



Salzammergut

VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

7 CRUISE DAYS

Berlin to Kraków

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Berlin <i>Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin</i>
2	Berlin
3	Berlin or Potsdam
4	Embark Nürnberg
5	Nürnberg or Bayreuth
6	Kelheim or Danube Gorge
7	Straubing / Deggendorf
8	Linz or Salzammergut
9	Krems or Wachau Valley
10	Vienna
11	Disembark Vienna, Kraków <i>Sheraton Grand Kraków</i>
12	Kraków, Auschwitz
13	Zakopane or Kazimierz
14	Depart Kraków

Kraków to Berlin

Day	Destination
1	Arrive Kraków <i>Sheraton Grand Kraków</i>
2	Kraków, Auschwitz
3	Zakopane or Kazimierz
4	Embark Vienna
5	Vienna
6	Krems or Wachau Valley
7	Linz or Salzammergut
8	Deggendorf / Straubing
9	Kelheim or Danube Gorge
10	Roth, Nürnberg or Bayreuth
11	Disembark Nürnberg, Berlin <i>Hotel Adlon Kempinski Berlin</i>
12	Berlin
13	Berlin or Potsdam
14	Depart Berlin





ROYAL DANUBE, BERLIN AND KRAKÓW

MOMENTS IN HISTORY... shape the sights you'll see between Berlin and Kraków, from Iron Curtain curfews and Jewish heritage sites, poignant still, to picturesque Bavarian towns, rich in art, music, wine and cultural treasures. Indulge your interests your way on a choice of included shore excursions that focus on Kraków's wartime history or a nearby alpine resort... Vienna, past and present... 1,000-year-old Krems or a bicycle ride in the Wachau Valley... lovely Linz or Austrian lakes... ancient Straubing, three ways... BMWs or an abbey and the Danube Gorge... musical Bayreuth or WWII in Nürnberg... the best of Berlin or historic Potsdam... along with guided sightseeing, wine tastings, an Imperial Evening in a Viennese palace and dinner in a salt mine...

1. ARRIVE BERLIN

Tour begins: 5:00 PM, Hotel Adlon Kempinski. A transfer is included upon arrival at Berlin Tegel Airport or Berlin Central Train Station to the Hotel Adlon Kempinski, ideally located near Brandenburg Gate, one of the city's most famous landmarks. Settle in and join us for a special welcome dinner where a local expert shares a personal perspective of life behind the Iron Curtain. **Meals D**

2. A CHOICE OF BERLIN CITY SIGHTS

In the years since the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, Berlin has emerged as one of the most exciting cities in the world.

An introductory sightseeing tour this morning gives you an overview of its many charms, from architecturally rich neighborhoods, museums and manicured parks to historic monuments and memorials that line its famous avenues and riverfront promenades. Then it's your choice of excursions, including a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Museum Island for a museum visit or an in-depth tour of Berlin's Jewish heritage sites. Everyone meets up for lunch and a boat ride, followed by time at leisure to explore Germany's vibrant capital as you wish. Schedule permitting, you may have an opportunity to explore Berlin by bicycle* during your stay here. Located on the tree-lined Unter den Linden Boulevard, your hotel is ideally located close to landmark attractions and cultural sites. **Meals BL**



3. BERLIN OR HISTORIC POTSDAM

Today you can choose to experience the area from one of three perspectives. Join us for a guided visit to the Baroque city of Potsdam, where the WWII-in-Europe-ending treaty was signed, attractively rebuilt after its wartime losses and a showcase today of beautiful gardens and grand palaces. Your second sightseeing choice is an opportunity to explore World War II history in Berlin and your third sightseeing choice is also in Berlin, with an opportunity to learn more about the unification of the split city through a tour of contrasting sights and stories. Spend the remainder of the day exploring the city as you please; with history around every corner, there are many galleries, boutiques, theatres and restaurants to discover. **Meals B**

4. ■ EMBARK YOUR RIVERBOAT IN NÜRNBERG

A ride aboard the fast train speeds you to Nürnberg today where your riverboat awaits. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner onboard in your choice of dining venues, from the formal Compass Rose to Arthur's intimate bistro, followed by entertainment in the piano lounge. **Meals BD**

5. ■ BAVARIAN BAYREUTH OR NÜRNBERG

Follow your passions today on a choice of morning sightseeing excursions. Music lovers will delight in a visit to nearby Bayreuth, once home to German composer Richard Wagner and Hungarian musician Franz Liszt. Sightseeing

here includes the lavish Baroque Margravian Opera House. Or, take a locally guided tour of Nürnberg that focuses on its role in WWII. You will have the opportunity to view the Courthouse, Zeppelin Field rally grounds (when available), and other sites associated with the war and its aftermath. Return to the riverboat for lunch and an afternoon cruise as your riverboat heads towards Kelheim. **Meals BLD**

