



Spend three nights in Prague at a celebrated hotel located in the heart of the ancient city

THE BLUE DANUBE

BUDAPEST · BRATISLAVA · VIENNA · DÜRNSTEIN · SALZBURG · REGENSBURG · PRAGUE

YOUR CRUISE FEATURES:

- Three nights in Prague & two nights in Budapest at 5-star hotels, centrally located in the heart of the cities
- Exclusive gala evening at Nelahozeves Castle featuring a cocktail reception and dinner at the castle
- A private Imperial Viennese evening at a traditional palace in Vienna featuring dinner and Viennese music
- A day in Salzburg exploring the birthplace of Mozart, including lunch at a local restaurant
- Choice of sightseeing in Vienna – a visit to the Imperial Silver Room in the Hofburg or Schönbrunn Palace
- Guided sightseeing in the ancient European capitals of Prague, Bratislava and Budapest
- Evenings of traditional Slovakian and Austrian cultural entertainment aboard the riverboat
- Breakfast & dinner daily and most lunches. Many meals in local restaurants; wine with dinner on the riverboat
- Gratuities to ship staff, local guides, drivers, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director

1. ARRIVE BUDAPEST

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Budapest, Hungary. Transfers from Budapest's Ferihegy Airport will be included to your hotel, the InterContinental Budapest, located in the heart of Pest on the eastern bank of the Danube. Please join us this evening for a welcome reception and dinner.

InterContinental Budapest ~ Meals D

2. FASCINATING PEST

Hungary's capital is divided by the Danube River into two sections, Buda and Pest. Discover Pest today, visiting the city's embassy district, the State Opera House, City Park, historic Heroes' Square, Váci Utca, the neo-Gothic Parliament building, and tree-lined Andrassy Avenue.

InterContinental Budapest ~ Meals BD

3. ■ EXPLORE BUDA / EMBARK RIVERBOAT

A guided tour of Buda includes Gellért Hill with its incredible views of the Danube, Castle Hill, Fishermen's Bastion, Gothic Matthias Church, and the Royal Palace for an insider's look at newly unearthed Baroque statuary. Embark your riverboat for the start of your cruise.

Aboard the Riverboat ~ Meals BLD

4. ■ DANUBE CRUISE / BRATISLAVA

Cruise the Danube to Bratislava, Slovakia's capital city and former capital of Hungary until 1784. A guided walking tour of the city chronicles 17 centuries of history. See Baroque palaces from the Habsburg era, and view the Opera House, Slovak Philharmonic Hall, St. Martin's Cathedral, and St. Michael's Gate, the only surviving gateway from the city's original medieval fortifications.

Aboard the Riverboat ~ Meals BLD

5. ■ THE IMPERIAL CITY OF VIENNA

Arrive in legendary Vienna; the Austrian capital inspires romantic visions of "Old Europe" from majestic buildings to magnificent boulevards and parks. Morning sightseeing includes the Ringstrasse, the Opera House, Parliament and City Hall. Continue your tour and choose a visit to Schönbrunn Palace or the Imperial Silver Room at the Hofburg. Return to your ship for lunch or explore on your own. Attend a private Imperial Viennese evening at one of the traditional palaces tonight, featuring dinner and a performance of Viennese music.

Aboard the Riverboat ~ Meals BLD

6. ■ VIENNA / CRUISE TO DÜRNSTEIN

Spend time pursuing what interests you most in Vienna before setting off on an afternoon cruise to medieval Dürnstein in Austria's wine country. Above the town lie the ruins of Kuenringerburg, the castle where Richard the Lionheart was once imprisoned during the Crusades.

Aboard the Riverboat ~ Meals BLD

Maximum Elevation: 1,200 ft.



VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 Cruise Days (sailing schedule subject to change)

DAY	DESTINATION	ARRIVE	DEPART
1	Arrive Budapest		
2	Budapest		
■ 3	Embark Budapest		6:00 PM
■ 4	Bratislava	11:00 AM	11:00 PM
■ 5	Vienna	8:00 AM	
■ 6	Vienna Dürnstein	11:59 PM	5:00 PM
■ 7	Dürnstein		1:00 PM
■ 8	Linz Obermuhl	1:30 AM 11:59 PM	6:30 PM
■ 9	Obermuhl Passau Straubing	9:15 AM 10:15 PM	6:00 AM 12:15 PM
10	Straubing Disembark Regensburg Prague		4:15 AM 9:30 AM
11	Prague		
12	Prague		
13	Depart Prague		



Cultural arts intertwine along the great cities of the Danube River, from Vienna to Budapest





Your Danube riverboat cruise offers an in-depth look at daily life along the “River of Kings,” in towns like Dürnstein in Austria’s wine-growing Wachau Valley (above), and in quaint villages dotting the German countryside.



7. ■ DÜRNSTEIN / WACHAU VALLEY CRUISE

A walking tour of Dürnstein’s cobblestone streets reveals a rich history seen in 16th-century houses and a former Augustinian monastery. Free time to explore this charming town precedes a wine tasting at a Wachau winery. View lush vineyards, fairy-tale castles and ancient monasteries as you cruise through the Wachau Valley, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its well-preserved medieval landscapes.

Aboard the Riverboat ~ Meals BLD

8. ■ SALZBURG AND LINZ

You have a choice today; enjoy the enchanting town of Linz, Austria, or join us for a full-day excursion to Salzburg. A picturesque pageant of Baroque architecture awaits on a guided walking tour through narrow lanes and old squares, past ornate church towers and grand palaces. Have lunch at a local restaurant; visit Mirabell Gardens and Mozart’s birthplace before rejoining the ship for dinner.

