

Tour Code: VKPP22



AMA Waterways: Melodies of the
Danube River Cruise
and the Passion Play

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

July 24 – August 4, 2022



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Fisherman's Bastion, Budapest



Day 1: Sunday, July 24, 2022 • Depart USA
We begin our journey with a flight to Budapest.

Day 2: Monday, July 25, 2022 •

Embarkation – Budapest, Hungary

After arriving in Budapest, we board our luxurious river cruise ship, the AmaVerde. During the evening, we are treated to a special Illuminations cruise past the capital's glittering riverfront. **(D)**

Day 3: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 • Budapest

We cannot help but fall in love with Budapest, known as the "Queen of the Danube" with her distinct blend of medieval and modern beauty. Get to know the city with a tour that begins at the vibrant Great Market Hall packed from floor to ceiling with vendors selling all types of items from food to souvenirs. We then visit the UNESCO-listed Castle Hill district, where we can admire dramatic vistas from 19th-century Fisherman's Bastion, St. Stephen's Basilica, Heroes Square, Houses of Parliament and the famous Chain Bridge. **(B,L,D)**

Day 4: Wednesday, July 27, 2022 •

Bratislava, Slovakia – Vienna, Austria

Today we cruise to the "Coronation City of Kings," where we can join a walking tour or choose to taste the local Slovakian specialties and learn how to prepare stuffed potato ravioli. Another alternative is hiking up to the Bratislava Castle. Later in the day, we set sail for Vienna. **(B,L,D)**

Day 5: Thursday, July 28, 2022 • Vienna

The "City of Waltzes" offers a treasure trove of gems and we have two ways to discover them. We can join a city tour showcasing its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs before concluding in Vienna's historic city center and then visiting St. Stephen's Cathedral. For a more active exploration, we can take a guided bike ride along the Danube. During the afternoon, we can enjoy leisure time or pedal our way to Klosterneuburg Monastery on a guided cycling tour. **(B,L,D)**

Day 6: Friday, July 29, 2022 • Weissenkirchen – Grein

After reaching Weissenkirchen in the heart of the Wachau Valley, we are treated to several choices of excursions. We can discover the best of both Dürnstein and Melk with a walking tour in Dürnstein before visiting the UNESCO-

Melk Abbey



designated Melk Abbey. Or we can join a walking tour of Weissenkirchen followed by a visit to the abbey. For those who would like a more culinary-focused experience, join a walking tour in Dürnstein and then be treated to a wine tasting hosted by a local vintner as well as a visit to a local boutique where we enjoy a tasting of special apricot treats. For those who prefer more active adventures, we can join a guided bike tour to Melk. Later in the day, we set sail through the scenic Strudengau Valley to the medieval riverside town of Grein. We are treated to an exclusive visit to the more than 500-year-old Greinburg Castle, looming regally above the village. While here, we enjoy a folklore show along with a sparkling wine reception. **(B,L,D)**

Day 7: Saturday, July 30, 2022 • Linz

The ship arrives in Linz where we have several choices of excursions. We can go on a full-day excursion to Salzburg where we tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market. En route to Salzburg, we stop at Mondsee, the home of the famed Basilica St. Michael and site of the wedding scene in "The Sound of Music." Alternatively, we can join a morning walking tour through the old city center and by the Mozart House; or go on a guided bike tour along the city's famed "Culture Mile" and the Danube. During the afternoon, we have three more options of excursions. We can choose a half-day in Salzburg or take a scenic drive through the beautiful Austrian Lake District with a stop in St. Wolfgang. We can also choose to visit the charming mountain town, Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border. **(B,L,D)**

Day 8: Sunday, July 31, 2022 •

Passau, Germany – Vilshofen

Today we discover the 2,000-year-old city of Passau in one of three ways. We can enjoy a walking tour and marvel at Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's Cathedral. For those looking for a more active morning we can choose between a guided bike tour along the Danube River, or a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus Fortress. Later, the ship cruises to Vilshofen, where we are treated to a festive Oktoberfest celebration with local beer, Bavarian folk music and dancing - an AmaWaterways exclusive. **(B,L,D)**

Day 9: Monday, August 1, 2022 •

Vilshofen – Disembarkation – Oberammergau

This morning we disembark our ship in Vilshofen. We stop at the Monastery of Ettal where we learn how the monks brewed

Austria Lake District



beer and of course sample the beer and cheese before heading to Oberammergau. We overnight in Oberammergau. **(B,D)**

Day 10: Tuesday, August 2, 2022 • Oberammergau, Germany

We enjoy a relaxed morning in Oberammergau, admiring the bright frescoes that adorn many of the homes and businesses, perhaps shopping for a souvenir woodcarving for which the village is famous. We might choose to take the regional bus to nearby Linderhof Castle, the glitziest of King Ludwig II's castles. This afternoon we attend Part One of the Passion Play, the legacy of a vow made by the Oberammergauers in 1633 to enact the Passion story. Due to the ravages of the Thirty Years War, the plague had taken its toll in lives. But many of the people were spared, and the following year, 1634, the first Passion Play was performed on a stage set up in the cemetery. After dinner we attend Part Two. **(B,L,D)**

Day 11: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 • Munich, Germany

We drive to Munich today, where we have a tour of the city, including the Olympic grounds, the Glockenspiel, Nymphenburg Castle, and the pedestrian zone. We have free time to explore Munich. Tonight, we visit one of the beer halls for our farewell dinner. **(B,D)**

Day 12: Thursday, August 4, 2022 • Return

We transfer to Munich for our return flight. **(B)**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Nymphenburg Castle



Tour Prices:

Cabin Category C • \$6,439

French Balcony, 170 sq. ft.

Prices are *per person, double occupancy* with a minimum of 30 participants

Single supplement: \$2,950

Your Tour Includes:

- **Roundtrip airfare** to Budapest and return from Munich; related taxes and fees (airfare from OMA estimated at \$1,300)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Double occupancy accommodations aboard the AMA Verde
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per itinerary**
- Services of AMA Cruise director on board and services of professional tour manager after cruise
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast (during cruise beverages are included with meals)
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager, coach driver and cruise staff
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)

Payment Schedule:

Deposit with registration: \$500 per person
2nd Deposit by Jan. 1, 2021: \$1500 per person
3rd Deposit by Jan. 1, 2022: \$1000 per person
Final payment due 120 days prior to departure. (March 26, 2022)

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. The initial deposit is non-refundable. From the time of 2nd deposit to 180 days before departure a \$400 administrative fee plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. From 179-121 days, a \$600 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. From 120-30 days, a \$900 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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- Single Supplement • \$2,950

Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender (required by airlines) Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a photocopy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender (required by airlines) Male Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: Yes No

Travel Insurance (please check one)

I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.

I wish to decline the travel insurance offered.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). *Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.*

Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

_____ Initial to acknowledge you understand that Federal law prohibits the carriage of certain hazardous materials in your luggage or on your person aboard aircraft and could result in a fine or imprisonment. Visit www.tsa.gov for more information.

Prices in this brochure were effective on 7.13.20. By signing below, I understand that price changes are possible at the time of final invoicing, due to exchange rates, an increase in carrier charges, fuel costs, taxes and tariffs, and the number of passengers traveling in the group. I agree to the terms and conditions of this tour.

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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