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2027 THE DANUBE FROM GERMANY TO ROMANIA RIVER CRUISE

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*Enjoy a 14-Night River Cruise from Vilshofen, Germany
to Oltenita, Romania with 1 Night Pre-Cruise Hotel in Munich
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August 08 – 26, 2027 • Tour Managers: Darren Upchurch & Johanna Bugarin

COUNTRIES: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria & Romania

RIVER: Danube River

CRUISE OVERVIEW: Embark on a 14-day Danube River cruise from Germany to Romania. This amazing odyssey through the history and beauty of Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania is the trip of a lifetime! Begin in Vilshofen, Germany and sail to Passau — the “City of Three Rivers.” On your way to Linz cruise through the Danube’s dramatic horseshoe bend called Schlögen Oxbow. In Austria, visit its lovely towns along the Danube, including Linz, Dürnstein — from where you can take a visit to Melk Abbey, and Vienna. See the gilded sights and indulge in Austrian specialties and sweets. Explore picturesque vineyards and ancient castles of the “Blue Danube” with a Viennese Waltz tilting in the air. Explore the incredible Habsburg Empire and see the royal family’s Imperial Palace, the historic Opera House, and St. Stephen’s Cathedral in Vienna. Visit Budapest — the “Pearl of the Danube,” and experience the beauty and history of the Balkan States of Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria, and Romania — from ancient archaeological sites to amazing architecture and art. Your cruise ends in Oltenita. We look forward to sharing this fantastic journey with you on the Danube River from Germany to Romania.

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Day 1: Sun, Aug 08 — HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.


Day 2: Mon, Aug 09 — IN TRANSIT.

Day 3: Tue, Aug 10 — MUNICH, GERMANY. Welcome to Germany! After completing arrival formalities, meet the transfer to the hotel. Your hotel rooms will not be available until the afternoon. The day is yours to relax and enjoy the city on your own. MUNICH HOTEL (1 Night)

Day 4: Wed, Aug 11 — MUNICH — VILSHOFEN — EMBARK AVALON IMAGERY II — CRUISE TO PASSAU. Enjoy a morning of leisure before transferring to Vilshofen to board the Avalon Imagery II. Explore your ship and enjoy dinner on your first evening on board. The ship will cruise this evening to Passau. (B, D)


Day 5: Thur, Aug 12 — PASSAU — SCHLÖGEN OXBOW — LINZ, AUSTRIA.


 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Follow your Avalon Adventure Host for **hiking from Oberhaus** along a trail **down to the valley and along Ilz River**, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a **guided city walk** to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers."

Before sailing to Linz, take a little free time to explore Passau's cobblestone streets and galleries of Artists' Alley. Maybe stop at St. Stephen's Cathedral to catch a concert rehearsal. This afternoon, cruise to Linz through the **Danube's dramatic horseshoe bend called Schlögen Oxbow**. Later, enjoy **live entertainment** on board. The ship will dock overnight in Linz. (B, L, D)

Day 6: Fri, Aug 13 — LINZ — CRUISE TO YBBS. Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.


 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Join your Adventure Host for a **bike ride along the Danube**, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a **guided walk** through the city's historic and beautiful sites along the shore of the Danube and see **Hauptplatz** — Austria's largest medieval square — and the towering white-marble **Trinity Column**.

Consider a full-day guided optional excursion to Salzburg — the city of Mozart, or to the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov. You may otherwise spend the afternoon on a biking picnic along the banks of the Danube or hike through Linz's beautiful nature trails to Pöstlingberg for a bird's-eye view of the city and river below. The ship will cruise overnight to Ybbs.


Day 7: Sat, Aug 14 — YBBS — EXCURSION TO MELK — WACHAU VALLEY — DÜRNSTEIN — CRUISE TO VIENNA.


 **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join a **guided visit** to **two family-owned farms** and discover **how they produce delicious traditional specialties and products**, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Walk through the doors of Austrian history with a **guided sightseeing tour of Artstetten Castle**, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a **guided tour** of Melk's magnificent **Benedictine Abbey** to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ.

Later, stretch out on the Sky Deck as you **sail through the Wachau Valley** past vineyards, castles, and charming villages on your way to Dürnstein.

 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Alternatively, experience the Wachau Valley from a unique perspective, join your Adventure Host for a **bike ride along some of Wachau's bike trails**.

 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Join a **guided hike up to the castle ruins** to take in the spectacular view of the village, Danube, and the Wachau Valley below, OR


 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Join a **guided walk**, and hear the **legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart** — who was imprisoned in the castle during the Crusades.


 **DISCOVERY EXCURSION:** Join an **on board lecture** to learn about **Austrian wine making traditions**.

Later, enjoy **live entertainment** on board your ship. Cruise overnight to Vienna. (B, L, D)

Day 8: Sun, Aug 15 — VIENNA — CRUISE TO BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA.

