



RIVER CRUISE

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28 days / 27 nights River Cruise



Copenhagen to Budapest

ITINERARY

To view the itinerary in greater depth, simply click on your preferred day from the interactive list to unveil its details. Discover daily activities, immersive experiences and insider local tips that make your travel unforgettable.



COPENHAGEN TO BUDAPEST

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DAY 1

Arrive Copenhagen

Welcome to Copenhagen. We'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. This evening, come together for a welcome reception.



Stay: Two Nights, Copenhagen, Admiral Hotel

DAY 2

Copenhagen /

Join a local guide and tour the beautiful Danish capital of Copenhagen, a fairytale city home to more bicycles than people. See the Little Mermaid and the Gefion Fountain. Then, visit Amalienborg Palace, the winter residence of the Danish Royal Family. Enjoy free time for lunch in Nyhavn before taking a canal tour around Copenhagen's harbour and canals. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner at Tivoli Gardens.

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 3

Copenhagen, Bergen

Today, say goodbye to Denmark and take an included flight to Bergen, a colourful town on the western coast of Norway. The second largest city in Norway, Bergen is the gateway to fjord country. This evening, enjoy dinner in a traditional restaurant located in the historic harbour district of Bryggen, known for its traditional timber houses.

Stay: Two Nights, Bergen Børs Hotel

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 4

Bergen

This morning, head out on a walking tour of Bergen. See King Haakon's Hall, the Rosenkranz Tower, the Grieghall and the bustling fish and flower markets. Enjoy free time in Bryggen before taking a funicular train to the top of Mount Fløyen. Take in spectacular views of Bergen and the surrounding fjords before spending the rest of the day at leisure.

Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 5

Bergen, Lofthus



En route to Lofthus, enjoy a cruise on the pristine Hardangerfjord, the fourth longest fjord in the world. This evening, savour dinner at your hotel.

Stay: Lofthus, Ullensvang Hotel

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 6

Lofthus, Voss, Myrdal, Flåm

This morning, travel by coach to Voss, where you have some free time before boarding the iconic Flåm Railway, one of the most beautiful train journeys in the world. Admire the stunning scenery of Western Norway as you travel by rail alongside majestic waterfalls, lush green vegetation and deep blue fjords.

Stay: Flåm, Fretheim Hotel

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 7

Flåm, Geiranger

Today, visit the Briksdal Glacier, set amid waterfalls and mountains. From 1,200 metres, the Briksdal Glacier is just one arm of Europe's largest glacier, the Jostedalsglacier. After lunch, ride to the glacier in a 'troll car.' This evening, arrive in Geiranger.

Stay: Two Nights, Geiranger, Union Hotel

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 8

Geiranger /

Head to Dalsnibba Mountain, which at 1,476

metres above sea level offers a magnificent vista of the surrounding mountainous landscape and the fjord below. After viewing Geirangerfjord from above, experience it firsthand with a cruise through this UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 9

Geiranger, Ålesund

On your way to Ålesund, journey along the Trollstiegen road, one of the most scenic roads in the world.

Stay: Ålesund, Hotel Brosundet

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 10

Ålesund, Oslo

Today, take a flight to Oslo, where you will embark on a city tour. A unique fusion of old and new, Oslo is a historical city that has become better known for its contemporary architecture, modern art and sculpture parks. This evening, savour dinner at a local restaurant.

Signature Experience – Oslo Opera House

Take a backstage tour of the Oslo Opera House. Home to the Norwegian National Opera and Ballet, this unique building features angular architecture that seemingly arises from the waters of the Oslofjord.

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Stay: Grand Hotel Oslo

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 11

Oslo, Färna

This morning, soak up the mesmerising scenery as you travel towards Sweden. Upon arrival at Färna Herrgård & Spa, choose your activity.

Freedom of Choice – Wildlife Tour



Head off on a nature hike. Keep a look out for moose and other local wildlife before delighting in an outdoor dinner.

