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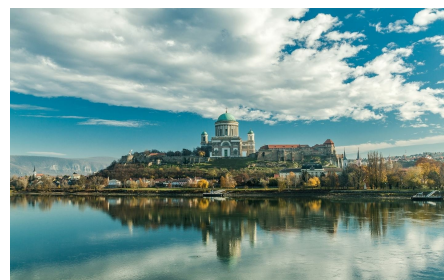
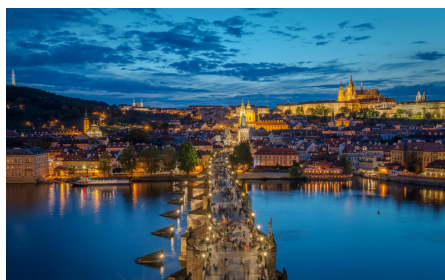
AMSTERDAM & BEYOND: A DANUBE RIVER CRUISE



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TRAVELLED TEAM OF
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Monday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00
GMT



JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

ACTIVITY LEVEL:

Level 2

DESTINATION:

Amsterdam & Beyond: A Danube River Cruise

DURATION:

13 days / 12 nights

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Please arrange your flights to arrive into
Amsterdam Schiphol Airport [AMS] on Day 1
and depart from Munich Airport [MUC] on Day
13

PICKUP LOCATION:

Amsterdam Schiphol Airport [AMS]

OVERVIEW

04 - 16 Oct, 2026

From Amsterdam to the Danube – Explore Europe's Historic Capitals on this Unique River Cruise & Stay

Begin your journey in Amsterdam, the city of canals, before embarking on a spectacular cruise along the mighty Danube. For centuries, this storied river has inspired artists, poets and musicians, and as you sail you'll soon see why. Discover timeless architecture, grand squares and rich cultural heritage in four magnificent capitals – Budapest, Bratislava, and Vienna, with the option to extend to Prague.

Each region along the Danube reveals its own distinctive character – from medieval towns to imperial palaces, from vineyard-clad valleys to vibrant modern cities. As the ship glides into each harbour, admire the ever-changing skylines where history and contemporary life blend seamlessly. This is more than a river cruise; it's an unforgettable journey through the heart of Europe, beginning with the magic of Amsterdam.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAY 1 - Welcome to Amsterdam

DAY 2 - History & Canals of Amsterdam

DAY 3 - Journey to the Danube

DAY 4 - Our Morning in the Wachau & Tulln

DAY 5 - Bustling Bratislava

DAY 6 - Cruising into Budapest

DAY 7 - Beautiful Budapest

DAY 8 - Majestic Esztergom

DAY 9 - Discovering Vienna

DAY 10 - Vienna at leisure

DAY 11 - Experiencing Linz

DAY 12 - Disembark & Journey to Munich

DAY 13 - Farewell Munich

FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1 - WELCOME TO AMSTERDAM

Welcome to Amsterdam! Upon arrival at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel, where you can meet up with your Tour Director.

This evening, we come together for a special welcome dinner – the perfect chance to meet our fellow travellers and share our excitement for the journey ahead.

Included meals: Welcome Dinner

Accommodation: NH City Centre Hotel, Amsterdam (or similar)

DAY 2 - HISTORY & CANALS OF AMSTERDAM

After breakfast, we'll begin our day with a deeply moving visit to the Anne Frank House, where you'll gain insight into her extraordinary life and the history of Amsterdam during World War II. We'll then step aboard for a classic canal cruise, gliding through the city's UNESCO-listed waterways and admiring the charming 17th-century architecture from the water – a perfect way to see Amsterdam from a unique perspective.

Following our cruise, we'll enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, offering a taste of Dutch cuisine. In the afternoon, we'll visit the Rijksmuseum, home to masterpieces by Rembrandt, Vermeer, and other Dutch Golden Age painters, where you can marvel at both the art and the building itself.

The remainder of the afternoon is free for you to explore Amsterdam at your own pace. You might wander through the bustling Bloemenmarkt, the city's famous floating flower market, browse boutique shops, or simply relax with a coffee in a picturesque canal-side café.

We'll reconvene in the evening for a group dinner, sharing stories from the day and enjoying each other's company in one of Amsterdam's inviting restaurants.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: NH City Centre Hotel, Amsterdam (or similar)

DAY 3 - JOURNEY TO THE DANUBE

After breakfast, we transfer to Amsterdam Schiphol Station to begin our scenic rail journey into Germany. Our comfortable train ride takes us through ever-changing landscapes – from the flat, water-laced countryside of the Netherlands, past rolling fields and charming towns of western Germany, and onward toward Bavaria. It's a chance to sit back, relax, and watch Europe unfold outside your window.

