



EVANSTON REGIONAL HOSPITAL OUR HEALTHY CIRCLE PRESENTS
ROMANTIC DANUBE

WITH VIKING RIVER CRUISES ON THE VIKING GULLVEIG
8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS ~ NOVEMBER 9 – 16, 2019

Air to depart the US on November 8th to arrive in Budapest on the 9th

Visit Budapest's Castle District and cross the famous Chain Bridge. Explore Göttweig Abbey, one of Austria's most revered monastic centers, and make dumplings with Wachau Valley apricots. See Europe's largest pipe organ in Passau, or travel to Salzburg. Celebrate Vienna's musical heritage at a concert featuring works by Mozart and Strauss. With medieval towns, grand cities and stunning scenery, this 8-day journey on the "Blue Danube" is one you are sure to love.

DAY 1 | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Welcome to Budapest, capital of Hungary. Transfer to your ship from the airport.* After boarding, the afternoon is yours to relax or do a bit of exploring. After dinner on board tonight, enjoy an evening cruise on your ship to admire Budapest's beautiful scenery from the vantage point of the Danube River. (D)

*Transfers are included as long as air is purchased from Viking River Cruises

DAY 2 | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Your morning begins with a panoramic tour of the Pest side of the city. Journey along Andrassy Avenue and see the 19th- and 20th-century mansions, National Opera House, Parliament Building and Chain Bridge. Stop in Heroes' Square to learn more about Hungarian history, then cross the Danube to Buda's Castle District. Visit Matthias Church and enjoy brilliant views of the Danube and the beautiful Hungarian Parliament building from Fishermen's Bastion. Rejoin your ship in Visegrád for lunch as we cruise along the scenic Danube River. Enjoy a midafternoon Viennese coffee workshop, complete with apple strudel. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 | VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Today we tour the Austrian capital of Vienna. Ride along the Ringstrasse, which replaced the city walls in the mid-19th century. See some of the city's baroque architecture, including the world-famous Opera House, St. Stephan's Cathedral and Hofburg Palace. Return to your ship for lunch. The rest of the day is yours to further explore. As always, your Program Director can help you plan your free time. Or, you may choose to join us for an optional excursion. Perhaps visit Schönbrunn Palace, erected in 1778 and admired as the "Versailles of Vienna," or go behind the scenes at the Spanish Riding School to see its famed Lipizzaner stallions. This evening, you might enjoy an optional classical concert or celebrate the bottling of this year's wine vintage among the locals at a high-spirited optional Heurigen dinner. (B, L, D)



DAY 4 | KREMS, AUSTRIA

After breakfast, disembark in Krems and set off for Göttweig, a working Benedictine abbey that owns many of the vineyards along the Danube. See the splendid ceiling fresco in its imperial stairwell, one of the largest in the world. Visit the abbey church, a masterpiece of baroque architecture. Alternately, you may instead choose to explore your environs by bicycle, enjoying a ride along a riverside bike path considered one of Europe's most scenic. Afterward, rejoin your ship and cruise leisurely through the captivating Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Taste some local Austrian specialties during lunch on board, taking in views of attractive towns and castle ruins along the way. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 | PASSAU, GERMANY

Arrive this morning in Passau, at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube Rivers. Your guided walk along the town's narrow streets takes you through Old Town and past traditional patrician houses. See the New Bishop's Residence and visit the impressive baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral with its ornate interior. Inside, you are treated to a special concert played on the 17,000-pipe organ, considered Europe's largest church organ.† Enjoy lunch on board your ship, and return to the city for further exploration on your own before departing. Alternately, you may instead journey into the countryside on an optional excursion to a local farm where you will have the opportunity to join a festive Bavarian party, experiencing traditional German music and food and tasting locally brewed beer. Or, you may choose a full-day optional excursion to explore glorious Salzburg; visit the Italianate Old Town, see settings from the film *The Sound of Music* and enjoy lunch at Austria's oldest restaurant. (B, L, D)

†Passau organ concert is available May 1–October 31 only and is closed on Sundays.

DAY 6 | REGENSBURG, GERMANY

After breakfast, meet your local guide for a walking tour through the scenic town of Regensburg, considered one of Europe's best preserved medieval cities. See one of the largest groupings of 13th- and 14th-century church spires, towers and patrician houses north of the Alps. You also encounter the 12th-century Old Stone Bridge, St. Peter's Cathedral and a number of idyllic courtyards. Take time to stroll the streets, shop or visit Germany's oldest restaurant, the Alte Würstküche. Lunch is served on board your ship.

This afternoon, enjoy scenic cruising along the Danube River, or take an optional excursion to visit Weltenburg Abbey and experience a short cruise through a stunning mountain pass, one of the most breathtakingly scenic bends in the Danube Narrows. Travel by road to Kelheim and board a ferryboat to explore the 400-foot chalk cliffs and dramatic scenery of the Danube Narrows. Visit Weltenburg Abbey*, renowned for the dark ale brewed here by monks since 1050, then rejoin your ship in Kelheim in time for dinner. Alternately, you may choose a full-day optional excursion to see the highlights of the grand city of Munich. (B, L, D)

* Weltenburg Abbey tour is available from May–October only.

