in the privacy of your suite as you enjoy the scenery while cruising towards to city of Bamberg.

Arrives On: 31 Jul 28

Day 27: Bamberg (Germany)

Dock in picturesque Bamberg after lunch. You could spend this morning relaxing in your spacious suite or enjoying the vistas of the Main River from the Sun Deck.

Built on seven hills, this World Heritage-listed town has surprises at every turn. Intersected by rivers and canals, Bamberg’s Old Town is resplendent with cobblestoned streets and well preserved medieval buildings. Admire the charming Town Hall which occupies an island on its own, a Gothic and Romanesque-style cathedral, and the Old and New Residences – comprising an episcopal palace, a pretty ‘Little Venice’ and a 12th century castle that teeters on the highest of the seven hills. Scenic Freechoice:
Stay in Bamberg or choose to explore further afield:

Guided tour of Bamberg Old Town: Bamberg is known for its charming World Heritage-listed Old Town, one of Europe’s largest intact old town centres. Learn about its fascinating history as you wander through stunning medieval and Baroque buildings on a guided city tour.

Excursion to Coburg: Journey via coach to Coburg, which was the seat of Queen Victoria’s husband Prince Albert and has close ties to the British royal family. Visit the impressive castle, which looks over the city, and is considered one of the largest and best-preserved forts in Germany. Its museum houses a large collection of carriages, weapons, armoury and paintings by renowned artists.

Arrives On: 01 Aug 28

Day 28: Nuremberg (Germany)

Arrive in Nuremberg, Bavaria’s second largest city, where the Old Town is protected by an ancient city wall. The city is dominated by one of the most significant imperial forts of the Holy Roman Empire, the 12th century Imperial Castle, which was the preferred residence of German kings.

Behind its charming façade, Nuremberg also has a turbulent history. During WWII, the city was favoured by the Nazis for party rallies and many of the anti-Jewish laws began here. By 1945, the city was reduced to rubble, including large sections of the Imperial Castle and Old Town. After the war, Nazi leaders were tried here for their war crimes. Scenic Freechoice:
Make your choice from today’s Scenic Freechoice experiences:

Guided tour of Nuremberg Old Town: Drive into Nuremberg’s city centre, passing by the ancient city walls, then join your local guide for a walking tour of the Old Town to see the Imperial Castle, St. Egidien’s Church and the market square.

World War II tour: Your local guide will highlight the main events that occurred in Nuremberg during the Nazi regime. Learn about this dark time in Germany's history and visit some of the most important sites.

Nuremberg's Castle and City Walls: The historic city of Nuremberg is yours to explore during this active walking tour. Follow the cobblestone streets surrounding the Imperial Castle and admire the impressive city walls that remain since medieval times.

Arrives On: 02 Aug 28

Day 29: Regensburg (Germany)

You will arrive in Regensburg today. Boasting a staggering 2,000-year history, Regensburg has one of Germany’s best preserved medieval town centres, with more than 900 of its Romanesque and Gothic buildings listed as World Heritage sites. Within its narrow laneways, the city lays claim to having the highest concentration of bars in the country. Scenic Freechoice:
Today, Regensburg offers a selection of Scenic Freechoice activities to choose from:

Walking tour of Regensburg: On the confluence of three rivers in Bavaria, Regensburg is known as the best-preserved medieval city in Germany. Guests will join a walking tour with a local guide to see the old stone bridge, the Church of St James, and the Porta Praetoria.

Weltenburg Abbey: Take a ferry through the Danube Gorge to Weltenburg Abbey, the oldest monastery in Bavaria, founded by monks in approximately 600AD. Explore the Abbey and Cloister Church, then sample the award-winning beer produced on site since 1050.

Thurn und Taxis active walking tour: Join an active walking tour from the ship to Thurn und Taxis Castle, for a guided tour followed by free time. Thurn und Taxis is a German noble family who can trace their history back to the 12th century.

Cycle to Walhalla Memorial: Cycle through the wonderful scenery of the Danube Valley along the river and through the countryside, to Walhalla Memorial. Commissioned by King Ludwig I of Bavaria, Walhalla Memorial honours notable Germans from past centuries.

Arrives On: 03 Aug 28

Day 30: Passau (Germany)

Arrive in Passau early this morning. Set at the meeting point of three rivers and close to the border with Austria, it was an important trading point for centuries. It was also a significant town in the Holy Roman Empire, and the charming Old Town was mostly built by powerful prince-bishops in an Italianate style. Scenic Freechoice:
Take your pick from the following Scenic Freechoice excursions.

Full day excursion to Salzburg: Cross the border into Salzburg, Austria, a storybook city surrounded by alpine peaks and best known as the home of Mozart and The Sound of Music. On a guided tour, learn about its art and music scene, visit Mozart’s birthplace, and see the vast Hohensalzburg Fortress. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and some free time.

Full day excursion to Ceský Krumlov: Journey to the World Heritag-listed Czech town of Ceský Krumlov brimming with charm. Explore with your local guide, admire the well-preserved Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, and enjoy lunch in a local restaurant.

Highlights of Passau: Join your local guide on a walking tour, admiring the brightly coloured buildings that line the waterways. Visit St Stephens Cathedral, originally built in the year 450 but destroyed by fire in 1662 and rebuilt in the Baroque style.

