



BRIDGE ON THE DANUBE

APRIL 18–30, 2025

Please click on this link below for a 5 minute video which gives a terrific overview of what we will be seeing and doing on this sailing.

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Countries we will visit: HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA, GERMANY, AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC

Many of you have asked questions about our upcoming cruise on the Danube next year.

Alex and I have cruised the Danube 5 times. This is our 6th time. Prague is our favourite city in the world and Budapest is our second favourite. So much splendour and beauty to be seen.

The bridge programme takes place for approximately 3 hrs a day. One hour lesson and then a game for approximately 2 hrs.

We play and teach only when we are NOT touring so we never interfere with sightseeing.

We negotiate exact times when we get aboard. It varies each day depending on when we will be in port and when we will be sailing.

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We have 37 booked to date.

Remember there is a \$900.00 CAD discount for early booking. \$750.00 USD.

If you are interested, you could take a bus or train to Krakow and Warsaw (in Poland) from Prague after the tour

Alex and I are just back from a 2 week Transatlantic cruise with Linda & Nancy teaching and directing and Alex and I along for the ride to visit, socialize, dine and play bridge. The group was 113 fabulous people from all over USA and Canada. We all had SO much fun and Linda and Nancy are a dynamite team. **So much so that we have just invited Nancy back to join us on our Danube adventure.**

You will see how much fun they all had. Check out Deedee Dyer and her team from Nova Scotia and Vancouver with their original song.

Click on the link below.

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with LINDA TUFF as Bridge Instructor

& WITH BARBARA SEAGRAM & ALEX KORNEI
WHO WILL PLAY & PARTY
& NANCY STRACHAN DIRECTING

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(floor to ceiling glass door & balcony: 252 sq. ft.)

Plus \$1,685.00 USD for 2 night stayover in Budapest pre-cruise and 3 night & 4 days stayover post-cruise in Prague

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Plus \$2,223.00 CAD for 2 night stayover in Budapest pre-cruise and
3 night & 4 days stayover in Prague

AMA cancellation insurance (cancel for any reason) available at time of deposit for Canadians: \$175.00 CAD. This refunds the refundable portion & gives an AMA cruise credit for non-refundable portion. (Not applicable at 31 days or less pre-sailing)

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I have added a brief description of just **some** of the tours below. There are others and there is always something for those who want something gentler with less walking.

Apr. 18: Arrive Budapest

Apr. 19: Budapest

Apr. 20: Embark ship

Apr.21: Budapest



Today you have the opportunity to visit both the Buda (hilly) and Pest (flat) sides of the Danube River. Start on the Buda side, following your guide through the city's Castle District where you will marvel at the fairytale turrets of Fisherman's Bastion, gaze upon the breathtaking panorama below and see Matthias Church, renowned for its striking tower and colorful mosaic roof. For a more active tour, hike to Budapest's Castle Hill. In the afternoon, explore the treasures of Pest, admiring the

colossal Hungarian Parliament Building, Heroes' Square and the moving "Shoes on the Danube Bank" memorial.

Apr. 22: 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.

Apr. 23: 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.

Apr. 24: Krems & 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, you can visit the 900-year-old Melk Abbey situated high atop the granite cliffs of the Danube; or get active with either a bike tour from Krems to Spitz or a hiking adventure in Spitz. During the evening, be treated to an exclusive wine tasting experience where you'll enjoy some of the region's famous wines, including Grüner Veltliner and Riesling.

Apr. 25: Linz (optional visit to Salzburg, home of Sound of Music)

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. You may also choose to join a full-day excursion to the charming Czech mountain town of Český Krumlov, where you can stroll its cobblestone streets; marvel at the city's picturesque Baroque and Renaissance-style buildings; and tour Krumlov Castle, one of Europe's largest castle complexes. Following these full-day excursions, you may also choose to take a brief walking tour in Linz. Alternatively, 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.

Apr. 26: 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 an Ama Waterways-exclusive Bavarian Oktoberfest celebration complete with music, beer and pretzels.

Apr 27: Disembark. Drive to Regensburg & on to Prague

Apr 28: Prague

Apr. 29: Prague

Apr. 30: Fly home

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