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# TIMELESS DANUBE

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**LUFTNER CRUISES**  
SEPTEMBER 11 – 22, 2026 | 12 DAYS | 25 MEALS  
**JOURNEY LEADER: LYNDA FALCONE**

*AMAZEUS Amara gliding past Budapest's Parliament Building. Photo courtesy of Luftner Cruises.*

Embark on a journey that pairs the fairytale charm of Prague with the timeless elegance of the Danube River. Begin by exploring the "City of a Hundred Spires," where we will walk across the iconic Charles Bridge and discover the medieval wonders of the Old Town Square. Then, board our floating hotel for a relaxing voyage along one of Europe's most storied waterways.

Discover the grandeur of imperial capitals, from the musical streets of Vienna to the glittering twin cities of Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube." Along the way, visit the magnificent Benedictine Abbey at Melk and explore the beautifully preserved Old Town of Bratislava. From enchanting cityscapes to scenic river landscapes, this journey reveals the historic heart of Central Europe—one unforgettable port at a time.



### Inclusive Features

- 7-night cruise on the AMADEUS Amara
- 3 nights first class hotel accommodation in Prague as indicated or similar
- 25 meals included as shown in the itinerary (B - 10 breakfasts, L - 6 lunches, D - 9 dinners)
- Czech Folklore Dinner Show with unlimited drinks (welcome drink, beer, wine, tap water, soft drinks)
- Services of your journey leader and / or cruise director
- Guided shore excursions as indicated (optional excursions also available at an extra cost)
- All gratuities and taxes for included services

### Air-Inclusive rates also include:

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

### Our Cruise Ship • AMADEUS Amara

Step into a new era of river cruising with the AMADEUS Amara, a vessel that redefines luxury and sophistication. Launched in summer 2025, this ship is the embodiment of timeless elegance, state-of-the-art technology, and impeccable attention to detail. Prepare to explore the breathtaking cities and landscapes along the Rhine and Danube rivers in unparalleled style.

The AMADEUS Amara offers 12 lavish suites designed for the ultimate in comfort and relaxation. Enjoy the fresh air from your private balcony or unwind in the plush indoor seating area. 70 cabins, bathed in natural light through floor-to-ceiling windows, offer spectacular panoramic views at the touch of a button. The ship's design ensures every corner is a haven of tranquility, with sunlit lounges, serene outdoor spaces, and intimate nooks for both socializing and solitude. Take a dip in the exquisite indoor pool or savour a fine wine on the expansive sundeck, all while soaking in the stunning scenery.

Experience the AMADEUS Amara, where luxury cruising and innovative design come together to create an extraordinary travel experience. Join us for a journey that transcends the ordinary, setting a new standard in river cruising elegance.

### Journey Leader

**Lynda Falcone** has a real passion for travel. While completing a French degree at Carleton University, a summer job as a tour guide changed the course of her career. She has spent over 45 years in the travel industry in various roles, visiting Canada, the USA, the Caribbean, England, Scotland, Wales, Kenya, Puerto Rico, and more recently, Italy and the Mediterranean with her husband. Born in Montreal, Lynda has lived in the Canadian Rockies and Ottawa, and now resides in the GTA with her husband and son. In retirement, she's embracing new adventures—especially on the golf course—as she works hard to improve her game. She looks forward to embarking on this journey with you!



**SEP 11, Friday** **DEPART CANADA**

Travellers gather in Toronto for our direct flight to Prague, the enchanting capital of the Czech Republic.

**SEP 12, Saturday** **ARRIVE PRAGUE**

Upon arrival in Prague, we will be greeted and transferred to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free to relax or to begin exploring this captivating city. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner. **Grandior Hotel Prague** (3 nights) D

**SEP 13, Sunday** **PRAGUE**

This morning's walking tour reveals why Prague is known as the "City of a Hundred Spires." Its historic centre, a recognized UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a treasure of Gothic, Romanesque, Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Our tour takes us to the exterior of Prague Castle, a seat of power for over a millennium, and the Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral. From there we walk across the iconic Charles Bridge, adorned with statues of saints, to the Old Market Square. The afternoon is at your leisure to discover more of the city's charms. This evening, we immerse ourselves in local culture at a Folklore Dinner Show, a celebration of Czech music and dance. BD

**SEP 14, Monday** **PRAGUE**

Enjoy a full day at your leisure to delve deeper into Prague's enchanting streets. You might choose to explore the historic Jewish Quarter with its ancient synagogues, or find a charming café to watch the world go by. B

**SEP 15, Tuesday** **PILSEN / PASSAU / EMBARKATION**

Depart Prague after breakfast, travelling by motor coach to the city of Pilsen. Best known as the birthplace of the golden Pilsner lager, the city offers a delightful atmosphere for a short stop. After some free time, we continue our scenic drive through the countryside to Passau. Situated at the confluence of three rivers, this beautiful German city is the starting point for our cruise. This afternoon, we embark and settle into our cabins. Join your fellow passengers for a Welcome Cocktail followed by a specially prepared dinner as we begin our voyage.

