

## **YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES**

- Deluxe 14-night cruise aboard Avalon Panorama. Total of 16 days, including travel days.
- Roundtrip air from Los Angeles and ground transfers in Europe.
- Complimentary motorcoach transfer from Fresno/Visalia to LAX.
- Guided sightseeing in every port and city, VIP entrance into the must-see sights.
- All meals aboard the ship, including quality regional European wines, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
- Services of a professional Avalon Cruise Director.
- Hosted by representatives of The Cruise Experts Agency.

## **ADDITIONAL**

Port Taxes of \$336 per person.

#### **DEPOSIT**

• \$500 per person secures you reservation.

- Trip Protection Insurance from \$285 to \$345 per person.
- Prepaid gratuities of \$234 per person
- Upgrade to Panorama Suite (wall to wall, floor to ceiling) Open-Air Balconies: \$899 (regular price of \$2399) – best available middle deck, or \$999 (regular price \$2599) best available on the top deck

# **16-Day River Cruise on the Danube, Main & Rhine from Budapest to Amsterdam**

Budapest - Bratislava - Vienna - Dürnstein Passau – Regensburg – Nuremberg – Bamberg Würzburg – Main River Village – Rüdesheim Rhine Gorge – Cologne – Amsterdam

**Sept 25 – Oct 10** 

From \$4,499 Including Air Deluxe Riverview Stateroom

See the highlights of Central Europe on this enchanting cruise between Budapest and Amsterdam. Guided sightseeing in each city is conducted by Certified Local Guides. In Regensburg we'll introduce you to some of Germany's famous beers, and there's wine tasting in Austria's Wachau Valley. Visit Vienna, charming Dürnstein, Regensburg, Nuremberg, medieval Bamberg, picturesque Rüdesheim, and Cologne. Also enjoy inside visits of Bratislava's gothic St. Martin's Cathedral, the amazing Benedictine Abbey of Gottweig, and Würzburg's Bishop's Residenz. Cruise through the dramatic Rhine Gorge past the legendary Lorelei rock, and glide past quaint towns, beautiful scenery, and historic buildings. Your vacation concludes with a scenic cruise through the delightful canals of Amsterdam.

#### **QUESTIONS? READY TO BOOK?**

- 1 Call Jen Brisco at Cruise Experts 559-625-5139 Ext 106
- **2** Complete the registration form and mail or fax to Cruise Experts Agency. OR scan and email to Jen@cruiseexperts.com

THE FINE PRINT: Rates are per person based on double occupancy. \$250 of the required \$500 deposit is nonrefundable. Deposit and trip insurance may be paid with any credit card. Tour rates reflect a cash discount. Balance of tour cost is payable by check or if you wish to pay by credit card a 3% credit card fee will apply. Additional expenses may include gratuities, personal items, and some optional tours. Stateroom categories (Cat B & A on middle deck) are limited in availability and are subject to rapid sell out. Airline flights, carrier, and schedule are subject to change and a similar schedule may be substituted at no additional charge. Subject to all terms and conditions found in Globus Avalon Waterways 2017. Final payment is due on or before May 30 2017 at which time full cancellation penalties apply if cancelled. CST#204742

## **REGISTRATION FORM** (Mag Europe)

GUEST #1: Name (as it appears on passport)		DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y)
GUEST #2: Name (as it appears on passport)		DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y)
Address		
City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	
E-mail Address		
Stateroom Choice:   Riverview	☐ Panora	ıma Suite

**Trip Protection Insurance:** ☐ Accept ☐ Decline ☐ Riverview Stateroom \$285 ☐ Panorama Suite \$345

**NOTE:** Published Trip Protection Insurance amounts apply to guests up to age 79 and must be purchased at the time of deposit.