Freedom of Choice – Spa Treatment and Dinner

Indulge in a relaxing spa experience, followed by a delectable dinner at Färna Herrgård & Spa. Using ingredients from neighbouring farms, the hotel's kitchen garden and the surrounding forests of Bergslagen, each dish showcases authentic flavours and fresh, local produce.

Freedom of Choice:

Give your holiday a personal touch with a choice of included sightseeing or dining options to suit your interests.

Stay: Färna Herrgård & Spa

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 12

Färna, Sigtuna, Stockholm

This morning, visit the Old Town of Sigtuna, a medieval town that dates back to AD 980

, featuring colourful wooden houses, old church ruins and runic stones. Later, arrive in Stockholm, the largest of the Nordic cities. Known as the 'Venice of the North', Stockholm is built upon an archipelago of islands and canals. Tonight, enjoy a special farewell dinner at Fem Små Hus restaurant, located in the Old Town.

Stay: Two Nights, Stockholm, Radisson Collection Strand Hotel

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 13

Stockholm

Discover Stockholm on your chosen sightseeing activity.

Freedom of Choice – Stockholm Culinary Tour

Foodies will delight in a visit to Stockholm's market halls and dining hot spots, where you will be introduced to an array of Swedish delights.

Freedom of Choice – Vasa Museum



Visit the Vasa Museum, one of the most popular museums in Scandinavia, and dive into the region's rich maritime history. Discover the world's only 17th-century ship, the main attraction on the site, and learn more about local life on board a war ship.

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Daily: • Breakfast

DAY 14

Stockholm, Amsterdam, Embark Ship

This morning, transfer to the airport and take an included flight to the vibrant city of Amsterdam. Board your new-generation river ship docked in the heart of the city and spend the rest of the day settling into your home for the next two weeks.

Stay: 14 Nights, APT Solara or APT Ostara

Daily: • Breakfast • Dinner

DAY 15

Amsterdam

Spend today on your preferred activity. Rejoin the ship in Utrecht and cruise towards Germany in the afternoon.

Freedom of Choice – Glass-Top Boat Canal Cruise

A peaceful way to see the best of Amsterdam, step aboard a glass-top boat and glide through the city's iconic maze of World Heritage-listed canals, admiring the unique architecture along the way.

Freedom of Choice – Cheese Tasting

Visit a local cheese store for a tasting of regional cheeses. The Netherlands is renowned for its cheese production, including iconic varieties such as Edam and Gouda.

Freedom of Choice – Guided Bike Ride

Join a guided bike ride through the countryside to the village of Durgerdam before visiting the Street Art Museum.

Freedom of Choice – Keukenhof Gardens in Spring



On select spring departures, you also have the option to visit Keukenhof Gardens. Explore more than 70 acres of world-renowned gardens and admire the spectacular display of more than seven million flowering bulbs in bloom, including colourful tulips.

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DAY 16

Andernach

This morning will be spent cruising through Germany. Spend time enjoying the range of facilities on board. Perhaps indulge in a spa treatment or relax on the Daystar Deck and read a book. Disembark in Andernach, where an exclusive Signature Experience awaits.

Signature Experience – Narned Castle

Princess Heide von Hohenzollern graciously welcomes APT guests into her home, Narned Castle, a royal escape set near the Rhine River in Germany. After wandering through the castle and its manicured gardens, you'll attend a cocktail party, where a pianist sets the mood.

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DAY 17

Rüdesheim

Today you'll approach what is known as the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine River. Glide past crumbling ruins that cling to rocky cliffs and rolling hillsides marked with perfectly planted vineyards. Dock in Rüdesheim, one of Germany's most revered cultural and historic cities. Here, you'll set out on your chosen activity.

Freedom of Choice – Gondola Ride

Glide over the emerald vineyards of the Rhine Valley in a gondola, enjoying stunning vistas. At the top, arrive at the Niederwald Monument, commemorating the unification of Germany in 1871.

Freedom of Choice – Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum



Take a tour of Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. This eccentric and unique museum is home to a beautiful collection of fascinating automated musical instruments from all stages of history.

