



"Krakow & Cruise the Blue Danube"

***Visiting Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary & Austria including a
7-night river cruise on the Danube aboard the MS Vivaldi***

October 13-24, 2016



From \$4599.00 per person including airfare from Chicago

**For reservations & information call WTVP
(309) 677-4747**

Exclusive Tour Features

- Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport
- Air transportation from Chicago to Krakow and return from Vienna on Austrian Airlines regularly-scheduled flights
- 3 nights of First Class hotel accommodation in Krakow, Poland
- 7 nights aboard MS Vivaldi of CroisiEurope, sailing the Danube River in the cabin category you select
- Buffet breakfast in Krakow
- 2 dinners in Krakow, including a Folklore Show
- 3 meals daily while onboard cruise, including wine and beverages with lunches and dinners
- Half-day city tour of Krakow
- Half-day tour to Auschwitz concentration camp and lunch
- Half-day trip to the Salt Mines outside of Krakow
- Sightseeing and lunch in Brno, Czech Republic
- Shore excursion to Melk Abbey
- Guided tour of Bratislava
- Half-day excursion to Puszta
- Half-day city tour of Budapest
- Half-day city tour of Vienna and Schönbrunn Palace
- All round-trip transfers and luggage handling of one suitcase per person
- **All current airline fuel surcharges, subject to change.**

Not included: Air taxes of approx. \$140.00 per person, gratuities to guides and drivers, tours marked optional, and optional trip insurance package.

\$4599 per person: Lower deck, outside cabin with 2 lower beds & small window

\$4749 per person: Middle deck, outside cabin with 2 lower beds & picture window

\$4799 per person: Upper deck, outside cabin with 2 lower beds & sliding door balcony



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"Day by Day Itinerary"

October 13 – Peoria/Chicago departure

Depart WTVP via Peoria Charter Coach to Chicago-O'Hare. Depart Chicago-O'Hare this afternoon on Austrian Airlines non-stop flight to Vienna.

October 14 – Vienna/Krakow

Arrive Vienna in the morning. Continue by connecting flight to Krakow, Poland. You will be met by your tour director who will escort you to your hotel in the center of Krakow. After time to settle in and rest, join your fellow group members for a **welcome dinner. (D)**

October 15 – Krakow

After breakfast, meet your tour manager and begin your tour of Krakow. This city tour promises to be a feast for the senses and includes: exploring the medieval section of the town that has the Main Town Square, the largest square in Europe; fascinating churches with different architectural styles; and beautiful streets brimming with old world charm. The world's biggest wooden altar (carved by Wit

Stwosz between 1477-1489) opens its wings in the Church of the Virgin Mary each day and you will be there to witness the magical moment. From one of its twin towers, on the hour every hour, you can hear the Hejnał, the haunting alarm-call played by a trumpeter. This afternoon is at leisure to explore on your own and shop some of the local stores for world-famous Polish pottery and learn about its production. In the evening, enjoy an **included dinner with a traditional Folklore Show. (B & D)**

October 16 – Krakow (Auschwitz and Salt Mine Excursion)

Today you will have a moving experience: a **tour of Auschwitz**. The tour starts with a film documentary before you witness the site of the atrocities. It is a horrific place that will certainly leave you feeling drained and hollow, so you will want to mentally prepare yourself before visiting. Afterwards, you will have an **included lunch** before you tour the amazing **Wieliczka Salt Mines**. The historic underground chambers, shafts and caverns, decorated with sculptures and carvings, are connected by 2 kilometers of passage. The Chapel of Blessed Kinga is the biggest underground chapel in the world. In 1978, the Wieliczka Salt Mine was added to UNESCO's 1st World List of Cultural and Natural Heritage. Return to Krakow in the late afternoon. **(B & L)**

October 17 – Krakow/Brno/Vienna

After breakfast, bid farewell to Poland as you head to Brno. You'll drive through a picturesque route to the Czech Republic's second largest city. The city is a scene of lively street cafes, outdoor restaurants and street performers that make any visit memorable. The compact nature of the city means that restaurants, malls, museums, and galleries are all close at hand and the center can easily be viewed on foot. Enjoy an **included traditional lunch**, then take advantage of some free time before continuing to Vienna, Austria, to board **MS Vivaldi**, your home for the next seven nights on the Danube River. Meet the crew at a **welcome cocktail party** before dinner. Begin sailing toward Melk in the evening. **(B, L, D)**

October 18 – Cruising Melk

Join your **included excursion to the abbey of Melk**. Created in 1089, it hosted Benedictine monks for more than 900 years. Its impressive library has a remarkable marble room, **frescoes by Paul Troger**, and stunning views on the Danube River. Cruise through the beautiful Wachau Valley and arrive in **Dürnstein** in the middle of the afternoon. Discover this charming village, situated at the foot of the ruins of the castle famous for its legend of Richard Lion Heart. Return on board in the end of the afternoon. Cruise toward **Bratislava. (B, L, D)**

