

Delightful Danube Uniworld Waterways

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Route Map From Uniworld



Day 1 Budapest

- Arrive at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport.
- If your cruise/tour package includes a group arrival transfer or if you have purchased a private arrival transfer, you will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the ship.

Day 2 Budapest

- Located on opposite sides of the Danube, Buda and Pest each has a distinctive character and allure all its own.
- Explore this dynamic and multi-faceted city with your choice of excursions—you can see it from a local's perspective on a walking tour or cover more ground with a panoramic tour.
- Or choose our Jewish Heritage excursion offering you a detailed introduction to Jewish Budapest.
- *In the evening, a special Captain's Welcome Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you.*

Day 2-BUDAPEST PANORAMIC HIGHLIGHTS WITH ST. STEPHEN'S CATHEDRAL

- Drive along one of the prettiest streets in Budapest, Andrassy Ave, on your way to the St. Stephen's Cathedral. Andrassy Ave is a broad promenade of breathtaking neo-Renaissance architecture and home to many of Budapest's must-see sites.
- You'll pass by Heroes' Square, the Franz Liszt Memorial House, the House of Terror, the Szechenyi Baths, City Park and, of course, the Castle District.
- You will get off the coach near St. Stephen's Cathedral to visit this beautiful Catholic church. St. Stephen's Basilica, the largest church in Budapest, is dedicated to St. Stephen, the first King of Hungary. Its towers and domes feature prominently in the Pest skyline.
- The interior of the cathedral is a masterpiece of dramatic arches, marble and liberally applied gilding. Inside you'll find one of Hungary's most sacred artifacts, the Szent Jobb—meaning "Holy Right Hand"—is the mummified right hand of St. Stephen.

St. Stephen's Basilica
PANORAMIC
HIGHLIGHTS WITH ST.
STEPHEN'S
CATHEDRAL DAY 2
OPTION 1 TOUR

