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DANUBE DELIGHTS

Join Solo Connections on our unique escorted small group tour from Brisbane, designed specifically for Solo Travellers over 50. Departing Brisbane 7 September, 2024 join us as we cruise the full length of the Danube! Our tour includes deluxe river cruise boat accommodation with your own private cabin, all meals and daily sightseeing. See eight countries and five renowned capital cities on this journey to the estuary of the Danube. Experience the most beautiful river of Europe, on this 18 Day Danube Delights river cruise tour. Cruise along 4,000 river kilometers to kilometer zero. See eight countries and five renowned capital cities on this journey to the estuary of the Danube, where it meets the Black Sea, and visit the UNESCO protected site of the Danube Delta for unforgettable experiences.

From \$15,960* per person

Tour is fully escorted

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- ▶ CITY TOURS OF BUDAPEST & BRATISLAVA
- ▶ WINZEER KREMS
- ▶ AND MORE!

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Day 1-2 (D)

BRISBANE - PASSAU VIA DUBAI & MUNICH

Meet your Tour Host and fellow travellers at Brisbane International Airport for our flights to Munich. On arrival into Munich International Airport, on Monday, we will be welcomed by a representative who will assist with our transfer to Passau. We may not be able to check into our cabins straight away, however we can leave our luggage and take a walk. Upon embarkation of the ship, we have time to settle into our cabins. This evening, we enjoy a Welcome Cocktail, followed by a specially-prepared Welcome Dinner.

River Cruise Ship – Amadeus Cara (15 Nig hts)

Day 3 (B,L,D)

VIENNA

This morning the ship passes through the charming UNESCO World Natural Heritage region of the Wachau and then, in the early afternoon, stops in Vienna. The Austrian capital effortlessly unites a glorious past with the present in a memorable way. Discover the singular charm of this former imperial metropolis during the course of a City Tour. While it may take days or weeks to fully discover Vienna, this tour will give you an overall impression of the most important sights Vienna has to offer. First, we drive along the famous Ringstrasse, passing several magnificent buildings like the stunning opera house, the parliament, the Court Theatre and Vienna's imposing city hall. The panoramic drive is followed by a guided walk through the city center where we get to know Vienna at its fullest. We begin at the well-known Hofburg Imperial Palace walking along the Kohl market and finishing at Vienna's iconic St. Stephen's cathedral. Before returning to the ship, enjoy free time to stroll along the pedestrian area.

Duration - approx. 3.5 hours

Walking Grade - Level 2: The excursion by bus is followed by a moderate walk. You may need to climb some stairs.

After dinner, the ship will leave the harbor in Vienna and travel towards Hungary.

Day 4 (B,L,D)

ESZTERGOM

Spend a relaxing day cruising the Beautiful Blue Danube or join the excursion to Esztergom. The tour departs from Budapest and travels to the artists' village of Szentendre. The town has been the home of many generations of Hungarian artists since the early 20th century. There are many museums and contemporary galleries representing the rich traditions of the visual arts. One of the most visited museums of the whole country, the Margit Kovács Museum, is also located here. Foetér, the main square, is particularly well worth seeing, as it is surrounded by impressive buildings from the time of the Rococo and the Baroque. The tour continues to the imposing ruined fortress of Visegrad, where you have a glorious view of the "knee" of the Danube. Subsequently the excursion travels along the Danube to Esztergom, the former residence of the Hungarian kings and seat of the Archbishop, which is one of the highlights of this excursion. Visit the vast domed basilica which is the largest cathedral in Hungary. Built in the early 19th century, it incorporates an ornate red marble chapel from an earlier church.

Duration - approx. 5 hours

Walking Grade - Level 4: Moderate walking tour.

At lunchtime, the ship stops for those guests on the shore excursion to rejoin. The ship will then continue cruising, making its way to Belgrade.

Day 5 (B,L,D)

BELGRADE

After lunch we arrive in Belgrade, one of the oldest European cities and the capital of Serbia. The "White City" is one of the most historically rich and important in all of Serbia and boasts a large number of monuments from different times and cultures. On today's excursion discover the colorful artists' village of Kovacica, which represents a unique oasis of preserved traditions, original art and crafts. Visit to the Slovak - Evangelical Church, built in the late Baroque style. Its interior is enriched by a monumental altar with a painting by Constantine Danilo. The final stop of the tour is the violin maker's studio. Jan Nemček - is a master artisan who builds violins by hand and not machine.

Duration - approx. 3 hours

Walking Grade - Level 3: The excursion by bus is followed by a longer walk. You may need to climb several stairs.

Dinner this evening is onboard as the vessel continues through the countries of the Danube.

