



DANUBE DREAMS WITH PRAGUE (WINE)

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Meals

Breakfast: 9 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

Prague

Dürnstein & Melk

Vienna

Bratislava

Budapest



DAY1: PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Welcome to the Golden City of Prague-Explore the City of 100 Spires Enjoy free time to explore the Golden City and its surrounding countryside at your leisure.

DAY2: PRAGUE

Gothic Cathedrals, Grand Castles, and Great Cuisine CLASSIC Take a Guided City Walk to visit Hradcany Castle Grounds; see St. Vitus Cathedral and Old Town's Astronomical Clock. Consider sampling delicious plum dumplings and traditional Pilsner lager. Mingle with the locals and be mesmerized by street performers in Wenceslas Square, or admire the arches and statues decorating Charles Bridge. (B)

DAY3: REGENSBURG, GERMANY-VILSHOFEN (EMBARKATION)

Bavaria's Medieval Miracle After breakfast this morning, you'll drive to Regensburg. CLASSIC Join a Guided City Walk in Regensburg and see Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall) and Porta Pretoria-built in 179 AD as the entrance to Castra Regina fortress. Take free time to enjoy a hearty lunch and a local beer, then step back in time through historic lanes and squares of today's modern and vibrant Regensburg. Continue on to Vilshofen to board your Avalon Suite Ship for a welcome reception. EVENING CRUISE TO PASSAU (B,D)

DAY4: PASSAU-SCHLOGEN OXBOW

Where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers Meet ACTIVE Follow your Avalon Adventure Host for Hiking from Oberhaus along a trail down to the valley and along Ilz River, OR: CLASSIC Join a Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers." Before sailing to Linz, take a little free time to explore

Passau's cobblestone streets and galleries of Artists' Alley. Maybe stop at St. Stephen's Cathedral to catch a concert rehearsal. DISCOVERY Join an onboard lecture hosted by your Master of Wine while sailing to Linz. This afternoon, cruise to Linz through the Danube's dramatic horseshoe bend called Schloggen Oxbow. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LINZ (B,L,D)

DAY5: LINZ, AUSTRIA

Legendary and Lovely Linz Visit the Adventure Centre for today's activities with your Adventure Host. CLASSIC Take a Guided Walk through the city's historic and beautiful sites along the shore of the Danube and see Hauptplatz-Austria's largest medieval square-and the towering white-marble Trinity Column. Consider a full-day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg-the city of Mozart, or to the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov. You may otherwise spend the afternoon on a biking picnic along the banks of the Danube or hike through Linz's beautiful nature trails to Postlingberg for a bird's-eye view of the city and river below. DISCOVERY Onboard food and wine pairing dinner hosted by your Master of Wine. EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO YBBS (B,L,D)

DAY6: YBBS. EXCURSION TO MELK-WACHAU VALLEY

Frescoes Above and Vineyards Below CLASSIC Visit the Lower Austrian little town of Ybbs. Walk through the doors of Austrian history with a guided sightseeing tour of Artstetten Castle, OR: CLASSIC Take a Guided Tour of Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ. Later, stretch out on the Sky Deck as you sail through the Wachau Valley past vineyards, castles, and charming villages on your way to Durnstein. ACTIVE Alternatively, experience the Wachau Valley from a unique perspective, join your Adventure Host for a bike ride along some of Wachau's bike trails. DURNSTEIN A King's Ransom and Castle Ruins ACTIVE Join a Guided Hike up to the castle ruins to take in the spectacular view of the village, Danube, and the Wachau Valley below, OR: CLASSIC Join a Guided Walk, and hear the legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart-who was imprisoned in the castle here during the Crusades, OR: DISCOVERY Discover the fascinating world of wine with a visit to a local wine cellar. While sipping a selection of different wines, you will learn how the wine production developed over the centuries till nowadays. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA (B,L,D)

DAY7: VIENNA

Viennese Waltzes on the Blue Danube ACTIVE Explore Vienna's Danube Island by bike with your Adventure Host, OR: CLASSIC Explore the Habsburg empire with a morning Guided City Tour of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the Imperial Palace complex-Winter residence of the Imperial Family, the grand Vienna Opera House and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral, OR: CLASSIC After a short walk of Vienna, join a Guided Visit of Austria's largest museum, the legendary Kunsthistorisches Museum (Museum of Fine Arts). You may decide to take a Guided Optional Excursion to Schonbrunn Palace-the former imperial summer home of the Habsburg monarchy. Spend free time strolling in the pedestrian Karntnerstrasse-the most famous shopping avenue in central Vienna. Take a bike ride through the city and stop in a local cafe to enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel. This evening, enjoy an unforgettable musical performance with an Optional Excursion to attend a Royal Waltz Concert in an elegant hall. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA (B,L,D)

DAY8: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Cathedral Coronations and a Crowning Castle ACTIVE Follow your Avalon Adventure Host on a hike to lofty Bratislava Castle, OR: CLASSIC Take a Guided City Walk, including the quaint streets of Old Town, Town Hall, and the sight of royal coronations at St. Martin's Cathedral. Enjoy free time to discover on your own Bratislava, the beautiful capital of Slovakia, rich in history and culture, but also a green city with its forests and parks just a hop away from the city centre. OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BUDAPEST (B,L,D)

DAY9: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

War Heroes and Hot Water ACTIVE Hike up to a magnificent viewpoint in Budapest with your Adventure Host, OR: DISCOVERY Enjoy a Guided City Sightseeing, including the iconic Heroes' Square and a visit to a unique wine cellar system where you can taste Hungarian wines in a very special way. This afternoon, choose from a wide selection of Optional Guided Excursions or take in the beauty of Budapest while enjoying some free time exploring such famous sights as the Chain Bridge. Get to know the city's cafes and pubs or take a hike through the hills above the Danube. OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BUDAPEST (B,L,D)

DAY10: BUDAPEST (DISEMBARKATION)

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

HIGHLIGHTS



Dürnstein & Melk



Vienna



Bratislava



Budapest