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11 DAYS • 21 MEALS • BUDAPEST > PRAGUE

DANUBE EXPLORER

With two nights in Prague included

Hungary • Slovakia • Austria • Germany • the Czech Republic

Tour Dates: October 12th – 22nd, 2027

Experience the Danube River onboard an award-winning Emerald Cruises Star-Ship through five stunning countries. Explore fascinating ports of call with local English-speaking guides. Experience local culture, visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites, taste regional specialties and beverages and more on your seven-night cruise. During the two-night stay in the majestic city of Prague, included touring showcases its historic and picturesque sites.

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CRUISES & TOURS

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Český Krumlov, Czech Republic

DAY 1 Depart the USA
Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Budapest, Hungary.

DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary
Welcome to the 'Pearl of the Danube'. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your Emerald Cruises Star-Ship, home for the next seven nights. Flights should arrive in Budapest prior to 5:00pm. This evening, join your fellow guests for a folklore performance onboard and a traditional Hungarian dinner. After dinner, relax on the Sun Deck and enjoy the fabulous view of the city, aglow in nighttime splendor. Meal: D

EmeraldPLUS: Traditional Hungarian Folklore Show

DAY 3 Budapest
Explore Budapest's cobbled medieval quarter, as you embark on a coach tour through the UNESCO World Heritage city center. Your guide will highlight a number of architectural wonders and also talk about Budapest's culinary scene. The tour will end at the Grand Market Hall, the city's most expansive indoor food & craft market, where you'll have time to explore on your own. If you are feeling more active, you may instead choose to hike to Gellert Hill. The surrounding area has been rebuilt several times, most recently following the air raids of WWII. Some 18th-century Baroque houses still stand, best explored by foot along the medieval paths and alleyways in the area around Buda Castle. Meals: B, L, D

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided Hike to Gellert Hill
DiscoverMORE: Excursion to Szentendre (extra expense)


Vienna's Imperial Hofburg Palace

DAY 4 Bratislava, Slovakia
This morning, relax onboard while sailing into the capital of Slovakia. This graceful nation became an independent country in 1993, and since then, Bratislava has flourished as a new capital and made a name for itself as a cultural center. The romantic cobblestone lanes that weave through the city are explored with your local guide, as you enjoy a walking tour of the ancient town center, seeing the Slovak National Theater and a range of Gothic and Art Nouveau buildings. For the more active guests, embark on a guided hike to Bratislava Castle, a landmark steeped in legends that looks as though it came from the pages of a fairytale book. Meals: B, L, D

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided Hike to Bratislava Castle
DiscoverMORE: Carpathian Wine Route (extra expense)
DiscoverMORE: Skoda Tour of Post-Communist Bratislava (extra expense)
EmeraldPLUS: Local Slovakian Entertainment Onboard

DAY 5 Vienna, Austria
Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and the capital of classical music. The city perfectly encapsulates the opulence of the Habsburg Monarchy and their ornate Baroque palaces. On the included city tour, see monuments and buildings of grandeur as the coach drives along the famous Ringstrasse. During the walking tour, stroll with your guide through the city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel at the classical architectural styles of the buildings, see St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Hofburg Palace, right in the heart of the city center. If you are feeling more active, opt to explore on two wheels, cycling along the river to Danube Island. Meals: B, L, D

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided Bike Tour of Vienna
DiscoverMORE: Exclusive Viennese Concert (extra expense)

DAY 6 Weissenkirchen – Melk
Effortlessly suspended in time, Weisenkirchen is one of the most frequented parts of the Wachau wine region, where the delightful warm weather creates the perfect setting for viticulture. Later this morning, sail through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley, passing medieval villages, terraced vineyards and areas of natural



Historic towers dominate Old Town Square, Prague, Czech Republic



beauty. Upon arrival in Melk, enjoy a guided tour of Melk Abbey, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, originally a lavish castle that was gifted to Benedictine monks during the 11th century. This opulent Baroque building is home to some of the most important collections of medieval manuscripts in the world. Meals: B, L, D

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided Hike in Weissenkirchen
EmeraldACTIVE: Guided Bike Tour along the Danube River
DiscoverMORE: Visit to Schallaburg Castle (extra expense)

DAY 7 Linz, Austria / Ceský Krumlov, Czech Republic

Today's adventure takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Ceský Krumlov. With its 13th-century castle, meandering river, and a maze of quaint alleyways, this town has one of the best-preserved centers in Europe. Join your local guide to traverse a labyrinth of winding cobblestone lanes as you experience the charming atmosphere of Ceský Krumlov's medieval buildings, the iconic castle complex and the 15th-century St. VItus' Church, a highlight of the town. Alternatively, choose the DiscoverMORE option to visit Salzburg, Austria. Meals: B, D

EmeraldPLUS: Guided Tour of Cesky Krumlov
DiscoverMORE: Guided Tour of Salzburg (extra expense)
DiscoverMORE: Walking Tour of Linz with tasting (extra expense)

DAY 8 Passau, Germany

Narrow cobblestone streets welcome you to Passau, a town nestled on the confluence of three of Europe's main waterways. On today's excursion, venture out to a local farm to gain a fascinating insight into the life of local Bavarian farmers. Meet with the farmers and sample some of their homemade specialties. Meals: B, L, D

EmeraldPLUS: Bavarian Countryside Experience
EmeraldACTIVE: Guided Hike to Veste Oberhaus
DiscoverMORE: Bavaria Live (extra expense)

DAY 9 Passau – Prague, Czech Republic

After breakfast, say goodbye to your Captain and crew as you disembark your ship and depart by motorcoach for Prague, Czech Republic. After checking into your hotel, the remainder of the day is left free of planned activities for your independent exploration of Prague. Meal: B

DAY 10 Prague

This morning, discover the heart of the city on foot as you embark on an included walking tour. Explore all of the famous sites, such as the Old Town Square with its historic astronomical clock, and the medieval Charles Bridge. This afternoon, you may choose to join the optional excursion to Terezin Concentration Camp, or, continue exploring this beautiful city on your own. Meal: B

DiscoverMORE: Terezin Concentration Camp (extra expense)

DAY 11 Prague / USA

Bid a fond farewell to Europe and return home with wonderful memories of life enriching experiences from your cruise along the Danube River. Meal: B

Itinerary and excursions are subject to change.

