



Cruise Details

Name:	A taste of the Danube – A Culinary Cruise with Ljubljana & Zagreb
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Operator:	Scenic River Cruises
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Scenic Crystal
Regions:	Danube
Departs On:	04 Sep 27
Departs From:	Nuremberg
Arrives On:	17 Sep 27
Arrives At:	Zagreb
Cruise Nights:	13
Total Vacation Days:	14

Itinerary

Day 1: Nuremberg (Germany)

Welcome to Germany and the ancient city of Nuremberg, Bavaria's culinary heart. Your Danube journey awaits with the aromas of traditional sausages, freshly baked pretzels and local brews awaiting your discovery. This afternoon, board your luxurious Scenic Space-Ship and settle in to your spacious suite. Join your fellow guests for a welcome reception and toast to the start of an exciting journey. You will remain docked in Nuremberg overnight, so you can also set out to explore the cities bustling restaurant and craft brewery scene. Please book your flight to arrive into Nuremberg prior to 02:00 PM.

Arrives On: 04 Sep 27

Day 2: Nuremberg (Germany)

Awaken in Nuremberg today, a city where history and flavour intertwine. Dominated by the 12th-century Imperial Castle, once the preferred residence of German kings, Nuremberg also

tempts the palate with its culinary traditions, from Nürnberger sausages to rich gingerbread. Behind its charming façades, the city holds a turbulent past – favoured by the Nazis for rallies, it was left in ruins by 1945 and later became the site of the landmark trials of Nazi leaders.

Scenic Freechoice: Make your selection from today's Scenic Freechoice experiences:

Franconian brewing heritage: Nuremberg is in the heart of Franconia, the region boasting the world's highest density of breweries, and has a tradition of brewing dating back centuries. Discover the city's iconic Rotbier, a distinctive red beer brewed from roasted malts for a perfect balance of sweetness and mild bitterness. This experience offers tastings of authentic Franconian brews and a glimpse into the artisanal craftsmanship that has shaped Nuremberg's beer culture since medieval times.

Walking tour of Nuremberg Old Town: Nuremberg's historic centre dates back almost 1,000 years. On this walking tour, a local guide will show you its most famous buildings, like the Imperial Castle, St. Egidien's Church and the market square.

World War II tour: Take a moving tour of the city to learn about the important role Nuremberg played in World War II as one of the centres of the Nazi regime. Your local guide will share stories about this dark time in Germany's history as you visit some of the most significant sites.

This afternoon you will cruise towards Regensburg.

Arrives On: 05 Sep 27

Day 3: Regensburg (Germany)

Arrive in Regensburg after lunch. This is a city steeped in 2,000 years of history and home to one of Germany's best-preserved Medieval town centres, with over 900 Romanesque and Gothic buildings recognized as World Heritage sites. Wander its charming laneways, where history meets indulgence, and discover a vibrant local drinking culture boasting the highest concentration of bars in the country – perfect for sampling regional beers and local culinary delights.

Scenic Freechoice:

Today, Regensburg offers a selection of Scenic Freechoice activities to choose from:

A Taste of Bavaria – Sausage Making Workshop: Embrace Regensburg's culinary heritage with a hands-on experience making weisswurst, a white sausage traditionally eaten at breakfast. Be guided by an expert from a local, family-owned butchery to craft fresh sausages from scratch - from weighing and cutting the meat to filling natural casings and seasoning with fresh herbs. Gain insider tips on this beloved regional specialty and take home the skills to recreate an authentic taste of Bavaria in your own kitchen.

The Art of Bavarian Beer: Experience the true taste of Bavaria in Regensburg with a guided beer tasting journey. Explore historic breweries and sample classic Bavarian brews – from the crisp, refreshing Helles lager to the smooth, malty Dunkel and the fruity, spicy Weissbier. Each sip reveals centuries of craftsmanship and tradition, offering a flavourful insight into the rich heritage of Regensburg's celebrated beer culture.

Walking tour of Regensburg: Explore the best-preserved Medieval city in Germany on foot. This guided tour will take you to see the old stone bridge, the Church of St James and the Porta Praetoria.

Back on

board this evening, enjoy a traditional Bavarian dinner featuring hearty and flavourful dishes such as sausages, roasted meats and savoury bread specialties, paired with matching beers from the region.

