

VIKING

Exploring the World in Comfort®

Viking Danube River

Viking River Cruises

9 Days September 10-18,
2022 From \$4770*

Optionally add 3 days to Prague
returning September 21

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Three Countries • Hungary:
• Budapest • Austria: • Vienna
• Krems • Germany: • Passau
• Regensburg • Kellheim Danube
Narrows • Includes: local departure
• Flights • Taxes • Insurance
• Crew Tips

The Parliament of Budapest

VISIT BUDAPEST'S Castle District and cross the famous Chain Bridge. Explore Göttweig Abbey, one of Austria's most revered monastic centers, and make dumplings with Wachau Valley apricots. See Europe's

Stevie Jay
TRAVEL



New Improved Itinerary with 2 days each in Budapest and Vienna!



Stevie Jay and Janet Khachaturian will be with you all the way!

largest pipe organ in Passau, or travel to Salzburg. Celebrate Vienna's musical heritage at a concert featuring works by Mozart and Strauss. With medieval towns, grand cities and stunning scenery, this 8-day journey on the "Blue Danube" is one you are sure to love. Join us for September's fall colors after the summer heat with a post-cruise option to extend for three nights in Prague.

Itinerary

Day 1 Saturday: Central Illinois-Chicago/O'Hare-Flight

Stevie Jay & Janet welcome us aboard our private motor coach to Chicago O'Hare. He hires skycaps to help with luggage for check-in for our flight to Budapest.

Day 2 Sunday: Flight arrival-Budapest

Welcome to Budapest, capital of Hungary. Transfer to your ship from the airport. After boarding, enjoy a light lunch and the afternoon is yours to relax or do a bit of exploring. Tonight, return to your ship for a traditional Hungarian dinner. (L, D)

Day 3 Monday: Budapest, Hungary

Your morning begins with a panoramic tour of the Pest side of the city. Journey along Andrassy Avenue and see the 19th- and 20th-century mansions, National Opera House, Parliament Building and Chain Bridge. Stop in Heroes' Square to learn more about Hungarian history, then cross the Danube to Buda's Castle District. Visit Matthias Church and enjoy brilliant views of the Danube and the beautiful Hungarian Parliament building from Fishermen's Bastion. Rejoin your ship in Visegrád for lunch as we cruise along the scenic Danube River. Enjoy a mid afternoon Viennese coffee workshop, complete with apple strudel. (B, L, D)

Day 4 Tuesday: Vienna, Austria

Today we tour the Austrian capital of Vienna. Ride along the Ringstrasse, which replaced the city walls in the mid-19th century. See some of the city's baroque architecture, including the world-famous Opera House, St. Stephen's Cathedral and Hofburg Palace. Return to your ship for lunch. The rest of the day is yours to further explore. As always, your Program



Göttweig Abbey, Krems, Austria

Director can help you plan your free time. Or, you may choose to join us for an optional excursion.

Day 5 Wednesday: Vienna, Austria

Perhaps visit Schönbrunn Palace, erected in 1778 and admired as the “Versailles of Vienna,” or go behind the scenes at the Spanish Riding School to see its famed Lipizzaner stallions. This evening, you might enjoy an optional classical concert or celebrate the bottling of this year’s wine vintage among the locals

at a high-spirited optional Heurigen dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 6 Thursday: Krems, Austria

After breakfast, disembark in Krems and set off for Göttweig, a working Benedictine abbey that owns many of the vineyards along the Danube. See the splendid ceiling fresco in its imperial stairwell, one of the largest in the world. Visit the abbey church, a masterpiece of baroque architecture. Alternately, you

may instead choose to explore your environs by bicycle, enjoying a ride along a riverside bike path considered one of Europe’s most scenic. Afterward, rejoin your ship and cruise leisurely through the captivating Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Taste some local Austrian specialties during lunch on board, taking in views

The Viking Philosophy: our promise to you

- **NOT BE EVERYTHING TO EVERYONE** focus on English-speaking, mature couples with curious minds and an interest in history, culture and geography
- **BE A DESTINATION-ORIENTED CRUISE LINE** get closer to iconic cities and quaint towns
- **OFFER A HIGHLY INCLUSIVE PRODUCT** no nickel and diming
- **BE AN EFFICIENT OPERATOR** pass savings along to guests
- **HIRE THE BEST STAFF IN THE CRUISE INDUSTRY** we have the highest retention rate





and tasting locally brewed beer. Or, you may choose a full-day optional excursion to explore glorious Salzburg; visit the Italianate Old Town, see settings from the film *The Sound of Music* and enjoy lunch at Austria's oldest restaurant. (B, L, D)

Day 8 Saturday Wednesday: Regensburg, Germany

After breakfast, meet your local guide for a walking tour through the scenic town of Regensburg, considered one of Europe's best-preserved medieval cities. See one of the largest groupings of 13th- and 14th-century church spires, towers and patrician houses north of the Alps. You also encounter the 12th-century Old Stone Bridge, St. Peter's Cathedral and a number of idyllic courtyards. Take time to stroll the streets, shop or visit Germany's oldest restaurant, the *Alte Würstküche*. Lunch is served on board your ship.

