

Traveling Well Includes...

- All private Tauck shore excursions - \$1,469 Value!
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors and Tauck Cruise Director included
- Two nights each in Prague and Budapest at centrally located hotels in the heart of these historic cities
- Tauck Exclusive - Private Imperial Evening at a palace in Vienna with dinner and Viennese performers
- Tauck Exclusive - Private dinner in Prague at Lobkowitz Palace, Prague Castle
- Tauck Exclusive - Private tour of the Baroque libraries in Prague's Strahov Monastery
- Choice in Vienna: Schönbrunn Palace or the Imperial Apartments at the Hofburg
- Choice of a full day in Salzburg or Cesky Krumlov
- Evenings of local performing artists and classical music aboard the riverboat
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Airport and train station transfers upon arrival and departure as noted
- 27 meals, service charges, taxes, portage, & applicable fuel surcharges



Discover why the Danube is called the river of kings

Castles from Prague to Budapest have watched over the landscapes from their royal perches for hundreds of years. They remain today lasting testimony to kingdoms lining the Danube, regal, romantic and ready to welcome river cruisers – during a private dinner in Lobkowitz Palace at Prague Castle... in Salzburg, one of the best preserved city centers north of the Alps... on a hike up to Kuenringerburg Castle... on a tour of Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace or the Hofburg and an Imperial evening at a palace in Vienna... atop Castle Hill in Budapest...

THE BLUE DANUBE



Climb to the ruins of Kuenringerburg Castle for a stunning perspective on the Danube and the charming village of Dürnstein

1. ARRIVE BUDAPEST & A SPECIAL WELCOME

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Kempinski Hotel Corvinus, Budapest. A transfer is included from Budapest Ferenc Liszt Airport or the Keleti train station to the Kempinski Hotel Corvinus Budapest in the heart of the city along the Danube River. Join us for a cocktail reception and dinner tonight at the grand Akadémia Club in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences set right on the river – a special Tauck experience. **Meals D**

2. DISCOVER FASCINATING PEST

With its once-independent cities, Buda and Pest, divided by the Danube, Hungary's capital is blessed with architecture known for its grandeur and style. Begin your guided sightseeing tour of Pest this morning with a special visit to Hungary's State Opera House, a neo-Classical gem. Continue on to see patriotic Heroes' Square, Vajdahunyad Castle, the Parliament building, and tree-lined Andrassy Avenue; magnificent mansions and villas reflect some of Europe's most elegant 19th-century architecture. Also visit Central Market Hall, the city's most popular covered market (if open). The rest of the day is free. **Meals B**

3. EXPLORING BUDA / ■ EMBARK RIVERBOAT

Join us for a walking tour of the city's Buda section, including Castle Hill, Fisherman's Bastion, and Matthias Church (may be closed on some days), stopping for lunch at a popular local café. Embark your riverboat this afternoon for the start of your cruise. Meet your ship's Captain and crew at tonight's welcome reception and dinner as you sail for Slovakia. **Meals BLD**

4. ■ ANCIENT BRATISLAVA, YOUNG AT HEART

Our local lecturer, Martin Sloboda, shares insider anecdotes about Bratislava – an ancient city with one of Europe's youngest populations – before a walking tour of its cobblestoned, vehicle-free city center. See 17 centuries of history chronicled in its 13th-century Old Town Hall, Baroque Habsburg-era palaces, the Opera House, and Slovak Philharmonic Hall, including a visit to the Primate's Palace to see its exquisite 17th-century tapestries. Cultural delights continue back aboard the riverboat with local entertainment and regional cuisine. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ A DAY IN IMPERIAL VIENNA

Wake up in Vienna, Austria, once the capital of the Habsburg Empire. Depart the ship and join our local guides for a walking tour of downtown, inspiring with romantic visions of "Old Europe" at every turn. Much of Vienna is designated a pedestrian zone; walking is the best way to fully enjoy its many offerings! Have lunch on your own in the city or enjoy it back aboard your riverboat. (A shuttle is available throughout the day to take you to and from the city and the ship.) Nothing quite compares to the royal treatment and pageantry you'll experience tonight at our private Imperial Evening in an historic Viennese palace, the beautiful Palais Pallavicini. Welcome drinks and dinner precede a spectacle of beautiful ball gowns, and a musical performance that celebrates the rich legacy of Mozart; this Tauck exclusive is sure to be a treasured highlight of your river cruise down the Danube! **Meals BLD**



