

The Blue Danube Discovery Cruise for Wine Lovers
River Cruise Westbound: Budapest to Prague
13 DAYS: Monday, October 28-Saturday, November 9, 2019
From \$4,372 per person double occupancy Category E

This timeless Europe river cruise vacation begins with two nights in vibrant Budapest, Hungary, then sail along the Danube River with exciting stops in Austria and Germany, and end with two nights in Prague—the capital of the Czech Republic. In Budapest, Hungary’s lively capital, marvel at the eight bridges spanning the river and enjoy an introduction to the city by a local expert who shows you the must-see sights and will take you to a secret wine cellar for a tasting. Vienna, Austria, offers stunning St. Stephen’s Cathedral, the Habsburg Palace, and the Vienna Opera House. In the heart of the Wachau wine region is Dürnstein, a 16th-century town with charming cobblestone streets and the baroque Stiftskirche with its luminous blue façade. Discover one of Austria’s most established and notable wine regions and enjoy a tasting of some of the Wachau Valley’s famous wines. You’ll love a guided walk through Passau, with its narrow streets and beautiful Patrician houses. Further up the Danube River, you’ll come to the medieval walls of Regensburg—the only German city not bombed during WWII. Your last stop is the 1,000-year-old city of Nuremberg, where you’ll marvel at the medieval fortifications, extraordinary gothic churches, and the Imperial Castle. A Master of Wine will travel with you on this cruise and will hold lectures, tastings and will introduce you to food and wine pairing. Disembark and travel to beautiful Prague, known as the “Golden City.” See the sights with a Local Guide and explore on your own. Stroll across Charles Bridge, mix with the locals on Wenceslaus Square, and shop for hand-cut crystal and art books. You will then learn about the lesser known but still very good Czech wines. A perfect ending to a memorable river cruise vacation!



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Cabin upgrades available: additional \$199-\$2,199 pp/do
Includes cruise taxes and port charges, pre-paid cruise gratuities and Avalon insurance.

Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston
Day 2 Budapest: Welcome to Budapest! Transfer to hotel for a two-night stay.
Day 3 Budapest: Guided tour, see Heroes' Square and visit a wine cellar
Day 4 Budapest (Embarkation): Onboard welcome reception
Day 5 Budapest–Vienna: Cruising; onboard wine lecture
Day 6 Vienna: Guided sightseeing
Day 7 Dürnstein–Wachau Valley: Choice of guided tour, or hike up to the castle ruins in Dürnstein, or visit a local wine cellar; scenic cruise through the Wachau Valley; wine tasting on board
Day 8 Passau: Guided walk; onboard food & wine pairing dinner
Day 9 Regensburg: Guided walk
Day 10 Nuremberg: Onboard wine lecture; choice of guided sightseeing, or Rally Grounds in Nuremberg, or Roth guided tour
Day 11 Nuremberg (Disembarkation)–Prague: Travel to Prague, transfer to hotel for a two-night stay
Days 12 Prague. Excursion to Melnik: Guided sightseeing, see the Astronomical Clock and visit Hradčany Castle grounds; excursion to Melnik wine area
Day 13 Prague: Your vacation ends this morning

Day-By-Day Itinerary (B) = Breakfast (L) = Lunch (D) = Dinner

Day 1 Overnight flight from Boston

Day 2 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Welcome to Budapest—Hungary's Captivating Capital

Transfer to your hotel accommodations for the next two nights.

The day is yours to relax and enjoy Eastern Europe's shining city on the Danube.

Day 3 (B) BUDAPEST

The Pearl of the Danube in the Heart of Europe

Discovery

Enjoy a Guided City Sightseeing, including the iconic Heroes' Square and a **visit to a unique wine cellar system** where you can taste Hungarian wines in a very special way.

Take in the beauty of Budapest while enjoying a free afternoon exploring such famous sights as the Chain Bridge. Get to know the city's cafés and pubs, or take a hike through the hills above the Danube.

You may choose to enjoy Hungarian cuisine in an Optional Wine-and-Dine Dinner this evening.

Day 4 (B, D) BUDAPEST (EMBARKATION)

Time for Coffee and Confections

With a free day to explore before your cruise, take time to take photographs on the Royal Palace grounds in this treasure trove of historical architecture. Try Budapest's famous thermal bath spas, then lunch in a garden or rooftop eatery before boarding your Suite Ship®.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA

Day 5 (B, L, D) VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Vienna Waltzes and the Beautiful Blue Danube

Start the day with a Morning Stretch with your Avalon Adventure Host.

Enjoy sailing the Danube, which shares dozens of miles with Hungary and Slovakia. Relax on the Sky Deck to see the rolling landscape and red-rooftops of the Slovakian capital of Bratislava come into view.

