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## Tauk River Cruises

## Danube River Amsterdam to Budapest

15 days / 14 nights Amsterdam Vienna, Budapest, Köln,  
Regensburg, Bratislava, Budapest

Twin share from \$9,470\* per person  
+ All private shore excursions valued at **AUD \$4,100**

**SOLO TRAVELLER** – from A\$9,470\* per guest

**DO NOT PAY A SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ON CATEGORY 1 CABINS** (subject to availability)

*Seasonal fares departing from Amsterdam: 30 April 2020	\$ 10,140 per person for Twin share & Solo traveller
11 July 2020	\$ 9,470 per person for Twin share & Solo traveller
22 August 2020	\$ 10,250 per person for Twin share & Solo traveller
17 October 2020	\$ 9,470 per person for Twin share & Solo traveller

### Overview

Cruise along banks of the River Danube as the river's breeze pushes you on an amazing journey past grand cathedrals, medieval monasteries, castles and vineyards. Pass through five countries including the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary, and explore legendary cities such as Amsterdam, Vienna, Köln, Nürnberg, Bratislava and Budapest. Tauck's all-included private shore excursions take you to many UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the historic districts of Budapest, Vienna, and Bamberg, and the Wachau and Rhine valleys. In Vienna, take your choice of visits to Schönbrunn Palace or the Sisi Museum at the Hofburg, and attend a grand Imperial Evening in a traditional palace. In Amsterdam, tour the famed Rijksmuseum. Visit Köln Cathedral, Melk Abbey, medieval towns like Regensburg, Budapest's Heroes' Square and much more!



Well-appointed Category 4 cabins, located forward on the Ruby Deck.

**This wonderful river cruise can be combined with longer Europe holiday.**

**For packages including Air to Europe to join the Rhone river cruise, accommodation in Europe or UK and sightseeing in Europe or the UK please contact David at Horizons Cruise & Travel**



## **Your Itinerary**

### **Day 1 Embark on your cruise in Amsterdam**

Tour begins: 5:30 PM, Amsterdam. A transfer is included from Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport or Central Station directly to your riverboat. Enjoy a welcome briefing and a leisurely dinner as you settle into your floating hotel for a memorable two-week-cruise on the Main, Rhine and Danube Rivers. MEALS Dinner LODGING ms Esprit LODGING ms Treasures

### **Day 2 Great art, canals & more in Amsterdam**

Amsterdam... the name itself conjures up images of the Dutch capital's myriad cultural treasures, from gabled houses, markets and cafés to awe-inspiring museums housing a treasure trove of world-famous art – and it's all yours to enjoy today. Your guided tour of the famed Rijksmuseum is really inspiring – a firsthand look at Rembrandt's masterpiece *The Night Watch* is like meeting the artist himself, and you'll love seeing acclaimed works by other well-known "Old Dutch Masters." Once an exclusive royal privilege, a private sightseeing cruise by canal boat on the city's network of concentric, tree-lined 17th-century canals provides a unique view of Amsterdam's blend of architectural styles – they date all the way back to medieval times – and a unique taste of daily life in this easygoing city. Join us for a welcome reception and dinner tonight as we chart a course to Germany. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Esprit LODGING ms Treasures

### **Day 3 Modern & ancient history in Köln**

After a morning of cruising and lunch aboard the riverboat, your explorations continue in Köln (Cologne), the oldest city in Germany. A guided walking tour of city sights includes a visit to twin-spired Kölner Dom (Cologne Cathedral), boasting one of the world's largest church façades; it is one of Europe's most beloved Gothic cathedrals. You'll have some free time to wander through Cathedral Square and the Hohe Strasse pedestrian area in the afternoon. Dinner aboard ship tonight is followed by an onboard performance by local musicians. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Esprit LODGING ms Treasures

