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For those yearning for the romance of Old World Europe, a journey into the heart of the continent awaits! Explore the sites where empires rose, kings and queens were crowned, and composers like Mozart and Beethoven created their masterpieces. Timeless cities such as Vienna, and Budapest beckon and captivate visitors. From majestic abbeys and fortresses overlooking the Danube to a wealth of UNESCO World Heritage Sites, let the Danube's regal and romantic charm sweep you off your feet.

DAY PORTS

- 6/17 DEPART U.S. (OVERNIGHT FLIGHT)
- 6/18 ARRIVE PRAGUE (HOTEL STAY)
- 6/19 PRAGUE (HOTEL STAY)
- 6/20 REGENSBURG, GERMANY (EMBARK)
- 6/21 REGENSBURG, GERMANY
- 6/22 PASSAU, GERMANY
- 6/23 KREMS, AUSTRIA
- 6/24 VIENNA, AUSTRIA
- 6/25 VIENNA, AUSTRIA
- 6/26 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY
- 6/27 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY (DISEMBARK)



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight bound for **Prague**, **Czech Republic**. (In-flight dinner)

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

Arrive in **Prague, "City of a Hundred Spires."** Check into our centrally located hotel for two nights. Enjoy dinner this evening at a local restaurant. (In-flight breakfast, D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

After breakfast at the hotel we will depart with our local guide on a morning sightseeing tour that will reveal why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities. Visit the 1,000-year-old **Prague Castle** and **St. Vitus Cathedral**, and then cross the fascinating **Charles Bridge** to the **Old Town Market Square**. Following our tour, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch the rest of the afternoon and evening are free to explore the many charms and delicious cuisine of this delightful city. (B,L)

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Following breakfast, depart **Prague** and transfer to **Regensburg, Germany**. Board **Viking's Longship Gullveig**. The ship remains docked overnight. (B) (BEGINNING WITH DINNER TODAY, ALL MEALS ARE INCLUDED ON THE SHIP)











SUNDAY, JUNE 21

REGENSBURG, GERMANY

This morning, meet your local guide for a walking tour through the scenic town of **Regensburg**. See one of the largest groupings of 13th- and 14th-century church spires, towers and patrician houses north of the Alps. You will also encounter the 12th-century Old Stone Bridge, St. Peter's Cathedral and a number of idyllic courtyards. *Alternately*, you may choose to cast off on a ferry boat ride to marvel at the 400-foot chalk cliffs and dramatic scenery of the Danube Narrows. You will also visit the renowned Weltenburg Abbey, famous for its dark ale, brewed here by monks since 1050. Upon your return in the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the same included walking tour of Regensburg that was offered this morning. Or, you may choose instead to sample some of the excellent local beer on an *optional* excursion to explore the brauhaus culture and Bavarian microbrews or a full-day tour to Nuremberg, which is also an option. Rejoin the ship for dinner. The ship departs this evening.

MONDAY, JUNE 22

PASSAU, GERMANY

Arrive this morning in **Passau**, at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube Rivers. Your guided walk along the town's narrow streets takes you through Old Town and past traditional patrician houses. See the New Bishop's Residence and view the impressive baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral. Enjoy lunch on board the ship, and return to the city for further exploration on your own. *Alternately*, you may instead choose a full-day *optional* excursion to explore glorious Salzburg; visit the Italianate Old Town, see settings from the film *The Sound of Music* and enjoy lunch at Austria's oldest restaurant. Return to the ship for dinner and departure.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23

KREMS, AUSTRIA

This morning, cruise leisurely through the captivating Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, spotting attractive riverside towns and castle ruins along the way. After lunch, disembark in **Krems** and visit Göttweig, a working Benedictine abbey that owns many of the vineyards along the Danube. The splendid ceiling fresco in the imperial stairwell is one of the largest in the world. Visit the church, a masterpiece of baroque architecture. Rejoin the ship and continue cruising toward Vienna. Arrive in Vienna just after dinner and enjoy a relaxing evening. Or, you may choose one of this evening's *optional* excursions, such as a classical concert in the "City of Waltzes."