Discovery

Join an onboard lecture hosted by your Master of Wine while sailing to Vienna.

This evening in Vienna, you may choose to join an Optional Excursion to attend a Royal Waltz Concert for an unforgettable evening of music in an elegant hall.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA

Day 6 (B, L, D) VIENNA

Royal Collections, Amusing Attractions, and Culinary Confections

Classic

Venture into the Habsburg empire this morning on a Guided City Tour of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the Imperial Palace complex—the winter residence of the Imperial Family, the historic Vienna Opera House and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral.

Join a Guided Optional Excursion to Schönbrunn Palace—a Habsburg Empire summer home for 300 years. This afternoon, enjoy free time to take a tram to visit Austria's Prater amusement park or one of the many museums nearby. You may also decide to borrow a bike from the ship to explore the streets and squares of Vienna, or ride along the banks of the Danube at your leisure.

Later, relax on board with live entertainment as you sail to Dürnstein.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO DÜRNSTEIN

Day 7 (B, L, D) DÜRNSTEIN

Fairytale Castles, Kings, and Cobblestones of Delightful Dürnstein

Classic

Join a Guided Walk, and hear the legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart—who was imprisoned in the castle above the village during the Crusades, OR:

Active

Join a Hike up to the castle ruins with your Adventure Host for a spectacular view of the village, Danube, and the Wachau Valley below, OR:

Discovery

Discover the fascinating world of wine within a labyrinth underneath the surface which is about 900 years old. While sipping a selection of different wines, you will learn how the wine production developed over the centuries till nowadays.

Enjoy sailing through the picturesque Wachau Valley.

Discovery

Enjoy the flavors of the Wachau Valley with a Wine Tasting on board hosted by your Master of Wine.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO PASSAU

Day 8 (B, L, D) PASSAU, GERMANY

Go for Baroque in Passau—Where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers meet

Classic

Join a Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers."

Alternatively, you may join a full day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg—the city of Mozart—or a full day Guided Optional Excursion to the picturesque Bohemian town of Český Krumlov.

Meet your ship back in Passau after your selected activities for sailing.

Discovery

Onboard food and wine pairing dinner hosted by your Master of Wine.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO REGENSBURG

Day 9 (B, L, D) REGENSBURG

Magical Regensburg—Bavaria's Medieval Miracle

Classic

Join a Guided City Walk and see Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall) and Porta Pretoria—built in 179 AD as the entrance to Castra Regina fortress.

You may choose to join a Guided Optional Excursion to visit the Benedictine Monastery in Weltenburg.

Spend a free afternoon exploring Regensburg on foot or by bike through its charming streets.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment after dinner as you cruise toward Roth.

EVENING/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ROTH

Day 10 (B, L, D) ROTH. NUREMBERG EXCURSION

Living Heritage and History Lessons

Discovery

Enjoy an Onboard Lecture about the Main-Danube Canal—linking these two rivers to make a vital connection enabling navigation between the North and Black Seas.

Discovery

Join an Onboard Lecture about the German region of Franconia famous for its wines.

Classic

Enjoy a Guided Sightseeing Tour of the Bavarian town of Roth—with its half-timbered houses, market square, and 1535 hunting lodge, Schloss Ratibor, OR:

Classic

Choose a Guided Sightseeing of Nuremberg—with its medieval architecture, gilded fountain, gothic cathedral, and Kaiserburg Castle, OR:

Classic

Take a Guided Tour of the historic Nuremberg Rally Grounds—used by the Third Reich.

EVENING CRUISE TO NUREMBERG

Day 11 (B) NUREMBERG (DISEMBARKATION)–PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Welcome to Prague! Explore the City of 100 Spires

Transfer to your hotel accommodations for the next two nights.

Enjoy free time to explore the Golden City of Prague and its surrounding countryside. Consider sampling delicious plum dumplings and traditional Pilsner lager beside the Vltava River.

Day 12 (B) PRAGUE

Gothic Cathedrals, Grand Castles, and Great Cuisine

Classic

Take a Guided City Walk, and visit the Hradčany Castle Grounds; see St. Vitus Cathedral, and Old Town's Astronomical Clock.

Discovery

Join a guided tour to the village of Melnik located in one of the northern-most vinicultural areas of Europe, which are the largest in Bohemia. **You are invited to a special Bohemian wine tasting with local cheese.**

Tonight, you may decide to join us for an Optional Folklore Dinner Show, sampling traditional Czech cuisine in an authentic Prague setting.

Day 13 (B) PRAGUE

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. Return flight to Boston.

Notes

- In the event of water level problems or any problems of a technical nature, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or to alter the program.
- Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change is necessary, a substitute will be offered.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.

