

Danube Delights Emerald Waterways

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Route



Your Tour Includes

- 7 nights on board an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
- Airport transfers to and from the ship
- The services of an Emerald Cruises Cruise Director
- Port taxes and charges
- All tipping and gratuities

Included Excursions

- Guided tour of Regensburg
- Guided tour of Passau
- Guided tour of Göttweig Abbey
- Vienna art tour with a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum
- Walking tour of Bratislava
- Guided coach tour of Budapest

EmeraldPLUS

- Traditional Bavarian band on board
- Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family
- Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board

EmeraldACTIVE

- Guided bike tour to the Walhalla monument
- Guided bike tour along the River Inn
- Guided bike tour along the Danube River
- Guided hike to Dürnstein Castle
- Guided bike tour in Vienna
- Guided hike to Bratislava Castle
- Hike to Buda Hill

Meals

- 20 superb meals including 7 Breakfasts (B), 6 Lunches (L), 7 Dinners (D)
- Including a Welcome and Farewell Reception & Dinner
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks served with lunch and dinner on board

Day 1 - Munich - Regensburg Embarkation

- You will be met at the airport by an Emerald Cruises representative where you will transfer to Regensburg to board your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship.
- Please book your flight to arrive at Munich prior to 02:00 PM.
- **Meals Included:** Dinner

Day 2 - Regensburg

- Explore the medieval center of Regensburg with a local guide, walking the cobblestone streets, passing the patrician houses of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town.
- Alternatively, join a bike tour to the Walhalla monument which towers high above the slopes of the Danube. It has fascinating view of the river and the surrounding landscape.
- This evening, enjoy a welcome reception with dinner, followed by a traditional Bavarian band on board.
- **EmeraldPLUS**
- Traditional Bavarian band on board
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided bike tour to the Walhalla monument
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided tour of Regensburg
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Excursion to Nuremberg (extra expense)
- **DiscoverMORE**
- BMW Factory behind the scenes (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Regensburg Germany

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Walhalla Monument Bike Tour

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Day 3 - Passau - Engelhartszell

- Today, we'll cruise into the heart of Passau, where three of Europe's main rivers converge in the shadows of the castle.
- Your guided tour of this illustrious city will unveil how it was rebuilt following fires in the 17th century. Italian architects left their mark with a scattering of Baroque architecture, including St. Stephen's Cathedral.
- Or, you can join a bike tour along the River Inn, one of the three rivers converging in Passau.
- Enjoy exploring the city before returning to your Star-Ship for lunch and an afternoon of sailing along the Danube River.
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
Guided bike tour along the River Inn
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided tour of Passau
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Excursion to the Bavarian forest (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

The Veste Oberhaus Passau

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Passau

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St. Stephen's Cathedral Passau

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St. Stephen's
Cathedral. Its organ
has 17,947 pipes.
Passau

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Passau, where three rivers meet—the Inn, the Ilz and the Danube



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Sailing along the Danube
River in the Wachau Valley

Schonbuhl Castle

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Hinterhaus Castle Ruins

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Aggstein Castle Ruins

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Wachau Valley

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Weisskirchen Wachau Valley 2012

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Spitz Wachau Valley

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Day 4 - Dürnstein - Krems

- Today, you can choose to hike the ruins of Dürnstein Castle, offering delightful panoramic views of the surrounding medieval villages. Afterwards, we will sail through the fascinating UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley and on to Krems.
- Or take guided bike tour from Dürnstein to Krems, passing terraced vineyards, castles and ruins along the way
- This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Göttweig Abbey, overlooking the Wachau from a hill covered by vineyards and forests. As part of the UNESCO World Heritage landscape since 2001, it is one of Austria's most important Benedictine abbeys and attracts visitors from all over the world. Built in 1083, it continues to serve as a spiritual center in the heart of Lower Austria and is run by a community of about 45 monks. Visible from great distance, the abbey provides epic panoramas when you visit.

EmeraldACTIVE

- Guided bike tour along the Danube River
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided hike to Dürnstein Castle
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided tour of Göttweig Abbey
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Durnstein, Austria



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Durnstein from the Danube. The Blue Tower is part of Durnstein Abby

Ruins of Durnstein Castle where Richard the Lionhearted was held for ransom in 1192



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Day 5 - Vienna

- Sweeping boulevards and world-famous art exhibitions welcome you to Vienna, a city which perfectly encapsulates the opulence of the Habsburg Monarchy and their ornate Baroque palaces.
- For art-lovers, there is no other place like the Austrian capital, not just because the city is packed with museums and artwork but because of its variety. Your tour will include a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum, the largest art museum in the country and one of the most important museums worldwide.
- Embark on a guided cycling tour from where your Star-Ship is docked to the idyllic Danube Island.
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided bike tour in Vienna
- **Included Excursion**
Vienna art tour with a visit to the Kunsthistorisches Museum
- **DiscoverMORE**
Viennese evening concert (extra expense)
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Tastes of Vienna (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Bratislava

- In Bratislava enjoy a guided tour of the city's enchanting history, including Slovak National Theatre and the Episcopal Summer Palace.
- Or take guided hike to Bratislava Castle and its idyllic Baroque gardens.
- This afternoon, enjoy coffee and cake in the home of a Slovakian family before your farewell dinner.
- **EmeraldPLUS**
- Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Hike to Bratislava Castle
- **Included Excursion**
- Walking tour of Bratislava
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Skoda tour of post-communist Bratislava (extra expense)
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Carpathian wine route (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hike to Bratislava Castle

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Old Town Hall Bratislava

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Michael's Gate

This gate is the only remaining gate from the walled city of Bratislava



St Martin's Cathedral Bratislava



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Primacial Palace Bratislava



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Slovak National Theater Bratislava

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Day 7 - Budapest

- Welcome to Budapest Enjoy a guided city tour, starting at the Liberty Statue and encompassing many of Budapest's hotspots. You'll see Heroes' Square and the Buda Castle district, before a walking tour up to Matthias Church and the Fisherman's Bastion, providing the best panoramas of the city and river.
- Alternatively, enjoy a hike to Buda Hill and gaze over the Danube
- **EmeraldPLUS**
Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Hike to Buda Hill
- **Included Excursion**
- Guided coach tour of Budapest
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Jewish Heritage tour (extra expense.)
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Buda Castle Budapest

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Fisherman's Bastion Budapest

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Gothic Matthias Church Budapest



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Gothic Matthias Church Budapest



Day 8 - Budapest

- After breakfast, it is time to say farewell to your fellow guests and disembark the ship for your transfer to the airport, taking wonderful memories of the Viennese skyline and architectural masterpieces with you.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast

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