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ROMANTIC DANUBE

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ESCORTED BY DETLEF DRANSCH | ESCURSIONS IN EVERY PORT

PRAGUE TO BUDAPEST • AMAWATERWAYS • MS AMALEA

APRIL 30 - MAY 11, 2024 | 12 DAYS | 25 MEALS

The magnificence of Europe is best seen and experienced along its extensive river network. This remarkable river cruise begins in Prague and continues through the heart of Europe to Budapest, offering a captivating feast of culture, history, and riches.

Historically, people lived close to the rivers in Europe as they served as the primary routes for commerce and trade. We will wind our way along the beautiful Danube, where music and romance come alive at every turn, passing fabled castles and cathedrals and exploring centuries-old marketplaces.

Our journey will take us through the Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary in style, combining spectacular scenery with cultural enrichment, while ensuring a comfortable experience.

Designed with the best of river cruising lifestyle in mind, we will move at a leisurely pace, spending most nights in port, ensuring restful evenings complimented by days filled with scenic cruising and delightful tours. Virtually everything is included: most meals, all tips, taxes, gratuities, and even the majority of your shore excursions, allowing you to fully savour every moment of your cruise holiday.



Inclusive Features

- 7 night cruise in an outside cabin on AmaWaterways *ms AmaLea* or similar
- 3 nights first class hotel accommodation in Prague as indicated or similar with breakfast included daily
- Baggage handling shipside
- All meals during the cruise are included plus quality European wines at every lunch and dinner
- Enjoy a festive Welcome Dinner aboard the *ms AmaLea*
- Services of your tour escort and / or cruise director
- Escorted shore excursions in each port
- All gratuities (including guides and ship staff) and taxes for included services (including departure and port taxes)

Air Inclusive rates also include:

- Return economy airfare from Canadian cities listed
- Transfers between airports, hotel and the ship
- Airport transfers in Canada or equivalent value

Cruise Escort

Detlef Dransch loves discovering new places, immersing in local culture, and meeting new people. His travels span South America, Costa Rica, Iceland, Australia, and Europe. He has organized motorcycle tours in the Alps, Norway, and North America for himself and his friends. Retired from a high-tech career, he actively volunteers in his church community and for numerous community organizations, such as a German Language School and minor hockey association. Detlef enjoys photography, playing squash, and alpine skiing. He is excited for you to join him on this European voyage!



Our Cruise Ship • *ms AmaLea*

The *ms AmaLea*, a sister ship to the *ms AmaViola*, showcases the most advanced design among any river cruise vessels currently in operation. Most staterooms offer exclusive twin balconies, which measure a spacious 210-235 sq. feet with four suites measuring 350 sq. feet. All staterooms are equipped with an exclusive Infotainment system, including complimentary internet access, a selection of first-run Hollywood movies and music library, as well as flat-screen televisions featuring local and satellite channels. Complimentary bottled water is replenished daily, and individual air-conditioning control is available in each stateroom.

Indulge in gourmet dining experiences with unlimited fine wines at multiple onboard venues. The *ms AmaLea* provides a variety of dining options for your culinary pleasure. You can savor the culinary creations of *Chaîne des Rôtisseurs* in the main dining room or opt for the *Chef's Table* restaurant, featuring a dedicated private chef. On certain days, you can enjoy a delightful lunch outdoors on the Sun Deck.

Enjoy the heated sun deck swimming pool with a 'swim-up' bar, as well as the fitness center and spa. Complimentary ship-wide Wi-Fi is available, and a fleet of bicycles is carried onboard for guests who wish to explore independently or participate in guided bike tours.



APR 30, Tuesday **Depart Canada**
Tour members from across Canada fly to Prague.

MAY 1, Wednesday **Prague, Czech Republic**
Upon arriving in Prague, we are transferred to our hotel. The balance of the day is free for us to start exploring this beautiful city. Later in the evening we gather for dinner.
Hotel Grandior (3 nights) D

MAY 2, Thursday **Prague**
This morning's sightseeing tour reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities, with its historic city centre recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a panoramic tour of the city, afterwards, we will stroll across Charles Bridge to reach the Old Town Square. This evening, we will indulge in a Folklore Dinner Show, immersing ourselves in Czech music, dance, and traditions. BD

MAY 3, Friday **Prague**
Spend a day at your leisure or take an optional tour to Terezín, the infamous Nazi WWII concentration camp, now a memorial to all those who perished. B

MAY 4, Saturday **Prague / Regensburg / Vilshofen, Germany**
Depart Prague and make a stop in Regensburg for a guided walking tour of one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch on your own, continue to the charming 1,200-year-old Bavarian town of Vilshofen, where we will embark on our luxurious ship. This evening, enjoy a festive Welcome Dinner aboard the ship.
ms AmaLea (7 nights) BD

MAY 5, Sunday **Vilshofen / Passau**
Enjoy some free time to explore Vilshofen's beautiful old town before we cruise to Passau, known as the "City of Three Rivers". Join a walking tour, or for a more active option go a bike tour or hike up the nearby hills to visit the historic fortress of Veste Oberhaus. BLD

MAY 6, Monday **Linz, Austria**
Once the ship arrives in Linz, you will have several excursion choices. Opt for a full-day excursion to Salzburg where you will tour the historic centre Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square, and the Old Market. En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the famed Basilica St. Michael and site of the wedding scene in the Sound of Music. Alternatively, you can join a morning walking tour through Linz's old city center and visit the Mozart House, or go on a guided bike tour along the city's renowned "Culture Mile" and the Danube. Another option is to visit the charming mountain town, Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border. BLD

