



Amsterdam to
Budapest -
our favourite
river cruise
itinerary in Europe,
we love the mix of
medieval towns,
castles, history and
scenery.



*Join me as we explore
the sights, sounds and
tastes of Europe*
- Tour Host, Peter Dunne

European Capitals & Danube Delights River Cruise.

25 day Hosted Tour - Departs 02 July 2014

Discover Paris, spend a day at the Somme Battlefield, explore Bruges and Amsterdam then join your 15 day Amsterdam to Budapest River Cruise. Visit Cologne, Rudesheim, Miltenberg, Wurzburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau, Melk, Durnstein, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest as well as cruising through the Rhine Gorge and down the main Danube Canal. After your cruise enjoy another full day in Budapest, then spend two days exploring the medieval city of Prague before flying home.



Introducing the Vista Ship

The new Avalon Vista ship launched in 2012, taking inspired design to a whole new level. A unique "Suite Ship," the Panorama has two full decks of suites featuring a Wall-to-Wall Panoramic Window that transforms the living space into a unique Open-Air Balcony™. As you cruise along the Danube, enjoy the fresh breeze and enchanting scenery from the comfort of your suite – all 200 square feet of it. Exciting onboard amenities include an Internet corner and Wi-Fi access, a well-stocked library, an expanded fitness center, and a spacious Sky Deck with premium lounge chairs, shade system, whirlpool, and delightful Open-Air Bistro.



Experience. The Difference.



Your Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Christchurch.

Day 2: Arrive Paris and transfer to hotel. Early evening we visit beautiful Sacre Coeur for stunning views of Paris followed by a traditional dinner. (Overnight Paris) (D)

Day 3: Morning guided coach tour of the highlights of Paris. Afternoon free. Enjoy a fabulous Dinner and Cabaret Show this evening. (Overnight Paris) (B,D)

Day 4: Visit the Eiffel Tower, Cruise down the Seine, visit Musee D'Orsay and free time for the rest of the day. (Overnight Paris) (B)



Day 5: Today we take a morning train to Lille followed by a full day trip to the WW1 Battlefield Grounds. We then continue on to Bruges. (Overnight Bruges) (B,L)

Day 6: Morning sightseeing tour of Bruges visiting the Church of Our Lady, The Basilica of the Holy Blood, the Market Square and Burg Square, optional canal cruise or Horse &



Carriage ride. Afternoon at leisure then visit a Lacemaking display and enjoy some Beer Tasting followed by a traditional dinner of Moules Frites. (Overnight Brugge) (B,D)

Day 7: This morning we travel by coach to Amsterdam. This afternoon we visit the Rijksmuseum and enjoy a hosted dinner this evening. (Overnight Amsterdam) (B,D)

Day 8: This morning we enjoy a cycling or rickshaw tour of Amsterdam. This afternoon you board your river cruise vessel and enjoy a welcome reception to meet the crew. After dinner meet Peter for an optional walk through Amsterdam's infamous red light district. Peter says goodbye and will meet you on day 22 in Budapest. (B,D)

Day 9: There is no better way to see Amsterdam than by CANAL BOAT, cruising through the elegant grachten lined with stately homes. Afterward, your river cruise vessel sets sail for Cologne. (B,L,D)

Day 10: COLOGNE, GERMANY.

Cologne is one of Germany's largest cities, with a river skyline dominated by the soaring twin spires of its magnificent gothic cathedral. The Germano-Roman Museum next to the cathedral is a must for history buffs! Try a Kolsch in one of the many taverns and shop for a bottle of 4711, the original "eau de cologne." (B,L,D)

Day 11: RHINE GORGE-RUDESHEIM.

The dramatic RHINE GORGE is the most beautiful stretch of river. Pass the legendary rock of the Lorelei, where sweet songs of local beauties lured enchanted sailors to their doom. Visit SIEGFRIED'S MECHANICAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM in pretty Rudesheim. Enjoy a SPECIAL TREAT, then there's free time to explore the Drosselgasse. (B,L,D)

Day 12: MILTENBERG.

Located on the Main River, Miltenberg is a



picturesque Bavarian village that thrived on income from river traffic. Its cultural wealth and affluence are reflected in the beautiful medieval and renaissance houses and the gothic splendour of the Merchant Hall shown to you during your guided sightseeing. This afternoon, learn how to bake a local SOFT COOKIE specialty. (B,L,D)



Day 13: WURZBURG.

Known as the "Pearl of the Romantic Road," Wurzburg is surrounded by sloping hills covered with vineyards. The magnificent BISHOP'S RESIDENZ is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,L,D)

Day 14: BAMBERG.

Another beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site is medieval Bamberg. Your walking tour takes in its breathtaking cathedral, the Old Town Hall straddling the River Regnitz, and serpentine streets with charming houses and 18th-century mansions. (B,L,D)



Day 15: NUREMBERG.

