

5 Days Oberammergau + Optional 8 Days River Cruise June 17 to 27, 2020

Day 1: Wednesday - June 17, 2020

Departure USA

Board an overseas flight to Germany. Enjoy dinner and entertainment aboard the airplane.



Day 2:

Arrival Munich - Dachau concentration camp - Upper Bavaria

Upon arrival at **Munich** International airport, we are met by our tour guide who will accompany us throughout. Our journey starts with a visit to the **Dachau Concentration Camp**. We tour the ground with a museum, its reconstructed barracks and crematorium where the holocaust is documented. Then on to a briefing **sightseeing tour** which leads us to the major and most beautiful sights of **Munich**, such as **King's Square with its three temple buildings in the** classical Greek style, the Pinakotheken Art Museums, the Hall of Generals, the Angel of Peace monument, Maximilianeum (Bavarian state parliament), the Royal Palace, the traditional Viktualienmarkt, an open air food market with colorful outdoor stalls, Karl Square (called "Stachus") and the medieval city gates, Palace of Nymphenburg - former summer residence of the Bavarian kings, the Rathaus and its famous Glockenspiel. We continue on to Upper Bavaria for dinner and overnight. **D**

Day 3: Friday - June 19, 2020

Passion Play Oberammergau

This morning, our tour guide will lead us on a **city walk** to view its magnificent Renaissance buildings - dated from the 15th and give the city its unique character. Martin Luther stayed at the monastery of **St. Anna Church** in 1518, during his confrontation Cajetan. We also view the plaques which remind us of the Augsburg Confession at the **Fuggger House** and at the **Augsburg** on to the oldest social settlement in existence in the world "**The Fuggerei**", founded by Jacob Fuggger in 1521 as a residential settlement for Augsburg citizens in need. The annual (net) rent for an apartment in the Fuggerei still today is the nominal value of the Rhenish Guilder, at present 0.88 Euro together with prayers three times a day for the founder and his family. About 150 people live at present in the 140 apartments in 67 houses. Probably the most famous resident of the Fuggerei was the Master Mason Franz Mozart, the great-grandfather of the composer W. A. Mozart. We travel south to enjoy the world-renowned and quaint Bavarian town which is the site of the extravagant **Passion Play** - performed every ten years. Take part in this once lifetime experience. It begins in the afternoon and involves almost all residents of the village. The play has a running time of approx. five hours with a three-hour interval. We still have enough time to explore the village on our own. Dinner and overnight in the **Oberammergau** area. **B, D**



16th centuries - with Cardinal **Cathedral**. Then

Day 4:

Neuschwanstein Castle - Andechs Brewery, Nuremberg

Following breakfast, we travel through the beautiful landscape south to Upper Bavaria and visit the elaborate **Neuschwanstein** the crown jewel of Bavaria Castles. Afterwards, we drive to **Andechs** a popular pilgrimage site offering amazing views from Holy overlooking the shimmering blue waters of Lake Ammersee and the 17th-century Gothic church with onion-domed tower. Time for own at the beer garden before we arrive in **Nuremberg** for dinner and overnight. **B, D**



Castle, surely Mountain lunch on our

Day 5: Sunday - June 21, 2020

Nuremberg

Today we tour **Nuremberg**, one of the first free protestant imperial cities in the Middle Ages, home to the famous painter Albrecht Dürer but also "City of the Nazi Party Rallies". We explore the beauty and history of the city including the Nazi Party Rally Grounds. The Nuremberg Documentation center presents the history of the Nazi ideology right from its turbulent birth to its violent end. If you did not purchase the Optional River Cruise, you will overnight in Nuremberg or Munich. **B, D**

Day 6: Monday - June 22, 2020

Fly back - Arrive home

Transfer to airport and flight home to the USA. Arrive back home.

