



WTVP Travels

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Cruise The Blue Danube

7 nights cruising Germany, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia,
plus 3 hotel nights in the Tyrolean Alps

May 9 – 20, 2011

\$4,095.00 per person based on double occupancy from Peoria

To make a reservation, call:
Norma Joseph
(309) 677-4747

Prices reflect an early booking
discount, cruise space is
limited, book early.

Exclusive Tour Features

- Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport
- Round trip air transportation from Chicago to Munich, Germany
- 3 nights of First Class hotel accommodations in Kitzbuhel, Austria
- 7 nights onboard MS Amadeus Royal Danube Cruise in the cabin category you select
- Breakfast and dinner daily in Kitzbuhel
- Three meals daily while on the cruise
- Coffee and tea after lunch and dinner on the cruise
- Quality red and white wine with dinners on the cruise
- City tour of Munich
- Tour of Berchtesgaden and Eagle's Nest
- Tour of Oberammergau and Linderhof Castle
- City tour of Salzburg
- Included shore excursions as described in the itinerary
- Daily music performances by the on-board musicians
- Welcome cocktail, welcome dinner and farewell captain's dinner while on the cruise
- English-speaking tour director during the land portion
- Multilingual cruise director while on the cruise
- Current airline fuel surcharge, subject to change

\$4095.00 per person for Haydn-Deck, round window

\$4395.00 per person for Strauss-Deck, picture window

\$4645.00 per person for Mozart-Deck, French Balcony, glass doors.

Not included: Port Taxes of \$98.00 per person, Air Taxes of approx. \$125.00 subject to change, excursions marked optional, gratuity to guides, drivers and cruise staff.

Day by Day Itinerary

May 9 – Chicago en route

Depart Chicago this afternoon on your non-stop flight to Munich, Germany.

May 10 – Arrive Munich/Kitzbuhel

Arrive midday. Enjoy a city tour of Munich before continuing to Kitzbuhel, your home for the next 3 nights. **Welcome dinner is included this evening.**

May 11 – Kitzbuhel (Berchtesgaden and Lake Konigssee)

Travel over the lovely Stein Pass to Berchtesgaden and take the special postal bus and elevator to Kehlsteinhaus—or "Eagle's Nest" as coined by the Allied Forces—to enjoy a magnificent view of the surrounding Alps. Continue your journey to Obersalzburg where a stop will be made at the ruins of Hitler's home. Drive to nearby Konigsee for a cruise on the lake, considered by many to be the most beautiful lake in all of Europe. Return to Kitzbuhel in the early evening. **(B & D)**

May 12 – Kitzbuhel (Oberammergau/Linderhof Castle)

Drive to Mittenwald, known worldwide as a center of the violin industry in the style of the Old Italian school of Amati. Continue by way of Garmisch-Partenkirchen to the Passion Play town of Oberammergau, where you can have the chance to purchase beautiful woodcarvings made by local craftsmen. After shopping, continue to nearby Linderhof Palace for a guided visit. This Palace, set in the midst of the Ammergau Mountains, is perhaps the most interesting of the castles built towards the end of the nineteenth century by "mad" King Ludwig II of Bavaria. Return to Kitzbuhel. **Enjoy dinner and a Tyrolean Show at a local restaurant. (B & D)**

May 13 – Salzburg/Passau/Embarkation

Today's journey will take you first to Salzburg, the famous setting of "The Sound of Music." Enjoy a guided sightseeing tour featuring highlights of the city including: The Festival Hall, St. Peter's Abbey (founded 690), the fine Baroque Cathedral, memorable locations from the film version of "The Sound of Music," Mozart's birthplace, and Mozart's House. Continue to Passau to board **MS Amadeus Royal**, your floating hotel for the next 7 nights. At 4pm, set off cruising east on the **Danube** towards the Austrian-German border through the attractive region of **Engelhardtzell**. Enjoy the welcome cocktail reception before dinner on board. **(B & D)**

May 14 – Cruising Vienna

Arrive in Vienna by noon. Enjoy lunch onboard before your **included** city tour of Vienna. This tour gives you a comprehensive impression of a majority of the most interesting sights of this important Danube city steeped in tradition. The drive along the Ringstrasse takes you past the magnificent buildings of the Austrian national opera and parliament, the Burgtheater, the town hall, university and Catholic Church buildings – right into the heart of the city – and to Stephansdom, Vienna's splendid

Cathedral of St. Stephen. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy Vienna at leisure. In the evening you have an **optional** excursion to enjoy the city at night. You will drive through the Wienerwald to the Kahlenberg, the best view point in Vienna. From here, you can overlook the vineyards and the city of Vienna. Continue to the traditional wine village of Grinzing, where you visit a typical Heurigen pub. There is no better way to learn about the Viennese laid back atmosphere and coziness, then enjoying a glass of wine, trying spreads with bread, and listening to "Heurigen" music. At the end of this tour enjoy some of the beauties of Vienna at night, as we take you along the illuminated Ringstrasse where you can admire the gorgeous buildings. Begin sailing at midnight. **(B, L, D)**