Arrives On: 06 Sep 27

Day 4: Passau (Germany)

Passau has been an important trading hub as far back as Roman and Celtic times. It was particularly famous as a major medieval trade centre for salt, the prized 'white gold' that still flavours the region's cuisine today. Set at the confluence of the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers, the waters – green, blue and black – often mingle in striking contrast at their meeting point. At the heart of this Baroque city, the 13th-century Italianate Old Town beckons with winding laneways, hidden tunnels and archways. Be sure to explore the charming Artist's Mile, where historic buildings now house studios, galleries and cosy cafés serving local specialties infused with centuries of culinary tradition.

Scenic Freechoice:

Plan your day with the following Scenic Freechoice excursions:

Highlights of Passau: Explore the town nicknamed the 'Bavarian Venice' on this guided tour. Pass the colourful buildings that line the waterways, admire the flamboyant Italian Baroque architecture and visit St Stephens Cathedral.

Paddling on the River Inn: One of our most popular active excursions. Paddle along in a kayak and discover a different side of Passau, paddling down the tranquil River Inn, past charming villages, ancient castles and historic bridges.

Cross border cycling: Enjoy a relaxed cycle on an e-bike along the River Inn, passing through charming towns, admiring spectacular views and taking in life along the river. You'll also get to cross the border from Germany to Austria on two wheels.

Arrives On: 07 Sep 27

Day 5: Linz (Austria)

Wake up in Austria this morning as your Scenic Space-Ship docks in the heart of Linz, a city famous for its music, art and signature sweet treat. You're surrounded by a stunning blend of traditional and contemporary architecture and just steps away from the city's culinary delights. Stroll through the quaint Old Town and Main Square, resplendent with Baroque architecture, and savour regional specialties at charming cafés and restaurants, like the classic Linzer Torte. The harbour doubles as an outdoor street art gallery, perfect for enjoying a leisurely snack or drink alongside a feast for the eyes.

Scenic Freechoice:

This morning, choose to explore your way with Scenic Freechoice:

A Taste of Austrian Elegance – Linzer Torte: Delight in a hands-on experience at one of Linz's ateliers, where you'll taste the famed Linzer Torte. Learn about the 400-year history of this iconic Austrian tart, crafted with buttery shortcrust pastry, red currant jam and toasted almonds, as you enjoy a sweet moment steeped in tradition.

Explore Linz by foot: Set out to discover the city's vibrant

contemporary culture and rich history on a walking tour led by a local guide.

Full day excursion to Český Krumlov: Just over the border in the Czech Republic, the World Heritage-listed town of Český Krumlov feels as if it belongs to another time. Join a local guide to tour the well-preserved Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, and enjoy lunch in a restaurant with local cuisine.

Mauthausen WWII Concentration Camp: Explore a tragic chapter in Austria's history at the former Mauthausen Concentration Camp. Learn about the terrible conditions more than 190,000 people were forced to endure under the Nazi regime between 1938 and 1945.</p><p>This afternoon and evening are yours to explore at leisure. For more discovery, stroll or hike up to the hilltop Postlingberg Church for panoramic views over the city. Many museums and galleries are open late, so you can immerse yourself in Linz's vibrant cultural scene. Then enjoy a gourmet dinner at a refined local restaurant or simply wander the streets to appreciate the glistening skyline while sampling regional delicacies along the way. </p>

Arrives On: 08 Sep 27

Day 6: Dürnstein (Austria)

<p>Spend some free time this morning in Dürnstein, a charming gem in Austria's Wachau Valley, known as one of the prettiest wine regions in Europe. This World Heritage-listed town is perched on the edge of the Danube's and framed by historic terraced vineyards. Savour the aromas of artisanal treats and sip local wines as you explore quaint streets, boutique cafés, and hidden corners where centuries of culinary tradition meet breathtaking scenery.</p><p>Scenic Freechoice:
Today offers a variety of Scenic Freechoice excursions to choose from:

Wachau's epicurean wine journey: Immerse yourself in Austria's celebrated wine region with a visit to a local Wachau Valley winemaker. Discover the rich heritage and time-honoured techniques behind each vintage, and delight in tasting a selection of the estate's finest wines. From crisp Grüner Veltliner to aromatic Rieslings, experience the distinct flavours that have made this valley a world-renowned destination for wine enthusiasts.

