

## River Cruise holidays



### **Amsterdam to Paris**

#### **Cruise from Amsterdam to Trier, then spend 3 nights in Paris**

The perfect cruise for early spring and late Autumn! Visit some of Europe's most fascinating cities as you sail the Rhine River from youthful Amsterdam to Germany's fashion center, Düsseldorf. Explore splendid Cologne with its magnificent Dome and admire the picturesque Rhine castles on your way to bustling Frankfurt and medieval Heidelberg. Continue to fascinating Koblenz and cruise the beautiful Mosel River Valley to charming Cochem and lovely Bernkastel. Disembark in Trier, Germany's oldest town, and tour Luxembourg before your splendid finale in Paris.

#### **DAY 1, ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND**

Your luxurious river cruise ship is moored near the city center. Meet your fellow travelers tonight at the Cocktail Reception. (D)

#### **DAY 2, AMSTERDAM**

After breakfast, admire beautiful 17th century homes, charming churches and 16th-century merchant houses on a guided canal boat tour. Enjoy an information briefing as you cruise towards Germany. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 3, COLOGNE, GERMANY**

This morning cruise the Rhine River as the ship arrives in Cologne at lunchtime. After lunch onboard enjoy a walking tour of Cologne and visit the spectacular 13th-century Medieval Gothic cathedral, its twin spires amongst Europe's tallest. Later, there is ample free time to explore on your own as the ship moors overnight. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 4, RÜDESHEIM**

This morning, see the stunning beauty of the Rhine castles and the infamous Lorelei Rock as we sail through the fascinating Rhine Gorge. After lunch, arrive in Rüdesheim and visit Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. Explore the Drosselgasse, a narrow alley lined with wine taverns and restaurants during your free time. The ship overnights here. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 5, MAINZ (HEIDELBERG) – KOBLENZ**

Today, decide between two excursions: take a guided walking tour of beautiful Mainz and see the famous Gutenberg Museum, home of the world's first printed bible, and then return to the ship for lunch. Or travel by motorcoach to Heidelberg, Germany's oldest university town, to visit the red-walled Castle, the Great Vat, and a walking tour of Old Heidelberg. Enjoy some free time for lunch on your own before returning to Mainz. The ship continues on to Koblenz, which is situated at the confluence of the Mosel and Rhine Rivers; arriving in the early evening. After dinner, join your Cruise Director for an escorted walk through town. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 6, COCHEM

Enjoy your breakfast as you cruise the beautiful Mosel River with its steep sided banks of vineyards. After lunch, we stop in Cochem, where you will enjoy a guided visit of the Reichsburg Castle and its spectacular views of the river. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 7, BERNKASTEL – TRIER

Arrive in Bernkastel this morning and explore this quaint little town on your included walking tour. Strategically located in the middle of the Mosel wine-producing region, it boasts over 500 years of documented wine history. Then continue cruising during lunch before visiting Trier; Germany's oldest city, for a guided tour of the city's rich Roman past, including the Roman Baths, Amphitheater and world famous Porta Nigra – a surviving gate in the Roman city walls. (B,L,D)

#### DAY 8, TRIER – DISEMBARK – LUXEMBOURG – PARIS, FRANCE

This morning, bid farewell to your cruise ship and head to Luxembourg for a city tour of the Grand Duchy. After lunch on your own, continue on to Paris, where you will arrive in the late afternoon. (B)

#### DAY 9, PARIS

Enjoy Paris' famous sights during this morning's guided tour. Visit Notre Dame Cathedral, pass the Louvre Museum, the commemorative Arc de Triomphe, the Opéra, La Madeleine, Les Champs Elysées and much more. The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own. (B)

#### DAY 10, PARIS

Your last day in the "City of Lights" is free for you to enjoy. Go to the top of the Eiffel Tower, built for the 1889 World's Fair, during one of the various optional tours that are available. (B)

#### DAY 11, PARIS

Transfer to the airport for your homebound flight. (B)

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### Dates & Prices 2010

Ireland Departure Date	Cruise Only from	Cruise & Land from	Air, Cruise & Land from*
12 April	€892	€1,385	€1,789
16 April	€982	€1,475	€1,875

- \*Included airfare from Ireland is a current estimate. Actual airfares from all gateways will be advised at the time of booking.
- Port Charges: €95 per person
- Single Supplement for Cruise: 50% of twin price; Jr. Suites 100% of twin price
- Prices are per person in Category E in a deluxe outside stateroom with window. Supplements for higher category cabins apply
- Other departures available

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## Blue Danube Discovery

### Spend 2 nights in Budapest, enjoy an unforgettable 7-night Cruise then relax for 3 nights in Prague

See the very best of Europe's highlights and experience centuries of art, history and culture. From Budapest, a famous haven for musicians, writers and artists, cruise through the stunning cultural cities of Vienna, Bratislava, Passau and Regensburg. Along the way, visit magnificent cathedrals and baroque abbeys. Explore the charming Wachau Valley and traverse by cruise ship Europe's Continental Divide - made possible through the engineering masterpiece of the Main- Danube Canal. Treat yourself to fine cuisine and the great wines of the region. Take an optional excursion to Salzburg and celebrate the heritage of Mozart, one of the world's greatest composers.

