

2022 - Magna On The Danube

7-NIGHT CRUISE WITH 2-NIGHTS BUDAPEST PRE-CRUISE, 3 NIGHTS PRAGUE POST-CRUISE

Indulge your passion for awe-inspiring architecture, timeless music, breathtaking landscapes and culinary delights on this beautifully curated itinerary specifically designed for the AmaMagna. Apricot brandy and chocolate tasting in Dürnstein and an exclusive wine festival in Spitz are only a few of the epicurean experiences you'll indulge in. Vienna, home to a treasure trove of Baroque splendors, including its grand Schönbrunn Palace, gives you a glimpse into bygone grandeur; while Budapest and Bratislava offer a vibrant mix of east and west. With plenty of daytime scenic sailing, you'll be able to enjoy the extraordinary AmaMagna to its fullest—from al fresco dining to spinning with a view.

OVERVIEW:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
1	BUDAPEST	Hotel check-in
2	BUDAPEST	“Hidden Budapest” tour
3	BUDAPEST	EMBARKATION
4	BUDAPEST	“Queen of the Danube” tour OR Castle Hill hike Danube Bend
5	BRATISLAVA	“Coronation City of Kings” walking tour OR Tastes of Slovakia OR Bratislava Castle hike
6	VIENNA	“Imperial Vienna” tour Vienna city tour by bike Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens Free evening
7	KREMS	Dürnstein walking tour OR Dürnstein Apricots and Sweets tour OR Dürnstein Fortress hike OR Krems bike tour UNESCO Wachau Valley Melk Abbey OR Spitz bike tour OR Spitz hike Exclusive Wine Experience
8	LINZ	“UNESCO City of Media Arts” walking tour OR “Cultural Mile” bike tour OR Full-day Salzburg excursion Half-day Český Krumlov excursion
9	PASSAU	“City of Three Rivers” walking tour OR Passau Castle Hill hike OR River Inn bike tour

		Oktoberfest celebration
10	VILSHOFEN	<p>DISEMBARKATION</p> <p>Transfer to Regensburg</p> <p>UNESCO city highlights tour</p> <p>Hotel check-in</p>
11	PRAGUE	<p>“Golden City of a Hundred Spires” tour</p> <p>OR Prague Castle hike</p>
12	PRAGUE	Czech beer tasting
13	PRAGUE	Return flight home

ITINERARY DETAILS:

Day 1, BUDAPEST. Arrive in Budapest and check into your hotel.

Day 2, BUDAPEST. Budapest is one of Europe’s most regal and storied cities—and many of its iconic sights are just off the banks of the Danube. Often described as the “Queen of the Danube,” Budapest is well-known for Fisherman’s Bastion, Buda Hill and its magnificent Hungarian Parliament building. However, this sprawling city is full of rich history and culture and offers many “hidden” treasures as you venture further past its river banks. During this excursion, your guide will take you deeper into the city to discover fascinating sites lesser-known to the average traveler. (B)

Day 3, BUDAPEST - EMBARKATION. Check out of your hotel to board the ultra-luxurious AmaMagna. (B,D)

Day 4, BUDAPEST - SCENIC CRUISING. Budapest offers an unmatched combination of culture and tradition. Visit the Great Market Hall before going to both the Buda (hilly) and the Pest (flat) sides of the river. You’ll see Heroes’ Square and Castle Hill, home to the Fisherman’s Bastion and Matthias Church. As an alternative, hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city. During the afternoon, sail out of Budapest, passing through the scenic Danube Bend where you’ll see some of Hungary’s oldest settlements, including Esztergom, Visegrád and Szentendre. (B,L,D)

Day 5, BRATISLAVA. Host to the crowning ceremonies of 11 Hungarian kings and queens between 1536 and 1830, Bratislava certainly has earned the title “Coronation City of Kings,” as you’ll discover during your walking tour. Or join a special “Tastes of Slovakia” tour. For a more active adventure, hike to Bratislava’s gleaming castle. (B,L,D)

Day 6, VIENNA. Vienna offers a wealth of gems and your city tour showcases its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs. Conclude your tour in Vienna’s historic city center, and then visit St. Stephen’s Cathedral; or discover Vienna by bike. During the afternoon, visit the UNESCO-designated Schönbrunn Palace and Gardens, the main summer residence of the Habsburg rulers. Built in the 18th century as an imperial summer residence, this magnificent 1,441-room Baroque palace is one of the most important architectural, cultural and historical monuments in Austria. (B,L,D)

Day 7, KREMS - SCENIC CRUISING - SPITZ. Krems, gateway to the UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley, is your starting point for a visit to the lovely Baroque village of Dürnstein. Stroll along Dürnstein’s cobblestone streets to the Baroque Stiftskirche, with its famed church tower on a walking tour. For a more culinary-focused experience in Dürnstein, enjoy an apricot liqueur and brandy tasting and special apricot treats from a local boutique. Those who wish a more active adventure of the area can hike to historic Dürnstein Fortress or cycle from Krems to Dürnstein and back for lunch. During the afternoon, cruise through the vineyard-rich Wachau Valley—one of the most beautiful river valleys in Europe, where some of Austria’s finest white wines are produced—to Spitz. Once in Spitz, you can visit the 900-year-old Melk Abbey situated high atop the granite cliffs of the Danube; or get active with either a Spitz- Emmersdorf-Spitz bike tour or hiking adventure. During the evening, be treated to an exclusive wine experience where you’ll enjoy some of the regions famous wines, including Grüner Veltliner and Riesling. (B,L,D)

Day 8, LINZ. Join a walking tour through the old city center of Linz and by the Mozart House; or bike along the city’s famed “Cultural Mile” and the Danube. For those who love The Sound of Music, enjoy a full-day excursion to Salzburg and tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market. En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the Basilica St. Michael, where the famous wedding scene in the movie was filmed. In the afternoon, you can visit the charming Czech mountain town of Český Krumlov. (B,L,D)

Day 9, PASSAU - VILSHOFEN. Join a walking tour and marvel at Passau’s Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen’s Cathedral. Or take a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus fortress. You can also ride to Wernstein on a guided bike tour. Later in the day, sail to the charming town of Vilshofen, where you’ll be treated to a festive Bavarian Oktoberfest celebration complete with music, beer and pretzels. (B,L,D)

Day 10, VILSHOFEN - REGENSBURG - PRAGUE - DISEMBARKATION. Depart the ship and drive to Regensburg, one of Germany’s best-preserved medieval cities, which you’ll discover on a guided walking tour. After touring Regensburg, continue on to Prague. (B)

Day 11, PRAGUE. Discover Prague on a city tour or a castle hike. Both will reveal why Prague is considered one of Europe’s most attractive cities, with a historic city center that’s recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B)

Day 12, PRAGUE. Beer has a long and illustrious history in the Czech Republic, so join a tasting and discover some of the very best beer in the world. (B)

Day 13, DEPART PRAGUE. Bid farewell to Prague and prepare for your homeward flight. (B)