University of Redlands – Bohemia, The Danube, and Salzburg 2020

Explore Bohemia, Cruise the Danube in Luxury and Connect with Salzburg

Your journey will begin with three days of exploration in Prague where you will explore its stunning architecture, timeless art and enthusiastic beer culture. Then you will continue your journey to Regensburg, a UNESCO World Heritage City. After a visit you will head on to celebrate a mini Oktoberfest in Vilshofen, the embarkation point of your luxury boutique river cruise adventure. As you journey along the Danube with AMAWaterways, you will see firsthand why this storied river has inspired generations of artists, poets and musicians. Indulge your passion for timeless architecture and art in four magnificent capitals: Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna and Prague. Cruise through the enchanting Strudengau Valley and let the melodies of the Danube carry you from one gem to another on a regal journey through time. You can fully customize your experience as you choose from private Redlands only excursions, as well as dozens of other options. At the conclusion of the river cruise you will journey to Salzburg where you can reconnect with your student experiences or explore this incredible city of music and art for the first time. Your adventure will conclude with 4 days in Salzburg where you will explore stunning alpine scenery, enjoy time to wander the timeless streets of Salzburg and a toast to journeys past and to come. You will also have the ability to customize your pre or post cruise experience with a trip to the once in a decade Oberammergau Passion Play.
**PRE-Cruise — A Bohemian Rhapsody**

**DAY 0: JUNE 3, 2020**  

Early booker bonus night. Arrive in Prague and check-in to your hotel.  
**Includes:**  
Arrival Transfer to Hotel  
Hotel: Hotel Intercontinental Prague (or similar)

**DAY 1: JUNE 4, 2020**  

Experience the wonders of Prague and its historic city center that is a recognized UNESCO World Heritage Site on your city tour or you can hike to the grand castle. See Rudolfinum, the National Museum, Wenceslas Square and the Hundertwasser Dancing House. Visit the 1,000-year-old Prague Castle and St. Vitus before walking over the romantic Charles Bridge to the Old Market Square, where you will find the capital’s famous Astronomical Clock. (B)  
**Includes:**  
“Golden City of a Hundred Spires” tour  
OR Prague Castle hike

**DAY 2: JUNE 5, 2020**  

Beer has a long and illustrious history in the Czech Republic with the first brewery known to have existed in 993. Pilsner Urquell was created in 1842, being the first pilsner ever made, whilst Budweiser came into being in the city of Budweis. Beer is a core part of the country’s national identity, so much so the Czechs are the biggest consumers of beer in the world. The country is home to more than 100 breweries with a combination of big names and micro establishments offering a huge range of styles, so join a Czech beer tasting and discover for yourself what makes the Czech’s beer some of the very best in the world. (B)  
**Includes:**  
Czech beer tasting

**DAY 3: JUNE 6, 2020**  

Depart from Prague via motorcoach and enjoy a stop in Regensburg, one of Germany’s best preserved medieval cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which you’ll discover on a guided walking tour showcasing the city’s architectural highlights, including the Old Town Hall and the Porta Praetoria. After touring Regensburg, continue your journey on to Vilshofen, where you will board your luxury cruise ship. Cap the day off with an exclusive festive Oktoberfest celebration. (B,D)  
**Includes:**  
Transfer to Regensburg  
UNESCO city highlights tour  
Transfer to Vilshofen  
Exclusive Oktoberfest  
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**Day 4: June 7, 2020**

Vilshofen, Passau

Explore Vilshofen’s beautiful old town before cruising to Passau, known as the “City of Three Rivers.” Join a walking tour or if you prefer to be more active, hike high into the hills for a visit to the “Veste Oberhaus,” Passau’s Castle Hill. (B,L,D)

Includes:
- “City of Three Rivers” walking tour
- OR Passau Castle hike
- OR Danube Bike tour

**Day 5: June 8, 2020**

Linz

The ship arrives in Linz where you’ll have several choices of excursions. Opt for a full-day excursion to Salzburg where you’ll tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market. En route to Salzburg, stop at Mondsee, home of the famed Basilica St. Michael and site of the wedding scene in The Sound of Music. Alternatively, you can go on a guided bike tour along the city’s famed “Culture Mile” and the Danube. During the afternoon, you have three more choices of excursions. Choose a half-day in Salzburg or take a scenic drive through the beautiful Austrian Lake District with a stop in St. Wolfgang. You can also choose to visit the charming mountain town, Český Krumlov, located just over the Czech-Austrian border. (B,L,D)

Includes:
- “UNESCO City of Media Arts” walking tour
- OR Full-day Salzburg excursion
- “Cultural Mile” bike tour
- Half-day Salzburg excursion
- OR Český Krumlov
- OR Austrian Lake District excursion

**Day 6: June 9, 2020**

Weissenkirchen

Cruise through the Strudengau and Wachau valleys to Weissenkirchen, gateway to Dürnstein. Once here, you can choose to join a walking tour in Dürnstein along its cobblestone streets to the Baroque Stiftskirche, and then visit Melk’s magnificent Benedictine Abbey. For the more active adventurer, you can opt to hike up to the fortress where Richard the Lionheart was once held, or take a bike ride along the Danube. As an alternative excursion, visit a local apricot grower, where you’ll enjoy the region’s finest apricot treats. Later in the evening, enjoy a special wine tasting of locally grown, world-renowned Riesling and Grüner Veltliner in Weissenkirchen. (B,L,D)