This afternoon you can take an optional excursion to visit **Weltenburg Abbey** and experience a short cruise through a stunning mountain pass, one of the most breathtakingly scenic bends in the Danube Narrows. Travel by road to Kelheim and board a ferryboat to explore the 400-foot chalk cliffs and dramatic scenery of the Danube Narrows. Visit Weltenburg Abbey, renowned for the dark ale brewed here by monks since 1050, then rejoin your ship in Kelheim in time for dinner. Or, you may choose a full-day optional excursion to see the highlights of the grand city of **Munich**.

Alternately, you can join an optional **Nuremberg** World War II tour. Visit Zeppelin Field on foot, see Congress Hall and spend time at the illuminating Documentation Center Museum. After, visit Courtroom 600 at the Palace of Justice (unless court is in session) before heading to Nuremberg's medieval Old Town, enclosed within ancient city walls. (B, L, D)

Day 9 Sunday (September 18): Regensburg-Flight-Chicago/O'Hare-Central Illinois or Prague extension

After breakfast, disembark and proceed to the Munich airport for our same day, non-stop flight home. Our chartered coach returns to Central Illinois humming a waltz of the Romantic Danube.

Or extend your stay for three nights and experience magical Prague in the Czech Republic, the "City of a Hundred Spires." Your Viking River motor coach takes you to Prague this morning after disembarkation. After free time for lunch, check into the hotel, the First-Class Corinthia Hotel Prague (or similar).

The extension package includes transportation, hotel, sightseeing, breakfasts with free time to explore.

St. Stephens Cathedral, Passau, Germany

of attractive towns and castle ruins along the way. (B, L, D)

Day 7 Friday: Passau, Germany

Arrive this morning in Passau, at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube Rivers. Your guided walk along the town's narrow streets takes you through Old Town and past traditional patrician houses. See the New Bishop's Residence and visit the impressive baroque St. Stephen's Cathedral with its ornate interior. Inside, you are treated to a special concert played on the 17,000-pipe organ, considered Europe's largest church organ.† Enjoy lunch on board your ship, and return to the city for further exploration on your own before departing. Alternately, you may instead journey into the countryside on an optional excursion to a local farm where you will have the opportunity to join a festive Bavarian party, experiencing traditional German music and food

More included features than most packages:

- More time seeing the sights and relaxing since you unpack once and yet visit many places.
- Local departure from Central Illinois cities on a private motor coach.
- Travel insurance covers a variety of occurrences like being unable to go due to illness or accident (also including your roommate or a family member).
- Also included: **all tips** (yes, guides, drivers *and* cruise staff), all baggage handling, drinks at meals.
- Better to pay a rate that's a good value now than having to keep digging into your wallet along the way. You could end up paying more on another tour or not have as carefree of an experience.

The rest of the day is free to explore on your own and sample some of the hearty local cuisine. For example, tour Hradany Castle, visit the Gothic St. Vitus Cathedral and stroll along the Charles Bridge. This evening see the city's monuments, like the National Theater, Prague Castle and the famous Charles Bridge, beautifully illuminated. A Viking host is available to help you plan your time in Prague so you can make the most of your visit. (B)

Day 10 Monday: Prague Sightseeing

Begin the day with a panoramic tour of Prague, including a guided walk through Prague Castle. Few cities embody the past as authentically as Prague, the Czech Republic's atmospheric capital on the Vltava River that clings to its history with unwavering passion. Prague's medieval architecture is its most prominent, but the city is also a rich repository of Romanesque, baroque and art nouveau buildings that stir the imagination. After your tour, enjoy a free afternoon and evening to visit some of the city's landmarks or museums. (B)

Day 11 Tuesday: Prague Free Day

You have a full day to further explore Prague. See more of the Old Town or check out some of Prague's more modern sights like the Frank Gehry-designed Dancing House, an unusual office building inspired by Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Walk across the Charles Bridge, see the mesmerizing Astronomical Clock and the poignant Lennon Wall, and stand in historic Wenceslas Square. Wander past the colorful cottages in Golden Lane, where Franz Kafka lived and worked. Or in the Jewish Quarter, see the 13th-century Altneuschul, Europe's oldest, active synagogue. (B)

