Cruise in a group of 38-45 aboard our privately owned 140- to 162-passenger ships

**Romantic Blue Danube: Budapest to Prague**

Hungary: Budapest • Slovakia: Bratislava • Austria: Vienna, Krems, Linz • Czech Republic: Cesky Krumlov, Prague

15 days from $4945* with international airfare from Los Angeles

14 days from $3745* River Cruise Tour only

**IT’S INCLUDED**

International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements

**Accommodations** for 10 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins, and 3 nights in Corinthia Hotel Prague or similar

**34 meals:** Daily breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners—including 3 meals in local restaurants—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks

**11 included tours** with personal headsets and 3 Exclusive Discovery Series events—Home-Hosted Visit • Student roundtable discussion • School visit

**Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive:** Our dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide insider’s knowledge and the perspective that will enrich your experience

**Gratuities** for local guides and motorcoach drivers

All port charges

**Baggage handling** for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip—an average of $327

**MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE**

**OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS**

- Budapest, Hungary
  - 3 nights pre-trip from $745*

- Dresden & Berlin, Germany
  - 5 nights post-trip from $995*

- Highlights of Poland: Warsaw & Krakow
  - 5 nights post-trip from $1095*

*Information and prices are estimates based on 2019 departures – 2021 dates, prices and itineraries are subject to change. Tour operates both from Budapest to Prague and from Prague to Budapest. Direction of Exclusive OLLI and LLI Departure to be determined

Reservations & Information **877-220-2540**

PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING **G1-27044**
WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size
- This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers with our local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

Pacing
- 14 days, with 10 nights aboard a private river ship and 1 three-night hotel stay
- Return flights often require departing in early morning hours
- Air travel time will be 9-18 hours and will have at least one connection.

Physical Requirements
- Walk 1-3 miles unassisted and participate in 2-3 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs
- Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
- Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them
- We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group’s experience

Terrain & Transportation
- Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones
- Travel by 140- to 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach
- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary

Climate
- Daytime temperatures range from 58-82°F during cruising season
- June-August are the warmest months
- March and November weather can be unpredictable and change quickly

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart U.S.

DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary • Embark ship
You’ll be met at the Budapest airport and assisted you to your private river ship. Relax and settle in before mingling with your Program Directors and fellow travelers. If you began your explorations early with our optional Budapest pre-trip extension, you will join the main group today. Dinner tonight is onboard.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 3 Budapest
After breakfast this morning, set off to tour Budapest, the “Queen of the Danube.” In Buda—the city’s western right bank—view the castle atop Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the palace, lovingly restored since its destruction during World War II. Then cross the Danube and explore Pest, where you’ll see Heroes’ Square.
This afternoon, Budapest is alive with activity, from its market halls and antique galleries to its museums and cafes. You might enjoy a visit to a thermal spa or take in architectural gems like the Parliament Building. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for the Captain’s Welcome Dinner.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 4 Budapest • Optional Hospital in the Rock tour
Continue exploring Budapest on your own this morning, or choose to join an optional tour to the fascinating Hospital in the Rock.
Return to the ship for lunch onboard, and enjoy scenic daylight sailing as your ship cruises towards Bratislava.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 5 Bratislava, Slovakia • Home-Hosted Visit
Arrive in Bratislava early this morning, and after breakfast, set off on a city tour of Slovakia’s capital known for its picturesque setting at the foot of the Little Carpathian Mountains.
Then this afternoon, join a local family for lunch and a glimpse of everyday life during an Exclusive Discovery Series Home-Hosted Visit.
This evening, partake in an onboard Exclusive Discovery Series discussion about Bratislava’s next generation.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 6 Bratislava • School visit • Vienna, Austria
Disembark your river ship after breakfast, and start your day with an Exclusive Discovery Series visit to a local school supported by Grand Circle Foundation.
Please note: The school visit is not possible on weekends or during the summer and national holidays when school is not in session.
Return to the ship for lunch, and take in an afternoon of scenic cruising towards Vienna. Arrive in the Austrian capital this evening before dinner onboard.
B,L,D—River Ship
DAY 7 Vienna • Optional Musical Vienna tour

Arrive in Vienna this morning, and set out on an included tour. Your explorations begin on the Ringstrasse, the elegant boulevard that surrounds the city’s historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then walk past the historic Imperial Palace and the renowned Spanish Riding School.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then set your own agenda. This evening, perhaps you’ll experience our Musical Vienna optional tour—a special opportunity to hear classical music.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 8 Vienna • Optional Schoenbrunn Palace tour • Naschmarkt visit

This morning, discover more of Vienna on your own. Or, join an optional tour to the dazzling Schoenbrunn Palace.