PRAGUE INSIDER

Enjoy once-in-a-lifetime insider experiences just for Tauck guests. Most people do not get a private tour of the exquisite Baroque libraries of Strahov Monastery (right) – they view the famous libraries only from a doorway located at the end of the main gallery. But Tauck takes you in through the back door. You will walk among the treasured manuscripts with a local guide as other visitors look on. We've also arranged an exclusive dinner for you at magnificent Lobkowitz Palace (left) at Prague Castle. You will dine in royal style as few people can.



Discover how the Habsburgs lived when you visit their summer home, the splendid Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna

6. ■ VIENNA AS YOU PLEASE

A choice of sightseeing features a tour of Schönbrunn Palace – the Habsburgs' summer residence, an architectural masterpiece and an Austrian cultural treasure – or the Imperial Apartments of Empress Elisabeth ("Sisi") at the Hofburg, another Habsburg marvel and today Austria's presidential residence. Spend the afternoon in the city center or return to the ship for lunch; shuttles are available throughout the afternoon. Your riverboat cruises late this afternoon to lovely Dürnstein in Austria's wine country for a late night arrival. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ DÜRNSTEIN & THE WACHAU VALLEY

Welcome to the charming little village of Dürnstein; take a closer look at its Baroque houses and Romanesque church on a walking tour on its cobblestone streets, with an optional visit to the monastery and its exquisite Baroque church tower, or an invigorating climb up the steps to the ruins of hilltop Kuenringerburg Castle – where England's Richard the Lionhearted was once held for ransom – for great views. A wine tasting at a local Wachau region winery celebrates local cultural traditions and new friendships. Onboard commentary enriches

this afternoon's leisurely cruise past lush vineyards, fairy-tale castles and ancient monasteries in the Wachau Valley, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its well-preserved medieval landscapes. Your cruise continues on to Linz tonight. **Meals BLD**

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 7 CRUISE DAYS



Budapest to Prague

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Budapest <i>Kempinski Hotel Corvinus, Budapest</i>
2	Budapest
3	Embark Budapest
4	Bratislava
5	Vienna
6	Vienna
7	Dürnstein, Wachau Valley
8	Cesky Krumlov or Salzburg
9	Passau
10	Disembark Regensburg, Prague <i>Kempinski Hotel Corvinus, Prague Marriott Hotel</i>
11	Prague
12	Depart Prague

Prague to Budapest

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Prague <i>Prague Marriott Hotel</i>
2	Prague
3	Embark Regensburg
4	Passau
5	Cesky Krumlov or Salzburg
6	Wachau Valley, Dürnstein
7	Vienna
8	Vienna, Bratislava
9	Bratislava
10	Disembark Budapest, <i>Kempinski Hotel Corvinus, Budapest</i>
11	Budapest
12	Depart Budapest

8. ■ SALZBURG OR CESKY KRUMLOV

Your riverboat stays docked in Linz today, while you are offered a choice of full-day excursions to Salzburg, Austria, or Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic. Set on the Salzach River against a backdrop of Alpine mountains, Salzburg is the hometown of composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the setting for *The Sound of Music* – a parade of grand Baroque architecture, painted wrought-iron signage, and ornate church towers, in one of the most beautiful, best-preserved city centers in Europe. You'll visit Mozart's birthplace and the cleverly designed Mirabell Gardens, with free time in Salzburg before rejoining the riverboat for dinner. Alternatively, travel through beautiful wine-producing country to Cesky Krumlov. This Bohemian town has earned its place on the UNESCO World Heritage Site roster – and that's the entire town – due to its incredibly well-preserved medieval heritage. A walking tour includes Krumlov Castle; the many steps are worth it to get a look at the mix of medieval, Renaissance and Rococo designs. Free time precedes your return to the riverboat. Enjoy an onboard performance by local musicians tonight after dinner. **Meals BLD**



INSIDE BRATISLAVA TODAY TO

understand the country that is known as Slovakia today, you need to delve into the past. Our resident expert takes you inside contemporary Slovakia and its capital, Bratislava, for a look at politics, the economy, religion, society, preservation and emergence of the arts, and much more. At the end of your Tauck visit, you'll find yourself culturally connected to one of Europe's hottest emerging destinations.

