

## Danube Rhapsody



*This fascinating journey takes you along one of the most beautiful stretches of the Danube right in the heart of the once brilliant imperial and royal Austro-Hungarian monarchy. From the Bavarian city of Passau (where three rivers meet) the cruise goes downstream to Budapest, the city often described as the 'Queen of the Danube'. You pass through four European countries (Germany, Austria, Hungary and Slovakia) and three capitals (Vienna, Budapest and Bratislava) and varied scenery such as the Schloegener loops below Passau, the picturesque Wachau district of Austria (steeped in legends), and the 'knee' of the Danube at Visegrad in Hungary; you also see the imposing cathedral of Esztergom in Hungary and the Benedictine abbey of Melk in Austria. This cruise encompasses both art and culture in places that bear witness to thousands of years of European history.*



Day	Country	Harbour	Highlights of the Program
1	D	PASSAU	Welcome cocktail (INCL), welcome dinner (INCL)
2	A	SPITZ	Excursion to the "Weinerlebniswelt" Krems and a city walk through Krems (E 30)
3	HU	BUDAPEST	City tour Budapest (E 20), evening cruise "Budapest at Night" on board with a typical Hungarian folklore show (INCL)
4	HU	BUDAPEST	Castle Gödöllő with horse-show (E 40) or excursion
	HU	ESZTERGOM	Szentendre-Esztergom (E 33) (by bus from Budapest to Esztergom)
5	SK	BRATISLAVA	City tour Bratislava (E 20) Excursion to the Little Carpathians (E 40) or visit of the Imperial Festival Palace - Castle Hof (E 40)
6	A	VIENNE	City tour Vienna (E 20), visit of Schoenbrunn Castle (E 30) or visit of the Hofburg Imperial Palace (E 30), concert "Sound of Vienna" in the famous Kursalon (E 40) Evening excursion Vienna incl. drive to the Kahlenberg with a wonderful view on Vienna at night and visit of a typical wine tavern (E 27)
7	A	MELK/ EMMERSDORF	Melk Abbey and a city walk Duernstein (E 32)
8	D	PASSAU	Disembarkation after breakfast

### INCLUDED FEATURES:

- 7-night cruise accommodation in an outside stateroom
- superb dining with all meals included during your cruise
- coffee and tea after lunch and dinner
- quality red & white wines from Europe's great wine regions with every dinner onboard the ship
- welcome cocktail, welcome dinner & Captain's Gala Dinner
- programs, excursions and features which are marked as (INCL) in the itinerary
- daily onboard music performances by the board-musicians
- services of an experienced, multilingual cruise director
- non-smoking environment (smoking permitted only on the Sundeck)
- port taxes and local taxes
- the modern wireless audiosystem "Quietvox" for all excursions during the cruise
- Merian travel guide "Europe's most beautiful rivers"

### NOT INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Additional optional excursions: please see our EXCURSION PACKAGES
- Tips
- Insurance
- personal expenses