Aboard the Riverboat ~ Meals BLD

9. ■ PASSAU / CRUISING THE DANUBE

Arrive in Passau for a walking tour through the ancient tunnels, archways, narrow lanes, and cobblestone streets of this hillside town overlooking the Danube and Inn Rivers. See the Altes Rathaus and Old Town before returning to the riverboat; enjoy lunch on board as you spend the rest of the day cruising through Germany’s pastoral landscapes, en route to Regensburg.

Aboard the Riverboat ~ Meals BLD

10. REGENSBURG / PRAGUE

Disembark your riverboat in the ancient Bavarian town of Regensburg, whose roots stretch back to the days of the Roman Empire. A guided walking tour shows you 12th-century Steirnerne Brücke (Germany’s oldest surviving stone bridge), the 15th-century town hall, and the remains of the town’s Roman wall. Explore this fascinating town as you please before departing for Prague, capital of the Czech Republic.

Prague Marriott Hotel ~ Meals BD

11. PRAGUE / NELAHOZEVES CASTLE EVENING

A choice of sightseeing today includes a walking tour of Prague’s Old Town, along with Wenceslas Square and other sites that contributed to the Czech Republic’s “Velvet Revolution” of 1989. Or take a walking tour of key sites in Prague’s historic Jewish quarter of Josefov, including the Jewish Museum, Pinkas Synagogue and the Old Jewish Cemetery (may not be available on some departures due to Jewish holidays). Please join us tonight for an exclusive evening at Nelahozeves Castle, where you’ll be greeted with a fanfare by costumed trumpeters, meet a member of the former Czech nobility at a cocktail reception featuring wine from their vineyards, and enjoy a gala farewell dinner accompanied by musicians.

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12. HRADCANY / PRAGUE CASTLE

Tour Prague’s Hradcany district to see 1,000-year-old Prague Castle, surrounded by magnificent palaces, museums and monasteries; visit the Gothic Cathedral of St. Vitus, the country’s largest cathedral, and Strahov Monastery. Spend time exploring what interests you most in Prague on your own, or enjoying the many amenities of the Prague Marriott Hotel, ranked among the *Top 100 Best Luxury Hotels of the World*.

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13. JOURNEY HOME

Tour Ends: Prague, Czech Republic. A transfer is included to Prague’s Ruzyně Airport; allow a minimum of 2½ hours for flight check-in. For additional nights in Prague (or Budapest), ask at time of booking. **Meals B**

8-DAY CRUISE-ONLY FROM \$2,590 PLUS AIRFARE
(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

13 DAYS FROM \$3,790 PLUS AIRFARE
(12 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 12 Dinners)



DATE	8-DAY CRUISE- ONLY	LAND/CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON MS SWISS DIAMOND				
		CAT 1	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4
Jun 1	\$3290	\$4490	\$4840	\$5490	\$5940	\$6590
Jun 7*	\$3290	\$4490	\$4840	\$5490	\$5940	\$6590
Jun 15	\$3290	\$4490	\$4840	\$5490	\$5940	\$6590
Jun 21*	\$3090	\$4290	\$4640	\$5290	\$5740	\$6390
Jul 27	\$2590	\$3790	\$4140	\$4790	\$5240	\$5890
Aug 2*	\$2590	\$3790	\$4140	\$4790	\$5240	\$5890
Aug 10	\$2690	\$3890	\$4240	\$4890	\$5340	\$5990
Aug 16*	\$2790	\$3990	\$4340	\$4990	\$5440	\$6090
Aug 24	\$2990	\$4190	\$4540	\$5190	\$5640	\$6290
Aug 30*	\$3190	\$4390	\$4740	\$5390	\$5840	\$6490
Sep 7	\$3290	\$4490	\$4840	\$5490	\$5940	\$6590
Sep 13*	\$3290	\$4490	\$4840	\$5490	\$5940	\$6590
Sep 21	\$3290	\$4490	\$4840	\$5490	\$5940	\$6590
Sep 27*	\$3290	\$4490	\$4840	\$5490	\$5940	\$6590
Oct 5	\$3290	\$4490	\$4840	\$5490	\$5940	\$6590
Oct 11*	\$3090	\$4290	\$4640	\$5290	\$5740	\$6390
Oct 19	\$2790	\$3990	\$4340	\$4990	\$5440	\$6090
Oct 25*	\$2590	\$3790	\$4140	\$4790	\$5240	\$5890

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		CAT 1	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5
Apr 5	\$2590	\$3790	\$4040	\$4640	\$4940	\$5540	\$6140
Apr 11*	\$2690	\$3890	\$4140	\$4740	\$5040	\$5640	\$6240
Apr 19	\$2990	\$4190	\$4440	\$5040	\$5340	\$5940	\$6540
Apr 25*	\$3190	\$4390	\$4640	\$5240	\$5540	\$6140	\$6740
May 3	\$3390	\$4590	\$4840	\$5440	\$5740	\$6340	\$6940
May 9*	\$3390	\$4590	\$4840	\$5440	\$5740	\$6340	\$6940

* Indicates Prague to Budapest direction. Single prices start at 40% over the double price; please inquire at time of booking or visit www.tauck.com for complete single pricing, additional 8-Day Cruise-Only price categories, and up-to-the-minute space availability.

Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes cruise fare, most meals, port charges, wine with dinner aboard ship, shore excursions, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals.

International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the United States (subject to availability).

Itinerary Changes – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Note: This cruise includes a fair amount of walking in each city. East and west itineraries are similar; go to www.tauck.com or ask at booking for Prague to Budapest.

Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Plan.