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Imperial Danube River Cruise: 7-Night Passau Round-Trip

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Overview

The Imperial Danube River Cruise: 7-Night Passau Round-Trip is a 7-night round-trip Danube river cruise aboard the MS Fidelio, from Bavaria through Austria to Hungary along the Danube. Sailing the Danube round-trip from Passau, the itinerary calls at Passau, Durnstein, Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava and Melk. All-inclusive on board with guided shore excursions and an English-speaking cruise manager; fares are per person and shown in US dollars.

Your Itinerary

Day 1 - PASSAU

Destinations: **Passau**

Board the ship at the Lindau quay beginning at 4:00 PM. Settle into your cabin before joining your fellow travelers for a welcome cocktail. Dinner and overnight on board.

Day 2

Around midday, arrive in Dürnstein, a picturesque village nestled in the heart of the scenic Wachau Valley. From the dock, it's an easy walk through the medieval town gates into the historic center and charming Pranger Square. From here, you'll enjoy beautiful views of the castle ruins, traditionally believed to be where King Richard the Lionheart was once imprisoned. While exploring, be sure to sample the renowned wines produced in the Wachau region. In the afternoon, relax on board as the ship cruises through the breathtaking landscapes of the Wachau Valley. Overnight on board.

Day 3 - VIENNA

Destinations: **Vienna, Budapest**

After breakfast, join a guided sightseeing tour of Vienna, featuring many of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the Vienna State Opera, City Hall, Parliament, the Burgtheater, and the magnificent Hofburg Imperial Palace. Spend the afternoon exploring the Austrian capital at your leisure. Late in the evening, the ship departs Vienna and begins its overnight cruise toward Budapest. Overnight on board.

Day 4 - BUDAPEST

Destinations: **Budapest**

Early this afternoon, arrive in Budapest, Hungary's captivating capital. Divided by the majestic Danube River, the historic districts of Buda and Pest combine to create one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Elegant bridges span the river, connecting hilly Buda—with its former Royal Palace and residential neighborhoods—to vibrant Pest, the city's commercial and cultural center. A guided city tour showcases Budapest's highlights, including the Parliament Building, the Opera House, Heroes' Square, the Central Market Hall, the Chain Bridge, and Fisherman's Bastion, where you'll enjoy spectacular panoramic views. Budapest is especially magical after dark, when its illuminated monuments create an unforgettable skyline. Enjoy the evening exploring at your own pace. The ship remains docked overnight.

Day 5 - BUDAPEST

Destinations: **Budapest**

The ship remains docked in Budapest through lunchtime. For outstanding views of the Danube and the city's UNESCO World Heritage riverfront, consider riding Tram No. 2, which runs along the river between Margaret Bridge and Petőfi Bridge. Another wonderful option is to unwind in one of Budapest's world-famous thermal baths, such as the historic Széchenyi Thermal Bath or the elegant Gellért Thermal Bath. In the afternoon, the ship departs Budapest, offering more scenic cruising along the Danube.

Day 6 - BRATISLAVA

Destinations: **Bratislava**

Early this morning, arrive in Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia. A guided tour introduces you to this charming city, with highlights including the Slovak National Theatre, St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael's Gate, the Old Town Hall, and Bratislava Castle, dramatically perched on a hill overlooking the Danube. Overnight on board.

Day 7 - MELK

Destinations: **Melk,Passau**

This morning, arrive in Melk, a charming riverside town in the heart of the beautiful Wachau Valley. The town is best known for its magnificent Benedictine Abbey, one of Austria's most celebrated Baroque landmarks, which overlooks the Danube from its commanding hilltop setting. After lunch, the ship continues its cruise to Passau. This evening, celebrate your journey at the Captain's Farewell Dinner. Overnight on board.

Day 8 - PASSAU

Destinations: **Passau**

After breakfast, disembark.

Departure Dates & Rates

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Mar 29, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,374	\$2,249
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$3,898	\$2,599
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,248	\$2,999
Apr 5, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,374	\$2,249
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$3,898	\$2,599
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,248	\$2,999
Apr 19, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,374	\$2,249
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$3,898	\$2,599
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,248	\$2,999
Apr 26, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,718	\$2,479
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$4,244	\$2,829
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,651	\$3,229
May 3, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,718	\$2,479
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$4,244	\$2,829
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,651	\$3,229
Jun 21, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,718	\$2,479
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$4,244	\$2,829
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,651	\$3,229
Jun 28, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,718	\$2,479
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$4,244	\$2,829

DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
Jul 5, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,554	\$2,369
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$4,078	\$2,719
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,458	\$3,119
Jul 12, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,554	\$2,369
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$4,078	\$2,719
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,458	\$3,119
Aug 2, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,718	\$2,479
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$4,244	\$2,829
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,651	\$3,229
Aug 9, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,718	\$2,479
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$4,244	\$2,829
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,651	\$3,229
Aug 16, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,718	\$2,479
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$4,244	\$2,829
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,651	\$3,229
Aug 23, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,718	\$2,479
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$4,244	\$2,829
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,651	\$3,229
Oct 11, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,374	\$2,249
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$3,898	\$2,599
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,248	\$2,999
Oct 18, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,374	\$2,249
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$3,898	\$2,599
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,248	\$2,999
Oct 25, 2027	Category C - Lower Deck	\$3,374	\$2,249



DEPARTURE DATE	CLASS / CABIN	SINGLE	DOUBLE (PP)
	Category B - Middle Deck	\$3,898	\$2,599
	Category A - Upper Deck balcony	\$5,248	\$2,999

Rates shown are per person. Single rate applies to single occupancy; Double rate applies per person in double occupancy.



