



Germany, Switzerland & Austria Tour + Danube River Cruise 18 days from \$6599

Per person twin share, including flights from Australia



**Depart 5 & 18 April 2020
Includes French Balcony Cabin on River Cruise**

Hurry, must book by 2 July 2019!

Departs:

5 or 19 April, 2020

Other dates available from May to October 2020 at higher rates.

Price:

From \$6599 per person, twin share

Contact us for single rates.

River Cruise Package Includes:

- Return economy flights Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane or Perth to Frankfurt & Budapest
Extra \$200 from Adelaide and Canberra
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 16 nights accommodations
 - 1 night Mainz
 - 1 night Heidelberg or Mannheim
 - 2 nights Lucerne
 - 2 nights Innsbruck
 - 1 night Salzburg
 - 2 nights Munich
 - 7 nights outside cabin aboard the Deluxe MS Monarch Empress or First Class Monarch Governess
- River port charges of \$190 per person
- Cruise & hotel portage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- 34 meals: 16 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 12 dinners
- Cruise director & activities host throughout cruise
- Tour manager in Germany, Switzerland & Austria
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Services of English-speaking tour manager & cruise director
- Shore excursions per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring during excursions

Excludes:

- Single supplement
- Travel insurance (required)
- Meals & sightseeing not specified in the itinerary
- Optional tours
- Items of a personal nature, such as drinks, snacks, WiFi, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the above inclusions or in the itinerary

*Subject to confirmation by the airlines, hotels & tour operator.
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

Call Destination International on 1300 813 391 for enquiries & reservations.

Special Features

- Enjoy a scenic cruise on the Rhine, view hilltop castles and villages of timber-framed houses
- Marvel at the thunderous Rhine Falls, one of Europe's largest and most powerful
- View the Golden Roof, in the heart of historic Innsbruck
- Visit Bavaria's "Mad" King Ludwig's fantasy castle of Neuschwanstein, a symbol of idealized romance
- In sparkling Lucerne, in the heart of the Swiss Alps, visit the inspiring Lion Monument
- Enjoy a city tour of Vienna and view Hofburg Palace, Vienna Opera House and St. Stephen's Cathedral
- Tour the historic Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of the finest examples of Baroque architecture

River Cruise Features & Amenities

- Gala Welcome Dinner and Farewell Dinner
- Wine and beer with dinners
- Locally inspired recipes
- Early riser breakfast in addition to buffet breakfast
- Late night snack
- Complimentary basic Wi-Fi access
- Self-serve coffee and tea station
- Lounge serving premium spirits
- Fitness center
- Non-smoking ship interior
- Shore excursions conducted exclusively in English

ITINERARY:

DAY 1, Sunday - Depart for Germany

Depart for Frankfurt, Germany

DAY 2, Monday - Arrive in Frankfurt

Arrive in Frankfurt and transfer to your hotel in nearby Mainz or Darmstadt. The remainder of the day is on your own to rest and relax. In the evening at approximately 6 PM, an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager introduces you to the delightful program that lies ahead, followed by a Welcome Drink and Dinner with your fellow travelers. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in your destination no later than 4 PM on Day 2 of the itinerary, or earlier if possible

Overnight: Mainz or Darmstadt

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Tuesday - Rhine River Cruise & Heidelberg City Tour

The morning begins with a cruise on the scenic Rhine. See stunning vistas of hilltop castles, terraced vineyards, and villages of timber-framed houses along the course of the river. Pass the mighty Lorelei rock rising vertically from the waters named for the siren "Lorelei" who bewitched sailors passing by. In Heidelberg, home to the oldest university in Germany, view the imposing red sandstone ruins of Heidelberg Castle originally built in the 12th century. This hilltop Gothic masterpiece has encountered turbulent times but still stands as a dominant symbol of the city. Balance of the day is at leisure in Heidelberg to discover the enchanting alleys and lanes in the Old Town with its small gardens, museums and lovely galleries

Overnight: Heidelberg

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Wednesday - Black Forest

Head south on a scenic drive through the Black Forest region, an area of unrivaled natural beauty with its dense forests of thick pine trees. Nestled in the forest, you will see some of the charming traditional homes with their long sloping roofs. Continue on a drive to Schaffhausen, surrounded by vineyards. Here, you will see the thunderous Rhine Waterfalls; one of Europe's largest and most powerful. Then, on to beautiful Lucerne, with its pristine lakeside setting and gorgeous mountainous panorama. Spend two relaxing nights here in the center of the Swiss Alps

Overnight: Lucerne

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Thursday - Full Day in Lucerne

