

CRUISE THE DANUBE

17th - 26th September 2019

£1255 per person*



Schönbrunn Palace

OUR TOUR 10 DAYS - 9 NIGHTS

Whats Included:

- Executive touring coach
- Return short sea crossings to Calais
- 2 overnight hotels on a half board basis
- 7 nights on board the MV Esmeralda on a full board basis
- On-board entertainment on at least 2 nights
- Captains farewell dinner - set/ fixed menu (no choice)
- Itinerary as detailed overleaf

Extras:

- Single supplement of £280 per person (max 3 singles)
- Upper deck cabin at £140 per cabin
- Admission into the gardens at Melk Abbey
- Travel Insurance – 2019 rates TBC
- Gratuities

Our Danube river cruise offers us a chance to float between beautiful cities in a tranquil, relaxed atmosphere. Whilst on board, take in the stunning views from the sun deck and enjoy the comfortable lounge area. Our tour will take us to Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, Durnstein and Melk. Each place offers its own sense of magic from Budapest's fairy tale buildings to Durnstein's narrow cobblestone streets.



Bratislava



Vienna

The MV Esmeralda is decorated in a traditional Dutch style and has become a firm favourite for river cruising. The 63 en-suite cabins all have air-conditioning and television. There is a lift to the promenade deck and the main deck as well as a stair lift to the sun deck. Further information is attached.



*Based on two sharing a main deck cabin and a minimum of 35 passengers. **If fewer than 35 members travel the price will increase.**



OUR ITINERARY

Budapest

Day 1 – We depart for the journey southwards and crossing to Calais. We head towards Linz, with a lunch time stop en-route, before carrying on to a comfortable overnight hotel.

Day 2 - After checking out of our overnight hotel, continue on the coach journey to Linz. We will embark the boat at Linz in time to settle in and enjoy dinner.

Day 3 - Today will be spent on board as we sail towards Vienna. Watch the world go by, as we relax and enjoy the facilities on board the ship including the sun deck and comfortable lounge. On arrival in Vienna early evening you may wish to disembark the ship and explore the city by night, on foot or by coach.

Day 4 – A full day to explore Vienna. A local guide will show us the city's highlights and there will be time to explore independently. This charming city seems to have a never ending wealth of things to admire; from the breathtaking St Stephen's imperial Palace and

wonderful Schönbrunn Palace (admissions not included). The ship departs Vienna late afternoon and will sail overnight tonight.

Day 5 – This morning we arrive in Budapest and there will be a full day to explore this stunning city. Again, we will be joined by a local guide for a city tour before having time to explore at leisure. Budapest is a delightful city, pulsing with art, music and culture. Explore Buda Castle, be wowed by the Hungarian Parliament Building, take in the view along the Danube from Fisherman's Bastion and explore the Central Market where you will find an array of delicious street food and souvenirs. The ship will be sailing overnight tonight.

Day 6 - Arriving in Bratislava at lunch time, the afternoon will be free to explore on foot with the help of a local guide. This intriguing city has a winding old town and is dominated by the bold Bratislava Castle. There are many museums and galleries to discover in Slovakia's capital.

Day 7 – After a few busy days of sightseeing, we relax on board today as the ship sails to Durnstein, to arrive late afternoon. Here you will be able to enjoy an evening strolling down old cobblestone streets that lead to beautiful historical buildings.

Day 8 – This morning we arrive in Melk for a visit to Melk Abbey with a local tour guide. The Baroque building is situated on a outcrop overlooking the Danube. The boat departs Melk at midday and travels to Linz.

Day 9 - We will disembark in Linz, and travel to our overnight hotel, with an appropriate en-route stop.

Day 10 - After checking out of our overnight hotel, we continue our homeward journey via Calais.

The exact order of excursions may be subject to change.

Please bear in mind that the nature of river cruising means that an exact itinerary can never be guaranteed. Circumstances beyond our control mean that the itinerary may need to be altered at any time.



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