Arrives On: 04 Aug 28

Day 31: Dürnstein (Austria)

Spend this morning in Dürnstein, a small and picturesque town in Austria’s picturesque Wachau Valley. Enjoy some free time to explore this World Heritage-listed town, perched on the edge of the Danube River and surrounded by ancient, terraced vineyards. Scenic Freechoice:
Today offers a variety of Scenic Freechoice excursions to choose from:

Göttweig Abbey: Founded in the sixth century, the abbey burned down during the 18th century and rebuilt to be one of the most magnificent in the Wachau Valley. Your local guide will show you its magnificent frescoes as well as the staircase, the largest Baroque staircase in Austria.

Wachau Valley wine tasting: The Wachau Valley is one of the prominent regions for wine growing in Austria. Today you'll visit a local winemaker and learn about the age-old traditions of winemaking while sampling the delicious wines produced on site.

UNESCO Wachau Valley e-bike experience: Join your guide on a bicycle tour along the Danube to the quaint village of Krems. Pass by charming villages and vineyard landscapes. You will have time to stop along the way to enjoy the breathtaking views of the Danube.

Arrives On: 05 Aug 28

Day 31: Krems (Austria)

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Day 32: Vienna (Austria)

Welcome to Vienna, the capital of Austria and a centre of art, music and culture. The city fostered the musical geniuses Mozart and Beethoven, and oozes charm with magnificent Baroque buildings, ample green spaces, a vibrant coffee-house scene, and masterpiece-filled galleries and museums.

Join your local guide and take a coach ride from the ship to Vienna’s city centre, where you will embark on a walking tour to see highlights such as the Opera House, St Stephen's Cathedral and Belvedere Palace. The ship will be docked overnight, so this afternoon you are free to wander around the city or relax on board your Scenic Space-Ship. Scenic Enrich
Classical concert at Palais Liechtenstein: Breathe in the opulence and luxury of Palais Liechtenstein this evening as you relish an exclusive private classical concert. Enjoy a glass of fine Austrian Sekt and listen to the timeless music of Strauss and Mozart performed by a renowned orchestra. Accompanied by ballet dancers and vocalists, and surrounded by world-famous art, this will be a concert that you’ll remember for a lifetime.

Arrives On: 06 Aug 28

Day 33: Vienna (Austria)

Wake this morning with Vienna on your doorstep. A city full of grandeur, Austria’s imperial capital is famous for having the world’s most beautiful boulevard, The Ringstrasse, and for the legacy of the Habsburg monarchy. Slow down and spend a full day exploring Vienna or venture further afield. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose from today’s Scenic Freechoice activities:

Cycle to Danube Island: Explore a different side of Vienna on a guided e-bike tour to Danube Island, a recreational playground where locals come for bathing, boating, cycling and relaxing on its beaches and open spaces.

Excursion to Bratislava: Travel to Slovakia’s capital, Bratislava, since its’ independence in 1993. This modern multicultural metropolis has an intriguing history. The glorious Old Town and well-preserved hilltop castle contrast with its brutalist socialist architecture. Your local guide will show you Bratislava Castle, the Hlavné Námestie, the main square and the Old Town Hall.

Klosterneuburg Abbey guided tour and wine tasting: Visit Austria’s oldest wine estate, Klosterneuburg Abbey, which has been producing wine for 900 years. Explore the serene halls and magnificent Imperial Apartments, before a guided tasting inside the historic winery.

Arrives On: 07 Aug 28

Day 34: Budapest (Hungary)

This morning you will arrive in Budapest, the capital of Hungary and one of Europe’s most diverse and vibrant cities. Divided by the Danube, with Buda on one side and Pest on the other, this city became united in 1873 when a newly built bridge connected the two. It’s an architectural treasure trove comprising styles from Gothic to Art Nouveau and everything in between. It is also well known for its hot springs and thermal baths and has a vibrant nightlife scene. Scenic Freechoice:
Choose from a range of Scenic Freechoice activities on offer this morning:

Budapest in depth: Explore this magical city by coach. Starting in Buda, see the Várkert Bazár before crossing the Margaret Bridge to the Pest side to see Széchenyi Square and Elizabeth Square. End your tour with a mesmerising piano recital at the Institute for the Blind.

Budapest’s past and present: This walking and coach tour will give insight on Budapest’s communist past and life today as part of the European Union, including the 1956 Hungarian revolution and the significant Jewish events that have shaped modern culture.

Hospital in the Rock: Go underground to explore the labyrinths of the Hospital in the Rock, set underneath the city's Castle District. The complex was built as a secret hospital during WWII and was later converted to a nuclear bunker.

Guided hike of Buda: Strap on your walking shoes for a beautiful hike through the Buda district of the city. On your walk, see Várkert Bazár and beautifully landscaped gardens, all while enjoying great views over the Danube River and the city architecture.

Hungarian culinary market tour: This foodie tour in Budapest promises an unforgettable journey through the city’s culinary delights. Visit the bustling Grand Central Market and other locations for tasting the local delicacies, and hear fascinating stories about the city’s traditions. This afternoon is at leisure. Your ship will remain docked in Budapest overnight, so you may like to head out and discover some

of the city’s famed nightlife.

Arrives On: 08 Aug 28

Day 35: Budapest (Hungary)

Your journey concludes this morning. After one final breakfast on board, depart with a lifetime of memories. Due to new restrictions on cruise ships at Amsterdam’s city docks, your cruise is now likely to embark and/or disembark at a port outside central Amsterdam. If your ship does not have a central Amsterdam docking, Scenic will provide a central Amsterdam meeting point and transfers to your ship as required. These changes are required by local authorities and are in line with our booking terms which allow changes to berthing or dock locations and ports where operationally necessary. You will be advised of the confirmed docking location prior to departure. 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. Please note: Preview itinerary subject to change.

Arrives On: 09 Aug 28

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