

## Luxurious Dreams on the Danube River

**September 21 – October 2, 2026 (12 Days)**  
**Tentative Itinerary**



Collins Tours is pleased to host you for a thrilling river cruise along the peaceful and elegant Danube River aboard the Avalon Tranquility II departing from Budapest, Hungary with multiple stops in Austria, Slovakia & Germany before disembarking in Vilshofen, Germany and our two nights post-cruise stay in Prague, Czechia. This itinerary is full of exceptionally exciting destinations to be enjoyed at a leisurely pace. Live in luxury and meet new friends for this 5-star experience. I am sure you will agree Collins Tours has assembled yet another wonderful vacation for you. If you have any questions, please call (888) 636-8080 to speak with our staff. Your tour director is looking forward to meeting you.

*Sincerely, Greg Collins – President & CEO*

### Day 1 – Monday, September 21 – Overnight Flight from Canada to Budapest, Hungary

- For those who selected to purchase our Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package, you will fly from your respective local airport to meet your tour manager at the Toronto Airport at the **designated meeting point (TBA)**. All passengers are flying on Air Canada flights and traveling together from Toronto with your tour manager. The final itinerary with flight details and information will be mailed to you at least two weeks before departure. Be sure to have your **\*valid passport** with an expiry date permitting you to enter European Union countries and for Customs & Immigration which you will clear upon your arrival in Europe. Please be aware that your 1<sup>st</sup> checked piece of luggage is included (up to 50 lbs) & a carry-on bag up to 20 lbs (any overweight luggage or additional baggage is at your cost & your expense).

### Day 2 – Tuesday, September 22 – 5 Star - Budapest Marriott Hotel (Welcome Reception)

- Arrive in Budapest, Hungary. Your tour manager will meet you at the baggage claim area after clearing customs before boarding our private motorcoach heading to the 5-star Budapest Marriott Hotel.
- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package, we will board our private transfer to our hotel. Early check-in has been requested; however, rooms cannot be guaranteed until 3:00pm. In the meantime, there are plenty of sites, landmarks and cafés located near our hotel.
- Join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a Welcome Cocktail Reception with hot and cold appetizers as well as a glass of wine or beer (included). Here you will have an opportunity to meet your fellow travellers and discuss the exciting tour ahead.
- Following our reception, feel free to enjoy the city and dinner at your leisure (not included).

### Day 3 – Wednesday, September 23 – Embark Avalon Tranquility II (B, L, D)

- Wake up to a beautiful hot buffet breakfast this morning.
- Following breakfast, we set our sites on the dock for embarkation aboard the Avalon Tranquility II, in Budapest, Hungary.

- Lunch is included today upon embarkation. Enjoy the rest of the day getting to know your home for the next 7 nights. *Note: alcoholic beverages will be served with all lunches and dinners onboard and are included in tour package.* **With Avalon River Cruises, optional Classic shore excursions are included in tour price.**
- Tonight meet your tour manager for group dinner on board.

#### Day 4 – Thursday, September 24 – Budapest, Hungary (B, L, D)

- **Included Classic Excursion:** Enjoy a Guided City Sightseeing tour including the iconic Heroes' Square.
- With an overnight on the ship, take in the beauty of Budapest while enjoying some free time exploring such famous sights as the Chain Bridge. Get to know the city's cafés and pubs or take a hike through the hills above the Danube.
- Meet your tour manager and fellow travellers for a group dinner together onboard the Tranquility II.



#### Day 5 – Friday, September 25 – Bratislava, Slovakia (B, L, D)

- Welcome to Slovakia! Today we are in Bratislava, the beautiful capital of Slovakia, rich in history and culture, but also a green city with its forests and parks just a hop away from the city center.
- **Included Classic Excursion:** Take a Guided City Walk through the quaint streets of Old Town, Town Hall, and the sight of royal coronations at St. Martin's Cathedral.
- You are also free to explore the city on your own this afternoon.
- Join your tour manager this evening for another group dinner!
- Tonight, we make our way towards Vienna, Austria.

#### Day 6 – Saturday, September 26 – Vienna, Austria (B, L, D)

- Welcome to majestic Vienna! Your ship will be docked overnight here giving you plenty of time and opportunity to visit one of Europe's Cultural Capitals!
- **Included Classic Excursion(s):** Explore the Habsburg empire with a morning Guided City Tour of Vienna's gilded landmarks. See the Imperial Palace complex—Winter residence of the Imperial Family, the grand Vienna Opera House and stunning St. Stephen's Cathedral **OR** you may decide to take a Guided Optional Excursion to Schönbrunn Palace—the former imperial summer home of the Habsburg monarchy.
- Take advantage of the overnight in Vienna and spend free time strolling in the pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse—the most famous shopping avenue in central Vienna.
- Tonight, we will gather again for another fabulous group dinner!

