

# GRAND DANUBE CRUISE

Vilshofen, Germany - Giurgiu, Romania



Journey along paths forged by conquerors, crusaders and kings through Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania. Step back in time to explore the history and mystery living in the hillsides while cruising the Danube and through the Iron Gates.



## **DATES:**

**2021** – Aug 29 | Sep 12, 26 | Oct 10, 24 | Nov 07, 21\*  
**2022** – Mar 27, 28\* | Apr 4, 10\*, 11, 18\*, 25\* | May 8\*, 9, 22, 23\* | Jun 19, 20\*, 27\* | Jul 3\*, 18\* | Aug 8, 15\*, 22\* | Sep 5, 19\*, 26\* | Oct 3, 10, 17\*, 24\*, 31 | Nov 14\*  
**2023** – Mar 26, 27\* | Apr 3, 9\*, 10, 17\*, 23, 24\* | May 1, 7\*, 8, 15\*, 22\*, 29 | Jun 4\*, 5, 12\*, 18, 19\*, 26 | Jul 2\*, 10\*, 17\*, 24, 31 | Aug 7\*, 21, 28 | Sep 4\*, 11\*, 18, 25 | Oct 2\*, 9\*, 16, 23, 30\* | Nov 6\*, 13, 20, 27\* | Dec 11

**DURATION:** 15 DAYS/14 NIGHTS

**EMBARK:** Vilshofen, Germany

**DISEMBARK:** Giurgiu, Romania

*\* Only Reverse Itinerary*

**SHIPS:** AmaVerde, AmaBella, AmaMagna

**FROM:** \$4,698 After Savings

Plus Port Charges (\$392)



**COUNTRIES VISITED:** AUSTRIA, BULGARIA, CROATIA, GERMANY, HUNGARY, ROMANIA, SERBIA, SLOVAKIA

**RIVER:** DANUBE

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 VILSHOFEN, GERMANY - EMBARKATION

Embark in Vilshofen to begin your cruise. Later in the day, enjoy a festive Oktoberfest celebration – an AmaWaterways exclusive. (D)



### DAY 2 VILSHOFEN - PASSAU

Enjoy a free morning to walk around this quaint village. Later, cruise to Passau, and take a walking tour among the Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's Cathedral. Or choose between a guided bike tour along the Danube River or a guided hike to the Veste Oberhaus fortress. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 LINZ

Opt for a full-day excursion to Salzburg where you'll tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market. En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the Basilica St. Michael. Or join a morning walking tour through the old city center of Linz and by the Mozart House; or go on a bike tour of the city's famed "Cultural Mile" and the Danube. You can also choose to visit charming Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border. (B,L,D)

### DAY 4 WEISENKIRCHEN, AUSTRIA

Enjoy a scenic cruise through the Strudengau and UNESCO-designated Wachau valleys. After reaching Weissenkirchen, take a walking tour of Dürnstein before visiting the UNESCO-designated **Melk Abbey**. Or hike to the ruins of Dürnstein Fortress, where Richard the Lionheart was once held captive. You can also cycle through the Wachau Valley on a guided bike tour, sample special apricot treats from a local boutique. In the evening, enjoy a wine tasting hosted by a local vintner. (B,L,D)

### DAY 5 VIENNA, AUSTRIA

The "City of Waltzes" is a treasure trove and your city tour showcases its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs. Conclude your tour in the UNESCO-designated historic city center and visit St. Stephen's Cathedral. For a more active exploration, take a guided bike ride through Vienna. During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time exploring this iconic city even more. (B,L,D)

### DAY 6 BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA

Host to the crowning ceremonies of 11 Hungarian kings and queens between 1536 and 1830, Bratislava certainly has earned the title "Coronation City of Kings," as you'll discover during your walking tour. Or join a special "Tastes of Slovakia" tour. For a more active adventure, hike up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city. (B,L,D)

