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England & Scotland with Danube River Cruise First Class Tour from \$5999

*Per person **twin share** - **Monthly departure May to October 2017***

River Cruise Package Includes – Save \$1000

- Return Flights Australia Capital Cities to London & Budapest
Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- Intra-flight London-Munich
- 15 nights accommodations
 - 3 nights London
 - 1 night Bath
 - 1 night Liverpool
 - 2 nights Edinburgh
 - 1 night Leeds
 - 7 nights outside cabin aboard the new 2016 Deluxe 5* [MS Monarch Empress](#)
- River port charges of \$190 per person
- Cruise & hotel portorage
- All transfers ♦
- 31 meals: 15 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 10 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

♦ London Gatwick Airport transfer available at an additional cost

Special Features

- Tour Stonehenge, the best-known prehistoric monument in England and a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Visit the 2000 year old Roman Baths and Georgian pump room with its natural mineral water
- Tour Edinburgh Castle, where you can see the Crown Room, Royal Palace and St. Margaret's Chapel
- Visit the Gothic style York Minster, a world renowned masterpiece of architecture and design
- Visit the historic Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of the finest examples of Baroque architecture
- Enjoy a city tour of Vienna and view Hofburg Palace, Vienna Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral
- During your Budapest City Tour, see the Parliament, Heroes Square, Royal Palace and Matthias Church



River Cruise Features & Amenities

- Captain's Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- Unlimited wine and beer with dinners
- Locally inspired recipes
- Early riser breakfast in addition to buffet breakfast
- Complimentary bottled water replenished daily in your stateroom
- Late night snack
- Complimentary basic Wi-Fi access
- Self-serve coffee and tea station
- Lounge serving premium spirits
- Daily entertainment including an on-board musician
- Fitness center
- Non-smoking ship interior
- Cruise Director & Tour Managers throughout
- Shore excursions conducted exclusively in English by licensed guides

DAY 1, Friday - Depart for England

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DAY 2, Saturday - Arrive in London

Arrive in London and transfer to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Drink and orientation, followed by a Welcome Dinner

Overnight: London

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Sunday - London City Tour

Discover the history, pageantry and sights of the city with a half day tour of London's West End. Begin with a drive through fashionable Kensington with its elegant squares and parks. Pass Harrods store and continue to view Piccadilly and Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament and the famous Big Ben. Continue to view Buckingham Palace, the London residence of Her Majesty the Queen. Your tour ends in the heart of the city to explore this afternoon at leisure. Perhaps join our in-depth *optional* tour of St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London

Optional: Tower of London & St. Paul's Cathedral (PM)

Overnight: London

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Monday - Stonehenge, Bath

Today, depart London and head to the circles of Stonehenge. Located in the middle of Salisbury Plain, Stonehenge is unique among stone circles and its construction still defies belief. The first stone was placed here 5,000 years ago and the structure was finally completed 1,400 years later. Continue to Bath's Georgian Crescents to find elegant stone buildings with terraces, crescents, and graceful squares. Visit the original 2000-year-old Roman Baths and Georgian Pump Room with its natural mineral water. Later in the afternoon join the *optional* tour to the Village of Lacock. You will have time to explore the village before enjoying a delicious dinner at a historic local Inn

Optional: Village of Lacock with dinner (PM)

Overnight: Bath

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Tuesday - Cotswolds, Stratford-upon-Avon, Liverpool

Drive north today into the Heart of England through the villages of the Cotswolds, with its stone and thatch cottages, to the birthplace of Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon, a charming market town. View Anne Hathaway's cottage, the school that William Shakespeare attended, and Shakespeare's birthplace. Enjoy time at leisure in this historic town, where the Bard's plays are still performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Then travel to lively Liverpool for a change of pace, where The Beatles were born and rose to fame. With your guide, explore the notable sights made famous in song by the Beatles - *Penny Lane* and *Strawberry Fields*. Then view the legendary Cavern Club where the Beatles began their journey to fame and Liverpool's stunning Albert Dock complex, a reminder of Liverpool's history as a great and prosperous port. Dinner tonight at your hotel in Liverpool

Overnight: Liverpool

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, Wednesday - Local Farmhouse Visit in the Lake District, Moffat, Edinburgh

Today, travel along the shores of Windermere, the largest lake in England at the heart of the rolling hills of the picturesque Lake District, stopping for tea and fresh-baked scones at a local farmhouse. Continue towards the charming village of Grasmere, the 19th century home of the poet William Wordsworth. Next, cross into Scotland at the border town of Gretna Green, famous for its "runaway" weddings, and past Moffat, known for its high quality wool products. Arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city, with its exquisite Georgian and Victorian architecture and winding medieval streets. During your stay, discover the city's rich heritage and historic buildings. Its Old and New Town are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites

