

# Danube Delights



**Tour Name:** Danube Delights  
**Days:** 8

<b>Day 1</b> <b>Fri, 15 May</b>	<b>Regensburg</b> Welcome to Germany. You'll be met at Munich airport, then transferred to your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will warmly welcome you on board. This evening, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, enjoy a traditional Bavarian band performance on board your Star-Ship. <b>EmeraldPLUS</b> Traditional Bavarian band on board Please book your flight to arrive into Munich prior to 02:00 PM.
<b>Day 2</b> <b>Sat, 16 May</b>	<b>Regensburg</b> Explore the medieval centre of Regensburg with your insightful local guide. Stroll along the cobblestone streets, passing the patrician houses of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town, and stop by to sample traditional Bavarian sausages, a delicious local specialty. Alternatively, join a guided bike tour to the Walhalla monument, which towers high above the banks of the Danube. From here, you can admire a panoramic view of the river and surrounding scenic landscape. <b>EmeraldPLUS</b> Walking tour of Regensburg with Bavarian sausage tasting <b>EmeraldACTIVE</b> Guided bike tour to the Walhalla monument

<b>Day 3</b> <b>Sun, 17 May</b>	<b>Passau</b> Today, you'll cruise into the heart of Passau, where three of Europe's main rivers converge in the shadows of an impressive castle. On your guided tour of this illustrious German city, you'll learn 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, join a guided bike tour along the banks of the River Inn. Enjoy exploring Passau at your own pace, before returning to your Star-Ship for lunch, followed by an afternoon of leisurely cruising the Danube River. <b>Included Excursion</b> Guided tour of Passau <b>EmeraldACTIVE</b> Guided bike tour along the River Inn <b>DiscoverMORE</b> Bavarian Traditions (extra expense - \$114 per person)
<b>Day 4</b> <b>Mon, 18 May</b>	<b>Melk-Dürnstein</b> Today, you'll sail through the wondrous, UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley. You can choose to join a guided hike to the ruins of Dürnstein Castle, offering delightful panoramic views of the surrounding medieval villages. Alternatively, if you're feeling more active, embark on a guided bike tour in Melk, cycling past terraced vineyards, castles and ruins along the way. This afternoon, for your EmeraldPLUS experience, enjoy a guided tour of Göttweig Abbey, a true gem overlooking the Wachau Valley from a hill blanketed with vineyards and forests. part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed landscape since 2001, Göttweig Abbey is one of Austria's most important Benedictine abbeys and attracts visitors from all over the world. Built in 1083, the abbey 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 a great distance, the abbey provides panoramic views, which you can soak up during your visit here. <b>EmeraldPLUS</b> Guided tour of Göttweig Abbey with wine tasting <b>EmeraldACTIVE</b> Guided bike tour along the Danube River <b>EmeraldACTIVE</b> Guided hike to Dürnstein Castle
<b>Day 5</b> <b>Tue, 19 May</b>	<b>Vienna</b> Sweeping boulevards and world-famous art exhibitions await in Vienna, a historic 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 only as the city brims with museums and artwork, but also because of the sheer diversity. Today's art 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, if you're feeling more active, embark on a guided cycling tour along the riverbanks to picturesque Danube Island. <b>Included Excursion</b> Vienna art tour with a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum <b>EmeraldACTIVE</b> Guided bike tour to Danube Island <b>DiscoverMORE</b> Viennese evening concert (extra expense - \$114 per person)
<b>Day 6</b> <b>Wed, 20 May</b>	<b>Bratislava</b> A charming scattering of Baroque palaces and Gothic architecture that recount tales of a turbulent communist past are yours to uncover, as you sail towards Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Enjoy a guided tour that uncovers the city's fascinating history, taking in the neo-Renaissance splendour of the Slovak National Theatre and the Episcopal Summer Palace. Alternatively, embark on a guided hike to Bratislava Castle and its lovely Baroque gardens, offering the perfect backdrop to the Shakespeare festival that takes place during the summer months. This afternoon, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, enjoy one of our cruise highlights: coffee and cake at the home of a local Slovakian family. Later, relish a farewell dinner with your fellow guests on board your Star-Ship. <b>Included Excursion</b> Walking tour of Bratislava <b>EmeraldPLUS</b> Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family <b>EmeraldACTIVE</b> Guided hike to Bratislava Castle <b>DiscoverMORE</b> Skoda tour of Post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense - \$179 per person) <b>DiscoverMORE</b> Carpathian wine route (extra expense - \$152 per person)

Day 7  
Thu, 21 May

**Budapest**  
Welcome to Hungary and Budapest, the 'Pearl of the Danube' and generously steeped in history and culture, where ancient architecture exists alongside contemporary buildings. Today, enjoy a guided coach tour, covering some of the highlights of Budapest and learn more about its stunning landscape and architecture, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city centre. The history of the Hungarian capital displays a unique blend of cultures, cuisine and vibrant lifestyle and you'll discover there is so much to take in as you pass through this vibrant city.  
Alternatively, embark on a guided hike to Gellert Hill and admire the spectacular views across the Danube.  
Later, as part of your EmeraldPLUS experience, enjoy a traditional Hungarian folklore show on board your Star-Ship.  
**Included Excursion**  
Guided coach tour of Budapest  
**EmeraldPLUS**  
Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board  
**EmeraldACTIVE**  
Hike to Gellert Hill  
**DiscoverMORE**  
Jewish Heritage tour (extra expense - \$90 per person)  
**DiscoverMORE**  
Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense - \$73 per person)

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Day 8  
Fri, 22 May

**Budapest**  
This morning after breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to your fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, leaving with wonderful memories of exquisite Viennese artworks, architectural masterpieces, Slovakian hospitality and the splendour of the Danube.  
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