



GRAND AMERICAN TOURS PRESENTS
CLASSICAL DANUBE
(PASSAU TO BUDAPEST)
WITH AMADEUS RIVER CRUISES ON THE AMADEUS SILVER II
8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ~ MAY 2 – 9, 2021
Air departs US on May 1st in order to arrive in Budapest on May 2nd

This quintessential cruise along the beautiful Danube connects Passau with Budapest, Hungary's exuberant capital. Traverse four of Europe's most important countries while visiting three world famous capital cities. This scenic cruise through beautiful landscapes, including the UNESCO protected Wachau Valley, is full of culture, history and charm. A visit to the Benedictine abbey of Melk and a drive through the picturesque Wachau district are also memorable. On this journey you get to know much about the heart of Europe - its countries, peoples and cultures.

DAY 1 | PASSAU

Overnight

This afternoon, embark the vessel and get settled into your cabin. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a specially-prepared Welcome Dinner.

DAY 2 | REGENSBURG

9:30am-8pm

Begin your cruise with a visit to Regensburg. This UNESCO site boasts architecture from many centuries, reflective of its varied history throughout the centuries. The stone bridge, built in 1135-1146, the Church of St James, and the Schloss of Thurn and Taxis are a few of the highlights of this beautiful city. Back onboard this evening, experience a Bavarian evening with lively traditional music and a dinner of local specialties. **Included Excursion: Regensburg Walking Tour and Weltenburg Abbey**

DAY 3 | PASSAU (8am to 10am) > LINZ (4:30pm to 10pm)

Today, those interested in excursions have all of three options. A morning walking tour through the Baroque center of Passau will provide insight into the history of the town. Alternatively, you can take part in a full day excursion in a comfortable tour bus, which will visit the Mozart town of Salzburg and the lake district of the Salzkammergut. Both excursions end in Linz, where you will return to your ship. The guests who do not take the bus to Salzburg can spend the afternoon on their own or take a guided tour through this Upper Austrian town before the ship weighs anchor in the evening. **Included Excursion: Full-day to Salzburg including Salzkammergut and lunch**

DAY 4 | MELK/EMMERSDORF (8am to 9am) > WEISSENKIRCH (10:30am to 4pm) > VIENNA (Arrival at 9:30pm)

This morning presents an opportunity to visit the famous Benedictine Abbey of Melk which stands over the Danube, or continue with the vessel to the town of Weissenkirchen. Here, sample some of the region's famous Riesling wines or enjoy a leisurely stroll through the cobbled streets. Everyone will rejoin the ship in the early afternoon to continue on to Vienna.

DAY 5 | VIENNA

Overnight

There is much to see in Imperial Vienna: its Imperial palaces, Museums Quarter with historic and contemporary buildings displaying works by Egon Schiele, Gustav Klimt and other artists, the impressive buildings along the Ringstrasse, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the famous Vienna State Opera among many others. This afternoon perhaps venture to Schönbrunn Palace, the sumptuous summer palace and gardens of Empress Maria Theresia and the Habsburg empire. In the evening opt for the "Sound of Vienna" and listen to the "Alt Wien" orchestra play popular pieces from Vienna's classical era. The vessel departs Vienna in the early hours. **Included Excursions: Vienna city tour and "Sound of Vienna" concert**



DAY 6 | VIENNA (departure 3am) > BRATISLAVA (8am to 10pm)

During the night, your AMADEUS ship will travel downriver towards Bratislava, arriving in the Slovakian capital at breakfast time. In the morning, you can go exploring on your own or as part of a guided city tour. In the afternoon, it is worth visiting the Imperial Festschloss Hof, which was once the country residence of Empress Maria Theresia and which is situated in Austria, not far from the Slovakian border. After the exclusive Captain’s Gala Dinner, the ship will set sail for Hungary. **Included Excursion: City tour of Bratislava**

DAY 7 | ESZTERGOM (7am to 8:30am) > BUDAPEST (arrival at 1pm)

Relax onboard as the vessel makes its way to Budapest, Hungary. For those interested in exploring the Hungarian countryside, spend the morning visiting Esztergom and its Basilica dedicated to Saint Mary, and Szentendre, known for its art galleries and museums. After lunch, explore the beautiful Hungarian capital of Budapest. Uniquely straddling the Danube river, the Buda side with its Fisherman’s Bastion and the Pest Side with its famous Hungarian Parliament building, are connected by the beautiful Chain Bridge. An evening cruise onboard your AMADEUS vessel along the illuminated skyline, accompanied by a folklore show of music and dance, is a perfect ending to your visit. **Included Excursion: City tour of Budapest**

DAY 8 | BUDAPEST

After breakfast we bid you farewell. We hope to welcome you again soon!

Outside Cabin Category	C1	\$3,199
Panoramic Drop-down Window (French Balcony)	B1	\$3,895
Panoramic Drop-down Window (French Balcony)	A1	\$4,240

*****1 FREE FOR EVERY 9 PAYING PASSENGERS, 10TH GOES FREE!!!*****

Rates are per person double occupancy and include cruise, port charges, and government fees.
(Airfare is additional. Please call for rates from your area.)

PASSPORT REQUIRED

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit of \$500 per person double occupancy or \$1000 per person single occupancy is required in order to secure reservations and assign cabins. Final payment is due by November 2, 2020. **\$100 OF YOUR DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE UP UNTIL TIME OF FINAL PAYMENT. THEN NORMAL CANCELLATION PENALTIES APPLY. Those who book early get the best prices and the best cabin locations.**

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