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A Catholic Cruise on the Danube River with Fr. Ronald Schock & Msgr. Kubacki April 22 - April 30, 2026



Day 1: Wed April 22, 2026: DEPART USA - Departing flight from USA to Munich with complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

Day 2: Thu April 23: ARRIVE Munich - Arrive at the Airport, meet your tour escorts and board the coach. Drive to Passau with a stop for lunch, on your own. Time permitting we will stop for Mass at a local church. 4:00 pm we may embark the ship. Welcome dinner on board. (D)

Day 3: Fri April 24: Passau – Altotting – Passau -After breakfast we board our coach and drive through the beautiful Bavarian countryside to Altotting, often called “The Lourdes of Germany” due to the thousands of pilgrims coming here every year for healing. Here we see the “Black Madonna of Altotting,” a wooden statue of the Virgin Mary. We also visit the Basilica of St. Anna, the Holy Chapel, the Collegiate Church, and the treasury, housing the gifts donated to the Basilica provided by tour escorts). Celebrate Mass at the parish church (Stadtpfarrei) of St. Philip and James. Return to the ship for lunch (included in the cruise package rate). Afternoon we will have guided tour of Passau, the ‘Bavarian Venice’, beautifully situated at the confluence of the Danube, Ilz and Inn rivers. We will visit the magnificent St. Stephan’s Cathedral, containing the world’s largest church organ (17,774 organ pipes, 233 stops and 4 carillons). Our tour will also include the Museum of the Treasure of the Cathedral, which shows the treasures of Passau’s past when it was the capital of the largest diocese of the Holy Roman Empire. Return to the ship. (B,L,D) 09:30 PM Ship departs Passau for Linz.

Day 4: Sat April 25: Linz: full day excursion to Salzburg and Maria Plain (by bus) – Emmersdorf - 04:30 AM Ship arrives Linz, Breakfast on the ship. Board the coach and depart for Salzburg, enjoy a guided tour of Salzburg Old Town. View the Hohensalzburg Fortress, Mirabell Gardens and Salzburger Dom. Enjoy a break for lunch in town on your own with some free time. Depart Salzburg to visit Maria Plain Shrine Celebrate Mass at Maria Plain Basilica. Maria Plain Basilica is hosting the miraculous painting of the "Virgin with Child" by an unknown painter. It miraculously survived a fire in the Bavarian town of Regen undamaged. Board the coach and depart for Linz riding through the picturesque lake region Salzkammergut.. Arrive Linz, rejoin the ship and have free time. Dinner on the ship. 10:00 PM Ship departs Linz for Emmersdorf. Overnight on the ship (B, D)

Day 5: Sun April 26: Emmersdorf (Melk) – Durnstein – Vienna
Breakfast on the ship, 08:00 AM Ship arrives Emmersdorf, We board the coach for Melk Abbey. Celebrate Mass at Melk Abbey. Enjoy a guided tour of Melk Abbey. The Abbey is the setting for Umberto Eco’s ‘The Name of the Rose’. Among the treasures housed here are paintings, sculptures, and decorative art from the 9th to 15th centuries. Come back to the ship for lunch on board, included in package. 12:00 PM Ship departs Emmersdorf. Spend time on deck as you cruise through the picturesque heart of the Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site in Austria. 02:00 PM Ship arrives Durnstein, you may visit the town on your own. 5:30 PM Ship departs Durnstein for Vienna. Dinner on ship, 10:00 PM Ship arrives in Vienna. Overnight on the ship in Vienna (B, L, D)

