



LUFTNER CRUISES – EXCURSIONS 2017 REGISTRATION

CLASSICAL DANUBE CRUISE | July 4-14, 2017

PASSENGER NAME: _____

*Please check box to the corresponding package or excursion for your tour. Additional costs must be added to your final payment.

PACKAGE	PRICE	DESCRIPTION	X
Package A	\$175.00	City tour of Budapest, City Tour of Bratislava, City Tour of Vienna, City Walk Durnstein, Weltenburg Monastery	
Package B	\$265.00	City tour of Budapest, City Tour of Bratislava, City Tour of Vienna, City Walk Durnstein, Melk Abbey, City tour of Salzburg with Salzkammergut, Weltenburg Monastery	
Package C	\$450.00	City tour of Budapest, Szentendre-Esztergom, City Tour of Bratislava, Vienna at Night, City Tour of Vienna, Schonbrunn Palace, Sound of Vienna (Cat. B), City Walk Durnstein, Melk Abbey, City Walk Linz, City Walk Passau, City Walk Regensburg, Weltenburg Monastery	
Package D	\$495.00	City tour of Budapest, Szentendre-Esztergom, City Tour of Bratislava, Vienna at Night, City Tour of Vienna, Schonbrunn Palace, Sound of Vienna (Cat. B), City Walk Durnstein, Melk Abbey, City tour of Salzburg with Salzkammergut, City Walk Regensburg, Weltenburg Monastery	

EXCURSION	PRICE	TOUR DAY	X
CITY TOUR BUDAPEST	\$40.00	July 6	
ESZTERGOM-SZENTENDRE (or vice versa)	\$45.00	July 6	
CITY TOUR BRATISLAVA	\$40.00	July 7	
SOUND OF VIENNA – CAT. B	\$58.00	July 7	
CITY TOUR VIENNA	\$40.00	July 8	
THE SCHOENBRUNN PALACE	\$52.00	July 8	
VIENNA AT NIGHT	\$46.00	July 8	
CITY WALK DÜRNSTEIN	\$28.00	July 9	
MELK ABBEY	\$52.00	July 9	
CITY WALK LINZ	\$35.00	July 10	
CITY TOUR SALZBURG WITH SALZKAMMERGUT	\$110.00	July 10	
CITY WALK PASSAU	\$18.00	July 10	
CITY WALK REGENSBURG	\$18.00	July 11	
THE WELTENBURG MONASTERY	\$65.00	July 11	



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

- All excursions can be booked in advance or on board.
- Minimum participation for excursion by bus: 20 people
Minimum participation for excursion by foot: 12 people
- The schedule within the individual excursions may vary; this is partly due to the volume of traffic in the cities or the opening hours of facilities.
- Please bear in mind to wear sturdy shoes as well as comfortable, waterproof clothing when attending the excursions.
- When exploring on your own, please remember to be back in time before the departure of the vessel. If you miss the departure, you have to get to the next port on your own expenses. The time for the latest return you will find on the daily program.
- Change of itineraries and prices are subject to alteration.

EXCURSION INFORMATION

Some excursions involve a fair amount of walking, sometimes over uneven surfaces. The following coding system has been used to assist you with this. Please ask your cruise director for further advice.

- 1) It is your choice whether you get off the bus during the excursion, to take pictures for example. You walk only short and even paths.
- 2) The excursion by bus is followed by a moderate walking tour. It is also possible that you need to climb some stairs.
- 3) The excursion by bus is followed by a longer walk. It is also possible that you need to climb several stairs.
- 4) Moderate walking tour. It is also possible that you have to climb some stairs.
- 5) Considerable walk with longer distances, partly this will take you to uneven surface and some stairways.

DAY 2 EXCURSIONS

July 6, 2017

CITY TOUR BUDAPEST

Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube", one of the most beautiful cities in the world, has managed to retain a charm of its own despite the many renovations in recent years. The Danube flows through the heart of the city, dividing it into the two parts Buda and Pest. The tour takes you first of all through Pest, past the Great Market Hall with its outstanding gourmet shops and stalls and past splendid Baroque buildings such as the Hungarian State Opera in Neo-Renaissance style and the incomparable parliament building which was finished in 1904 and has since then been an emblem of the city. There's the opportunity for a photo stop on the Heroes' Square, famous for its monuments to many Hungarian kings.

You then cross the famous Chain Bridge into Buda and up to Castle Hill where you will visit St Matthew's Church and the famous Fisherman's Bastion (as long as this is open to the public). Enjoy the unforgettable view over the city before returning to the vessel.