### DAY 7 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY – CITY LIGHTS CRUISE

You cannot help but fall in love with Budapest, known as the "Queen of the Danube." Your city tour begins with a visit to the Great Market Hall. The remainder of this tour takes you to both the Buda (hilly) and the Pest (flat) sides of the river. Alternatively, hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city. Cap the day off with a stunning illumination cruise and marvel at the sight of the Hungarian Parliament Building glowing against the night sky. (B,L,D)



### DAY 8 BUDAPEST – PUSZTA, HUNGARY

Tradition will be on full display in Puszta, the Great Hungarian Plain. Tour a genuine Hungarian csárda (farm) run



by world-champion carriage-drivers. Afterwards, be treated to an unforgettable performance of horsemanship and then experience the Hungarians' warm hospitality, along with a traditional lunch complete with authentic goulash. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 9 MOHACS, HUNGARY – PÉCS, HUNGARY**

Enjoy a scenic morning cruise to Pécs, founded more than 2,000 years ago by the Romans. Visit the UNESCO-designated Christian Necropolis; St. Peter's Basilica, the city's main Catholic cathedral along with its catacombs; and Széchenyi Square, the heart of Old Town Pécs. You will also see the Mosque of Pasha Qasim the Victorious, one of the symbols of the city. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 10 VUKOVAR, CROATIA**

Go on a city tour showcasing the Ovčara Memorial and Eltz Palace. Alternatively, choose a wine tasting in Ilok, a center of wine production since Roman times. Later, cruise to Novi Sad, the "Serbian Athens" and go on a walking tour to Dunavski Park and through Stari Grad, the Old Town center. Or, join a guided biking tour or hike through Fruska Gora National Park. During the evening, visit Petrovaradin Fortress. (B,L,D)



#### **DAY 11 BELGRADE, SERBIA**

Explore Serbia's capital, Belgrade, on a city tour, which includes the Kalemegdan Fortress and the Serbian Orthodox Temple of St. Sava. Later, choose from three intriguing excursions. Visit the Royal Palace, the official residence of the Serbian Royal Family; and then tour the House of Flowers, the mausoleum of Marshal Tito, who became the first President of Yugoslavia. Or enjoy a taste of the region by sampling Serbian plum brandy, Šljivovitz, and delicious local delights at the Quburich Distillery. For those wishing a more active adventure, join a guided bike tour. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 12 IRON GATES - FULL-DAY SCENIC CRUISING**

The Iron Gates is one of Europe's most awe-inspiring natural wonders. The banks of the river dazzle with sheer-faced

rocks stretching high overhead along this natural border between Serbia and Romania. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 13 VIDIN, BULGARIA**

Explore Vidin, one of Bulgaria's oldest cities, and surrounding areas with choice of excursions. Discover Baba Vida Castle, the largest preserved medieval castle in Bulgaria overlooking the Danube. Continue to Belogradchik, one of Bulgaria's natural wonders, where you can hike around its most spectacular rock formations. Alternatively, visit a local home for a demonstration of traditional Bulgarian yogurt and Banitsa, a pastry you will also get to make. You also have the choice to bike through Vidin and to the castle. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 14 ROUSSE, BULGARIA**

Visit Bulgaria's ancient capital, Veliko Tarnovo, with its medieval fortress and multiple orthodox temples. You can opt instead to go to Rousse, known for its 19th- and 20th-century Neo-Baroque and Neo-Rococo architecture, and then afterwards visit the UNESCO-designated Rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo with frescoes revealing exceptional artistry of 14th-century paintings and Bulgarian medieval art. (B,L,D)

#### **DAY 15 Giurgiu, Romania - DISEMBARKATION**

Disembark your cruise in Giurgiu. Transfer to airport or stay to explore Romania. (B)

