



# DANUBE EXPLORER RIVER CRUISE BUDAPEST TO OCTOBERFEST

Tour Dates: September 22nd – October 4th, 2024



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Vienna's Imperial Hofburg Palace



Celebrate Oktoberfest in Munich

**DAY 1 Depart the USA:** Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Budapest, Hungary.

**DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary:** Welcome to Budapest, the 'Pearl of the Danube', where you will be greeted by a representative of Mayflower / Emerald Cruises and transferred to your contemporary Star-Ship. Once on board, you receive a warm welcome from our friendly crew. **Meal: D**

**DAY 3 Budapest:** Explore the city's medieval quarter as you embark on a coach tour through the UNESCO World Heritage city center. View the beautiful façade of the Parliament Building, see Heroes' Square and St. Steven's Basilica. Your guide will teach you about the Hungarian capital's culinary scene, finishing at the neo-Gothic Grand Market, Budapest's largest and most expansive indoor market, where you'll have time to explore independently. If you're feeling more active, alternatively choose to hike to Gellert Hill and be rewarded with beautiful views of the Danube and city of Budapest. This evening, enjoy a traditional Hungarian folklore show onboard. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Hike to Gellert Hill (instead of city tour)

**DiscoverMORE:** Hungarian Bath Experience (additional expense)

**EmeraldPLUS:** Traditional Hungarian folklore show onboard

**DAY 4 Budapest:** The day is at leisure to pursue independent interests or join a DiscoverMORE excursion. This evening, we invite you to a special dinner and a traditional folklore show for a truly immersive local experience, presenting you with a great chance to get to know your fellow travellers and to spend the evening in town just like the locals do. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DiscoverMORE:** Retro tour of post-Communist Budapest (additional expense)

**DiscoverMORE:** Jewish heritage tour (additional expense)

**DiscoverMORE:** Budapest by Night (additional expense)

**EmeraldPLUS:** Dinner & folklore show in Budapest

**DAY 5 Budapest:** On the last morning in Budapest, enjoy a leisurely walk in town or use one of the onboard bikes for one last ride through the Hungarian capital. In the afternoon, the ship sets

sail on the magnificent Danube River for the next destination – Slovakia. **Meals: B, L, D**

**DiscoverMORE:** Excursion to Szentendre (additional expense)

**DAY 6 Bratislava, Slovakia:** This morning, the ship arrives in the Slovakian capital of Bratislava. The romantic cobblestone lanes weaving through the city are yours to explore. Enjoy guided walking tours of the ancient town center, passing a range of Gothic and Art Nouveau buildings, including the incredible Slovak National Theater. Alternatively, embark on a guided hike to Bratislava Castle, perched atop a hill, offering a splendid view over the Danube. Tonight, enjoy some local Slovakian entertainment onboard. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Guided hike to Bratislava Castle (instead of walking tour)

**DiscoverMORE:** Skoda tour of post-Communist Bratislava (additional expense)

**EmeraldPLUS:** Local Slovakian entertainment onboard

**DAY 7 Vienna, Austria:** Discover the classical charms of Vienna on a city tour. Uncover the cafés, artisan studios and baroque majesty of Vienna's imperial grandeur. A drive around the Ringstrasse will showcase the magnificent architecture followed by a walking tour to introduce you to the UNESCO World Heritage historic center. Alternatively, enjoy a bike tour along the serene trails on Donauinsel, the Danube Island. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Guided bike tour in Vienna (instead of city tour)

**DiscoverMORE:** Exclusive Viennese evening concert (additional expense)

**DAY 8 Weissenkirchen – Melk:** Effortlessly suspended in time, Weissenkirchen is one of the most frequented parts of the Wachau wine region, where the delightful warm weather creates the perfect setting for viticulture. Join your Activity Manager for a hike in town before setting sail and cruising through the UNESCO World Heritage Wachau Valley en route to Melk. For those who are more active, choose to cycle along the Danube to Melk. Upon arrival, enjoy a walking tour through Melk to the Abbey. Originally a lavish castle gifted to Benedictine monks during the 11th century, this opulent Baroque building is home to some of the most important collections of medieval manuscripts.

After the included visit to Melk Abbey, choose to join the optional excursion to Schallaburg Castle or enjoy free time in Melk.

**Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Hike in Weissenkirchen with activity manager

**EmeraldACTIVE:** Guided bike tour along the Danube River

**DiscoverMORE:** Visit to Schallaburg Castle (additional expense)

**DAY 9 Linz – Český Krumlov, Czech Republic:** This morning, your Star-Ship will dock in Linz. Journey by coach across the border into the Czech Republic to the UNESCO World Heritage center of Český Krumlov, a town built around a 13th-century castle. Join your local guide on a walk along the labyrinth of winding cobblestone streets, passing the colorful façades of buildings, as you learn how the architecture survived the test of time. The town surrounds the UNESCO World Heritage Český Krumlov Castle, and your guided tour will include the 15th-century St. Vitus Church and a number of delightful Gothic façades. Return to the ship in Linz after the tour.

**Meals: B, D**

**EmeraldPLUS:** Guided tour of Český Krumlov

**DiscoverMORE\*:** Linzer torte making workshop (additional expense) (instead of included tour)

**DiscoverMORE\*:** Excursion to Salzburg (additional expense)

\*Included tour and both DiscoverMORE's all overlap. Only one can be selected.

**DAY 10 Passau, Germany:** Narrow cobblestone streets welcome you to Passau, a town nestled on the confluence of three of Europe's main waterways. This historic trading center borders Austria and boasts a distinctive blend of cultures. After a brief walking tour of Passau, travel by coach to experience a typical Bavarian farm for some interesting insights into the life of local farmers and livestock farming, then try their homemade specialities. This afternoon, you can set off on a hike, catching sights such as the Mariahilf and St. Severin, an ancient church dating back to the Ottonian dynasty. **Meals: B, L, D**

**EmeraldPLUS:** Bavarian brunch

**EmeraldACTIVE\*:** Hike to Veste Oberhaus

**DiscoverMORE\*:** Bavaria Live (additional expense)

\*the EmeraldACTIVE and DiscoverMORE overlap. Only one can be selected.

**DAY 11 Passau / Lindau / Munich:** Early this morning the ship relocates to Lindau for disembarkation. It's time to say farewell to the Captain and crew as you journey by coach to Munich. Enjoy a panoramic tour showcasing the former Olympic site, Nymphenburg Palace, Maximilianstrasse and the Parliament, the National Theater and Munich's Residenz. During the walking portion, stroll through Marienplatz Square and see the famous Glockenspiel. After the tour, the remainder of the day is at leisure. **Meal: B**

**DAY 12 Munich:** The day is at leisure until the designated departure time for the Oktoberfest fairgrounds. Entrance to a tent with entertainment, a meal and 1 liter of beer is included. **Meals: B, D**

**DAY 13 Munich / USA:** Depart the hotel and transfer to the Munich airport as you bid 'auf wiedersehen' to Germany and head for home. **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.

#### CRUISE AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

**Days 2 through 10** – Aboard an Emerald Cruises Star-Ship

**Days 11 and 12** – NH Hotel or similar, Munich, Germany



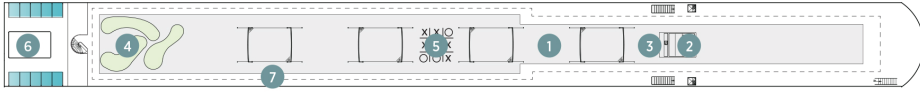
## Exceptional Inclusions

- **28 Meals:** 11 Breakfasts, 7 lunches, and 10 dinners
- **Airport transfers** on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit **five countries**
- **Nine-night cruise in a suite or stateroom** of your choice onboard the vessel
- **All gratuities included**
- **First-class service** by an English-speaking crew
- **Onboard Activity Manager** will support all EmeraldACTIVE excursions and host daily onboard wellness activities, games, classes and evening entertainment
- **Shore excursions** with English-speaking local guides
- Personal **listening device** for onboard excursions
- Most meals included onboard with a **variety of international cuisine**
- Complimentary **regional wines, beer and soft drinks** accompany onboard lunches and dinners
- Complimentary **bottled water** in your stateroom
- Complimentary **WiFi onboard**
- Complimentary **bicycles onboard** for use ashore
- **All port charges included**
- Two-night hotel **stay in Munich** with city tour
- Entrance to **Oktoberfest** tent with food and drink