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Awake in **Vienna**. Today, tour this Austrian capital. Ride along the Ringstrasse, which replaced the city walls in the mid-19th century. See some of the city's baroque architecture, including the world-famous Opera House, St. Stephen's Cathedral and Hofburg Palace. Return to the ship for lunch. The rest of the day is yours to further explore. Or, you may join an *optional* excursion to visit Schönbrunn Palace, erected in 1778 and admired as the "Versailles of Vienna." Dinner is served on board. Or, you may choose to head to the famed Grinzing district to join locals in a high-spirited Heurigen celebration of the year's wine vintage.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Spend another enriching day in **Vienna**. You many choose to join one of the many *optional* excursions, including a panoramic tour of Vienna by bike, a visit to the local Farmers' Market with a local chef, or an all-day excursion to the Slovakian capital of Bratislava, filled with lovingly restored baroque city palaces and leafy squares. Early this evening, enjoy scenic cruising as the ship starts sailing toward Budapest.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Arrive in **Budapest**, Hungary's vibrant capital divided by the Danube River. Take a panoramic city tour through the more modern Pest side of the city. Journey along Andrássy Avenue and see the 19th- and 20th-century mansions, National Opera House, Parliament Building and Chain Bridge. Drive through Heroes' Square and learn more about Hungarian history, then cross the Danube to Buda's Castle District. Visit Matthias Church and enjoy brilliant views of the Danube and the beautiful Hungarian Parliament building from Fishermen's Bastion. Return to the ship for lunch; the rest of the day is yours to explore both sides of the city. You may also choose to join one of several optional excursions designed to reveal this fascinating city's culture, history and cuisine in greater depth.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Following breakfast on the ship, we will make our way to the airport for our flight home. We'll be taking with us wonderful memories of the Romantic Danube!

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CABIN/CATEGORY		COST
A	VERANDA STATEROOM - 205 sq. ft Upper Deck	\$8,500
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D	FRENCH BALCONY - 135 sq. ft Middle Deck	\$7,800
F	HALF-HEIGHT FIXED WINDOWS - 150 sq. ft Main Deck	\$6,900

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- In-room temperature control
- Deluxe hotel-style bedding with luxury linens and pillows
- Spacious bathroom with heated bathroom floor & anti-fog mirror
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- Stateroom steward & twice-daily housekeeping

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- Spacious lower level river-view stateroom with half-height picture window (Category F)
- Sun Deck with 360-degree views & shaded sitting area
- Organic herb garden & solar panels
- Putting green & walking track
- Aquavit Terrace & Lounge, a revolutionary indoor/outdoor viewing area at the bow of the ship for al fresco dining
- Viking Lounge & Bar with floor-to-ceiling glass doors
- Restaurant with floor-to-ceiling windows for panoramic views
- Library & onboard shop
- Elevator from Middle to Upper Deck only (no elevator access for lower level staterooms)
- Laundry service
- Ecologically friendly hybrid engines producing less vibrations for a smoother ride



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Cancel up until February 9, 2026 with only a \$100 per person penalty.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers must carry a passport valid for at least six months (December 28, 2026) beyond the return date of the trip. A passport card is <u>NOT</u> acceptable for this trip. It is each traveler's responsibility to ensure their reservation form contains accurate details, including (but not limited to) correct spelling as listed on the traveler's passport. American Bank, American State Bank and Cruises and Tours Worldwide cannot be held responsible for travelers who are prohibited from boarding the flight or cruise due to non-compliant identification or incorrect information submitted. In addition, all U.S. travelers entering the European Union must apply online for an **ETIAS Visa Waiver** prior to departure and pay the application fee, which is expected to be \$9 per person. Details on how to apply for the ETIAS Visa Waiver will be communicated prior to departure.

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> American State Bank Attn: Loreen Marra 525 N. Main Avenue Sioux Center, IA 51250

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