

# DANUBE DREAMS

WBD • BUDAPEST → DEGGENDORF

## Meals

Breakfast: 7 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

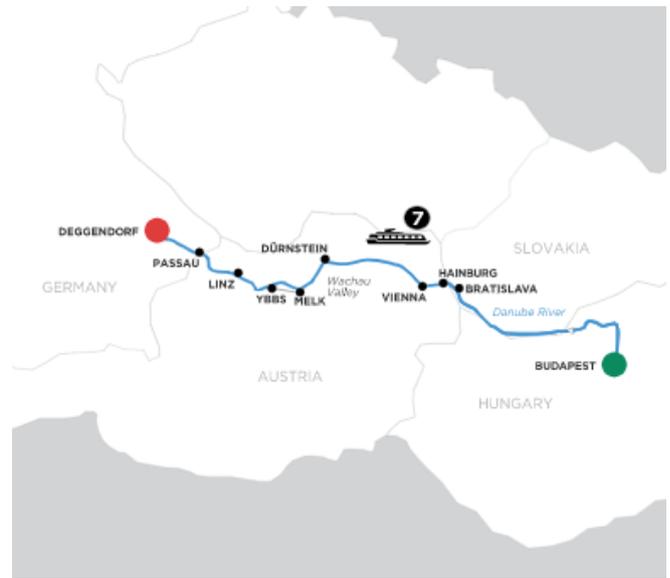
## HighLights

Budapest

Bratislava

Dürnstein & Melk

Prague



## DAY 1: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Hungary. Your Suite Ship is Ready for Boarding. Flights into Budapest must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm. The day is yours to relax and enjoy the city with time for photographs, cafes, and confections. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BUDAPEST (D)

## DAY 2: BUDAPEST

The Pearl of the Danube in the Heart of Europe Visit the Adventure centre for today's activities with your Adventure Host. CLASSIC - Enjoy a Guided City Sightseeing, including the iconic Heroes' Square. This afternoon choose among a wide offer of Optional Guided Excursions or take in the beauty of Budapest while enjoying some free time exploring such famous sights as the Chain Bridge. Get to know the city's cafes and pubs, or take a hike through the hills above the Danube.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BRATISLAVA (B,L,D)

## DAY 3: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Classic and Contemporary-from Cathedrals to Castles CLASSIC - Take a Guided City Walk, including the quaint streets of Old Town, Town Hall, and fantastic St. Martin's Cathedral. Enjoy some free time to take Nordic walking sticks from the ship and hike to Bratislava Castle. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA (B,L,D)

## DAY 4: VIENNA

Strauss, Schnitzel, Strudel, and Sachertorte CLASSIC - Venture into the Habsburg empire with a morning Guided City Tour of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the Imperial Palace complex- Winter

residence of the Imperial Family, the historic Vienna Opera House and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral. You may decide to take a Guided Optional Excursion to Schonbrunn Palace-the former imperial summer home and vast gardens with a history spanning 300 years of the Habsburg monarchy. In your free time why not stroll through pedestrian Karntnerstrasse-the most famous shopping avenue in central Vienna, or take a bike ride through the city and stop in a local cafe to enjoy authentic Austrian confections of Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel. Later this evening, you may choose to attend an Optional Excursion to a Royal Waltz Concert for an unforgettable evening of music in an elegant hall. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DURNSTEIN (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 5: DURNSTEIN-WACHAU VALLEY**

Fairytale Castles, Kings, and Cobblestones CLASSIC - Join a Guided Walk, and hear the legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart-who was imprisoned in the castle during the Crusades, OR: ACTIVE - Join a Guided Hike up to the castle ruins to take in the spectacular view of the village, Danube, and the Wachau Valley below. Later, stretch out on the Sky Deck as you sail through the Wachau Valley past vineyards, castles, and charming villages on your way to Melk. MELK Striking Frescoes and Breathtaking Views of the Wachau Valley CLASSIC - Take a Guided Tour of Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ. DISCOVERY - Enjoy the flavors of the Wachau Valley at a Wine Tasting on board. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO LINZ (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 6: LINZ**

Fall in Love with Linz-Legendary Art, Music, and the Linzer Torte Ask about today's energizing or relaxing Adventure Host activities. CLASSIC - Take a Guided Walk through the city's historic and beautiful sites along the shore of the Danube and see Hauptplatz-Austria's largest medieval square-and the towering white-marble Trinity Column. Consider a full-day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg-the city of Mozart-or to the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov. Feel free to enjoy the afternoon on your own to bike along the banks of the Danube with a picnic from the ship, or hike through Linz's beautiful nature trails to Postlingberg for a bird's-eye view of the city and river below. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LINZ (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 7: SCHLOGEN OXBOW-PASSAU**

Go for Baroque in Passau-Where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers Meet This morning, cruise through the Schlogen Oxbow, a particularly beautiful horseshoe-shaped bend of the river. CLASSIC - Join a Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers." ACTIVE - Follow your Avalon Adventure Host for Hiking from Oberhaus along a trail down to the valley and along Ilz River. Spend a little free time before sailing to Deggendorf to walk the cobblestone streets and galleries of Artists' Alley or peek into St. Stephen's Cathedral to possibly catch a concert rehearsal. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DEGGENDORF (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 8: DEGGENDORF (DISEMBARKATION)**

Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning. Flights should not leave Munich airport before Noon. (B)