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## CRUISE ACROSS EUROPE FROM AMSTERDAM TO BUDAPEST (PORT-TO-PORT CRUISE) NEW

**Trip Code:** ASU\_PP

**Duration:** 18

**Destination:** Netherlands, France, Germany, Austria and Hungary

**Travel Dates:** 2022

### DAY 1 AMSTERDAM

Passengers are welcome to board the ship in Amsterdam at 6:00 p.m. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll introduce our crew at a welcome cocktail. Join us on an **optional excursion for both packages**: Canal boat tour of enchanting Amsterdam at night.

### DAY 2 AMSTERDAM

Join us for the **optional excursions proposed**:

**CLASSIC**: Guided tour of Amsterdam in the historic heart of this beautiful capital city.

**DISCOVERY**: Bike tour of Amsterdam. You'll be able to explore and learn about all the must-see and out-of-the-way sites.

In the afternoon, join us on an **optional excursion for both packages**: Visit the Keukenhof Gardens(2). Outside the opening dates of the park, excursion to Volendam and the Zaanse Schans. The evening is free to do as you please. Our ship will cruise to Cologne through the night.

### DAY 3 COLOGNE

The morning will be spent cruising. The afternoon is free to do as you please, or take a tour of the old sections of Cologne. Enjoy an evening of entertainment. Our ship will cruise to Cologne through the night.

### DAY 4 RÜDESHEIM

The morning will be spent cruising on the romantic Rhine. Join us for the **optional excursions proposed**:

**CLASSIC**: Touristic train, tasting of wines\* and visit of the Museum of Mechanical Musical Instruments.

**DISCOVERY**: Hiking through the vineyards in Rudesheim

Free evening in the famous Drosselgasse, the little street famous worldwide for joyful atmosphere and Rhineland bands.

### DAY 5 RÜDESHEIM - STRASBOURG

All the day will be spent cruising on the Rhine.

In the evening, join us on an **optional excursion for both packages**: tour by river boat through Strasbourg.

Tonight is our gala evening and dinner.

## DAY 6 STRASBOURG

This morning will be spent cruising to Mannheim. Upon arrival, join us on an **optional excursion for both packages**: Enjoy the buffet breakfast on board. **Free day and lunch in Strasbourg**. Take the opportunity to discover the European capital at your own pace. After returning on board at the end of the afternoon, we'll cruise to Mainz.

## DAY 7 MAINZ - FRANKFURT

We'll arrive in Mainz early morning. This city, the birthplace of Gutenberg, which lies at the confluence of the Rhine and the Main is a perfect blend of past and present with its thousand year old cathedral. We'll tour the city with your escort before we sail on around in the morning towards Frankfurt. The afternoon, join us for the **optional excursions proposed**:

**CLASSIC**: Sightseeing tour of Frankfurt, a major business hub.

**DISCOVERY**: Frankfurt "Mainhattan" and the Main Tower: Panoramic tour of Frankfurt and ascent of the Main Tower.

## DAY 8 MILTENBERG - WERTHEIM

We'll stop off in Miltenberg early this morning. Join us to **discover** this peaceful town with its market place lined with half-timbered houses, its fine main street, hotel Reisen and old Town Hall. We'll have lunch on board before continuing on to Wertheim. Enjoy some free time to discover the town on your own before returning to the ship for dinner.

## DAY 9 WERTHEIM - WURZBURG - KITZINGEN

We'll cruise towards Karlstadt. In the afternoon, join us on an **optional excursion for both packages** : Visit Wurzburg on the right bank of the Main, which is famous for its baroque palace, former residence of the prince-bishops. In the meantime, the ship cruises on to Wurzburg where we will join it late afternoon. We'll then cruise to Kitzingen. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

## DAY 10 KITZINGEN - ROTHENBURG - BAMBERG

Early this morning we'll start cruising along the Main to reach Schweinfurt. Join us on an **optional excursion for both packages**: Guided tour to Rothenburg, a magnificent walled town set up high on the hills over the river, with its narrow streets lined with picturesque half-timbered houses and craftsmen's workshops. It is indeed one of the most beautiful towns on the Romantic Road. In the meantime the ship will cruise on to Schweinfurt where we will join it, before continuing on to Bamberg.