Göttweig Abbey: This sixth-century abbey burned down in the 1700s and was rebuilt in a grand Baroque style. Today it is considered one of the most magnificent in the Wachau Valley. Join a local guide to marvel at its impressive frescoes and the largest Baroque staircase in Austria.

E-biking from Dürnstein to Krems: Discover the beauty of the Danube on two wheels, cycling on an e-bike from Dürnstein to the quaint village of Krems. Pedal beside stunning vineyards and through charming villages as you see the daily flow of life along the river.</p><p>This afternoon on board, enjoy an engaging talk on the art of schnapps production, accompanied by a tasting of select local varieties. Learn how the Wachau's unique climate shapes the region's distinctive products, from a crisp wine and artisanal jam to a tangy chutney. Indulge in the traditional sweet "Mohnzelten" and a rich chocolate creation, each paired thoughtfully to showcase the valley's exceptional culinary heritage. </p>

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Day 6: Krems (Austria)

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Day 7: Vienna (Austria)

Welcome to Vienna. Austria's illustrious capital is a haven for art, music and culinary delights. This elegant city is the birthplace of iconic dishes like wiener schnitzel and Sachertorte. It also nurtured the musical genius of Mozart and Beethoven, and enchants visitors with its grand Baroque architecture, lush parks, and vibrant coffee-house culture. Explore galleries, museums and gourmet cafés where Viennese pastries, rich chocolates, flavourful sausages and traditional delicacies reflect the city's refined taste and timeless charm.

Scenic Freechoice: Choose from today's Scenic Freechoice activities:

Cycle to Klosterneuburg Monastery: With more than 900 years of history, this sprawling monastery complex sits just on the edge of Vienna. Join a guided cycling tour to learn about its diverse architecture styles and admire the surrounding vineyards.

Kunsthistorisches Museum: Step into Vienna's premier art museum, where centuries of European art and culture come alive. Marvel at the museum's world-class collection, featuring masterpieces by Titian, Caravaggio, Rubens, and Bruegel, alongside an impressive array of Egyptian, Greek, and Roman antiquities.

Central Vienna: Experience the elegance and history of Vienna. Your expert local guide will share captivating stories of the city's rich heritage before leading you to hidden gems where Vienna's gastronomic traditions shine. After, you will have plenty of free time to wander at your leisure through bustling squares lined with sausage carts, past refined cafés and artisanal food shops.

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Dating back more than 300 years, the Palais Liechtenstein is an icon of Vienna. Step inside for an exclusive experience this evening, with a private classical concert of 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: 10 Sep 27

Day 8: Vienna (Austria)

This morning, unwind on board as you cruise along the Danube toward Bratislava. Slovakia's capital since 1993, Bratislava blends a rich history with a modern, multicultural energy. The city's historic elegance stands in intriguing contrast to striking examples of socialist-era architecture, offering a unique backdrop for discovering Bratislava's culture and its evolving culinary scene, from traditional Slovak dishes to contemporary gourmet experiences. The city is famous for its coffee scene, with more cafes per square kilometre than anywhere else in Europe.

Scenic Freechoice: Discover the city this afternoon with one of these Freechoice excursions:

Slovakian elegance: Coffee &

confections: Immerse yourself in Bratislava's celebrated coffee-house culture at the historic Kormuth Bakery. Your local guide will share the café's fascinating history, said to date back to the 16th century, as you admire its stunning architecture and frescoed ceilings. Indulge in exquisite homemade cakes crafted from traditional Austro-Hungarian recipes, savouring each bite while soaking in the elegant ambiance of one of the city's most iconic culinary landmarks.

Ancestry of the kitchen cooking class: Discover the heart of Slovak culture through its cuisine in this hands-on cooking experience. Learn to prepare the nation's beloved Bryndzové Pirohy – tender potato dumplings filled with rich sheep's cheese – guided by a local expert. This immersive workshop offers a delicious insight into Slovakia's culinary traditions, connecting you to the flavours, techniques and stories that have been passed down through generations.

Walking tour of Bratislava: Discover the diverse architectural styles and rich history of the city on a walking tour with an expert local guide. Explore the busy Hlavné Námestie (main square) and the Old Town Hall, while learning what everyday life was like behind the Iron Curtain. You'll also get to taste some local delicacies.

