Meredith Alumnae and Friends presents ...

Cruise in a group of 38-45 aboard our privately owned 140- to 162-passenger ships

Romantic Blue Danube: Budapest to Prague

Hungary: Budapest • Slovakia: Bratislava • Austria: Vienna, Krems, Linz • Czech Republic: Cesky Krumlov, Prague

15 days from $5655
14 days from $4095
River Cruise Tour only

15 days from
with international airfare from Raleigh

14 days from

International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges, unless you choose to make your own air arrangements

Accommodations for 10 nights aboard a private river ship with wireless Internet access in all common areas and cabins, and 3 nights in Corinthia Hotel Prague or similar

34 meals: Daily breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners—including 3 meals in local restaurants—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks

11 included tours with personal headsets and 3 Exclusive Discovery Series events—Home-Hosted Visit • Student roundtable discussion • School visit

Local Program Directors, a Grand Circle Cruise Line exclusive: Our dedicated experts are with you and your group of 38-45 travelers from beginning to end to provide insider’s knowledge and the perspective that will enrich your experience

Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers

All port charges

Baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage per person, including tips

5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next trip—an average of $291

IT’S INCLUDED

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

JUNE 18 - JULY 2, 2019

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2-4 • Budapest, Hungary

Embark ship

Port Budapest

Included Tour Budapest

Optional Tour Hospital in the Rock

Day 5-6 • Bratislava, Slovakia

Port Bratislava

Included Tour Bratislava

Day 7-8 • Vienna

Port Vienna

Included Tours Vienna • Nachmarket

Optional Tours Musical Vienna • Schonbrunn Palace

Day 9-10 • Krems

Port Krems

Included Tours Krems • Winery visit and tasting • Gottweig Abbey

Day 11-12 • Linz

Disembark ship

Port Linz

Included Tours Linz • Mauthausen • Cesky Krumlov

Day 13-14 • Prague

Included Tour Prague

Optional Tour Prague

Day 15 • Prague • Return to U.S.

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

all with FREE Single Supplements

Budapest, Hungary

3-night pre-trip from $745

Dresden & Berlin, Germany

5-night post-trip from $995

Highlights of Poland: Warsaw & Krakow

5-night post-trip from $1095

PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING

G9-27271

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Group Size
• This trip has a group size of 38-45 travelers with our local Program Director exclusive to Grand Circle

Pacing
• 14 days, with 10 nights aboard a private river ship and 1 three-night hotel stay
• Return flights often require departing in early morning hours
• Air travel time will be 9-18 hours and will have at least one connection.

Physical Requirements
• Walk 1-3 miles unassisted and participate in 2-3 hours of physical activities each day, including stairs
• Not accessible for travelers using wheelchairs or scooters
• Travelers using walkers, crutches, or other mobility aids must travel with a companion who can assist them
• We reserve the right for Program Directors to restrict participation, or in some circumstances send travelers home, if their limitations impact the group’s experience

Terrain & Transportation
• Diverse terrain and uneven walking surfaces, including steep paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones
• Travel by 140- to 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach
• Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary

Climate
• Daytime temperatures range from 58-82°F during cruising season
• June-August are the warmest months
• March and November weather can be unpredictable and change quickly

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart U.S.

DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary • Embark ship
You’ll be met at the Budapest airport and assisted you to your private river ship. Relax and settle in before mingling with your Program Directors and fellow travelers. If you began your explorations early with our optional Budapest pre-trip extension, you will join the main group today. Dinner tonight is onboard.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 3 Budapest
After breakfast this morning, set off to tour Budapest, the “Queen of the Danube.” In Buda—the city’s western right bank—view the castle atop Castle Hill, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the palace, lovingly restored since its destruction during World War II. Then cross the Danube and explore Pest, where you’ll see Heroes’ Square.

This afternoon, Budapest is alive with activity, from its market halls and antique galleries to its museums and cafes. You might enjoy a visit to a thermal spa or take in architectural gems like the Parliament Building. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for the Captain’s Welcome Dinner.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 4 Budapest • Optional Hospital in the Rock tour
Continue exploring Budapest on your own this morning, or choose to join an optional tour to the fascinating Hospital in the Rock.

Return to the ship for lunch onboard, and enjoy scenic daylight sailing as your ship cruises towards Bratislava.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 5 Bratislava, Slovakia • Home-Hosted Visit
Arrive in Bratislava early this morning, and after breakfast, set off on a city tour of Slovakia’s capital known for its picturesque setting at the foot of the Little Carpathian Mountains.

Then this afternoon, join a local family for lunch and a glimpse of everyday life during an Exclusive Discovery Series Home-Hosted Visit.

