

## Danube Delights



**Tour Name:** Danube Delights

**Tour Code:** EWNB.1

**Days:** 8

### **Day 1 Sat, 12 Jul Munich - Regensburg Embarkation**

You'll be met at the airport by an Emerald Cruises representative and transferred to your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to greet you. This evening, enjoy a traditional Bavarian band performance on board. Please book your flight to arrive into Munich prior to 02:00 PM.

### **EmeraldPLUS**

#### Traditional Bavarian band on board

Guests will have a performance on board in the Horizon Lounge from a Traditional German Oompah Band performing "oktoberfest" songs in traditional clothes for approximately 1 hour.

## **Day 2 Sun, 13 Jul Regensburg**

Explore the medieval centre of Regensburg with a local guide, walking the cobblestone streets, passing the patrician houses of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town, and stopping by to sample the traditional Bavarian sausage just as the locals enjoy in this region. Alternatively, join a bike tour to the Walhalla monument, which towers high above the slopes of the Danube. From here, you can enjoy a fascinating view of the river and the surrounding landscape.

### **EmeraldPLUS**

#### Walking tour of Regensburg with Bavarian sausage tasting

This morning, we arrive in Regensburg, a city built on the site of an ancient Roman fort. Your guided walking tour of Regensburg will showcase its UNESCO World Heritage-listed medieval centre, where narrow cobbled lanes and tall façades help to define the character of this enchanting Bavarian city.

2 hours

### **EmeraldACTIVE**

#### Guided bike tour to the Walhalla monument

Biking from ship to Walhalla, 1 orientation stop. The tour starts with a flat bike tour about 40 min. Then the guests walk up to the Walhalla temple, about 360 steps. Then the guests visit the Walhalla, kind of a hall of famous Germans, about 15min. Then the guest walk down the hill to the bicycle and cycle back to the ship

## **Day 3 Mon, 14 Jul Passau - Engelhartszell**

Today, we'll cruise into the heart of Passau, where three of Europe's main rivers converge in the shadows of the castle. Your guided tour of this illustrious city will unveil how it was rebuilt following fires in the 17th century. Italian architects left their mark with an array of Baroque architecture that still stands today, including St. Stephen's Cathedral. Alternatively, if you're feeling active, you can join a bike tour along the River Inn, one of the three rivers converging in Passau. Enjoy exploring the city before returning to your Star-Ship for lunch and an afternoon of sailing along the Danube River.

### **Included Excursion**

#### Guided tour of Passau

Some of the main highlights and walking by points are: baroque buildings dating back from 17th century, which were built after a devastating town fire, the Cathedral of St. Steven with its three characteristic, green onion-domed towers, the new Bishop's Residence, the gothic Town Hall. Guides also show the inn river and its picturesque multi coloured houses. Some of the highlights passed by, Café Simon, the traditional pâtissier and confectioner of Bavaria region, serving guests with traditional Bavarian clothing: the "dirndl" and "Gold-Haube", the Golden Orange tree, as well as passing by Café Anton.

### **EmeraldACTIVE**

#### Guided bike tour along the River Inn

Bike along the river Inn taking in the all the interesting sights along the riverbanks including refreshment stop in Wernstein

### **DiscoverMORE**

#### Visit to Schütz Art Museum Engelhartszell (extra expense) 50 seats \$40

Visit to the Schütz Art Museum with paintings and sculptures from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> ct., mainly Austrian Art but also contemporary art from China, Africa etc. (depending on exhibition)

Introduction of artists in residence who are working in the museum ateliers.

## **Day 4 Tue, 15 Jul Dürnstein - Krems**

Today, we will sail through the fascinating UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley. In Dürnstein you can choose to hike the ruins of Dürnstein Castle, offering delightful panoramic views of the surrounding medieval villages. If you are feeling more active, you can embark on a guided bike tour in Dürnstein, passing terraced vineyards, castles and ruins along the way, before meeting your Star-Ship where it is docked.

This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Göttweig Abbey, a true treasure overlooking the Wachau from a hill covered by vineyards and forests. As part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed landscape since 2001, it is 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 about 45 monks. Visible even from great distance, the abbey provides epic panorama views when you visit.

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3 hours

#### **EmeraldACTIVE**

##### Guided bike tour along the Danube River

Enjoy an EmeraldACTIVE guided bike ride along the Danube from Melk to Dürnstein, passing famous vineyards and quaint towns before settling down for a picnic on the riverbanks.

#### **EmeraldACTIVE**

##### Guided hike to Dürnstein Castle

Hike departs from where the ship is docked and walk up towards Dürnstein Castle, a medieval castle where Richard the Lionheart was held prisoner. The hike consists of uphill/ downhill walk, cobblestone, many uneven stairs, nature paths uneven grounds. Recommended for good walkers only, and guests who do not suffer from fear of heights.

#### **Day 5    Wed, 16 Jul    Vienna**

Sweeping boulevards and world-famous art exhibitions welcome you to Vienna, a city which perfectly encapsulates the opulence of the Habsburg Monarchy and their ornate Baroque palaces. For art-lovers, there's no other place like the Austrian capital, not just because the city is packed with museums and artwork but also because of its variety. Your tour will include a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum, the largest art museum in the country and one of the most important museums worldwide. Alternatively, embark on a guided cycling tour from where your Star-Ship is docked to the idyllic Danube Island.