Avalon Illumination

Part of Avalon's cutting-edge fleet of Suite Ships®, the Avalon Illumination came onto the river cruising scene with a bang. This gorgeous ship features two full decks of Panorama SuitesSM with Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows that transform the living space into a unique Open-Air BalconySM. With 200 square feet, Panorama SuitesSM are more than 30% larger than the industry standard, affording you the incomparable opportunity to wake each morning facing the splendid passing scenery. Onboard amenities include an alternative light dining option in the Panorama Bistro, a Fitness Center, complimentary Wi-Fi access, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, whirlpool, and light al fresco lunches at the Sky Bistro on the Sky Deck.

Avalon Suite Fleet

- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship
- Panoramic windows throughout the ship
- Elegant, contemporary design & decor
- Friendly, English-speaking crew & Cruise Director
- Sky Deck with whirlpool, shade awnings, game area and premium lounges
- Covered Observation Lounge
- Club Lounge with 24-hour self-serve beverage station with complimentary cappuccinos, lattes, tea, hot chocolate & premium coffees, as well as treats throughout the day
- Elevator
- Non-smoking interior and staterooms

Fitness & Wellness

- Fitness Center
- Avalon Adventure Center
Your place for active gear and excursions, including
 - Bikes
 - Canoe, kayak and jogging excursions
 - Maps for hiking, biking and jogging routes
 - Fitness and wellness activities
 - FitBits®

All through your Avalon Adventure HostSM

- Active shore excursions, both included and optional

Avalon Panorama Suites & Staterooms

- Open-Air BalconiesSM and Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Windows in all Panorama Suites
- Comfort Collection BedsSM with choice of mattress firmness
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Premium L'Occitane bath products & hairdryer
- Large bathroom featuring shower with glass door
- Wide selection of free movie channels and English-speaking TV
- Individual climate control and in-room safe
- Full-size closet and mirror
- Additional under-bed storage
- Complimentary bottled water daily

Dining

- FlexDining® for more venue and seating options, including flexible seating times in our main Dining Room
- Avalon Fresh® healthy cuisine options at every meal
- Complimentary sparkling wine with breakfast; wine, beer, or soft drinks with every lunch and dinner
- Early and Late Riser breakfast options
- Daily full buffet breakfast with made-to-order egg station, hot and cold menu items
- Daily lunch buffet with pasta or carving stations
- Alternative light lunch or Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather permitting)
- Daily Afternoon Tea featuring tea, coffee, sweet treats & sandwiches

- Daily four-course a la carte dinner in the main Dining Room with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrees and desserts. Includes selections of regional recipes, Western dishes and vegetarian options.
- Enjoy a tasting menu with a view in the Panorama Bistro - a less formal "sit-down" atmosphere while mingling over several satisfying selections
- Captain's welcome & farewell receptions and dinners with sparkling wine and canapés
- Panorama Lounge featuring premium spirits and Avalon specialty cocktails, along with local entertainment special guests
- Cocktails available on the Sky Deck
- Fresh fruit available throughout the day

AVALON CHOICE

Avalon has designed **included activities** with a choice of experiences. We invite you to select the tours, activities, and events that interest you most, so you can experience your cruise your way. There are 3 types of included shore excursion on every Europe cruise:

Classic

Your local expert is ready to guide you through the history and heritage of local destinations. You'll marvel at the legends, lore, and spectacular architecture of iconic and historic sites.

Discovery

We've found inspiring and interactive activities to speak to your interests - from cooking classes, to painting workshops - to immerse yourself in each culture you explore.

Active

Embark on energetic excursions to keep you in motion and on the go - from a guided jogging tour of Amsterdam, to biking, paddling, and hiking your way through scenic locales.

Plus independent exploration options and use of our exclusive AvalonGO APP.

STATEROOMS & SUITES

Avalon Deluxe Stateroom (Cat. D, E) - 172 sq. ft.

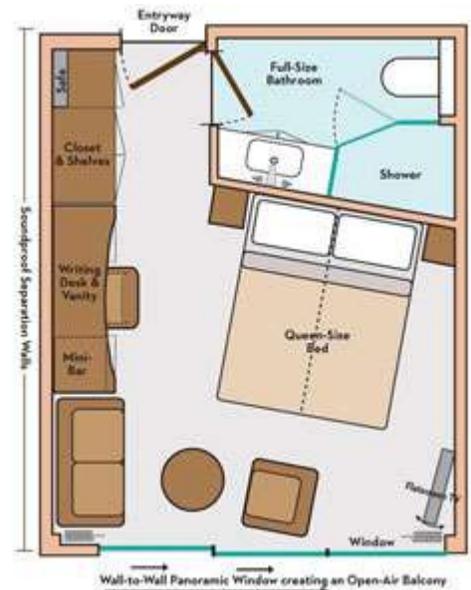


Features

- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps

- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- USB Ports
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Two windows
- Writing desk and chair

Panorama Suite (Cat. A, B, P) - 200 sq. ft.