By afternoon, we arrive in Passau, the historic "City of Three Rivers" where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz meet. Here, we will board our elegant river ship, the A-ROSA FLORA, which will be our floating home for the next nine nights. After settling into our cabins and taking some time to familiarize ourselves with the ship's facilities, we'll gather for our first dinner on board.

As the sun sets, the excitement builds for the unforgettable journey ahead, as tomorrow our Danube adventure truly begins.

Included meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: AROSA Flora Cabin

DAY 4 - OUR MORNING IN THE WACHAU & TULLN

Our first full day on the Danube brings us through one of Europe's most picturesque river landscapes, the Wachau Valley, a highlight of our journey. Our morning is filled with the gentle sound of the Danube flowing past, the soft sunlight glinting off the water, and the fresh river air carrying the scent of vineyards in bloom. We are in for a real treat for the senses as we take in the famous Danube valley between Melk and Krems from the sun deck of our A-ROSA FLORA. The rolling vineyards, verdant hills, and historic castle ruins make it easy to see why the Wachau is a UNESCO World Heritage Site – truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

By late morning, we arrive in Tulln, affectionately known as the "City of Flowers." Nestled between rolling hills and vast fields, Tulln is rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. We can stroll along its charming cobbled streets, admire the well-preserved historic buildings, or simply enjoy the peaceful riverside atmosphere.

After a day of exploration, we set sail again in the late evening, continuing our unforgettable Danube adventure.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Afternoon Tea on board & Dinner

Accommodation: AROSA Flora Cabin

DAY 5 - BUSTLING BRATISLAVA

Bratislava, home to approximately 450,000 inhabitants and located on the left bank of the Danube is the youngest capital city in Europe. Just a short sail down the Danube from Vienna, in the old town, you'll see traces of the Austro-Hungarian Empire wherever you go.

This leisurely city of baroque and rococo, palaces and palisades, and art and coffee houses is a perfect place to wander around, marvel at impressive sights, relax and unwind before we continue the journey back to Austria.

Included meals: All Inclusive

Accommodation: AROSA Flora Cabin

DAY 6 - CRUISING INTO BUDAPEST

Today we arrive in Budapest, a city of grandeur and history, beautifully divided by the Danube into the neighborhoods of Buda and Pest. Did you know Budapest has seven bridges? Each one spans the river in its own striking way, with the Széchenyi Chain Bridge perhaps being the most iconic.

We'll enjoy a cruise along the Danube, taking in these impressive structures and the city's stunning skyline. From the sun deck of our A-ROSA ship, we have an unobstructed view of Budapest's famous Parliament building, a truly magnificent sight. It's a perfect way to soak in the city's beauty and get a sense of its rich history before we explore further.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Afternoon Tea on board & Dinner

Accommodation: AROSA Flora Cabin

DAY 7 - BEAUTIFUL BUDAPEST

Today allows time to explore Budapest at leisure - why not cross the exquisite Chain Bridge up to the Palace, see the colourful St Steven's Church or perhaps visit one of the many famous spas, such as that at the Gellert Hotel?

With lunch back on board, we set sail this afternoon back for Slovenia and Austria.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Afternoon Tea on board & Dinner

Accommodation: AROSA Flora Cabin

DAY 8 - MAJESTIC ESZTERGOM

This morning, we arrive in Esztergom, once the capital of Hungary, perched gracefully on the bank of the Danube. From the river, we can admire its imposing castle tower and the mighty basilica, which rise dramatically from the steep riverbank.

It's a view you'll definitely want to photograph and savor, and the sun deck of our A-ROSA ship provides the perfect vantage point to take it all in. As we glide past, we can soak in the rich history and architectural grandeur of this remarkable city - a true highlight of our Danube journey.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Afternoon Tea on board & Dinner

Accommodation: AROSA Flora Cabin

DAY 9 - DISCOVERING VIENNA

Today we arrive in Vienna, the capital of Austria and one of the true highlights of our Danube cruise. The city has an extra-special charm - locals sound as though they are singing when they speak, and it's customary for shopkeepers and business owners to address their regular customers with their full title. That's just the way things are done here, adding to Vienna's unique character.