CESKY KRUMLOV OR SALZBURG – YOUR CHOICE!

Your riverboat cruise includes guided shore excursions that venture beyond where others go. Dock in Linz and set off through wine-producing landscapes to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Cesky Krumlov, resplendent in physical beauty and medieval treasures. Or, be inspired by the melodies of Mozart as you spend the day in Salzburg, enticing with grand palaces, Baroque architecture and gardens immortalized by the “Sound of Music.”



9. ■ A BIT OF BAROQUE IN PASSAU

One of our guests told us that *The Blue Danube* is like taking a magic carpet ride through a parade of picturesque places, getting on and off in towns that just beg to be explored! An early arrival in Passau this morning lets you do just that when we disembark for a walking tour with a local guide whose passion for his Baroque hometown makes your visit all the more special. Known as the “city of three rivers”, its unique setting at the confluence where the rivers Inn, Ilz and Danube meet enhances its picturesque beauty. Sights include Dom St. Stephan (St. Stephan’s Cathedral) and its magnificent church organ – an optional concert here showcases the incredible sounds of the organ – and the 14th-century Town Hall. Enjoy time at leisure in Passau, where pedestrian walkways lead through tunnels and archways and along ancient cobblestone streets. Tonight aboard ship, join us for a farewell reception and dinner as we sail for Regensburg. **Meals BLD**

10. HISTORIC REGENSBURG & ON TO PRAGUE

Disembark your riverboat in the quintessential Bavarian town of Regensburg, Germany, nestled on the banks of the Danube. Walking here is a delight, and your local guide will lead the way as you see the town’s 12th-century Steinerne Brücke (Germany’s oldest surviving stone bridge), 15th-century Altes Rathaus (Town Hall), twin-spired Dom St. Peter, and the remains of the Roman wall. Enjoy lunch on your own – this medieval town is famous for its Bavarian sausage – before departing for remarkable Prague. **Meals B**

11. PAST AND PRESENT IN PRAGUE

In Prague, “city of a hundred spires” and capital of the Czech Republic, a guided walking excursion takes you to the Hradcany (Castle) district and the Gothic Cathedral of St. Vitus; view

treasures other visitors won’t see during Tauck’s exclusive private tour of the grand libraries of Strahov Monastery, resplendent in design and décor. Spend the afternoon as you please, or join us on a walking tour through ethereal Old Town, choosing to see the Museum of Communism or sites in the historic Jewish Quarter (sites may be closed on Saturdays). Your journey ends with a royal farewell reception, tour and dinner at 16th-century Lobkowitz Palace at Prague Castle; immerse in a very special evening of classical cultural treasures, seeing firsthand that music and art have always played an important role in the aristocratic world of the Lobkowitz family. **Meals BD**

12. JOURNEY HOME

Tour ends: Prague. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from your hotel to Prague’s Václav Havel Airport or Praha Hlavni Nadrazi train station; please allow a minimum of 3 hours for your flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**



The Danube transports you to Passau, home of the Baroque gem St. Stephan’s Cathedral and the largest cathedral pipe organ in Europe

Special Solo Traveler Savings – No Single Supplement in Category 1: On all departures, the single price in Category 1 is the same as the double price – no single supplement, which means savings of up to 50% for solo travelers! **Solo Travelers also enjoy Savings of \$1000 per cabin in Category 4 and 5** on the April 8, July 23, August 19, and October 28 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at time of booking.

Note: *Indicates Prague to Budapest eastbound direction. Single prices Cat 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit www.tauck.com/river-cruises for complete pricing; ask at time of booking about additional 8-Day Cruise-Only pricing.

Land / cruise price per person, based on double occupancy, includes cruise fare, most meals, port charges, shore excursions, applicable fuel surcharges, and gratuities to Tauck Directors, Tauck Cruise Director, ship staff, local guides & drivers, as well as on all included meals.

Note: Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, in addition to specialty coffee, water and soft drinks.

International Airfare is additional. Call Tauck for special rates on international air, in coach or business, for travel originating in the United States (subject to availability).