Optional 8 Days River Cruise - Nuremberg to Budapest

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Nuremberg - embarkation on River Cruise

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In the afternoon we embark our boat for the **Danube River cruise**. **B**

Danube Delights – River Cruise

8 Days



Day 1 – June 21 Embark at Nuremberg

Embark your **Emerald Waterways luxury** river cruise ship and where you will be welcomed by your Captain and crew. Nuremberg is situated along the Main–Danube canal, an engineering masterpiece linking the rivers of Germany with the mighty Danube which flows from the Alps to the Black Sea. **D**

Day 2 Regensburg

This morning takes you through the final stretch of the fascinating Main–Danube Canal to Regensburg, one of Germany’s best preserved medieval cities. On our guided walking tour, you will have the chance to see one of the oldest bridges crossing the Danube and see the city’s architectural highlights including the Old Town Hall. **B, L, D**

EmeraldPLUS: Traditional Bavarian Band on board.

Day 3 Passau - Linz

Cobblestone streets and graceful arcades welcome you in the beautiful city of Passau. On this morning’s walking tour, stroll through the old town’s narrow alleys and see the hilltop Oberhaus Fortress from the town below. Visit St. Stephen’s Cathedral, a wonderful example of Baroque architecture and home to Europe’s largest church organ with more than 17,000 pipes. Return for lunch and an afternoon cruising along the Danube River. **B, L, D**

DiscoverMORE: Tour to Salzburg (extra cost)

*** Please note, you can only choose either included tour of Passau or the DiscoverMORE option, as both tours run at the same time.

Day 4 Melk – Dürnstein

Situated within Austria’s wine–growing region, Melk is home to an imposing 900–year old Benedictine Abbey which features Austria’s finest Italian baroque architecture, with its ornate gold leaf walls, 640ft Imperial Corridor and fresco ceilings. Later the ship sails through the spectacular Wachau Valley and on to Dürnstein, one of the most enchanting villages of the Wachau wine region. This is the site of the castle where Richard the Lionheart was imprisoned after returning from the crusades in the 12th century. **B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: A guided biking tour along the Danube River from Melk to Dürnstein

OR

EmeraldACTIVE: A guided hike to Dürnstein Castle

Day 5 Vienna

Welcome to Vienna, the capital of classical music. Today you have a choice of either exploring Austria’s capital beginning with a drive along the magnificent Ringstrasse, where we will see the sights of the Vienna’s world-famous attractions such as the Opera House, Burgtheater, Town Hall, St. Stephen’s Cathedral and the Hofburg Imperial Palace. If you feel active, join the guided bike tour instead of the drive around and guided walk. **B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: Guided bike Tour

DiscoverMORE: Taste of Vienna Tour (extra cost)

AND / OR

DiscoverMORE: Exclusive Viennese concert with music from Mozart and Strauss (extra cost)

Day 6 Bratislava

Set on the crossroads of ancient trade routes in the heart of Europe, Bratislava the capital of Slovakia, embodies various cultures – primarily Celtic, Roman and Slavic. Enjoy a sightseeing tour including the enchanting Old City with its Town Hall, Mirbach Palace and the Gothic Cathedral of St Martin. This evening, the Captain will be delighted to welcome you to the Captain's Gala Dinner. **B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: Hike to Bratislava castle

EmeraldPLUS: Home Hosted Coffee and Cake with Slovaks

Day 7 Budapest

Budapest is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan city. Enjoy a guided tour of the city sights including the Hungarian Parliament Building, the Buda Castle and the Chain Bridge linking Buda and Pest or an exciting hike on the Buda Hill. This evening, enjoy a traditional Hungarian farewell dinner; Complete the evening with folk dancing and music performance on board. **B, L, D**

EmeraldACTIVE: A guided active walk to Buda Hill

EmeraldPLUS: Traditional Hungarian Folklore Show & Budapest Evening Cruise

DiscoverMORE: Budapest Jewish Heritage Tour (extra cost)

Day 8 – June 28, 2020 Budapest Disembarkation – Fly home

After breakfast, it is time to farewell your fellow passengers and disembark the ship for your transfer to the airport. Fly back to Usa. Arrive home. **B**

B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

All sites listed in the itinerary will be covered but the sequence and days may be altered to adjust to religious holidays, special closings of sites, air schedules, etc. This tour is not recommended for those who have mobility limitations since it includes walking on uneven terrain.