October 19 – Cruising Bratislava

Your **included excursion** today is to the capital of Slovakia. Bratislava was first the capital of Hungary from 1536 to 1784 under the name of Presburg. With your guides, you will begin the visit with a panoramic tour of the city which will take you to Bratislava Castle. The coach will then drop you at the entrance to the Old Town, site of the main historical monuments, to continue the visit on foot. You will enter the city through Michael's Gate, which is the only gate still surviving from the Middle Ages. Then you will head for the central square surrounded by elegant buildings, some in Art Nouveau style, and dominated by the old Bratislava Town Hall. The tour continues with the Primate's Palace completed in 1781 for Archbishop Jozef Bathány. After the guided tour, you will have some free time and will return to the boat on foot or by coach depending on sailing times. In the afternoon, sail to **Kalocsa, Hungary. (B, L, D)**

October 20 – Cruising Kalocsa

Today enjoy your **included excursion to the Puzsta**, also called the Great Plain of Hungary. You will delight in an equestrian show before enjoying a ride in a carriage. You will also taste the "palinka" (plum eau-de-vie) and some "pogacs" (small salty brioche). Return onboard for lunch. The afternoon will be spent sailing to Budapest, Hungary. Arrive Budapest during the night. **(B, L, D)**

October 21 – Cruising Budapest

Separated by the Danube River are Buda, the cultural and ancient town, and Pest, the popular and lively part of the capital. The two parts are joined by nine bridges, including the famous Bridge of Chains. From the boat you will begin your **included guided tour** of the city. First head for Buda, then go up to the Castle quarter with its panoramic view of the city, and then on to the Fisherman's Bastion, built in neo-Roman style in 1902. Behind the Bastion, you will find the Matthias Church, the oldest in the city, founded in 1015 by Saint Stephen and which notably was the venue for the coronation of Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife "Sissi". From there you will return to the coach, which will take you down to the plains of Pest, where you will visit Heroes' Square, pass by the famous Szechenyi thermal baths, the zoo, and the Vajdahunyad Castle. You will go along the river and see the famous Parliament building overlooking the Danube with its white silhouette in the Byzantine and neo-Gothic styles. Return to the boat. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Enjoy a free evening or **optional*** show in Budapest. During this traditional Hungarian show, you will travel the length and breadth of Hungary through its folklore and Gypsy music. Each piece of music, each dance retraces an event in daily life of Hungary. Sail during the night to **Esztergom**. **(B, L, D)**

October 22 – Cruising - Esztergom

Arrive this morning in Esztergom, Hungary, one of the most ancient Hungarian towns, dominated by its basilica, the biggest one of central Europe. Spend the afternoon sailing to Vienna. A gala evening awaits you tonight. Sail during the night. **(B, L, D)**

October 23 – Cruising Vienna

This morning join your **included guided visit of Vienna and Schönbrunn Palace**. You will begin the tour by taking the famous Ring to reach Schönbrunn Palace. The "Ring" was one of the personal projects of Emperor Franz Joseph. Along the Ring you will admire the architectural showcase of the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy, including: the State Opera, Hofburg Palace, the Natural History Museum, City Hall, and the Burgtheater. At **Schönbrunn Palace**, you will be guided through the numerous rooms of the Hapsburgs' summer residence, which bear witness to the splendor of the Court at the time of Maria Theresa. You will also have a little time to wander through the Palace gardens. You will then return to the coach, which will take you into the city center to enjoy a little free time in the area around St. Stephen's Cathedral. You will then return to the coach, which will take you back to the boat, via the Ring. Enjoy a free afternoon and evening on the boat or exploring Vienna on your own. Overnight will be onboard ship. **(B, L, D)**

Optional* afternoon activity: Enjoy a **guided tour of the Hofburg Palace**, former residence of the Habsburgs for more than six centuries.

Optional* evening activity: Enjoy a **concert at the Kursalon** devoted to Mozart and Strauss compositions. A free drink will be served at intermission (orange juice or sparkling Austrian wine).

October 24 – Disembarkation – Vienna/Chicago

Bid farewell to your cruise staff as you are transferred to the airport for your non-stop flight to Chicago on Austrian Airlines. Arrive in the later afternoon and return to Peoria via motor coach.

**Optional events may be booked aboard the MS Vivaldi for an extra fee.*



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TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Deposits are accepted by checks only.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 1/20/2016. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members in writing with the final invoice.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: You have the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to cover you should you have to cancel for a medical reason. In the event you elect not to purchase the trip cancellation insurance, penalties will be implemented according to the terms below.

CANCELLATION: \$100.00 per person penalty if written notification is received 95 days or more prior to departure. 94-60 the deposit amount is forfeited. If cancellation is received 59 days or less prior to departure 100% penalty will apply.

INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TRAVEL: One piece of checked luggage is allowed on the tour. Its combined total measurement (length+width+height) cannot exceed 62 inches and 50 lbs. You are also allowed one carry-on per person which must be able to fit under the seat in front of you with a measurement of 45 inches. This tour is based on specially negotiated airfare and may not qualify for frequent flyer miles.

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Enclosed is \$600.00 deposit per person for _____ persons

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