6. ■ IN KELHEIM, AN ABBEY, A GORGE OR CARS

After a morning at leisure enjoying the onboard pleasures of your riverboat, disembark in the town of Kelheim, located at the confluence of the Danube River and the Danube-Main Canal, for a choice of guided excursions. Take a walk through Bavarian Kelheim, followed by a visit to the Danube Gorge, lined by cliffs inside a nature preserve, and the Benedictine Weltenburg Abbey; the oldest monastery in Bavaria, it was founded by monks around 600 AD. Or drive into the countryside for a tour of a working BMW factory, schedule permitting; the plant's flexible assembly line handles cars from different series at the same time, with cars lifted automatically to the right height for each assembly task. You may wish to enjoy free time while we are docked in Kelheim, perhaps riding along picturesque bike paths on one of our complimentary bicycles, a great way to explore like the locals do. Enjoy cocktails and dinner at leisure onboard ship. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ EXPLORING STRAUBING, YOUR WAY

An ancient settlement that dates back to 6,000 BC and is steeped with Roman roots, Straubing is the quintessential Bavarian city. It remained one of the capitals and governmental centers in "Old Bavaria" until the beginning of the last century. Explore it as you wish, choosing from a selection of themed tours that offer different perspectives of the city. Meet your riverboat in Deggendorf and continue on your cruise to Linz, Austria. **Meals BLD**

8. ■ LOVELY LINZ & THE LAKES OF AUSTRIA

Welcome to Austria, a land of great musical traditions, alpine beauty and Imperial lifestyles. Wake up this morning in Linz, inhabited since Roman times and one of Austria's leading cultural centers. Today you may choose to stay in town and join our local guides for a walking tour of Old Town. Hop aboard the historic mountain tram to Pöstlingberg for panoramic views of the countryside and time at leisure to visit the beer gardens or the pilgrimage basilica. Or spend the day in the Lake District, enjoying a boat ride and a visit to St. Wolfgang in Salzkammergut to see the famous Gothic winged altar in its 14th-century church. Have dinner onboard the riverboat at your leisure, followed by evening entertainment in the lounge. It's on



Nürnberg

to Krems and the Wachau Valley tomorrow where you will have a choice of included shore excursions. **Meals BLD**

9. ■ KREMS AND WACHAU VALLEY WINES

Your riverboat docks in the 1,000-year-old city of Krems this morning, located at the beginning of the Wachau Valley, celebrated for its exquisite Austrian wines. Spend the morning exploring as you wish, walking through town with a local guide or pedaling through the lush vineyard-lined landscapes of the Wachau Valley on a bicycle. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Wachau Valley is nestled along the Danube between the towns of Melk and Krems and is renowned for its white wines, especially Grüner Veltliner and Riesling wines, produced in steep-terraced vineyards. Everyone gathers together for an afternoon wine tasting excursion that offers an authentic taste of the grapes grown here and reveals time-honored secrets of the Austrian winemakers. Back aboard your riverboat, it's on to the Imperial city of Vienna this afternoon, where an evening arrival offers you the opportunity to see the city aglow at night. **Meals BLD**

10. ■ VIENNA, PAST AND PRESENT

The Austrian capital of Vienna is a compact city with an abundance of important sights. Many are clustered around the Hofburg, the former Imperial Court. Farther afield you'll find palaces like Belvedere and Schönbrunn, graced by

gardens and gilded treasures. The city's historic Jewish Quarter, centered on Judenplatz, is in the heart of the city, and Vienna's contemporary center, including the new Hauptbahnhof and the university campus, is also nearby. You will have three sightseeing choices today: explore Jewish heritage sites around the Judenplatz, including the Jewish Museum Vienna; discover the city's contemporary sights; or learn about Imperial Vienna and visit Schönbrunn Palace. Spend the afternoon as you like, then join us for an exclusive royal dinner at private Palais Pallavicini with sparkling entertainment, a highlight of your cruise! **Meals BLD**



Zakopane

11. DISEMBARK IN VIENNA & DRIVE TO KRAKÓW

Disembark your riverboat in Vienna after breakfast and journey on a day's drive across the border to Kraków, Poland, for a three-night stay. Pass through the ancient kingdom of Moravia in the easternmost part of the Czech Republic en route to Kromeriz; this town is best known for its Archbishop Castle and gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Arrive at your grand hotel in Kraków in late afternoon, ideally located on the bank of Wisla River near the historic Renaissance Wawel Castle, built in the first

TRAVELING WELL INCLUDES...

