

ROMANTIC DANUBE

featuring

Prague to Budapest



Cruise From Vilshofen to Budapest

AWARD WINNING AMA VIOLA

AMA WATERWAYS

OCTOBER 8-19, 2018

FROM \$4,599.00

per person based on double occupancy

3 Night Land & 7 Night Cruise Prague to Budapest



Countries Include: AUSTRIA, GERMANY, HUNGARY, SLOVAKIA

Rivers Include: DANUBE

Framed by rolling hillsides, lush vineyards, and medieval castles, the Danube River has captivated musicians, artists and poets throughout the centuries. Travel to legendary destinations on a 7-night cruise from Vilshofen to Budapest. Explore a 2,000 year-old city, savor Wachau Valley wines, and experience the timeless beauty and fascinating history of Vienna and Budapest.



Romantic Danube Itinerary Day By Day

Day	Date	Time	Activity	Port of Call	Country
Fri	10/12/2018	03:00 PM	EMBARK	VILSHOFEN (PORT)	GERMANY
Fri	10/12/2018	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	VILSHOFEN (PORT)	GERMANY
Sat	10/13/2018	12:00 PM	DEPARTURE	VILSHOFEN (PORT)	GERMANY
Sat	10/13/2018	02:30 PM	ARRIVAL	PASSAU	GERMANY
Sat	10/13/2018	11:59 PM	DEPARTURE	PASSAU	GERMANY
Sun	10/14/2018	07:30 AM	ARRIVAL	LINZ	AUSTRIA
Sun	10/14/2018	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	LINZ	AUSTRIA
Mon	10/15/2018	05:00 AM	DEPARTURE	LINZ	AUSTRIA
Mon	10/15/2018	02:00 PM	ARRIVAL	WEISSENKIRCHEN	AUSTRIA
Mon	10/15/2018	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	WEISSENKIRCHEN	AUSTRIA
Tue	10/16/2018	09:30 AM	DEPARTURE	WEISSENKIRCHEN	AUSTRIA
Tue	10/16/2018	11:30 AM	ARRIVAL	KREMS	AUSTRIA
Tue	10/16/2018	03:30 PM	DEPARTURE	KREMS	AUSTRIA
Tue	10/16/2018	08:00 PM	ARRIVAL	VIENNA	AUSTRIA
Tue	10/16/2018	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	VIENNA	AUSTRIA
Wed	10/17/2018	06:00 PM	DEPARTURE	VIENNA	AUSTRIA
Thu	10/18/2018	09:30 AM	ARRIVAL	BUDAPEST (PORT)	HUNGARY
Thu	10/18/2018	09:00 PM	DEPARTURE	BUDAPEST (PORT)	HUNGARY
Thu	10/18/2018	10:00 PM	ARRIVAL	BUDAPEST (PORT)	HUNGARY
Thu	10/18/2018	11:59 PM	OVERNIGHT	BUDAPEST (PORT)	HUNGARY
Fri	10/19/2018	09:00 AM	DISEMBARK	BUDAPEST (PORT)	HUNGARY



Romantic Danube Detailed Itinerary

OVERNIGHT FLIGHT MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

ARRIVE IN PRAGUE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

Today we will depart from Central Illinois and travel by motor coach to Chicago O'Hare Airport and board our overnight flight for Prague. Meal, snacks and entertainment provided on the flight. When we arrive in Prague we will be greeted by AMA Waterways and transfer to hotel.

LAND DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

CITY TOUR OF PRAGUE

Your morning tour reveals all the fairytale beauty of "The City of a Hundred Spires," starting with the Prague Castle, the world's largest ancient castle. The castle grounds are dominated by the monumental St. Vitus Cathedral—taking 600 years to complete. Guided around the castle grounds, you'll see numerous gardens, residences and even a vineyard. From the castle, walk along the 14th-century pedestrian-only Charles Bridge to the historic old city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Old Town Square dates back to the 12th century, and is silhouetted by the fabled Týn Cathedral with its iconic Gothic twin towers that can be seen from all over Prague. Dominating the square is the Gothic Old Town Hall, home to the world-famous medieval astronomical clock the third-oldest astronomical clock in the world.



