

THE TRAVEL CLUB

Danube Dreams

Westbound 7 Night Cruise - Budapest to Deggendorf 9 DAYS: Wednesday, August 7-Thursday, August 15, 2019

Cruise along the peaceful Danube River through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany—stopping at some of Central Europe’s most splendid capitals and charming towns along the way. Begin this timeless European river cruise in Budapest, where guided sightseeing acquaints you with the highlights of the vibrant capital of Hungary. Set sail on the Danube, take pictures of the impressive Parliament Building as you leave Budapest, and head for Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. Here, enjoy a guided walk through the delightful Old Town and visit the gothic St. Martin’s Cathedral. Vienna, Austria, the “City of Music,” makes an immediate impression with its lavish Habsburg Imperial Palace and neo-renaissance Vienna Opera House. Enjoy the magnificent views as your river cruise takes you through the picturesque wine region of the Wachau Valley, with stops for a guided walk in Dürnstein, a visit of the impressive Benedictine Abbey of Melk, and a tasting of some of the renowned local wines. In Linz, walk around the Hauptplatz, Austria’s largest medieval square, which forms the center of the city, and be sure to get a photo of the splendid Trinity Column. Passau, Germany, the “City of Three Rivers,” is uniquely located where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube rivers converge. It has a maze of narrow cobblestone streets lined with beautiful Patrician houses, and St. Stephen’s Cathedral, a masterpiece of baroque architecture. A memorable last stop on this delightful Danube River cruise vacation!



SAVE \$500 WHEN YOU RESERVE BY MARCH 29, 2019

Airfare through Avalon could be as low as \$299!

From \$3,653 per person double occupancy for Category D

This rate reflects a \$500 per person Avalon Waterways promotional discount.

Cabin upgrades available: Additional \$1,149-\$1,299 pp/do

Includes cruise taxes and port charges, pre-paid gratuities and Avalon Waterways insurance.

Price does not include airfare. Airfare price available at time of booking. This cruise is eligible for the \$299 special air promotion.

Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston

Day 2 Budapest (Embarkation): Welcome to Budapest; onboard welcome reception

Day 3 Budapest: Guided tour, see Heroes' Square

Day 4 Bratislava: Guided sightseeing, visit St. Martin's Cathedral

Day 5 Vienna: Guided tour, see the Kuntskammer's collection; choice of additional sightseeing, or a complimentary museum ticket

Day 6 Dürnstein–Wachau Valley–Melk: Choice of guided walk, or hike up to the castle ruins in Dürnstein; scenic cruise through the Wachau Valley; guided visit of the Benedictine Abbey in Melk; wine tasting

Day 7 Linz: Guided walk

Day 8 Passau: Guided walk

Day 9 Deggendorf (Disembarkation): Your vacation ends this morning, return flight to Boston



Avalon has designed **included activities** with a choice of experiences. We invite you to select the tours, activities, and events that interest you most, so you can experience your cruise your way. There are 3 types of included shore excursion on every Europe cruise:

Classic

Your local expert is ready to guide you through the history and heritage of local destinations. You'll marvel at the legends, lore, and spectacular architecture of iconic and historic sites.

Discovery

We've found inspiring and interactive activities to speak to your interests - from cooking classes, to painting workshops - to immerse yourself in each culture you explore.

Active

Embark on energetic excursions to keep you in motion and on the go - from a guided jogging tour of Amsterdam, to biking, paddling, and hiking your way through scenic locales.

- Plus independent exploration options and use of our exclusive AvalonGO APP.

Day-By-Day Itinerary (B) = Breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Dinner

Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston

Day 2 (D) BUDAPEST, HUNGARY (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Budapest—Hungary's Captivating Capital

Flights into Budapest must arrive by 3:30 pm. Guests must be on board ship by 5 pm.

The day is yours to relax and enjoy the city with time for photographs, cafés, and confections.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BUDAPEST

Day 3 (B, L, D) BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

The Pearl of the Danube in the Heart of Europe

Classic

Enjoy a Guided City Sightseeing, including the iconic Heroes' Square.