Although Nuremberg suffered extensive damage during WWII, much of it was restored to its original style. Marvel at this historic city with its fabulous gothic churches and elegant patrician houses. Nuremberg's traditions include its famous Lebkuchen, toy making, and metal working. After dinner we'll introduce you to some of Germany's FAMOUS BEERS! (B,L,D)

Day 16: REGENSBURG.

One of Germany's best preserved medieval cities, Regensburg's architectural highlights include the Old Town Hall and Porta Pretoria-gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. (B,L,D)

Day 17: PASSAU-LINZ, AUSTRIA.

Ideally located at the confluence of the Rivers Inn, Ilz, and Danube, Passau is a city of graceful arcades and cobblestone streets. St. Stephen's Cathedral houses the world's largest church organ with more than 17,000 pipes. An optional full-day excursion to Salzburg takes in the popular Sound of Music sights. (B,L,D)

Day 18: MELK-DURNSTEIN-VIENNA.

Melk's magnificent BENEDICTINE ABBEY dominates the town from its commanding hill site and is one of Europe's largest monasteries. Durnstein, known for the baroque Stiftskirche with its blue facade, 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. Vienna, known as the "City of Music," inspired the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. (B,L,D)

Day 19: VIENNA.

Once the centre of the mighty Habsburg Empire, Austria's capital has much to offer: lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ring Boulevard, and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral, to name just a few of the sights you will enjoy during your city tour. Shop in the Karntnerstrasse and enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in a neighborhood cafe. An optional concert is available tonight. (B,L,D)

Day 20: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA.

Situated at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, Bratislava is the dynamic capital of Slovakia. The charming Old Town with its Town



Hall and Mirbach Palace, as well as the gothic ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL, should not be missed. (B,L,D)

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Your Tour Itinerary (continued)

Day 21: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.

Budapest, spanning the banks of the Danube, is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan metropolis. Seven bridges connect ancient Buda on the right bank with Pest on the left. The massive hilltop castle complex with FISHERMEN'S BASTION and the Matthias Church is among the impressive sights you'll see on your included tour. Shop for renowned peasant embroidery, Herend porcelain, and paprika. (B,L,D)

Day 22: BUDAPEST.

Your cruise holiday ends after breakfast and Peter will meet you and transfer with you to your hotel. Keep your swimmers handy as you are off to the spectacular Gellert Thermal Spa & Baths. This afternoon we get an insight into life behind the Iron Curtain with a Guided Soviet era Walking Tour. Evening free to dine at leisure. (B)

Day 23: BUDAPEST-PRAGUE

After breakfast we will take a scenic drive by coach through to Prague, stopping for lunch enroute and arriving by 4pm. This evening enjoy a short orientation walking tour with Peter. Evening free to dine at leisure. (B)

Day 24: PRAGUE

Morning guided sightseeing tour including 1,000-year-old Hradcany Castle, old Town, the Jewish Ghetto, and the Astronomical Clock. This afternoon we have a Guided tour of the Rise and Fall of Communism which includes a visit to a nuclear bunker. This evening we will enjoy a Farewell group dinner at a traditional Czech restaurant. (B,D)

Day 25: PRAGUE-NEW ZEALAND

Today we depart Prague for home. (B)

Tour price from \$16,995 per person twin share*

We have been able to secure the gorgeous Category P Suites as featured as these were the preferred cabins in 2012 and 2013. Savings of up to \$2,458 per person can be achieved for downgrading your cabin if available.

Price includes

- Return airfares from CHCH flying Economy Class*
- 14 night Avalon Cruise including all meals and wine with dinner whilst cruising
- 9 nights 4* accommodation
- Train travel Paris – Lille
- Coach Budapest – Prague
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Dinner & Show in Paris
- 9 Breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- Guided sightseeing as details
- Tour host pre and post Cruise

Single traveller?

Single supplements are expensive on these cruises so we are happy to arrange a room/cabin share option for single travellers if possible. Please register your interest with us so that we can see if there is a suitable companion available.

To secure your place

In order to confirm your booking, a non-refundable deposit of NZD\$1,250 per person is required. Call Discover Travel to ascertain what Cabins are available to confirm the price and be sent a booking form.

***CONDITIONS:** Price – The price from \$16,995 per person based on twin share is for a Category (Cat) P cabin. Single Supplement – Price available on request. Please advise us if you are a single traveller interested in a share option. Business Class Supplement – available on request. Land or Cruise Only price available on request. Payments – The price quoted is for payment by cash, cheque or direct bank transfer. CHEQUES: Should be made payable to 'Discover Travel'. Our postal address is PO Box 2477, Christchurch. BANK TRANSFER: 06 0801 0495605 02 - Discover Travel Worldwide Ltd, using 'EE Cruise/Your Surname' as a reference. CREDIT CARD: Visa or Mastercard payments will incur a 2% convenience fee and American Express a 3% fee. Tour Host – price is based on a group size of 15 for the tour to be hosted. Not Included: Airline taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change), optional excursions, travel Insurance (Compulsory), gratuities, drinks, items of a personal nature. Should you wish to extend your stay in Europe, this is possible subject to flight availability and an airfare surcharge of \$150 per person plus any applicable additional airline taxes.



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