Day 12 Wednesday (September 20): Flight-Prague-Chicago/O'Hare-Central Illinois

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and proceed to the airport for your same-day return flight. (B)

Included meals are noted each day with the initials of Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

What's Included: • Round trip motor coach transportation from Central Illinois • Baggage handling • Round trip flights • Round trip transportation from airport to riverboat • Tips for drivers & guides • Shore Excursions • Travel insurance from AIG Travel Guard's deluxe group program • Crew gratuities • 21 Meals: 7 Breakfasts 7 Lunches 7 Dinners • \$160 taxes currently • Choice of cruise stateroom • Led by Stevie Jay & Janet Khachaturian



*Above: Old Stone Bridge, Regensburg, Germany;
below: Danube Narrows, Kellheim, Germany*



Included in the package price:

Travel Guard® VACATION & CRUISES PLAN

Travel Insurance &
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Standard with window E & F, 150 sq ft



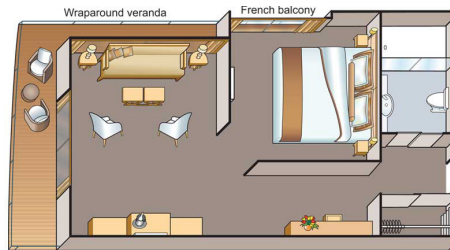
French Balcony C & D, 135 sq ft



Veranda A & B, 205 sq ft



Veranda Suite AA, 275 sq ft



Explorer Suite ES, 445 sq ft



Explorer Suite with wraparound veranda and French Balcony: Category ES

All Meals Included:

Beer, house wine & soft drinks are **included** with lunch & dinner. If you want to order wines by the bottle or premium drinks, Viking has a Silver Spirits Package available at an extra charge.

Current special economy air fares included at the cost of \$799 per person!

We will match any better offer that comes along. But special rates can increase at beginning of the next month so do not delay in booking. Viking River Cruises does not discount cruises at the last minute. Instead they give the best values to the customers who book early. Over time they increase their air fare "add-on" as their riverboats fill up. So better to not wait—book as soon as you can.

But what if you or a family member becomes ill or has an accident? That's why we include AIG/Travel Guard Travel Insurance when you book. It even waives the pre-existing conditions exclusion. **As long as you are medically able to travel when you book, you are covered.** Note that Medicare does not cover you overseas! But our plan does! See plan details for more information and other coverage features.



Stateroom with window: Categories E-F



Stateroom with French "Balcony": Cat. C-D



Stateroom with Veranda: Categories A-B



Veranda Suite: with Veranda and French Balcony Category AA

Deck Plans

Reasons to choose each category:

1. For the view: any category above E & F, particularly ES.
2. Sitting out on your veranda B & above.
3. For convenience to the Lounge, Aquavit Terrace and Sun Deck: Upper Deck's C, A or AA.
4. For convenience to the boat's exit, restaurant and reception Deck Middle Deck's D or B.
5. Economy: the lower (Main) deck's E & F, but without elevator access from the lower deck.

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What's Not Included: • Tax/fuel surcharges in effect if any • Optional Prague 3-night hotel extension which also includes breakfasts, transfers & travel insurance: \$858/person dbl. occ. (single \$1500).

*All prices are per person, based on occupancy, double from \$4770, single from \$8173 • Document required for US Citizens is Passport valid through 3/18/2023 (or if staying after the cruise, 6 months after your return date); no visa or shots at this time. Other citizens should consult their consulate.

