



Musical Magic Along the Blue Danube

A river cruise for music lovers, following musical legends and landmarks along the Danube

1. ■ Arrive Budapest

Tour begins: 6:00 PM, Budapest. A transfer is included from Budapest's Ferenc Liszt Airport or Keleti Train Station to Tauck's riverboat. Enjoy dinner onboard ship tonight. **Meals D**

2. ■ Discover Budapest

Statues of Mozart, Beethoven, Verdi and Liszt greet you at the 1884 State Opera House in Pest, with its gilded vaulted ceiling, murals, royal boxes and three-ton chandelier; expect some surprises on a guided tour of this neo-Renaissance masterpiece, including the private box of Habsburg Empress Elisabeth ("Sisi"). Discover some of Budapest's key sites

today, such as Heroes' Square and Central Market Hall. After a free afternoon in Budapest, join us for a performance at one of the city's premier concert venues. **Meals BLD**

3. ■ Bartók in Budapest / Embark cruise

After a free morning, head to Buda for a walking tour and, if you wish, time to check out the Museum of Music History, whose exhibits portray centuries of Hungarian musical life in a former palace on Castle Hill. The legacy of Béla Bartók lives on in his 1924 home, now a memorial dedicated to the composer and musicologist - listen to his melodies in a piano recital during your visit; explore Gellert Hill. Return to the riverboat for dinner at leisure. **Meals BLD**

Uniquely Tauck

- Exclusive onboard musical performances, workshops and activities by Tauck's "maestro," music scholars and performers who accompany your travels
- Sit in on a rehearsal by a professional orchestra as its conductor prepares for a performance
- A gala evening featuring a reception, dinner and live classical music at Palais Ferstel in Vienna, where Mozart and other greats actually performed
- Explore beautiful Salzburg, the city where Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart spent his early years; a walking tour includes admission to Mozart Geburtshaus, his actual birthplace
- Attend a special Viennese opera or classical music performance, as well as a performance at a premier Budapest concert venue (subject to requirements and limitations at performance venues)
- A farewell evening at Nelahozeves Castle, outside Prague, that includes a reception, dinner and choir music performance



Visit St. Stephan's Cathedral in Passau where you may have an opportunity to hear a public recital on its magnificent organ.

Stroll down a lane where 6-year-old Mozart performed and 9-year-old Liszt played across the street 58 years later - around the corner. See where Béla Bartók attended grammar school in the 1890s. Following time to relax aboard the riverboat or explore on your own, join us back onboard for dinner and local entertainment. **Meals BLD**

5. ■ Exploring Vienna's musical treasures

If you had to choose only one European city to musically explore, Vienna - home to Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms

4. ■ Bratislava, City of Prodigies

After a morning's cruise with lectures, workshops and a guest choir rehearsal, arrive in Bratislava, Slovakia - the Baroque stomping grounds of great musical prodigies, as you'll discover firsthand today. A walking tour includes the city's Old Town, now a pedestrian-only, vehicle-free zone.



VOYAGE AT A GLANCE

■ 9 Cruise Days

Day	Destination
■ 1	Budapest
■ 2	Budapest
■ 3	Budapest
■ 4	Bratislava
■ 5	Vienna
■ 6	Vienna
■ 7	Melk / Grein
■ 8	Salzburg / Linz
■ 9	Passau
10	Disembark / Prague (check at booking for disembarkation location) <i>Hilton Old Town Prague</i>
11	Prague
12	Depart Prague



The city of Salzburg gave the world iconic musicians, with Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart among the most famous; spend a day exploring sites associated with Mozart's life and music as well as well-preserved architectural buildings from the Middle Ages to present day.

and Strauss - would be it! This morning, you may choose a visit to Schönbrunn Palace of the Habsburgs, followed by some free time to explore this grand Habsburg summer residence and its magnificent gardens on your own. Or, join our maestro for a musical walk to the Collection of Historical Musical Instruments in the Kunsthistorisches Museum; it is home to one of the most comprehensive collections of Renaissance and Baroque instruments, worldwide. This afternoon, you'll have time on your own to explore and have an early dinner before enjoying tonight's featured performance of Viennese opera at a premier venue in Vienna (subject to availability; if an opera performance is not available, a comparable classical music performance will be provided). **Meals BLD**

