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Tauk River Cruises

The Blue Danube River

12 days / 11 nights

Prague, Vienna, Bratislava, Regensburg, Salzburg, Budapest

Twin share from \$7,450* per person
+ All private shore excursions valued at **AUD \$4,100**

SOLO TRAVELLER – from A\$7,450* per guest
NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ON CATEGORY 1 CABINS (subject to availability)

*Seasonal fares departing from Prague: 06 April 2020	\$7450 per person for Twin share & Solo traveller
06 July 2020	\$8390 per person for Twin share & Solo traveller
03 August 2020	\$8390 per person for Twin share & Solo traveller
26 October 2020	\$7450 per person for Twin share & Solo traveller

Overview

Along the "river of kings"... medieval castles and Gothic cathedrals... charming riverside villages... the Imperial treasures of the Habsburgs... lush Wachau valley vineyards... the music of Mozart...
From Prague to Budapest, castles of all descriptions have watched over the landscape from their royal perches for centuries. On this 12-day journey featuring a 7-night Danube cruise, they remain lasting testimony to kingdoms and culture, ready to welcome you... during a private dinner in Lobkowitz Palace... an exclusive evening of Imperial entertainment at a private Vienna palace... in Baroque Salzburg and atop Budapest's Castle Hill... and exploring Vienna's Hofburg or Schönbrunn Palace. It's a Blue Danube cruise to remember



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

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

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

Your Itinerary



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Day 1 Arrive Prague & Lobkowitz Palace evening

Tour begins: 5:30 PM, InterContinental Prague. A transfer is included from Václav Havel Airport Prague or the Praha Hlavní Nadrazi train station to the InterContinental Prague in the heart of the city. Those arriving early may join your Tauck Director for a walk to this historic city's Old Town Square. Begin your amazing Blue Danube river cruise adventure early this evening with a Tauck Exclusive – a royal welcoming reception, tour and dinner at 16th-century Lobkowitz Palace at Prague Castle. Immerse in an evening of classical cultural treasures – music and art played an important role in the aristocratic world of the Lobkowitz family. MEALS Dinner LODGING InterContinental Prague

Day 2 The legacy of many centuries in Prague

Start today's exploration of Prague this morning with a choice of walking tours through Prague's ethereal Old Town, choosing between a one-hour introductory tour; a "walk through the centuries" including a visit to St. Agnes Convent; or the city's poignant Jewish sites in Josefov, the historic Jewish Quarter (ask at booking about dates that cannot visit inside the Jewish Heritage sites as they are closed Saturdays and on Jewish holidays; in those cases, alternate sightseeing will be offered). This afternoon, your choices in the ancient Hradcany (Castle) district include the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle's complex of palaces, courtyards and gardens; the magnificent Gothic Cathedral of St. Vitus; and the grand Baroque libraries of Strahov Monastery, where a private tour is a Tauck Exclusive. Sample the culinary pleasures of Prague on a free night to spend as you wish; the city's many fine restaurants and cafés feature a wide range of cuisines... and some of the best schnitzels, goulashes, strudels, dumplings and beer the region has to offer. Tomorrow – your Danube river cruise begins. MEALS Breakfast LODGING InterContinental Prague

Day 3

Explore Regensburg & embark in Vilshofen

You may choose to remain in Prague for a morning spent exploring as you please, or drive to the quintessential Bavarian town of Regensburg, whose roots stretch back to Roman days, enjoying a little free time upon arrival. The best way to explore this treasure-trove of history is on foot, as our local guide leads you on a walking tour that includes the Steinerne Brücke, a medieval stone bridge over the Danube; the 15th-century town hall; and the remains of the town's Roman wall. Depart Regensburg and continue on to Vilshofen, where you'll board your riverboat to launch your 7-night Danube cruise. Join your shipmates and crew at a welcome reception followed by dinner aboard the riverboat tonight. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Savor

Day 4 Engelhartszell & cycling along the Danube

Take in the views from your riverboat's sun deck, lounge, or the windows of your outside cabin as your ship glides along the mighty Danube this morning. Your first port of call on your cruise is Engelhartszell, a pretty town on the Danube in Upper Austria. After a visit to a local private home (and a taste of local cake, sweets and coffee), you'll have a choice of a walking tour of town including 18th-century Engelhartszell Abbey and Danube World, or a guided tour of the Jochenstein Lock on the Danube, through which ships navigate through the Wachau Valley. Following lunch aboard the riverboat, you may, if you wish, join us for an optional bicycle excursion along the Danube to Aschach (a fairly rigorous bike ride, for experienced cyclists only) before continuing your cruise this afternoon, bound for Linz. Enjoy the Chef's signature dinner this evening; after the riverboat's arrival in Linz, the musical trio Donau3Klang entertains onboard tonight. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Savor

Day 5 Salzburg, Cesky Krumlov or Linz

Your boat stays docked in Linz today, with a choice of how you spend your day – full-day excursions to Salzburg (Austria), or Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic, or remaining in Linz. A setting for The Sound of Music, Salzburg is enticing with Baroque architecture, painted wrought-iron signage, ornate church towers, and grand palaces. Our walking tour explores Old Town, Mirabell Gardens, and Mozart's birthplace with time on your own to have lunch and experience the sights as you wish. Alternatively, travel with us through beautiful landscapes to Cesky Krumlov, which has been called a living gallery of elegant Renaissance-era buildings with a well-preserved medieval heritage and charming ambiance. A walking tour takes you to part of Krumlov Castle; it's worth climbing the many steps to see firsthand the medieval, Renaissance and Rococo design found inside, along with the stunning views of the town below. A third option today provides an opportunity to remain in Linz for time explore as you please on your own before returning to the riverboat for dinner. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Savor

