

Cruise the Danube to Vienna & Budapest

5th to 14th October

The Danube links ten countries on its incredible journey from the Black Forest in Germany to the Black Sea in Romania. Great cities, scenic valleys, magnificent gorges – it's as diverse as it is long, telling a story at every turn. Join us as we cruise from Passau to Budapest and back, passing through four countries and visiting 6 towns/cities along the way...



Main deck twin cabin

£1,499 per person

Middle deck twin cabin

£1,605 per person

Panorama deck twin cabin

£1,715 per person

Main deck single occupancy

£1,875

Please note that we require a £200 per person non refundable deposit for this tour at the time of booking. Final balance is due 30/6/19

What's Included

- ✓ A total of 2 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast, plus 7 nights full board on board MS Serenity (drinks not included)
- ✓ All bedrooms are en suite with TV & hairdryer
- ✓ Guided tour of Melk Abbey
- ✓ Guided city tour of Vienna
- ✓ Guided tour of Schönbrunn Palace
- ✓ Guided city tour of Budapest
- ✓ Budapest by night including Folklore show with music and a glass of schnapps
- ✓ Puszta horse show
- ✓ Time to explore Dürnstein

★★★★ MERCURE STUTTGART
SINDELFINGEN AN DER MESSE

★★★★ MS SERENITY

★★★★ NOVOTEL REIMS TINQUEUX
HOTEL

Saturday 5 October

Departing Oxted early morning, we travel to Dover for the channel crossing to Calais, and on to our overnight hotel in Sindelfingen, Germany.

Sunday 6 October

We continue our journey through Germany to Passau, known as 'the three rivers city' due to its unique location where the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers meet. Here we board the MS Serenity and relax as we set sail and cruise towards Melk.



Monday 7 October

This morning we arrive in the fairy-tale like town of Melk, which lies in the beautiful Wachau Valley. Here you can join our excursion to discover the Benedictine Abbey, one of the world's most famous monastic houses which has been occupied by monks for over 900 years. Today, Melk Abbey is a prestigious school with more than 800 students, yet black robed Benedictine monks still stroll among the marble structures and frescoed walls. Our guided tour shows you the magnificent Marble Hall, Emperor's Gallery, Abbey Church and the terrace where you can enjoy fine views of the Danube River and the town. You can relax on board for the remainder of the day as we cruise to Vienna for an overnight stop.

Tuesday 8 October

We spend a full day experiencing the delights of Vienna, the city of music. Grand palaces, baroque castles, magnificent squares and striking monuments abound as we take an excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, part of the World Heritage Site. This is a wonderful opportunity to see inside the



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luxurious interiors and explore some of the 1,441 rooms, which are filled with magnificent chandeliers, beautiful ceiling frescoes and lashings of gold decoration. Highlights include the Great Gallery, the Chinese Cabinets and Emperor Franz Joseph's private suite. In the early evening we cast off and cruise towards Budapest.

Wednesday 9 October

Today we have a full day in Budapest, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Here you can explore both sides of Hungary's capital – traditional Buda and the more cosmopolitan Pest. Start the day by joining our guided tour which introduces you to the highlights and helps you get your bearings in the city known as the 'pearl of the Danube'. Accompanied by a local guide, our coach city tour takes in some of the most beautiful areas including Heroes Square – the city's most impressive square and the splendid terrace of Fisherman's Bastion which offers a grand panorama of almost the entire city. In the evening you can

see this beautiful city when it lights up against the night sky. First of all you can experience an authentic piece of Hungarian culture at a folklore show and enjoy famous gypsy music and dancing with a glass of schnapps.





Thursday 10 October

Our excursion today takes you through the sweeping plains of Hungary to Lajosmizse, where we visit a traditional stud farm. We take a tour of the grounds in a horse-drawn carriage, before watching human skill and horse power come together in a spectacular live Puszta horse show performed in an open air arena. We set sail in the afternoon and cruise towards Bratislava.

Friday 11 October

We reach Bratislava at the crack of dawn. This historic city is dominated by its castle and unique suspension bridge. Join our walking tour to take in the sights of this Slovakian capital and experience its rich culture, before we set sail in the afternoon and cruise towards Dürnstein.

Saturday 12 October

The charming town of Dürnstein is surrounded by beautiful scenery and filled with traditional architecture and places of historic interest, crowned by the ruins of the castle that once imprisoned Richard the Lionheart. Roam along the beautifully cobbled streets to admire the 16th century houses and pretty courtyards before setting sail for the final time and cruise towards Passau.

Sunday 13 October

We disembark at Passau this morning and travel by coach to our overnight hotel near Reims.

Monday 14 October

After breakfast we make the short journey into Reims where we shall have time to explore and find lunch before driving to Calais for our return crossing and onward journey home, arriving back in Oxted mid evening.

We have to provide our final cabin requirements 12 weeks prior to arrival. After this stage any cancelled cabins will be charged in full. We advise all passengers to take travel insurance because of this policy

