



## **Danube Explorer**

August 29 - September 8, 2024



**★** FREE AIRFARE from Omaha for a Limited Time! Call for details!

From \$5,249

per person double occupancy

Experience the Danube River aboard your Emerald Waterways Star-Ship on a seven-night cruise through four countries! Includes two nights in Prague and escorted shore excursions with English-speaking guides in six cities. Don't wait! Limited availability!

#### **ITINERARY**

#### August 29 - Welcome / Depart Omaha, NE

Meet us today at one of our many convenient pick-up points as we make our way to Omaha's Eppley Airfield and connect to our overnight flight to Prague, Czech Republic.

#### August 30 - Prague, Czech Republic

Welcome to the Czech Republic! Upon arrival, you'll be met by your Cruise representative and transferred to your hotel in Prague. The remainder of the day is at leisure to begin discovering your new surroundings!

#### August 31 - Prague

This morning, enjoy an included city tour, highlighting the famous sites of this beautiful city. Following a brief panoramic drive, the heart of the city is discovered on foot. See Old Town Square with its historic astronomical clock and the medieval Charles Bridge. During free time this afternoon, continue to explore the city on your own, or join the optional excursion to the Terezin Concentration Camp. **(B)** 

#### September 1 - Prague / Passau, Germany / Embarkation

Depart Prague for Passau, Germany, where your friendly Captain and crew welcome you onboard your luxurious Emerald Waterways Star-Ship. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore your home for the next seven nights and all of its amenities. This evening, join your fellow guests for dinner onboard. **(B, D)** 

#### September 2 - Passau

Narrow cobblestone streets welcome you to Passau, a town nestled on the confluence of three of Europe's main waterways. On today's excursion, venture out to a local farm to gain a fascinating insight into the life of local Bavarian farmers. Tour the farm, see the animals and learn how the family is utilizing methods of sustainable agriculture. Meet with the farmers and sample some of their homemade specialties during an included tasting. **(B, L, D)** 

#### September 3 - Linz, Austria / Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic

Today's adventure takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed town of Cesky Krumlov. With its 13th-century castle, meandering river, and maze of quaint alleyways, this town as one of the best-preserved centers in Europe. Join your local guide to traverse a labyrinth of winding cobblestone lanes as you experience the charming atmosphere of Cesky Krumlov's medieval buildings and iconic castle complex. During the excursion, visit the 15th-century St. Vitus's Church, a highlight of the town. **(B, D)** 

#### September 4 - Melk - Durnstein, Austria

Relax as you cruise down the Danube River early this morning, passing delightful apricot orchards and beautiful terraced vineyards that produce some of the world's best wine, before arriving in Melk. Enjoy an included tour of Melk Abbey, originally a lavish castle that was gifted to Benedictine monks during the 11th century. This opulent Baroque building features ornate gold leaf walls, seemingly endless spiral staircases and is home to some of the most important collections of medieval manuscripts in the world. After the tour, sail through the idyllic Wachau Valley, passing medieval villages, vineyards and areas of natural beauty. Upon arrival in Durnstein, you can choose time at leisure to wander through this enchanting village. Alternatively, for a different perspective, stay in Melk and join a guided bike ride from Melk to Durnstein. **(B, L, D)** 

#### September 5 - Vienna, Austria

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital and the capital of classical music. The city perfectly encapsulates the opulence of the Habsburg Monarchy and their ornate Baroque palaces. On the included city tour, see monuments and grand buildings as the motorcoach drives along the famous Ringstrasse. During the walking tour, stroll with your guide through the city center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Marvel at the classic architectural styles of the buildings, see St. Stephen's Cathedral and the Hofburg Palace, right in the middle of the city center. If you are feeling more active, opt to explore on two wheels, cycling along the serene trails on Danube Island. **(B, L, D)** 

#### September 6 - Bratislava, Slovakia

Today you sail into the capital of Slovakia. This graceful nation became an independent country in 1993, and since then, Bratislava has flourished as a new capital and made a name for itself as a cultural center. The romantic cobblestone lanes that weave through the city are explored with your local guide as you enjoy a walking tour of the ancient town center. See the Slovak National Theatre and a range of Gothic and Art Nouveau buildings. Alternatively, embark on a guided hike to Bratislava Castle, a landmark steeped in legends that looks as though it came from the pages of a fairytale book. **(B, L, D)** 

