

Active and Discovery on the
Danube
Avalon Waterways

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Route Map From Avalon Waterways



The Avalon Artistry II sailing on the Danube



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Another Picture of the Artistry II

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Overview

- Why dip your toes in the Danube when you can explore and adore its landmarks, legends, customs and cuisine in the most interactive ways?
- Avalon's Active & Discovery cruises on the Danube invite dreamers and doers to activate their curiosities.
- To look closer, dive deeper, and forage further into the hamlets and hills of Germany, Austria, and Hungary.

Uncover ancient traditions and local flavors in immersive ways.

- Enjoy leisurely sightseeing or on-your-own discoveries.
- Whether you walk through winding alleyways, hike to a castle, bike to a palace or row to your own sanctuary of scenery, our diverse offering of Classic,
- Discovery and Active excursions along the Danube redefines the rules of engagement.

Move.

Enjoy a little get-up-and-go on your cruising vacation when you:

- Sink your teeth into Count Dracula's Visegrád prison tower on a hike to new heights.
- Paddle a canoe on an excursion through the picturesque Bend region.
- Pedal along the picture-perfect postcard views of the Wachau Valley.

Overview

- **And be moved.**

Get off the beaten path and relish the world when you:

- See the ancient jousting skills of the St. George Knightly Order at Visegrád Castle.
- Meander on a merry morning walk, Vienna's infamous café culture and VIP access to an art museum.
- Meet the Count of Clam at Austria's 12th-century and beautifully preserved Clam Castle.

Plus, Classic sightseeing is always available in every port along the way.

Activate your senses and discover a world of wonder in all-new, entirely "you" ways on your personal, passion-packed cruise along the Danube.

Day 1 Vilshofen, Germany

- Welcome to Germany. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding.
- Flights into Munich must arrive by 2 pm.
- Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.
- Explore your ship and enjoy dinner on your first evening onboard.
- EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ENGELHARTSZELL

Schweikberg Abbey Vilshofen



Vilshofen

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Krempelstein Castle on the way to Engelszell in the Mist

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Day 2 Engelhartzell

- **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a Guided Tour to a cider cellar where an expert sommelier will reveal the secrets of Upper Austria's beloved ciders, OR:
- **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** 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 EXCURSION:** This afternoon, enjoy a scenic Guided Hike along the Danube's Schlögen Oxbow- a dramatic bend carved by centuries of river flow.
- Enjoy free time on the Sky Deck this afternoon while you sail through the amazing horseshoe bend of the Danube's Schlögen Oxbow on your way to Linz.
- Later, enjoy live entertainment onboard.
- **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LINZ**

Linz Docks



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Avalon Ship docked at Linz



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Day 3 Linz to Grein

- **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** 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 EXCURSION:** Visit the 9th-century St. Florian Monastery—the largest monastery in upper Austria and home to Augustine monks, OR:
- **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a sobering Guided Tour of Mauthausen Memorial, one of the largest and most brutal Nazi camps of WWII.
- In the afternoon sail to Grein.

Day 3 Grein

- **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a Guided Walk of Grein, including its historic theater, the oldest in Austria still holding regular performances.
- **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** See Burg Clam on a Guided Visit and meet the Count of Clam during your tour.
- **EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO SPITZ**

Schonbuhl Castle

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Aggstein Castle Ruins

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St. Michael's Fortified Church



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Weisskirchen Wachau Valley 2012

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Wachau Valley

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Day 4 Spitz

- **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Paddle a canoe on a Guided Tour to see the Austrian waterways and shoreline scenery from a unique perspective, OR:
- **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Take a Guided Bike Tour from Spitz to Krems, stop in Dürnstein to see the beautiful blue Stiftskirche, and sample local specialties, OR
- **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join an interactive Wine World Experience with wine tasting, OR:
- Enjoy a Guided Tour that showcases the production of regional fruits, vegetables, wine, or other products.
- Relax this afternoon as you cruise toward Vienna.
- This evening consider joining an Optional Excursion (Extra Expense) to attend a Royal Waltz Concert in an elegant hall.
- **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA**

Spitz Wachau Valley

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Hinterhaus Castle Ruins Above Spitz

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Church of Spitz

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Dürnstein, Austria



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Dürnstein from the Danube. The Blue Tower is part of Dürnstein Abbey

Ruins of Dürnstein Castle where Richard the Lionheart was held for ransom in 1192



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Dürnstein

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Dürnstein Abbey Entrance



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Krems

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Day 5 Vienna

- **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** 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:
- **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Get 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 EXCURSION:** Enjoy 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 Kärntnerstrasse then take a break for a piece of Sachertorte.
- **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA**

Day 5 Optional Tours (Extra Cost)

- **Schönbrunn Palace, Cultural Gem of Austria**
- Visit magnificent Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and former summer residence of the Habsburg imperial family.
- **Hit the Trail Hike: Kahlenberg & Heurigen Dinner**
- Enjoy a scenic guided hike and a traditional dinner at a Heurigen wine tavern, with music, entertainment, and wine from the latest harvest!

Schönbrunn Palace

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Day 6 Vienna

- **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Enjoy a morning Guided Walking Tour to see the city in her best light, along with breakfast at a Viennese café, OR
- **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** 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 EXCURSION:** Take a Guided Tour of the Museum of Fine Arts, followed by the Military Museum, commemorating the past of the Habsburg Empire.