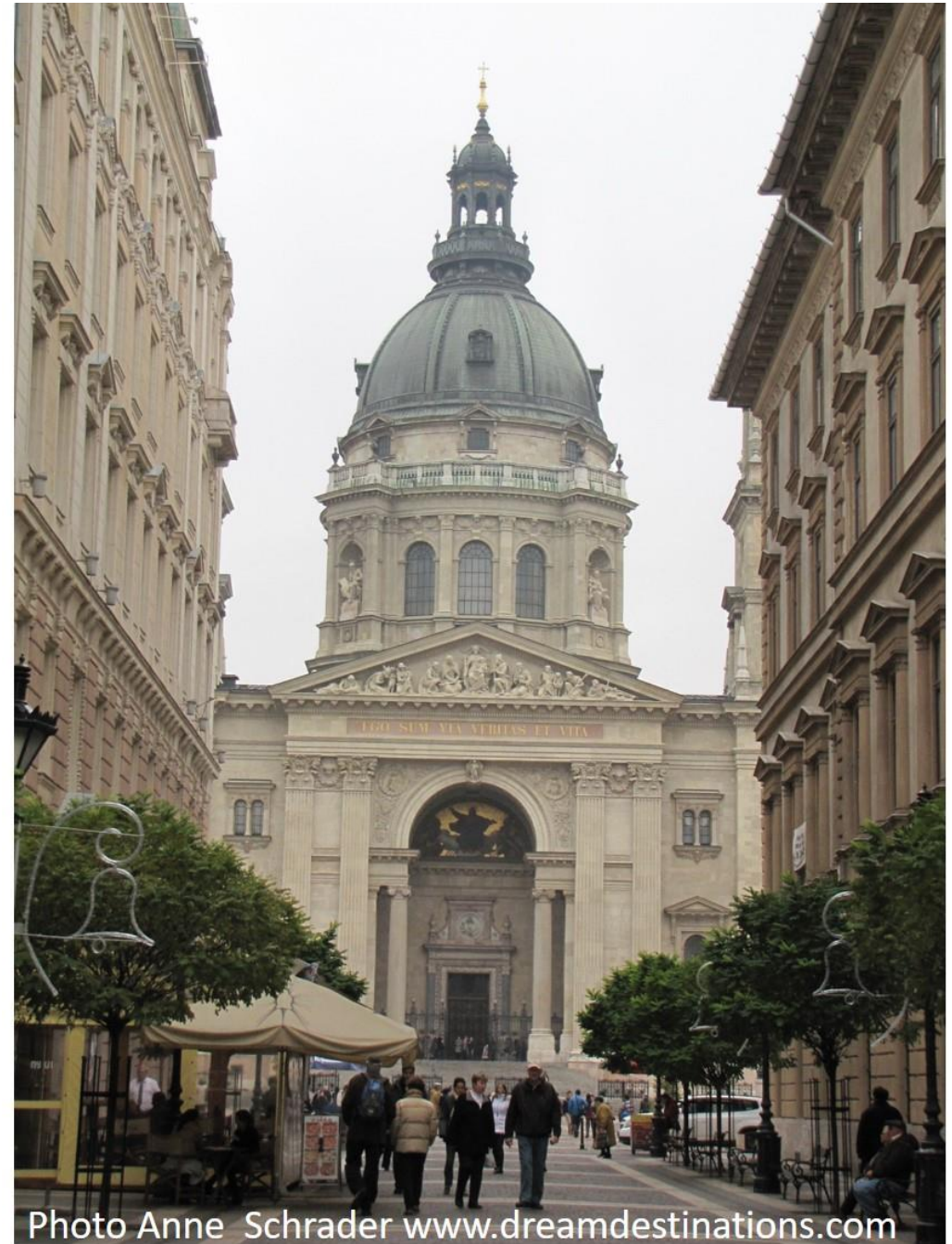


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St. Stephen's Cathedral during the Christmas Markets



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Day 2 BUDAPEST WALK WITH LOCAL TREATS

- Today your guide will show you how to snack around Budapest like a local, starting with a tram ride to the House of Parliament.
- Hop off the tram and take a short walk to your first treat: a coffee break at the First Strudel House of Pest.
- Energized by your cup of coffee, you'll continue your walk down to St. Stephen's Basilica—a handsome Neo-Classical building that is one of Budapest's most significant cultural sites.
- From there, we'll head to the Great Market Hall to sample some traditional Hungarian fare, such as salami, sausages and cheese, while your local expert explains the intricacies of Hungarian cuisine.

Strudel
from the
First
Strudel
House of
Pest in
2018
Budapest
Walking
Tour
Option 2

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More Strudel from
the First House of
Strudel in Pest
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St. Stephen's Basilica
DAY 2
OPTION 2 TOUR



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Great Market

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Inside the Great Market



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Day 2 JEWISH BUDAPEST

- On your way into the Jewish Quarter, take a panoramic drive along the UNESCO-designated Andrassy Avenue. Among its beautiful neo-Renaissance architecture are such sites as Heroes' Square, the Franz Liszt Memorial House, the House of Terror, and the Castle District.
- You will get off the coach near the Dohány Synagogue. The Great Synagogue of Budapest (also known as the Central Synagogue) on Dohány Street is a good starting point to learn about Jewish Budapest. The Dohány Synagogue is the largest in Europe and the 2nd largest Synagogue in the world.
- Our [Jewish Heritage Program](#) allows you to dive into Central Europe's enduring Jewish legacy with visits to museums, memorials, synagogues and more.

Day 3 - VIENNA

The grand dame of the Danube, Vienna was the heart of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and remains, to this day, the political and cultural center of Austria. Klimt painted here; Beethoven and Mozart composed here; Freud developed his theories here.

It's a treasure trove of splendid architecture, astonishing art collections and inviting cafés—and today it is yours to explore.

A city tour will show you the architectural highlights of the Austrian capital as well as the legendary Belvedere Palace.

Or, indulge your passion for fine art and fine food with a fascinating and memorable panoramic tour.

Or explore Jewish Vienna via our Jewish Heritage excursion

Day 3 "MORNING WITH THE MASTERS" AT THE BELVEDERE PALACE

- The Belvedere is a Baroque palatial complex commissioned during an immensely productive Habsburg building spree.
- Originally the summer residence of Prince Eugene of Savoy, the complex was acquired by Empress Maria Theresa after his death and turned into an exhibition venue for imperial art collections. In this way, The Belvedere become one of the first public museums in the world.
- Today it is one of the finest art collections anywhere, making it an incredibly popular destination for Vienna tourism. Skip the crowds entirely this morning on your early private tour through the Upper Belvedere exhibits with Uniworld.
- You'll appreciate the space and time to take in the palace's expansive collection, including the world's largest collection of works by Austrian artist Gustav Klimt. His most famous work, "*The Kiss*" is on display here

Day 3--VIENNA'S HISTORIC TRAILS AND LOCAL TREATS THE NEXT 5 SLIDES ARE ABOUT THIS TOUR OPTION

- In many ways a must-visit destination for both the art lover and the gourmand, Vienna is full of artistic and culinary treasures.
- Today's walking tour is all about immersing ourselves in that side of this beautiful city.
- Our menu for the day includes a stop for coffee and strudel at a local coffee house—a hallmark of Viennese culture—and a glass of Viennese wine from one of the city's oldest cellars.
- These treats will fuel our walks to see the Sisi Monument, a life-sized mosaic replica of Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*, the Habsburg Palace and the extravagant St. Stephen's Cathedral.

