

Classical Danube Shore Excursions

Passau – Budapest

2020

Dear Amadeus River Cruises Traveler,

We are pleased to present an exciting program of shore excursions that are available to customize your cruise experience.

These excursions can be booked in advance as a package at a discounted rate or booked onboard after you embark.

We look forward to welcoming you onboard!
Amadeus River Cruises Team

EXCURSION INFORMATION

Some excursions involve a fair amount of walking, sometimes over uneven surfaces. The following coding system has been used to assist you with this.

- Level 1: It is your choice whether you get off the bus during the excursion (to take pictures, for example). You will walk only short and even paths.
- Level 2: The excursion by bus is followed by a moderate walking tour. You may need to climb some stairs.
- Level 3: The excursion by bus is followed by a longer walk. You may need to climb several stairs.
- Level 4: Moderate walking tour. You may need to climb some stairs.
- Level 5: Considerable walk with longer distances. This may include uneven surfaces and some stairways

WALKING TOUR OF REGENSBURG

Regensburg is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Germany, and its historic buildings are very impressive. Among these architectural treasures are churches, monasteries, the town hall, and one of Europe's oldest bridges that has spanned the Danube since the 12th century. During this walk you will feel the former power and wealth of this city, which once controlled the trade route to the Orient. During a short visit to the Regensburg Cathedral, dedicated to St. Peter, you can admire this masterpiece of Gothic architecture in southern Germany (Visits depend on the opening hours of the Cathedral and/or if a mass is celebrated etc.).

Duration: approx. 2 hrs Walking grade: ●●●●

EXCURSION TO WELTENBURG ABBEY

A coach brings you to Weltenburg, with a brief detour to the "Hall of Liberation" which is a historical, classical monument on Mount Michelsberg, above the city of Kelheim. It is an impressive marble building, fashioned after the Parthenon in Athens. It towers high above the Danube and can be seen from afar. Afterwards, you board an excursion boat, which takes you past the former city of the Wittelsbacher Dynasty and through the nature reserve, "Weltenburger Enge", to the Benedictine abbey of Weltenburg. The monastery, founded by Irish or Scottish monks in about 620 AD, is the oldest monastery in Bavaria.

After a short tour of the abbey church you can taste the famous dark beer of Weltenburg, which is brewed here in the oldest monastery brewery in the world.

Duration: approx. 5 hrs Walking grade: ●●●

WALKING TOUR OF PASSAU

During this walk around the old quarter of Passau, your knowledgeable guide will point out many buildings that bear witness to the historical importance of the so-called "three-river city". You can admire picturesque lanes, promenades and squares and find out some interesting facts about the Bishopric. High above the rivers the Veste Oberhaus Castle and the Maria Hilf monastery are enthroned. In particular, you will be impressed by the Baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral, with the world's largest organ, the new Bishop's residence and the town hall.

Duration: approx. 2 hrs Walking grade: ●●●●●

FULL-DAY EXCURSION TO SALZBURG INCL. SALZKAMMERGUT AND LUNCH

A two-hour coach ride will bring you to Salzburg – the city of music. The old town with its world-famous Baroque architecture is one of the best-preserved city centers north of the Alps. It was adopted by UNESCO in 1997 and is included on its list of World Cultural Heritage Sites. Salzburg is also the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

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During the guided tour through the old town you will see the birth house of the musician (outside only), as well as other well-known attractions, such as the Getreidegasse. This long yet narrow shopping street runs parallel to the river in the center of town. The street is famous for its old-style signage outside each store, indicating the profession found within. You will continue to the Mirabell Palace, a beautiful castle with gardens, built by an archbishop for his beloved courtesan. Look out for the Garden of Dwarfs and the Garden of Roses, as they are especially beautiful. After the included lunch, you will head to the picturesque village Mondesee, which was the film location for the well-known movie "The Sound of Music". Enjoy the beautiful scenery as you head back to the ship.

Duration: approx. 9.5 hrs Walking grade: ●●●

WALKING TOUR OF LINZ

Linz was founded by the Romans, who called it "Lentia" but there was already a Celtic settlement there before called "Lentos" – probably the Celtic word for the winding of a river. It was a provincial and local government city of the Holy Roman Empire, and an important trade center, connecting several trade routes. As the city where the Habsburg Emperor Friedrich III spent his last years, it was, for a short period of time, the most important city in the Empire. It lost its status to Vienna and Prague after the death of the Emperor in 1493.

