

GRAND DANUBE CRUISE

Nuremburg, Germany - Giurgiu, Romania



Journey along paths forged by conquerors, crusaders and kings through Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. Step back in time to explore the history and mystery living in the hillsides while cruising the Danube and through the Iron Gates.



DATES: (2019) May 12, 26*: **July 7-W**,
21*; August 4, 18*; September 1, 15*,
29; October 13*, 27; November 10*,
W=WINE CRUISE

DURATION: 15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

EMBARK: Nuremberg, Germany

DISEMBARK: Giurgiu, Romania

* Or reverse

SHIP: AmaCerto

FROM: \$6,098

COUNTRIES VISITED: AUSTRIA, BULGARIA, CROATIA, GERMANY, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, SERBIA, SLOVAKIA

RIVER: DANUBE

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DAY 1 Nuremberg, Germany - EMBARKATION

Embark your cruise in Nuremberg. Tonight, gather on board and meet your fellow passengers. (D)

DAY 2 Nuremberg - Main-Danube Canal

You have two choices of excursions while in Nuremberg: one focusing on the medieval highlights and another focusing on WWII. Enjoy a guided tour through this medieval city, showcasing the Imperial Castle, famous town wall and Market Square's legendary fountain. Or turn back the pages of a darker history with a guided tour of the city's most important WWII sites, including the enormous Documentation Center. You'll also visit the Nuremberg Trials Memoriam and Courtroom 600, if it's not in session. En route to Regensburg, cruise through the man-made marvel, the Main-Danube Canal. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 Regensburg, Germany

Explore one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities, Regensburg, on a guided walking tour showcasing the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria. Alternatively, sample some Bavarian specialties—beer, sausage and pretzels; and for those who wish to be more active, join a bike tour to Walhalla. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 Passau, Germany – Linz, Austria

Discover Passau in one of three ways. Enjoy a walking tour admiring the Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Guests

looking for a more active morning can choose between a guided bike tour or a hike up to the Veste Oberhaus Fortress for panoramic views of the city. Later in the day, enjoy a scenic cruise to Linz. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 Melk - Wachau Valley, Austria

Cruise to Melk, known for its magnificent Benedictine Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of Europe's largest and most revered monasteries. Alternatively, you can join a guided bike tour that takes you through the UNESCO designated Wachau Valley; or go on a walking tour along Dürnstein's cobblestone streets to the Baroque Stiftskirche, one of the finest Baroque towers in Austria. Later in the day, set sail through the vineyard-rich Wachau Valley (B,L,D)

DAY 6 Vienna, Austria

The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems, and you'll discover them on a city tour showcasing its many regal splendors, such as the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna's historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Prefer a more active adventure? Join a guided bike ride along the Danube. Later in the day, enjoy leisure time in Vienna or cycle to Klosterneuburg Monastery on a bike tour. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 Budapest, Hungary – City Lights Cruise

Get to know Budapest on a city tour that begins at the vibrant Great Market Hall and takes you to such places as the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district, Fisherman's Bastion and St. Stephen's. Prefer a more active exploration, hike to Castle Hill. During the evening, be treated to a special Illuminations cruise past the capital's glittering river front. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 Budapest – Puszta, Hungary

Tradition will be on full display in Puszta, the Great Hungarian Plain. Tour a genuine Hungarian csárda

(farm) run by the world champion carriage-drivers, the Lazar brothers. Afterwards, be treated to an unforgettable performance of Hungarian horsemanship and then experience the Hungarians' warm hospitality, along with a traditional lunch complete with typical Goulash. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 Mohacs, Hungary – Pécs, Hungary

Enjoy a scenic morning cruise to Pécs, founded more than 2,000 years ago by the Romans. Visit the UNESCO-designated Christian Necropolis; St. Peter's Basilica, the city's main Catholic cathedral along with its catacombs; and Széchenyi Square, the heart of Old Town Pécs. You will also see the Mosque of Pasha Qasim the Victorious, one of the symbols of the city. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 Vukovar, Croatia

Vukovar is a Croatian symbol of resistance, which you'll better understand on your city tour showcasing the Ovčara Memorial and the Baroque Eltz Palace. Alternatively, choose a wine tasting in Ilok, a center of wine production since Roman times, where you'll sample its famous Grasevina, Traminac and Frankovka wines. Back on board, cruise to Novi Sad, sometimes called the "Serbian Athens." Discover Novi Sad on a walking tour to Dunavski Park and through Stari Grad, the old town center. If you prefer a more active exploration, join a guided biking or hiking tour. During the evening, visit Petrovaradin Fortress, a mighty stronghold no enemy has ever breached. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 Belgrade, Serbia

Explore Serbia's capital, Belgrade, on a city tour, which includes the Kalemegdan Fortress and the Serbian Orthodox Temple of St. Sava. Later, choose from three intriguing excursions. Visit the Royal Palace, the official residence of the Serbian Royal Family; and then tour the House of Flowers, the mausoleum of Marshal Tito, who became the first President of Yugoslavia. Or enjoy a taste of the region by sampling Serbian plum brandy, Šljivovitz, and delicious local delights at the Quburich Distillery. For those wishing a more active adventure, join a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 Iron Gates - Full-day scenic cruising

The Iron Gates is one of Europe's most awe-inspiring natural wonders. The banks of the river dazzle with sheer-faced rocks stretching high overhead along this natural border between Serbia and Romania. (B,L,D)

DAY 13 Vidin, Bulgaria

Explore Vidin, one of Bulgaria's oldest cities, and surrounding areas with choice of excursions. Discover Baba Vida Castle, the largest preserved medieval castle in Bulgaria overlooking the Danube. Continue on to Belogradchik, one of Bulgaria's natural wonders, where you can hike around its most spectacular rock formations. Alternatively, visit a local home for a demonstration of traditional Bulgarian yogurt and Banitsa, a pastry you will also get to make. You also have the choice to bike through Vidin and to the castle. (B,L,D)



Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

DAY 14 Rouse, Bulgaria

Visit Bulgaria's ancient capital, Veliko Tarnovo, with its medieval fortress and multiple orthodox temples. You can opt instead to go to Rouse, known for its 19th- and 20th-century Neo-Baroque and Neo-Rococo architecture, and then afterwards visit the UNESCO-designated Rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo with frescoes revealing exceptional artistry of 14th-century paintings and Bulgarian medieval art. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 Giurgiu, Romania - DISEMBARKATION

Disembark your cruise in Giurgiu. (B)



2018 DATES	May 19; Jun 02; Jun 16	Jul 14; Jul 28	Sep 08; Sep 22	Oct 06	Oct 20
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$6,698	\$6,498	\$7,098	\$6,798	\$6,198
Plus Port Charges - \$336 per person					

2019 DATES	May 12; May 26; Jul 07; Jul 21; Aug 04	Aug 18	Sep 01; Sep 15	Sep 29	Oct 13	Oct 27	Nov 10
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$7,098	\$7,398	\$7,698	\$7,598	\$6,998	\$6,498	\$6,098
Plus Port Charges - \$364 per person							

CATEGORY UPGRADE	D	C	BB	BA	AB	AA	AA+	SUITE
SUPPLEMENT - ADD	\$598	\$1,798	\$2,798	\$3,198	\$3,598	\$3,998	\$5,198	\$6,598

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