

## 2023 - Magna On The Danube

### 7-NIGHT CRUISE WITH 2 NIGHTS MUNICH PRE-CRUISE AND 2 NIGHTS BUDAPEST POST-CRUISE

Those longing for the romance of Old World Europe will get to travel into the very heart of the continent, where empires were built, kings and queens were crowned and some of the world's greatest music was composed and performed by the likes of Mozart and Beethoven. Grand European cities like Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest forever remain timeless. Admire the beauty of Austria's Lake District and the Czech Republic's charming mountain town, Český Krumlov. From grand abbeys and fortresses perched high above the Danube to plentiful iconic UNESCO World Heritage Sites, be romanced by the Danube with all her regal and romantic splendor.

#### OVERVIEW:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES</u>
1	MUNICH	Hotel check-in
2	MUNICH	Walking Tour Bavarian Beer Hall and pretzel tasting
3	MUNICH	Transfer to the ship EMBARKATION Oktoberfest Celebration
4	PASSAU	"City of Three Rivers" walking tour OR Passau Castle hike OR guided bike ride from Passau to Wernstein
5	LINZ	"UNESCO City of Media Arts" walking tour OR "Cultural Mile" bike tour OR Full-day Salzburg excursion Half-day Český Krumlov excursion
6	GREIN	Burg Clam wine tasting
7	MELK	Melk Abbey OR Melk to Spitz bike tour Dürnstein walking tour OR Dürnstein Fortress hike OR Spitz hike OR Emmersdorf to Spitz bike tour Exclusive Wine Experience
8	VIENNA	"Imperial Vienna" tour OR Vienna bike tour Schönbrunn Palace
9	SCENIC CRUISING	Danube Bend "Queen of the Danube" tour OR Budapest Castle Hill hike
10	BUDAPEST	DISEMBARKATION
11	BUDAPEST	"Hidden Budapest" Tour

## ITINERARY DETAILS:

Day 1, MUNICH. Arrive in Munich and check-in to your hotel.

Day 2, MUNICH. This morning you will tour Munich, the capital of Bavaria and one of Germany's largest cities, as well as the undisputed beer capital of the world. Enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town through the city ending at the famous Glockenspiel, with its 43 bells and 32 life-size figures that portray historic scenes, such as a wedding celebration. You will also see Frauenkirche, the "Cathedral of Our Dear Lady." Following the walking tour, join us this afternoon as we visit one of the city's many beer halls for a sampling of Bavarian beer, accompanied by a delicious German pretzel. Prost! (B)

Day 3, MUNICH - VILSHOFEN - EMBARKATION. Check out of your hotel and transfer to Vilshofen, where you will board the ultra-luxurious AmaMagna. In the evening, be treated to a festive Bavarian Oktoberfest celebration complete with music, beer and pretzels. (B,D)

Day 4, PASSAU. 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. (B,L,D)

Day 5, 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 6, GREIN. Join us at historic Burg Clam for an exquisite Austrian wine tasting on the cliffs high above the nearby village of Clam. Built in 1149 as a twin towered fortress, Burg Clam has amazingly survived every war and siege from that day to now relatively unscathed, and now functions as a comfortable castle and home to the Counts of Clam who have resided here for over 550 years. While nestled deep within this majestic and historic setting, enjoy the opportunity to sample a few local vintages. Wines from this region tend to have a pronounced freshness, spiciness, finesse and complexity. (B,L,D)

Day 7, MELK - SPITZ. In the morning, you can visit the 900-year-old Melk Abbey situated high atop the granite cliffs of the Danube, or get active with a bike to Marbach before returning to Melk and the ship for lunch. During the afternoon, journey from Spitz to Dürnstein and stroll along the cobblestone streets to the Baroque Stiftskirche, with its famed church tower on a walking tour. Those who wish a more active adventure of the area can cycle to Emmersdorf or take a hike around Spitz to Rotes Tor. In the evening, be treated to an exclusive wine festival where you'll enjoy some of the region's famous wines. (B,L,D)

Day 8, 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, you can enjoy leisure time, exploring Vienna on your own; or you can 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 9, SCENIC CRUISING - BUDAPEST. During the morning, sail toward Budapest, passing through the scenic Danube Bend where you'll see some of Hungary's oldest settlements, including Esztergom, Visegrád and Szentendre. 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. (B,L,D)

Day 10, BUDAPEST - DISEMBARKATION. Disembark the ship and check into your hotel. (B)

Day 11, 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 12, DEPART BUDAPEST. Bid farewell to Budapest and prepare for your flight home. (B)