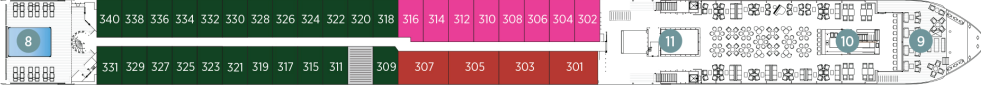
# Emerald Cruises Star-Ships

**Built:** 2014-20 **Speed:** 15.5 mph **Staterooms:** 19 **Suites:** 72 **Length:** 443 ft. **Crew:** 47

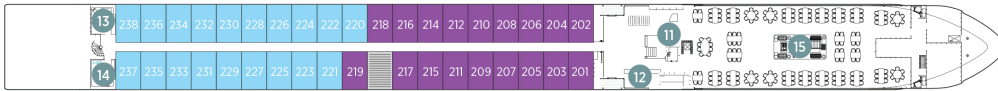
## SUN DECK



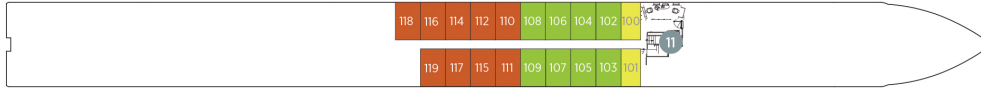
## HORIZON DECK



## VISTA DECK

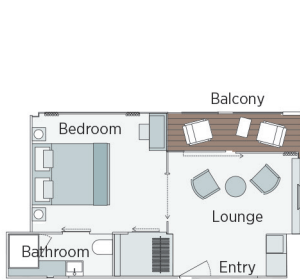


## RIVIERA DECK



## Public Areas and Ship Amenities

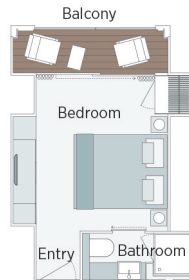
- 1 Sun Deck with Deck Chairs
- 2 Navigation Bridge
- 3 Sky Barbeque
- 4 Golf Putting Green
- 5 Games Area
- 6 Retractable Glass Roof
- 7 Walking Track
- 8 Daytime Pool / Evening Cinema
- 9 The Terrace
- 10 Horizon Bar and Lounge
- 11 Elevator
- 12 Reception
- 13 Wellness Area
- 14 Fitness Area
- 15 Reflections Restaurant



**Owner's One-Bedroom Suite**

315ft<sup>2</sup>

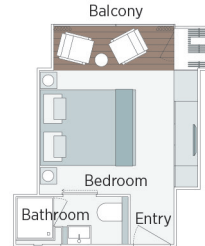
**CAT SA**



**Grand Balcony Suite**

210ft<sup>2</sup>

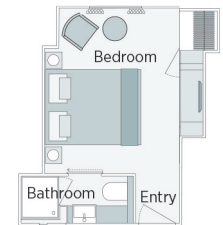
**CAT S**



**Panorama Balcony Suite**

180ft<sup>2</sup>

**CAT A CAT B CAT C**



**Emerald Stateroom**

162ft<sup>2</sup>

**CAT D CAT E**

2024 Departure Date  
Danube Explorer

		SEP 22	
CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,335
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,685
C	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,346
B	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,502
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,857
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$7,396
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$8,291

\*Guaranteed Shares, please add \$520 to the double occupancy rate\*

**FREE AIRFARE FROM MLI (QUAD CITIES AIRPORT),  
WHEN DEPOSITS ARE MADE BY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

Ask about other gateways

Starting on November 1<sup>st</sup>, please call for the most current  
air promotion pricing details and space availability.

*Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.*

**Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises: Categories E, D, C \$499 travel protection and categories B and up - \$569**  
This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness or the illness or death of an immediate family member, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are purchased through Mayflower Cruises & Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage. Should you choose not to purchase our TPP, the following per person cancellation charges will be assessed for all tours and optional excursion costs:

- 91 days or more prior to departure: Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure: 100% of total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour



**Exclusions:** Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its Refund and Cancellation Policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours. *Plan and benefits offered and administered by Trip Mate, Inc.*



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