Take in the beauty of Budapest while enjoying a free afternoon exploring such famous sights as the Chain Bridge. Get to know the city's cafés and pubs, or take a hike through the hills above the Danube.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BRATISLAVA

Day 4 (B, L, D) BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Classic and Contemporary—from Cathedrals and Castle Walls to Art Gallery Halls

Classic

Take a Guided City Walk, including the quaint streets of Old Town, Town Hall, and fantastic St. Martin's Cathedral.

Enjoy some free time to take Nordic walking sticks from the ship and hike to Bratislava Castle.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA

Day 5 (B, L, D) VIENNA

Strauss, Schnitzel, Strudel, and Sachertorte

Discovery

Join us for a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Vienna, including the Kunstkammer's remarkable collection of more than 2,100 valuable objects, which were collected through the centuries by the emperors and archdukes of Habsburg.

Classic

Later, choose a complimentary ticket for a local Viennese Museum Visit, or continue exploring with additional Guided Sightseeing.

You may decide to take a **Guided Optional Excursion to Schönbrunn Palace**—the former imperial summer home and vast gardens with a history spanning 300 years of the Habsburg monarchy.

In your free time why not stroll through pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse—the most famous shopping avenue in central Vienna. Take a bike ride through the city and stop in a local café to enjoy authentic Austrian confections of Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel.

Later this evening, you may choose to attend an **Optional Excursion to a Royal Waltz Concert** for an unforgettable evening of music in an elegant hall.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DÜRNSTEIN

Day 6 (B, L, D) DÜRNSTEIN-WACHAU VALLEY

Fairytale Castles, Kings, and Cobblestones

Classic

Join a Guided Walk, and hear the legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart—who was imprisoned in the castle during the Crusades, OR:

Active

Join a Guided Hike up to the castle ruins to take in the spectacular view of the village, Danube, and the Wachau Valley below.

Later, stretch out on the Sky Deck as you sail through the Wachau Valley past vineyards, castles, and charming villages on your way to Melk.

MELK

Striking Frescoes and Breathtaking Views of the Wachau Valley

Classic

Take a Guided Tour of Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO LINZ

Day 7 (B, L, D) LINZ, AUSTRIA

Fall in Love with Linz—Legendary Art, Music, and the Linzer Torte!

Classic

Take a Guided Walk through the city's historic and beautiful sites along the shore of the Danube and see Hauptplatz—Austria's largest medieval square—and the towering white-marble Trinity Column.

Consider a full-day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg, the city of Mozart, or visit the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov.

Feel free to enjoy the afternoon on your own to bike along the banks of the Danube with a picnic from the ship, or hike through Linz's beautiful nature trails to Pöstlingberg for a bird's-eye view of the city and river below.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN MELK

Day 8 (B, L, D) SCHLÖGEN OXBOW-PASSAU

Go for Baroque in Passau—Where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet

This morning, cruise through the Schlögen Oxbow, a particularly beautiful horseshoe-shaped bend of the river.

Classic

Join a Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers."

Active

Follow your Avalon Adventure Host for Hiking from Oberhaus along a trail down to the valley and along the Ilz River.

Spend a little free time before sailing to Deggendorf to walk the cobblestone streets and galleries of Artists' Alley or peek into St. Stephen's Cathedral to possibly catch a concert rehearsal.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DEGGENDORF

Day 8 (B) DEGGENDORF (DISEMBARKATION)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Return flight to Boston

Notes

- In the event of water level problems or any problems of a technical nature, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or to alter the program.
- Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change is necessary, a substitute will be offered.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

Passion

Yet another beautiful Suite Ship graces the rivers of Europe in 2016. The Avalon Passion welcomes passengers to their home-away-from-home with two full decks of Panorama Suites, featuring Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows that transform into a unique Open-Air Balcony. With 200 square feet, Panorama Suites are more than 30% larger than industry standard and ideal for stretching out and relaxing-or even throwing a private cocktail party for up to six adults in the spacious sitting area. On board, passengers enjoy free Wi-Fi access, complimentary computer use in public areas, a Fitness Center with state-of-the-art equipment, an elevator, and an expansive Sky Deck with shade system, premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, deck games, and the delightful Sky Bistro for al fresco lunches of light grill fare.