Day 6: Mon April 27: Vienna (Classical Music Concert) - Breakfast on the ship. Board the coach and depart for Vienna. Celebrate Mass at Votivkirche or other local church. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Vienna, we will meet our local English speaking guides and enjoy tour of Vienna Old Town between the University and Opera House passing major monuments to include Donners’ Fountain, Belvedere Palace Gardens, Hofburg Palace, Spanish Horses training place and St. Stephen’s Cathedral. Lunch on your own in the city (not included) or come back to the ship to have lunch on board (included in the cruise package rate) After lunch enjoy free time at leisure. Return to the ship for a dinner. Departure for classical music concert at one of the concert halls at Wiener Musikverein. Return to the ship after the concert or stay in the city center for a while and return on your own. **03:00 AM** Sailing from Vienna to Bratislava. Overnight on the ship (B, L, D)

Day 7: Tue April 28: Bratislava - Breakfast on the ship, 08:00 AM Ship arrives in Bratislava. Depart for a city tour. Celebrate Mass at St. Martin’s church. After Mass meet your local guide for 1,5-2 hrs. visiting of Bratislava. Walking down to the Old Town pass by St. Martin's Cathedral, Michael’s Gate, Academia Istropolitana historical building, Main Square, Primatial (Archbishop in the past) Palace, churches, palaces of famous families, Slovak National Theatre and Bratislava Castle on the hill with a panorama view on Bratislava (exterior views). Lunch on your own in the city (not included) or come back to the ship to have lunch on board, included. After lunch we will enjoy a beer tasting (included). Brewed by traditional recipe of pilsner style beer, following the standards of this beer strictly contains only water, malt, hop and brewing yeast. Balance of the day free for your own activities and exploration. Return to the ship for dinner. 10:00 PM Sailing from Bratislava to Budapest. Overnight on the ship (B, L, D)

Day 8: Wed April 29: Budapest
Breakfast on the ship. This morning, spend time on deck as you cruise one of the most beautiful section of the river – the Danube Bend. This area offers a picturesque journey through Central Europe, showcasing stunning landscapes, historic towns, and cultural landmarks. 12:00 PM Ship arrives Budapest. Enjoy lunch on the ship then board the coach to begin exploring this beautiful city with a tour of the Buda Castle Hill. Celebrate Mass at Matthias Church. Enjoy a guided tour of Budapest starting from Matthias Church and the Fisherman’s Bastion. Explore the unbeatable views of the Danube and Pest. Cross the bridge and pass by St. Stephen’s Basilica (outside view) and Hungary’s ornate Parliament building (outside view) prominently situated on the opposite bank. Have a stroll in Central Market Hall. Farewell dinner on the ship with folklore show. Overnight on the ship (B, L, D)

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Land/River Cost: per person, Cash/Check payment, based on 30 participants, & double occupancy. (15 cabins)

Suite Cabin (3) - \$ 6,150.00
Category A Cabin (3) - \$ 5,650.00
Category B Cabin (8) - \$ 5,450.00
Category C Cabin (1) - \$ 4,750.00

Included

- All nights on the luxurious 5 star ship.
- Breakfast and Dinner daily including Captains Gala dinner & 5 lunches
- Beverage package for lunch & dinner to include soft drinks, regional wine & draft beer. Coffee & Tea after lunch & dinner, 24 hour coffee station in the Amadeus Club. Welcome & Farewell cocktail, Welcome dinner, Captains Gala dinner
- English speaking Catholic tour escort/guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- Tips for guide, driver, porters, wait staff, crew, etc.
- Transfers from international airport
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Mass arrangements

Not Included

- **Airfare: Once routes are published we will let you know what time to arrive in order to utilize a transfer to / from the arrival & departure airport.**
 - Travel insurance: **NOTE: Strongly recommended as payments are non-refundable for this program. (Ships policy, not ours).**
 - Lunches, not included in the itinerary,
 - Any/all test(s) vaccines, that may be required by airlines, ship, departing / arriving country and transfer country.
- Nothing at this time is required to travel.**
- **New ETIAS travel authorization (due to be required in 2025. The exact start date has not yet been announced.)**
 - Items of personal nature
 - Any items not specifically mentioned

Single rooms AT double rate.

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Day 9: Thu April 30: Budapest departure - Morning Disembarkation time based on flight departure time. (Flights are not available at this printing.) Transfer to the Airport for your flight back home (B).