Credit Card: □ Visa	☐ MasterCard	☐ AmEx	☐ Discover	
Credit Card Number:				
Security Code: Expiration date:				
Amount: \$(Deposit of \$500 + option				5

Fax or mail the completed form to:



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# **Magnificent Europe 16-Day Cruise and Tour**

#### Day 1: Los Angeles to Budapest

Join the motorcoach transfer to Los Angeles, fly Los Angeles to Budapest

#### Day 2: Arrive in Budapest, Hungary (Embarkation)

Welcome to Hungary's exciting capital city! This afternoon, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at an evening welcome reception. (D) NOTE:Guests must be on board ship by 5:00 pm

#### Day 3: Budapest

Spanning the banks of the Danube, Budapest is one of Eastern Europe's liveliest cities. On your GUIDED TOUR of the city, see Heroes' Square as well as the massive hilltop castle complex with its remarkable Fishermen's Bastion, and 11th-century Matthias Church. Be sure to take note of the city's eight bridges, which connect ancient Buda on the right bank with Pest on the left. In your free time this afternoon you may want to walk across Chain Bridge, built in 1849 and a symbol of Budapest; visit St. Stephen's Basilica with marvelous views of the city from its viewing platform; or stroll along Váci utca, the main shopping street. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4: Bratislava, Slovakia

Today, arrive in Bratislava, situated at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains and the dynamic capital of Slovakia. Join a Local Guide for a tour of the city, including a GUÍDED WALK of its fascinating Old Town, where winding cobblestone streets and narrow alleyways twist and turn to reveal the Town Hall, one of the oldest stone buildings in the city. Also visit gothic ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL, coronation church for the Kingdom of Hungary from the 16th to 19th centuries. Later, enjoy free time to explore on your own. Tonight, depart for Vienna. (B,L D)

#### Day 5: Vienna, Austria

Once the center of the mighty Habsburg Empire, Austria's magical capital on the blue Danube is a showcase of gilded architecture. This is home to the lavish Hofburg Imperial Palace complex with its Vienna Boys' Choir and dazzling Lipizzaner stallions; the neo-renaissance Vienna Opera House; and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral—plus, countless other sights you'll see on your included GUIDED SIGHTSEEING TOUR. Stroll through the delightful pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse, and be sure to take a break and enjoy a piece of decadent Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in one of the classic Viennese coffee houses, historic institutions that helped shape Viennese culture! An optional concert is available tonight. (B, L, D)

**Day 6: Excursion to Gottweig Abbey – Dürnstein**This morning, a short drive takes you to the Benedictine Abbey of Göttweig, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, perched high on a hill overlooking the Danube. Later, explore Dürnstein, situated in the heart of the Wachau wine region and known for the magnificent baroque, blue Stiftskirche built in the 1700s. The main street of this small town – with a population of less than 1,000 people – is lined with 16th-century residences and charming cobblestone streets. A GUIDED WALK will tell you the tale of England's King Richard the Lionheart, who was imprisoned in the castle whose ruins still stand above the town. This evening you'll be able to sample some of the FAMOUS WINES of this region. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Passau, Germany

Today, choose from a variety of optional excursions: to Salzburg, taking in some of The Sound of Music sights; the popular "Romantic Austria" tour; or to Český Krumlov in the Czech Republic, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Rejoin your ship in Passau in the early evening. Alternatively, you may choose to stay on the ship and relax as you cruise to Passau, uniquely located where the Inn, Ilz, and Danube Rivers converge. Passau is a maze of narrow cobblestone streets lined with beautiful patrician houses. St. Stephen's Cathedral, a masterpiece of Italian baroque architecture, houses one of the world's largest church organs with 17,774 pipes. Take in the highlights on the included GUIDED WALK. (B, L, D)

#### **Day 8: Regensburg**

Dating back to the time of the Celts around 500 BC, Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. Architectural highlights of your GUIDED WALK include the Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall), built in the 13th century, and Porta Pretoria, gates to an ancient Roman fort built in 179 AD. Walk across the 12th-century Steinerne Brücke (Stone Bridge). Grab a beer and enjoy an included SNACK at the Historische Wurstküche (Old Sausage Kitchen), one of Germany's oldest restaurants. Before dinner, we'll introduce you to some of Germany's FAMOUS BEERS. (B, L, D)