### **Day 4 Cruising to Rudesheim & music machines**

The perfect Rhine cruise... glide along the river until early afternoon, and relax as your Tauck Director shares a tale or two during the cruise through the scenic – and literally legendary – Lorelei Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arrive in Rudesheim, where an entertaining lunch in a local German restaurant with an old-world ambiance precedes a visit to Siegfrieds Mechanisches Musikkabinett, an eclectic collection of mechanical musical instruments housed in a 15th-century castle in Rudesheim, followed by free time; walk back to the ship or ride the mini train. Alternatively, you can choose to join us on a bicycling excursion along the Rhine today. Back aboard the riverboat this evening, enjoy dinner while cruising the Rhine. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Esprit LODGING ms Treasures EXCURSION CHOICES Bicycle Excursion Along the Rhine

### **Day 5 A full day cruising the Main**

Enjoy the views as your Rhine cruise continues into the Main River, for a full day of cruising through scenic valleys studded with castles, cathedrals, and fortified towns. Enjoy a Bavarian-themed dinner aboard the riverboat tonight. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Esprit LODGING ms Treasures \_\_\_\_\_

### **Day 6 Rothenburg or Würzburg & wine tasting**

Spend the morning cruising and have lunch aboard the riverboat before arriving in Würzburg. Upon arrival, visit the town's 18th-century Residenz – a lavish Baroque palace where the town's prince bishops once lived, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site – and sample some excellent Franconian wines in the wine cellar (Hoffskeller). Then you'll have two choices of sightseeing. On one, explore Würzburg's Old Town with a local guide; tour more of the Residenz (it was built and decorated by an international team of architects, painters, and sculptors); see the ornate Alte Mainbrücke (a bridge over the River Main); and spend some time on your own. Alternatively, depart on an excursion to the nearby town of Rothenburg; nestled on Germany's "Romantic Road," it lives up to its reputation as Europe's "most perfect fairy-tale town." View its Gothic cathedral, towered walls and gabled houses on a walking tour, and enjoy some time at leisure. Both groups will return to the riverboat for dinner aboard ship followed by entertainment. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Esprit LODGING ms Treasures

### **Day 7 Along the Main to Bamberg**

Your riverboat cruises along the Main to the Bavarian town of Bamberg, a UNESCO World Heritage Site situated atop seven hills. You have a choice between discovering the town's lovely gardens, medieval architecture and 13th-century Gothic cathedral with its four imposing towers on a guided walking tour of Old Town (with time afterwards to explore this charming town on your own); or embarking on a bicycling excursion (due to the terrain, this activity is recommended for fit and experienced cyclists only). Enjoy dinner back aboard the riverboat this evening. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Esprit LODGING ms Treasures

### **Day 8 Nürnberg & the Main-Danube Canal**

Tauck's Main, Danube and Rhine cruise arrives this morning in historic Nürnberg, where you'll have a choice of a walking tour through Nürnberg's medieval ramparts to the Imperial Castle and the old city, or view the Courthouse, Zeppelinfeld rally grounds, and other sites associated with World War II and its aftermath, and visit the Documentation Center. Your riverboat negotiates the Main-Danube Canal today, which ultimately links the North Sea with the Black Sea – and which you'll learn all about from a local expert during your transit. The idea goes back as far as Charlemagne, but wasn't realized until this canal was completed in the 1990s; pass through 16 locks as the waterway traverses the mountains. Have dinner aboard the riverboat this evening. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Esprit LODGING ms Treasures

### **Day 9 Ancient Regensburg & on to Passau**

With its roots as a Roman encampment on the Danube, the quintessential Bavarian town of Regensburg is home to more than 1,400 original historic buildings. Walking here is a delight and is the only way to view the sights up-close. A local guide will lead the way as you see the town's 12th-century Steinerne Brücke (Germany's oldest surviving stone bridge), the 15th-century Altes Rathaus (Town Hall), the towering Dom St. Peter, and the remains of the Roman wall. Visit the princely house of Thurn und Taxis on a guided tour, followed by free time. Enjoy an onboard musical performance by a local quartet before your ship sets off for Passau.