Day 3 VIENNA'S HISTORIC TRAILS AND LOCAL TREATS



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Day 3 Habsburg Palace

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St.
Stephens
Cathedral
Vienna
Day 3



Day 3 Jewish Vienna

- Explore the “City of Waltzes” from a Jewish heritage perspective on today’s outing.
- Beginning at the Judenplatz, you’ll learn about the community’s history and follow in the footsteps of some of the most internationally well-known figures.
- Your guide will take you by the Shoah Monument and Jewish museum, then stop at the Stadttempel, Vienna’s main temple and the only synagogue to have survived the “Night of Broken Glass” —a pogrom against Jews throughout Nazi Germany, Austria and other areas in the region. This temple dates to 1826 and is the only synagogue in Vienna built in the simple, yet elegant, “Biedermeier Style.”
- *Note: The synagogue will not be available for visits on Jewish holidays; if unavailable, we will visit the Vienna Jewish Museum instead.*
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Day 4– Emmersdorf

The Next 6 Slides Are About the Wachau Valley

You'll want to find a comfortable seat in the lounge or on the Sun Deck today as your ship cruises through the Wachau Valley toward Emmersdorf and Spitz.

Over the eons, the Danube cut a gorge through the foothills of the Bohemian mountains, resulting in a 19-mile (30-kilometer) stretch of riverine scenery so beautiful, UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Landscape.

Castle ruins dominate hilltops; baroque church towers appear on the riverbanks, marking historic villages and splendid abbeys; and apricot orchards and vineyards cling to the rocky slopes.

Some of Austria's finest white wines are produced from grapes ripening on the dry-stone terraces above the river, where grapes have been grown for 2,000 years.

Your ship will dock in Emmersdorf, midway through this glorious landscape.

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--PRIVATE ARTSTETTEN CASTLE RECEPTION WITH A MEMBER OF HABSBURG ROYALTY

- You're invited to a private reception at Artstetten Castle with a member of Habsburg royalty—a direct descendent of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie.
- As a pivotal part of world history, Archduke Franz Ferdinand's assassination in Sarajevo triggered WWI. The seven-towered castle, parts of which date back to the 13th-century, remains the private property of the Hohenberg family.
- It is the final resting place of the archduke and his wife, who are entombed in the family crypt, which you may explore. A museum within the castle walls is dedicated to Franz Ferdinand; you might be surprised to discover that the archduke, a stern military man if one judges him by his portrait, renounced his descendants' claim to the Habsburg throne in order to marry for love.

TREASURES OF THE WACHAU VALLEY

- Drive from Emmersdorf to the attractive town of Spitz, and take note of the vine-covered hill rising above the town on your way in.
- A famous local landmark, this hill is the source of much of the town's grapes. Wine is one of Spitz's most important local products, alongside apricots. You'll taste both today, starting with a variety of apricot treats upon your arrival.
- Visit the shipping and maritime museum in town before meeting Spitz's former count, Ferdinand Kufstein, who will take you on a walk through the charming village he calls home. Learn about his family history and get a local's perspective on life in Spitz and the Wachau Valley.
- After the walk, return to Emmersdorf, where a local wine expert will be waiting to guide you through a wine tasting onboard.

Day 5 ENGELHARTSZELL, PASSAU

THE NEXT 6 SLIDES ARE FROM PASSAU

- Your ship cruises through a scenic highlight of the Danube early this morning, the Schlägener Schlinge—a hairpin loop in the Danube that was once very hazardous for ships and is now a lovely, serene stretch of water—and leaves Austria behind today.
- Your first German port of call is Passau, where three rivers meet—the Inn, the Ilz and the Danube—and three nations almost meet: Austria, Germany and the Czech Republic, making for a fascinating cultural mosaic.
- Get to know the town and its main claim to fame, Europe's largest pipe organ, or join an invigorating riverside bike ride.

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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Passau



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DAY 5 “LET'S GO” SCENIC BAVARIAN RIVER BIKING

- Set off on an invigorating bike ride from Engelhartszell to Passau, led by an experienced professional bike guide.
- Wind your way through the lovely countryside, along the Danube's right side, into the picturesque Danube Valley. These landscapes are some of the most beautiful in all of Europe—characterized by expansive vineyards, tree-lined slopes, and castle-dotted hillsides—and seamlessly blend the region's cultural, historical and natural components together.
- Pedal onwards toward Passau, past more charming villages, meadows and orchards, rounding out your trip in Passau's Old Town.