Day 6 (B,L,D)

VIDIN

Enjoy a relaxing morning cruising the river before reaching Bulgaria this afternoon. We visit Vidin, a town renowned for its centuries of history. Join the walking city tour to wander through the streets and view the many churches and Renaissance buildings which decorate the town. Vidin, located in North-Western Bulgaria, is one of the oldest cities in Bulgaria and was once an important Roman trading town. Explore the central main square, the Ploshtad Bdintsi (Bdintsi Square), and the main gate, Stambol Kapia, which date back to Ottoman times. Stroll through the Danube Park, which stretches along the entire riverbank to the Baba Vida fortress. This secluded avenue was designed by Austrian architects and is home to numerous restaurants, cafes and ice cream shops, as well as the Nikola Petrov Museum with Bulgarian art and other artifacts of Vidin.

Duration - approx. 1.5 hours

Walking Grade - Level 5: Considerable walk with long distances. This may include uneven surfaces and some stairs.

Reboard the ship and enjoy this evening's dinner.

Day 7 (B,L,D)

OLTENITA

In the morning, relax on the Sun Deck and enjoy the passing landscapes, before the ship docks in Oltenita. You won't want to miss the bus tour which forms part of the program for today. This full day excursion explores the capital city of Romania, also known as the "Paris of the East". Driving along the city's magnificent boulevards, lined with impressive buildings, you will discover its certain Gallic flair. A short guided walk through the newly designed pedestrian area of the historic center will take you back in time 500 years. Among the old commercial streets and buildings, you shall visit Stravropoleos Church which is Romanian Orthodox, dating back to 1724, and is one of the oldest churches in the city. The tour ends with a photo stop at the impressive Palace of the Parliament.

The palace, previously known as the "People's House", is one of the largest buildings in Europe and was constructed between 1983 and 1989. Enjoy dinner in a Romanian restaurant before departing the city to join the ship.

Duration - approx. 7.5 hours

Walking Grade - Level 2: The excursion by bus is followed by a moderate walk. You may need to climb some stairs.

Day 8 (B,L,D)

DANUBE DELTA/ST GEORGE VILLAGE

Spend the morning cruising Sfântu Gheorghe (Saint George), one of the 3 main channels that make up the Danube Delta. At the meeting of the Black Sea and the Danube, this UNESCO site hosts 27 different ecosystems and is home to many unique species of birds, fish, and other creatures. From the fisherman's village of Saint George, observe daily life for the people who inhabit this fertile delta. For those wishing to delve further into the scenic waterways, the Delta Safari boat excursion awaits. This unforgettable tour takes you through the Danube Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with unique flora and fauna. The trip takes you through the Sahalin Lagoon, the Ciotica Channel and passes by the oldest fish processing centers in the Danube Delta. Discover the unique habitat of waterfowl, fish and a plant world that is still largely untouched in its beauty. In fact, the Danube Delta has the largest reed-covered area in the world.

Duration - approx. 2.5 hours

Walking Grade - Level 2: The excursion by bus is followed by a moderate walk. You may need to climb some stairs.

During dinner, enjoy sunset over the waters of the Danube Delta as our vessel departs and begins the journey back up the Danube.

Day 9 (B,L,D)

HIRSOVA / FETESTI

Relaxation is on the schedule today as the vessel plies the waters of the Danube. The afternoon offers an opportunity to discover Constanta, the biggest port of Romania by a guided tour. This ancient metropolis by the sea, founded by Greek colonists under the name of Tomis during the 6th century BC, is considered Romania's longest continually inhabited city, as well as its chief port. A walk into the historic part of the city features views over the Great Mosque, the Casino and the Genovese Lighthouse. A short visit to the History and Archaeology museum will reveal the city's 2.5 millennia history and detail its blend of cultures.

Duration - approx. 5 hours

Walking Grade - Level 3: The excursion by bus is followed by a longer walk. You may need to climb several stairs.

The ship stops in Fetesti for those on the excursion to rejoin before dinner this evening.

Day 10 (B,L,D)

ROUSEE - SVISHTOV

Continue to enjoy your experience onboard, consider a massage or relax in the lounge and view the passing scenery. This morning, join the Rousee City tour and visit of the Basarbovo Monastery, an active cave monastery which was built in the 16th century, about 35 meters above the river. Discover the church of St. Dimitar and its fascinating history, spectacular panoramic view and imposing frescoes.

After the visit, return back to Rouse, a 2000 year old city on the Danube, with rich cultural life and traditions. The buildings in the city center testify to the economic prosperity of the city at the beginning of the 20th century. Entire streets illustrate the influence of the architectural style in Vienna, Budapest and Bucharest, with characteristic elements of Baroque, Renaissance, Secession and Empire. The highlight of this architectural ensemble is the State Opera House and the imposing Freedom Monument in the City Garden. Explore the city center on foot and enjoy a refreshment break in a typical restaurant, with a glass of Bulgarian wine and “banitzza” (cheese pastry).