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Imperial Danube river cruise from Passau?

It is a 7-night round-trip Danube cruise from Passau aboard the MS Fidelio. It sails from Bavaria through Austria to Hungary and back. Meals, guided shore excursions and an English-speaking cruise manager are included, and fares are per person in US dollars.

Which cities does the Imperial Danube cruise visit?

From Passau the ship calls at Durnstein in the Wachau Valley, Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava and Melk before returning to Passau. You see three capital cities (Vienna, Budapest and Bratislava) in one week, plus the scenery of the Wachau.

Where do we board the ship in Passau?

Boarding is at the Lindau quay in Passau, starting at 4:00 PM on Day 1. After you settle in, there is a welcome gathering with fellow travellers, followed by dinner and your first night on board.

What is special about Durnstein and the Wachau Valley?

The ship reaches Durnstein around midday on Day 2. It is a medieval village in the Wachau Valley, and a short walk through the town gates brings you to Pranger Square, with views of the castle ruins where King Richard the Lionheart is traditionally said to have been held prisoner. In the afternoon the ship cruises through the Wachau's scenic landscapes.

What does the Vienna sightseeing on this cruise include?

On Day 3 a guided sightseeing tour of Vienna takes in the State Opera, City Hall, Parliament, the Burgtheater and the Hofburg Imperial Palace. The afternoon is free to explore at your own pace, and late in the evening the ship sails overnight towards Budapest.

When do we arrive in Budapest?

The ship reaches Budapest early in the afternoon of Day 4. The Hungarian capital is split by the Danube into historic Buda and Pest, and its riverfront is one of the most striking in Europe. Guided shore excursions are included as set out in the itinerary.

Why is Passau a good starting point for a Danube cruise?

Passau is known as the City of Three Rivers, because the Danube, Inn and Ilz meet there. It is a compact Bavarian old town close to the Austrian border, and because this is a round trip you start and finish in the same place, which keeps travel planning simple.

What cabin categories are available on the MS Fidelio?

There are three categories. Category C is on the Lower Deck with a fixed window, Category B is on the Middle Deck with a panorama window, and Category A is on the Upper Deck with a French balcony. All staterooms have a private bathroom, individually controlled air conditioning and river views.

How much extra are the upper cabin categories on the Imperial Danube cruise?

The lead fare is for Category C. Category B adds about US\$350 per person, and Category A about US\$750 per person. The exact fare for each category and departure is shown on this page.

How much does the Imperial Danube river cruise cost?

Fares start from about US\$2,249 per person sharing, in Category C. Port and tourist taxes and a fuel surcharge are added on top. The exact fare for each departure is shown on this page.

What do solo travellers pay on the Imperial Danube cruise?

A single supplement of 50% of the per-person rate applies in Categories C and B, and 75% in Category A. Single fares start from about US\$3,374 in Category C, and the exact single price for your date is shown on this page.

What is included in the Imperial Danube fare?

The fare includes your cabin, and full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) throughout. It also covers welcome and captain's events, guided shore excursions as listed in the itinerary (such as the Vienna city tour), an English-speaking cruise manager, onboard entertainment, port charges, and Wi-Fi where available.

What is not included in the Passau round-trip cruise price?

International flights, travel insurance, gratuities and personal expenses are not included. Drinks outside the included selection and optional excursions are also extra. Port and tourist taxes of US\$95 per person and a fuel surcharge of US\$65 per person are added to the fare.

When does the Imperial Danube cruise sail?

Departures currently on sale run from 29 March 2027 to 25 October 2027, covering spring, summer and autumn on the Danube. Live dates and fares are in the departure list on this page.

How do I get to Passau for the cruise?

Flights are not included. Passau does not have its own major airport, so most travellers fly into a nearby hub such as Munich and continue by train or transfer. Because boarding opens at 4:00 PM on Day 1, arriving the day before is a good idea. Ask us if you need help with timing.

What deposit is needed for the Imperial Danube cruise, and when is the balance due?

A 25% deposit secures your cabin, and the balance is due 65 days before departure. Port and tourist taxes and the fuel surcharge are included in your invoice.

Can children sail on the Imperial Danube cruise?

Children are booked in two age bands, based on age at departure: under 5, and from 5 up to (but not including) 12. Child fares are confirmed on request, so tell us the ages and your preferred sailing and we will quote.

Does the Imperial Danube cruise visit Melk Abbey?

Melk is one of the ports of call on this cruise. The town is known for its vast Baroque Benedictine abbey, which sits high above the Danube at the western end of the Wachau Valley. The page's itinerary shows what is included there on your sailing.

Is the Imperial Danube cruise conducted in English?

Yes. An English-speaking cruise manager sails with the ship, and the included guided shore excursions are offered in English. Optional excursions can be added at extra cost.

How do I ask a question or book Imperial Danube River Cruise: 7-Night Passau Round-Trip?

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