Melodies of the Danube AmaWaterways River Cruises

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Day 1 BUDAPEST

- EMBARKATION
- Arrive in Budapest and board your luxurious river cruise ship. (D)

Day 2 Budapest

- "Queen of the Danube" tour
- OR Castle Hill hike
- Budapest offers an unmatched combination of culture and tradition.
- Your city tour begins with a visit to the Great Market Hall before going to both the Buda (hilly) and the Pest (flat) sides of the river.
- You'll see Heroes' Square and Castle Hill, home to the Fisherman's Bastion and Mattias Church.
- As an alternative, you can hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city below.
- (B,L,D)

Great Market



Chain Bridge with Buda Castle in the Background Budapest, Hungary



Buda Castle, Budapest



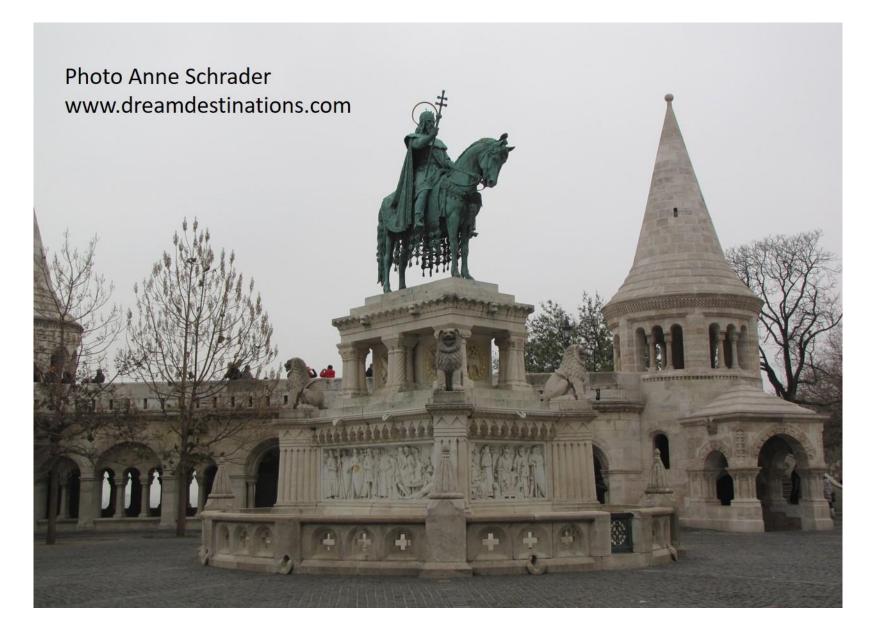
Budapest Parilment at Night



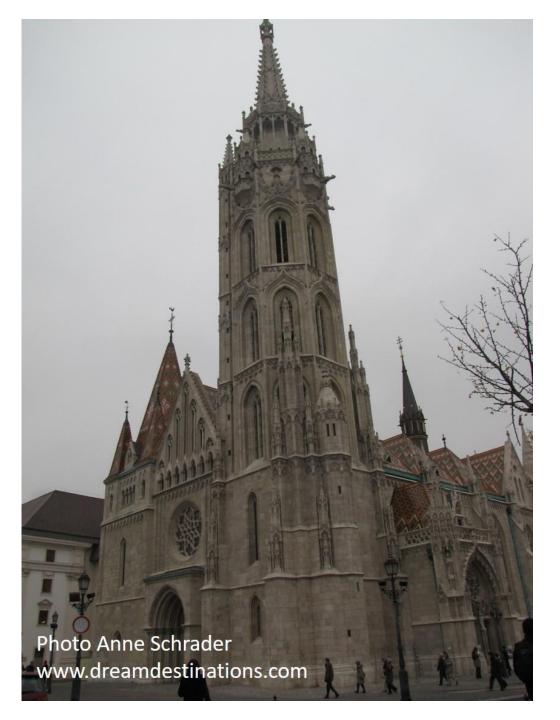
Buda Castle



Fisherman's Bastion



Gothic Matthias Church



Gothic Matthias Church



Day 3 BRATISLAVA

- "Coronation City" walking tour
- OR Tastes of Slovakia
- OR Bratislava Castle hike
- Host to the crowning ceremonies of 11 Hungarian kings and queens be tween 1536 and 1830, Bratislava certainly has earned the title "Coronation City of Kings," as you'll discover during your walking tour.
- Or join a special "Tastes of Slovakia" tour
- For a more active adventure, hike up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city. (B,L,D)