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### **Day 10 Baroque Passau & cruising the Danube**

The riverboat docks in the port city of Passau, dating way back to Roman times. Today, you have the choice of a walking tour revealing the Baroque treasures of this lovely riverside town, known for its stained glass and its many churches – including St. Stephan's Cathedral, home to the largest pipe organ outside of the U.S., and the biggest cathedral organ in the world (inside cathedral visit may not be available on all departures); a cycling excursion around Passau, suitable for more experienced riders; or a full-day excursion to the lovely Austrian city of Salzburg, birthplace of W.A. Mozart (and setting of The Sound of Music). Back aboard the riverboat this afternoon and evening, listen to commentary from your Tauck Director as you continue your cruise, bound for Melk, Austria. Tonight, enjoy a musical performance by a classical trio. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner ms Treasures.

### **Day 11 Melk Abbey & a Grand Evening in Vienna**

Your next destination is the town of Melk, Austria, where you'll step back in time on a guided tour of its 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey, perched on a rocky outcrop above the river. Inside this Baroque masterpiece are fine frescoes, early manuscripts, and a high altar. Back aboard the riverboat, enjoy views of castles, vineyards, small towns, monasteries and medieval ruins while cruising through the Wachau Valley toward the magnificent Austrian capital city of Vienna. Tonight, a Tauck Exclusive – a private, gala evening in the beautiful Baroque Palais Pallavicini in the heart of the city, featuring a sumptuous dinner and live entertainment – just might sweep you off your feet! MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Treasures

### **Day 12 An "Imperial" day in Vienna**

Get an overview of Vienna, Austria's capital and one of Europe's greatest cities, with a morning sightseeing tour of this historic former capital of the Habsburg Empire. Take your choice of a tour of Schönbrunn Palace, the Habsburgs' vast "summer residence" built to rival Versailles, or a guided visit to the Sisi Museum and the amazing Imperial Apartments inside the Hofburg, the Habsburg family's former royal palace that today is the official residence of Austria's president. Explore the city as you wish this afternoon, or return to the riverboat; dinner is aboard ship tonight. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Treasures

### **Day 13 A bit of Baroque in Bratislava**

Depart Vienna after breakfast, and spend the morning cruising to Slovakia. Arrive early afternoon in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, where 17 centuries of history are chronicled on a walking tour led by a local guide. Highlights include Baroque palaces from the Habsburg era, St. Martin's Cathedral and more, and a visit to Old Town Hall. This evening, enjoy dinner aboard the riverboat followed by onboard Slovakian entertainment by local performers in the lounge; set off for Budapest tonight.

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### **Day 14 Both sides of remarkable Budapest**

Tauck's memorable Amsterdam to Budapest river cruise arrives at your final destination – Budapest, Hungary's remarkable capital. Standing on opposite banks of the Danube, Budapest's two distinct sections – Buda and Pest – were once independent cities. Discover both on a day of sightseeing that includes views of patriotic Heroes' Square in Pest, dominated by statues of great leaders from Hungarian history; the Gothic-Revival Parliament building, an iconic feature of the Budapest skyline along the Danube; and Fisherman's Bastion, standing watch like a sentinel over the river. Spend the afternoon exploring on your own. Join us for our farewell reception and dinner tonight onboard ship. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Treasures

### **Day 15 Journey home**

Tour ends: Budapest. Disembark in Budapest; a transfer is included from the riverboat to Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport and Budapest Keleti Railway Station. Allow 3 hours for departure flight check-in. MEALS Breakfast