PRE- AND POST-CRUISE TOURS ARE AVAILABLE – SEE BELOW

#### **PRE-CRUISE TOUR**

**DAY 1 Prague** - Arrive in Prague and transfer to your hotel.

**DAY 2 Prague** - Golden City of a Hundred Spires tour  
OR Prague Castle hike (B)

**DAY 3 Prague** - Czech beer tasting (B)

**DAY 4 Prague** - Transfer to Regensburg/Vilshofen  
(B,D)

#### **POST-CRUISE TOUR**

**DAY 18 Giurgiu** - Transfer to Brasov - Hotel Check-in(B)

**DAY 19 Brasov** - "Dracula's Birthplace" - Sighișoara excursion - Brașov city tour(B)

**DAY 20 Brasov - Bucharest** - Bran Dracula's Castle visit.  
(B)

**DAY 21 Bucharest** - "Paris of the East" tour  
OR Old Town walking tour (B)

**DAY 22 Bucharest** – Transfer to airport (B)

**RATE - \$900 to \$2,240 per person for both Pre- and Post- tours, depending on date.**

AmaVerde – AmaBella Dates and Rates						
2021 DATES –	Aug 29	Sep 12, 26	Oct 10	Oct 24	Nov 7	Nov 21
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$7,998	\$8,098	\$7,698	\$7,198	\$6,598	\$6,398
CATEGORY UPGRADE	D	C	BB	BA	AB	AA
SUPPLEMENT - ADD	\$598	\$1,998	\$3,198	\$3,598	\$3,998	\$4,398
Plus Port Charges - \$392 per person						

2022 DATES –	Mar 28	Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25	May 9	May 23-Aug 8	Aug 15		
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$6,198	\$6,398	\$6,598	\$6,798	\$7,098	\$7,598	\$7,698	\$7,798		
2022 Dates Cont.	Aug 22	Sep 5 -26	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24	Oct 31	Nov 14		
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$7,998	\$8,298	\$8,198	\$7,898	\$7,598	\$7,398	\$7,098	\$6,498		
2023 DATES –	Mar 27	Apr 3	Apr 10	Apr 17	Apr 24	May 1	May 8	May 22-Aug 7	Aug 21	
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$6,198	\$6,398	\$6,598	\$6,798	\$7,098	\$7,398	\$7,598	\$7,698	\$7,998	
2023 Dates Cont.	Aug 28	Sep 4-25	Oct 2	Oct 9	Oct 16	Oct 23	Oct 30	Nov 6, Dec 11	Nov 13, 20	Nov 27
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$8,198	\$8,298	\$8,198	\$7,898	\$7,598	\$7,398	\$7,198	\$6,898	\$6,598	\$6,798
CATEGORY UPGRADE	D	C	BB	BA	AB	AA	SUITE			
SUPPLEMENT - ADD	\$598	\$2,198	\$3,398	\$3,798	\$4,198	\$4,598	\$7,198			
Plus Port Charges - \$392 per person										

AmaMagna Dates and Rates							
2022 DATES -	Mar 27		Apr 10		May 8		May 22
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$6,698		\$7,198		\$8,198		\$8,298
2023 DATES	Mar 26	Apr 9	Apr 23	May 7		Jun 4, 18; Jul 2	
BASE RATE – CAT E	\$6,698	\$7,198	\$7,698	\$8,198		\$8,298	
CATEGORY UPGRADE	D	AB	AA	SB	SA	GS	SUITE
SUPPLEMENT - ADD	\$1,198	\$4,198	\$4,598	\$5,398	\$6,598	\$13,998	\$19,998

2021 SAVINGS	SAVE Per Person
10/24	\$1,250
8/29-B, 9/26-B; 10/10; 11/21	\$1,000
9/12-V, 26-V	\$750
8/29-V; 11/7-B	\$500
10/24	\$250
B-AmaBella V-AmaVerde	

2022 SAVINGS	SAVE Per Person
3/28	\$1,500
4/11; 8/22	\$1,250
7/3; 8/15; 10/10	\$1,000
7/18; 10/3, 24, 31; 11/14	\$750
4/4, 10, 18, 25; 9/26; 10/17	\$500



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