 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Explore Vienna's **Danube Island by bike** with your Adventure Host, OR


 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enjoy a **guided visit** to **House of Strauss** and embark on an interactive journey through Vienna's illustrious past at an **immersive audio-visual experience**. After the tour, enjoy a **coffee and homemade cake**, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Explore the **Habsburg Empire** with a morning **guided city tour** of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the **Imperial Palace complex** — the winter residence of the Imperial Family, the grand historic **Vienna Opera House**, and stunning **St. Stephen's Cathedral**.

You may decide to take a guided optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace — the former imperial summer home of the Habsburg monarchy. Spend free time strolling in the pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse — the most famous shopping avenue in central Vienna. Take a bike ride through the city and stop in a local café to enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel. This evening, enjoy an unforgettable musical performance with an optional excursion to attend a Royal Waltz Concert in an elegant hall. Cruise overnight to Bratislava. (B, L, D)

Day 9: Mon, Aug 16 — BRATISLAVA — CRUISE TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY.

 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** Follow your Avalon Adventure Host on a **hike to lofty Bratislava Castle**, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Take a **guided city walk**, including the quaint streets of **Old Town**, **Town Hall**, and the **sight of royal coronations at St. Martin's Cathedral**.

Enjoy free time to discover on your own Bratislava, the beautiful capital of Slovakia, rich in history and culture, but also a green city with its forests and parks just a hop away from the city center. Cruise this evening and overnight to Budapest. (B, L, D)

Day 10: Tue, Aug 17 — BUDAPEST.

 **ACTIVE EXCURSION:** **Hike up to a magnificent viewpoint in Budapest** with your Adventure Host, OR

 **CLASSIC EXCURSION:** Enjoy a **guided city sightseeing**, including the iconic **Heroes' Square**.

This afternoon, choose from a wide range of optional guided excursions. Spend free time exploring famous sights like the Chain Bridge or Fisherman's Bastion. Linger in one of the city's beautiful cafés, browse the Central Market Hall, or hike the hills above the Danube. The ship will be docked overnight in Budapest. (B, L, D)

Day 11: Wed, Aug 18 — BUDAPEST — DISEMBARK AVALON IMAGERY II — EMBARK AVALON PASSION — CRUISE TO VUKOVAR, CROATIA. Take **free time** to enjoy Budapest's famed thermal baths. You can also take a scenic hike in the hills above the Danube. Take time to explore the city's cafés and restaurants. Disembark the Avalon Imagery II and embark Avalon Passion. Cruise overnight to Vukovar. (B, L, D)

Day 12: Thur, Aug 19 — VUKOVAR — ILOK — NOVI SAD, SERBIA. Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.



DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Join a **guided walking tour** to discover the **heritage, culture, and tradition of Vukovar** and enjoy a **beer tasting**, OR

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a **guided city tour** to discover the captivating **culture and tradition of Vukovar** and learn about its rich history and heritage.

Enjoy a brief **cruise to Novi Sad** while having lunch on board.

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a **guided tour of Ilok**, with its **1,000-year-old wine making traditions** still thriving and its medieval fortress protected for its Croatian cultural heritage. Refresh your spirit with a **wine tasting in a local cellar** and hear the stories of culture and tradition in the natural beauty of Eastern Croatia, OR

ACTIVE EXCURSION: Explore more of Croatia on a **guided bike tour along Ilok's city walls**, into the **central church**, and the **towns' museum** on your way to **Principovac Castle and Estate**.

The ship will be docked overnight in Novi Sad. (B, L, D)

Day 13: Fri, Aug 20 — NOVI SAD — CRUISE TO BELGRADE.

ACTIVE EXCURSION: Join your Adventure Host on a **hike tour** to the **Petrovaradin part of the town**. Located on the right bank of the Danube, across from the main part of Novi Sad, this area will amaze you for its scenic views, OR

DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Get to **learn about the beekeeper profession** on this **guided tour** of Novi Sad by stopping at the **Honey Museum** and by **tasting local honey specialties**, OR

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a **guided tour** of Novi Sad, the second largest town in Serbia. Admire its Austro-Hungarian old town, with its baroque buildings, and ancient fortifications.

Later, enjoy **live entertainment** on board. Cruise overnight to Belgrade. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Sat, Aug 21 — BELGRADE — CRUISE TO GOLUBAČ.

ACTIVE EXCURSION: Join a **guided bike tour** along the Danube and explore the nooks and crannies of Belgrade,

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a **guided sightseeing tour** of Belgrade — where the Danube and Sava Rivers converge — and see the city's many fascinating sights, including **Saint Sava** — one of the world's largest Orthodox churches.

DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Attend an **on board lecture** to learn about the rich history, destinations, and culture of the **Balkan states**.

Spend your free time exploring the city on your own this afternoon on Knez Mihailova Street — Belgrade's central pedestrian thoroughfare with many lively cafés, shops, and cultural spots. This evening, you might like to join an optional authentic Bohemian Dinner in the Quarter of Skadarlija. Cruise overnight to Golubač. (B, L, D)



Day 15: Sun, Aug 22 — GOLUBAČ — DONJI MILANOVAC — EXCURSION TO LEPENSKI VIR — IRON GATES GORGE — CRUISE TO VIDIN, BULGARIA.