NOTES: *While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations become necessary due to changes beyond our control. All times are approximate and will be verified during travel.*

We are not responsible for river levels and the cruisability of the ship.

All Mass locations and times noted are subject to final confirmation. We may be celebrating Mass with some, or all, of the other Catholic Groups on the cruise.

No refunds for meals included but not taken on board the ship

On Board Facilities: *Panorama-Restaurant / Panorama-Bar and Lounge / Amadeus-Club / Heated pool / "Café Vienna" with Viennese coffee specialties / Outdoor glass-shielded "River Terrace" / Sun Deck with lounge chairs, shade awnings, golf putting green, giant Chess Board and Shuffleboard / Fitness Room, Massage Room / Gift Shop / Laundry Service / Elevator / Complimentary bicycles on board / Wi-Fi available*

AMADEUS Suite - Mozart Deck (284.2ft²) with walk-out exterior balcony:

A comfortable corner sofa, luxurious bathroom, walk-out exterior balcony, mini-bar, walk-in wardrobe.

A Cabin - Mozart Deck (188.4ft²) with drop-down panoramic window:

A spacious bathroom, drop-down panoramic window, mini-bar, walk-in wardrobe.

B Cabin - Strauss Deck (188.4ft²) with drop-down panoramic window:

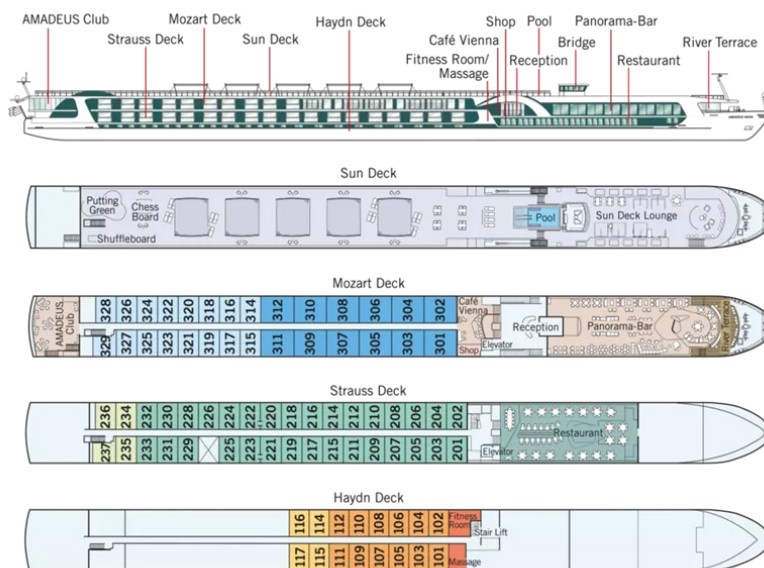
A spacious bathroom, drop-down panoramic window, mini-bar, walk-in wardrobe.

C Cabin - Haydn Deck (172.2ft²) with panoramic window:

A spacious bathroom, small panoramic window (cannot be opened), spacious wardrobe.

All rooms have, choice of bed configuration (double or twin bed), flat-screen television, individual climate control, en-suite bathroom with shower/WC, hair dryer, direct dial telephone and in-room safe.

Deck Plan:



Cancellation Policy and Refunds: *As this is a unique pilgrimage involving a chartered river boat all payment are nonrefundable. While this is not our normal policy we must abide by the policy of the cruise line. We always recommend travel insurance and strongly encourage it for this particular trip. Please look at all of your options, including "cancel for any reason" policies if you think you may need to cancel.*

Again Purchase of Travel Insurance is strongly recommended.

To register for this pilgrimage please read, complete and sign the registration form, and return with your deposit.

In todays uncertain times all prices are subject to change prior to departure due to major currency fluctuations, changes in fuel, and/or unforeseen economic circumstances beyond our control.

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