**Day 1, ARRIVE IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.** Arrive in Budapest and transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to relax or begin exploring this beautiful city.

**Day 2, BUDAPEST.** Morning sightseeing includes historic Buda Castle, where you have a splendid view of the twin cities of Buda and Pest spread over both banks of the river. Your tour also features 500-year-old Matthias Church, St. Stephen's Basilica, distinctive Fisherman's Bastion, the marvelous Royal Palace and much more. The balance of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps explore the main square, ancient Buda, or stroll through the Statue Park. (B)

**Day 3, BUDAPEST - EMBARK SHIP.** Enjoy a free morning in Budapest or join us on an optional Puszta excursion. This afternoon, transfer to your luxurious river cruise ship docked in the center of the city. Tonight, gather on board for a Gala Welcome Dinner, as your ship cruises overnight to Bratislava. (B,D)

**Day 4, BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA - VIENNA, AUSTRIA.** A guided morning tour of Bratislava reveals the city's major sights, including the Old Town Hall, the stunning Mirbach Palace and the Gothic St. Martin's Cathedral. The afternoon is free to shop or explore on your own. Perhaps, visit the 13th century Bratislava Castle where you'll enjoy breathtaking views overlooking three countries - Slovakia, Austria and Hungary. An eventful day is followed by an evening filled with an enchanting music performance on board. After midnight the ship departs for Vienna. (B,L,D)

**Day 5, VIENNA.** A wonderful day to savor the baroque romance of Vienna. On your guided sightseeing tour, you will see the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ringstrasse, awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral and also visit the National Library. The afternoon is free to stroll along Kärntnerstrasse or sample Vienna's famous pastries. Tonight, explore the vibrant Austrian capital on your own, or come along for an optional Mozart and Strauss concert (B,L,D)

**Day 6, DÜRNSTEIN - MELK.** Early this morning reach the Wachau Valley. Stop in Dürnstein and marvel at the magnificent blue façade of the baroque Stiftskirche. Above town you will spot the ruins of the castle where Richard the Lionheart, King of England, was imprisoned in 1192. Your walking tour through medieval cobblestone streets reveals 16th-

century town houses and wine taverns. At lunchtime, continue on a short cruise to Melk. A guided tour takes you to the town's magnificent Benedictine Abbey, one of Europe's largest baroque monasteries. An evening wine tasting highlights your visit to the Wachau Valley. (B,L,D).

**Day 7, LINZ - PASSAU, GERMANY.** After breakfast, take an optional full-day excursion to fascinating Salzburg and the Sound of Music sights, or cruise through Upper Austria to Passau in Germany. In Passau the rivers Inn and Ilz join the Danube. During your walking tour, gaze at this fairy-tale city founded more than 2,000 ago. (B,L,D)

**Day 8, REGENSBURG.** Afternoon arrival in Regensburg, one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. A guided tour will show you the city's architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall, and the Porta Pretoria - a gateway to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. Marvel at beautiful churches and one of the oldest bridges crossing the Danube. Tonight, folklore entertainers will come on board for your delight. (B,L,D)

**Day 9, NUREMBERG.** This morning enter the Main-Danube Canal and relax during a leisurely cruise through the beautiful Altmühl Valley. The Main-Danube Canal straddles the Franconian Alps via 16 locks, truly a fascinating feat of modern engineering. In the afternoon enjoy a guided tour of Nuremberg, capital of Franconia. See the storybook 900-year old ramparts that surround this historic city, the Imperial Castle and the Justice Palace where the War Crimes Tribunal sat in 1946. Moor overnight in Nuremberg. (B,L,D)

**Day 10, NUREMBERG - Karlovy Vary, CZECH REPUBLIC - PRAGUE.** This morning, depart Nuremberg after breakfast and drive through the pastoral countryside to Karlovy Vary, better known by its German name, Carlsbad, and most famous for its Bohemian spa. After lunch, continue to Prague and check into the hotel. (B)

**Day 11, PRAGUE.** This morning's sightseeing reveals why Prague is considered one of Europe's most attractive cities. Visit the 1,000 year-old Hradcany Castle courtyard and St. Vitus, then walk over the Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square. The evening is free to mix with the locals at Wenceslas Square, shop for souvenirs or enjoy one of the charming cafés or restaurants. (B)