## DAY 11 BAMBERG - NURNBERG - MUHLHAUSEN

This morning will be spent cruising on the Rhine-Main-Danube canal, which was opened on 25th September 1992. We'll have lunch on board before arriving in Nurnberg early afternoon. Join us on an **optional excursion for both packages**: Visit of Nuremberg We'll enjoy a panoramic visit of the monuments found outside of the city's medieval walls before arriving in the Marktplatz. On foot, you'll see the gorgeous Schöner Brunnen and the Frauenkirche. During our tour, we'll stop and taste one of the local specialties, Lebkuchen, the city's famous gingerbread. We'll return to the ship during the afternoon and sail on to reach Muhlhausen in the evening. Enjoy an evening of onboard

## DAY 12 MUHLHAUSEN - REGENSBURG

This morning will be spent cruising to Kelheim. Join us on an **optional excursion for both packages** : Visit of Regensburg, which is the fourth biggest town in Bavaria and also a major industrial hub - with major firms such as BMW, Siemens and Triumph. The historic centre of the city has kept all its original charm with souvenirs of over 20 centuries. In the meantime, the ship cruises on to join us in Regensburg.

## DAY 13 REGENSBURG - PASSAU

This morning will be spent cruising towards Passau. Enjoy some free time to visit the town on your own. Its baroque buildings and narrow romantic streets are unforgettable. Return to ship and sail on through the attractive region of Engelhartzell. Enjoy an evening of onboard entertainment.

## DAY 14 PASSAU - MELK - VIENNA

The morning will be spent cruising to reach Melk early in the morning, join us on an **optional excursion for both packages**: Visit of the abbey of Melk, perched on a rocky outcrop overlooking the Danube. It is the symbol of Austrian baroque at its finest. We'll return to the ship at the end of the morning and sail on to Dürnstein, arriving there for lunch around noon. Enjoy some free time to explore this picturesque village, and its baroque church, which is the most famous in the Wachau region thanks to the legend of King Richard the Lion Heart. We'll return on board in the afternoon before sailing on to Vienna. Putting in for the night in Vienna. Join us on an **optional excursion for both packages**: Tour of the illuminated sights of the city by night.

## DAY 15 VIENNA - ESZTERGOM

Join us for the **optional excursions proposed**:

**CLASSIC**: Visit to the palace of Schöbrunn with its magnificent park.

**DISCOVERY**: The high art of Viennese living: music and Viennese cafes. Tour of the Konzerthaus concert hall(3).

Enjoy a free afternoon to tour this magnificent city on your own or join us on an **optional excursion proposed** : Horse-drawn carriage ride through Vienna. We'll then cruise towards Esztergom, passing Bratislava on the way. Tonight is our dinner and gala evening on board.

## DAY 16 ESZTERGOM - BUDAPEST

Enjoy some free time to visit Esztergom on your own, the former capital of Hungary, under the reign of the Arpad kings. Today, it is still a prominent town and the seat of the Hungarian archbishops. Esztergom is decidedly full of treasures with its neo-classical basilica and former Royal palace. We'll set sail once again around noon. Enjoy lunch on board before arriving in Budapest midafternoon. The Hungarian capital which lies along the banks of the Danube, also known as the "pearl of the Danube" is one of the most attractive cities in Europe. Enjoy some free time to explore the city before returning to the ship for dinner. Join us on an **optional excursion for both packages**: Visit of Budapest "by night".

## DAY 17 BUDAPEST

Enjoy a day on your own, or join us for the **optional excursions proposed**:

**CLASSIC**: sightseeing tour of the city.

**DISCOVERY**: Explore Budapest by bike. Return to the ship. Have a free afternoon to stroll round this attractive city

This afternoon, enjoy some free time or join us on an **optional excursion (not included in the packages)**

: Discover Gellert baths and spa. After dinner, enjoy a free evening or join us on an **optional excursion for both packages**: traditional folk evening in Budapest.

## DAY 18 BUDAPEST

Enjoy one last buffet breakfast on board before disembarking at 9:00 a.m. *End of our services.*

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