EXCEPTIONAL INCLUSIONS

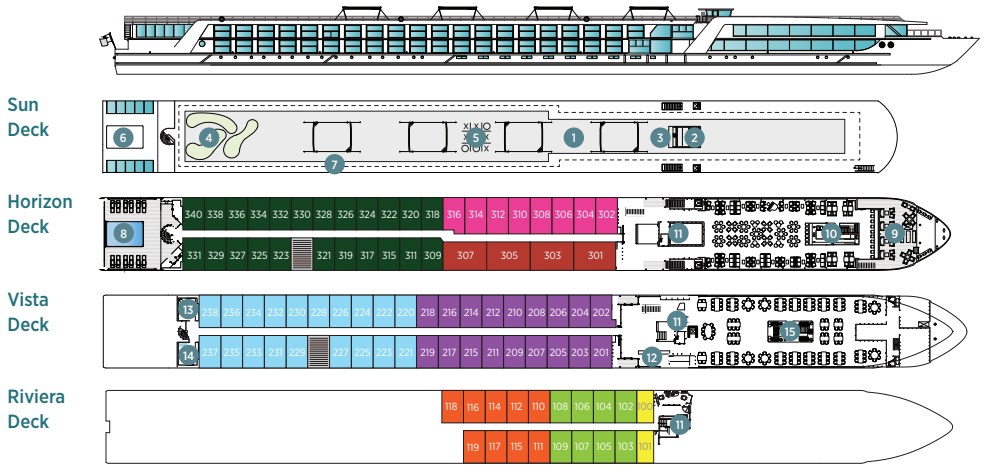
- 21 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit five countries
- Seven-night cruise in a suite or stateroom of your choice onboard the vessel
- All gratuities included
- First-class service by an English-speaking crew Onboard Activity Manager will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
- Personal listening device for onboard excursions
- Most meals included onboard with a variety of international cuisine
- Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom
- Complimentary WiFi onboard
- Complimentary bicycles onboard for use ashore
- All port charges included
- Two-night hotel stay and touring in Prague, the Czech Republic

CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

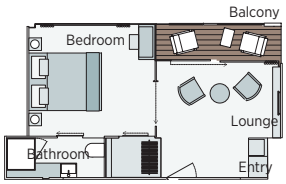
Days 2 through 8 – Aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship
Days 9 and 10 – Hotel Grandium, or Similar, Prague, Czech Republic

EMERALD STAR-SHIPS

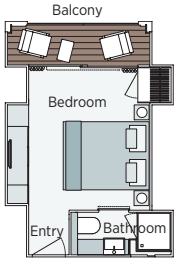
Built: 2014-2026 **Cabins:** 91 **Guests:** 180 **Length:** 443 ft. **Crew:** 52



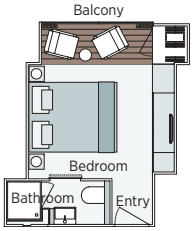
1. Sun Deck with Deck Chairs^
2. Navigation Bridge
3. Sky Barbecue
4. Golf Putting Green
5. Games Area
6. Retractable Glass Roof
7. Walking Track
8. Daytime Pool & Bar/Evening Cinema
9. The Terrace
10. Horizon Bar & Lounge
11. Lift
12. Reception
13. Wellness Area
14. Fitness Area
15. Reflections Restaurant



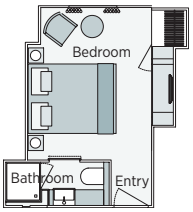
Owner's One-Bedroom Suite
285ft² – 315ft²
CAT SA



Grand Balcony Suite
207ft² – 210ft²
CAT S



Emerald Panorama Balcony Suite
160ft² – 189ft²
CAT A CAT B CAT C



Emerald Stateroom
153ft² – 170ft²
CAT D CAT E

Important Information: The cabin and deck plans, sizes and photographs are an indication only and are subject to variation. ^ Due to safety, the Sun Deck will be closed when travelling under low bridges.

	RIVIERA DECK		VISTA DECK		HORIZON DECK					
	CAT E, D Emerald Stateroom		CAT C, B Panorama Balcony Suite		CAT A Panorama Balcony Suite		CAT S Grand Balcony Suite		CAT SA Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	
Tour Code 819PC 2027 Departure Date	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM	PER PERSON TWIN	SINGLE ROOM
October 12	$5,810	+ $4,358	$6,775	+ $5,081	$7,050	+ $5,288	$8,043	N/A	$9,255	N/A

Mayflower Cruises & Tours' Guaranteed Share Program is available on the Riviera, Vista, and Horizon Decks standard staterooms only when booked 6 months or prior to departure.

Pricing includes complimentary round-trip home or local pick-up on the exact departure and return dates of the tour in the Chicagoland area. Pricing does not include airfare. For air rates and schedules from your departure city, please reach out to Cary Travel Express!

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Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.

Passport required on this program

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises – $569 per person (optional)

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 121 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 120 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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