Duration - approx. 5 hours

Walking Grade - Level 5: Considerable walk with long distances. This may include uneven surfaces and stairs.

Rejoin the vessel in Svishtov as lunch is served and we continue cruising.

Day 11 (B,L,D)

IRON GATES - CRUISE DAY

On deck there is much natural beauty to take in as you cruise the mighty Danube River and the picturesque “Iron Gates.” The Iron Gates is a narrow gorge between the Carpathian and Balkan Mountains which forms a natural border between Serbia and Romania, featuring breathtaking scenery. This part of the river is named the Iron Gates for the two hydroelectric dams that control the water flow. Keep an eye out for the many caves and rock sculptures hiding among the steep hills. Over dinner this evening recount the beauty of the day with your fellow travellers.

Day 12 (B,L,D)

NOVI SAD - VUKOVAR

Late morning we arrive in Novi Sad, the second largest city in Serbia, known for its 19th century buildings and stunning parks. We'll take the City Tour and stroll through the city which recalls the time of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. During the tour you will see the Catholic St. Mary's Church, the Orthodox Church of St. George and the home of Albert Einstein. On the way to Sremski Karlovci we pass the fortress Peterwardein, which was built by the French architect Vauban and was one of Europe's largest defence structures in the 18th century. Sremski Karlovci awaits with a series of cultural and historical monuments. Discover the cathedral during a tour of the Baroque old town, as well as the Patriarch's Palace and the theological school.

Duration - approx. 3 hours

Walking Grade - Level 2: The excursion by bus is followed by a moderate walk. You may need to climb some stairs.

Rejoin the ship for lunch as we continue on. This evening the vessel stops in Vukovar, located on an important trade route at the confluence of the Vuka and Danube rivers. All would pass by on the way to Budapest and Vienna upstream and Romania downstream. This evening you may like to enjoy a discovery walking tour through Vukovar where you will see the city center and the historic and important buildings including the new water tower, the church of St. Philip and Jacob, the white marble stone cross memorial, the old water tower, the historical Hotel Grand, the Town Hall, and the birth house of the first Croatian Nobel prize winner Leopold Ružicka – optional tour*.

Day 13 (B,L,D)

MOHACS - KALOCSA

This morning take some time to relax on deck or perhaps venture out on the walking tour of the tiny harbor town of Mohács, a melting pot of nations – optional tour*. This afternoon you may like to join the Tradition of the Hungarian Pusztá excursion to enjoy the scenery of the endless plain, where the sky stretches into the horizon – optional tour*. The ship docks this evening in Kalocsa to meet those on the excursion.

Day 14 (B,L,D)

BUDAPEST

Very early this morning we dock in Budapest, the capital and largest city of Hungary Budapest, the “Queen of the Danube”, is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and has managed to retain a charm of its own with the help of renovations in recent years. The Danube flows through the heart of the city, dividing it into two parts: Buda and Pest. This morning's tour first takes us through Pest, past the Great Market Hall with its outstanding gourmet shops and stalls. We will see splendid Baroque buildings such as the Hungarian State Opera in Neo-Renaissance style and the incomparable parliament building, which was finished in 1904 and has been an emblem of the city ever since then. There's an opportunity for a photo stop at the Heroes' Square, famous for its monuments to many Hungarian kings. Continue across one of the seven bridges into Buda and go up to Castle Hill, where you will visit St. Matthew's Church.

Duration - approx. 3.5 hours

Walking Grade - Level 2: The excursion by bus is followed by a moderate walk. You may need to climb some stairs.

In the afternoon our spirited excursion begins with a visit to the Market Hall. Built in 1896, this impressive building is the oldest and largest indoor market in Budapest and offers a variety of Hungarian specialties such as tokaj wine, langos and Hungarian paprika. Next, we continue by bus to the City Park, where we see the romantic Vajdahunyad Castle and the beautiful Széchenyi Baths - one of the largest and most popular thermal baths in Europe. Afterwards, ride the second oldest metro in Europe to the city center and visit one of Budapest's numerous pastry shops, where you can enjoy a slice of fluffy cake and a cup of coffee, and finally view the astonishing St. Stephen's Basilica.

Duration - approx. 3 hours

Walking Grade - Level 3: The excursion by bus is followed by a longer walk. You may need to climb several stairs.

A special treat this evening awaits, as musicians come onboard to entertain with traditional music of Hungary, as the vessel cruises the Danube to see this beautiful city by night.