Overnight: Edinburgh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Thursday - Edinburgh City Tour

This morning, join a local guide for a city tour of historic Edinburgh. The route will take you past the Scottish Parliament, Holyrood Palace, the Museum of Scotland, the Royal Mile, and Princes Street. Also included is a visit to Edinburgh Castle, where you can see The Crown Room, Royal Palace, St. Margaret's Chapel, and much more! The balance of the day is at leisure. Tonight, don't miss the *optional* evening of traditional Scottish entertainment that includes dinner

Optional: Scottish Dinner & Show (PM)

Overnight: Edinburgh

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Friday- York City Tour, Leeds

After breakfast, depart Edinburgh and drive through the Borderlands, past the ruins of Jedburgh Abbey, and on to the Viking city of York, one of north-England's most compelling cities. Enjoy an orientation tour through the narrow medieval streets surrounded by the 13th century York Walls. Also included is a visit to the magnificent York Minster, with its breathtaking architecture and spectacular gardens. After the tour, continue on to Leeds

Overnight: Leeds

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9, Saturday - Cambridge, Travel to London

This morning, travel south, passing Robin Hood country and Sherwood Forest to the University City of Cambridge. Here, stop for time at leisure to admire Kings College and its beautiful chapels before continuing to London. A last night to enjoy the British Capital

Overnight: London

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Sunday - Depart England, Fly to Munich and Transfer to Regensburg for Cruise Embarkation

Bid farewell to your tour manager in England and transfer to the London airport for your flight to Munich. Arrive in Munich and transfer to the port in Regensburg. The group transfer will operate at approximately 12:00 pm and 3:00 pm. The port is a 1.5 hour drive from the Munich airport. Embarkation begins at 3 pm. After arrival formalities, meet your Gate 1 cruise directors and relax on board. Tonight, a gala Welcome Dinner sets the mood for your delightful river cruise

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, Monday - Regensburg City Tour

This morning, explore Regensburg, one of Germany's largest and best preserved medieval cities, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The guided walking tour highlights the city's stunning architecture as you view the Old Town Hall, Dom St. Peter and the Porta Praetoria, gateway to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. Marvel at beautiful churches and one of the oldest stone bridges crossing the Danube. Return to the ship for lunch or spend the afternoon at leisure discovering the delights of Regensburg on your own. At 3:00 pm, the ship will set sail for Passau

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12, Tuesday - Morning in Passau

Dock this morning in 2500-year-old Passau, known for its pastel patrician houses, cafes, cobblestone lanes and riverfront promenade. Passau is a Bavarian town with a mix of Roman, Italian Baroque and Gothic architecture. Explore Passau independently in the morning, or, join the *optional* full day tour to picturesque Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and setting for the *Sound of Music*. The walking tour will include some of Salzburg's most historic sites including the Mirabell Palace, the Abbey, Salzburg Cathedral, and St. Peter's Cemetery. After lunch at a local restaurant, there will be time to discover Salzburg on your own before returning to the ship. If you choose to remain on the ship, continue sailing during lunch and relax on board this afternoon. In the early evening, all passengers will rejoin the ship and continue sailing for Melk

Optional: Full Day Tour of Salzburg

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 13, Wednesday - Melk Abbey

Disembark in Melk this morning for a guided tour of the historic Benedictine Abbey, considered one of the finest examples of Baroque architecture in Europe. View the Abbot's chambers, the Kaiser's walk and the lavish library. Then, return to the ship and continue cruising through the scenic Wachau Valley on the way to Vienna, the Imperial city legendary for its opulence and elegance. Tonight, perhaps take the opportunity to

attend an evening of Viennese culture in the "City of Music" at an *optional* concert performance of the classical masterpieces of Mozart and Strauss, two of Vienna's most famous citizens

Optional: Classical Viennese Concert (PM)

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 14, Thursday - Vienna City Tour

This sparkling city on the Danube has captivated travelers for years with its elegant shops, world-class museums, and beautiful gardens. Drive along the famed Ringstrasse, Vienna's main boulevard lined with magnificent Baroque palaces, parks and monuments. View the lavish Hofburg Palace, and the impressive Vienna Opera House. Continue to majestic St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Parliament building. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, at a café sampling the famous Viennese Sacher Torte, or, join the *optional* afternoon tour to the Imperial Schonbrunn Palace, once summer residence of the Hapsburgs. Visit the opulent baroque apartments and stroll through the world-famous manicured gardens. Set sail for Bratislava this evening

