



## The Beautiful Blue Danube (#18549)

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### Overview

Explore the abundant treasures of Austria and Hungary on a unique cruise to discover the secrets of the Danube. Admire the colorful alleys of Bratislava that twist around each other like in a fairy-tale village, and the Puszta, the true soul and heart of Hungary. Visit the Gellert baths, which are full of a wide range of balneotherapy services, but also the Sisi Museum, which puts in comparison myth and truth. There, you will be able to contemplate many personal effects as well as the most famous portraits of the legendary Empress.

### Trip Highlights

Vienna - Melk - Dürnstein - Bratislava - Kalocsa - Budapest - Esztergom - Vienna

### Detailed Itinerary



## Day 01

### DAY 1: VIENNA

Passengers are welcome to board our ship at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Our ship will depart at 8:00 p.m. towards Melk and sail through the night.

## Day 02

### DAY 2: MELK - DÜRNSTEIN

Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit the Melk Abbey. We'll then cruise up the beautiful Wachau Valley all the way to Dürnstein, passing gothic ruins and picturesque villages along the way. Once we arrive, we'll take a tour of this charming medieval town with our hostess. We'll return on board at the end of the afternoon and continue cruising towards Bratislava.

## Day 03

### DAY 3: BRATISLAVA - KALOCSA

Join us for the optional excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided Tour of Bratislava.

DISCOVER: Hiking in Bratislava: the Little Carpathians. From Devin Castle, we'll take in the splendid view of Bratislava. The afternoon will be spent cruising.

## Day 04

### DAY 4: KALOCSA - BUDAPEST

Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: the Puszta, its wonderful landscapes and unusual fauna (including a traditional horse show.) The afternoon will be spent cruising towards Budapest, reaching it in the night.

## Day 05

### DAY 5: BUDAPEST



Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Budapest, the metropolis that was once two distinct cities united only in 1873: Buda, on one bank with its rolling hills and valleys; and Pest, on the other, with its flatter landscape offering a panoramic view over the banks of the Danube.

Join us for optional excursions: Discover the Gellert Baths and Spa (not included in the packages) or Budapest Market Halls (3) (not included in the packages).

In the evening, join us on an excursion for both packages: Evening of traditional entertainment in Budapest.

#### Day 06

#### DAY 6: ESZTERGOM - VIENNA

Once we arrive, enjoy some free time in Esztergom, one of the oldest cities in Hungary. The afternoon will be spent cruising to Vienna. Tonight is our gala evening. Our ship will sail through the night.

#### Day 07

#### DAY 7: VIENNA

Join us for the optional excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Guided visit of Vienna and Schönbrunn Castle.

DISCOVERY: The high art of Viennese living: Music and Viennese cafes. We'll stroll through the city and visit back stage in the Konzerthaus(2) concert hall. After our tour, enjoy a steaming cup of Vienna Coffee and a delicious pastry.

In the afternoon, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Guided tour of Hofburg Palace.

In the evening, join us on an optional excursion proposed for both packages: Concert of Viennese music (subject to availability).

#### Day 08

#### DAY 8: VIENNA

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. End of our services.

## Inclusions



Your cruise with all meals from dinner the first evening to breakfast on the final day - on board drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in bathroom - assistance from our onboard multilingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - gala dinner - onboard entertainment - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - all port fees.

## Exclusions

Drinks from our special lists, or drinks ordered during excursions or transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - optional excursions (must be reserved and paid for on board or at travel agency) - transfers/travel to and from departure/arrival points - personal expenses - the concert of Viennese music.

## Note

\*Price based on double occupancy

Several ships available for this cruise are MS Beethoven, MS Douce France and MS Vivaldi.

Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.

For other amazing cruise itineraries and destinations, please contact our Destination specialists.

(Shore Excursions available on request) No shore excursion on the non listed days.

Child discount (2-9 years) : - 20% (On request)

Valid national identity card or passport required. Non-EU nationals are advised to consult their embassy or consulate.

## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- From the Austrian capital to the Pannonian steppe grasslands, experience everything the Danube has to offer
- The Musts:(1)
  - The Puszta, at the heart of the wild Hungarian grasslands
  - Budapest, the vibrant, modern Hungarian capital with an affluent past
  - Evening of entertainment in Budapest with traditional costumes and dance
  - A local view of Vienna and a visit to the Konzerthaus, one of the city's impressive concert halls(2)

## THE GGTS DIFFERENCE

- **All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- Refined French cuisine - **Gala dinner and evening** - Welcome cocktail



- **Free Wi-Fi** onboard
- Headsets are included for excursions
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Onboard activities
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

## **Fixed Departure**

**13 Oct, 2024**

Cruise

AUD 3,723 P P twin share

AVAILABLE

