

River Cruise Budapest - Amsterdam



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 45 Years & Over** (15 days)
Sunday 5 to Sunday 19 August 2012

Hungary • Slovakia • Austria • Germany • Holland

River Cruise

We've selected this cruise with Avalon Waterways to be enjoyed by a small group of single travellers.

See the highlights of Central Europe on this enchanting cruise between Budapest and Amsterdam. Guided sightseeing in each city shows you the highlights, with an authentic baking demonstration in Miltenberg, a beer tasting in Nuremberg, and inside visits of Würzburg's Residenz, Regensburg's Old Chapel, the Benedictine Abbey in Melk, St. Martin's Cathedral in Bratislava, and Fishermen's Bastion in Budapest. Also cruise through the scenic canals of Amsterdam and sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge past the legendary rock of the Lorelei.

Enjoy superb dining with all meals on board including a welcome reception, Captain's reception and farewell dinner; quality wines from Europe's most famous wine regions with every dinner.

Sightseeing Highlights

- BUDAPEST: Welcome reception; guided sightseeing, visit Fishermen's Bastion
- BRATISLAVA: Guided sightseeing, visit St. Martin's Cathedral
- VIENNA: Guided sightseeing
- DURNSTEIN: Guided walk, see the Stiftskirche
- MELK: Guided visit of the Benedictine Abbey; wine tasting
- PASSAU: Guided sightseeing
- REGENSBURG: Guided sightseeing
- NUREMBERG: Guided sightseeing; beer tasting
- MAIN DANUBE CANAL: Cruise in the canal
- BAMBERG: Guided sightseeing, see the Old Town Hall
- WURZBURG: Guided sightseeing, visit the Bishop's Residenz
- MILTENBERG: Guided sightseeing; baking demonstration

The Group

As a single traveller, it can be daunting when considering a cruise on your own. However, with this cruise departure, we've organised a group for single travellers, so that you can share your journey and enjoy the company of others.

The intimate experience of a river cruise is the ideal option for a small group of travellers to meet and travel together. We have places for up to 14 people on this departure. Before you travel, we offer a pre-departure contact service so you can get in touch with others in the group.

Ask about our room mate matching service to take advantage of the savings with a twin share cabin price.

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Small group. Book early to secure your place.



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Cruise Inclusions

- 14-night cruise on the lovely Avalon Tranquility
- All meals onboard (14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, 14 dinners)
- Complimentary fine wine, beer, and soft drinks during dinner
- 24-hour coffees and teas during your cruise
- Shore excursions, fully hosted by English-speaking local guides
- Onboard local entertainment
- A Captain's welcome & farewell dinner
- All onboard gratuities for cruise director & crew
- English-speaking staff onboard

Not Included with Cruise Price :

- Travel Insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- Group host - this group does not have a dedicated host however the ship has an experienced cruise manager on board.
- Airfares

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person AUD	Twin Share	Single Room
Category E Indigo Deck small window	N/A	\$7854
Category A Sapphire Deck french balcony	N/A	\$9675
Category P Royal Deck french balcony	\$6512	\$9979
Airfares	Quoted separately on request	

ROOM MATE MATCHING

Take advantage of the twin share cabin price with our room mate matching service. We will match you with another single traveller of the same gender and introduce you before you travel. Please note; room mate matching is subject to availability and requires your booking to be finalised with full payment by 2 April 2012.

About Us

At *arendezvous travel & leisure* we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips are age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like-minded travellers.

Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

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Itinerary for River Cruise, Budapest to Amsterdam



Day 1: ARRIVE IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY (EMBARKATION)

Welcome to Hungary's exciting capital city! This afternoon, board your river cruise vessel and meet your crew at a welcome reception. (D)

Day 2: BUDAPEST

Budapest, spanning the banks of the Danube, is Eastern Europe's liveliest and most cosmopolitan metropolis. Seven bridges connect ancient Buda on the right bank with Pest on the left. The massive hilltop castle complex with FISHERMEN'S BASTION and the Matthias Church is a sight not to be missed. Shop for renowned peasant embroidery, Herend porcelain, and paprika. (B,L,D)

Day 3: BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA.

Situated at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, Bratislava is the dynamic capital of Slovakia. The charming Old Town with its Town Hall and Mirbach Palace, as well as gothic ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL, should not be missed. (B,L,D)

Day 4: VIENNA, AUSTRIA

Once the centre of the mighty Habsburg Empire, Austria's capital has much to offer: lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House, the majestic Ring Boulevard, and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral, to name just a few of the sights on your included tour. Shop in the Karntnerstrasse and enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in a neighbourhood cafe. An optional concert is available tonight. (B,L,D)

Day 5: DURNSTEIN-MELK

Durnstein, known for the magnificent baroque Stiftskirche with its blue facade, lies right in the heart of the Wachau wine region. Continue through the Wachau Valley to Melk, whose magnificent BENEDICTINE ABBEY dominates the town and is one of Europe's largest monasteries. The view from the terrace over the Danube and surrounding countryside is breathtaking! This evening you'll be able to sample some of the FAMOUS WINES of this region. (B,L,D)

Day 6: LINZ-PASSAU, GERMANY.