Price: \$40.00
Duration: appr. 3,5 hrs
Walking grade: 2

ESZTERGOM-SZENTENDRE (or vice versa)

Esztergom, the former residence of the Hungarian kings and seat of the Archbishop, is one of the highlights of this excursion. Your tour starts with a visit of the vast domed basilica, the largest cathedral in Hungary. Built in the early 19th century, it incorporates an ornate red marble chapel from an earlier church. After visiting the impressive cathedral the excursion continues along the Danube to the imposing ruined fortress of Visegrad from where you have a glorious view of the „knee“ of the Danube. Then you drive along the banks of the Danube to the artists' village of Szentendre. This charming little town was once inhabited by Serbian refugees, who came here three

centuries ago to escape the Turks. The two main churches show signs of Serbian Orthodox influence, and there are brightly painted Baroque houses in the town centre. Szentendre has developed as a centre for ceramics, thanks to the influence of the local artist Margit Kovacs, who lived from 1920 to 1977. From Szentendre you continue south to Budapest along the scenic west bank of the River Danube. The towns and villages along this stretch of the river are a popular retreat for the inhabitants of Budapest.

Price: \$45.00
Duration: appr. 5 hrs
Walking grade: 3

DAY 3 EXCURSIONS

July 7, 2017

CITY TOUR BRATISLAVA

On this tour you have the chance to get to know the capital of the young Slovakian Republic. Passing by the home of the Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra, the old city walls and the summer residence of the archbishop, the current residence of the president of Slovakia, a coach will bring you to the castle of Bratislava high above the city. From the hilltop you can enjoy a beautiful view onto the castle facility. Afterwards, you have the opportunity to participate in a guided walking tour through the restored old town. From Michael's Gate you will leisurely stroll through the historic city centre where you can admire sights such as the Primatial Palace, St. Martin Cathedral, a former coronation cathedral of Hungarian kings, as well as the Academia Istropolitana, the oldest university of the city which dates back to the 15th century. In addition to numerous palaces, you will also walk past the Main square with the old City Hall, the Opera House and Ganymede's Fountain.

Price: \$40.00
Duration: appr. 3 hrs
Walking grade: 3

SOUND OF VIENNA

In the very place where Johann Strauss himself used to direct his orchestra from the position of first violin, the absolute essence of Vienna's classical music can once again be heard daily. The "Salonorchester Alt Wien", one of the best-known interpreters of classical Viennese music, presents an evening full of Viennese charm with the lilting sound of waltzes, polkas, arias and duets, as well as operetta and piano concerto melodies. Accompanied by excellent opera vocalists and enchanting ballet soloists, Vienna's classical music reveals itself as a living firework display for all senses.

Price: Cat. B \$58.00
Duration: appr. 3 hrs
Walking grade: 1

DAY 4 EXCURSIONS

July 8, 2017

CITY TOUR VIENNA

It may take days or maybe weeks to fully discover Vienna. On this tour you will get an overall impression of the most important sights Vienna has to offer. The tour takes you along the Ringstrasse, Schwarzenbergplatz, passing by Charles church (Karlskirche) as well as the stunning opera house. At this time you stop to take a guided tour from the State Opera to the Hofburg Imperial Palace. Later you continue to the famous Hundertwasser House. There you have some free time to visit the building or to do some souvenir shopping. Before you return to the ship you have the possibility to take a walk in the city center and visit the emblem of Vienna, St. Stephan's cathedral, which you can admire from the inside. To round up this excursion you will head back to the vessel along the Danube canal.

Price: \$40.00
Duration: appr. 3,5 hrs
Walking grade: 2

THE SCHOENBRUNN PALACE

A coach takes you to one of the most beautiful monuments of Vienna, Schoenbrunn Palace. The castle was built on the template of Versailles, the residence of the Sun King Louis XIV. As one of the most important cultural heritage in Austria, the castle and its gardens were declared as World Cultural Heritage. The reign of Maria Theresia signifies the most splendid era for Schoenbrunn. The castle and park were the centre of the courtly and political life and under the personal guidance of the Empress it was remodelled and expanded to become a Royal residence. A complex with a total of 1,441 rooms and halls had been created. You will visit most of the ceremonial rooms and then have the opportunity to walk around in the beautifully designed gardens of the palace.

Price: \$52.00
Duration: appr. 3,5 hrs
Walking grade: 2

VIENNA AT NIGHT

You will drive through the Wienerwald to Kahlenberg, the best view point in Vienna. From here you can overlook the vineyards and the city of Vienna. Continue to the traditional wine village of Neustift am Walde, where you visit a typical Heurigen pub. There is no better way to learn about the Viennese laid back atmosphere and cosiness, then enjoying a glass of wine, trying spreads with bread, and listening to „Heurigen“ music. At the end of this tour enjoy some of the beauties of Vienna at night, as we take you along the illuminated Ringstrasse where you can admire the gorgeous buildings.

Price: \$46.00
Duration: appr. 3,5 hrs
Walking grade: 1

DAY 5 EXCURSIONS

July 9, 2017

CITY WALK DÜRNSTEIN

Start your excursion in Dürnstein, one of the best-known wine villages in the Wachau. Situated in the heart of the magnificent valley, on the banks of the mighty river Danube, the charming town offers the unique combination of a breathtaking scenery, traditional architecture and places of historic interest. Your guide will show you the picturesque Old Town, the town walls and the Pranger Square with its lovely view of the castle ruins. You walk beside the Order of St Claire convent and past the baroque monastery to the town hall's inner courtyard. After a walk through the pedestrian area, the tour ends at the charming Hotel Schloss Dürnstein. The journey then continues to a Wachau winegrower where you will be able to sample a selection of the region's outstanding wines.

