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From Budapest, through Slovakia, Austria and Germany, to Prague

September 25

The Best River Cruise Value Around!



Seven nights accommodations aboard the *MS Maxima*

11 Days • 23 Meals Experience the Danube River aboard the *MS Maxima*, our exclusively chartered river ship on a seven-night cruise through four countries. Includes escorted shore excursions in five cities with English-speaking guides and two nights in Prague.

Dear Travelers,

DuPage IRTA is offering members and their family and friends an opportunity to participate in a terrific, affordable Danube river cruise tour this fall. Our Danube Adventure is an escorted tour packed with value. In choosing a destination we survey members and listen to suggestions from those who went on our previous DuPage IRTA international tours to China, Australia / New Zealand, Greece / Turkey, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Spain, Costa Rica, and France. With the success of last fall's river cruise voiced by participants, we looked for another that would cover areas in Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, and Hungary. With the Euro value down it makes travel there easier now on U.S. shoppers. Traveling in the fall season avoids the heat and crowds of the summer season for a more pleasant experience.

Our review encompasses various tours from reputable vendors with size, experience, and good reputations. Patience in selecting a river cruise is important. I found that Mayflower Tours offered exceptional cost and value. Last year they served about 25,000 international travelers. Because we have been a good customer for Mayflower, they are offering incentives in addition to the reduced cruise price. Furthermore, Mayflower has committed that if there were to be an increase on the airfare Mayflower would NOT go back to our travelers to collect any additional fees. The fare quoted below would be for roundtrip travelers from O'Hare (ORD) airport.

DuPage IRTA is happy to organize these yearly opportunities for members and friends. Please be aware that spaces are limited on a river cruise and historically fill quickly. I am looking forward to sharing our Danube River adventure with you!

Gary Elmen
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SAVE
\$200
PER COUPLE
Call for Details



Complimentary house wine, beer and soft drinks included from 9a.m. to 11 p.m.



DAY ONE – Depart the USA

Today you'll depart the USA on your overnight flight to Budapest, Hungary, one of Europe's most beautiful cities.

DAY TWO – Arrive Hungary

Transfer to Mayflower Tours' exclusively chartered river ship, your home for the next seven nights. The remainder of the day is at leisure. *(Dinner onboard)*

DAY THREE – Budapest, Hungary

After breakfast enjoy an included city tour of Budapest. The city straddles both banks of the Danube linked by seven bridges, including the famous Chain and Elizabeth Bridges. The tour presents you with a fantastic opportunity to become acquainted with Hungary's beautiful capital. Enjoy a photo stop at Gellert Hill, see historic Buda Castle, 500-year-old Matthias Church, St. Stephen's Basilica, the distinctive Fisherman's Bastion and the marvelous Royal Palace. Enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore and shop for porcelain and local specialties. This evening meet the Captain at the welcome reception followed by dinner. *(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)*

DAY FOUR – Bratislava, Slovakia

This morning an included panoramic city tour of Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia and the former capital of Hungary, starts the day. Board the exclusively chartered Bratislava City Train for a unique touring experience. As the train winds its way through the streets up to Bratislava Castle, the guide will point out the beautiful buildings and historic sites along the way. See the Slovak Philharmonic Hall, the National Theatre, the Archbishop's Summer Residence and the Blumental Church. You'll arrive at the Vienna Gate and continue on for a photo stop from Castle Hill. In the Old City begin a leisurely paced walking tour through the historical center. See the Archbishop Palace, St. Martin's Cathedral and the Main Square with its Old Town Hall, the Roland Fountain and the Opera House. Enjoy leisure time this afternoon in the remarkable town. This evening, enjoy a musical performance onboard by local artists. *(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)*

DAY FIVE – Vienna, Austria

Discover all Vienna has to offer with an included orientation tour. For over 600 years, the magnificent baroque capital city of Vienna was the seat of the mighty Hapsburg Emperors, a heritage that has bestowed it with many dazzling palaces and monuments: the lavish Hofburg Palace, the impressive Vienna Opera House and the majestic Ringstrasse. The capital is also known as the "City of Music" for having once been the home of composers such as Beethoven, Schubert, Mozart and Johann Strauss. On your included excursion, see some of the famous sights of this impressive city and visit Schönbrunn Palace, with its magnificent interiors and landscape gardens. Enjoy leisure time in the city center in the afternoon. This evening, join an optional excursion for a musical concert in one of the famous music venues of the city. *(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)*