Included Amenities

Avalon Suite Fleet

- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Panoramic windows throughout the ship
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges

- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day
- Elevator
- Non-smoking interior and staterooms

Fitness & Wellness

- Fitness Center
- Avalon Adventure Center
Your place for active gear and excursions, including
 - Bikes
 - Canoe, kayak and jogging excursions
 - Maps for hiking, biking and jogging routes
 - Fitness and wellness activities
 - FitBits®

All through your Avalon Adventure HostSM

- Active shore excursions, both included and optional

Avalon Panorama Suites & Staterooms

- Open-Air BalconiesSM and Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows in all Panorama Suites
- Comfort Collection BedsSM with choice of mattress firmness
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Premium L'Occitane bath products & hairdryer
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door
- Wide selection of free movie channels and English-speaking TV
- Individual climate control and in-room safe
- Full-size closet and mirror
- Additional under-bed storage
- Complimentary bottled water daily

Throughout the Ship:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Panoramic windows
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day

Dining

- FlexDining® for more venue and seating options, including flexible seating times in our main Dining Room
- Avalon Fresh® healthy cuisine options at every meal
- Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with every lunch and dinner
- Early and Late Riser breakfast options
- Daily full buffet breakfast with made-to-order egg station, hot and cold menu items
- Daily lunch buffet with pasta or carving stations
- Alternative light lunch or Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather permitting)

- Daily Afternoon Tea featuring tea, coffee, sweet treats & sandwiches
- Daily four-course a la carte dinner in the main Dining Room with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrees and desserts. Includes selections of regional recipes, Western dishes and vegetarian options.
- Enjoy a tasting menu with a view in the Panorama Bistro - a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere while mingling over several satisfying selections
- Captain's welcome & farewell receptions and dinners with sparkling wine and canapés
- Panorama Lounge featuring premium spirits and Avalon specialty cocktails, along with local entertainment special guests
- Cocktails available on the Sky Deck
- Fresh fruit available throughout the day

STATEROOMS & SUITES

Avalon Deluxe Stateroom (Cat. E) - 172 sq. ft.



Features

- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- USB Ports
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Direct-dial telephone

- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Two windows
- Writing desk and chair

Panorama Suite (Cat. A, B, P) - 200 sq. ft.



Features

- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- USB Ports
- 6-person sitting area
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Make-up mirror
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control

- Large mirror in bathroom
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air BalconySM
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Coffee table

Royal Suite - 300 sq. ft.



Features

- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- USB Ports
- 6-person sitting area
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa
- Double sinks
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Make-up mirror
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water

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- Large mirror in bathroom
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SKY DECK



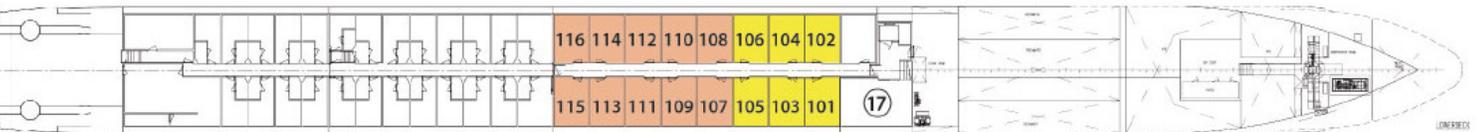
ROYAL DECK



SAPPHIRE DECK



INDIGO DECK



DECK PLAN

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| 1 Sky Lounge | 6 Deck Game Area | 12 Elevator |
| 2 Navigation Bridge | 7 Observation Lounge | 13 Lobby |
| 3 Sky Grill | 8 Panorama Bistro | 14 Club Lounge |
| 4 Whirlpool | 9 Panorama Lounge | 15 Galley |
| 5 Premium Lounge
Chairs and Shade
Awnings | 10 Bar | 16 Dining Room |
| | 11 Reception | 17 Fitness Center |

CATEGORIES

- Royal Suite** Royal Deck | Royal Suites
- Cat. P** Royal Deck | Panorama Suites
- Cat. A** Sapphire Deck Forward | Panorama Suites
- Cat. B** Sapphire Deck Aft | Panorama Suites
- Cat. D** Indigo Deck Aft | Deluxe Staterooms
- Cat. E** Indigo Deck Forward | Deluxe Staterooms