A full day to explore the heart of central Switzerland. Begin the day at the inspiring Lion Monument, one of the best-known monuments in the country, created in remembrance of the heroic death of Swiss guard killed in 1792. Continue to the 14th century medieval Chapel Bridge one of the oldest covered wooden bridges in Europe, forming the centerpiece of Lucerne's townscape. Later, time to shop for chocolate, watches and the famous Swiss and German cuckoo clocks or sip coffee at an outdoor cafe. In the afternoon, there is an opportunity to join the exciting *optional* tour to Mount Pilatus. Ascend the world's steepest cogwheel railway which winds up through lush meadows and sparkling mountain streams to the summit of Mt. Pilatus at nearly 7000 feet. After admiring the splendid panorama, descend by aerial cableway and return to your hotel

Optional: Mount Pilatus Tour (PM)

Overnight: Lucerne

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Friday - Neuschwanstein Castle

This morning drive through glorious Alpine scenery to visit Bavaria's "Mad" King Ludwig's fantasy castle of Neuschwanstein perched high above the valley below. This is one of the most visited castles in Germany and a symbol of idealized romantic architecture. Among the castle's finest rooms are two magnificent halls with extravagant decorations dazzling in gold and blue. Cross into Austria via the mighty Fern Pass and journey to Innsbruck, the Tyrolean "capital" of the Austrian Alps

Overnight: Innsbruck

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Saturday - Full Day in Innsbruck

Steeped in centuries of colorful history, Innsbruck features fine examples of Imperial splendor. Journey back in time with an array of splendid architectural gems from the Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassical period. On your orientation tour, stop at the Golden Roof, overlooking a bustling square in the heart of historic Innsbruck and the St. James Cathedral, a spectacular example of Baroque architecture. Innsbruck has also hosted two Olympic Winter Games (1964 and 1976). See the famous ski jump used in the Winter Olympics. Join the afternoon *optional* tour to charming Seefeld with Carriage Ride. Tonight, experience an authentic Tyrolean evening on the *optional* tour featuring a varied entertainment program including folk music, Tyrolean dances and yodeling

Optional: Seefeld with Carriage Ride (PM)

Optional: Tyrolean Evening with drinks

Overnight: Innsbruck

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8, Sunday - Salzburg City Tour

After breakfast, travel to Salzburg. This baroque jewel was the birthplace of Mozart. The guided walking tour takes you to view the house where Mozart was born, as well as to the squares and gardens of this beautiful city, crowned by the 11th century Hohensalzburg Fortress. The city is also known for the singing von Trapp family and the setting for the film, *The Sound of Music*. More time to explore charming Salzburg, or participate in the *optional* excursion into the surrounding countryside to the ruins of Obersalzburg, once a mountain retreat for senior Nazi SS officers. Then, transfer to special motor coaches adapted for the scenic mountain climb and ascend to Hitler's notorious "Eagle's Nest."*

**Austrian Alps & Sound of Music Tour is offered when Eagle's Nest Tour is not available during April, May, and November*

Optional: Eagle's Nest Tour (PM)

Optional: Austrian Alps & Sound of Music Tour

Overnight: Salzburg

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9, Monday - Explore Munich

This morning, continue to Munich. Arrive at Marienplatz square, cultural center of the city, dominated by the gothic New Town Hall housing Munich's world-famous Glockenspiel, which dates back to 1908. This colorful mechanical clock has life-size figures that dance to music with shows several times a day. In the afternoon, a guided city tour takes you past the Olympic Stadium situated in the heart of Olympia Park in northern Munich built as the main venue for the 1972 Summer Olympics. Then, visit the stunning Nymphenburg Palace with its gorgeous baroque facade, once summer residence of Bavarian rulers. Driving through the city, you see countless museums, galleries, palaces and impressive historic monuments. A free evening perhaps to visit one of the famous beer halls!

Overnight: Munich

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Tuesday - Full Day in Munich

A full day to enjoy Munich with its plethora of shops and restaurants and to explore at leisure. Tonight, toast your final night in Munich with a delicious dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight: Munich

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, Wednesday - Embark in Regensburg

Time this morning for last minute sightseeing, or shopping in Munich before the early afternoon departure to Regensburg. Arrive at the port for embarkation. After arrival formalities, time to relax on board. Tonight, meet your Cruise Director and enjoy a gala welcome dinner as it sets the mood for your delightful river cruise

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12, Thursday - 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 13, Friday - 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 onboard the ship, continue sailing during lunch and relax 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 14, Saturday - 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 15, Sunday - 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 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

Optional: Schonbrunn Palace Tour (PM)

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 16, Monday - Bratislava City Tour

This morning, enjoy the tranquil scenery as you sail 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 17, Tuesday - 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 18, Wednesday - Depart Hungary

This morning, disembark and transfer to the airport for your departure flight. Disembarkation will end at 9:30 am

Meals: Breakfast

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- \$50 per person for all airline seat reservations and baggage charges plus any airline fees.
- \$100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days' Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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