This evening, partake in an onboard Exclusive Discovery Series discussion about Bratislava’s next generation.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 6 Bratislava • School visit • Vienna, Austria
Disembark your river ship after breakfast, and start your day with an Exclusive Discovery Series visit to a local school supported by Grand Circle Foundation.

Please note: The school visit is not possible on weekends or during the summer and national holidays when school is not in session.

Return to the ship for lunch, and take in an afternoon of scenic cruising towards Vienna. Arrive in the Austrian capital this evening before dinner onboard.
B,L,D—River Ship

DAY 7 Vienna • Optional Musical Vienna tour
Arrive in Vienna this morning, and set out on an included tour. Your explorations begin on the Ringstrasse, the elegant boulevard that surrounds the...
city’s historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then walk past the historic Imperial Palace and the renowned Spanish Riding School.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then set your own agenda. This evening, perhaps you’ll experience our Musical Vienna optional tour—a special opportunity to hear classical music.

B,L,D—River Ship

**DAY 8 Vienna • Optional Schoenbrunn Palace tour • Naschmarkt visit**

This morning, discover more of Vienna on your own. Or, join an optional tour to the dazzling Schoenbrunn Palace.

After rejoining the group for lunch onboard, head over to Vienna’s bustling Naschmarkt.

B,L,D—River Ship

**DAY 9 Krems**

Discover Krems an der Donau, a large, charming town set at the confluence of the Krems and Danube rivers, on a morning walking tour. Then, get an introduction to the region’s established wine heritage at Winzer Krems, a famed local producer where you’ll also enjoy a tasting.

Return to the ship for lunch, the afternoon is yours to relax onboard or continue discovering the town’s delights on your own.

B,L,D—River Ship

**DAY 10 Krems • Gottweig Abbey • Wachau Valley**

Disembark in Krems this morning after breakfast and set off for an included tour of the Baroque gem, Gottweig Abbey. Afterwards you’ll have time to explore the abbey on your own, before returning to the ship for lunch onboard.

Then, begin cruising along one of the most beautiful parts of the Danube—the Wachau Valley, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

B,L,D—River Ship

**DAY 11 Linz • Mauthausen**

Wake up this morning in Linz, the capital of Upper Austria (one of the country’s nine states) set across both banks of the Danube. Disembark after breakfast to discover the city during an included walking tour, followed by a bit of free time to further explore on your own.

This afternoon, visit the Mauthausen concentration camp with a local guide.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Drink and Port Talk, followed by the Captain’s Farewell Dinner.

B,L,D—River Ship

**DAY 12 Linz • Disembark ship • Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic • Prague**

Disembark this morning in Linz and begin your transfer to Prague. Along the way, you’ll stop in Cesky Krumlov, a medieval town and UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you’ll take part in a walking tour, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, and have free time for independent discoveries.

You arrive in Prague in the late afternoon and check into your hotel. Your evening is at your leisure. Dinner tonight is on your own.

B,L—Corinthia Hotel Prague or similar

**DAY 13 Prague**

This morning, you’ll enjoy a tour of Prague featuring the Gothic majesty of the city’s Old Town, including the Jewish District, the historic town square, Charles Bridge, and the famed Astronomical Clock. After lunch on your own, you’ll have free time to explore the lovely Czech capital. This evening, dinner is on your own.

B—Corinthia Hotel Prague or similar

**DAY 14 Prague • Optional Jewish Prague tour • Farewell Dinner**

The day is yours in Prague. Experience one of the city’s many museums or cathedrals, further discover its notable Jewish quarter, or visit the mighty Prague Castle. Or you may choose to join an optional Jewish Prague tour.

Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

B,D—Corinthia Hotel Prague or similar

**DAY 15 Prague • Return to U.S.**

After breakfast, you will be assisted to the airport for your flight home. Or begin your post-trip extension in the Highlights of Poland or Dresden & Berlin, Germany.

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PRE TRIP EXTENSION

Budapest, Hungary

3 nights from $745
FREE Single Supplement

IT'S INCLUDED

Accommodations for 3 nights
Daily breakfasts
Included tours with personal headsets: Hungarian Parliament Building • Szentendre
Dedicated services of a local Program Director
Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
All transfers

FEATURED HOTEL

Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center • Budapest Hungary
First Class
Located on Blaha Lujza Square in the city center, this First-Class, 235-room hotel is within walking distance of many local cafes and features an on-site restaurant and health club. Your air-conditioned room includes a refrigerator, flat-screen cable/satellite TV, high-speed Internet access, safe, and private bath with hair dryer.

Watch our extension video at www.gct.com/edr-budapest

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Depart U.S.

