

Danube Bike & River Cruise: Budapest to Nuremberg

Pre-Trip-Extension - Budapest Extension

1 Nights from \$95 per person, double occupancy

- 1 night at the Mamaison Andrassy Hotel or the K+K Hotel Opera
- Daily breakfast
- 2-day Budapest Transportation Pass
- Airport transfers
- City Information

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

DAY 1: Depart home / Fly overnight to Budapest

Depart home for Hungary. The particulars of your arrival overseas are detailed with your flight itinerary.

DAY 2: Arrive in Budapest / Begin your trip extension

Upon arrival at the Budapest airport, claim your luggage and clear customs. If your luggage is lost, fill out a PIR form before leaving the customs area—VBT representatives are not allowed in the customs area. Make certain your VBT luggage tags are affixed to your bag so your VBT representative can identify you as you enter the arrival hall. Your VBT representative will be holding a VBT sign and will help you transfer via taxi or van (approximately 30 minutes, depending on traffic) to your centrally located Budapest hotel. If your VBT representative is not immediately in sight, please wait, as the VBT representative may be transferring with an earlier arrival. He or she should arrive within 30 minutes.

Your hotel room may not be available until after 2:00 p.m. If you arrive early, you may store your luggage with the reception desk. The rest of the day is free to relax or begin your exploration of the city with your included 2-day Budapest Transportation Pass. VBT provides you with City Information that includes information and recommendations on what to see and do during your stay in Budapest.

Hotel: Mamaison Andrassy Hotel

Alternate Hotel: K+K Hotel Opera

DAY 3: Independent exploration of Budapest

Today, continue to explore Budapest on your own during your independent trip extension. This cosmopolitan city offers very different experiences on each bank of the Danube, and a wealth of historic

and cultural treasures. Upon arrival at your hotel, you will have received a complimentary two-day public transportation pass, sure to make exploring easy. Outside your hotel on the Pest side of the river, uncover the history, art, and archaeology of Hungary at the National Museum. Visit the magnificent St. Stephen's Cathedral, named for the first king of Hungary, whose right hand is said to be in the reliquary. Take in the grand Heroes' Square. Or browse the many stalls and food offerings of Market Hall, the city's largest indoor market. Across the river on the Buda side, you might explore the vibrant Castle District, a UNESCO World Heritage site perched some 550 feet above the Danube. In the Old Town, you can view the Gothic Buda Castle and explore narrow medieval streets and squares, browsing shops and sampling Hungarian specialties at cafés. Head over to Fisherman's Bastion for sweeping, panoramic views of the ornate Parliament Building, the iconic Chain Bridge, and the rest of the city. The only city in the world with thermal springs within town, Budapest boasts about a dozen spas, gathering places for locals to "take the waters" and catch up on family gossip. Your hotel can help you find the one that suits you.

Hotel: Mamaison Andrásy Hotel

Alternate Hotel: K+K Hotel Opera

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4: Warm-up ride/ Budapest guided walk/ Join the ship

At 11:00 a.m., meet your VBT trip leaders in the hotel lobby. Please be checked-out of your room and dressed ready to walk. Join up with our local guide for a walking tour through the city's highlights. Stop for lunch along the way before arriving at the dock in Budapest at approximately 2:00 p.m. to board your Emerald Waterways ship.

Your cabin may not be ready for you until 3:00 p.m. However, you are welcome to enjoy a light buffet on board, served between 12:00 and 3:00 p.m., relax in the ship's common areas, or explore more of Budapest.

Later, meet your trip leaders and fellow travelers onboard for an introduction to the week, followed by bike safety briefing. After, join a warm-up ride on a river-side bike lane and get acquainted with your bike and with riding on bike paths and in bike lanes. A welcome dinner in the ship's Reflections Restaurant, traditional Hungarian folklore performances and an after-dark cruise along the Budapest waterfront are in store this evening.

Cruise start date of: 5 July:

MS Emerald Destiny, tele. +49 (0)152 5671 3873, reception.destiny@emeraldwaterways.com

Cruise start dates of: 29 August:

MS Emerald Dawn, tele. +49 (0)173 518 1436, reception.dawn@emeraldwaterways.com

Cruise start date of: 10 August:

MS Emerald Sky, tele. +49 (0)173 518 1933, reception.sky@emeraldwaterways.com

Cruise start dates of: 17 May, 31 May, 14 June, and 18 October:

MS Emerald Star, tele. +49 (0)173 518 1937, reception.star@emeraldwaterways.com

Please note regarding WiFi on board the ship: Due to the nature of the ship movements, internet access is not always available. If stable internet access is critical to you, VBT recommends that you purchase your own bundle before traveling overseas.

Please note regarding Ride with GPS: There is limited WiFi on board. If you wish to use Ride with GPS on your smartphone, VBT recommends that you download your VBT Maps & Route Notes from a WiFi zone prior to arrival on the boat. During your vacation, you will be able to follow these route notes on your smartphone with turn-by-turn voice navigation as you ride. As always, VBT also provides our traditional printed maps and route notes during the tour.

Hotel: MS Emerald Sky/Emerald Destiny/Emerald Dawn/Emerald Star

Meals: Breakfast