Cruise the Heart of Europe

Budapest to Amsterdam

Inspiring Moments

- Experience centuries of culture and history with visits to Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest.
- Feast your eyes on the twinkling landmarks of Budapest during an evening river cruise.
- Cruise through Amsterdam’s lovely canals, passing elegant gabled houses.
- Glide along the legendary Main, Rhine and Danube rivers, passing the memorable Loreley Rock and Wachau Valley.
- Delight in the welcoming atmosphere of Bratislava’s legendary old town.
- Linger inside Melk Abbey, perched on a rocky bluff above the Danube River.
- Sail through the Main-Danube Canal, a civil-engineering wonder.
- Applaud the grace and elegance of talented dancers during an exclusive waltz performance.
- Experience nine UNESCO World Heritage sites.

EXTEND YOUR STAY

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(See website for details.)

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1 | In Transit
Depart for Budapest, Hungary.

Day 2 | Budapest, Hungary
Upon arrival, transfer to your first-class river ship. Join us for a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day 3 | Budapest
PYJ Choose one of the following excursions:
- Budapest. See Heroes’ Square, the Parliament Building, Castle Hill, Fisherman’s Bastion and more.
- Living Local. Visit the buzzing Great Market Hall and taste strudel and palinka, a local schnapps.
- Budapest’s Jewish Quarter. Visit the Dohány Street Synagogue and Holocaust Memorial Center. Witness the poignant Shoes on the Danube Bank Memorial.
- Budapest at Night. As your ship sails through Budapest, soak up the amazing sights of the city at night. See the Parliament building and the Buda Castle, which are even more spectacular when illuminated.

Day 4 | Bratislava, Slovakia
Enrichment: The Velvet Revolution.
PYJ Choose one of the following excursions:
- Old Town & Café. See St. Martin’s Cathedral, Michael’s Gate and more. Enjoy sampling local pastries.
- Old Town & Music. View sites steeped in musical history, followed by a recital by a young violinist.
- Hidden Vines. Witness the landscapes and villages beyond the city. Plus, visit a winery and enjoy a tasting.

Day 5 | Vienna, Austria
Enrichment: Timeless Vienna.
PYJ Choose one of the following excursions:
- Imperial Vienna. Admire the Imperial Apartments at Hofburg Palace. After, drive along the Ringstrasse.

Navigate the legendary Danube, Main and Rhine rivers as you experience the distinct heritage and histories of five countries. From mighty castles to medieval towns, celebrated landmarks to natural wonders, every moment of this journey is filled with awe. Get to know Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna and Amsterdam, illustrious cities steeped in legacies. Sail through the scenic Middle Rhine and Wachau valleys, where castles and villages peek from rolling vineyards. Plus, customize your cruise in select ports with a choice of included excursions, such as culinary tours, cycling trips, museum visits, musical performances and more!
Day 6 | Dürnstein | Melk

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:
• Dürnstein. Be charmed by Dürnstein’s baroque façades, medieval ambience and blue Stiftskirche.
• Danube Cycling. Glide gently through the pretty countryside, then break for coffee and cake. (Active)
• Wachau Winery. Delve into storied Wachau Valley viniculture during a wine tasting at a historic cellair.
Sail through the picturesque Wachau Valley where whimsical villages and castles peek from the hills.
Melk Abbey. From the opulent Abbey Church to the gorgeous library and richly decorated Emperors' Gallery, indulge in a tour of this popular sensation.

Day 7 | Passau, Germany

Passau. Discover the wonderful highlights of Passau, beloved by many. Admire the Town Hall, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the New Bishop's Residence.

Day 8 | Regensburg

Enrichment: The Main-Danube Canal.
Regensburg. Regensburg is one of Germany's most alluring towns. Take a walking tour, passing by St. Peter’s Cathedral and the Stone Bridge. Also, visit the former royal residence of the Thurn and Taxis dynasty.

Day 9 | Nuremberg

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:
• Nuremberg. See the courthouse that held the World War II trials and visit a hilltop castle with a circular tower.
• Documentation Center Special Exhibit. Examine the years leading up to World War II.
• Rural Life. Visit a traditional Franconian farm. Meet the family, talk about their lives and sit down to lunch.

Day 10 | Bamberg

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:
• Bamberg. Get to know this Bavarian town and its display of fanciful architecture and historic houses.
• Culinary Delights. Visit a bakery, a butcher shop, a deli and more to taste typical Franconian favorites!

Day 11 | Würzburg

PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:
• City Walk. Visit the renowned Würzburg Residenz, followed by a gentle walk through the city center.
• Romantic Road. Journey through the Franconian heartland and visit lovely Rothenburg ob der Tauber.

Day 12 | Miltenberg

Frühschoppen. Head to the sun deck to sip a beer and enjoy a tasty spread of pretzels and mustards.
Miltenberg. Join a guide to tour romantic Miltenberg, followed by a tasting of Franconian wines and brandies.

Day 13 | Koblenz

Glidy by the Loreley Rock, timeless castles and vineyard-clad cliffs of the Upper Middle Rhine Valley.
PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:
• Koblenz. Walk by Town Hall, the Liebfrauenkirche, the Alte Burg and more iconic sites of pretty Koblenz.
• Ehrenbreitstein Fortress. A cable car whisks you to this famous battlement perched above the Rhine River.

Day 14 | Cologne

Cologne Walking Tour. Tour the medieval quarter and visit Kölner Dom. The church was badly damaged by bomb blasts during World War II, but it was one of the few structures in Cologne that survived. Raise a toast at your Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 15 | Amsterdam, Netherlands

Enrichment: Contemporary Holland.
PYJ | Choose one of the following excursions:
• Rijksmuseum. Tour this museum, home to masterpieces by lauded artists; then explore at your leisure.
• Waterland Biking. Cycle along this scenic wetland. Take a break over cake and coffee. (Active)
• Canal District. Get a closer look at the canals during a walking tour of the popular and colorful Herengracht. Amsterdam Canal Cruise. A cruise along the canals showcases Amsterdam’s charming bridges and homes.

Day 16 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

### 2024 Departures & Pricing

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*See website for complete category pricing.

*SPECIAL PRICE AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME. CALL FOR DETAILS.

**Note:** Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Walking is required on many excursions. Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants. Electives available at an additional cost.

Above: Melk Abbey | Above right: Ehrenbreitstein Fortress and German Corner, Koblenz