



Dürnstein, Austria

The Blue Danube

From Prague to Budapest

Oct. 25 – Nov. 6, 2026



Don't miss this Tauck river cruise waltzing along the "river of kings," visiting Prague, Vienna, Salzburg, Budapest, & more. Be as active as you like with many options for walking tours & bike excursions. Enjoy the music of Mozart, an Imperial evening in a Viennese palace, fruits of the Wachau Valley vineyards, & visits to some of the world's leading art museums. This is trip of a lifetime!

DAYS 1 & 2 – DEPART USA | Arrive Prague where a transfer is included from the airport to the **Fairmont Golden Prague Hotel** for a 2-night stay. Begin your amazing journey with an evening of classical cultural treasures including a welcoming reception, tour & dinner at the 16th century **Lobkowicz Palace**. (Meals: D)



Beautiful view of Prague

DAY 3 – A DAY IN PRAGUE | Walk through the centuries in Prague's **Old Town**. This excursion has two versions, one shorter & requiring less walking **OR** the city's poignant Jewish sites in **Josefov**, the historic Jewish Quarter. This afternoon, your choices in the ancient Castle district include the 1,000-year-old **Prague Castle** & its courtyards & gardens; the Gothic **Cathedral of St. Vitus**; & the grand Baroque libraries of **Strahov Monastery**. Then sample the culinary pleasures of Prague on a free night to spend as you wish. (Meals: B)

DAY 4 – REGENSBURG | Enjoy a morning to explore Prague as you wish **OR** venture off to the Bavarian city of **Regensburg**, whose roots stretch back to Roman days. This afternoon, we drive to Germany to board the riverboat for a 7-night cruise. Enjoy a welcome reception & dinner onboard. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 5 – AUSTRIA | Our first port of call will be **Austria's Engelhartszell**, where we visit a private home to taste local cake & coffee before making a choice of a **walking tour** of the 18th century town **OR** a guided tour of the **Jochenstein Lock** through which ships navigate the **Wachau Valley**. Afterwards, join an optional, fairly rigorous bicycle excursion along the Danube to Aschach, before continuing to Linz. After a Chef's signature dinner this evening enjoy the musical trio, **Donau 3Klang**, as they entertain onboard. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 6 – SALZBURG, CESKY KRUMLOV OR LINZ | Choose a full-day excursion to **Salzburg** **OR** to **Cesky Krumlov** in Czech Republic **OR** remain in Linz. A walking tour explores Salzburg's **Old Town**, **Mirabell Gardens** & **Mozart's birthplace** (right) with free time for lunch & exploration. Or travel to **Cesky Krumlov** for a walking tour of **Krumlov Castle**; It's worth it to climb the many steps to see this medieval, Renaissance & Rococo design found inside. Overnight on our riverboat in Linz tonight. (Meals: B/L/D)



DAY 7 – WACHAU VALLEY | Continuing through the **Wachau Valley**, we dock in **Durnstein** for a look at its 16th century Baroque houses & Romanesque church **OR** take a bike ride in the valley. Enjoy free time in this riverside town &, if you wish, climb the steps to see the ruins of a castle where Richard Lionhearted was held for ransom during the Crusades. Later, sample the fruits of the Wachau Valley vineyards during a **wine tasting** at an Austrian tavern before we depart for Vienna. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 8 – CHOICES IN VIENNA | Arrive in **Vienna** overnight. An introductory tour of the former capital of the old Habsburg Empire precedes a walking tour focusing on medieval Vienna, complimented with various samples of the local cuisine. Or choose to enjoy a more active walking tour that concludes at the **Albertina**, one of the world's great art museums located inside a palace. An Imperial evening is scheduled tonight in the opulent Viennese **Palais Pallavicini** that played a role in the 1940s film noir classic, *The Third Man*. Cocktails & dinner precede a musical performance celebrating the legacy of Mozart. (Meals: B/L/D)

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DAY 9 – MORE CHOICES | Sightseeing choices this morning include a tour of the **Schönbrunn Palace**, an architectural masterpiece, **OR** the **Kunsthistorisches Museum Wien**, one of the world's most acclaimed art museums. The afternoon includes a cruise to neighboring **Slovakia** with dinner of Slovakian regional cuisine & an onboard performance by a troupe of Slovak dancers. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 10 – BAROQUE IN BRATISLAVA | Begin the day with a lecture regarding contemporary **Slovakia & Bratislava** for a look at politics, economics, religion, & preservation of the arts. Afterwards, choose a walking tour of this vehicle-free city to see 17 centuries of history chronicled in various sites, **OR** take a bicycle excursion through the “Iron- Curtain Area” of Bratislava. Back aboard ship for dinner. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 11 – BUDAPEST – “PEST” | Arrive in **Budapest, Hungary**, split into “Buda” & “Pest” by the Danube River. Following a visit to the **Opera House, City Park & Heroes Square**, you have another choice: Explore the “Pest” side on a choice of walking tours at a slower or faster pace. Spend the afternoon at your leisure. With Budapest excellent reputation for cuisine, tonight's cocktail reception & dinner is at the grand **Akademia Club** in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, including music by a Hungarian band. (Meals: B/L/D)



DAY 12 – BUDAPEST – “BUDA” | Begin the day exploring “Buda” by heading up to **Castle Hill**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, for a choice of sightseeing: A tour of **Fisherman's Bastion** with its Neo-Romanesque design & stained-glass windows in the 14th century late-Gothic **Mathias Church** **OR** visit the famed **Szecheny Bath Spa**. Our final night aboard the river boat begins with a farewell toast before dinner. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 13 – RETURN HOME | A transfer is included from the riverboat to Budapest's Airport. Allow at least three hours for check-in at the airport. (Meals: B)

COST FOR ACMC MEMBERS (Nonmembers Add 15%):

DOUBLE: Category 2 (150 ft²): \$7,940 pp

Category 3 (225 ft²): \$8,390 pp

Category 5 (225/190 ft²) = \$9,340

SINGLE: Category 1 (150 ft²) = \$7,490 (Only 3 available)

Guest Protection Insurance = \$799 pp

(Must be purchased at registration to be in effect)

Register with \$900 deposit by November 3, 2025. Final payment due June 15, 2026.

Cost includes: Airport transfers, 30 meals (11B/9L/10D), cruise fare port charges, gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides & drivers, Unlimited complimentary beverages aboard ship & Tauck's private shore excursions.

Not Included: Airfare & incidental expenses. **Group airfare will be announced when available from airlines.**



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ACTIVITY LEVEL: This tour's activity level is a 2 out of 5 & includes walking 2-4 miles in the course of a day, navigating hills & uneven ground. Longer days are balanced with free time. Not appropriate for travelers requiring mobility devices.

NOTE FOR ALL ARTOURS: You should be in good physical condition to fully enjoy our tours. The Arts Council cannot provide individual assistance during the tours and therefore reserves the right to decline anyone who has a physical condition that could create a hazard to him/herself or could impact the enjoyment of other travelers on the tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 35% of the total cost will be withheld for cancellation after registration deadline on **ALL** ARTours. **NO** refunds after advertised full payment deadline unless substitute traveler is found—at which time transfer fees, if applicable, will be withheld. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon request & must be purchased at registration. ARTours.

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