

# Legendary Danube AmaWaterways River Cruises

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# Map from AmaWaterways



# OVERVIEW

## CRUISE FROM : NUREMBERG TO BUDAPEST

- Delve into Europe's history starting in the perfectly preserved medieval city of Nuremberg and concluding in Budapest.
- In between, cruise through the man-made marvel, the Main-Danube Canal, across the Continental Divide and through the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley.
- Explore medieval Regensburg and visit Vienna where imperial dynasties built a harmonious blend of architectural wonders.
- Throughout your journey, get a feel for the land by biking and hiking, and sampling delicate wines and hearty beers.

# Day 1 NUREMBERG

- EMBARKATION
- Board your ship for your Legendary Danube cruise. (D)

# Day 2 NUREMBERG

- Medieval city tour
- OR WWII tour
- OR Tastes of Franconia
- Scenic cruise along the Main Danube Canal
- You have three choices of excursions while in Nuremberg.
- Enjoy a guided tour through Nuremberg's beautiful medieval city, showcasing the Imperial Castle, famous town wall and the legendary fountain of the Market Square.
- Or turn back the pages of a darker history with a guided tour of the city's most important WWII sites, including the enormous Documentation Center Nazi Party Rally Grounds.
- You'll also visit the Nuremberg Trials Memoriam, and Courtroom 600, if the courtroom is not in session.
- Alternatively, savor traditional Franconian specialties by sampling famously delicious Nuremberger Bratwurst, Rot bier (red beer) and lebkuchen (gingerbread).
- En route to Regensburg, you'll cruise through the manmade marvel, the Main-Danube Canal. (B,L,D)

# Nuremberg Castle Nuremberg, Germany

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# Nuremberg



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# Day 3 REGENSBURG

- UNESCO city walking tour
- OR Tastes of Bavaria
- OR Walhalla bike tour
- Explore one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities, Regensburg, on a guided walking tour showcasing the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria.
- Alternatively, sample some Bavarian specialties—beer, sausages and pretzels.
- and for those who wish to be more active, join a bike tour to Walhalla where you will see the neoclassical white marble temple inspired by the Parthenon in Athens.
- (B,L,D)



# 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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# Walhalla Monument Bike Tour

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# Day 4 PASSAU

- City of Three Rivers” walking tour
- OR Passau Castle hike
- OR River Inn bike tour
- Free time
- Enjoy a walking tour along Passau’s cobblestone streets admiring the Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen’s Cathedral.
- For guests looking for a more active morning, you can choose between a guided bike tour along the Inn River,
- or a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus Fortress for panoramic views overlooking three rivers.
- Later in the day, set sail for Linz.
- (B,L,D)



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# You Could Hike to the Fortress

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# Day 5 MELK

- Melk Benedictine Abbey tour
- OR Dürnstein walking tour
- OR Danube bike tour
- UNESCO scenic cruising
- Free evening
- Explore Melk, known for its magnificent Benedictine Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Europe's largest and most revered monasteries.
- Within these walls you will find frescoes painted by Johann Michael Rottmayr and Paul Troger, as well as a famed collection of musical manuscripts.
- Alternatively, you can go on a walking tour along Dürnstein's cobblestone streets to the Baroque Stiftskirche, with its famed church tower,
- or join a guided bike tour that takes you through the UNESCO designated-Wachau Valley.
- Later in the day, set sail through the vineyard rich Wachau Valley.

