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Danube Explorer & Highlights of Budapest

Germany • Czech Republic • Austria • Slovakia • Hungary

Travel Dates: March 31 - April 10, 2026



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Visit the UNESCO World Heritage center of Český Krumlov



Visit the village of Weissenkirchen located in the Wachau Wine Region

DAY 1 USA / Munich, Germany: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Munich, Germany.

DAY 2 Munich – Passau: Welcome to Munich, where you will be greeted by one of our Emerald Cruises representatives and transferred to your contemporary Star-Ship in Passau. A warm welcome awaits you from the captain and crew, and this evening, you'll join your fellow guests for dinner on board. Please book your flight to arrive into Munich prior to 2:00 PM. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 Passau: Today, you'll sample homemade specialties and explore the customs and traditions of Bavarian agriculture during a visit to a local farm. Alternatively, you can set off on a hike, soaking up views such as the hilltop church of Mariahilf and the ancient St. Severin, dating back to the Ottonian dynasty. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Bavarian Countryside Experience

EmeraldACTIVE: Hike to Veste Oberhaus

DiscoverMORE: Bavaria Live (additional expense)

DAY 4 Linz, Austria – Český Krumlov, Czech Republic: Crossing the border into the Czech Republic, you will visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Český Krumlov. This quaint town has one of the best-preserved ancient centers in Europe, with more than three hundred protected medieval buildings and an iconic castle complex. Enjoy a guided tour of the area, including the 15th century St. Vitus' Church and a series of delightful Gothic façades, each taking you back to the Middle Ages. **Meals: B, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Guided tour of Český Krumlov

DiscoverMORE: Walking tour of Linz with a Linzer Torte making (additional expense)

DAY 5 Melk, Austria – Weissenkirchen: Enjoy a relaxing cruise along the Danube River en-route to Melk. Here, you'll explore the golden halls of Melk Abbey on today's included tour. Afterwards, you'll have the choice to sail through the idyllic Wachau Valley to

Weissenkirchen, or if you're feeling active cycle from Melk along the Danube River, traversing a route that offers a different perspective on the region's viticulture. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour along the Danube

DiscoverMORE: Vineyard hike & wine tasting in Weissenkirchen (additional expense)

DAY 6 Vienna: Discover the classical charms of Vienna as we take you through the city. Uncover the cafés, artisan studios and baroque majesty of Vienna's imperial grandeur. A drive around the Ring-strasse will introduce you to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed historic center. Alternatively, enjoy a bike tour along the serene trails on Donauinsel, the Danube Island. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike tour in Vienna

DiscoverMORE: Exclusive Viennese evening concert (additional expense)

DAY 7 Vienna - Bratislava, Slovakia: This morning, we depart Vienna and sail to Bratislava, when you will have the chance to marvel at the ever changing scenery of the Danube. Explore the city's historic architecture on an included guided tour, where everything is within walking distance, including the ornate exterior of the Slovak National Theatre. This afternoon, enjoy a guided hike to the fairy tale-like Bratislava Castle. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Local Slovakian entertainment on board

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided hike to Bratislava Castle

DiscoverMORE: Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (additional expense)

DiscoverMORE: Carpathian Wine Route (extra expense)

DAY 8 Budapest, Hungary: This morning, relax on board your Star-Ship while we sail from Slovakia to Hungary. In Budapest, an exciting program awaits you. As you sail into this magnificent city, it becomes immediately apparent why the Hungarian capital is known as the 'Pearl of the Danube'. In the afternoon, explore the city's cobbled medieval quarter as you embark on a coach



Vienna's Imperial Hofburg Palace

tour through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city center. Your guide will teach you about the Hungarian capital's culinary scene while touring the neo-Gothic Grand Market, Budapest's largest and most expansive indoor market, where you'll have time to explore independently. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Traditional Hungarian folklore show onboard

DiscoverMORE: Budapest by Night (additional expense)

DAY 9 Budapest: Venture into the city independently to explore Budapest's hidden treasures. If you're feeling more active, you can instead choose to hike to Gellert Hill. The surrounding area has been rebuilt several times, most recently following the air raids of WWII. Some 18th-century Baroque houses still stand, best explored from the medieval paths and alleyways of the area around Buda Castle. This evening, enjoy a traditional Hungarian folklore show on board. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: Hike to Gellert Hill

DiscoverMORE: Tour to Szentendre (additional expense)

DiscoverMORE: Jewish heritage tour (additional expense)

DiscoverMORE: Budapest by Night (additional expense)

DAY 10 Budapest: On your last full day in Budapest, we invite you to a special dinner and a traditional folklore show for a truly immersive local experience. This is a great chance to bid farewell to your fellow travelers before going home. **Meals: B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Dinner & Folklore Show in Budapest

DiscoverMORE: Hungarian Bath Experience (additional expense)

DiscoverMORE: Retro tour of post-Communist Budapest (additional expense)

DAY 11 Budapest / USA: After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests. Disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, taking memories of apricot orchards and ancient Roman cities with you. **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.



