

13 nights, 14 days | Summary Itinerary

MELODIES OF THE DANUBE RIVER CRUISE OCTOBER 20TH TO NOVEMBER 2ND, 2021



Wednesday, October 20th

Day 1

Flight to Budapest, Hungary

Depart from select Maritime cities (Charlottetown, Halifax, Moncton, or Fredericton) on your **overnight flight to Budapest**. Try and get some sleep before your afternoon arrival in Budapest. A light meal and breakfast will be served on board the flight.

Thursday, October 21st

Day 2

Budapest, Hungary

Arrive at Budapest Airport and gather our luggage. Enjoy an **included 2-course lunch** at the hotel before an **orientation tour** of the local area where you will be able to see some of the city's dazzling sites including Parliament and Liberty Square, Opera House and the river Danube with its iconic bridges. You'll finish your first day enjoying a **3-course welcome dinner** in a nearby restaurant.



Overnight: *Mercure Budapest Korona (or similar)*

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Friday, October 22nd

Day 3

Budapest, Hungary

Enjoy a **complimentary breakfast** and meet with your Tour Director. Today will be a treat for the senses! Budapest is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful cities of Europe. Enjoy a **half-day guide-accompanied tour of both Buda and Pest**. Castle Hill and Memento Park are highlights of cultural and artistic significance – don't forget your camera. Following the tour, you will have free time to explore at your leisure. This evening dinner will be on your own (not included).



Overnight: *Mercure Budapest Korona (or similar)*

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Saturday, October 23rd

Day 4

Board the AmaSonata

Enjoy a **complimentary breakfast** and meet with your Tour Director. Later this morning we will check out of the hotel and have free time to explore before making our way to the Budapest Cruise Dock. Embarkation time is 3:00 pm. We will board the **AmaSonata** and begin our Melodies of the Danube journey.



Overnight: *AmaSonata*

(B, D)

Sunday, October 24th

Day 5

Budapest, Hungary

Budapest offers an unmatched combination of culture and tradition. Your city tour begins with a visit to 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, you can hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city below.

Overnight: *AmaSonata*

(B, L, D)

Monday, October 25th

Day 6

Bratislava, Slovakia

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 up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city.



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Overnight: AmaSonata

Tuesday, October 26th

Day 7

Vienna, Austria

The “City of Waltzes” offers a treasure trove 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, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and then visit St. Stephen’s Cathedral. For a more active exploration of the area, take a guided bike ride. During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time exploring this iconic city even more.



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Overnight: AmaSonata

Wednesday, October 27th

Day 8

Weissenkirchen, Austria

After reaching Weissenkirchen, you'll be treated to several choices of excursions. Take a walking tour of Dürnstein before visiting the UNESCO-designated Melk Abbey. For a more culinary-focused experience, join a walking tour in Dürnstein, then enjoy a wine tasting hosted by a local vintner and sample special apricot treats from a local boutique. If you prefer a more active adventure, hike up to the fortress where Richard the Lionheart was once held or join a guided bike tour to Melk. Later in the day, sail through the Strudengau Valley to medieval Grein for an exclusive visit to the more than 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, looming regally from above. While here, enjoy a folklore show and wine reception.



Overnight: AmaSonata

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Thursday, October 28th

Day 9

Linz, Austria

The ship arrives in Linz where you'll have several choices of excursions. Opt for a full-day excursion to Salzburg where you'll 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. Or join a morning walking tour through the old city center of Linz and by the Mozart House; or go on a bike tour of the city's famed "Cultural Mile" and the Danube. In the afternoon, you can also choose to visit charming Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border.

Overnight: AmaSonata

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Friday, October 29th

Day 10

Passau/Vilshofen, Germany

Discover the city of Passau in one of three ways. Enjoy a walking tour and marvel at Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Alternately, choose between a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus fortress or a guided bike tour along the Danube River. Later, cruise to Vilshofen, where you will be treated to a festive Oktoberfest celebration - an AmaWaterways exclusive.



Overnight: AmaSonata

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Saturday, October 30th

Day 11

Vilshofen, Germany to Prague, Czech Republic

After **breakfast on board the ship** we will disembark and meet our local English-speaking guide and transfer to Prague where we will check in to our hotel for a three-night stay.

This evening will be at your leisure to have dinner (not included) at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Hotel Leon D'Oro (or similar)

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Sunday, October 31st

Day 12

Prague, Czech Republic

Enjoy a **complimentary breakfast** and meet with your Tour Director. This morning we will be joined by an expert Local Guide for a **half-day guided tour of Prague**. During our tour we will explore the history of this centenary city and bask in the beautiful sights of the Wenceslas Square, National Opera, and Jewish Quarter amongst others. Entrance to **Prague Castle** is included during the tour. Following the tour, you will have a chance to explore Prague at your leisure. Dinner will be on your own (not included) this evening.