#### Day 7 – Sunday, September 27 - DÜRNSTEIN. EXCURSION TO MELK-WACHAU VALLEY (B, L, D)

- We continue our Danube river cruise to the lower Austrian little town of Dürnstein as you walk through the doors of Austrian history.
- **Included Classic Excursion(s):** Visit the Lower Austrian little town of Dürnstein. Take a Guided Tour of Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ, **OR** join a Guided Walk, and hear the legendary tale of King Richard the Lionheart—who was imprisoned in the castle during the Crusades.
- After a day of exploring, stretch out on the Sky Deck as you sail through the Wachau Valley past vineyards, castles, and charming villages on your way to Linz.
- Overnight we cruise to Linz.

## Day 8 – Monday, September 28 – Linz, Austria (B, L, D)

- Wake up in legendary and lovely Linz.
- **Included Classic Excursion:** Take a Guided Walk through the city’s historic and beautiful sites along the shore of the Danube and see Hauptplatz—Austria’s largest medieval square—and the towering white-marble Trinity Column.
- You may also want to consider taking another activity provided on your ship such as the full-day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg—the city of Mozart, or to the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov.
- Please be back aboard our vessel by the requested time (tba). Enjoy dinner together this evening and some live entertainment.

## Day 9 – Tuesday, September 29 – Passau – Schlogen Oxbow (B, L, D)

- Wake up this morning in Passau, where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz rivers meet. Take some free time to explore Passau’s cobblestone streets and galleries of Artists’ Alley. Maybe stop at St. Stephen’s Cathedral to catch a concert rehearsal.
- **Included Classic Excursion:** Join a Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful “City of Three Rivers”.
- Tonight meet your tour manager for a group dinner on board!
- Overnight we cruise to Vilshofen.



## Day 10 – Wednesday, September 30 – Disembarkation Vilshofen, Germany to Prague, Czechia

- Today we will arrive in Vilshofen and we disembark the Avalon Tranquility II.
- We board the motorcoach to travel through the beautiful Czech countryside heading to the 5-star Prague Marriott Hotel.
- Your tour manager will provide you with your room keys and will have your luggage delivered to your room at time of check in, part of the Signature Collins Tours Service at the Prague Marriott Hotel.

## Day 11 – Thursday, October 1 – 5-Star Prague Marriott Hotel (B, Farewell Dinner)

- Another day, another delicious breakfast!
- This morning, meet our local guide to enlighten us with insight of this historic World City including the 14-century Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square. See Prague Castle, St Vitus Cathedral, and Charles Bridge among others.
- Enjoy a free afternoon before meeting your tour manager and fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner (Included with glass of wine or beer). Cheers to a wonderful, leisurely paced European vacation.
- Your tour manager will arrange flight check-ins this evening to ensure a smooth process upon arrival at the Prague airport.

## Day 12 – Friday, October 2 – Prague, Czechia – Flight to Canada (B)

- Rise and shine for our final included breakfast. After your tour manager checks you out, we board the motorcoach for our private transfer to the Prague Airport.
- We cannot wait to have you join your next adventure!  
**Thank you for choosing Collins Tours as your vacation provider.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Tour itineraries are **ONLY** a guideline and may need to be modified by your tour manager. Times on tour itineraries are only estimates as various unforeseen factors, such as weather, traffic, mechanical issues, emergencies, construction, mechanical delays, disruption in transportation, or “Acts of God,” can influence tour timing. Collins Tours is not responsible or liable for reimbursements, credits, refunds or additional costs in transportation, meals, or flights, for delays caused by unforeseen events, outcomes and overall changes. No refunds or reimbursements will be offered in the event of any such occurrence.
- Canadian citizens are required to have a **valid passport** that is good for at least **THREE MONTHS AFTER** your departure date. Citizens of other countries must verify their required documentation for entry into Europe.
- **Baggage allowance details:** For all Air Canada flights to and from Europe: You are allowed one personal and one carry on item at no charge (max dimension: 23 cm x 40 cm x 55 cm). You are also allowed one free checked bag (max weight 23 kg; \$100 fee for overweight bag). Second checked bag is \$100 CAD each way.
- Currency used in Czechia is the **Czech Koruna**. In Hungary the currency is the **Forint**, and in Germany and Austria it is the **Euro**. Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
- All liquids and gels that you are planning to bring on board an airplane must be 3oz or less and sealed in a Ziploc bag and kept in your carry-on. Keep prescription medication in original container or carried with you.
- Collins Tour is not responsible for lost or stolen baggage and/or personal items.
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- **REMEMBER**, your tour manager handles hotel check in/check out procedures, overall group management (e.g. timely transitions, itinerary planning), and group representation with airlines, hotels, group activities, Customs and Immigration, and overall operation of each tour. We work hard to ensure that everyone enjoys his/her experience to the fullest. **Gratuities for your Tour Manager are not included in your tour price.** Tipping is your way of saying “Thank You,” for a job well done.
- **Here are our guidelines on Tipping Etiquette:**
  - Collins Tours guide - from \$6 - \$8 per person, per day
  - Bus driver \$4 -\$5 per person per day
  - Private city tour guides - \$3 per person, per day

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