#### Day 9: Nuremberg

This morning, relax on board, then the afternoon is dedicated to Nuremberg. Although 90% of Nuremberg's Old Town suffered extensive damage during WWII, much of it has been restored to the glory it once knew as the unofficial capital of the Holy Roman Empire. This morning, choose a GUIDED SIGHTSEEING TOUR and marvel at this thousand-year-old city's medieval fortifications, extraordinary gothic churches, and the Kaiserburg (Imperial Castle), or join a more specialized "NUREMBERG RALLY GROUNDS" tour. During free time, be sure to try some tasty Lebkuchen and make a wish at the beautiful fountain in the Hauptmarkt (main square). Legend says your wish will come true if you turn its gold ring three times. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Bamberg

This morning, arrive in medieval Bamberg, former residence of one of Germany's most powerful imperial dynasties and today a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your GUIDED WALK takes in its historic center, including the great 13th-century Romanesque cathedral and the fascinating Altes Rathaus (Old Town Hall) – built on an island in the middle of the Regnitz River when the bishop refused to give the townspeople land for a town hall! This afternoon, cruise along the Main River as you head for Würzburg. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Würzburg

Surrounded by verdant hillside vineyards, Würzburg, the "Pearl of the Romantic Road," makes an immediate impression with imposing Fortress Marienberg perched above town and the 15th-century Alte Mainbrucke (Old Main Bridge). On your included GUIDED SIGHTSEEING TOUR, visit the magnificent baroque BISHOP'S RESIDENZ, home to the largest ceiling fresco ever painted. This afternoon you are free to explore on your own, or perhaps join an optional excursion to medieval Rothenburg. (B, L, D)

#### Day 12: Main River Village

On the banks of the Main River you find cultural gems of small towns, many of them tucked away behind defensive walls and towered gates. With half-timbered houses, narrow streets, and medieval town centers, these picturesque Bavarian villages are a photographer's delight. Join your Local Guide to experience one of these towns on a GUIDED WALK. (B, L, D)

## Day 13: Rüdesheim – Rhine Gorge

At lunchtime today, arrive in Rüdesheim, a quintessential Rhine Valley wine town. Visit SIEGFRIED'S MECHANICAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM, where you'll see and hear a large collection of self-playing calliopes and music boxes from the 18th to the early 20th centuries. Enjoy a SPECIAL TREAT, then head downstream from Rüdesheim, through the dramatic RHINE GORGE, the most beautiful stretch of river. Here, ancient castles stand sentry on lofty cliffs rising 400 feet above the waters. Cruise past the legendary rock of the Lorelei, where echoes of enchanted siren song lured unwitting sailors to their doom. (B, L, D)

Arrive in Cologne in the early morning hours. One of Germany's largest cities and capital of the Rhineland, Cologne straddles both sides of the Rhine and is known for its soaring, twin-steepled gothic cathedral. Choose between an included GUIDED CITY WALK or JEWISH HERITAGE WALK. Later, during free time, perhaps look in on the Romano-Germanic Museum, home to a large collection of artifacts from the Roman settlement on which modern Cologne is built—a must for history buffs! The Old Town abounds with cafés, shops, and taverns. Be sure to try a Kölsch pale lager, locally brewed in Cologne for over a hundred years! (B, L, D)

#### Day 15: Amsterdam, Holland

Holland's sophisticated, modern capital has a rich and fascinating history. With over 60 museums, Amsterdam has the highest museum density in the world. Get a unique perspective of the city on an included CANAL CRUISE, floating along the elegant grachten lined with stately homes dating back to Amsterdam's "Golden Age." There's free time this afternoon to enjoy the city or perhaps join an optional excursion. (B,L,D)

## Day 16: Amsterdam (Disembarkation)

Your tour ends with breakfast this morning. Disembark the ship and join the group transfer to the airport for your flight home to Los Angeles.



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