MAY 7, Tuesday **Weissenkirchen**
Cruise through the Strudengau and Wachau valleys to Weissenkirchen, gateway to Dürnstein. Once here, you could join a walking tour to explore its cobblestone streets and visit Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey. For a more active adventure, hike up to the fortress where Richard the Lionheart was once held captive, or take a bike ride along the Danube. In the evening, enjoy a wine tasting of locally grown, world-renowned Riesling and Grüner Veltliner in Weissenkirchen. BLD



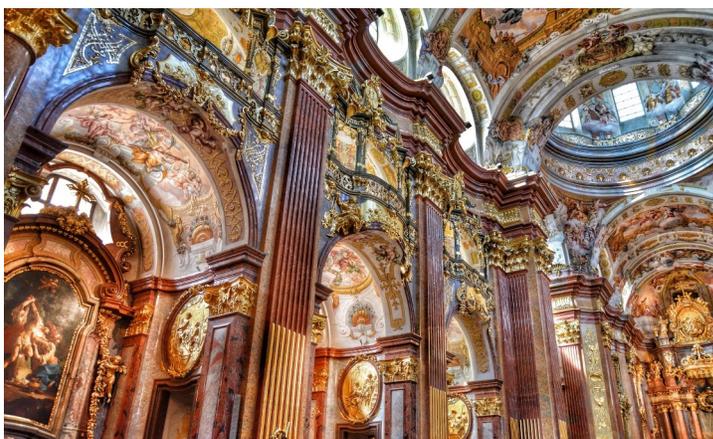
Savour world-famous wines in Weissenkirchen, Austria



Unveil the Danube's allure on an optional bike tour. Courtesy of AmaWaterways



Stroll through Prague's vibrant Old Town



The exquisite interior of Melk Abbey, a testament to Baroque grandeur

MAY 8, Wednesday

Vienna

During our morning city tour of Vienna, you will have the opportunity to see the impressive Vienna Opera House, the former Imperial Palace, and the historic St. Stephen's Cathedral. For a more active exploration of the area, take a guided bike ride through Vienna. This afternoon we are free to stroll through the captivating historic city centre, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

BLD

MAY 9, Thursday

Bratislava, Slovakia

After a scenic cruise to Bratislava, you will have the option to join a walking tour that may include notable landmarks such as the Old Town Hall, Mirbach Palace, and the gothic St. Martin' Cathedral. Alternatively, you can partake in a special "Tastes of Slovakia" food tour where you can enjoy the delightful flavours of Slovakian specialities. If you prefer an active adventure, you can opt to hike up to Bratislava Castle, where you will be rewarded with magnificent views of the city. The remainder of the day is free for you to explore and enjoy Bratislava at your own leisure.

BLD

MAY 10, Friday

Budapest, Hungary

Enjoy a morning visit to the dynamic Hungarian capital as you wander the alleys of the vibrant Great Market Hall brimming with vendors offering a wide range of delectable food and unique souvenirs. Explore the twin cities of Buda and Pest, which are spread over both banks of the Danube River. Delve into the rich history of Budapest by exploring the medieval monuments and fascinating museums found on Castle Hill. You can also hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city below.

BLD

MAY 11, Saturday

Budapest / Canada

Our journey comes to an end as we disembark and transfer to the airport to catch our flights bound for across Canada. B



The Széchenyi Chain Bridge is one of the most iconic symbols of Budapest

Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars per person

Cruise / Tour Only.....	\$6,125
Toronto.....	\$8,155
Montreal / Ottawa	\$8,315
Halifax / St. John's / Fredericton.....	\$8,355
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay	\$8,395
Regina / Saskatoon	\$8,495
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver.....	\$8,445
Victoria	\$8,495

Rates are per person based on sharing a Cat E Outside Twin on Piano Deck. Airfares from other gateways are available on request. Airfares and air carrier are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to final payment. Refer to Inclusive Features for details.

Supplement to upgrade to higher category:

Category/Description/Deck	Per Person
Cat D Deluxe Twin (Piano - Window).....	\$380
Cat CB Deluxe Twin (Violin - French Balcony)	\$1,100
Cat CA Deluxe Twin (Cello, Violin - French Balcony)....	\$1,520
Cat BB* Deluxe Twin (Cello).....	\$2,220
Cat BA* Deluxe Twin (Violin)	\$2,460
Cat AB* Deluxe Twin (Cello).....	\$2,660
Cat AA* Deluxe Twin (Violin)	\$2,940
Suite* Deluxe Twin (Violin).....	\$4,520

*Categories BB up through Suite have multiple balconies. Stateroom categories are subject to availability at time of booking. Book early for the best selection. See deck plan for detailed information on available categories. Singles are extremely limited, please ask for rates. Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Prices are based on a minimum 20 members and on rates, taxes, and fees effective August 2023 and are subject to change due to factors beyond our control. Cancellation penalties for this cruise start at the time of booking, with a non-refundable amount of \$300pp (\$600pp for suites). Insurance is NOT INCLUDED but is highly recommended. Premiums are calculated based on the individual's age, destination (country), trip length, and trip booking window – please contact our staff to receive a quote. Your coverage starts on the effective date of your Confirmation of Coverage. Please discuss your insurance coverage prior to booking. Check our website for the most current information. Refer to the enrollment form for terms and conditions.

Final payment will be due January 25, 2024

Deposit is \$800 per person

To reserve your spot on this cruise, simply complete the enclosed enrollment form, indicating the tour you wish to join and your home city, and forward it with your deposit to:



**Book and deposit by September 28, 2023
and save \$200 per person**



CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging: Excursions and land arrangements include some extensive walks, often over rough surfaces. Cobblestones streets are used in many European cities, making walking more difficult. Access to some decks and to shore in some ports may involve steep steps. To fully enjoy this cruise, members should be in good physical condition and capable of walking a kilometre or more without assistance.

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