Day 6 Wachau Valley cruise to Dürnstein

Continue cruising through the Wachau Valley, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its well-preserved medieval landscapes. Dock in Dürnstein for a closer look at its 16th-century Baroque houses and 13th-century Romanesque church on a walking tour along cobblestone streets; or join us for a bicycle ride in the Wachau Valley. If you wish, visit the Augustinian Monastery. Enjoy some free time in this charming riverside town – perhaps taking an invigorating climb up the steps to the ruins of Kuenringerburg, a hilltop castle above the town where Richard the Lionhearted was held for ransom during the Crusades, from which the views of the river and valley are glorious – and sample the fruits of the Wachau Valley vineyards during a wine tasting at an authentic Austrian tavern. The riverboat departs early evening for Vienna. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Savor

Day 7 Choices in Vienna

Your riverboat arrives overnight in Vienna, Austria, where an introductory tour of this former capital of the old Habsburg Empire – and its grand boulevard, the Ringstrasse – precedes a walking tour focusing on your choice of either medieval Vienna or the Jewish district of old Vienna, or a bike ride in the city. The afternoon is yours to explore this famous city as you please. Later, nothing compares to the royal treatment and pageantry you'll experience tonight at our private Imperial Evening in the Palais Pallavicini, an opulent, private Viennese palace that played a role in the 1940s film noir classic The Third Man. Welcome cocktails and dinner precede an unforgettable spectacle of beautiful ball gowns and a musical performance celebrating the legacy of Mozart. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Savor

Day 8 Vienna sightseeing & on to Slovakia

A choice of sightseeing this morning features either a tour of the Habsburgs' Schönbrunn Palace, an architectural masterpiece and Austrian cultural treasure, or a visit to the amazing Imperial Apartments at the Hofburg – including the Sisi Museum, dedicated to the popular 19th-century Empress Elisabeth of Austria ("Sisi"), wife of Habsburg Emperor Franz Joseph – today Austria's official presidential residence. Then, shuttles are at the ready to bring you back to the riverboat before our afternoon cruise to neighboring Slovakia. Dinner tonight introduces you to a glimpse of daily life in Slovakia with a taste of regional cuisine and an onboard performance by a talented troupe of Slovak dancers. MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Savor

Day 9 Baroque in Bratislava

Begin the day with a Tauck Exclusive – a presentation by our local guide that takes you inside contemporary Slovakia and Bratislava for a look at politics, the economy, religion, the social order, preservation and emergence of the arts, and more. Then, it's your choice of a walking tour of this cobblestoned, vehicle-free city, where you'll see 17 centuries of history eloquently chronicled in sites including its 13th-century Old Town Hall, Baroque Habsburg-era palaces, the Opera House, Slovak Philharmonic Hall and St. Martin's Cathedral – or a guided bicycle excursion through the "Iron Curtain Area" of Bratislava. Back aboard ship, get

ready to celebrate tomorrow's arrival in Budapest and the end of your Danube riverboat cruise with a farewell reception and dinner onboard.

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner LODGING ms Savor

Day 10 Disembark in Budapest & explore Budapest

Your cruise ends this morning in Budapest, Hungary, which is split into the sections of Buda and Pest by the Danube River. After disembarking your riverboat and bidding the crew farewell, explore the city's Buda side with a visit to the historic Covered Market and a walking tour of Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site; see Fishermen's Bastion with its Neo-Romanesque design, and admire the stained glass windows and centuries of history in Matthias Church (may be closed on some days due to services). After lunch at a local café, transfer to your city-center hotel or, if you wish, you may take a scenic walk to the hotel through the Castle complex and over Szechenyi Bridge. Spend the rest of the day and evening pursuing what interests you most in Budapest.

MEALS Breakfast, Lunch LODGING The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest

Day 11 Budapest

Budapest is split into the sections of Buda and Pest by the Danube River. This morning, explore the Pest side of the city on a tour including a special visit to the opulent State Opera House, opened in 1884, with its royal boxes, gilded vaulted ceiling, exquisite murals and three-ton chandelier – and stops at City Park and Heroes' Square, bounded by some of the finest architectural works in Hungary. Later, you have a choice of a themed walking tour that focuses on the Hungarian Revolution and includes the Parliament building, the Embassy and St. Stephen's Basilica; a guided visit to Dohány Synagogue; or a guided bicycle tour through the city. In the afternoon, you'll have an opportunity to visit one of Budapest's famed public spas, if you wish. Budapest has acquired quite an excellent reputation for its cuisine; tonight's special farewell dinner is at the grand Akadémia Club in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences – a fitting finale to your Danube River cruise experience.

MEALS Breakfast, Dinner LODGING The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest

Day 12 Homeward bound

Tour ends: Budapest, Hungary. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from The Ritz-Carlton, Budapest to Budapest Ferenc Liszt Airport or the Keleti train station; allow a minimum of three hours for check-in at the airport. 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 EXCLUSIVE – Private Imperial Evening at a palace in Vienna featuring a gala dinner and Viennese performer
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Private aperitif and dinner in Prague at Lobkowitz Palace, Prague Castle
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – A private tour of Prague's Baroque libraries, Strahov Monaster
- All gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director
- All private Tauck shore excursions – AUD \$4,120 Value

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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