DAY 2 Budapest, Hungary
Upon arrival, you’ll be met at the airport and assisted to your hotel by a Grand Circle representative. Join your Program Director and fellow travelers for an orientation walk and Welcome Drink.
Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center or similar

DAY 3 Budapest • Optional Hungarian Culinary Experience
Set out to discover Budapest via public transportation today. You’ll see that many of Budapest’s structures reflect two architectural styles—Historicism and Hungarian Art Nouveau. Following your afternoon at leisure you might enjoy an optional Hungarian Culinary Experience tour this evening, featuring dinner in a vaulted cellar accompanied by regional wines.
OPTIONAL TOUR: $90 per person
B—Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center or similar

DAY 4 Budapest
This morning, set off for a tour of the Hungarian Parliament Building, where you’ll view the structure’s Gothic Revival elements including its gargoyles and spires.
The remainder of the day is yours to explore on your own.
Please note: In the event the Parliament Building tour is not available for your departure date, a similar program will be arranged for your group.
B—Courtyard by Marriott Budapest City Center or similar

DAY 5 Budapest • Szentendre
Join your Program Director for a visit to Szentendre today, where artists have drawn inspiration for almost 200 years.
This afternoon, you’ll begin your Romantic Blue Danube: Budapest to Prague River Cruise Tour.

This extension may not be available on all departures. Additional taxes and fees apply. Ask your Travel Counselor for details. Budapest, Prague is a post-trip extension on the reverse Prague to Budapest itinerary.

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POST TRIP EXTENSION

Dresden & Berlin, Germany

5 nights from $995
FREE Single Supplement

IT'S INCLUDED

Accommodations for 2 nights in Dresden and 3 nights in Berlin
6 meals: Daily breakfasts and 1 lunch
Included tours with personal headsets: Pirna • Dresden • Wittenberg • Berlin
Dedicated services of a local Program Director
Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
All transfers

Watch our extension video at www.gct.com/edr-berlin

This extension may not be available on all departures. Additional taxes and fees apply. Ask your Travel Counselor for details. Dresden & Berlin, Germany is a pre-trip extension on the reverse Prague to Budapest itinerary.

POST TRIP EXTENSION

Highlights of Poland: Warsaw & Krakow

5 nights from $1095
FREE Single Supplement

IT'S INCLUDED

Accommodations for 3 nights in Krakow and 2 nights in Warsaw
7 meals: Daily breakfasts and 2 lunches
Included tours with personal headsets: Krakow • Auschwitz • Czestochowa • Warsaw
Dedicated services of a local Program Director
Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers
All transfers

Watch our extension video at www.gct.com/edr-poland

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**M/S RIVER CONCERTO**

**Registry:** Malta  
**Width:** 38 ft.  
**Length:** 366 ft.  
**Passenger capacity:** 140  
**Crew/Nationality:** 34/International  
**Decks:** 4  
**Number of cabins:** 70—all outside  
**Elevator:** Yes

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**CABIN CATEGORIES**

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**CABIN FEATURES**

- 160-sq.-ft. non-smoking outside cabins with a river view—Serenade Deck cabins include a private 16-sq.-ft. balcony with table and chairs
- Two stationary twin beds converted to sofas each day, and back to beds each evening
- Private bath with shower, hair dryer, shampoo & soap
- Individual heating & air conditioning controls
- Flat-screen color TV & radio, including CNN, movies & a “view from the bow” camera looking from the front of your ship
- Direct-dial telephone with emergency call buttons
- In-room safe

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**Please note:** Only Serenade Deck cabins have private balconies. The Sonata and Cantata decks are separated by a flight of stairs. Elevator runs from the Cantata and Sonata decks to the Serenade Deck. There is no elevator access to the Prelude Deck.

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**SERENADE DECK CABIN**

**CANTATA/SONATA/PRELUDE DECK CABIN**

**Please note:** Prelude Deck cabin features the same layout with a small upper window.

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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

**Deposit:** $500 per person.

**Single Supplement:** SOLD OUT

Travelers can share or request a roommate.

**Good Buy Plan**

**The earlier you pay, the more you save**

Here’s how you’ll save with our exclusive Good Buy Plan:

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*Good Buy Plan savings is calculated based on total reservation cost.*

For more information, visit [www.gct.com/gbd](http://www.gct.com/gbd)

**Government Taxes and Fees**
The following government taxes and fees are now included in your airfare price. Government and other authority taxes and fees: September 11th Security Fee of up to $2.50 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (maximum charge per trip—$5.00 USD one-way, $10.00 USD round trip). A flight segment is defined as one takeoff and one landing. Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) of up to $18 per passenger. Federal Domestic Flight Segment Fee of up to $3.70 USD applies per passenger, per flight segment (defined as a takeoff and a landing). U.S. or International Departure and Arrival Charges of up to $200 USD may apply depending on itinerary. On select itineraries that include the purchase of a pre- and/or post-trip extension, U.S. or international departure and arrival charges of up to $300 USD may apply. Call for details. Standard Terms & Conditions can be found on the web at [www.gct.com/tc](http://www.gct.com/tc).

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