- Tauck's private shore excursions and distinctive inclusions valued at \$3,837
- Three nights in Berlin and three nights in Kraków with a choice of guided sightseeing
- TAUCK EXCLUSIVE – Gala Imperial Evening in a private Viennese palace
- Private underground dinner in Wieliczka Salt Mine outside of Kraków
- Insider lecture by a Berlin resident about life behind the Iron Curtain
- Wine tasting at a Wachau Valley vineyard
- Choice of guided sightseeing in Kelheim, Straubing and Vienna
- Visit Zakopane in the Tatra Mountains or explore Kraków's Jewish heritage with a visit to Oskar Schindler's Factory
- Guided bicycle tours in Berlin and Wachau
- Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship include regional wine, beer and premium spirits, specialty coffee, water and soft drinks
- Gratuities to ship staff, drivers, local guides, Tauck Directors & Cruise Director
- 31 meals, service charges, taxes, airport & train station transfers as noted, portage & applicable fuel surcharges



half of the 16th century. Enjoy the evening at your leisure; your hotel is a short walk from the lively Market Square in the Old Town and the famous Kazimierz District, where restaurants and shops abound. **Meals BL**

12. KRAKÓW SIGHTS & AUSCHWITZ

Kraków reigned as the capital of Poland for nearly six centuries, its rulers residing at Wawel Castle until the court and parliament moved to Warsaw in 1609. Today Kraków is renowned for preserving its country's national identity with its prestigious university, royal castle, Gothic





cathedral and still-thriving Old Quarter. Sightseeing today includes a poignant visit with a local guide to the World War II Auschwitz-Birkenau memorial and museum, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and a walking tour of medieval Kraków Old Town, the center for Poland's government from the Middle Ages through the 18th century. You will have time at leisure today to enjoy exploring the city as you wish, from museums to historic sites to culinary treats! **Meals BD**

13. ZAKOPANE IN THE TATRAS OR KAZIMIERZ

Nestled in the foothills of the Tatra Mountains, Zakopane was first established as a resort town at the end of the 18th century, known for helping heal tuberculosis patients; not long after, skiers flocked to the town attracted by its alpine landscapes. Today it retains its role as a busy resort town that is enjoyed year-round. You will have an opportunity to sample its charms on a full-day excursion that includes time to explore the area on your own. Or, you may wish to explore Kraków's Kazimierz District with our local guide who shares insights about Jewish history; visit Schindler's Factory, the former enamel factory of Oskar Schindler, now a museum that tells the moving story of the city from 1939 to 1945. Tonight, join us for an unforgettable farewell dinner underground at the Wieliczka Salt Mine; designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the mine illustrates the development of mining techniques in Europe from the 13th to the 20th centuries and is one of the city's treasured sites. Descend into the salt caverns like the miners do, arriving at an amazing dinner venue. **Meals BD**

14. HOMEWARD BOUND

Tour ends: Kraków. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Sheraton Grand Kraków to Saint John Paul II International Airport Kraków-Balice or Kraków Main Train Station. Allow a minimum of three hours for flight check-in at the airport. **Meals B**

14 DAYS FROM \$6,990 PLUS AIRFARE

(13 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches & 10 Dinners)

BEGINS BERLIN OR KRAKÓW

CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON - **MS SAVOR AND MS JOY**

Date	CAT 1	CAT 2	CAT 3	CAT 4	CAT 5	CAT 6	CAT 7
Apr 21*, 28	\$6990	\$7390	\$7840	\$8140	\$8740	\$8940	\$9440
Jul 28*, Aug 4	\$7590	\$7990	\$8440	\$8740	\$9340	\$9540	\$10,040
Jun 9*, 16, 23*, 30, Sep 8*, 15	\$7990	\$8390	\$8840	\$9140	\$9740	\$9940	\$10,440

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 Apr 21, Jun 30 and Aug 4 departures. Certain restrictions apply; ask at time of booking.

Note: *Indicates Kraków to Berlin direction. Single prices Category 2 and above start at 40% over the double price; please visit tauck.com/river-cruises or inquire at time of booking for complete pricing plus up-to-the-minute space availability.

International Airfare is additional.

Please note: 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. Further, museums and attractions may be subject to closure due to state, local or religious holidays. This cruise includes a fair amount of walking.

Shore Excursion Selection: Tauck will contact guests 90 days prior to departure to assist with shore excursion selections. **Note:** For all bike rides, hikes and activities marked with an asterisk (*), participation is at your own risk and requires a signed liability waiver to be provided

Note: Tours of Jun 9, Sep 8 & 15 will stay at the Westin Berlin nights 1, 2 and 3.

Please ask at time of booking about additional hotel nights before or after your cruise, or about our Cruise Protection Product.

See page 138 for riverboat deck plans and specifications.

