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ACTIVE & DISCOVERY ON THE DANUBE

WLB ● LINZ → BUDAPEST

Meals

Breakfast: 8 Lunch: 6 Dinner: 7

Transport

State-of-the-art, luxurious river cruise vessels

with modern services and amenities

Accommodation

Deluxe outside accommodations with Avalon's

exclusive Comfort Collection Beds

HighLights

Engelhartszell

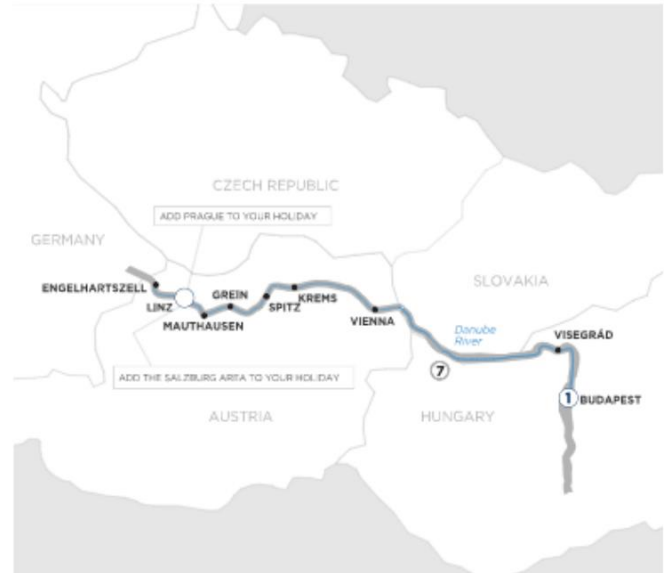
Spitz

Vienna

Visegrad

Budapest

Hiking



DAY 1: LINZ, AUSTRIA (EMBARKATION).

Welcome to Austria! Your Suite Ship awaits in Linz. Flights into Linz must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm. Enjoy any free time today by shopping, exploring on your own, or stop in a cafe for Austria's world-famous pastries. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ENGELHARTSZELL (D)

DAY 2: ENGELHARTSZELL-SCHLOGEN OXBOW.

Memories and Beer in the Making. ACTIVE - Join a Guided Tour to the "House by the stream" (Haus am Strom) and walk across the Danube Power-Station Jochenstein, OR: CLASSIC - Visit the stunning rococo-style Engelszell Abbey, and explore its Sensory Garden-complete with stone labyrinth, herb garden, and vineyard. Sample cheese and beer made by the resident Trappist monks. Enjoy free time on the Sky Deck this afternoon while you sail through the amazing horseshoe bend of the Danube's Schlogen Oxbow on your way back to Linz. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LINZ (B,L,D)

DAY 3: LINZ-MAUTHAUSEN

History Lessons and Monastic Life in Austria. ACTIVE - Take a Guided Bike Tour along the Danube and discover how fertile this area is. Stop at a local farm and learn more about farming life and flood protection, OR: CLASSIC - Take a step back in time with a visit to the 9th-century St. Florian Monastery-the largest monastery in upper Austria and home to Augustine monks, OR: CLASSIC - Pay homage to a pivotal time in human history with a Guided Tour of Mauthausen Concentration Camp, one of the largest and most brutal Nazi camps of WWII. In the afternoon sail to Grein. GREIN, AUSTRIA: Theatre, History and Modern-Day Castles. CLASSIC - Take a Guided Walk of Grein, including its historic theatre, the oldest in Austria still holding regular performances. DISCOVERY - See Burg Clam on a Guided Visit, and meet the Count of Clam during your tour. EVENING CRUISE TO SPITZ (B,L,D)

DAY 4: SPITZ.

Take a Hike, a Canoe, or a Bike to Explore Austria's Wine Country. ACTIVE - Paddle a canoe on a Guided Tour to see the Austrian waterways and shoreline scenery from a unique perspective, OR: ACTIVE - Take a Guided Bike Tour from Spitz to Krems, and enjoy a stop in Durnstein to see the mesmerising blue Stiftskirche, and to sample local specialties, OR: DISCOVERY - Join an interactive Wine World Experience with wine tasting, OR: DISCOVERY - Enjoy a Guided Tour that showcases the production of regional fruits, vegetables, wine, or other products. Relax this afternoon as you cruise toward Vienna. This evening, perhaps join a Guided Optional Hike through the vineyards outside Vienna, with a wine tasting and dinner at a Heurigen (Wine Tavern). OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA (B,L,D)

DAY 5: VIENNA.

Strauss, Schnitzel, Strudel and Sachertorte. ACTIVE - Take a Guided Bike Tour along the famed Ringstrasse and pedestrian avenues of Vienna to see the city's highlights from a unique perspective, OR: ACTIVE - Join a Guided Jogging Tour of the City of Music to see highlights of the gilded architecture along the way, OR: DISCOVERY - Take an Insider's Tour of Vienna to get behind the scenes of her sights and attractions. You will meet locals, have the chance to prepare some food, and enjoy other surprises, OR: CLASSIC - Enjoy a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Vienna, including a tour of Belvedere Palace to see Gustave Klimt's renowned "Kiss" painting. Spend free time this afternoon strolling through the pedestrian Karntnerstrasse, take a break for a piece of Sachertorte. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA (B,L,D)

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DAY 7: VISEGRAD, HUNGARY.

Jousting Tournaments and Artisan Traditions. DISCOVERY - Join a Guided Excursion to the Medieval Knights Tournament at Visegrad's Lower Castle, featuring targetting and fighting demonstrations by members of the St. George Knightly Order, OR: ACTIVE - Take a Castle visit and scenic Hiking Tour to Count Dracula's prison tower in Visegrad, OR: ACTIVE - Take part in a canoe excursion through the picturesque Bend Region of the Danube for a truly unique perspective of one of the river's most beautiful stretches. Sail to Budapest this afternoon. BUDAPEST, HUNGARY: The Pearl of the Danube. Take some free time this afternoon to explore the vibrant and stunning city of Budapest. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner on board your ship this evening. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BUDAPEST (B,L,D)

DAY 8: BUDAPEST (DISEMBARKATION).

ACTIVE - See the sights from a different perspective by joining a Guided Bike Tour along the bike paths of the city, OR: DISCOVERY - Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour combing the sights of Budapest with "Fungarian" instruction of useful local words and phrases, OR: CLASSIC - Take a Guided Walking Tour of Budapest to see the city's most iconic sites. Spend free time shopping for Hungarian paprika or handcrafted souvenirs, or savour a piece of cream cake in the world-famous Gerbeaud Cafe. (B)

DAY 9: BUDAPEST.

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)