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Day 8: Bratislava (Slovakia)

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Day 9: Budapest (Hungary)

This morning, arrive in Budapest, Hungary's captivating capital and one of Europe's most dynamic and diverse cities. It has been famous for its thermal waters for thousands of years, from aqueducts built by the Romans to its modern title as the spa capital of Europe. The city straddles the Danube, with historic Buda on one side and bustling Pest on the other, and architectural styles from Gothic to Art Nouveau make it a visual feast. It's also known for its lively cafés and vibrant nightlife. Culinary enthusiasts will delight in the city's rich gastronomy, from hearty traditional dishes to sophisticated contemporary cuisine.

Scenic Freechoice: Choose from a range of Scenic Freechoice activities on offer this morning:

Ancestry of the kitchen cooking class: Immerse yourself in the heart of Hungarian culture with a hands-on goulash cooking experience. Guided by a local expert, you'll learn to prepare this iconic dish while gaining a deeper understanding of Hungary's culinary traditions, warm hospitality and everyday life.

Culinary secrets of the Grand Market: Stroll through Budapest's vibrant Grand Central Market, a bustling showcase of Hungary's rich culinary heritage. Sample an array of local specialties, from paprika-spiced sausages to freshly baked pastries, while your guide shares intriguing stories and insights into the city's food culture. This immersive experience offers a true taste of Budapest, blending history, flavours and tradition in every bite.

Budapest in depth: Travel through Budapest's history and diverse cultures by coach. Your expert local guide will take you from Buda's Várkert Bazár across the Margaret

Bridge, built in 1873, and into Pest to see Széchenyi Square and Elizabeth Square. End your tour with a mesmerising piano recital at the Institute for the Blind.

Beethoven's favourite getaway: The snow-white, Gothic Brunszvik Castle is one of the most beautiful in Hungary. It was the favourite retreat of the famed composer in the early 1800s, and a dedicated Memorial Museum explores his life and connection to the Brunszvik family.</p><p>This afternoon is at leisure. Your ship will remain docked in Budapest overnight, so you can venture out on your own to visit one of the city's famed thermal baths, dine at a local restaurant or discover some of its legendary nightlife.</p>

Arrives On: 12 Sep 27

Day 10: Budapest (Hungary)

<p>This morning disembark your Scenic Space-Ship and transfer to Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia. Although small in size and population this city doesn't lack charm. With its many colourful buildings such as the Franciscan Church, lively town squares and baroque architecture, Ljubljana is one of the hidden gems of this region.</p>

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Day 10: Ljubljana (Slovenia)

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Day 11: Ljubljana (Slovenia)

<p>Take a guided tour of Ljubljana, the city sitting on the Ljubljanica River. See historic buildings like the Franciscan Church and St. Nicholas Cathedral and learn about their fascinating past.</p><p>Then journey to the charming town of Bled. Take a traditional Pletna boat to the beautiful island sitting in the middle of Lake Bled. Visit the historic Church of St. Mary on the island with its famous wishing well where you can ring the bell for good luck.</p>

Arrives On: 14 Sep 27

Day 12: Ljubljana (Slovenia)

<p>Cross the Croatian border to the capital, Zagreb where your expert local guide will show you the highlights of the city. Beginning at your elegant hotel located in the heart of the city, you'll see landmarks including St. Mark's Church, the sacred Stone Gate, the impressive architecture of King Tomislav Square, the serene Zrinjevac Park and Lotrščak Tower, with its daily cannon fire at noon. Your tour concludes in the lively Lower Town, where you'll stop by the Dolac Market for fresh produce.</p>

Arrives On: 15 Sep 27

Day 12: Zagreb (Croatia)

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Day 13: Zagreb (Croatia)

This morning, tour the sublimely beautiful World Heritage-listed Plitvice National Park. Wander along meandering pathways to view a series of emerald green lakes, stepped and linked by impressive waterfalls. This is one of Europe's best known national parks and will leave you with lasting memories.

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Day 13: Plitvice Lakes National Park (Croatia)

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Day 14: Zagreb (Croatia)

After breakfast, transfer to Zagreb airport for your onwards journey or homebound flight.

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