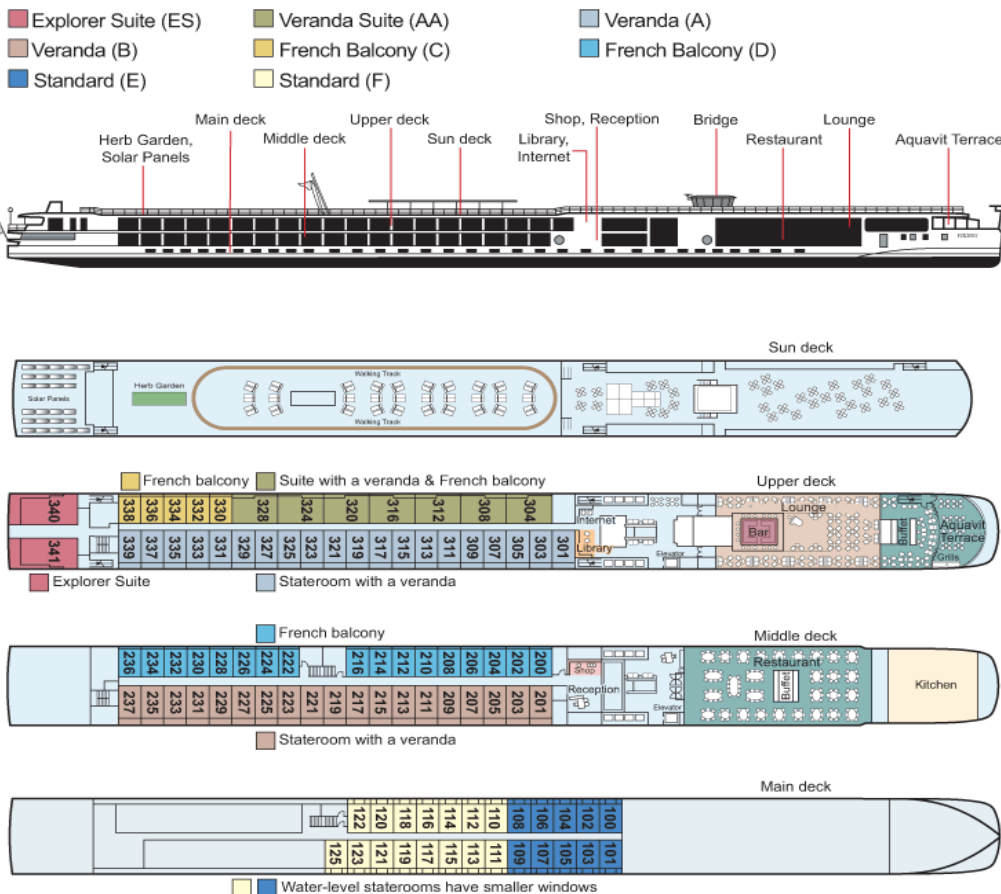


Optional Nuremberg excursion, Sinwell Tower

• Insurance coverage is Deluxe Group Plan from Travel Guard is included and for coverage details see webpage steviejaytravel.com/insurance covering cancellation charges; other terms at steviejaytravel.com/terms which are

incorporated by reference. • Price and details are subject to change. If taking the Prague extension, we will offer an option for the coach ride back to Central Illinois based on the number traveling. Ask family & friends to join you:

Prices per-person total* for the *cruise package*. See on the previous page the green highlighted portion for the extra cost of the optional *Prague extension*.



Type/Category	Deck	Size Square Feet	Price Double	Price Single
<i>Standard</i>		<i>(wide but high window)</i>		
F	Lower	150'	\$4,770	8,173
E	Lower	150'	4,878	8,388
<i>French "Balcony"</i>		<i>large sliding window (no actual balcony)</i>		
D	Middle	135'	5,842	10,317
C**	Upper	135'	6,057	10,746
<i>Veranda</i>		<i>(with sliding glass doors to veranda sitting area)</i>		
B	Middle	205'	6,378	11,389
A	Upper	205'	6,593	11,818
<i>Veranda Suite</i>		<i>(with sliding glass doors to veranda sitting area)</i>		
AA	Upper	275'	8,522	15,677
<i>Explorer Suite</i>		<i>(with sliding glass doors to veranda sitting area)</i>		
ES	Upper	445'	10,452	19,537

**Limited space as of January 2020
Important Notes: on the Viking deck plans at left, Main deck is the lowest deck so we call it lower for clarity. Boarding and disembarking is from the middle deck. Elevator is from Middle to Upper Deck only; **no elevator access for categories E & F.**



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#1 RIVER CRUISE LINE

Rated the best of all river cruise lines.

- We would rank the pacing as a “1 or 2” where leisurely is “1” & on the go is “5”. The reason for the double rating is that you can choose to take all the included shore excursions or skip some—you control how much or little you want to do.
- Want choices? If the included excursion does not appeal to you, there will be other specialty excursions offered. They are at an extra cost.
- Often compared to an ocean cruise, we feel that this does not quite give the right impression. Ocean cruises can only travel to coastal cities or occasionally make long distances to interior cities. Either way this can mean extra travel by coach or rail. The riverboats ply the true highways of Europe: the great rivers! This means you are docked in or very close to the olden centers of the cities. So one can walk off the boat and be right where you want to be without a long drive through the suburbs.
- Viking has a strong philosophy that has made it so popular to Americans. First they severely limit smoking to a small area on the Sun Deck—a higher proportion of Europeans smoke and would never put up with not being able to smoke at meals and other interior parts of the boat.



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 to charge your credit card for the \$1200 per-person deposit. Or mail a check to Stevie Jay Travel LLC, 4413 Trostshire Cir, Champaign IL 61822

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