

## **Delightful Danube and Prague, September 6-16, 2016**

### **Day 1: Budapest**

Arrive at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport, where you will be transferred to the ship.

### **Day 2: Budapest, cruising the Danube River**

**FEATURED EXCURSIONS:** Choice of Budapest city tour or exclusive “Do as the Locals Do” Budapest walking tour

Savor the beauty of Buda and Pest, which lie on opposite sides of the Danube, with a panoramic coach tour that reveals all the highlights of this handsome city. Marvel at St. Stephen’s Basilica, the Dohány Street Synagogue, the Hungarian National Museum, the Opera House, and the Parliament Building. In the UNESCO-designated Castle Hill district, you’ll find magnificent St. Matthias Church. Or, “Do as the Locals Do” by hopping on the metro to Lehel Market Hall, an enormous indoor food and fruit market. After enjoying a coffee break at a local coffee house and sweet shop, you’ll head to the oldest garden in Budapest, the beautiful Károlyi Garden, before ending at the National Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Captain’s Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner.

### **Day 3: Cruising the Danube River, Vienna**

**FEATURED EXCURSIONS:** Choice of Vienna city tour with Vienna State Opera visit or exclusive “Vienna, City of Arts” tour

Your panoramic city tour showcases the Habsburg grandeur of stately Ring Street, taking you past the City Hall and St. Stephen’s Cathedral. You’ll then enjoy a lovely stroll to the Neorenaissance State Opera House, where you’ll be treated to a guided tour of this magnificent mid-19th-century structure. Or, you can follow a panoramic tour of the city with a walk through the majestic Belvedere, which was once the imperial capital and home to the Habsburg dynasty. Then head off to the famous Art History Museum, where you’ll see treasures collected by the Habsburgs on display in the newly reopened Kunstkammer (or “cabinet of curiosities”) Wing. Representing a microcosm of the world, the Kunstkammer contains the largest collection of its kind.

Note: The Art History Museum is closed on Monday's. If the tour lands on a Monday, Albertina Museum will be visited instead.

### **Day 4: Cruising the Wachau Valley, Spitz**

**FEATURED EXCURSIONS:** Choice of Spitz village walk with wine tasting or Melk Abbey with library visit

Relax onboard this morning as you sail through the enchanting, UNESCO-designated Wachau Valley before visiting the charming wine village of Spitz. As you explore the town with a wine and nature expert, you’ll learn about everyday life in the Wachau Valley. And, of course, you’ll get to sample the wines and the many Marillen (apricot) treats for which the valley is famous, including schnapps, jams, and strudel. Or you can

choose to visit Melk, where you'll explore the town and the nine-hundred-year-old Benedictine abbey, with its famous library. (It inspired Umberto Eco's acclaimed novel *The Name of the Rose*.)

#### **Day 5: Engelhartszell, cruising the Danube River, Passau**

**FEATURED EXCURSIONS:** Passau walking tour with choice of exclusive guided "Go Active" bicycle ride along the Danube River or guided "Go Active" hiking along the river Ilz.

Located at the confluence of three rivers—the Danube, Inn, and Ilz—Passau was a key center of European trade for centuries. The city's baroque buildings, erected after the fire of 1662, add Italian flair to the quintessentially medieval German town center (with its winding little streets and narrow alleyways), as you'll discover on today's walking tour. And, if you feel like "going active," you have two great options: you can bike along the mighty Danube with a local guide, or you can hike along the beautiful Ilz River with a naturalist.

#### **Day 6: Cruising the Danube River, Regensburg**

**FEATURED EXCURSIONS:** Choice of "2,000 Years in One Hour" Regensburg walking tour or Jewish Regensburg or BMW factory visit

Regensburg, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in Europe, captures 2,000 years of history with outstanding monuments like the 12th-century Stone Bridge and the towering Gothic cathedral. Your walking tour takes you past the architectural treasures of Old Town as well as the Cathedral of St. Peter, with its magnificent 14th-century stained-glass windows. For a different view of medieval Regensburg, tour sites associated with Germany's oldest Jewish community, dating back more than a thousand years. Or visit the BMW factory for a fascinating look at how a well-engineered German car is built.

**Note:** If the tour lands on a day when the BMW factory is closed, we will visit the Audi factory instead.

#### **Day 7: Cruising the Main-Danube Canal**

Enjoy a leisurely day onboard with scenic sailing through the Main-Danube Canal. In the evening, enjoy a Captain's Farewell Reception and Gala Dinner.

#### **Day 8: Nuremberg, transfer to Prague**

**FEATURED EXCURSIONS:** Choice of Nuremberg city tour or Nuremberg WWII historical tour with Documentation Center visit

After cruising the most scenic parts of the Main-Danube Canal, a marvel of modern engineering, you'll disembark the ship in Nuremberg. Discover the beautiful medieval city during a panoramic tour. Or take a guided tour of Nuremberg's most important WWII sites, including the Nuremberg Trials Memorial, which houses Courtroom 600 (the actual venue of the trials). Later in the day, you'll transfer to Prague via motorcoach.