Extra Expense: Austrian Chef for a Day: Viennese Specialties

Join an expert chef and learn how to create a lunch of authentic Viennese specialties, then savor the delicious final product afterward!

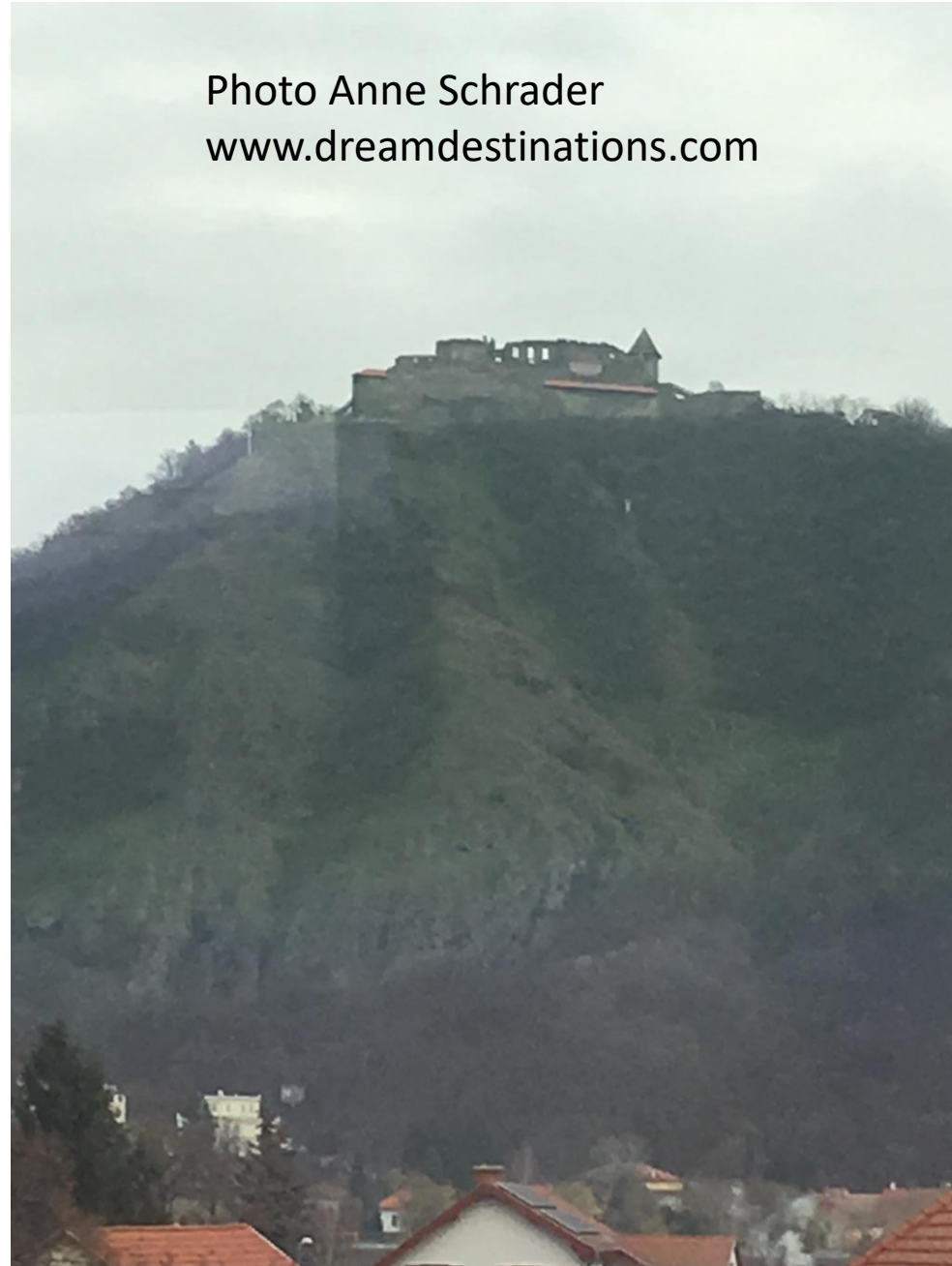
- This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.
- EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VISEGRÁD

Day 7 Budapest

- **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Visit Count Dracula's prison tower on a hiking tour in Visegrád, OR:
- Take a Canoe Excursion through the picturesque Bend Region of the Danube for a unique perspective of one of the river's most beautiful stretches, OR:
- **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a Guided Excursion to the Medieval Knights Tournament at Visegrád's Lower Castle, featuring targetting and fighting demonstrations by members of the St. George Knightly Order.
- This afternoon, relax on the Sky deck while sailing into Budapest and enjoy magnificent views of the beautiful Parliament Building.
- Take some free time this afternoon to explore the vibrant and stunning city of Budapest.
- Enjoy a Farewell Dinner on board your ship this evening.
- **OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BUDAPEST**

Hike to Visegrád Castle Count Dracula's Prison Tower

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Visegrád Castle from a Ship Lounge

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Buda Castle Budapest

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Chain Bridge Budapest at Dusk

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Day 8 Budapest

- Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

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