



## **Trans-European cruise from Strasbourg to Budapest (#17981)**

**Note:** Price printed on this PDF is valid until **08-09-2024** and is subject to change without notice due to Partner changes and currency fluctuations

### **Overview**

From Strasbourg to Budapest, enjoy a unique cruise crossing three rivers and four countries. From the Rhine to the Danube via the Main, you will be dazzled by the beauty of landscapes but also by the sweetness of these rivers that form a link between people, cultures and traditions. France, Germany, Austria and Hungary will unveil their history and rich heritage for an unforgettable trans-European getaway.

### **Trip Highlights**

Strasbourg - Mainz - Frankfurt - Miltenberg - Wertheim - Würzburg - Schweinfurt - Bamberg - Nuremberg - Mühlhausen - Regensburg - Passau - Melk - Durnstein - Vienna - Esztergom - Budapest

### **Detailed Itinerary**



### Day 01

#### Day 01: Strasbourg

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. We'll cruise to Mainz.

### Day 02

#### Day 02: Mainz - Frankfurt

We'll arrive in Mainz early morning. This city, the birthplace of Gutenberg, which lies at the confluence of the Rhine and the Main is a perfect blend of past and present with its thousand year old cathedral. We'll tour the city with your escort before we sail on around in the morning towards Frankfurt. The afternoon, join us for the optional excursions proposed:

CLASSIC: Sightseeing tour of Frankfurt, a major business hub.

DISCOVERY: Frankfurt "Mainhattan" and the Main Tower: Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower.

### Day 03

#### Day 03: Miltenberg - Wertheim

We'll stop off in Miltenberg early this morning. Join us to discover this peaceful town with its market place lined with half-timbered houses, its fine main street, hotel Reisen and old Town Hall. We'll have lunch on board before continuing on to Wertheim. Enjoy some free time to discover the town on your own before returning to the ship for dinner.

### Day 04

#### Day 04: Wertheim - Wurzburg

We'll cruise towards Karlstadt. In the afternoon, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit Wurzburg on the right bank of the Main, which is famous for its baroque palace, former residence of the prince-bishops. In the meantime, the ship cruises on to Wurzburg where we will join it late afternoon. We'll then cruise to Kitzingen. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

### Day 05

#### Day 05: Schweinfurt - Rothenburg - Bamberg



Early this morning we'll start cruising along the Main to reach Schweinfurt. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Guided tour to Rothenburg, a magnificent walled town set up high on the hills over the river, with its narrow streets lined with picturesque half-timbered houses and craftsmen's workshops. It is indeed one of the most beautiful towns on the Romantic Road. In the meantime the ship will cruise on to Schweinfurt where we will join it, before continuing on to Bamberg.

### **Day 06**

#### **Day 06: Bamberg - Nuremberg - Mühlhausen**

This morning will be spent cruising on the Rhine-Main-Danube canal, which was opened on 25th September 1992. We'll have lunch on board before arriving in Nurnberg early afternoon. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit of Nuremberg We'll enjoy a panoramic visit of the monuments found outside of the city's medieval walls before arriving in the Marktplatz. On foot, you'll see the gorgeous Schöner Brunnen and the Frauenkirche. During our tour, we'll stop and taste one of the local specialties, Lebkuchen, the city's famous gingerbread. We'll return to the ship during the afternoon and sail on to reach Muhlhausen in the evening. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

### **Day 07**

#### **Day 07: Regensburg**

This morning will be spent cruising to Kelheim. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit of Regensburg, which is the fourth biggest town in Bavaria and also a major industrial hub - with major firms such as BMW, Siemens and Triumph. The historic centre of the city has kept all its original charm with souvenirs of over 20 centuries. In the meantime, the ship cruises on to join us in Regensburg.

### **Day 08**

#### **Day 08: Passau**

This morning will be spent cruising towards Passau. Enjoy some free time to visit the town on your own. Its baroque buildings and narrow romantic streets are unforgettable. Return to ship and sail on through the attractive region of Engelhartzell. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.



### Day 09

#### Day 09: Melk - Durnstein - Vienna

The morning will be spent cruising to reach Melk early in the morning, join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit of the abbey of Melk, perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube. It is the symbol of Austrian baroque at its finest. We'll return to the ship at the end of the morning and sail on to Dürnstein, arriving there for lunch around noon. Enjoy some free time to explore this picturesque village, and its baroque church, which is the most famous in the Wachau region thanks to the legend of King Richard the Lion's Heart. We'll return on board in the afternoon before sailing on to Vienna. Putting in for the night in Vienna. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Tour of the illuminated sights of the city by night.

### Day 10

#### Day 10: Vienna

Join us for the optional excursions proposed:

**CLASSIC:** Visit to the palace of Schöbrunn with its magnificent park.

**DISCOVERY:** The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes. Tour of the Konzerthaus concert hall(1).

Enjoy a free afternoon to tour this magnificent city on your own or join us on an optional excursion proposed: Horse-drawn carriage ride through Vienna. We'll then cruise towards Esztergom, passing Bratislava on the way. Tonight is our dinner and gala evening on board.

### Day 11

#### Day 11: Esztergom - Budapest

Enjoy some free time to visit Esztergom on your own, the former capital of Hungary, under the reign of the Arpad kings. Today, it is still a prominent town and the seat of the Hungarian archbishops. Esztergom is decidedly full of treasures with its neo-classical basilica and former Royal palace. We'll set sail once again around noon. Enjoy lunch on board before arriving in Budapest midafternoon. The Hungarian capital which lies along the banks of the Danube, also known as the "pearl of the Danube" is one of the most attractive cities in Europe. Enjoy some free time to explore the city before returning to the ship for dinner. Join us on an optional excursion for both packages: Visit of Budapest "by night".

### Day 12

#### Day 12: Budapest



Enjoy a day on your own, or join us on an optional excursions for both packages: Guided tour of Budapest.

This afternoon, enjoy some free time or join us on optional excursions: Discover Gellert baths and spa (not included in the packages) or Budapest Market Halls (3) (not included in the packages). After dinner, enjoy a free evening or join us on an excursion for both packages: traditional folk evening in Budapest.

### Day 13

### Day 13: Depart Budapest

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 on the first day to breakfast on the last day - onboard drinks included (except for drinks from our special lists) - double-occupancy cabin with shower in private bathroom - onboard entertainment - assistance from our onboard multi-lingual host/hostess - welcome cocktail - the gala dinner and evening - 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) - personal expenses.

## Note

\*Price based on double occupancy.

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

Several ships available for this cruise are MS Victor Hugo, MS France and MS Douce France.

Accommodation available for Pre and Post Cruise on request.

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



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

This cruise can also be booked with return transfer to Strasbourg.

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

- A unique cruise combining history, tradition and culture, a passionate encounter
- **Discover(2):**
  - **Frankfurt** and its impressive Main Tower
  - **Melk Abbey**, a true wonder of Baroque architecture
  - **Vienna** and the heritage of the House of Habsburg
  - **Budapest**, 2000 years of history

### 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

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## Fixed Departure

**12 Sep, 2024**

Cruise

AUD 4,344 P P twin share

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