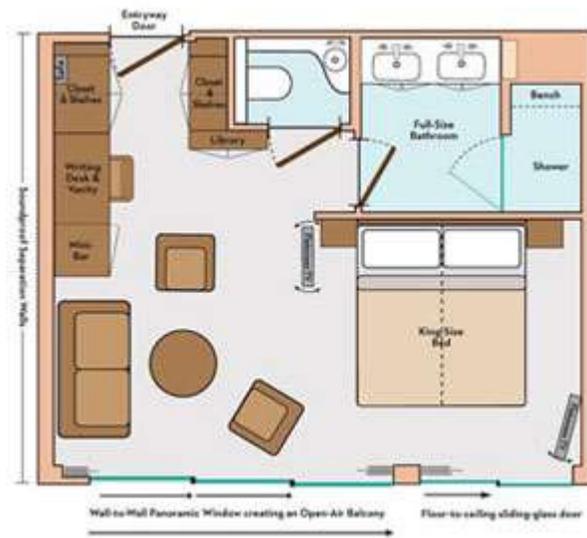


Features

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- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
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- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock
- Direct-dial telephone

- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- USB Ports
- 6-person sitting area
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
- Hairdryer
- Spacious 3-door closets with shelves for ample storage
- Flatscreen satellite TV with English-speaking channels & over 100 free movie options
- Make-up mirror
- Bathrobes & slippers
- Complimentary bottled water
- Individual climate control
- Large mirror in bathroom
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window with Open-Air BalconySM
- Full shower with glass door
- Vanity and lighted makeup mirror
- Coffee table

Royal Suite - 300 sq. ft.



Features

- Comfort Collection BedsSM
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Soft & firm pillows
- Choice of bed configuration
- Bedside tables with reading lamps
- L'Occitane bath products
- Easy under-bed luggage storage
- Alarm clock

- Direct-dial telephone
- Well-stocked minibar
- In-room safe
- Elegant, contemporary design
- Marble countertops in bathroom
- USB Ports
- 6-person sitting area
- Writing desk and chair
- Sofa
- Double sinks
- Luxurious mattress toppers
- European-style duvets
- Extra blankets
- Nightly turn-down service
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DECK PLANS

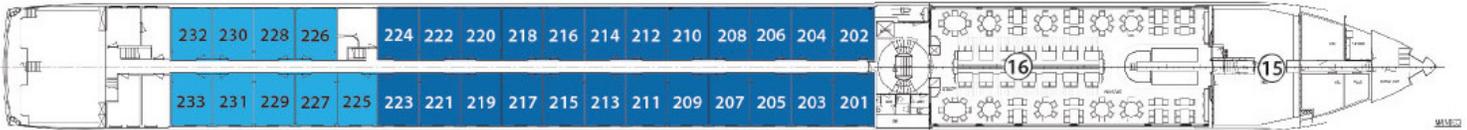
SKY DECK



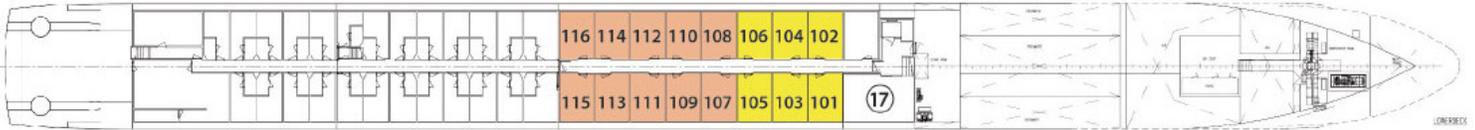
ROYAL DECK



SAPPHIRE DECK



INDIGO DECK



DECK PLAN

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| 1 Sky Lounge | 6 Deck Game Area | 12 Elevator |
| 2 Navigation Bridge | 7 Observation Lounge | 13 Lobby |
| 3 Sky Grill | 8 Panorama Bistro | 14 Club Lounge |
| 4 Whirlpool | 9 Panorama Lounge | 15 Galley |
| 5 Premium Lounge
Chairs and Shade
Awnings | 10 Bar | 16 Dining Room |
| | 11 Reception | 17 Fitness Center |

CATEGORIES

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| Royal Suite | Royal Deck Royal Suites |
| Cat. P | Royal Deck Panorama Suites |
| Cat. A | Sapphire Deck Forward Panorama Suites |
| Cat. B | Sapphire Deck Aft Panorama Suites |
| Cat. D | Indigo Deck Aft Deluxe Staterooms |
| Cat. E | Indigo Deck Forward Deluxe Staterooms |