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Sights and Sounds of the Danube

SEPTEMBER 20-OCTOBER 1, 2026

Sail Through Centuries of Culture on the Danube River

Embark on an elegant Danube River cruise beginning in Prague, where Gothic spires and cobbled streets set a fairytale tone. In Nuremberg, board your ship and sail through Europe’s heart, passing through sweeping landscapes and storied towns. Discover Vienna’s imperial allure, Bratislava’s charming historic center, and Budapest’s enchanting blend of history and culture. This unforgettable journey blends timeless beauty, vibrant heritage, and captivating atmosphere at every turn.

DAYS 1-2: WELCOME TO PRAGUE!

Following your included overnight flight, arrive in Prague and enjoy dinner as a group. *D*

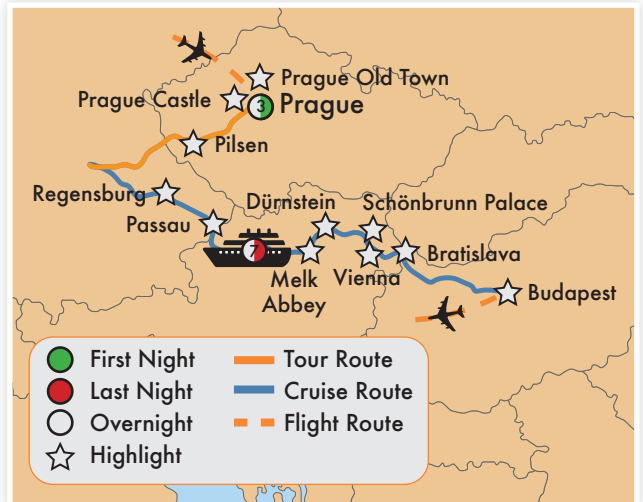
DAY 3: PRAGUE OLD TOWN

Today will begin with a walking tour of the Old Town area in Prague. As one of the few European capitals to emerge from the World Wars with its core largely intact, the city offers a rare glimpse into generations of architectural evolution. Marvel at the Old Town Square, Town Hall, and the Astronomical Clock—a Medieval masterpiece. *B, L*

DAY 4: PRAGUE CASTLE

Start with a visit to Prague Castle, one of the largest ancient castles in the world with dazzling views of the city and the Vltava River from its hilltop vantage point. Afterwards, escape to the peaceful Wallenstein Garden which is known for its Baroque architecture and beautiful greenery. Take advantage of free time for lunch and independent exploration. *B, D*

+ *New Option*—Enjoy an afternoon of classical music in the stunning 16th-century Lobkowitz Palace. Featuring works by Vivaldi, Mozart, Beethoven, and Czech favorite Antonín Dvořák, the performance sets the tone for the unforgettable journey ahead. End the day with dinner at a local restaurant. *Included Option*



DAY 5: PILSEN/NUREMBERG/MS AMADEUS STAR

Start your day with a scenic drive to Pilsen, where you'll have free time to explore the captivating city before enjoying a traditional lunch paired with a classic Pilsner beer. In the afternoon, continue through Nuremberg, where stone paths and half-timbered houses set a romantic tone. It's a day of rich flavors, renowned beauty, and everlasting European radiance before you board the *MS Amadeus Star*. **B, L, D**

DAY 6: REGENSBURG

Discover the appeal of Regensburg, one of Germany's best-preserved cities, through its remarkably intact Old Town. Stroll past centuries-old churches, famed monasteries, the impressive town hall, and the iconic Stone Bridge—one of Europe's oldest bridges gracefully spanning the Danube since the 12th century. Your exploration concludes at one of Regensburg's traditional small breweries where you'll enjoy a guided tour and a tasting of locally brewed beer. Afterwards, return to the ship with a true taste of Bavarian culture. **B, L, D**

DAY 7: PASSAU

Enjoy a stunning walk through Passau, the "City of Three Rivers," known for its winding streets and storied past. At the heart of the city stands St. Stephen's Cathedral, a Baroque masterpiece with a Gothic soul and one of the world's largest pipe organs. After the guided experience, explore the Veste Oberhaus fortress on your own—a vast stronghold overlooking the city. **B, L, D**

DAY 8: MELK ABBEY/DÜRNSTEIN/VIENNESE CLASSICAL CONCERT

Melk Abbey, a Baroque jewel built in the early 1700s, is one of the world's most renowned Benedictine monasteries. Highlights include the frescoed church, imperial corridor, marble hall, and the grand library filled with Medieval manuscripts. This evening, the renowned "Wiener Residenz Orchester" will bring an unforgettable evening of Viennese elegance to life, featuring the graceful rhythms of waltzes, lively polkas, and beloved arias, duets, and operetta pieces. Featuring exceptional opera singers and captivating ballet soloists, the performance is a vibrant celebration of Vienna's rich musical tradition. **B, L, D**