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# Melk

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# Melk Abby Melk, Austria

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# Schönbühl Castle—Watchman of the Wachau





# Wachau Valley



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# Augstein Castle in the Wachau Valley



# 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**

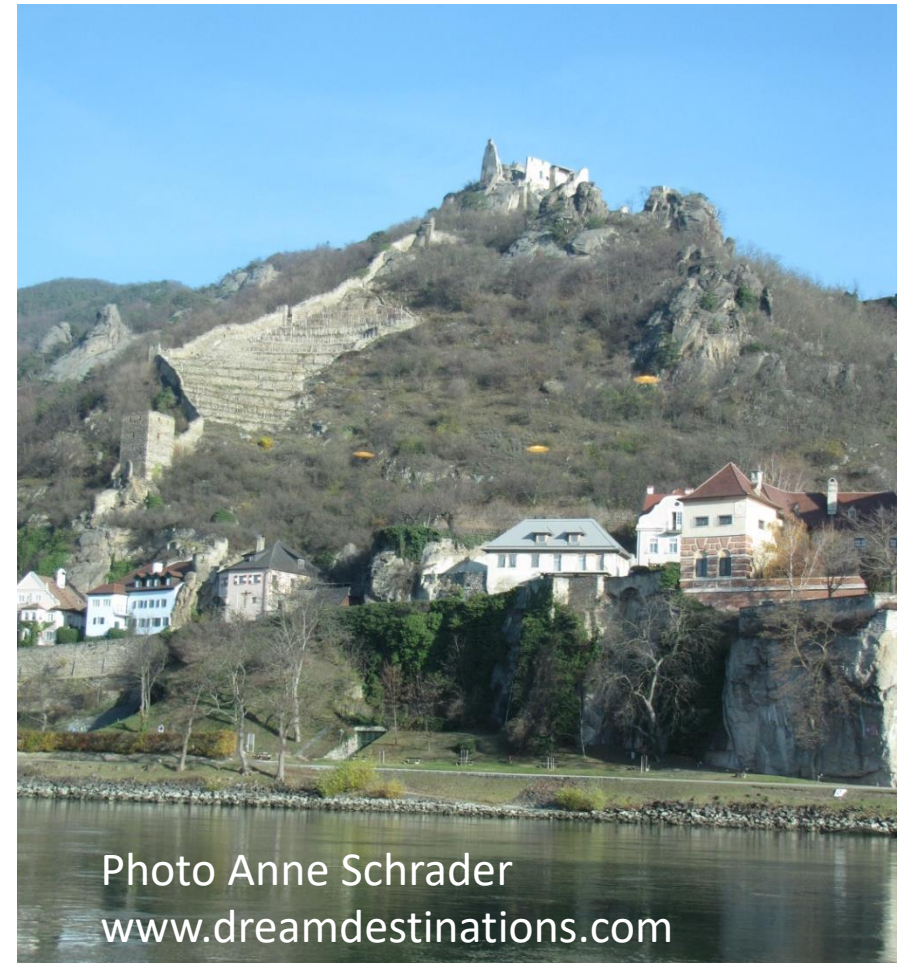


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# Day 6 VIENNA

- Imperial Vienna” tour
- OR Vienna City Tour by Bike
- Free Time
- The “City of Waltzes” offers a treasure trove of gems and on your city tour.
- You’ll see many of them, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs.
- Conclude your tour in Vienna’s historic city center, a UNESCO World
- Heritage Site, and then afterwards, visit the grand St. Stephen’s Cathedral.
- For a more active exploration of the area, discover Vienna on a guided bike tour.
- During the afternoon, spend leisure time exploring this iconic city even more.
- (B,L,D)

# Vienna Opera House at the end of Karntner Strasse



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# Day 3 Habsburg Palace

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St.  
Stephens  
Cathedral  
Vienna  
Day 3



# Day 7 BUDAPEST

- “Queen of the Danube” tour
- OR Castle Hill hike Free Time
- You cannot help but fall in love with Budapest, known as the “Queen of the Danube.”
- Your city tour begins with a visit to the vibrant Great Market Hall, brimming with vendors selling everything from food to souvenirs.
- The remainder of this tour takes you to both the Buda (hilly) and the Pest (flat) sides of the river.
- As an alternative choice, hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city below.
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# Great Market

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# Inside the Great Market



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# Buda Castle

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# Fisherman's Bastion

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# Gothic Matthias Church



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# Day 8 BUDAPEST

- DISEMBARKATION
- Bid farewell to Budapest as you prepare for your flight home. (B)

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