There are many things to worth seeing in Linz. Take a stroll down the main street, which leads to the main square. In addition to the medieval town square in the historic old town and the Mozarthaus, you can see the Renaissance villas, the old cathedral with the Bruckner organ, or the new cathedral. Visits depend on the opening hours of the cathedral and/or if a Mass is being celebrated. Visible from afar is the pilgrimage basilica on the mountain Poestling, the landmark of the town. A modern counterpart are the Lentos art museum and the Ars Electronica center, which striking glass facade offers a diverse play of color in the darkness. If time allows, you can taste a piece of the famous Linzer Torte (Linz Cake) in one of the local bakeries.

Duration: approx. 2 hrs Walking grade: ●●●●

WACHAU EXCURSION INCL. MELK ABBEY AND WINE TASTING

Start the excursion at Melk Abbey, which is an Austrian Benedictine abbey and one of the world's

most famous monastic sites. The impressive Baroque abbey was built between 1702 and 1736. The abbey's church and the impressive library with countless medieval manuscripts and frescos are particularly noteworthy. A guided tour takes you through the abbot's chambers, along the emperor's walk, through the marble hall, the balconies and the library. Continue your tour to Dürnstein, one of the best-known wine villages in the Wachau. Situated in the heart of the magnificent valley, on the banks of the mighty river Danube, the charming town offers the unique combination of breathtaking scenery, traditional architecture and places of historic interest. A walk through the town allows you to appreciate its glorious position before returning to Emmersdorf. There, we invite you to enjoy a glass of wine at the end of the tour.

Duration: approx. 4.5 hrs Walking grade: ●●●

CITY TOUR OF VIENNA

While it may take days or weeks to fully discover Vienna, this tour will give you an overall impression of the most important sights Vienna has to offer. First you will drive along the famous Ringstrasse, passing several magnificent buildings like the stunning opera house, the parliament the Court Theatre or Vienna's imposing city hall.

The tour is followed by a guided walk through the city center where you will get to know Vienna at its fullest. You will start at the well-known Hofburg Imperial Palace, walk along the Kohl market and finish at Vienna's iconic St. Stephen's cathedral. Before returning to the ship you have some free time to stroll along the pedestrian area.

Duration: approx. 3.5 hrs Walking grade: ●●

GUIDED TOUR OF THE SCHOENBRUNN PALACE

A coach takes you to one of the most beautiful sights of Vienna, the Schoenbrunn Palace. As one of the most important cultural heritage sites in Austria, Schoenbrunn Palace and its gardens were declared a World Cultural Heritage by UNESCO. The reign of Maria Theresia signified the most splendid era for Schoenbrunn.

The castle and park were the center of courtly and political life. Under the personal guidance of the Empress, it was remodeled and expanded to become a royal residence and a complex with a total of 1,441 rooms and halls was created. You will visit most of the ceremonial rooms and then have the opportunity to

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walk around in the beautifully designed gardens of the palace.

Duration: approx. 3.5 hrs Walking grade: ●●

CONCERT VISIT “SOUND OF VIENNA”

In the very place where Johann Strauss himself once directed his orchestra from his position as first violin, the true essence of Vienna’s classical music can once again be heard daily. The “Salonorchester Alt Wien”, one of the best-known interpreters of classical Viennese music, presents an evening full of Viennese charm with the lilting sound of waltzes, polkas, arias and duets, as well as operetta and piano concerto melodies. Accompanied by excellent opera singers and enchanting ballet soloists, Vienna’s classical music reveals itself as a living firework display for the senses.

Duration: approx. 3 hrs Walking grade: ●

CITY TOUR OF BRATISLAVA

During this tour you will get to know the capital of the young Slovakian Republic. The gorgeous old town has maintained its Gothic-Baroque style. The tour passes St. Martin’s Cathedral and the Grassalkovich Palace and continues up to the hill, where you will have a stunning, panoramic view of the city and surrounding areas. Afterwards, you have the opportunity to participate in a guided walking tour through the restored old town. From Michael’s Gate you will take a leisurely stroll through the historic city center, where you can admire sights such as the Primatial Palace and St. Martin’s Cathedral, a former coronation cathedral for Hungarian kings, as well as the Academia Istropolitana, the oldest university of the city, which dates back to the 15th century.

In addition to numerous palaces, you will also walk past the main square with the old City Hall, the Opera House and Maximilian Fountain.

Duration: approx. 3 hrs Walking grade: ●●

GUIDED TOUR OF THE IMPERIAL SCHLOSSHOF PALACE

From Bratislava the bus takes you to the Castle Hof in Austria. The magnificent complex was built in the early 18th century through the efforts of two of the most important personalities of the Austrian Baroque period. Field Marshall Prince Eugene of Savoy was already a legend in his lifetime. An art enthusiast, he provided almost unlimited funding for the construction of the castle. The brilliant architect Lucas von Hildebrandt created a virtuoso masterpiece

comprising a magnificent palace, beautifully designed, terraced gardens and an idyllic country estate. Under its later owner, Empress Maria Theresa, an additional story was added to the palatial building, which was remodeled in the style of French Classicism in accordance with the tastes of the time. It is unique in Europe and has become a top destination for those who seek to delight in culture, nature, and the fascinating world of the Baroque.