Hike Up to Bratislava Castle



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



Day 4 Vienna

- "Imperial Vienna" tour
- OR Vienna city tour by bike
- Free time
- The "City of Waltzes" offers a wealth of gems and your city tour showcases its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs.
- Conclude your tour in Vienna's historic city center and then visit St. Stephen's Cathedral.
- or discover Vienna by bike
- During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time to further explore this iconic city.
- (B,L,D)

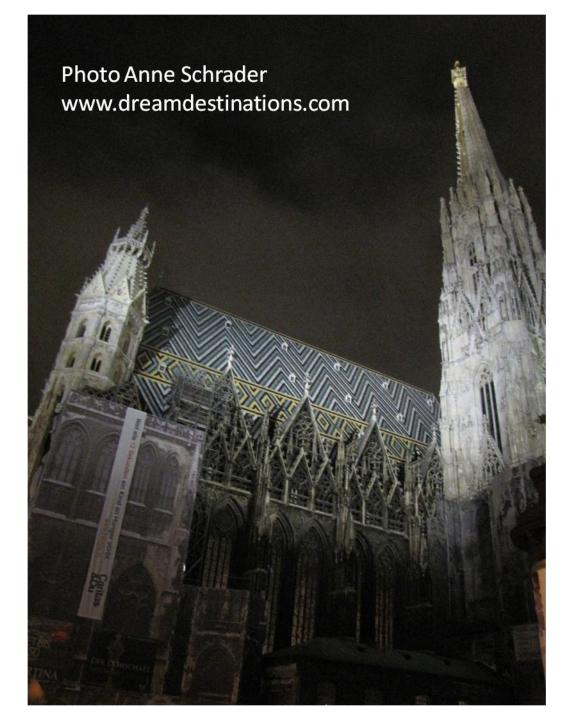
Vienna Opera House at the end of Karntner Strasse



Day 3 Habsburg Palace



St. Stephens Cathedral Vienna Day 3



Day 5 WEISSENKIRCHEN

- Highlights of Dürnstein and Melk Abbey
- OR Dürnstein with wine and apricots
- OR Dürnstein fortress hike
- OR Weissenkirchen to Melk bike tour
- Strudengau Valley
- Exclusive castle visit with private reception

Spitz Wachau Valley



Wachau Valley



Weisskirchen Wachau Valley 2012



Wachau Valley



Aggstein Castle Ruins



Hinterhaus Castle Ruins

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Schonbuhl Castle



Day 5 Options WEISSENKIRCHEN

- After reaching Weissenkirchen, you'll be treated to several choices of excursions.
- Take a walking tour of Dürnstein before visiting the UNESCOdesignated Melk Abbey.
- For a more culinary-focused experience, join a walking tour in Dürnstein, then enjoy a wine tasting hosted by a local vintner and sample special apricot treats from a local boutique.
- or go on a bike tour of the city's famed "Cultural Mile" and the Danube
- While here, enjoy a folklore show and wine reception.
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Durnstein





Melk



Day 6

- Full day Salzburg excursion
- OR "UNESCO City of Media Arts" walking tour
- OR "Cultural Mile" bike tour
- Český Krumlov excursion*

Cesky Krumlov



Cesky Krumlov



Day 6 Option Details

- The ship arrives in Linz where you'll have several choices of excursions.
- Opt for a full day excursion to Salzburg where you'll tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market.
- En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the Basilica St. Michael.
- Or join a morning walking tour through the old city center of Linz and by through the old city center of Linz and by the Mozart House ;
- or go on a bike tour of the city's famed "Cultural Mile" and the Danube.
- In the afternoon, you can also choose to visit charming Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech Austrian border.
- (B,L,D)

Salzburg Austria





Salzburg Austria





Day 7 Passau

- City of Three Rivers" walking tour
- OR Passau bike tour
- OR Passau Castle hike
- Discover the city of Passau in one of three ways.
- Enjoy a walking tour and marvel at Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture a nd St. Stephen's Cathedral.
- Alternately, choose between a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus fortress
- or a guided bike tour along the Danube River.
- Later cruise to Vilshofen, where you will be treated to a festive Oktoberfest celebration — an AmaWaterways exclusive.
- (B,L,D)

Passau, Germany





Passau, Germany



Passau



You Could Hike to the Fortress



Day 8 VILSHOFEN

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