Freedom of Choice – Visit a Historic Wine Cellar

Visit a historic wine cellar for a tasting of Rhine Valley wines. Discover why this location is one of Germany's most well-known wine regions.

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DAY 18

Miltenberg

This morning, delight in a relaxing cruise along the Main River before arriving in Miltenberg. Spared from the destruction of World War II, the town of Miltenberg is much like a time capsule, revealing what old-world village life was like in Germany before the war. Here, set out on your chosen sightseeing activity.

Freedom of Choice – Guided Walking Tour and Liqueur Tasting

Embark on a guided exploration of Miltenberg. Discover the town's remarkably preserved buildings and lively squares, offering a unique glimpse into Germany's rich history. Then, visit one of Franconia's oldest wine cellars for a tasting of local liqueurs.

Freedom of Choice – Local Monastery Visit

Travel to the hills overlooking Miltenberg for a visit to a local monastery. Here, you'll meet with a Franciscan friar to hear about life in the monastery. You'll also sample some homemade sausages, cheese and bread before free time to wander through the gardens and vineyard.

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DAY 19

Würzburg



Your day unfolds on your terms thanks to a choice of activities today.

Freedom of Choice – Visit the Würzburg Residence

Be enchanted by the immense architectural beauty of Würzburg as you stroll through this fascinating city to the Würzburg Residence. An 18th-century palace that once belonged to the Prince-Bishops of Würzburg, this regal building is home to a number of historic wonders. Inside, you'll marvel at the intricate tapestries, gilded stucco work and ceiling frescoes by famed Tiepolo.

Freedom of Choice – Tastes of Franconia

Travel to the Volkacher
Mainschleife

, the largest wine-growing region in Franconia and home to one of the most famous Franconian whisky distilleries. Here, enjoy a guided tour and meet the whisky and winemaker to uncover the art of making whisky. Savour a tasting of their finest creations paired with freshly baked bread from a local bakery.

Freedom of Choice – Explore Rothenburg

Travel to the walled town of Rothenburg and immerse yourself in medieval life. Wander the narrow cobblestone streets and admire the colourful houses. During free time, you may wish to visit Käthe Wohlfahrt's 'Christmas Village', where you'll find the largest selection of German Christmas decorations in the world.

Freedom of Choice – Hike to Marienberg Fortress

Enjoy a hike to Würzburg's most visible landmark, Marienberg Fortress, an imposing castle overlooking the city, which boasts a fascinating history dating back many centuries.

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Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner

DAY 20

Bamberg

This morning, your ship will arrive in World Heritage-listed Bamberg, another one of the few German cities that was not destroyed during World War II. As you explore the Old Town with a guide, you will discover a range of historic churches and buildings, including the town hall on the Regnitz River. Following your tour, rejoin your ship to cruise onto the Main-Danube Canal.

Daily: • Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner



DAY 21

Nuremberg

This morning gives you the chance to choose your sightseeing activity. This afternoon, continue cruising along the Main-Danube Canal while indulging in a Bavarian beer, sausage and pretzel tasting on the Daystar Deck. Having taken 32 years to construct, the canal links the North and Black seas.

Freedom of Choice – Discover Nuremberg's World War II Sites

Journey through Nuremberg's World War II sites, including the Reich Party Rally Grounds, the site of Hitler's now infamous annual rallies that were held from 1927 to 1938.

Freedom of Choice – Medieval History of Nuremberg Tour

Join a tour focused on Nuremberg's medieval history. Discover medieval architecture, including the 900-year-old ramparts that surround the city, the Imperial Castle and the main market square, as well as its 14th century Gothic church.

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DAY 22

Regensburg

Discover Regensburg on your chosen sightseeing activity today.

Freedom of Choice – Explore Regensburg's World Heritage-Listed City Centre

Set out on a guided tour to explore Regensburg's atmospheric World Heritage-listed city centre. With a history dating back to the Roman times, this incredible city was the first capital of Bavaria. Your tour will finish with a tasting at Regensburg's historic sausage kitchen, thought to be one of the oldest working restaurants in the world.