DAY 7 | NUREMBERG, GERMANY

When you awake this morning, your ship will be on the Main–Danube Canal, an engineering marvel that stretches 106 miles from Kelheim on the Danube to Bamberg on the Main River. It began as Charlemagne's dream in 793 and was completed in 1992 with 16 locks that raise the water level 1,332 feet. Today, it enables river travel from the North Sea to the Black Sea.

Disembark in Roth to take a shuttle directly to Nuremberg and begin exploring; or, stay on board to enjoy cruising this legendary canal and arrive in Nuremberg, Bavaria's second largest city, around lunchtime. After lunch, take a city tour that features a drive to Zeppelin Field, the former Nazi parade grounds, and Congress Hall. You will also drive by the Palace of Justice, the venerable vestige of the Nuremberg Trials. Then visit medieval Nuremberg Castle. Your tour comes to a close with a walk from the imperial palace grounds, past the Albrecht Dürer House and on to the Main Market Square with its elaborate Gothic fountain. Afterward you have some time on your own to explore.

Alternately, you can join an optional World War II tour. Visit Zeppelin Field on foot, see Congress Hall and spend time at the illuminating Documentation Center Museum. After, visit Courtroom 600 at the Palace of Justice (unless court is in session) before heading to Nuremberg's medieval Old Town, enclosed within ancient city walls. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 | NUREMBERG, GERMANY

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the airport for your return flight.* Or, extend your journey with 3 nights in Prague, Czech Republic, including a tour of Old Town and Prague Castle. (B)

* Ground transfers are included with Viking Air purchase.

The following meals are included: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D = Dinner

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

- ~ 8-day cruise visiting 3 countries & 6 ports
- ~ Visit 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ~ 6 included shore excursions with local guide & headset
- ~ Culture Curriculum®: Enjoy musical entertainment highlighting Austrian & Hungarian classics
- ~ Attend lectures on the European Union, Viennese coffeehouses and Mozart;
- ~ Complimentary Wi-Fi
- ~ Beer, wine and soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner

- ~ All onboard meals featuring regional specialties & always available American classics
- ~ Welcome Cocktail Reception & Farewell Dinner
- ~ Multiple dining venues with open seating
- ~ Most al fresco dining on Europe’s rivers
- ~ 24/7 specialty coffees, teas & bottled water
- ~ optional tours available at an additional cost; pricing and what is available will be provided once you are booked

Inside Cabin Category	E	\$2,898	Balcony Cabin Category	B	\$3,498
French Balcony Cabin Category	D	\$3,198	Balcony Cabin Category	A	\$3,598

Rates are per person, double occupancy and include roundtrip airfare from Salt Lake City and cruise.

*****A 3.3% discount off the price is available if entire trip is paid for by check.*****

****PASSPORT REQUIRED****

DEPOSIT POLICY: An initial deposit of \$500 cruise + \$599 airfare = \$1,099 per person double occupancy or \$1,000 + \$599 airfare = \$1,599 per person single occupancy is due by October 31, 2018 to secure reservations and guarantee this air rate. Air rates are subject to change November 1, 2018. Final balance is due by April 25, 2019. **Those who book early get the best prices, the best cabin locations and their preferred dining times. \$100 OF YOUR DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE. AFTER 121 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ADDITIONAL CANCELLATION PENALTIES APPLY. SEE VIKING BROCHURE FOR DETAILS.**

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<p>EXTEND YOUR CRUISE WITH 2 NIGHTS IN BUDAPEST</p> <p>Explore Hungary’s legendary capital city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover the Castle District, venture across the Danube along the Chain Bridge and indulge in some delightful local cuisine.</p> <p>ALL THIS IS INCLUDED:</p> <p>2 nights in Budapest: Budapest Marriott Hotel (or similar)</p> <p>2 breakfasts</p> <p>Services of a Viking host</p> <p>Hotel & ship transfers</p> <p>*2 Pre-nights \$399 per person double occupancy</p>	<p>EXTEND YOUR CRUISE WITH 3 NIGHTS IN PRAGUE</p> <p>Discover the Czech Republic’s vibrant capital, the “City of a Hundred Spires.” Tour Hradčany Castle, visit the Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and stroll along the Charles Bridge.</p> <p>ALL THIS IS INCLUDED:</p> <p>3 nights in Prague: Art Nouveau Palace Hotel Prague (or similar)</p> <p>3 breakfasts</p> <p>Guided Walking Tour</p> <p>Services of a Viking host</p> <p>Hotel & ship transfers</p> <p>*3 Post nights \$699 per person double occupancy</p>
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