#### **Inclusions**

- Prices include all accommodations
- Airport and train transfers
- Entertainment, special dinners, land and cruise transportation, sightseeing, shore excursions.
- Luggage handling, and services of local guides, naturalists and Tauck representatives as detailed in the brochure.
- Meals are included as specified in the brochure.
- Complimentary basic Internet is included where available in hotel rooms.
- All appropriate gratuities for bellmen, doormen, dining room servers, ship staff and local guides is included and no additional sums will be required to be paid by you for such services. Tauck representatives and Cruise representative's gratuities
- A private Imperial Evening at a traditional palace in Vienna featuring a gala dinner and Viennese performers
- TAUCK VALUE INCLUDES
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- All private Tauck shore excursions – AUD \$2,597 Value!
- In Amsterdam, a guided tour of the famed Rijksmuseum, home to many masterpieces
- Day exploring Nürnberg, the walled medieval town whose history is forever intertwined with World War II
- Choice of sightseeing in Vienna – a visit to the Sisi Museum and the Imperial Apartments in the Hofburg or to Schönbrunn Palace
- Memorable visits to Melk Abbey, Kölner Dom, and Siegfrieds Mechanisches Musikkabinett in Rudesheim
- Guided sightseeing in the historic European capitals of Bratislava, Slovakia, and Budapest
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Airport and train station transfers upon arrival and departure
- All meals included – 41 in total; select meals in local restaurants
- Service charges, taxes, portage, and applicable fuel surcharges

#### **Exclusions**

- Air fares
- Accommodation (other than stated)
- Excursions (other than stated)
- Transport (other than stated)
- Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses such as phone calls, alcoholic and other beverages not specifically included, Laundry, dry cleaning,
- Airline excess luggage charges, vaccinations
- Visa fees and services, Airport arrival and departure taxes, individual Airport transfers (when applicable),
- Optional or incidental extras are not included and may be significant.

### **Tour River Cruise ship**

Maintaining high standards for quality and comfort, with a maximum of 130 guests, the 443-foot riverboat and her sister ships continue the tradition of providing more space per guest on Europe's inland waterways, transporting fewer passengers than most longships (135 meters). Her deck plan is innovative; with a total of 67 cabins, our most popular cabins tend to be our largest.

### **Indescribable Comfort**

We couldn't find just the right words to describe the sumptuous bedding and amenities we custom ordered for your in-cabin cruising comfort... 400-thread-count satin bed linens made from the finest combed cotton... puffy white duvets and pillows of very fine mako cotton, with a 90% down filling... 100% cotton blankets, temperature balancing and so soft to the skin... and thick pillow-top mattresses that lull you to sleep... along with the Essentials Line of Molton Brown bath products, absorbent terry cloth robes and fluffy towels... hair dryers... but we do know they are key for waking up refreshed and relaxed for your travelling pleasure.

### **Amenities aboard Your cruise ship**

- Open seating in dining room; flexible dining times; vegetarian meals always available
- Alternate dining venue – Arthur's – for classic favorites at lunch and dinner and lighter breakfasts in the morning  
Al fresco dining on Sun Deck, weather permitting
- 110-volt and 220-volt outlets included in every cabin for small electronics; minibar stocked with complimentary water and soft drinks
- Complimentary Internet & Email available
- Fitness center; massages available; putting green on Sun Deck; plunge pool on Sun Deck – available 24 hours
- Bicycles available aboard for use ashore
- Hair salon
- Laundry service available

### **Terms & Conditions:**

The cruise price includes riverboat accommodations.

The riverboats each accommodate up to 130 guests. Your well-appointed, outside-facing cabin offers a plush interior with plasma TV, mini-bar, radio, safe, hair dryer, international direct-dial telephone, adjustable air conditioning, private bathroom with shower, toiletries, and terry cloth robes and slippers. Most cabins feature floor-to-ceiling windows with French balconies.

**Cancellation Fees:** Cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers covering penalties and fees incurred by cancelling confirmed bookings. The cancellation fees per person listed below will apply:

90-46 days before departure 50% of tour cost per person

45-1 days before departure 100% of tour cost per person

Complete Booking Conditions can be sent to you.

### **Deposit and Payments** Deposit is AUD \$1,100 per person

In order to hold space beyond option date, a NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE DEPOSIT is required by the due date shown on your Travel the World invoice. Bookings made within 100 days of departure from Australia will require full payment upon confirmation. If a deposit is not received by the due time / date shown on invoice, the booking will automatically cancel.

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