



Romantic Danube Vilshofen to Budapest

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AmaWaterways River Cruise Specialist

Overview

- Journey along the Danube and see firsthand why this storied river has inspired generations of artists, poets and musicians.
- Indulge your passion for timeless architecture and art in 3 magnificent capitals: Budapest, Bratislava, and Vienna .
- Let the hills come alive with the sounds of music in Salzburg and the Austrian Lake District.
- Cruise through the enchanting Strudengau Valley and let the Romantic Danube carry you from one gem to another on a regal journey through time.

Map of Your Trip

Map from AMA Waterways



Your Vacation Inclusions

There is so much included—the next 4 slides will give you a quick overview of what a great value an AmaWaterways cruise is !

But the best part will be the friendly staff—you will never forget them!

Awesome Staff

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An Array of Amenities

- Wellness Activities with a dedicated Wellness Host leading various exercise classes as well as discussions on healthy eating and relaxation techniques, both on board and on shore.
- Personalized service from a highly trained Cruise Manager during both cruise and land programs
- Internet and Wi-Fi access
- Sun deck pool with swim-up bar and walking track
- Fitness room
- Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
- Bottled water in every stateroom replenished daily
- Daily entertainment including cultural performances

Wellness Instructor (Yellow Jacket) with 2 of our clients 2019



Maybe your cruise will have a 60's Dance Party like one of ours did!

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Award Winning Dining

- All onboard dining in a variety of venues
- Regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients
- The Chef's Table specialty restaurant
- Welcome Cocktail, Welcome Dinner, La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Dinner, Captain's Cocktail and Gala Dinner
- La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs exclusive dining experience
- Unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner
- Unlimited sparkling wine and fresh juice with breakfast
- Sip & Sail Cocktail Hour with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
- Tapas, sandwiches, snacks and refreshments served daily in the Main Lounge

One of Our Past Meals in the Main Dinning Room



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Past Specialty Dining Room The Chef's Table



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Aft Specialty Dining Room Food



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A World of Exploration

- Immersive tours in every destination
- Gentle, regular, active and late-riser tour options
- Bike tours and hikes
- Special Interest Tours
- Knowledgeable guides
- Personal headset for easy exploration
- Airport transfers with purchase of air from AmaWaterways

Day 1

- EMBARKATION – Vilshofen
- Board the ultra-luxurious AmaWaterways ship and settle into your stateroom. (B,D)
- Be treated to a Bavarian Oktoberfest celebration complete with music, beer and sausages.

German Brunch from One of Our Past Trips



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Day 2

- Join a walking tour and marvel at Passau's Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's Cathedral.
- Or take a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus fortress.
- You can also ride to Wernstein on a guided bike tour.

Passau, Germany



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You Could Hike to the Fortress

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Day 3

- LINZ, AUSTRIA
- Join a walking tour through the old city center of Linz and by the Mozart House; or bike along the city's famed "Cultural Mile" and the Danube.
- For those who love The Sound of Music, enjoy a full-day excursion to Salzburg and 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, where the famous wedding scene in the movie was filmed.
- In the afternoon, you have the choice to visit the charming Czech mountain town of Český Krumlov, or the Austrian Lake District, a famed resort area.

Salzburg

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Český Krumlov,

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Day 4

- Scenic cruising
- From Krems, you can take a guided excursion to Dürnstein to stroll along the cobblestone streets to the Baroque Stiftskirche, with its famed church tower on a walking tour.
- Those who wish a more active adventure of the area can hike to the historic Dürnstein Fortress, or cycle from Spitz to Krems.
- During the morning, cruise through the amazing Wachau Valley.
- Once in Spitz, you can visit the 900-year-old Melk Abbey situated high atop the granite cliffs of the Danube, or get active with a bike to Spitz before returning to Melk and the ship for lunch.
- In the evening, be treated to an exclusive wine festival where you'll enjoy some of the region's famous wines. (B,L,D)

Melk Abby

Melk, Austria

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Schönbuhl Castle—Watchman of the Wachau

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Wachau Valley

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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 5