Exceptional Inclusions

- **24 Meals:** 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 9 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit **five countries**
- **Nine-night cruise in a suite or stateroom** of your choice onboard the vessel
- **All gratuities included**
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Onboard Activity Manager** will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- Personal **listening device** for onboard excursions
- Most meals included onboard with a **variety of international cuisine**
- Complimentary **regional wines, beer and soft drinks** accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary **bottled water** in your stateroom
- Complimentary **WiFi onboard**
- Complimentary **bicycles onboard** for use ashore
- **All port charges included**

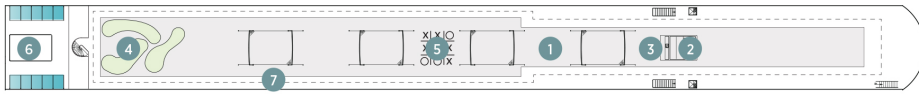
CRUISE ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 through 10 – Aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
Post-cruise hotel stays available in Budapest. Call for details.

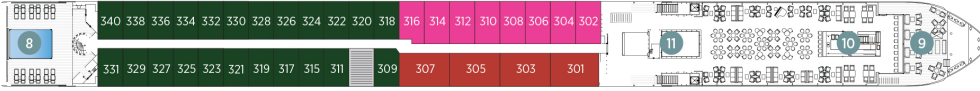
Emerald Cruises Star-Ships

Built: 2014-20 **Speed:** 15.5 mph **Staterooms:** 19 **Suites:** 72 **Length:** 443 ft. **Crew:** 47

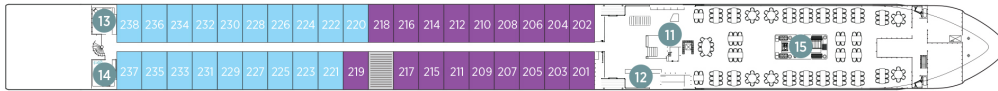
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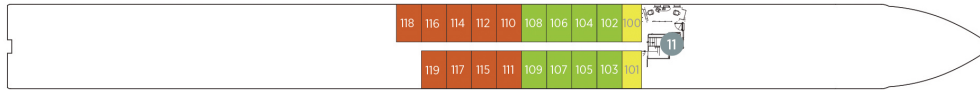
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VISTA DECK

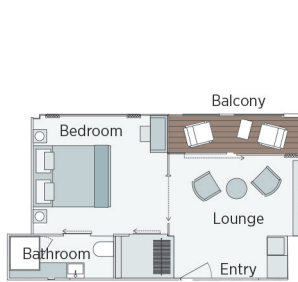


RIVIERA DECK



Public Areas and Ship Amenities

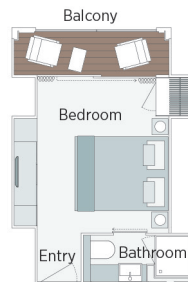
- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Sky Barbeque
- 4 Golf Putting Green
- 5 Games Area
- 6 Retractable Glass Roof
- 7 Walking Track
- 8 Daytime Pool / Evening Cinema
- 9 The Terrace
- 10 Horizon Bar and Lounge
- 11 Elevator
- 12 Reception
- 13 Wellness Area
- 14 Fitness Area
- 15 Reflections Restaurant



Owner's One-Bedroom Suite

315ft²

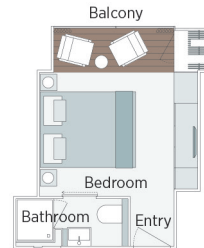
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Grand Balcony Suite

210ft²

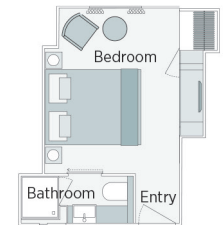
CAT S



Panorama Balcony Suite

180ft²

CAT A CAT B CAT C



Emerald Stateroom

162ft²

CAT D CAT E

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CAT		STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	TWIN	SINGLE ROOM ADD
E		Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$4,420	+ \$4,245
D		Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$4,870	+ \$4,695
C		Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,720	+ \$5,545
B		Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$5,920	+ \$5,745
A		Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,120	+ \$5,945
S		Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$7,520	N/A
SA		Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$8,870	N/A

Price shown is for cruise only.
FREE AIR offered when booked by April 1, 2025.

Call for promotional rates after this date.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.



Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - \$449 per person with Mayflower air for cruise up to \$5,000 \$569 per person with Mayflower air for cruise over \$5,001

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (See Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. *Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.*



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