

**European Luxury River Cruise Itinerary – 11 Days
Czech Republic, Austria & Hungary**

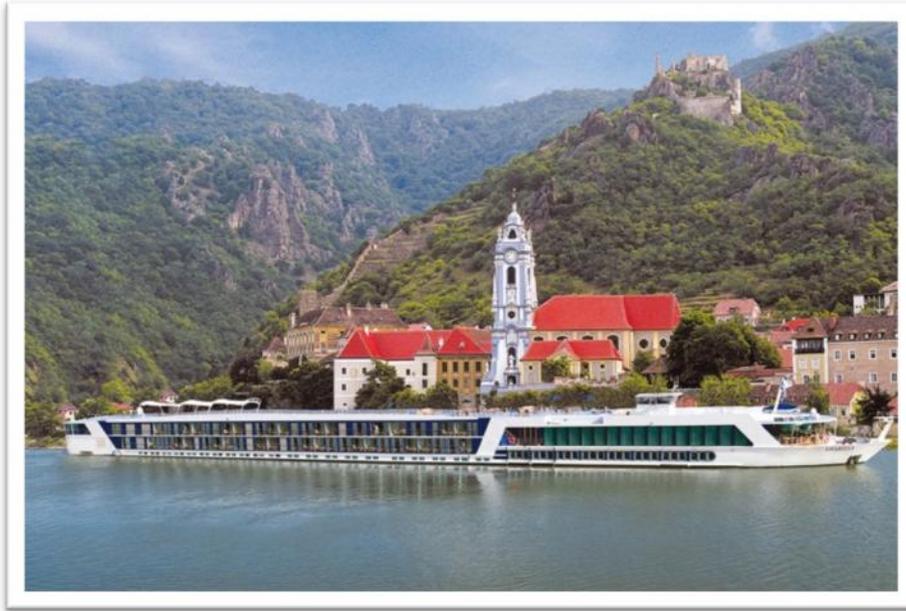


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Day 1

ARRIVE IN PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Arrive in Prague and check-in to your hotel. The balance of the day is free to start exploring this beautiful city.

Day 2

PRAGUE

Your morning sightseeing tour reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities. Your tour begins with a scenic drive. You will see the Dancing House and the Metronome overlooking the Vltava River before visiting the thousand-year-old castle. Afterwards, walk over Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square and the historic city center that's a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The balance of the day is free to mingle with the locals at Wenceslas Square or experience one of the city's charming cafés or restaurants. This evening, an optional Folklore Dinner Show provides an opportunity to learn about Czech music, dance and traditions.



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Day 3

PRAGUE

Spend a day at your leisure to stroll through a museum or gallery, wander along the banks of the Vltava River, relax at an outdoor restaurant or shop for local handicrafts and artwork. You may also join an optional tour, such as an excursion to Terezin, the infamous Nazi WWII concentration camp, now a memorial to those who perished.

Day 4

PRAGUE - REGENSBURG - EMBARKATION - VILSHOFEN

This morning, depart Prague after breakfast, taking in the scenic beauty of the countryside of Franconia and Bohemia by motor coach. Stop in Regensburg for a guided walking tour of one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities; its Old Town a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After lunch on your own, your transfer continues to the quaint 1200-year old Bavarian town of Vilshofen, on the confluence of the Vils and Danube rivers. You will board your luxurious ship here and meet your fellow passengers at an evening Welcome Aboard Wine Toast. The evening has a special treat in store: an "Oktoberfest" presented by the town of Vilshofen. Bavarian folk music, songs and dances set a lively scene as you gather at long tables to sample Vilshofen's distinctive local beer and traditional pretzels. The Mayor and Beer Queen will be on hand to greet you and wish you a successful journey along the Danube.

Day 5

VILSHOFEN - PASSAU

This morning, feel free to explore Vilshofen's beautiful Old Town on your own, and take in the view of the imposing double-towers of the Benedictine Abbey Schweiklberg. During lunch you will cruise to Passau, known as "The Town of the Three Rivers." Enjoy a walking tour through this 2,000-year-old fairy tale city, where you will see Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture, cobblestone streets, the city fortifications and St. Stephan's Cathedral. Prior to dinner, there will be an onboard wine tasting.



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Day 6

LINZ, AUSTRIA

This morning, choose to participate in a walking tour of Linz, the second largest city in Austria, followed by some free time. Alternatively, you will have an excursion to the Czech town of Cesky Krumlov, a wonderfully preserved medieval town nestled in the hills just over the Austrian-Czech border, and home to Bohemia's second largest castle. After your tour, enjoy some free time on your own exploring the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your third option is to take an excursion to Salzburg, where you will take a walking tour of the historic center, famous as the setting for the "Sound of Music" and as the birthplace of Mozart. Enjoy free time on your own, before returning to the ship with a scenic drive through the majestic countryside of Austria's Lake District and Salzkammergut. Onboard this evening, enjoy a sumptuous Captain's Dinner paired with specially-selected wines.

Day 7

MELK - DÜRNSTEIN

This morning your ship cruises to Melk and its famous Benedictine Abbey. Located atop a granite cliff overlooking the Danube, the 900-year-old Abbey is one of the largest Baroque monasteries in Europe. You will tour the Abbey this morning, followed by a visit to a local vineyard near Durnstein for an introduction to the famous wines of the Wachau.

Day 8

DÜRNSTEIN - KREMS

Your morning in Dürnstein begins with a walking tour along cobblestone streets lined with quaint 16th-century town houses and wine taverns. One of Austria's smallest towns, with only 1,000 inhabitants, Dürnstein is regarded as the most romantic place in the Wachau. Marvel at the magnificent blue facade of the Baroque Stiftskirche and the ancient terraced vineyards that surround the town. Looming overhead are the ruins of the castle where Richard the Lionheart, King of England, was imprisoned in 1192. The ship will cruise to Krems after lunch, arriving in the early afternoon. Krems offers a rich array of wine-related history, culture and tasting opportunities. Learn about the town's thriving wine culture during an afternoon visit to a Wachau winery. This evening enjoy another insightful wine lecture on board.



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Day 9

VIENNA

Arrive this morning in vibrant Vienna. Your guided city tour includes the opulent Vienna Opera House, the Ringstrasse, and St. Stephen's Cathedral. An optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace is available in the afternoon or enjoy free time to stroll along the Kärtnerstrasse or sample Vienna's famous pastries in the historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. An early dinner will be served on board before this evening's exciting options: an optional Mozart and Strauss concert or an excursion to a charming Viennese wine tavern to listen to folk music and sample newly pressed local wine.

Day 10

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

This morning, enjoy an onboard wine lecture and tasting as you cruise the scenic Danube Bend en route to Budapest. Arriving mid-afternoon in Budapest, you will have a guided sightseeing tour that includes the historic Buda Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, the Royal Palace and St. Stephen's Basilica. This evening, enjoy a farewell wine dinner with Hungarian folk music. The ship will also sail a special "Illuminations Cruise" along Budapest's river front.

Day 11

BUDAPEST – DISEMBARKATION

Your magnificent Wine Cruise comes to an end as you prepare for your homeward flight.