

Danube Dreams 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

- Cruise along the peaceful Danube River through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany—discovering some of Central Europe’s most splendid capitals and charming towns along the way.
- Begin this timeless European river cruise in Budapest, where guided sightseeing acquaints you with the highlights of the vibrant capital of Hungary.
- Set sail on the Danube, take pictures of the impressive Parliament Building as you leave Budapest, and head for Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia.
- Here, enjoy a guided walk through the delightful Old Town and visit the Gothic-style St. Martin’s Cathedral.
- Vienna, Austria, the “City of Music,” makes an immediate impression with its lavish Habsburg Imperial Palace and neo-renaissance Vienna Opera House.

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- Enjoy the magnificent views as your river cruise takes you through the picturesque wine region of the Wachau Valley, with stops for a guided walk in Dürnstein and a visit of the impressive Benedictine Abbey of Melk.
- In Linz, walk around the Hauptplatz— Austria's largest medieval square, which forms the center of the city, and be sure to photograph the splendid Trinity Column.
- Passau, Germany, the “City of Three Rivers,” is uniquely located where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube rivers converge. See its maze of narrow cobblestone streets lined with beautiful Patrician houses, and marvel at St. Stephen's Cathedral, a masterpiece of Baroque architecture.
- A memorable conclusion to this delightful Danube River cruise!

Day 1 Budapest (Embarkation):

- Onboard welcome reception

Day 2 Budapest:

Choice of guided tour, see Heroes' Square
or hike with your Adventure Host

Day 3 Bratislava:

- Choice of guided sightseeing in Bratislava, visit St. Martin's Cathedral
- or hike up to Bratislava Castle with your Adventure Host

Hike Up to Bratislava Castle

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Old Town Hall

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Michael's Gate

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



St Martin's Cathedral



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Primacial Palace Bratislava



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Slovak National Theater

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Day 4 Vienna:

- Choice of guided sightseeing
- or bike with your Adventure Host

Day 5 Dürnstein-Wachau Valley-Ybbs.

Excursion to Melk:

- Choice of guided walk
- or hike up to the castle ruins in Dürnstein;
- cruise through the Wachau Valley;
- choice of guided visit of the Benedictine Abbey in Melk
- Ybbs city sightseeing with Artstetten Castle visit

Krems

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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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Durnstein

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Wachau Valley

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Spitz Wachau Valley

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Weisskirchen Wachau Valley 2012

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Hinterhaus Castle Ruins

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Aggstein Castle Ruins

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Schonbuhl Castle

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Melk

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Day 6 Linz-Grein

- Guided sightseeing, see Hauptplatz and the Trinity Column
- The 13th –century Hauptplatz is the largest medieval square in Austria.
- The Trinity Column, built in 1723, was a thanks for escaping the ravages of the plague.

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Illustration of the Trinity Column on a protective cover. Often key landmarks need to be protected or are under repair as the column was during our 2019 visit to Linz



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Day 7 Passau:

Schlögen Oxbow scenic cruising;

- choice of guided tour
- or hike with your Adventure Host

The Veste Oberhaus

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St. Stephen's Cathedral

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

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



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Day 8 Deggendorf (Disembarkation):

- Your cruise ends this morning

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