Linz, Austria's third-largest town, lies on both banks of the Danube and is an important industrial town and busy river port. An optional full-day excursion to Salzburg takes in the popular Sound of Music sights. Passau, ideally located at the confluence of the Rivers Inn, Ilz, and Danube, is a city of graceful arcades and cobblestone streets. St. Stephen's Cathedral houses the world's largest church organ with more than 17,000 pipes. (B,L,D)

Day 7: REGENSBURG

Regensburg is one of Germany's best preserved medieval cities. Architectural highlights include the Old Town Hall and Porta Pretoria-gates to an ancient Roman fort

built in 179 AD. The city is the capital of Upper Palatinate, a bustling university town, and one of Bavaria's cultural centres. It is here you will find Germany's oldest restaurant, the 12th-century Historische Wurstkuche (Old Sausage Kitchen). (B,L,D)

Day 8: NUREMBERG

Although Nuremberg suffered extensive damage during WWII, much of it was restored to its original style. Marvel at this historic city with its fabulous gothic churches and elegant patrician houses. Nuremberg's traditions include famous Lebkuchen, toy making, and metal working. After dinner we'll introduce you to some of Germany's FAMOUS BEERS! (B,L,D)

Day 9: BAMBERG

Medieval Bamberg is a beautiful UNESCO World Heritage Site. Your walking tour takes in its breathtaking cathedral, the Old Town Hall straddling the River Regnitz and serpentine streets with charming houses and 18th-century mansions. (B,L,D)

Day 10: WURZBURG.

Known as the "Pearl of the Romantic Road," Wurzburg is surrounded by sloping hills covered with vineyards. The magnificent BISHOP'S RESIDENZ is another UNESCO World Heritage Site. (B,L,D)

Day 11: MILTENBERG

Located on the Main River, Miltenberg is a picturesque Bavarian village that thrived on income from river traffic. Its cultural wealth and affluence are reflected in the beautiful medieval and renaissance houses and the gothic splendour of the Merchant Hall. This afternoon, learn how to bake a local SOFT COOKIE speciality. (B,L,D)

Day 12: RODESHEIM-RHINE GORGE

Visit SIEGFRIED'S MECHANICAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MUSEUM in pretty Rudesheim. Enjoy a SPECIAL TREAT, then there's free time to explore the Drosselgasse and pick up some souvenirs. The dramatic RHINE GORGE is the most beautiful stretch of river. Pass the legendary rock of the Lorelei, where sweet songs of local beauties once lured enchanted sailors to their doom. (B,L,D)

Day 13: COLOGNE, GERMANY

Cologne is one of Germany's largest cities, with a river skyline dominated by the soaring twin spires of its magnificent gothic cathedral. The Germano-Roman Museum located next to the cathedral is a must for history buffs! Try a Kolsch in one of the many taverns and shop for a bottle of "4711," the original eau de cologne. (B,L,D)

Day 14: AMSTERDAM, HOLLAND

Holland's delightful 700-year-old capital is sophisticated and modern, with a rich and fascinating history. The works of famous Dutch masters can be seen in world-renowned

museums such as the Rijksmuseum or the Van Gogh. There is no better way to see Amsterdam than by CANAL BOAT. (B,L,D)

Day 15: AMSTERDAM (DISEMBARKATION)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

Ship Amenities

- Headsets for all guided shore excursions
- Services of a professional Cruise Director
- Sightseeing with Local Guides
- Silent Drive System (SDS)
- Non-smoking interior
- Internet access and Wi-Fi hotspots
- Onboard lectures, activities and nightly piano music
- Panoramic picture windows
- Hair Salon
- Fitness Centre
- Spacious Sky Decks
- Lounge and Bar
- Complimentary coffee & tea throughout the day
- Fine dining
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with all onboard dinners
- Open seating throughout the dining room for all meals
- Flatscreen satellite TV and radio
- Comfortable, hotel-style beds
- Comfortable beds that can be configured as two twins or one queen
- European-style duvets
- Egyptian super-combed cotton linens
- Private bathroom with shower
- Large closets
- Minibar, hairdryer and safe
- Individual climate control
- Royal Deck passengers can order Continental breakfast to their staterooms
- All staterooms are outside and those on Royal and Sapphire Decks have floor to ceiling sliding glass doors and French balconies.

For more details visit Avalon Waterways website www.avalonwaterways.com.au

PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE.

We offer a pre-departure contact service. With your permission, we share your first name, state and email (or other preferred contact method) with the other travellers in the group. It provides you with the opportunity to get in touch with others prior to departure. This list is provided after bookings close and usually about four weeks prior to departure.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Full terms and conditions are available on the holiday website. Information was correct at the time of publishing however some details may change without notice.