- VIENNA, AUSTRIA
- Vienna 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, visit the Palace of Schönbrunn, an exquisite example of Baroque architecture and opulence. Built as the summer residence of the Habsburg Emperors and spanning an astounding 1,441 rooms, this Rococo palace soon became one of their favorite homes. Your visit will include a guided tour of the Imperial apartments, the carriage museum and the equally impressive gardens. (B,L,D)

St.
Stephen's
Cathedral
at night



Vienna, Austria

Schonbrunn Palace

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Day 6

- Bratislava, Slovakia
- Host to the crowning ceremonies of 11 Hungarian kings and queens between 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 to its gleaming castle. (B,L,D)

Bratislava



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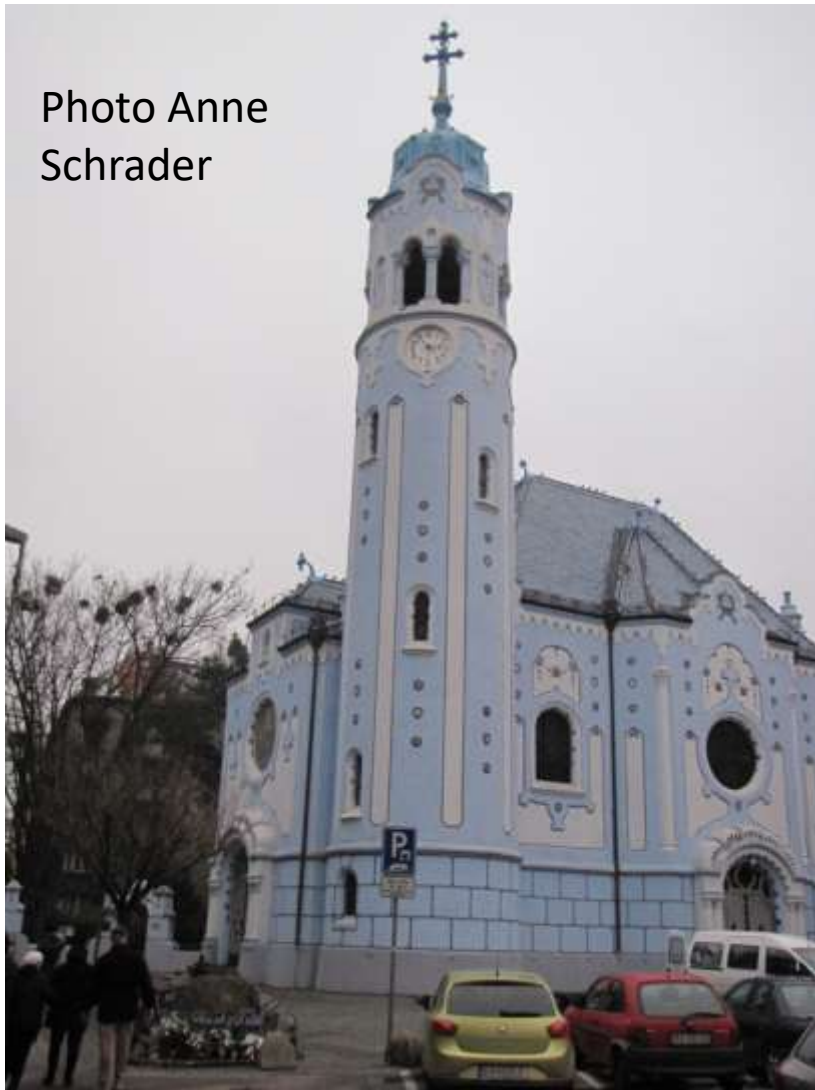
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Primacial Palace



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The Blue Church

Bratislava, Slovakia



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Bratislava at night

Anne Cooks in Bratislava



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Perhaps hike up to Bratislava Castle

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Day 7

- Budapest offers an unmatched combination of culture and tradition. Visit 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 Matthias Church.
- As an alternative, hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city. (B,L,D)
- Sail out of Budapest, passing through the scenic Danube Bend where you'll see some of Hungary's oldest settlements, including Esztergom, Visegrád and Szentendre.

Chain Bridge with Buda Castle in the Background Budapest, Hungary

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Buda Castle, Budapest

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Budapest Parliament at Night

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Day 8

- Disembark your awesome river cruise ship—you probably will be ready to book a new cruise!

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