

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY ALONG ONE OF EUROPE'S MOST **FABLED** RIVERS

Danube Discovery Cruise & Stay

aboard ms Serenity
including Vienna & Budapest

From the riverbank to the water, see some of the greatest sights cradled by the blue Danube as we spend three nights in the heart of Budapest before cruising all the way from Hungary to Germany. Known as the 'pearl of the Danube', Budapest is an architectural paradise and our riverside hotel gives you the freedom to come and go as you please and really immerse yourself in the culture of this beautiful city. We then set our course along the river where you can discover the baroque wonderland of Bratislava, lose yourself in the waltzes and whirls of Vienna, gaze at the flawless beauty of the Wachau valley and wander along the cobbled streets of Melk.



Schonbrunn Palace, Vienna



Budapest

Danube

Day 1: UK – Munich (Rail)

We journey aboard Eurostar from St Pancras International to Brussels and continue to Munich where we check in at our overnight hotel.

Day 2: Munich – Budapest (Rail) / UK – Budapest (Air)

After breakfast we continue to Budapest and check in at the 4 star Novotel Hotel, which overlooks the Danube and the Parliament building on the Buda side of the city. It has all the facilities you would expect for a modern city centre hotel and is in the perfect location for you to really experience the Hungarian culture, with the freedom to come and go as you please. Those travelling by air join today.

Day 3 & 4: Budapest

Over the next two days you have plenty of time to explore Budapest. To help get your bearings, you could start by joining our optional city tour, which takes place on the morning of day 3 and introduces you to some of the most prominent highlights of the city known as the 'pearl of the Danube'. These include the 700-year-old Matthias Church, Parliament building – a magnificent example of neo-gothic architecture, and Buda Castle, which rises 48 metres above the river.

Day 5: Budapest

Enjoy free time this morning before joining our ship this afternoon and settle ourselves onboard for a relaxing evening.

Day 6: Budapest

Enjoy free time in Budapest or join our optional afternoon excursion which takes you through the sweeping plains of Hungary to Lajosmizse. Here we visit a traditional stud farm and enjoy a tour of the grounds in a horse-drawn carriage, before watching a spectacular live Puszta horse show. We set sail in the late afternoon and cruise towards Bratislava.

Day 7: Bratislava

Wake up in Bratislava, the historic capital of Slovakia which is dominated by its castle. There's also the unique suspension bridge, another key landmark, announced as the building of the century when it opened in 1972. Join our optional guided tour to take in the main sights and experience the rich culture in and around the old town before our ship cruises towards Vienna.

Day 8: Vienna

We spend a full day experiencing the delights of Vienna, where grand palaces, baroque castles, magnificent squares and striking monuments are just some of many highlights. In the morning you can join our optional city tour and in the afternoon we have an optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, which takes you on a journey through time as we explore some of the 1,441 rooms. We cast off later this evening.

Day 9: Melk

Later this morning we arrive in the Austrian town of Melk, which is filled with cobbled streets and attractive buildings. It is also overlooked by one of the most splendid monastic houses in Austria – the Benedictine Abbey, which you can visit on our optional excursion. We continue cruising upriver towards Passau.

Day 10: Passau – Munich (Rail) – UK (Air)

This morning we bid farewell to our captain and his crew and set off according to your chosen travel option: those travelling by air take their return flight from Munich back to the UK; those travelling by rail take the train to Munich for an overnight stay.

Day 11: Munich – UK (Rail)

We set off this morning by rail for our return journey to the UK.



Melk

9 DAYS FROM
£1095



YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

- Five nights' cruise on a full board basis
- For included visits see itinerary
- Services of a Cruise Manager

BY RAIL

- Travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras
- Connecting rail journeys
- Coach transfers between station and ship
- Five nights' bed and breakfast hotel accommodation
- Rail transfer

BY AIR

- Return flights from Heathrow. Prices are subject to change and availability and will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Coach transfers between airport and ship
- Three nights' bed and breakfast hotel accommodation

For more travel arrangement details see pages 30 & 31

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

- Budapest city tour.....£21
- Puszta horse show.....£36
- Bratislava city tour.....£24
- Vienna city tour.....£25
- Schönbrunn Palace.....£35
- Melk Abbey.....£21

Pre-book package price £169
Saving per person £28

2018 dates	No. of days	Airport	Train station
16 June	11	–	St Pancras
17 June	9	LHR	–

HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: DDISC

AIR & RAIL INCLUSIVE - from £1095 per person			
Dates	Deck	Air 9 days	Rail 11 days
June	Main	£1095	£1245
	Middle	£1195	£1345
	Panorama	£1295	£1445

For deck plan and cabin occupancy see page 7

All cabins have two berths, single occupancy 50% supplement

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INSURANCE & DEPOSITS – see page 32 for details



Novotel Budapest