Romantic Danube Europe Itinerary Continued

LAND DAY 3: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 FREE DAY TO EXPLORE PRAGUE

Spend a day at leisure. Wander through the city admiring its diversity of architectural styles: Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Rococo and Art Nouveau. Meander through its colorful local markets or simply relax in a café to enjoy the many famous Czech beers. (B)



EMBARKATION DAY 4: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018 PRAGUE – REGENSBURG, GERMANY – EMBARKATION – VILSHOFEN

Check out of your hotel and depart Prague, stopping in Regensburg for a guided walking tour of one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. Continue on to Vilshofen to board your cruise ship. Later in the day, attend an exclusive Oktoberfest celebration with traditional beer and Bavarian folk music and dancing. (B,D)



Romantic Danube Itinerary Continued

CRUISE DAY 5: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018 VILSHOFEN – PASSAU

Explore Vilshofen's beautiful old town before cruising to Passau, known as the "City of Three Rivers." Join a walking tour or if you prefer to be more active, hike high into the hills for a visit to the "Veste Oberhaus," Passau's Castle Hill. (B,L,D)

CRUISE DAY 6: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018 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 famed Basilica St. Michael and site of the wedding scene in "The Sound of Music." Alternatively, you can join a morning walking tour through Linz's old city center and by the Mozart House; or go on a guided bike tour along the city's famed "Culture Mile" and the Danube. During the afternoon, you have three more options of excursions. Choose a half-day in Salzburg or take a scenic drive through the beautiful Austrian Lake District with a stop in St. Wolfgang. You can also choose to visit the charming mountain town, Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border. (B,L,D)

CRUISE DAY 7: MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018 WEISSENKIRCHEN

Cruise to Weissenkirchen, gateway to Dürnstein located in the heart of the Wachau Valley. Once here, you can choose to join a walking tour in Dürnstein along its cobblestone streets to the Baroque Stiftskirche, Dürnstein's famed church tower, and then visit Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey. For the more active adventurer, hike up to the fortress where Richard the Lionheart was once held. As an alternative excursion, visit a local apricot grower, where you'll enjoy the regions finest apricot treats. Later in the evening, enjoy a special wine tasting of locally grown, world-renowned Riesling and Grüner Veltliner in Weissenkirchen. (B,L,D)



Romantic Danube Itinerary Continued

CRUISE DAY 8: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 VIENNA

The “City of Waltzes” offers a treasure trove of gems and you have three ways to discover them. Join a city tour showcasing its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House, St. Stephen's Cathedral and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna’s historic city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. For a more active exploration of the area, take a guided bike ride along the Danube. During the afternoon, you can enjoy leisure time or pedal your way to Klosterneuburg Monastery on a guided cycling tour. (B,L,D)



CRUISE DAY 9: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018 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 culinary host to sample traditional Slovakian specialties, as well as learn how to prepare stuffed potato ravioli with an opportunity to taste your own creation. For a more active adventure, hike up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city. (B,L,D)



Romantic Danube Itinerary Continued

CRUISE DAY 10: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Experience Budapest in one of two ways: on a city tour or a hike. Your city tour begins with a visit to the vibrant Great Market Hall brimming with vendors selling everything from food to souvenirs. The remainder of this tour takes you to both the Buda (hilly) and Pest (flat) sides of the river. As an alternative choice, hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city below. Spend your last evening on board cruising around the famed Parliament Building as the city turns on all her dazzling lights. (B,L,D)



CRUISE DAY 11: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2018

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Disembark the ship as you prepare for your flight home. (B)

Romantic Danube Rates

AMA Magnificent Europe on AmaViola



Inspired by luxury yachts and designed specifically to maximize the enjoyment of every guest, the AmaViola introduced in 2016, provides a distinctive river cruise experience. Relax in spacious, elegantly appointed staterooms. Most accommodations have twin balconies, both a French and outside balcony, so you can enjoy the ever-changing scenery however you wish. Additional stateroom amenities include Entertainment-On-Demand, featuring free high-speed Internet access, Wi-Fi, movies, music and English language TV stations; climate-controlled air conditioning; and an in-room safe. In the marble bathroom, enjoy multi-jet showerheads, soothing bath and body products, robes and hair dryers. On the Sun Deck, enjoy a dip in the heated pool, as well as a refreshing beverage at the swim-up bar. The stunning Main Lounge provides an exhilarating backdrop for meeting your fellow guests and enjoying nightly entertainment. As a member of La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the exclusive international culinary society, you'll be treated to exquisite, locally-inspired cuisine, along with unlimited wine and beer with lunch and dinner. You'll also relish a variety of dining venues, including The Chef's Table specialty restaurant, featuring an exquisite tasting menu prepared right before your eyes. With a walking track on the Sun Deck, a fitness room and a fleet of onboard bicycles, as well as healthy menu choices, you'll have everything needed to stay active and healthy while sailing the Danube river.