#### September 7 - Budapest, Hungary

Welcome to the "Pearl of the Danube." Explore Budapest's cobbled medieval quarter as you embark on a tour through the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city center. Your guide will highlight a number of architectural wonders and also talk about Budapest's culinary scene. The tour will end at the Grand Market Hall, the city's most expansive indoor food and craft market, where you'll have time to explore on your own. If you are feeling more active, you may instead choose to hike to Buda Hill. The surrounding area has been rebuilt several times, most recently following the air raids of WWII. Some 18th-century Baroque houses still stand, best explored by foot along the medieval paths and alleyways in the area around Buda Castle. This evening, join your fellow guests for a folklore performance onboard an a traditional Hungarian dinner. Relax on the Sun Deck and enjoy the fabulous view of the city, aglow in nighttime splendor. (B, L, D)

#### September 8 - Depart Budapest / Return Home

Bid a fond farewell to Europe and return home with memories of life enriching experiences from your cruise along the Danube River! Upon arrival back in Omaha, say goodbye to your fellow travelers as you arrive back at your initial pick-up points. **(B)** 

#### **MEALS INCLUDED:**

(B) - Breakfast

(L) - Lunch

(D) - Dinner

#### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Night One – Overnight flight en route to Prague Nights Two & Three – Hotel Jalta or similar, Prague, Czech Republic Nights Four through Ten – Aboard an Emerald Waterways Star-Ship

Departs: Norfolk, Fremont, Lincoln & Omaha, NE



Moostash Joe Tours P.O. Box 969 Fremont, NE 68026 Deposit Due:

\$400 per person

Please see back page for pricing

#### **Cancellation Penalties:**

Up until 91 days before departure: \$400 Penalty 90 days or less before departure: No Refund \*No refund on any unused portions of the tour

A valid passport is necessary to take this tour.

### Why Cruise with Moostash Joe Tours?

- FREE AIRFARE from Omaha for a Limited Time!
  - Call for details!
- Free, convenient parking and all airport transfers
  - O From Norfolk, Fremont, Lincoln & Omaha, NE
- 21 Total Meals
- Seven Nights aboard an Emerald Waterways Luxury Star-Ship
- Two Nights and Touring in Prague, the Czech Republic
- Visit Five Countries (Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary & the Czech Republic)
- First-class service by an English-speaking crew
- All gratuities included
- Shore excursions with English-speaking local guides
- Visits to UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Personal listening device for shore excursions
- Most meals included on-board, including a variety of international cuisine
- Complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks with on-board lunches and dinners
- Complimentary bottled water in your stateroom
- Complimentary WIFI on-board
- Complimentary bicycles on-board for use ashore
- All port charges included

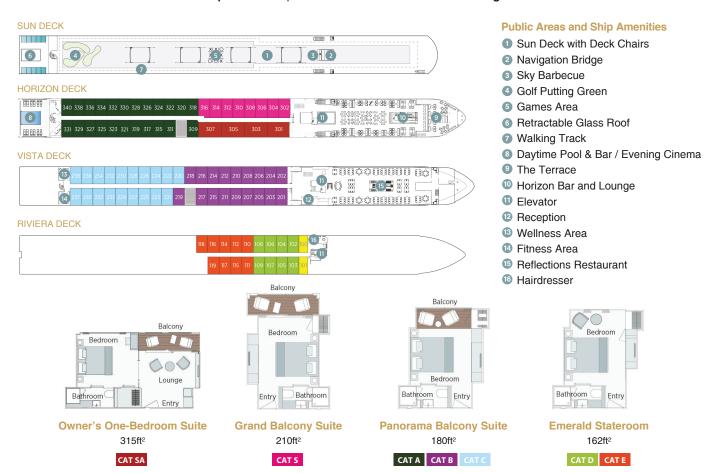
#### **Tour Price Does Not Include:**

- Gratuity for Moostash Joe Tour Director
  - O Suggested \$4.00-\$5.00 per person per day (you may want to tip more for outstanding service)
- Meals other than those stated in the itinerary
- Optional Travel Protection
- Airline Baggage Fees
- Passport and Visa Costs

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# Emerald Waterways Star-Ships Built: 2014-20 Speed: 15.5 mph Staterooms: 19 Suites: 72 Length: 443 ft. Crew: 47



CAT	STATEROOM / SUITE	DECK	PER PERSON TWIN	PROTECTION PER PERSON	SINGLE ROOM ADD	PROTECTION SINGLE
E	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,249	\$373	+ \$3,519	\$559
D	Emerald Stateroom	Riviera	\$5,309	\$373	+ \$3,559	\$559
С	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,119	\$435	+ \$4,129	\$704
В	Panorama Balcony Suite	Vista	\$6,169	\$435	+ \$4,165	\$704
A	Panorama Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$6,489	\$435	+ \$4,389	\$704
S	Grand Balcony Suite	Horizon	\$7,149	\$498	N/A	
SA	Owner's One-Bedroom Suite	Horizon	\$7,699	\$498	N/A	

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