12 DAYS FROM \$4,790 PLUS AIRFARE

(11 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches & 9 Dinners)

8-DAY CRUISE-ONLY FROM \$3,790 PLUS AIRFARE

(7 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches & 7 Dinners)

BEGINS BUDAPEST

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON -

MS SWISS JEWEL OR MS TREASURES

Date	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
May 21	\$5990	\$6240	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$8440
May 28*	\$5990	\$6240	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$8440
Jun 11*	\$5990	\$6240	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$8440
Jun 25*	\$5590	\$5840	\$5990	\$6440	\$6740	\$7340	\$8040
Jul 9*	\$5190	\$5440	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7640
Jul 23*	\$5190	\$5440	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7640
Sep 17*	\$5990	\$6240	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$8440
Sep 18	\$5990	\$6240	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$8440
Sep 25*	\$5990	\$6240	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$8440
Oct 9*	\$5490	\$5740	\$5890	\$6340	\$6640	\$7240	\$7940
Oct 16	\$5290	\$5540	\$5690	\$6140	\$6440	\$7040	\$7740
Oct 23*	\$5190	\$5440	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7640

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - MS SAJOR

Date	CAT1	CAT2	CAT3	CAT4	CAT5	CAT6	CAT7
Apr 8*	\$4790	\$5190	\$5640	\$5940	\$6540	\$6740	\$7240
Apr 15	\$5190	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7140	\$7640
Apr 22*	\$5190	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7140	\$7640
Apr 29	\$5290	\$5690	\$6140	\$6440	\$7040	\$7240	\$7740
May 6*	\$5290	\$5690	\$6140	\$6440	\$7040	\$7240	\$7740
May 13	\$5590	\$5990	\$6440	\$6740	\$7340	\$7540	\$8040
May 20*	\$5590	\$5990	\$6440	\$6740	\$7340	\$7540	\$8040
May 27	\$5990	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Jun 3*	\$5990	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Jun 10	\$5990	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Jul 1*	\$5190	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7140	\$7640
Jul 8	\$5190	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7140	\$7640
Jul 29*	\$5190	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7140	\$7640
Aug 12*	\$5190	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7140	\$7640
Aug 19	\$5190	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7140	\$7640
Aug 26*	\$5590	\$5990	\$6440	\$6740	\$7340	\$7540	\$8040
Sep 2	\$5990	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Sep 9*	\$5990	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Sep 16	\$5990	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Sep 23*	\$5990	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Sep 30	\$5990	\$6390	\$6840	\$7140	\$7740	\$7940	\$8440
Oct 21*	\$5190	\$5590	\$6040	\$6340	\$6940	\$7140	\$7640
Oct 28	\$4790	\$5190	\$5640	\$5940	\$6540	\$6740	\$7240

/= Sold Out!

Itinerary Changes – Although not expected, Tauck reserves the right to alter the sequence of ports or omit or substitute scheduled ports or attractions at any time without prior notice. Please go to www.tauck.com/river-cruises for Budapest to Prague day-by-day details; east and west itineraries are similar. Museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking in each city.

Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product. See pages 100 – 103 for riverboat deck plans & specifications.

Note: Tours of July 23 and 29 will feature a welcome or farewell dinner at the Festetics Palace due to the summer closure of the Academy of Science in Budapest. Tours of June 3 and September 9 will attend the evening at Palais Pallavicini on day 6 instead of day 7. Tours of April 15, 29; May 13, 27; June 10; July 8; August 19; September 2, 16, 25, 30; and October 9, 23, 28 will not be able to do visits inside Jewish Heritage sites in Prague as they are closed on Saturdays. Eastbound tours of July 9, July 29, August 26, and October 9 will stay at Prague Marriott nights 1 and 2. Westbound tours of April 15, May 13, July 8, September 2, September 18, and October 28 will stay at Prague Marriott Hotel nights 10 and 11.



Elegant, insightful and well planned! Everything went off without a hitch, as advertised visits, and many delightful surprises! The staff was friendly, always smiling (I don’t know how they do it) and so accommodating. I can’t say enough about the lengths Tauck staff went to ensure this was an experience of a lifetime! – they succeeded!

– Tauck Traveler Review, www.tauck.com