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Visit the **Fortress of Golubač**, one of the best-preserved medieval fortresses in Europe. You'll hear about its tumultuous history as a border control defense in the Middle Ages, and a source of conflict between Serbia, the Habsburg Monarchy, and the Ottoman Empire. Continue to the **Mesolithic archaeological site of Lepenski Vir** — with unique views of the Danube Gorge.

Sail through the spectacular and narrow **Iron Gates Gorge** — a natural border between Serbia and Romania. Cruise the afternoon and into the night to Vidin. (B, L, D)

Day 16: Mon, Aug 23 — VIDIN — CRUISE TO ROUSSE.

ACTIVE EXCURSION: Join your Adventure Host on a **hike to Baba Vida Fortress**, OR

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join **guided sightseeing tour** to the **western slopes of the Balkan Mountains** and marvel at **Belogradchik's stunning rock formations**, sculpted by 200 million years of natural elements, OR

DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Discover more than two centuries of a proud family history of **Bulgarian wine making** with a **tour and tasting at a local winery**. Continue exploring the nearby **port town Vidin** on a **guided sightseeing**.

Cruise the afternoon and into the night to Rousse. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Tue, Aug 24 — ROUSSE — EXCURSION TO VELIKO TÂRNOVO AND ARBANASSI — CRUISE TO OLTENITA, ROMANIA.

ACTIVE EXCURSION: Explore **Rousse's old town by bike** with your Adventure Host, OR

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a full-day **guided tour** to the **former Bulgarian capital of Veliko Târnovo** — with its ancient stone houses clinging to the cliffs above the Yantra River. Discover **one of the oldest towns in Bulgaria** (circa 4300 BC), as well as the **Bulgarian revival architecture** in the 15th century town of **Arbanassi**, OR

CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a **guided sightseeing tour** of **Bulgaria's largest inland port** and visit its impressive **Holy Trinity Church**. Later, enjoy a short scenic drive to explore the **rock-hewn churches of Ivanovo**, a UNESCO World Heritage.

Later, enjoy **live entertainment** on board with a **Bulgarian folklore show**. Cruise overnight to Oltenita. (B, L, D)

Day 18: Wed, Aug 25 — DISEMBARK AVALON PASSION — OLTENITA — BUCHAREST — IN TRANSIT — U.S. MAINLAND. Disembark Avalon Passion. Transfer to Bucharest Airport. Bid farewell to Romania as you prepare for your homeward flight. Arrive in the U.S. Mainland. U.S. MAINLAND HOTEL (1 Night)

Day 19: Thur, Aug 26 — U.S. MAINLAND — HONOLULU. Depart the U.S. Mainland. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home!



HIGHLIGHTS & SIGHTSEEING:

• **While On The Cruise:** Hike from Oberhaus; City tour of Passau; Cruise through Schlägen Oxbow; Live entertainment on board; Bike ride along the Danube; City tour of Linz; Hauptplatz; Trinity Column; Learn how traditional specialties and products are made at a family-owned farm; Artstetten Castle; Benedictine Abbey; Sail through Wachau Valley; Bike ride along some of Wachau's bike trails; Hike up to castle ruins; Hear the legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart; On board lecture about Austrian wine making traditions; Explore Danube Island by bike; House of Strauss; Coffee and homemade cake; City tour of Vienna; Imperial Palace; Vienna Opera House; St. Stephen's Cathedral; Hike to Bratislava Castle; St. Martin's Cathedral; Hike to a magnificent viewpoint in Budapest; Heroes' Square; Beer tasting; City tour of Vukovar; Guided tour of Ilok; Wine tasting in a local cellar; Bike along Ilok's city walls; Principovac Castle and Estate; Hiking tour to the Petrovaradin part of town; Learn about the beekeeper profession; Honey Museum; Tasting local honey specialties; Tour of Novi Sad; Guided biking tour of Belgrade; Sightseeing tour of Belgrade; Saint Sava; On board lecture about the Balkan states; Fortress of Golubač; Mesolithic archaeological site of Lepenski Vir; Iron Gates Gorge; Hike to Baba Vida Fortress; Tour to the western slopes of the Balkan Mountains; Belogradchik's stunning rock formations; Tour and tasting at a Bulgarian winery; Sightseeing in Vidin; Rousse's old town by bike; Tour of Veliko Târnovo; Holy Trinity Church; Rock-hewn churches of Ivanovo; Bulgarian folklore show.

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- Daily breakfast buffet with full range of classic breakfast items, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and daily a la carte specials.
- Complimentary room service for continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- Daily lunch buffet featuring regional specialties, classic dishes, healthy Avalon Fresh® options, and rotating chef's features including carving and pasta stations. Alternatively, you may dine al fresco at the Sky Grill on the Sky Deck (weather and itinerary permitting) or enjoy a light lunch in the Panorama Lounge.
- Afternoon tea featuring tea, coffee, and sweet treats.
- Four-course dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées, and desserts or cheese.
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