**Day 12, PRAGUE.** Today is a free day to relax or visit a museum or a gallery, wander along the banks of the Vltava River, dine at an outdoor restaurant or shop for local handicrafts and art work. Why not join the optional tour to Terezin, the infamous Nazi WWII concentration camp, now a memorial to those who perished. (B)

**Day 13, DEPART PRAGUE.** Bid farewell to Prague and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Extra nights are available if you wish to extend your stay in Europe. (B)

#### **Included Features**

2 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Budapest with daily Buffet Breakfast - 7-night Deluxe Cruise Accommodation in an Outside Stateroom - 82% of the Staterooms with large French Balconies - Infotainment System in all Staterooms with Internet, Movie and Music Library & English Language TV Stations - Terry Bathrobes and White-on-white plush Bedding in all Staterooms - Superb Dining with all Meals included during your Cruise - Unlimited Quality Red & White Wines from Europe's great Wine Regions with every Dinner on board the Ship - Cocktail Reception, Welcome Dinner & Captain's Gala Dinner - Transfer from the Ship in Nuremberg to the Hotel in Prague - 3 Nights Hotel Accommodation in Prague with daily Buffet Breakfast - Daily Sightseeing Program as outlined in the Itinerary - Special Highlights including Folklore Dances, Lectures, Theme Dinners, on board Music Performances and afternoon & evening Piano Music - Use of Bicycles to explore on your own - Services of Professional Cruise Director - All English Language on board in a non-smoking Environment (smoking permitted only on the Sun Deck) - All Transfers with the Purchase of Cruise & Air package - All local Taxes

## Dates & Prices 2010

Departure Date	Ship Name	Cruise Only	Cruise & Land	Air, Cruise & Land*
7-May	Amadolce	€ 1,632	€ 2,490	€ 2,889
12-May	Amalegro	€ 1,553	€ 2,370	€ 2,769
15-May	Amacello	€ 1,632	€ 2,490	€ 2,889
29-May	Amacello	€ 1,632	€ 2,490	€ 2,889
12-Jun	Amacello	€ 1,632	€ 2,490	€ 2,889
18-Jun	Amadolce	€ 1,567	€ 2,425	€ 2,824
19-Jun	Amalyra	€ 1,567	€ 2,425	€ 2,824
26-Jun	Amacello	€ 1,567	€ 2,425	€ 2,824
10-Jul	Amacello	€ 1,567	€ 2,425	€ 2,824
30-Jul	Amadolce	€ 1,567	€ 2,425	€ 2,824
21-Aug	Amacello	€ 1,632	€ 2,490	€ 2,889
28-Aug	Amalyra	€ 1,697	€ 2,555	€ 2,954
10-Sep	Amadolce	€ 1,762	€ 2,621	€ 3,020
11-Sep	Amalyra	€ 1,762	€ 2,621	€ 3,020
18-Sep	Amacello	€ 1,762	€ 2,621	€ 3,020
2-Oct	Amacello	€ 1,762	€ 2,621	€ 3,020
10-Oct	Amadagio	€ 1,632	€ 2,490	€ 2,889
16-Oct	Amacello	€ 1,567	€ 2,425	€ 2,824
22-Oct	Amadolce	€ 1,567	€ 2,425	€ 2,824
24-Oct	Amadagio	€ 1,501	€ 2,359	€ 2,758
30-Oct	Amacello	€ 1,436	€ 2,294	€ 2,693
13-Nov	Amacello	€ 1,305	€ 2,164	€ 2,563
20-Nov	Amalyra	€ 1,305	€ 2,164	€ 2,563

- \*Included airfare from Ireland is a current estimate. Actual airfares from all gateways will be advised at the time of booking.
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## **Black Sea Voyage**

### **Start with 2 nights in Budapest, then take a 7-night cruise to Bulgaria, stay 1 night in a Black Sea resort and end with 3 nights in Istanbul**

Start your journey with vibrant Budapest, a famous haven for musicians, writers and artists. See the rolling hills and vine clad slopes of Pecs before departing Hungary. Soon, the Danube makes up the boundary between Serbia on one side and Croatia on the other. Cruise through the narrow gorges of the Iron Gates, a narrow passage which divides Europe's Balkan from the Carpathian mountains. Then sail along the Romanian- Bulgarian border to Bucharest, the capital and largest city in Romania. Disembark and continue by motorcoach to Veliko Tarnovo, the ancient capital of Bulgaria, before arriving at the Black Sea resort of Nessebar, one of the oldest towns in Europe. Conclude your grand vacation in Istanbul, a city with rich history going back thousands of years.