#### **Included Excursion**

##### Vienna art tour with a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum

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4 hours

#### **EmeraldACTIVE**

##### Guided bike tour in Vienna

Discover a different side of Vienna on a guided bicycle tour to Danube Island. This cycling tour leaves from the ship and takes you through mostly flat paths. We cycle upstream along the river and then cross to the Danube Island. On the Danube Island, we go downstream along the river and cross the Danube again using the Prater Brücke and cycle back through the Prater Park. The route will be approximately 16 km long.

#### **DiscoverMORE**

##### Viennese evening concert (extra expense) 91 seats \$91

With Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss and Schubert among its historical repertoire, Vienna is the world capital of opera and classical music. The rich musical legacy that flows through the city is evident everywhere, from on street buskers, to formal performances in one of the capital's renowned venues. 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.

3 hours

#### **Day 6    Thu, 17 Jul    Bratislava**

A delightful scattering of Baroque palaces and Gothic architecture that tell tales of a communist past are yours to uncover as we sail towards Bratislava. Enjoy a guided tour of the city's enchanting history, taking in the neo-Renaissance glory of the Slovak National Theatre and the Episcopal Summer Palace. Alternatively, embark on a guided hike to Bratislava Castle and its idyllic Baroque gardens, offering the perfect backdrop to the Shakespeare festival that takes place during the summer months. This afternoon, enjoy one of the cruise highlights: coffee and cake in the home of a Slovakian family before being welcomed to your farewell dinner.

#### **Included Excursion**

##### Walking tour of Bratislava

Enjoy a guided walking tour of the beautifully restored historic quarter, venturing down cobbled streets and passing several architectural highlights.

3 hours

### **EmeraldPLUS**

#### Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family

Guests will visit the houses of locals and have coffee or tea and cake and discuss about life in Slovakia. Some of the families have also a small wine production, animal feeding on the farm, and more artistic-oriented pottery making facilities. These local families will open their home and show guests how they live while having a relaxed and cozy atmosphere. These are families dealing with traditional Slovak crafts such as wine growing and wine making, pottery and farming.

### **EmeraldACTIVE**

#### Guided hike to Bratislava Castle

Your tour begins in the port of Bratislava will pass the monumental building of the Slovak National Theatre. At the end of the promenade, you will get to the Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral - the most famous sacral building in Bratislava. You will take also the road up to the hill to the Bratislava castle where you can enjoy view of entire Bratislava. Included in the walking tour are Bratislava's "must" like the oldest Slovak University, the narrowest house, the oldest church and one of the most popular city sights – St. Michael's Gate. The hike takes us to Main Square, Primate's Palace and other surprises that will make the walking tour an unforgettable experience.

### **DiscoverMORE**

#### Carpathian wine route (extra expense) 83 seats \$43

Today we explore the viticultural towns of the Small Carpathian Wine Route where you will get to sample some local wines in a historic wine cellar.

4 hours

NOTE: Operates the same time as EmeraldPLUS Home Hosted Visit

## **Day 7 Fri, 18 Jul Budapest**

Welcome to Budapest, a city generously steeped in history and culture, where ancient architecture exists alongside contemporary buildings. Enjoy a guided city tour, covering some of the highlights of Budapest and learn more about its stunning landscape and architecture. The history of the Hungarian capital shows a unique blend of cultures, cuisine and vibrant lifestyle. There is so much to take in while you pass through the bustling city, which is an attractive destination for visitors from all over the world. Alternatively, enjoy a hike to Gellert Hill and gaze over the Danube.

### **Included Excursion**

#### Guided coach tour of Budapest

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4 hours

### **EmeraldPLUS**

#### Traditional Hungarian Folklore Show onboard.

Enjoy a traditional Hungarian dinner, then a Hungarian folk dancing and music performance on board.

### **EmeraldACTIVE**

Hike to Gellert Hill

### **DiscoverMORE**

#### Jewish Heritage tour (extra expense) 180 seats \$68

During your time in the Hungarian capital, you will be able to discover the Jewish heritage of the city. During this thoughtful tour, your local guide will introduce you to some of the most significant Jewish events from history that have shaped Budapest's culture. You will see the buildings that once played important roles in the flourishing Jewish trade that existed prior to WWII. In Pest, the 'Shoes on the Danube' memorial stands as a striking reminder of what happened to the Jewish communities in Budapest during wartime.

4 hours

NOTE: Operates at the same time as DM to Szentendre,

### **DiscoverMORE**

#### Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense) 178 seats \$57

This excursion takes you by coach to the picturesque town of Szentendre on the Danube River in Hungary, just north of Budapest.

Known for its Baroque architecture, churches and colourful houses, explore the pedestrianized cobblestone streets and experience a Mediterranean atmosphere that lots of artists come to find inspiration and work here. The main square, Fo Tér, and the alleyways around it are lined with art galleries, museums and shops.

4 hours

NOTE: Tour happens at the same time as DM Jewish Heritage tour,

**Day 8 Sat, 19 Jul Budapest**

After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, taking wonderful memories of the Viennese skyline and architectural masterpieces with you.

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