Freedom of Choice – Guided Bike Ride to the Walhalla Memorial

Get active and take a guided bike ride to the Walhalla memorial. This neo-classical building sits above the Danube River and houses a hall of fame that honours notable politicians, artists, sovereigns and scientists from Germany's past.

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DAY 23

Passau, Salzburg, Linz

Take a guided tour of Salzburg before a Signature Experience.

Signature Experience – Gaisberg Mountain Lunch and ‘Sound of Music’ Show

Be welcomed by a Jagdhornbläser – a hunting horn blower – into a rustic, traditional restaurant on the Gaisberg mountain overlooking Salzburg. Enjoy a welcome drink as you soak in the scenery before savouring a delicious lunch, followed by a show featuring music from the classic film, ‘The Sound of Music’.

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DAY 24

Melk, Dürnstein

Visit the spectacular Melk Abbey, one of the world’s most famous monastic sites. Then, it’s up to you how you get to the next port of call. In Dürnstein, perhaps view the ruins of the castle where Richard the Lionheart, the King of England, was imprisoned in 1192.

Freedom of Choice – Cruise Through the Wachau Valley

Enjoy a cruise through the picturesque Wachau Valley to Dürnstein, where you’ll roam its cobblestone lanes at your leisure.

Freedom of Choice – Guided Bike Ride from Melk to Dürnstein

Take a guided bike ride along the Danube River from Melk to Dürnstein and take in the beautiful scenery of Wachau Valley along the way.

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DAY 25

Vienna



Arrive in Vienna and set out on a city tour. Take in the Austrian capital's many landmarks along the Ringstrasse, as well as St. Stephen's Cathedral. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to explore. This evening is set aside for your magical Signature Experience.

Signature Experience – Cocktail Party and Private Performance at Vienna's City Palace

After dinner, head to the princely family of Liechtenstein's City Palace in the heart of Vienna, where we have arranged an exclusive cocktail party and private recital, just for you. A full orchestra will perform classical masterpieces by Mozart and Strauss. You will also be enchanted by an operatic recital.

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DAY 26

Vienna

Head out on your choice of tours, then set sail for Hungary.

Freedom of Choice – Schönbrunn Palace Visit

Delve into royal history as you wander the lavishly furnished rooms and beautiful gardens of the famous Schönbrunn Palace.

Freedom of Choice – Visit Bratislava in Slovakia

Tick another country off your list and journey to Slovakia's Bratislava, where a mixture of 18th-century rococo design and communist era architecture make this a city of alluring contrasts. See some of the architectural landmarks that were built during the city's time under communist rule. These include the UFO bridge, Slovak Radio building and Hotel Kyjev.

Freedom of Choice – Vienna Culinary Tour

Immerse yourself in Viennese cuisine on a culinary tour of Vienna's narrow streets. Visit a traditional cafe, try a classic Viennese sausage, and sample a sweet treat from one of the city's famous patisseries.

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DAY 27

Budapest

Choose your sightseeing option in Budapest today. The afternoon is yours at leisure to further explore. In the evening, join your fellow travellers for a farewell to remember. Enjoy a performance of Hungarian folk music while you indulge in local brandy, as well as artisan meats and cheeses.

Freedom of Choice – City Tour

Set out on a city tour of Budapest and take in its historic monuments, including Heroes' Square and St. Stephen's Basilica.

Freedom of Choice – Culinary Tour

Eat your way through Budapest as you embark on a tour of the Great Market Hall. Wander through this large indoor market and discover a variety of sausages, meats, cheeses, fruits and vegetables.

Freedom of Choice – Fisherman's Bastion

Enjoy a funicular ride up to Castle Hill and take in the sweeping views over the river, then walk to Fisherman's Bastion, a beautiful historical monument.

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DAY 28

Disembark Ship, Depart Budapest

Your extraordinary European adventure concludes today. Following breakfast, say goodbye and be transferred to the airport.

Daily: • Breakfast