Price: \$28.00
Duration: ca. 2 h
Walking grade: 3

MELK ABBEY

Melk Abbey is an Austrian Benedictine abbey, and one of the world's most famous monastic sites. Today's impressive Baroque abbey was built between 1702 and 1736. Particularly noteworthy is the abbey's church and the impressive library with countless medieval manuscripts and frescos. A guided tour takes you through the abbot's chambers, along the emperor's walk, through the marble hall, the balconies and the library. Then, depending on the time of day, there might be an opportunity to hear an organ recital in the abbey church.

Price: \$52.00
Duration: ca. 2 h
Walking grade: 3

DAY 6 EXCURSIONS

July 10, 2017

CITY WALK LINZ

Linz was founded by the Romans, who called it "Lentia", but there was already a Celtic settlement called "Lentos"; probably their word for the winding of a river. It was a provincial and local government city of the Holy Roman Empire, and an important trading point connecting several

routes. Being the city where the Habsburg Emperor Friedrich III spent his last years, it was, for a short period of time, the most important city in the empire. It lost its status to Vienna and Prague after the death of the Emperor in 1493.

There are many things to see in Linz. Take a stroll down the main street which leads to the main square. In addition to the medieval town square in the historic old town and the Mozarthaus see the Renaissance villas, the old cathedral with the Bruckner organ or the new cathedral. Visits depend on opening hours of the cathedral and/or if a mass is celebrated etc. If time allows, you can taste a piece of the famous Linzer Torte (Linzer Cake) in one of the local bakeries.

Price: \$35.00
Duration: appr. 2 hrs
Walking grade: 4

CITY TOUR SALZBURG WITH SALZKAMMERGUT INCL. LUNCH

A two-hour coach ride will bring you to Salzburg, the city of music. The old town with its world famous baroque architecture is one of the best-preserved city centres north of the Alps and was adopted by UNESCO in 1997 in the list of World Cultural Heritages. Salzburg is also the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. During the guided tour through the old town you will see the birth house of the musician as well as other well-known attractions, such as the Getreidegasse. This long yet narrow shopping-street runs parallel to the river in the centre of town. The street is famous for its old (or old-style) signs of profession outside each store. You continue to the Mirabell Palace, a beautiful castle with gardens, built by an archbishop for his beloved courtesan. Watch out for the "Garden of Dwarfs" and the Garden of Roses. After the included lunch, you head to the picturesque village Mondsee which was a film location of the well known movie "The Sound of Music". Enjoy the beautiful scenery before you are heading back to the ship!

Price: \$110.00
Duration: appr. 9,5 hrs
Walking grade: 3

CITY WALK PASSAU

During this walk round the old quarter of Passau your knowledgeable guide will point out many buildings that bear witness to its historical importance in the so called three river city. You can admire picturesque lanes, promenades and squares and find out some interesting facts about the Bishopric city. Above all, you will be especially impressed by the Baroque St. Stephen's cathedral, with the world's largest organ (17,974 pipes and 233 registers), the new Bishop's residence and the town hall.

Price: \$18.00
Duration: appr. 2 hrs
Walking grade: 5

DAY 7 EXCURSIONS

July 11, 2017

CITY WALK REGENSBURG

Regensburg is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in Germany, and its historic buildings (about 1,400) are most impressive. The castle-like residences of the wealthy, patrician families with their high towers dominated the townscape of the Middle Ages and still testify the same status today. Among this architectural treasures are churches, monasteries, the town hall, and one of Europe's oldest bridges that has spanned the Danube since the 12th century. During this walk you will recognize the former power and wealth of this city, which once controlled the trade route to the Orient.

During a short visit of the Regensburg Cathedral, dedicated to St. Peter, you can admire the emblem of Gothic architecture in southern Germany (depends on the opening hours of the Cathedral and / or if a mass is celebrated etc.).

Price: \$18.00
Duration: appr. 2 hrs
Walking grade: 4

THE WELTENBURG MONASTERY

A coach brings you towards Weltenburg, with a brief detour to the "Hall of Liberation". It is an historical classical monument upon Mount Michelsberg above the city of Kelheim. It is an impressive marble building fashioned after the Parthenon in Athens. It towers high above the Danube and can be seen from far across the plains.

Afterwards you board an excursion boat, which takes you past the former city of the Wittelsbacher through the nature reserve "Weltenburger Enge" to the Benedictine abbey of Weltenburg. The monastery, founded by Irish or Scottish monks in about 620 AD, is the oldest monastery in Bavaria. After a short tour of the abbey church you can taste the famous dark beer of Weltenburg, which is brewed here in the oldest monastery brewery in the world.

Price: \$65.00
Duration: appr. 5 hrs
Walking grade: 3