6. ■ A palace evening in Vienna

Vienna springs to musical life on a day featuring a pair of Tauck Exclusives. For the first one, sit in on a rehearsal this morning as a Viennese orchestra prepares for a

performance. Then spend the afternoon as you please in Vienna. Tonight, enjoy our private grand evening at Palais Ferstel, a private palace in the heart of Vienna - an incomparable setting for welcome cocktails and apéritifs, dinner, an orchestra, ballet, and music by Strauss. **Meals BLD**

7. ■ Melk Abbey & cruise to Grein

Melk Abbey, a beautiful Benedictine monastery complex overlooking the Danube, has been a significant center of learning and culture since its founding over 900 years ago. Get a sense of the importance of music to the abbey's cultural life through the ages as you tour its lovely Baroque buildings dating to the early 18th century. Back on the riverboat, enjoy lectures by our maestro and dinner en route to Grein, where you'll disembark this evening for a walk through this picturesque riverside town ending with a musical performance at a local venue. **Meals BLD**

Meet Tauck's "Maestros"

Tauck's "maestros" - active music scholars and performers who are passionate and knowledgeable about European classical music and the destinations you'll visit - guide your musical explorations ashore during private concerts, music-themed excursions and gala evenings and enrich your onboard experience with interactive music workshops, seminars and exclusive performances. And as a highlight of this cruise, a guest choir will perform for us during our grand farewell dinner at beautiful Nelahozeves Castle outside of Prague.



8. ■ Musical Salzburg

Picture a small boy of 5 wowing a royal audience with his piano virtuosity, then crawling up on the lap of the Empress of half of Europe, and giving her a kiss! Little Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who was born in Salzburg, Austria in 1756, did just that. Travel in Mozart's footsteps this morning on an excursion from Linz to his Baroque hometown, visiting a museum in the house where he was born, among other locations. You'll have some free time for lunch and to explore as you please in town. Return to the ship for dinner, a guest choir rehearsal and an onboard classical chamber music concert by Donau 3klang as your riverboat charts a course for the pretty riverside town of Passau. **Meals BD**

9. ■ A grand pipe organ & more in Passau

Your riverboat docks this morning in Passau, Germany - the "city of three rivers" at the junction of the Inn, Ilz and Danube. Discover this Baroque Bavarian town known for its many churches and exquisite stained glass on a walking tour. At St. Stephan's Cathedral, you'll find Europe's largest pipe organ and, if you wish, listen to a public recital of this amazing instrument (subject to availability). Back aboard the riverboat in Passau, enjoy a traditional German lunch and take part in seminars, workshops, a guest choir rehearsal, musical trivia fun, and tonight's captain's farewell reception followed by a gala farewell dinner. **Meals BLD**

10. Disembark in Vilshofen & on to Prague

Disembark in the town of Vilshofen, bid your riverboat and its crew goodbye, and travel to historic (and extremely musical) Prague for a two-night stay. Arrive in time for a traditional Czech lunch at the delightful Art-Nouveau Municipal House, then embark on a walking tour of Prague's storied Old Town. The rest of the day is free. **Meals BL**

11. Musical giants in & around Prague

Visit Vyšehrad, a Czech national cultural site dating back to the 10th century, home to the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul and Vyšehrad Cemetery; view Dvůrák House (subject to availability) and the Church of St. Ondrej. Travel to Nelahozeves Castle for a farewell dinner and guest choir performance. **Meals BD**

12. Journey home

Tours ends: Prague, Czech Republic. Fly home anytime. A transfer is included from the Hilton Old Town Prague to Václav Havel Airport Prague or Praha Hlavní Nádraží (Main Train Station); allow 3 hours for flight check-in. **Meals B**



You'll have opportunities to enjoy the world's finest music in classic venues - such as an evening at Palais Ferstel in Vienna.