After visiting the inside of the castle you will have enough free time to see the beautiful garden and the Maierhof with its numerous animals.

Duration: approx. 5 hrs Walking grade: ●●

EXCURSION TO ESZTERGOM AND SZENTENDRE

Esztergom, the former residence of the Hungarian kings and seat of the Archbishop, is one of the highlights of this excursion. Your tour starts with a visit to the vast domed basilica, the largest cathedral in Hungary. Built in the early 19th century, it incorporates an ornate red marble chapel from an earlier church.

After visiting the impressive cathedral, the excursion continues along the Danube to the imposing ruined fortress of Visegrad where you have a glorious view of the “knee” of the Danube. You will then drive along the banks of the Danube to the artists’ village of Szentendre. The town has been the home of many generations of Hungarian artists since the early 20th century. There are many museums and contemporary galleries representing the rich traditions of the visual arts. One of the most visited museums of the whole country, the Margit Kovács Museum, is also located here. Foetér, the main square, is particularly well worth seeing, as it is surrounded by impressive buildings from the time of the Rococo and the Baroque. From Szentendre you continue south to Budapest along the scenic west bank of the Danube. The towns and villages along this stretch of the river are a popular retreat for the inhabitants of Budapest.

Duration: approx. 5 hrs Walking grade: ●●●

CITY TOUR OF BUDAPEST

Budapest, the “Queen of the Danube”, is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and has managed to retain a charm of its own with the help of renovations in recent years. The Danube flows through the heart of the city, dividing it into two parts, Buda and Pest. The tour takes you first through Pest, past the Great Market Hall with its outstanding gourmet shops and

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stalls. You will see splendid Baroque buildings such as the Hungarian State Opera in Neo-Renaissance style and the incomparable parliament building, which was finished in 1904 and has been an emblem of the city ever since then. There's an opportunity for a photo stop at the Heroes' Square, famous for its monuments to many Hungarian kings.

You then cross one of the seven bridges into Buda and go up to Castle Hill, where you will visit St Matthew's Church and the famous Fisherman's Bastion (provided that it is open to the public). Enjoy the unforgettable view over the city before returning to the vessel.

Duration: approx. 3.5 hrs Walking grade: ●●

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ◊ All excursions can be booked in advance or onboard*
- ◊ Minimum participation for excursion by bus: 20 people
- ◊ Minimum participation for excursion on foot: 12 people
- ◊ The schedule of individual excursions can vary; this is partly due to the volume of traffic in the cities and the opening hours of facilities.
- ◊ Please remember to wear sturdy shoes as well as comfortable, waterproof clothing when attending the excursions.
- ◊ When exploring on your own, please remember to return to the vessel in time for its departure. If you miss the departure, you have to get to the next port at your own expense. You will find the time for the latest return in the daily program.
- ◊ Itineraries and prices are subject to alteration.

* For organizational reasons, some excursions can only be booked onboard

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Excursions and Excursion Packages prices per person in USD

CRUISE PASSAU — BUDAPEST	UP	A	B	C	D
Regensburg walking tour	\$20	✓	✓	✓	✓
Excursion to Weltenburg Abbey	\$69		✓	✓	✓
Passau walking tour*	\$20			✓	
Full-day excursion to Salzburg with Salzkammergut and lunch*	\$112		✓		✓
Linz walking tour*	\$24			✓	
Excursion to the Wachau with Melk Abbey and wine tasting	\$67	✓		✓	✓
City tour of Vienna	\$41	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace	\$55			✓	✓
"Sound of Vienna" classical concert (cat. B)	\$67			✓	✓
City tour of Bratislava	\$40	✓	✓	✓	✓
Guided tour of the Imperial Schlosshof Palace	\$61			✓	✓
Excursion to Esztergom and Szentendre	\$47			✓	✓
City tour of Budapest	\$40	✓	✓	✓	✓
Total for excursions if booked on board		208	322	551	619
Save with our packages if booked in advance		176	272	468	525

* Excursions operate at the same time; only one may be booked.

UP = Unit price if booked on board.

- 1** Bishop's Residence
Bischöfliche Residenz
- 2** Three River Corner
Dreiflüsse-Eck
- 3** Old Town Hall
Altes Rathaus

- ★** Docking Places
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- 1** Tourist Info
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- 1** Parliament
Parlament
 - 2** Opera House
Oper
 - 3** Dohány Street Synagogue
Synagoge an der Dohánystraße
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