DAY SIX – Dürnstein and Melk, Austria

After breakfast, join your local guide for a stroll through the pretty, medieval town of Dürnstein—"The Pearl of the Wachau"—set in Austria's spectacular vine-terraced Wachau Valley. With its cobblestone streets and old burgher houses, it is dominated by the magnificent baroque Stiftskirche with its lovely blue façade. The ruins of Kuenringerburg Castle, which served as a prison to England's Richard the Lionheart in 1193, can be seen on the hilltop. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of the Wachau Valley as we cruise along the Danube River before arriving in Melk. Join an optional excursion to visit the glorious and magnificent 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey (UNESCO World Heritage Site) which boasts a breathtakingly opulent Baroque interior. See the Marble Hall and Library with its thousands of identically bound books and also its terraced gardens. *(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)*

DAY SEVEN – Linz and Salzburg, Austria

In the 2nd century, Roman soldiers built a fortified camp on the riverbank, and in the 15th century, Emperor Frederick III built a castle high above the river. Today the city's history is told through its Baroque architecture, which surrounds an ancient market square. The day is yours to explore Linz on your own or join an optional

excursion to Mozart's Salzburg where your guide shows you sights from *The Sound of Music* and walks you along the famous Getreidegasse Lane, past Mozart's birthplace. *(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)*

DAY EIGHT – Passau, Germany

This morning enjoy an included guided walking tour through Passau, one of Germany's oldest cities, situated at the confluence of the Inn, Ilz and Danube Rivers. Passau is a beautiful and fascinating fairytale town with a history dating back more than 2,000 years. During the walking tour, admire graceful arcades, cobblestone streets and see the breathtaking Baroque cathedral of St. Stephan. Your wonderful Danube River cruise comes to an end in Passau, yet there is much more to come. *(Breakfast, lunch, dinner and evening snack onboard)*

DAYS NINE AND TEN – Prague, Czech Republic

After breakfast onboard, disembark your ship and journey to Prague via motorcoach for a two night stay. One of the most beautiful cities in Europe, Prague also offers a cultural and historic past. The Old Town Square is home to pastel-colored buildings, the Church of Our Lady of Tyn, the Town Hall and famous Astronomical Clock. Another focal point of this charming city is the 9th-century Prague Castle. On an included city tour you'll see Wenceslas Square, Old Town Square and the medieval Charles Bridge adorned with statues that each tell a story of Prague's colorful past. During your free day, discover the city on your own or join the optional excursion of the Jewish Quarter. Your adventure is concluded but you'll bring back memories of European history to last a lifetime. *(2 Breakfasts and dinner)*

DAY ELEVEN – Prague / USA

Bid a fond farewell to Europe and return home with memories of life enriching experiences from your cruise along the Danube River. *(Breakfast)*

Itinerary subject to change



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2016 DEPART USA

		MAIN DECK	MIDDLE DECK	RHÔNE DECK †
September 25	PER PERSON TWIN	\$4,449	\$4,649	SOLD OUT
	SINGLE ROOM ADD	\$1,689	\$1,829	SOLD OUT

Please add \$85 per person for port charges

Pricing includes round trip airfare from Chicago, departure, arrival taxes, and fuel surcharges.

*Staterooms on the Middle Deck feature a French balcony

All staterooms offer river views and have a private bathroom and shower, hair dryer, radio, TV, individually controlled heating and air conditioning, safe and telephone.

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† Staterooms on this deck and suites feature large picture windows

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) for River Cruises - Optional \$429 per person

This nonrefundable fee will provide a refund to you during the instance that you have to cancel your trip. The cancellation has to be for a covered reason (see Plan for details on coverage) and we have to be notified at least one day prior to departure. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP will provide a refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24-hour hot line and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were purchased through Mayflower Tours. Please review the Plan for details on coverage.

Without Travelers Protection Plan (TPP)

- 91 days or more Deposit Amount
- 90 days to day of departure 100% of the total tour
- No refund on unused portions of the tour

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