Day 15 (B,L,D)

BRATISLAVA

Discover the Slovak capital of Bratislava this afternoon on a city tour. During this tour get to know the capital of the young Slovakian Republic. This gorgeous old town has maintained its Gothic-Baroque style. The tour passes St. Martin's Cathedral and the Grassalkovich Palace and continues up to the hill, where we will have a stunning, panoramic view of the city and surrounding areas.

Afterwards, you have the opportunity to participate in a guided walking tour through the restored old town. From Michael's Gate take a leisurely stroll through the historic city center, where you can admire sights such as the Primatial Palace and St. Martin's Cathedral, a former coronation cathedral for Hungarian kings, as well as the Academia Istropolitana, the oldest university of the city, which dates back to the 15th century. In addition to numerous palaces, you will also walk past the main square with the old City Hall, the Opera House and Maximilian Fountain.

Duration - approx. 3 hours

Walking grade - Level 2: The excursion by bus is followed by a moderate walk. You may need to climb some stairs.

Day 16 (B,L,D)

DURNSTEIN - WACHAU VALLEY

This morning arrive in Dürnstein, a tiny village surrounded by vineyards, which serves as a jumping off point for our tour to Winzer Krems vineyard and winery in The Wachau Valley, the heart of the Austrian wine region. The Krems winery unites 980 vineyards from Krems and the surrounding wine-growing villages. Embark on a journey through the variations of the noble grape and peak behind the scenes of the wine growing industry. Taste different wines of the region before returning to the ship.

Duration - approx. 3 hours

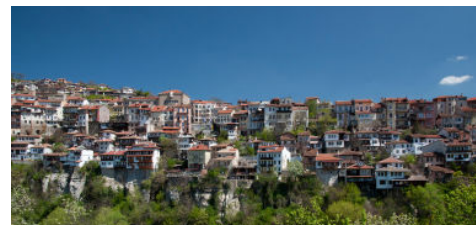
Walking grade - Level 5: Considerable walk with long distances. This may include uneven surfaces and some stairs.

If you have chosen to say on the ship, during the day the vessel winds its way through picture perfect scenery in the UNESCO protected Wachau Valley. Rich fields of vineyards line the shores with pretty houses dotting the landscape. This afternoon with all travellers safely back onboard, the vessel cruises toward the port where this magnificent voyage began. Enjoy the Captain's Gala Dinner onboard this evening.

Day 17-18 (B)

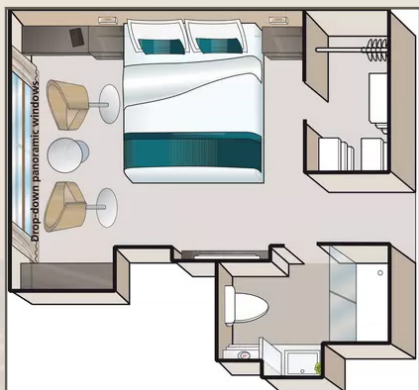
PASSAU - MUNICH - BRISBANE VIA DUBAI

After breakfast, we bid the ship farewell and are transferred to Munich for our return flights to Brisbane.



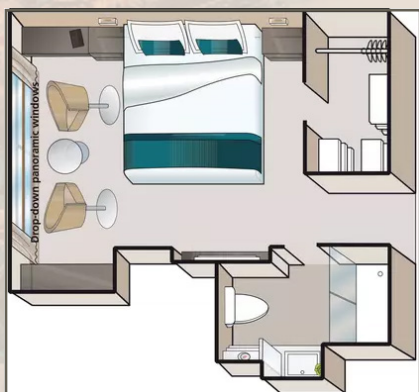
MOZART DECK: A-1 Cabin (17.5m²) with drop-down panoramic window | \$20,821* per person

Spacious bathroom, drop-down panoramic window, mini-bar, walk-in wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.



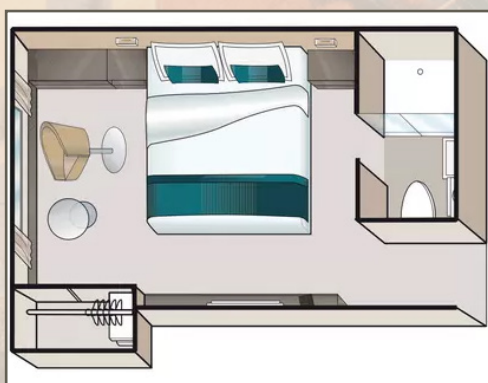
STRAUSS DECK: B-1 Cabin (17.5m²) with drop-down panoramic window | \$19,131* per person

Spacious bathroom, drop-down panoramic window, mini-bar, walk-in wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.



HAYDN DECK: C-1 Cabin (16m²) with panoramic window | \$15,960* per person

Spacious bathroom, small panoramic window (cannot be opened), spacious wardrobe, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.



Danube Delights - Stateroom Types aboard the AMADEUS CARA

