

# Places you visit



## Day 1: Amsterdam

The thoroughly modern city of Amsterdam has successfully preserved its old world charm. After boarding your ship, you may have time to stroll through its pedestrian-friendly streets.

## Day 2: Kinderdijk

This morning, sail to Kinderdijk, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you tour this fascinating network of windmills and other flood management technologies. After lunch aboard, enjoy an afternoon of *sjoelen* (Dutch table shuttleboard) and sample Dutch cheeses and *jenever*, a juniper liqueur.

## Day 3: Cologne

After lunch, explore the Rhineland's largest city dating back to the 1st century AD. See its magnificent, signature, twin-steepled cathedral, built between 1248-1882 that survived the WWII bombings.

## Day 4: Koblenz & Middle Rhine

Cruise past hilltop castles along the Rhine, stopping to visit Marksburg, the only Rhine castle never destroyed. Continue cruising along this stunning stretch of the Rhine, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Pass the Lorelei Rock, marking the river's narrowest point. The name refers to a local legend about Rhine maidens who lure sailors to their doom.

## Day 5: Miltenberg

This morning is spent sailing along the beautiful Main River as it winds its way through the Spessart region. After lunch, stop in Miltenberg, known for its half-timbered houses and the oldest inn in Germany. Back on board, learn about the region's glassblowing traditions during a live demonstration.

## Day 6: Würzburg

After breakfast and a presentation about the European Union, tour Würzburg's Bishop's Residenz, one of Germany's most ornate baroque palaces and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy scenic cruising- or, take an optional excursion along Germany's "Romantic Road" to Rothenburg.

## Day 7: Bamberg

Sail through the morning: after lunch, visit Bamberg, with its medieval city centre and picturesque city hall, which was built on a tiny island in the middle of the river. During your free time you may wish to sample some of the distinctive smoke-flavoured beer.

## Day 8: Nuremberg

Nuremberg was rebuilt after WWII to reflect its heritage of medieval culture and artistry. Begin your excursion by visiting the ruins of the Nazi Party's Zeppelin Field and see the Palace of Justice, site of the Nuremberg

Trials. Nuremberg's traditions include the world's oldest toy industry and metalwork.

## Day 9: Regensburg

Regensburg was founded 2,000 years ago. Its picturesque medieval skyline features the 12th-century St Peter's Cathedral. It is also home to the *Alte Wurstküche* (Old Sausage Kitchen), Germany's oldest restaurant.

## Day 10: Passau

Cobblestone streets and graceful arcades are a feature of your walking tour this morning. Pass the *Veste Oberhaus*, a 13th-century stronghold that served for centuries as a bishop's palace. Enjoy an organ concert on Europe's largest pipe organ in St Stephen's Cathedral. You have free time to explore Passau this afternoon before returning aboard to cruise through the scenic *Schlogener Schlinge*, a hairpin turn in the river.

## Day 11: Melk & Dürnstein

Melk is situated within Austria's wine-growing region. Visit the imposing 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey, with its frescoes and breathtaking views. Cruise on to medieval Dürnstein, arriving early evening. Free time to see the ruins of Kuenringer Castle, where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned in the 12th century, or sample local wines.

## Day 12: Vienna

Begin your tour of Austria's capital with a drive along the *Ringstrasse*, which replaced the city walls in the mid-19th century. See the Opera House, St Stephen's Cathedral and Hofburg Palace. Take the opportunity to attend an optional classical concert in the evening.

## Day 13: Bratislava

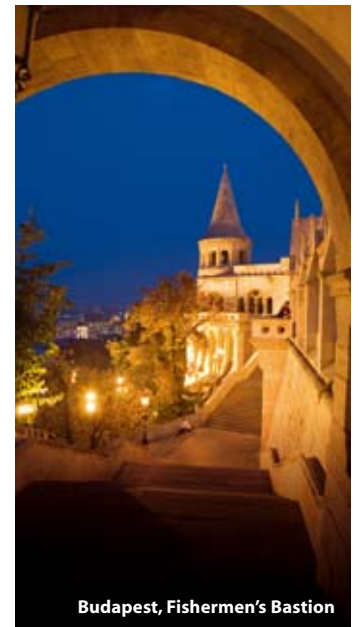
After an early arrival, embark on a walking tour of the Slovak Republic's charming capital. Stroll through the historic Old Town to see the medieval fortifications at St Michael's Tower, the baroque Trinity Church and Gothic St Martin's Cathedral. Return to the ship for an afternoon of scenic cruising.

## Day 14: Budapest

Visit Budapest's hilltop castle complex, with its turreted Fishermen's Bastion and Matthias Church. See the Chain Bridge and Elizabeth Bridge, two of several bridges connecting the two halves of the city – Buda and Pest, as well as the National Opera House and Heroes' Square. Return to your ship for a traditional Hungarian farewell dinner.

## Day 15: Budapest

Disembark.



Budapest, Fishermen's Bastion

## Inclusions

- Outside air-conditioned stateroom with private facilities
- 3 meals daily (buffet breakfast, a la carte lunch & dinner), Welcome Cocktail Reception
- Sightseeing as specified with English speaking guide and tour headphones
- Folkloric entertainment, lectures, handicraft & food demonstrations
- Shipboard gratuities
- Port charges

## Transfers

Coach transfers between airport and ship are not included. They can be purchased separately and are available only on the day of embarkation / disembarkation.

Prices shown per person in AUD one way.

Amsterdam airport to ship and vice versa	65
Budapest airport to ship and vice versa	65