**Note:** Courtroom 600 is an active court. Visitors will only be permitted to see the courtroom during trial breaks

**Day 9: Prague**

**FEATURED EXCURSIONS:** Choice of Prague city tour or exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Prague's Estates Theatre and Municipal House

Beauty and drama abound in the "City of Spires." Enjoy a panoramic city tour, taking in such places as the State Opera House, Wenceslas Square, Charles Bridge, and the avant-garde Dancing House, before arriving at Prague Castle. Here, you'll visit St. Vitus Cathedral, Vladislav Hall, and Golden Lane. You'll cross Charles Bridge on foot to the beautiful Old Town Square, where you'll see Tyn Church and the famous astronomical clock. Or go behind the scenes of Prague's Estates Theatre for a delightful—and exclusive—encounter with Czech arts and architecture, including a visit to the elegant Mozart Salon. Then cross the cobblestones to the Municipal House; this delightful art nouveau building is home to one of the best concert halls in the city.

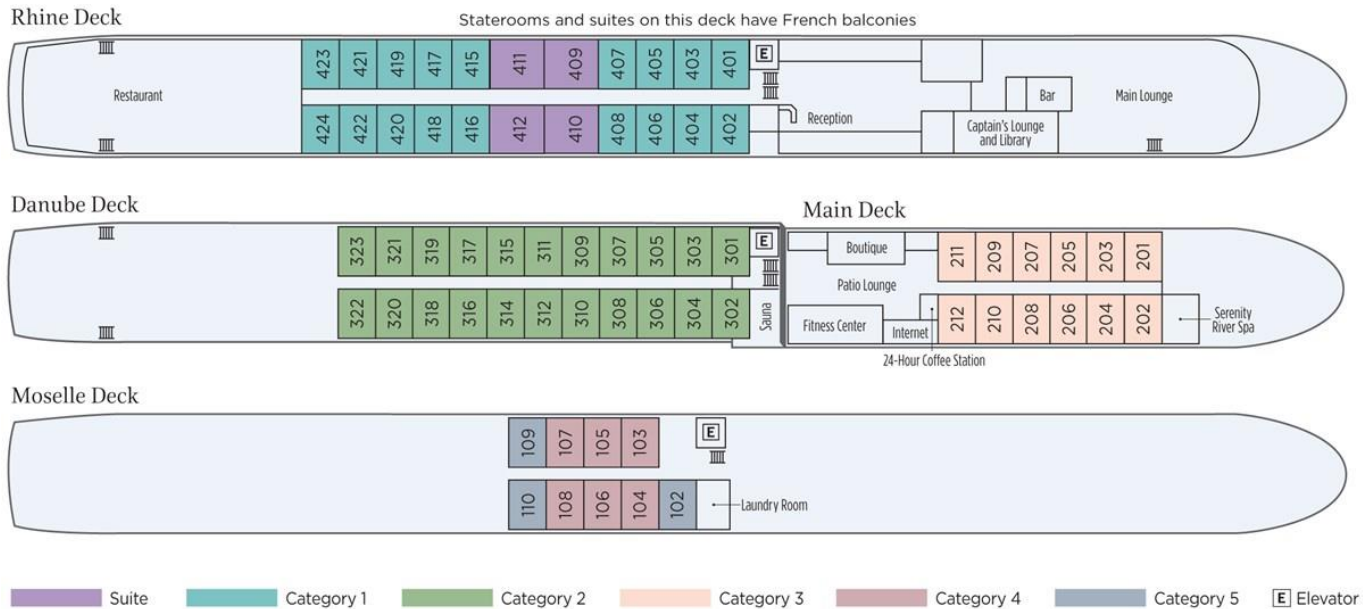
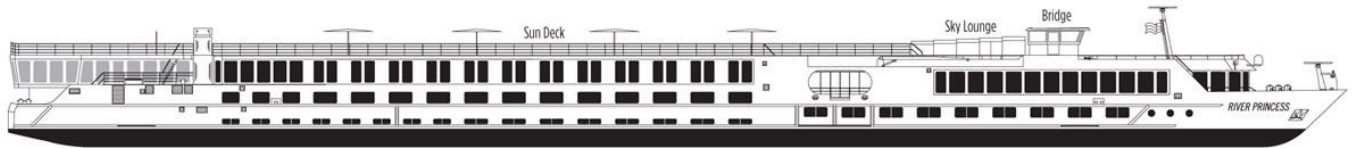
**Day 10: Depart Prague**

Transfer to Prague Václav Havel Airport for your flight home.

**Note:** Order of sightseeing may change throughout the itinerary. Substitute visits to other sites may occur during your trip due to water levels or other uncontrollable factors.

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## River Princess



### Pricing for 2016 Cruise and Land

Please note that because this is a preliminary proposal the dates may fluctuate by a day. If the price in the 2016 brochure is lower, you will receive the lower price.

Category 5: \$4891 per person

Category 4: \$5167 per person

Category 3: \$5541 per person

Category 2: \$6030 per person

Category 1: \$6342 per person

Suite: \$7278 per person

Prices reflect \$100 Fuller Travel Discount

### Additional Discounts

Discounts: Early booking discount of \$150 per person if deposited by June 15, 2015

Or

Discount of \$300 per person (cat. 3,4,5) or \$400 per person (cat. 1,2, and suites if you pay in full at time of deposit.

Also, receive \$50 per person ship board credit.

Prices include all meals onboard, alcohol onboard, excursions, and gratuities. Breakfast included in Prague.