Overnight: Hotel Leon D'Oro (or similar)

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Monday, November 1st

Day 13

Prague, Czech Republic

Enjoy a **complimentary breakfast** and meet with your Tour Director. Today is a free day to explore Prague as you wish. This evening we will enjoy a **concert of classical music** in a beautiful historical venue with amazing acoustics. Afterwards, enjoy a **flavourful farewell meal** to reminisce on the amazing journey to date.



Overnight: Hotel Leon D'Oro (or similar)

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Enjoy a **complimentary breakfast** and meet with your Tour Director. This morning we check out of the hotel and make our way to Prague Airport. Depart on our transatlantic flight for Toronto or Montreal. Once we clear customs in Toronto or Montreal we will find our departure gates for our **return flights to select Maritime cities** (Charlottetown, Halifax, Moncton, or Fredericton). Say goodbye to your Tour Director and your newfound friends from your **Melodies of the Danube River Cruise**.

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AmaSonata:

Introduced in 2014, the award-winning AmaSonata sings her melodious tune down Europe's great rivers. Most accommodations have twin balconies, so you can enjoy the ever-changing scenery however you wish, along with amenities like Entertainment-On-Demand, high-speed Internet access and English-language TV stations. A soft color palette in each stateroom calms the mind for relaxation, but when you're ready to get active, head to the fitness center or up to the Sun Deck to the heated pool. Crisp white tablecloths and napkins grace the tables in the subdued Main Dining Room, while The Chef's Table specialty restaurant highlights its 5-star multi-course cuisine with gold-hued tones and a twinkling overhead centerpiece. With a stunning Main Lounge, tranquil library, sun-deck walking track, massage and hair salon, and gift shop, you'll never find a dull moment—and will sing AmaSonata's praises while sailing on board.

Includes:

- Flights from Maritime cities (PEI, NS, or NB) to Budapest and return from Prague
- Airport and cruise terminal transfers at destination
- 2 nights of pre-cruise hotel accommodation in Budapest
- 3 nights of post-cruise hotel accommodation in Prague
- 1 lunch, 2 dinners, and 5 breakfasts during land portion
- Guided tours of Budapest and Prague during land portion
- 7-day Melodies of the Danube river cruise aboard AmaSonata
- Daily entertainment and cultural performances during cruise
- All onboard dining during cruise
- Sparkling wine and juices at breakfast; beer, soft drinks and unlimited wines at lunch and dinner during cruise
- Sip & Sail cocktail hour with complimentary wine, beer and spirits during cruise
- Shore excursions at each destination during cruise
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship during cruise
- All taxes and fees
- Onboard Gratuities if booked before June 30th, 2020
- Services of a professional Tour Director

Important Notes

Activity Level

Travelling with Target Tours requires a certain level of activity in order to enjoy and participate in our tours. This tour requires the following:

- Walking or standing for extended periods of time
- Lifting and carrying your luggage for short distances
- Manage your carry-on luggage through airports
- Climbing multiple sets of stairs
- Walking on uneven surfaces
- Flights in excess of 5 hours and/or overnight
- A lot of free time with minimal activities planned
- Unable to accommodate walkers or collapsible wheelchairs. Canes are permitted.

For all tours please remember that the Tour Director is there to assist all members of the group. While they are happy to provide a helping hand from time to time, they are unable to provide mobility assistance for extended periods of time during a tour. Therefore, all travellers must be able to manage their mobility independently.

Gratuities

Your Tour Director and Driver play an important role in making your vacation as memorable and hassle-free as possible. While optional, gratuities are a great way to show your appreciation. The suggested industry guideline is \$4.00 to \$6.00 CAD per person, per day for your Tour Director and also your Driver. This should be extended on a voluntary and individual basis at the completion of the tour.

Onboard AmaWaterways gratuities are optional but it is suggested that you pay €3 per day for your cruise manager and €12 per day for the rest of the staff. This should be extended on an individual basis at the reception desk of the ship.

Travel Protection

Your tour price does not include travel protection. If you are covered, we advise you to look into coverage details, if there is a deductible, if you need to pay up front, and where to call in case of emergency. We highly recommend medical, trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage. If you would like a quote, please call our office at 1-877-214-5367. **Proof of out-of-country medical insurance is required for this tour.**

After Booking

- We will send you your receipt and proof of reservation via email or mail.
- Before final payment we will reach out to you via phone or email to remind you of your final balance and determine final method of payment.
- About 2 - 3 weeks prior to departure we will send you your Detailed Itinerary which will feature exact times and locations as well as details on your Tour Director.
- Around one week before departure you will be contacted by your Tour Director via email or by phone to introduce themselves and ask if you have any questions before departure.

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