Includes:
- Scenic cruising through Strudengau and UNESCO Wachau Valley
- Dürnstein walking tour and Melk Benedictine Abbey
- OR Dürnstein Fortress hike
- OR Apricots and Sweets tasting
- Evening wine tasting at local winery

**Day 7: June 10, 2020**

Vienna

The “City of Waltzes” offers a treasure trove of gems and your city tour showcases them, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace. Your tour concludes in the historic city center with a visit to St. Stephen’s Cathedral. For a more active exploration of the area, take a guided bike ride that includes opportunities to see all the sites listed above as well as the majestic Ringstrasse, Vienna’s famed ring road, lined with grand buildings, monuments and parks. During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time to further explore this iconic city. (B,L,D)

Includes:
- “Imperial Vienna” tour
- OR Vienna By Bike (City tour of Vienna on Bike)
- Free time
Day 8: June 11, 2020

Bratislava

Host to the crowning ceremonies of 11 Hungarian kings and queens between 1536 and 1830, Bratislava certainly has earned the title “Coronation City of Kings,” as you’ll discover during your walking tour. Or join a special “Tastes of Slovakia” tour. For a more active adventure, hike up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city. (B,L,D)

Includes:
- “Coronation City” walking tour
- OR Tastes of Slovakia
- OR Bratislava Castle hike

Day 9: June 12, 2020

Budapest

Your city tour begins at Budapest’s Great Market Hall, where you’ll discover plenty of delicious food and shopping. Afterwards, you’ll visit both the Buda (hilly) and Pest (flat) sides of the Danube River. You’ll see the 19th-century Chain Bridge, which connects the Buda district with Pest; and the UNESCO designated Castle Hill district, which contains some of Budapest’s most important medieval monuments and museums. As an alternative choice, you can hike up to Castle Hill for breathtaking views of the city below. Spend your last evening on board cruising past the famed Parliament Building as the city turns on all her dazzling lights. (B,L,D)

Includes:
- “Queen of the Danube” tour
- OR Castle Hill hike
- Illuminations Cruise

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Day 10: June 13, 2020

Budapest/Salzburg

After breakfast, you will head to Salzburg via private motor coach. We will stop in a town in Wachau Valley such as Saint Polten for some exploration and free time for lunch. Our final stop will be in Salzburg where we will check in to the Hotel Sacher. This 5-star gem is the most well-known hotel in Salzburg, and its riverside location allows for unparalleled views of the Alstadt (Old Town) and the Hohensalzburg Castle. Built in 1866, this classic hotel has been hosting guests for over 150 years. (B)

Includes:
- Private Coach to Salzburg
- Sightseeing from Budapest to Salzburg
- Check in at the Hotel Sacher

Day 11: June 14, 2020

Salzburg

Your morning will start with a leisurely walking tour of the Alstadt or Old Town of Salzburg. You will see the major sights such as the Mirabell Palace, Marionette Theater, Mozart Residence, Cathedral and many more. We will have free time for lunch. After lunch, the rest of the day is free to explore. This would be a perfect time to seek out your old stomping grounds in Salzburg or explore, shop or even take an excursion out of town. (B)

Includes:
- Walking Tour of Salzburg
- Free time to reconnect with and explore Salzburg
- Optional tour of the U of R Salzburg Campus, The Marketenderschlossl

Day 12: June 15, 2020

Salzburg

In the morning, you will depart on a private half day Cable Car and Berchtesgaden Salt Mines, which is the oldest active salt mine in Germany. The chronicle of salt mining in Berchtesgaden goes back to the 12th century. A two-course lunch at a local restaurant is included. The remainder of the day you are free to explore Salzburg. (BL)
Includes:
Admission: Roundtrip Jennerbahn Cable Car
Admission: Berchtesgaden Salt Mines
Two course lunch at a local restaurant in Salzburg

**DAY 13: JUNE 16, 2020**

This day is completely free until dinner to explore the city or take an excursion out of town. This evening the group will reconvene for farewell dinner at the Hotel Sacher. Your meal includes 3 courses along with beer and wine. This is the perfect time to share stories from your adventure and toast farewell to the beautiful riverbend town of Salzburg. (BD)

Includes:
Free time to reconnect with and explore Salzburg
Three-course farewell dinner at the Hotel Sacher

**DAY 14: JUNE 17, 2020**

After breakfast at the Hotel Sacher, your private transfer to the Salzburg Airport awaits. If you would like to add extra time in Salzburg or extend your trip in any way, Harr Travel’s concierge travel service will be happy to assist you. (B)

Includes:
Private transfer from the Hotel Sacher to airport
Memories you have made will last a lifetime
Harr Travel will love to customize any trip to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play

**OPTIONAL Oberammergau Passion Play Extension**

Nearly 400 years ago the history of the Passion Play began. The plague raged in many parts of Europe and did not spare Oberammergau either.

In 1633 the Oberammergau villagers promised to perform the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every tenth year, in so far as no one was to die of the plague anymore. The villagers were answered by God and therefore in 1634 the first Passion Play took place. The promise has been kept until today. From May 16th to October 4th 2020 the 42nd Passion Play will take place in Oberammergau.

Harr Travel would be happy to assist with arranging an Oberammergau Passion Play experience either before or after your journey.