+ **Option—Dürnstein Tour** Explore the picturesque village of Dürnstein in the Wachau Valley, known for its quaint charm and apricot delicacies. Enjoy tastings of local treats as you stroll past landmarks before setting sail for Vienna. *Price \$89 per person*

DAY 9: VIENNA/SCHÖNBRUNN PALACE

Get a perfect introduction to Vienna on this tour highlighting the city's most iconic sights. Begin with a panoramic drive along the Ringstrasse, passing landmarks like the Opera House, Parliament, and City Hall. Then, enjoy a walk through the iconic center, from the Hofburg Imperial Palace and Kohlmarkt to the famous St. Stephen's Cathedral. Before returning to the ship, take some free time to explore Vienna at your own pace. **B, L, D**

+ **Option—Schönbrunn Palace** Travel to Vienna's stunning Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Austria's most treasured landmarks. Once the imperial residence of Empress Maria Theresa, the palace boasts 1,441 rooms and grand ceremonial halls. Explore several

Special Guests:

World-Renowned Conductor Ken-David Masur & Concert Pianist Melinda Lee Masur

Ken-David & Melinda Lee Masur join *Sights & Sounds of the Danube*, bringing a global perspective shaped by performances across North America, Europe, and Asia. Ken & Melinda are internationally-acclaimed musicians known for their artistry and programming on major stages across the world. They serve as the Artistic Directors of the Chelsea Music Festival in New York City and are partners in life and in music. Get to know them in a relaxed atmosphere during this tour!



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of these opulent interiors, then enjoy a stroll through the beautifully landscaped palace gardens. *Price \$119 per person*

DAY 10: BRATISLAVA/VINEYARD RACA

Explore Bratislava with a scenic journey past key landmarks and a panoramic view from Castle Hill. Then stroll through the charming town, seeing highlights like Michael's Gate, the Primatial Palace, and St. Martin's Cathedral. Enjoy a taste of traditional Pressburger rolls before ending near the Opera House, with free time to explore or return to the ship. **B, L, D**

Option—Vineyard Raca and the Carpathian Wine Region Escape to the peaceful Raca wine district near Bratislava, where rolling hills and vineyards offer a taste of authentic Slovak village life. Visit a family-owned vineyard to sample the region's famed Frankovka wine and enjoy stunning sights of Bratislava and the Danube. Then, head to a hidden local cellar for a glass of wine and regional treats with a resident sommelier. *Price \$119 per person*

Special Discount
pricing until June 30, 2026!

Cabin	Price	Early Booking Discount	Price with Discount
Haydn Stern	\$6,899	-\$500	\$6,399
Haydn Forward	\$6,999	-\$500	\$6,499
Strauss Stern	\$7,399	-\$700	\$6,699
Strauss Mid	\$7,499	-\$700	\$6,799
Strauss Forward	\$7,599	-\$700	\$6,899
Mozart Stern	\$7,999	-\$1000	\$6,999
Mozart Mid	\$8,099	-\$1000	\$7,099
Mozart Suite	\$8,699	-\$1000	\$7,699

Single Supplements: Haydn + \$3,000, Strauss/Mozart + \$4,000, Suites + \$5,000. Port Charges & Fees: \$185

DAY 11: BUDAPEST/ILLUMINATION CRUISE

Discover Budapest, a city of everlasting grace split by the river into historic Buda and vibrant Pest. Begin by passing the Great Market Hall, the grand Hungarian State Opera, and the iconic Parliament building. Stop at Heroes' Square for photos before crossing the Danube into Buda. Head up to Castle Hill to visit St. Matthias Church where breathtaking views of the city await. Return to the ship to continue the enrichment of the city with an atmospheric cruise through Budapest which is festively lit up at night. A musical folklore show on board will complete the truly unforgettable experience. **B, L, D**

Option—Flavors of Budapest Visit Budapest's historic Market Hall, built in 1896 and famed for Hungarian treats like Tokaji wine, lángos, and paprika. Then travel by bus to City Park to see Vajdahunyad Castle and the iconic Széchenyi Baths. You'll ride Europe's second-oldest metro to the city center for coffee and cake at a local pastry shop, before ending your tour at the stunning St. Stephen's Basilica. *Price \$99 per person*

DAY 12: TRAVEL HOME

After breakfast, disembark in Budapest to catch your flight home. **B** ✨



TOUR DETAILS

12 Days • 27 Meals

Sep 20-Oct 1, 2026

Price Per Person:

See Table

Depart/Return:



St. Louis
Kansas City
Springfield

Passport Required

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sightseeing tours of Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, Budapest and more
- Cruise in luxury aboard the *MS Amadeus Star*
- Tour Melk Abbey
- Enjoy a Sounds of Vienna Concert
- Optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Experience an Illumination Cruise of Budapest

ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Overnight Flight

Nights 2-4: Grandior Hotel, Prague, Czech Republic

Nights 5-11: *MS Amadeus Star*