

11 Day Danube Explorer with Prague Emerald River Cruises

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Map From Emerald Waterways



YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- 7 nights on board an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
- Airport transfers to and from your Star-Ship
- The services of an Emerald Cruises cruise director
- Port taxes and charges
- All tipping and gratuities

INCLUDED EXCURSIONS

- 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

EmeraldACTIVE

- Walking tour of Regensburg with Bavarian sausage tasting
- Traditional Bavarian band on board
- Home-hosted coffee and cake with a Slovakian family
- Traditional Hungarian folklore show on board

DINING HIGHLIGHTS

- 20 delectable 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 - Prague

When you arrive in Prague, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your centrally located hotel for a three-night stay.

Day 2 - Prague

- Today, join a walking tour of Prague to explore its vivid history through its Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque architecture, with each style encapsulating a slice of the city's past.
- After passing through three castle courtyards, you will visit St. Vitus Cathedral, then we walk down the Castle steps with a wonderful view over the city of Prague and we continue to Charles Bridge which we cross to reach the Old Town of Prague.
- We finish the city sightseeing tour in front of the famous Astronomical Clock at Old Town Square.
- **Included Excursion**
- A guided tour of Prague
- **EmeraldPLUS**
- Coffee and cake at Lobkowitz Palace
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast

Prague Castle

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Gothic Cathedral of St. Vitus Prague

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Charles Bridge

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Town Hall

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Old Town Hall Prague

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Astronomical Clock



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Old Town Prague



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Old Town Square Prague

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Day 3 - Prague

- Today is yours to spend exploring Prague at leisure, perhaps uncovering the secrets of Josefov, the Jewish Quarter and Malá Strana, one of the most historic regions in the city. Your tour director will be available to help you plan your day and to answer any questions that you may have.
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Tastes of Czechia (extra expense)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast

Ceremonial Hall Jewish Quarter Building of the Prague Burial Society

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Jewish Synagogue Prague



Jewish Town Hall & High Synagogue Prague

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Day 4 - Prague – Regensburg

- After breakfast, it is time to leave Prague's idyllic center and transfer to your Star-Ship in Regensburg.
- You'll be met at the airport by an Emerald Cruises representative and transferred to your contemporary Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, where your friendly captain and crew will be waiting to greet you.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 - Regensburg

- Explore the medieval centre of Regensburg with a local guide, walking the cobblestone streets, passing the patrician houses of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Old Town, and stopping to sample traditional Bavarian sausage.
- Alternatively, join a bike tour to the Walhalla monument, which towers high above the slopes of the Danube. From here, you can enjoy a fascinating view of the river and the surrounding landscape.
- This evening, enjoy a welcome reception with dinner.
- **EmeraldACTIVE**
- Guided bike tour to the Walhalla monument
- **EmeraldPLUS**
- Walking tour of Regensburg with Bavarian sausage tasting
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Regensburg Germany

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Walhalla Monument Bike Tour

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Day 6 - 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 an array of Baroque architecture that still stands today, including St. Stephen's Cathedral.
- Alternatively, if you're feeling active, 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)
- **DiscoverMORE**
- Visit to Schütz Art Museum Engelhartszell (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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Day 7 - Dürnstein - Krems

- Today, we will sail through the fascinating UNESCO World Heritage-listed Wachau Valley
- In Dürnstein you can choose to hike the ruins of Dürnstein Castle, offering delightful panoramic views of the surrounding medieval villages.
- If you are feeling more active, you can embark on a guided bike tour in Dürnstein, passing terraced vineyards, castles and ruins along the way, before meeting your Star-Ship where it is docked.

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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Krems

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Day 7 - Dürnstein - Krems

- This afternoon, enjoy a guided tour of Göttweig Abbey, a true treasure overlooking the Wachau from a hill covered by vineyards and forests.
- As part of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed 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 even from great distance, the abbey provides epic panorama views 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 8 - 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's no other place like the Austrian capital, not just because the city is packed with museums and artwork but also 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.
- Alternatively, 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)
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - 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



Primacial Palace Bratislava



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Slovak National Theater Bratislava

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Day 10 - 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

Budapest Parliament at Night

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St. Stephen's Basilica Budapest



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Chain Bridge with Buda Castle in the Background Budapest, Hungary

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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 11 - Budapest

- After breakfast, it's time to say farewell to your fellow guests and disembark your Star-Ship for your transfer to the airport, taking wonderful memories of the Viennese skyline and architectural masterpieces with you.
- This itinerary is a guide only and may be amended for operational reasons such as high and low water. As such, the cruise may operate altered from that stated above. Please refer to our terms and conditions for further information.
- **Meals Included:** Breakfast

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