

Vacation Highlights

Cruise: deluxe 5-night cruise in an outside stateroom with Avalon's exclusive Comfort Collection BedsSM
Day 1 Vienna (Embarkation): onboard welcome reception
Day 2 Vienna: guided sightseeing
Day 3 Dürnstein-Melk: guided walk in Dürnstein; guided visit of the Benedictine Abbey in Melk; wine tasting
Day 4 Grein: guided walk of Grein, visit the historical theater
Day 5 Passau: guided walk in Passau
Day 6 Passau (Disembarkation)-Munich: travel by motorcoach to Munich
Day 7 Munich: guided sightseeing, see the Marienplatz. Afternoon at your leisure to explore Munich or stop by the Oktoberfest grounds
Day 8 Munich. Excursion to Neuschwanstein & Oberammergau: visit Neuschwanstein Castle; free time in Oberammergau
Day 9 Munich: your vacation ends this morning
Special onboard and onshore experiences presented by entertainers, artisans, and experts, designed to enrich your cruise.
Attend an informative tasting & presentation on Wachau Valley wines.

MEALS - Captain's welcome & farewell receptions with sparkling wine and canapés
Welcome dinner
Daily Afternoon Tea
Daily Night Fare
Farewell dinner
Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; soft drinks with lunch; and wine, beer, or soft drinks with dinner are included daily on board your vessel

DEPOSIT- A \$250 per person non refundable deposit is due by April 1, 2016

PRICING
Prices shown above include cruise in Category E in a deluxe outside stateroom on Indigo Deck and includes port charges. In order to lock into this price, you must book and deposit by April 1, 2016.
To upgrade to a higher category, add per person:

Category / Decks / Price
B / Sapphire Deck / \$464
A / Sapphire Deck / \$499
P / Royal Deck / \$571
Royal Suite / Royal Deck / \$999

Starting from *\$2,459 if you book by April 1st (\$3,159 after)
An additional 5% discount applies for our Journeys Club members!
***Includes an early booking discount of \$700**

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Danube Symphony

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Vacation Overview

On this marvelous cruise, visit Austria's capital, Vienna, and be delighted by its charming small towns—like Melk, Dürnstein, and Grein—before heading into Germany's Bavaria. First, enjoy Vienna with its spectacular museums, awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral, and delightful music. In Dürnstein, explore the small town nestled below the ruins of the castle where King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in 1192. Visit magnificent Melk Abbey, and Grein's quaint historical theater. In Germany, visit the Bavarian capital of Munich, the charming town of Oberammergau, and the fairytale castle of Neuschwanstein. All of this and more await you on this wonderful Danube cruise through Austria and Bavaria—the trip of a lifetime!



Your Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive in Vienna, Austria (Embarkation)

Welcome to Vienna, known as the “City of Music” and a place that inspired the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. This afternoon, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at an evening welcome reception. (Dinner)

Day 2 Vienna

Once the center of the mighty Habsburg Empire, Austria's magical capital on the blue Danube is a showcase of gilded architecture. This is home to the lavish Hofburg Imperial Palace complex with its Vienna Boys' Choir and dazzling Lipizzaner stallions; the neo-renaissance Vienna Opera House; and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral—plus, countless other sights your Local Guide will show you during an included CITY SIGHTSEEING TOUR. Stroll through the delightful pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse, and be sure to take a break and enjoy a piece of decadent Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in one of the classic Viennese coffee houses, historic institutions that helped shape Viennese culture! An optional concert is available tonight. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Your Itinerary Continues

Day 3 Dürnstein–Melk

Dürnstein, known for the magnificent baroque Stiftskirche with its blue façade, lies right in the heart of the Wachau wine region. Above town are the ruins of the castle where England's King Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in 1192. A Local Guide will tell you the tale during your GUIDED WALK. Those seeking some sporting activity might like to climb up the steep hill to the castle ruins for spectacular views of the town and river. Alternatively, you may just want to stroll through the narrow streets on your own. Then, cruise through the beautiful Wachau Valley to reach Melk after lunch and visit the magnificent 11th-century BENEDICTINE ABBEY. Melk's abbey towers over the town and is one of Europe's largest. It houses an ornate library with over 80,000 printed books and 2,000 manuscripts. Words cannot describe the splendor of its church with its frescoed ceilings, stunning high altar, marble statues, and 210-foot-high cupola. This evening you'll be able to sample some of the region's FAMOUS WINES. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4 Grein

This morning, arrive in the attractive country resort of Grein, which is nestled at the foot of a bluff in the shadow of its castle. Take an included GUIDED WALK through the town and visit its unique historical THEATER, the oldest in Austria still holding regular performances. A behind-the-scenes peek to learn about some of the curiosities of this rococo-style, 167-seat theater will certainly tell you much about life as it was—and as it now is in this small town. Or, you may prefer to join one of a variety of optional excursions today. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5 Passau, Germany

Today, enjoy a relaxing morning of sailing. This afternoon, arrive in Passau, located at the confluence of the Rivers Inn, Ilz, and Danube. This is a city of graceful arcades and cobblestone streets lined with beautiful patrician houses. St. Stephen's Cathedral, a masterpiece of Italian baroque architecture, houses one of the world's largest church organs with 17,774 pipes. Join a Local Guide for a GUIDED WALK through this charming town, and find out much more about the “City of Three Rivers.” (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6 Passau (Disembarkation)–Munich

Say goodbye to your crew this morning and drive to Munich, capital of Bavaria. The afternoon is free to explore on your own, or you might like to take an optional excursion to Salzburg, which will bring you to Munich in the late afternoon. (Breakfast)

Day 7 Munich

Although a large city, Munich offers a small-town feel with its pedestrian- and bike-friendly atmosphere. With its historical museums, splendid English Garden, traditional cafés, and delightful shops, Munich offers plenty to see and do. A LOCAL GUIDE will show you the highlights of this fascinating city, including Nymphenburg Palace, summer residence of the Bavarian monarchs; MARIENPLATZ with its Old and New Town Halls; and the gothic Frauenkirche, a prominent landmark for Munich. Then, enjoy time on your own in this vibrant city or stop by the Oktoberfest grounds. (Breakfast)

Day 8 Munich. Excursion to Neuschwanstein & Oberammergau

This morning, a full-day outing takes you into the garden-like landscapes of the Bavarian Alps and for a visit to King Ludwig's fairytale NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE, high above the village of Hohenschwangau. Continue to Oberammergau, famous for its once-a-decade production of the Passion Play, and enjoy free time here to stroll the streets and admire the typical Bavarian houses, many beautifully painted with scenes from fairytales. (Breakfast)

Day 9 Munich

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)