May 15 - Cruising Bratislava

Arrive in the charming town of Bratislava by 8am. This capital of Slovakia, known as Pressburg until 1945, was formerly the city where the kings of Hungary were crowned. Your **included** tour by coach takes you past the city walls, the Grassalkowich Palace and the Episcopal summer palace right up to the castle itself. A walk through the historic old center leads you past St. Martin's Cathedral and the Michael Gate. Medieval lanes bring you eventually to the city's central square with its ancient Rathaus (town hall) and the Maximilian Fountain. From there it's a short stroll back to the ship, passing the Slovakian National Theater. Return to the ship in time for lunch. Begin sailing at 6:30pm. **(B, L, D)**

May 16 – Cruising Budapest

Arrive at the lovely city of Budapest, Hungary, by 8am. Enjoy your **included** sightseeing tour of Budapest, "The Queen of the Danube," which ranks among Europe's most beautiful cities. The Danube flows through its heart, dividing the city into Buda and Pest. The drive starts with the "Pest" side, passing by magnificent Baroque buildings, the town hall and the national parliament, the Heldenplatz (Heroes Square) with its memorials to many Hungarian kings, and the famous chain bridge. Continue to the "Buda" side and up to the castle quarter, where you visit the church of St. Matthew and the Fisherman's Bastion. Return to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon, you may want to join an **optional** excursion to Castle Gödöllő (about 18 miles from Budapest), which was built in the 18th Century. In the era of the imperial monarchy, it became a symbol of Empress Elisabeth, who was nicknamed "Sissi" and much loved by the Hungarians. Nestled in an enormous park, this is the largest complex of Baroque buildings in Hungary and attractive to everyone – not just lovers of Baroque. You can go around rooms that have been carefully restored in recent years, and also see the former stables. There will be time for some welcome refreshment before driving back to the ship. Delight in cruising **Budapest by night** followed by a **Folklore Show** onboard. **(B, L, D)**

May 17 – Cruising Budapest to Esztergom

Depart Budapest by motor coach and drive along the banks of the Danube on your **included excursion** to the artists' village of Szentendre. Continue to Esztergom, Hungary, the old residence of the Hungarian kings and seat of the Archbishop. After visiting the impressive cathedral (Hungary's largest place of worship) you re-board your ship in Esztergom. **(B, L, D)**

May 18 – Cruising Vienna

Enjoy more of Vienna today as you arrive in the early afternoon. Take a motor coach to one of Vienna's most beautiful buildings, Schoenbrunn Castle, during an **included excursion**. The Schoenbrunn complex was modeled on the palace of Versailles, the residence of Louis XIV (Le Roi Soleil). Here you can view the state apartments of the Habsburgs' summer residence, and then take a stroll through the beautiful gardens in the grounds of the palace. After dinner, you have an **option** to enjoy the Sound of Vienna at night. The Alt Wien ensemble, one of Vienna's best-known salon orchestras, will give a sparkling performance of some of the finest pieces by Johann Strauss (best known for his waltzes), his contemporaries, and Mozart favorites. Virtuoso musicians, outstanding opera singers, and enchanting ballet dancers will present an evening full of Viennese charm, including energetic waltzes, polkas and arias – all to the highest musical standards. Begin sailing at 11 pm. **(B, L & D)**

May 19 – Cruising Emmersdorf (Melk-Durnstein)

Arrive Emmersdorf, Austria, at 9am. Enjoy an **included** coach excursion to Durnstein, Austria—the best-known wine village in the Wachau. A walk through it allows you to appreciate its glorious position. Continue through the picturesque landscape of this district to the 900-year old Benedictine Abbey of Melk. Enjoy a guided tour of the abbey—including an organ recital providing an organist is available. The visit ends with a glass of wine at the Donauhof Inn. Set sail at 2pm. Take in the beauty of the Danube this afternoon as you cruise through the gorgeous landscape. **(B, L & D)**

May 20 – Disembark Passau/Munich/Chicago

Bid farewell to your cruise staff as you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Chicago. Arrive the same afternoon with beautiful memories of "**Cruise the Blue Danube.**"

"Welcome Home"

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Deposit is due with reservations, final payment due 120 days before departure.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 7/15/10. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency, in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members in writing no later than 30 days prior to departure.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: You have the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to cover you should you have to cancel for a medical reason. In the event you elect not to purchase the trip cancellation insurance, penalties will be implemented according to the terms below. Insurance information will be sent with your final invoice.

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