Optional: Schonbrunn Palace Tour (PM)

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 15, Friday - Bratislava City Tour

This morning, enjoy the tranquil scenery as the ship sails along the scenic Danube. At noon, arrive in Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, a mix of modern and Baroque architecture. This capital city is among the youngest in Europe, yet retains a rich history dating back more than 2000 years. Walk along the cobblestone lanes of the historic town center; view St. Martin's Cathedral, coronation site of the Kings of Hungary, the 13th century Old Town Hall and the Franciscan church. Time to explore this colorful city on your own before returning to the ship for dinner as you sail for stunning Budapest

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 16, Saturday - Budapest City Tour

Your morning tour begins on the Pest side of the city, view the Parliament, City Park and Heroes Square. Cross to Buda to see the Royal Palace, Matthias Church and the graceful medieval architecture along the cobbled streets. Explore the city's wonderful shops and cafes this afternoon on your own. Tonight, enjoy a lavish Captain's Dinner on board

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 17, Sunday - Depart Hungary

This morning, disembark and transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

Disembarkation will end at 9:30 am

Meals: Breakfast

Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally

- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
- Book Online or call to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

Tower of London & St. Paul's Cathedral PM

This afternoon the focus is on two of the most impressive monuments within London's original "Square Mile". Visit the Tower of London, a former fortress and Royal Palace that has witnessed 1000 years of history most notoriously as a prison. Now the Crown Jewels are kept here and you will have a viewing of these, as well as seeing the iconic Tower Bridge. Continue for a photo stop outside of St. Paul's Cathedral, where Charles married Diana in 1981. View the exterior architecture of Sir Christopher Wren's Dome, a masterpiece and landmark of London's skyline.

Drop off details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #3

11 Apr 2017 - 30 Nov 2017

AUD\$106.00



Village of Lacock with dinner

Leaving Bath in the late afternoon, enjoy a drive through the Wiltshire countryside to the picturesque village of Lacock. Owned by the National Trust to preserve its character and heritage, Lacock is often used as a location for films, such as the Harry Potter series, Pride and Prejudice, Cranford and many others. Time to explore the town and later savor a delicious dinner at an historic local Inn.

Approximate tour duration is 3.5 hours.

Day #4

01 Apr 2017 - 30 Nov 2017

AUD\$93.00



Scottish Dinner & Show

Enjoy a memorable evening of traditional entertainment in Scotland's capital. The colorful tartan clad entertainers will perform a program of music, including the most famous Scottish songs, highland dancers and bagpipers. The show includes a hearty dinner with wine, including a taste of Haggis!

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Day #7

01 Apr 2017 - 30 Nov 2017

AUD\$119.00



Tour of Salzburg

Enjoy a full-day excursion to beautiful Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart and setting for the Sound of Music. The walking tour will include some of Salzburg's most historic sites including Mirabell Palace, the house where Mozart lived, Nonnberg Abbey, Salzburg Cathedral, St. Peter's Cemetery. Lunch is included at a local restaurant, and then there will be time to explore the streets of Salzburg on your own before returning to the boat.

Approximate tour duration is 9 hours.

*Tours operating from Nov 19 - Dec 26, 2015 will include the Christmas market in Salzburg.

Day #12

01 Mar 2016 - 31 Dec 2017

AUD\$139.00



Classical Viennese Concert

Experience a delightful evening of Viennese culture in the "City of Music." Attend a concert featuring the classical masterpieces of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Johann Strauss, two of Vienna's most famous citizens. The musicians will bring to life the passionate strains of Mozart, a child prodigy who blossomed into one of history's greatest composers and Strauss, the Waltz King, who composed the Blue Danube, the world's most famous waltz. The chamber orchestra is accompanied by a professional dance performance, recalling the golden age of the 19th-century Viennese ballrooms.

Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

Day #13

01 Mar 2016 - 31 Dec 2017

AUD\$82.00



Schonbrunn Palace Tour

Enjoy an afternoon guided tour of the magnificent Schonbrunn Palace, once the summer residence of the Hapsburg emperors. Visit the gorgeous baroque apartments and stroll through the world-famous manicured and aromatic gardens.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

*Tours operating from Nov 21 - Dec 26, 2015 will include the Schonbrunn Christmas Market

Day #14

01 Mar 2016 - 31 Dec 2017

AUD\$65.00