

# ACTIVE & DISCOVERY ON THE DANUBE

WBLQ • BUDAPEST → LINZ

## Meals

Breakfast: 8 Lunch: 6 Dinner: 7

## Transport

State-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels with modern services and amenities

## Accommodation

Deluxe outside accommodations with Avalon's exclusive Comfort Collection Beds

## HighLights

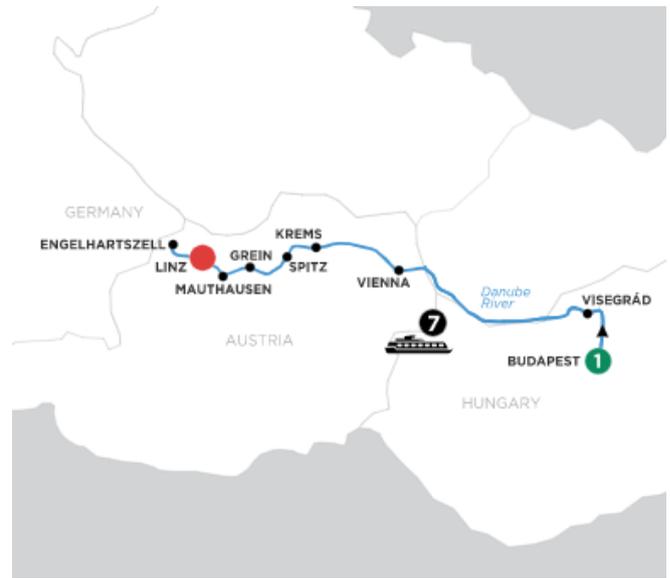
Budapest

Visegrad

Vienna

Wachau Valley & Strudengau Scenic Cruising

Engelhartszell



## DAY 1: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Welcome to Budapest-Hungary's Captivating Capital The day is yours to relax and enjoy Eastern Europe's shining city on the Danube.

## DAY 2: BUDAPEST (EMBARKATION)-DANUBE BEND

Visit the Adventure centre for today's activities with your Adventure Host. ACTIVE - See the sights from a different perspective by joining a Guided Bike Tour along the bike paths and pedestrian areas of the city, OR: DISCOVERY - Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour combing the sights of Budapest with "Hungarian" instruction of useful local words and phrases, OR: CLASSIC - Take a Guided Walking Tour of Budapest to see the city's most iconic sites. Spend free time shopping for Hungarian paprika or handcrafted souvenirs, or savor a piece of cream cake in one of the many cafes. Enjoy a Hungarian Dinner on board during a scenic cruise through the Danube Bend. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board. EVENING CRUISE TO VISEGRAD (B, D)

## DAY 3: VISEGRAD

Jousting Tournaments and Dracula's Tower ACTIVE - Take a Castle visit and scenic Hiking Tour to Count Dracula's prison tower in Visegrad, OR: ACTIVE - Take part in a canoe excursion through the picturesque Bend Region of the Danube for a truly unique perspective of one of the river's most beautiful stretches, OR: DISCOVERY - Join a Guided Visit to the Medieval Knights Tournament at Visegrad's Lower Castle, featuring targeting and fighting demonstrations by members of the St.

George Knightly Order. Spend free time after your selected activities to explore Palotahaz, where stonemasons, smiths, potters, and paper-makers produce their traditional items using age-old techniques. AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 4: VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

Strauss, Schnitzel, Strudel and Sachertorte ACTIVE - Take a Guided Bike Tour along the famed Ringstrasse and pedestrian avenues of Vienna to see the city's highlights from a unique perspective, OR: ACTIVE - Join a Guided Jogging Tour of the City of Music to see highlights of the gilded architecture along the way, OR: DISCOVERY - Take an Insider's Tour of Vienna to get behind the scenes of her sights and attractions. You will meet locals, have the chance to prepare some food, and enjoy other surprises, OR: CLASSIC - Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Vienna, including a tour of Belvedere Palace to see Gustave Klimt's renowned "Kiss" painting. Spend free time this afternoon strolling through the pedestrian Karntnerstrasse then take a break for a piece of Sachertorte. This evening, you may choose to attend an Optional Musical Experience to conduct your own orchestra, followed by a classical waltz and operetta concert performance to enjoy. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 5: VIENNA**

A Feast for the Soul in Vienna DISCOVERY - Enjoy a morning Guided Walking Tour to see the city in her best light, along with breakfast at a Viennese cafe, OR: CLASSIC - Dive into one of the world's most important museums with a Guided Tour of the Habsburg family's private art collection at the Museum of Fine Arts, and enjoy Italian or Dutch master works OR: CLASSIC - Take a Guided Tour of the Museum of Fine Arts, followed by the Military Museum, commemorating the past of the Habsburg Empire. You might decide to join a Guided Optional Hike this evening to the vineyards surrounding Vienna, and also enjoy an Optional Excursion to a local Viennese Heurigen (Wine Tavern). OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO KREMS (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 6: KREMS**

Take a Canoe or a Bike through Austria's Wine Country Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities. ACTIVE - Paddle a canoe on a Guided Tour to see the Austrian waterways and shoreline scenery from a unique perspective, OR: ACTIVE - Take a Guided Bike Tour from Krems to Spitz, and enjoy a stop in Durnstein to see the mesmerizing blue Stiftskirche, and to sample local specialties, OR: DISCOVERY - Join an interactive Wine World Experience with wine tasting, OR: DISCOVERY - Enjoy a Guided Visit that showcases production of regional fruits, vegetables, wine, or other products. Relax on board this afternoon to enjoy the picturesque Wachau Valley scenery as you cruise to Grein. GREIN A Modern-Day Castle and the Count DISCOVERY - See Burg Clam on a Guided Visit, and meet the Count of Clam during your tour. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN GREIN (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 7: GREIN**

GREIN Theater History...Alive and Well in Grein CLASSIC - Take a Guided Walk of Grein, including its historic theater, the oldest in Austria still holding regular performances. Take a mid-morning cruise to Mauthausen. MAUTHAUSEN History Lessons and Monastic Life in Austria ACTIVE - Take a Guided

Bike Tour along the Danube and discover how fertile this area is. Stop at a local farm and learn more about farming life and flood protection, OR: CLASSIC - Visit the 9th-century St. Florian Monastery- the largest monastery in upper Austria and home to Augustine monks, OR: CLASSIC - Join a sobering Guided Tour of Mauthausen Concentration Camp, one of the largest and most brutal Nazi camp of WWII. This afternoon sail to Linz arriving this evening. LINZ Austria's Lovely Home of the Linzer Torte Tonight, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ENGELHARTSZELL (B,L,D)

**DAY 8: ENGELHARTSZELL-SCHLOGEN OXBOW**

Memories and Beer in the Making DISCOVERY - Join a Guided Tour to the "House by the stream" (Haus am Strom) and walk across the Danube Power-Station Jochenstein, OR: CLASSIC - Visit the stunning rococo-style Engelszell Abbey, and explore its Sensory Garden-complete with stone labyrinth, herb garden, and vineyard. Sample cheese and beer made by the resident Trappist monks. ACTIVE - This afternoon, enjoy a scenic Guided Hike along the Danube's Schlogen Oxbow bend that cuts a dramatic landscape made by centuries of natural elements. Or, as a relaxing option, enjoy free time on the Sky Deck this afternoon while you sail through the amazing horseshoe bend of the Danube's Schlogen Oxbow on your return to Linz. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LINZ (B,L,D)

**DAY 9: LINZ (DISEMBARKATION)**

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)