

VISIT **THREE** GREAT CAPITAL CITIES –
BUDAPEST, BRATISLAVA AND VIENNA



Budapest

Delights of the Danube

aboard *ms Serenity*
including Budapest, Bratislava & Vienna

Cruise along one of Europe's finest rivers and step ashore to explore fabled towns and cities, including the great capitals of Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. We enjoy a full day in Vienna, whose style and grace inspired the creative genius of classical music's greatest composers. Then it's Bratislava, a cultural hotspot with rural charm and the friendliness to match. We finish with a full day in Budapest, where the Danube gives the city its split personality as it cuts through the heart, with ancient Buda on one side of the river and the modern area of Pest on the other. It's the perfect end to a river cruise that offers new cultures and experiences every day.

Day 1: UK – Nuremberg

We travel by air or rail to Nuremberg and board our ship for a relaxing evening as we cruise along the Main-Danube canal.

Day 2: Regensburg

We arrive in Regensburg this morning, which lies at the northernmost point of the Danube. From here you can join our optional coach excursion to Kelheim, where we join a boat and cruise through the enchanting Danube Gorge to visit the Benedictine Abbey of Weltenburg. The remainder of the day is free to explore the charming town of Regensburg, before we continue cruising along the Danube.

Day 3: Passau

Passau is known as the 'three rivers city' due to its unique location where the Danube, Inn and Ilz rivers meet. The old town is a stunning display of Italian baroque-style architecture, as you will see on our included walking tour. This is where most of the sights are found, including the Cathedral of St Stephen, home to Europe's largest cathedral organ. In the early evening we cruise towards Melk.

Day 4: Melk & Wachau Valley – Vienna

This morning we arrive in the Austrian city of Melk, which is filled with cobbled streets and attractive buildings, with the nearby Schallaburg Castle. 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. In the afternoon you can relax on deck as we cruise through the beautiful Wachau valley on our way to Vienna.

Day 5: Vienna

Enjoy a full day experiencing the delights of Vienna. Grand palaces, baroque castles, magnificent squares and striking monuments are just some of the key features of this beautiful city, which is a world heritage site. In the morning you can join our optional city tour and in the afternoon we have an optional excursion to Schönbrunn Palace, which



Regensburg



Vienna Museum of Natural History and Volksgarten Park

takes you on a journey through time as we explore some of the 1,441 rooms. Later today we begin cruising towards Bratislava.

Day 6: Bratislava – Budapest

The historic city of Bratislava is dominated by its castle, which is set high above the Danube and was once a frontier post of the Roman empire. There's also the unique suspension bridge, another key landmark which was announced as the building of the century when it opened in 1972. Join our optional city tour to take in the main sights and experience the rich culture of this Slovakian capital, before our ship cruises towards Budapest this afternoon.

Day 7: Budapest

Today we have a full day in Budapest, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Here you can explore both sides of Hungary's capital – traditional Buda and the more cosmopolitan Pest. Start the day by joining our optional city tour, which introduces you to the highlights and helps you to get your bearings in the city known as the 'pearl of the Danube'.

Day 8: Budapest – UK (Air) / Munich (Rail)

This morning we bid farewell to our captain and crew and disembark our ship. Passengers travelling

by air will be transferred to the airport for the return flight. Passengers travelling by rail can enjoy free time in Budapest, before taking the overnight train to Munich and onward connections to London.

Day 9: Munich – UK (Rail)

This morning we arrive back in the UK.



Bratislava Castle

8 DAYS FROM
£1199



YOUR CRUISE INCLUDES

BY RAIL

- Travel by Eurostar from London St Pancras
- Coach transfers between station and ship
- Seven nights' cruise on a full board basis
- One night overnight train and connections to London

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
- Seven nights' cruise on a full board basis

To make your own way to the ship please see pages 63 & 65

| 2017 dates | No. of days | Coach routes | Train station/airport |
|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 19 June | 9 | – | St Pancras |
| 19 June | 8 | – | LHR |

HOLIDAY PRICES

Tour code: DELIG

| BY RAIL / AIR per person | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|----------------|
| Code | Deck | Berth | Rail 9 days | Air LHR 8 days |
| | Main | 2 | £1499 | £1199 |
| | Middle | 2 | £1599 | £1299 |
| | Panorama | 2 | £1749 | £1399 |

See page 29 for deck plan and cabin occupancy

DRINKS PACKAGE: £99 per person

See page 28 for details

EXCURSIONS

- Danube Gorge Cruise & Weltenburg Abbey.....£26
- Passau walking tour..... **Included**
- Melk Abbey.....£21
- Vienna city tour.....£20
- Schönbrunn Palace.....£21
- Bratislava city tour.....£19
- Budapest city tour.....£21

Pre-book package price £90
Saving per person £38