We'll have the opportunity to explore the city's wealth of museums, galleries, palaces, and castles, and perhaps take in the grandeur of the state opera or one of the many theatres. Vienna enjoys a lively cultural scene all year round, and its residents are justly proud of their city - and so are we as we wander its elegant streets and soak up the atmosphere.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Afternoon Tea on board & Dinner

Accommodation: AROSA Flora Cabin

DAY 10 - VIENNA AT LEISURE

Today we continue to explore the many delights of Vienna. From the Ringstrasse and the iconic St. Stephen's Cathedral to the Giant Ferris Wheel in the Prater, the city is full of fascinating sights and experiences.

We can take a moment to visit a cosy Viennese coffee house, sipping coffee the traditional way and soaking up the unique atmosphere that defines the city's coffee culture. Another must-see is Schönbrunn Palace, a stunning baroque complex and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, history comes alive through an elaborate virtual reality film, allowing us to relive the palace's rich past while marveling at its architecture and gardens.

Whether strolling the streets, admiring the grand buildings, or enjoying a quiet moment in a café, today is all about soaking up the charm and elegance of Vienna at our own pace.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Afternoon Tea on board & Dinner

Accommodation: AROSA Flora Cabin

DAY 11 - EXPERIENCING LINZ

Today, our Danube cruise brings us to Linz, a vibrant Austrian city that perfectly blends history, culture, and modern creativity. We'll discover a city full of artistic treasures, from contemporary design to fascinating cultural attractions, all reflecting Linz's unique character.

No visit would be complete without a stop at one of the city's charming cafés, where we can sample local specialties, including the world-famous Linzer Torte. Take time to wander the streets, admire the architecture, and soak in the cosmopolitan atmosphere, enjoying the creative spirit that makes Linz stand out.

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks and Afternoon Tea on board & Dinner

Accommodation: AROSA Flora Cabin

DAY 12 - DISEMBARK & JOURNEY TO MUNICH

After an exciting and unforgettable Danube cruise, we enjoy one last breakfast on board before it's time to disembark. Our transfer will collect us from the dock and take us to Munich, where our next adventure awaits.

Upon arrival, we check in and have some free time to relax, explore the city, or soak up the local atmosphere at our own pace. In the evening, we come together for a farewell dinner, sharing stories and memories as we round off our remarkable European journey.

Included meals: Breakfast & Farewell Dinner

Accommodation: Munich

DAY 13 - FAREWELL MUNICH

It's time to say goodbye to Munich and the wonderful memories from our European adventure. After breakfast, we will be transferred to the airport in plenty of time to catch your departure flights and continue your onward journey.

Safe travels, and we hope the sights, experiences, and moments from this trip stay with you long after you leave!

Included meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: None

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Meet & Greet on arrival at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport [AMS]
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as detailed in the itinerary
- Transportation throughout in an air-conditioned deluxe vehicle and cruise ship
- All activities, visits and excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- English speaking tour guides where applicable
- Services of a Big Journey Company Tour Director throughout (subject to minimum numbers)

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Please arrange your flights to arrive into Amsterdam Schiphol Airport [AMS] on Day 1 and depart from Munich Airport [MUC] on Day 13
- ATOL Protection
- Transfers on arrival or departure, to/from the airport(s), outside of the tour dates
- Additional food/beverage unless otherwise included in the programme
- Personal expenses
- Personal Travel & Medical Insurance
- Visas (if required)
- Optional excursions
- Gratuities
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Flights:** International flights to/from your chosen destination are not included in this package. The Big Journey Company will be happy to provide a quotation for your flights—please contact us for further details.
- **Vaccinations & Health:** Vaccinations may be recommended depending on your destination. Please consult your doctor or travel clinic for the most up-to-date medical advice.
- **Visas & Entry Requirements:** Entry requirements vary by destination, and a visa may be required. Please refer to the travel tips section for full details. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the necessary travel documentation prior to departure.
- **Medical Needs:** Please inform The Big Journey Company prior to travel of any medical conditions or medications you take that we should be aware of to help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.
- **Accommodation Check-in/Out:** Unless otherwise stated in your itinerary, check-in is after 2–3pm and check-out is before 10am. Please note that hotels may be subject to change to the same or similar standard due to availability.
- **Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations made within 90 days of departure are subject to a 100% cancellation fee. Deposits are non-refundable, and balance payments are due 14 weeks prior to departure. It is your responsibility to ensure adequate travel insurance is in place to protect against the need to cancel your holiday.
- **Minimum Numbers:** The Big Journey Company host will accompany the tour should minimum guest numbers be met. We will confirm this closer to the departure date.
- **Terms & Conditions:** Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation. This does not affect your statutory rights. All offers are subject to availability and space is limited.

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