RATES ARE PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.

- Category E Fixed Window: \$4,599.00
- Category D Fixed Window: \$5,149.00
- Category CA French Balcony \$5,599.00
- Category BB French / Outside Balcony: \$5,749.00
- Category BA French / Outside Balcony: \$5,999.00
- Category S French / Outside Balcony: \$7,299.00

PRICING BASED ON AVAILABILITY SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Beverage Package: \$169.00 per person-24 hours unlimited Selected Premium liquors, beer, wine and soft drinks; the drinks package includes beverages by the glass including selected premium liquors, Aperitifs, Champagne Cocktails, Liqueurs, Long Drinks, Bitters, sparkling wine as well as regional wines, but not Fancy Cocktails, Martinis, Champagne or other imported or vintage wines.



Included in your 10 Night Package:

- Round-trip transportation from Central Illinois
- Round-trip airfare to Europe
- All transfers on arrival and departure days
- 7 night cruise accommodations aboard the AmaViola
- All meals onboard the vessel
- 3 nights hotel accommodations in Prague
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, or soft drinks with every dinner plus coffee and tea available throughout the day.
- 8 guided sightseeing tours, fully hosted by English-speaking guides
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship

Not Include in cruise price: ship staff gratuities, alcoholic beverages, trip cancellation/medical insurance, cruise shore excursions, items of a personal nature and airline baggage fees.

Booking Information

A deposit of \$600.00 per person is due at time of booking. Final payment is due on July 2, 2018. Cancellations received between time of deposit and July 2, 2018 will result in a \$250.00 per person cancellation penalty. Cancellations received after July 2, 2018 will result in complete forfeiture of all monies paid.

Once deposit is received all cancellations/name changes are assessed a penalty therefore we recommend purchasing Travel Insurance. Protecting your travel investment, your belongings and most importantly you, for those unforeseen circumstances that may arise before or during your trip is very important.

Direct Travel highly recommends travel insurance which provides reimbursement coverage for trip cancellation/interruption, and other benefits including Trip Delay, Missed Cruise Departure, Accident Medical Expense, Sickness Medical Expense, Baggage & Personal Effects, Baggage Delay, Medical Evacuation, and emergency, toll-free travel assistance.

Insurance is available at \$377.00* per person and is non-refundable. It is strongly recommended that you book early as participation is limited. Please note: In the event of a trip cancellation the cost of the Travel Protection Plan is not a refundable expense.

**A complete itinerary and more information can be found at
www.midwesttruckers.com
 Call Kathy Krebs for more information at (217) 525-0310**



RESERVATION FORM – Romantic Danube River Cruise October 8-19, 2018

Please return with your deposit to: *MTA 2727 North Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL 62702*

Name _____

(Please list names as they appear on your proof of citizenship)

Rooming With Name _____

Complete Address _____

Dates of Birth: _____ / _____

Day/Evening Phone _____ / _____

E-Mail: _____

A \$600.00 per person deposit is required for this sailing on the AmaViola:

- Category E \$4,599.00 per person (Fixed Windows)
- Category D \$5,149.00 per person (Fixed Windows)
- Category CA \$5,599.00 per person (French Balcony)
- Category BB \$5,749.00 per person (French/Outside Balcony)
- Category BA \$5,999.00 per person (French/Outside Balcony)
- Category S \$7,299.00 per person (French/Outside Balcony)

- I/we are purchasing the trip cancellation insurance \$377.00* per person
- I/we decline to purchase the trip cancellation insurance



Form of Payment:

- Enclosed please find my personal check for \$600.00 per person deposit (Please make payable to *Midwest Trackers*).

IMPORTANT NOTICE: (Please review all travel documents and inform us immediately if there are discrepancies. Legal names as they appear on government issued documentation are required. Passengers are responsible for obtaining necessary travel documents (visas and passports) for all countries visited. It is important to note all countries around the world require a valid passport for entry, but a lesser-known requirement for some countries is that a passport must be valid for a certain number of months from the date of entry, or a certain number of months after the passport holder leaves the country. Each country makes its own rules in this regard, and the rules sometimes change, so it is wise to know before you go. Go to <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html/> for more information on passports and visas.

Prices are subject to change until full payment has been made. Payment constitutes understanding and acceptance of our cancellation policy, terms and conditions outlined below: Final payment will be charged to this card on July 2, 2018 unless you specify another form of payment. Cancellations must be provided in writing, email notification is not valid unless you have a confirmation email reply reservations@directtravelgroups.com accepting your cancellation.