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**Day 3, BUDAPEST.** The Puszta is the region of Hungary most widely known throughout the world. The vast flat Great Hungarian Plain stretches across to the east, where Hungarian cowboys still wear traditional garb and practice the skills of their Magyar ancestors. Upon arrival, you will be met by horse-herds and greeted with warm hospitality, brandy and scones. Try a lunch of Goulash, the national dish, before returning to Budapest to embark onto your ship. (B,L,D)

**Day 4, MOHACS - PECS - VUKOVAR, CROATIA.** This morning, the ship arrives in Mohacs, where you depart for an interesting excursion to Pecs. Charming Old Pecs will be brought alive by your local guides during your walking tour. See the Synagogue, Christian Basilica and visit the former Turkish Mosque. Once your ship exits Hungary, the Danube will make up the border between Serbia on one side and Croatia on the other. Tonight, arrive in Vukovar, Croatia. (B,L,D)

**Day 5, VUKOVAR - NOVI SAD, SERBIA.** This morning, a guided bus and walking tour of Vukovar will show you the Franciscan Monastery of St. John Capistrano, the Manorhouse Eltz and the St. James and St. Nicholas churches. During lunch, continue your cruise to Novi Sad, Serbia, where you will tour the 18th-Century Austrian-Hungarian Petrovaradin Fortress. (B,L,D)

**Day 6 BELGRADE.** This morning, arrive in Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, where you have

a chance to explore both the old and the new town. Your guided tour features Tito's memorial, the Town Hall, the Federal Parliament Building, Terazije Street, Republic Square and Mihajlova street, "Varos" Gate and the mighty Kalemegdan Fortress. (B,L,D)

**Day 7 CRUISING THROUGH THE IRON GATES.** Today, enjoy a full day of cruising through one of Europe's most aweinspiring natural wonders, the Iron Gates. Here the Danube narrows, as it winds through a range of magnificent gorges between the southern Carpathian Mountains and the northwestern foothills of the Balkan Mountains. Forming the natural border between Serbia and Romania, today's passage will be an unforgettable highlight of your Black Sea adventure. (B,L,D)

**Day 8 VIDIN, BULGARIA.** The "Bada Vida" Fortress sits guard over the Danube at the Bulgarian frontier town of Vidin. The 14th-century castle has massive walls and dark towers, which strongly contrast the natural park which surrounds the castle. From here, take an excursion to Belogradschik, a beautifully restored 6th-century castle, located in a fairytale landscape of unusual rock formations. (B,L,D)

**Day 9 GIURGIU - BUCHAREST, ROMANIA.** Today, enjoy a full day excursion to Bucharest, capital and largest city in Romania. The city is famed for its Belle Epoque era buildings dating from the 19th century. During the morning city tour, you will see the Arch of Triumph, Soseaua Kiseleff, the Athenaeum, the Library and visit the Parliament Palace - the world's largest palace. Enjoy lunch in a typical Romanian restaurant, then choose to shop, explore on your own or visit the open air museum, which was dedicated to the traditional architecture and buildings of rural Romania. (B,L,D)

**Day 10 ROUSSE - VELIKO TARNOVO - NESSEBAR, BULGARIA.** This morning, disembark in Rousse and continue your tour by motorcoach. Your first stop is the ancient capital of Bulgaria, Veliko Tarnovo. Here you will tour Tsarevets Hill, the citadel of the city, the old fortress walls, the Royal Palaces, the Patriarchal church and Baldwin's Tower. Shoppers can explore the traditional street market, Samovodska Charshia. Enjoy a traditional Bulgarian lunch before continuing onto the Black Sea resort town of Nessebar. (B,L,D)

**Day 11, NESSEBAR - ISTANBUL, TURKEY.** During this morning's guided walking tour, see the main highlights of the town including Nessebar's oldest church, the 5th-century Basilica on the Beach. After lunch, continue on to magical Istanbul for the grand three-night conclusion of your Black Sea Voyage. (B)

**Day 12, ISTANBUL.** This morning's comprehensive city tour will show you the old city, with its numerous Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman monuments of her historic past. Admire the mighty defensive walls, the Roman aqueduct and the hippodrome. See the Suleymaniye Mosque, the church of the Pantocrator and the Galata Tower, and tour the Blue Mosque. Later, you can explore the town on your own or choose from various optionals that will be offered. (B)

**Day 13, ISTANBUL.** Today, your guided sightseeing tour will take you to the Ottoman Sultans' Grand Palace of Topkapi, home to every single Sultan from the 15th century until the end of the 19th century. During your tour, admire the private chambers of the Sultans, marvel at the world famous Harem and also see the treasury, home to the Topkapi Diamond. This afternoon, enjoy an optional Bosphorus cruise or use the remainder of the day to shop for souvenirs or relax at one of the charming tea houses or restaurants. This evening, you may wish to join some your fellow passengers for the optional Istanbul By Night where you will enjoy a belly dancing show with dinner. (B)

**Day 14, ISTANBUL** Transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

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15-Apr	Istanbul	Amadagio	€ 982	€ 2032	€ 2282
07-Aug	Budapest	Amacello	€ 1071	€ 2121	€ 2421

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