Day 5--PASSAU "VILLAGE DAY"

- You'll have the opportunity to choose one of four different ways to immerse yourself in this wonderful city today, learning about local people, trades and pastimes.
- Your first option, a visit to a berry farm on a mission to provide good work for people with disabilities. There, you'll be taken on a tour of the farm and enjoy a tasting of its products, such as jams and vinegars.
- With another option, you'll meet a family from Passau as you're invited into their home. Your host may welcome you with food, drinks and or stories about their life in the city.
- At still another, we'll mingle with people at work around town, including an artist, a pub owner and others.
- And finally, you may opt to set out on a hike popular with locals. Take in Passau's best scenery as you stop at a castle—the Veste Oberhaus—and the Triftsperre nature reserve, then walk along the Ilz river delta.

Day 6--REGENSBURG

- Bavaria's first capital, Regensburg, owes its impressive historical lineage and rich architectural heritage to 600 years as a Free Imperial City, a fact recognized by UNESCO in 2006.
- Today, you'll discover how the beautifully preserved medieval city coexists with a vibrant modern urban center.

REGENSBURG WALK

WITH THURN AND TAXIS CASTLE VISIT

- Begin this three-hour excursion with a visit to the city center of Regensburg's Old Town, which has much to offer including the Porta Praetoria Roman ruins, the Old Stone Bridge, St. Peter's Cathedral, medieval patrician towers and the former Jewish Quarter among many other sights.
- Next, take a short walk to the Princely House of Thurn and Taxis. The family estate is difficult to miss; at over 1,000 years old, the mansion boasts over 500 rooms complete with chandeliers, gold leafing, incredible art and architectural touches to make it truly a sight to behold.
- The palace has an incredible history and stands as a tale of revival, endurance and baroque style.
- What's even more spectacular? The palace has a long list of celebrities who have stayed within its walls: Mick Jagger, Michael Jackson, Steve Martin, Plácido Domingo and more. These walls may not be able to talk, but if they could they would surely say, "Come see us for yourself!"

Regensburg Germany

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Porta Praetoria

Roman ruins used in a new building



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Old Town Hall Regensburg

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Regensburg St. Peter's Cathedral



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House of Thurn and Taxis

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House of Thurn and Taxis



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“FROM HOPS FIELD TO BEER STEIN” FARM VISIT

- Hops vines grow up their strings in a field tower almost twice a person’s height. They’re grown for their flowers, which add a distinctive flavor to beer—but the fields they grow in add a distinctive flavor to the hops.
- You could call it *terroir* for beer, and you can delve into hops cultivation and hops brewing today.
- Travel through Bavaria’s Holledau region, the largest hops growing district in the world, and meet an enthusiastic ambassador of hops growing and beer making.
- She will give you a quick and lively history of hops in Germany—including Bavaria’s law governing the making of beer, which has specified since 1560 that the only ingredients permitted in beer are water, barley and hops—and lead you on a tour through the growing fields her family owns, followed by a craft beer tasting in the cozy barn turned beer hall.
- It’s a delicious way to get to know a fascinating aspect of the international farm-to-table movement.

JEWISH REGENSBURG

- Join your local guide for a walking tour through the delightfully medieval town of Regensburg.
- Stroll over the Iron Bridge and on to the magnificent Stone Bridge and pass by the architectural Gothic masterpiece of St. Peter's Cathedral.
- Regensburg is the oldest documented settlement of Jewish people in Germany and your walk through the former Jewish Quarter (Neupfarrplatz) will introduce you to their enduring legacy here. See the Dani Karavan Monument memorializing the original Regensburg Synagogue and visit Oskar Schindler's house.
- Make your way to the New Synagogue for a presentation about Jewish culture and history in Regensburg. Here, you'll meet some of Regensburg's Jewish citizens and walk with them to the nearby Café Fürstenhof for a chat over coffee and cake.
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DAY 7 NUREMBERG

- Nuremberg will forever be associated with the post-WWII Nuremberg trials, but the city's profound historical and cultural significance stretches back many centuries before that.
- *Onboard, come out on deck or find a window seat where you can watch the ship navigate a series of locks as it travels across the “continental divide” and through one of the modern world's greatest feats of engineering—the Main-Danube canal.*
- *A special Captain's Farewell Reception and Dinner will be prepared for you this evening.*

DAY 7 NIGHTS OUT: FABER-CASTELL VISIT

- Faber-Castell, established in 1761, is the world's leading manufacturer of wood-cased pencils with a varied range of products for writing, drawing and creative design.
- The Faber-Castell headquarters make for a unique and fascinating expedition, with a collection of factory buildings, mansions and parklands spread out across the expansive property.
- Our guests will be hosted for a private evening experience, after the headquarters have closed to the public.
- *Please note: this excursion is only available on the Budapest to Prague and cruise-only Budapest to Nuremberg routes.*

NUREMBERG (DISEMBARK)

- Disembark the ship.
- If your cruise package includes a group departure transfer or if you purchased a private departure transfer, you will be transferred to Nuremberg Airport for your flight.

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