After rejoining the group for lunch onboard, head over to Vienna’s bustling Naschmarkt.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 9 Krems

Discover Krems an der Donau, a large, charming town set at the confluence of the Krems and Danube rivers, on a morning walking tour. Then, get an introduction to the region’s established wine heritage at Winzer Krems, a famed local producer where you’ll also enjoy a tasting.

Return to the ship for lunch, the afternoon is yours to relax onboard or continue discovering the town’s delights on your own.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 10 Krems • Gottweig Abbey • Wachau Valley

Disembark in Krems this morning after breakfast and set off for an included tour of the Baroque gem, Gottweig Abbey. Afterwards you’ll have time to explore the abbey on your own, before returning to the ship for lunch onboard.

Then, begin cruising along one of the most beautiful parts of the Danube—the Wachau Valley, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 11 Linz • Mauthausen

Wake up this morning in Linz, the capital of Upper Austria (one of the country’s nine states) set across both banks of the Danube. Disembark after breakfast to discover the city during an included walking tour, followed by a bit of free time to further explore on your own. This afternoon, visit the Mauthausen concentration camp with a local guide.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Drink and Port Talk, followed by the Captain’s Farewell Dinner.

B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 12 Linz • Disembark ship • Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic • Prague

Disembark this morning in Linz and begin your transfer to Prague. Along the way, you’ll stop in Cesky Krumlov, a medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you’ll take part in a walking tour, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and have free time for independent discoveries.

You arrive in Prague in the late afternoon and check into your hotel. Your evening is at your leisure. Dinner tonight is on your own.

B,L—Corinthia Hotel Prague or similar

DAY 13 Prague

This morning, you’ll enjoy a tour of Prague featuring the Gothic majesty of the city’s Old Town, including the Jewish District, the historic town square, Charles Bridge, and the famed Astronomical Clock. After lunch on your own, you’ll have free time to explore the lovely Czech capital. This evening, dinner is on your own.

B—Corinthia Hotel Prague or similar

DAY 14 Prague • Optional Jewish Prague tour • Farewell Dinner

The day is yours in Prague. Experience one of the city’s many museums or cathedrals, further discover its notable Jewish quarter, or visit the mighty Prague Castle. Or you may choose to join an optional Jewish Prague tour.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

B,D—Corinthia Hotel Prague or similar

DAY 15 Prague • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, you will be assisted to the airport for your flight home. Or begin your post-trip extension in the Highlights of Poland or Dresden & Berlin, Germany.

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M/S RIVER CONCERTO, M/S RIVER HARMONY, M/S RIVER MELODY & M/S RIVER RHAPSODY

Registry: Malta  
Length: 366 ft.  
Crew/Nationality: 34/International  
Number of cabins: 70—all outside  
Elevator: Yes

Registry: Malta  
Length: 418 ft.  
Crew/Nationality: 38/International  
Number of cabins: 82—all outside  
Elevator: Yes
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**DECK**

| Deck | Description                                      | Price  
|------|--------------------------------------------------|--------
| A    | Serenada A (Top Deck w/balcony)                 | $4645*
| B    | Serenade Deck (Top Deck w/balcony)              | $4445*
| C    | Sonata Deck (Middle Deck w/picture window)      | $4345*
| D    | Cantata Deck (Middle Deck w/picture window)     | $4245*
| E    | Cantata Deck (Middle Deck w/picture window)     | $4145*
| F    | Prelude Deck (Lower Deck w/small window)        | $3895*
| G    | Prelude Deck (Lower Deck w/small window)        | $3745*

**Good Buy Plan**

The earlier you pay, the more you save

Here's how you'll save with our exclusive Good Buy Plan:

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**Additional information:**

Good Buy Plan savings is calculated based on total reservation cost.

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**Deposits:** $500 per person.