**AMADEUS Amara** (7 nights) BD

**SEP 16, Wednesday** **EMMERSDORF / VIENNA**

This morning, our ship docks in the charming market town of Emmersdorf, situated directly across the Danube from Melk. Our included excursion takes us to the magnificent Melk Abbey, an Austrian Benedictine monastery perched high above the river. A guided tour of this Baroque masterpiece reveals its opulent marble hall, impressive library filled with priceless medieval manuscripts, and the abbot's chambers. Back on board, we'll prepare for our arrival in Vienna, the home of the waltz, with a lively dance class to learn the elegant, three-quarter time steps. BLD

**SEP 17, Thursday** **VIENNA**

Welcome to the elegant capital of Austria, a city renowned for its imperial history, classical music, and splendid architecture. Our tour introduces us to Vienna's grandeur with a drive along the famed Ringstrasse. This grand boulevard is lined with impressive buildings such as the State Opera House, the Parliament, the Court Theatre, and City Hall. Our exploration continues on foot into the heart of the city, starting with the Hofburg Imperial Palace and continuing along Kohlmarkt to the iconic St. Stephen's Cathedral. Before returning to the ship, enjoy some free time to explore the pedestrian area at your own pace. BLD



*Sail through Austria's Wachau Valley*



*Illuminated Parliament Buildings from the water, Budapest*



*Prague's iconic Astronomical Clock*



*Discover Vienna's imperial grandeur on a city tour*

**SEP 18, Friday****BUDAPEST**

Today we explore Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube." The river gracefully divides the city into two distinct parts: the rolling hills of Buda and the flat plains of Pest. Our tour covers both sides, taking us past the Great Market Hall, the magnificent Parliament Building and the grand State Opera in Pest, with a photo stop at the Heroes' Square. We then cross the Danube to the Castle Hill district in Buda for a visit to the colourful Matthias Church and the whimsical Fisherman's Bastion, which offers breathtaking panoramic views of the city below. As dusk falls, the city transforms into a glittering spectacle. We will experience this magic on an illuminated city cruise, accompanied by a lively onboard folklore show celebrating Hungarian culture. BLD

**SEP 19, Saturday****BUDAPEST / ESZTERGOM**

This afternoon, we journey through the scenic Danube Bend region. Our first stop is the picturesque artist village of Szentendre, known for its cobblestone streets, galleries, and museums. Here we will visit the museum dedicated to the works of the celebrated ceramist Margit Kovács. We then continue to the ancient fortress of Visegrád for stunning views over the river bend. Our final stop is Esztergom, the former residence of the Hungarian state, where we visit its magnificent Basilica, the largest church in the country. BLD

**SEP 20, Sunday****BRATISLAVA / HAINBURG**

We awaken in Bratislava, the picturesque capital of Slovakia. Our tour begins with a drive past key landmarks, including the elegant Grassalkovich Palace, residence of the president of Slovakia. We then ascend to the grounds of Bratislava Castle, perched on a hill for stunning views of the city. Our exploration continues through the beautifully restored Old Town. From the medieval Michael's Gate, our guided walk leads us along cobblestone streets to see the Primatial Palace and St. Martin's Cathedral, the historic coronation church for Hungarian monarchs. We will also see the Main Square with its Old City Hall and charming fountains. As a special treat, we'll pause to sample a traditional Pressburger pastry, a local delight. Our walk concludes near the Opera House, after which we'll have free time to explore more of this delightful capital. BLD

**SEP 21, Monday****LINZ**

After lunch, we arrive in Linz, a city that skilfully blends a rich history with a modern, innovative spirit. This afternoon's walking tour guides us through the charming Old Town, showcasing its historic townhouses and the beautiful main square. We will see the Old Cathedral, home to the famous Bruckner organ, and contrast it with the modern architecture along the riverfront. Our tour concludes with a stop at a local coffee house to enjoy a slice of the famous Linzer Torte. Tonight, we celebrate our journey at the glamorous Captain's Gala Dinner. BLD

**SEP 22, Tuesday DISEMBARKATION / MUNICH / CANADA**

After breakfast, we disembark in Passau and transfer to Munich for our flight home, filled with lasting memories of our time along the Danube. B

**CT Rating 2.5/5 - Slightly Challenging:** This journey involves a moderate amount of walking, often over varied terrain such as the cobblestone streets found in Europe's historic cities. On board and during shore excursions, you may need to navigate stairs and occasional steep steps. To fully enjoy all that this tour has to offer, participants should be in good physical condition and comfortable walking for up to a kilometre, sometimes on uneven surfaces.

**Cruise Cost in Canadian Dollars Per Person**

Cruise / Tour Only .....	\$5,365
Toronto .....	\$7,145
Ottawa / Montreal .....	\$7,295
Halifax / St. John's / Fredericton .....	\$7,395
Winnipeg / Thunder Bay .....	\$7,395
Saskatoon / Regina .....	\$7,495
Calgary / Edmonton / Vancouver .....	\$7,395
Victoria.....	\$7,495

Rates are per person based on sharing a Cat C-4 Outside Twin (panoramic window, Haydn 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	Sharing Twin
<b>Cat C-1 Deluxe</b> (Haydn, Panoramic Window) .....	\$545
<b>Cat B-4 Deluxe</b> (Strauss, Drop-Down Window) .....	\$1,185
<b>Cat B-1 Deluxe</b> (Strauss, Drop-Down Window) .....	\$1,585
<b>Cat A-1 Deluxe</b> (Mozart, Drop-Down Window).....	\$2,065
<b>Suite Deluxe</b> (Mozart, Walk-Out Balcony).....	\$2,995

Stateroom categories are subject to availability at the time of booking - book early for best choice. See deck plan for more information on available staterooms. Singles are extremely limited and on request. Prices are based on taxes, surcharges, airfares and exchange rates effective October 2025 and are subject to change. Cruise price is based on sharing a twin-bedded stateroom with private bathroom. Cruise to be escorted with a minimum of 20 travellers. Cancellation penalties for this cruise start at the time of booking, with a **non-refundable amount of \$500pp**.

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.

**Deposit is \$900 per person****Final payment is due May 12, 2026**

To reserve your spot on this tour, book online through our website or submit an enrollment form with your deposit to:

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