

Tentative Itinerary



Collins Tours is pleased to host you for a thrilling river cruise along the legendary waters of the Danube River aboard the luxurious AmaReina with AmaWaterways! We begin this tour with a two-night pre-cruise stay in Budapest - Hungary's stunning capital known for its thermal baths, grand architecture, and vibrant culture. Next, we will embark on the 5-star AmaReina for a river cruise sailing through Europe's heartland with an overnight stay on board in Budapest before continuing along the Danube's most scenic stretches. We will end the tour with a two-night post-cruise stay in Prague, Czechia, a fairytale city filled with history, charm, and incredible beauty. Live in luxury and meet new friends for this 5-star experience. After reading through this itinerary, I'm sure you will agree, Collins Tours has crafted another wonderful vacation for you.

Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO

Day 1: Sunday, September 26 - Overnight Flight, Canada - Budapest, Hungary

- For those who have chosen to purchase the 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 will be flying on Air Canada flights and traveling together from Toronto with your tour manager. **NOTE: 1st checked piece of luggage is free for international flights (up to maximum of 50lbs). 2nd bag is an additional cost and based on weight. Additional fees apply for overweight and oversized bags. Carry-on luggage is free; your bag must be light enough that you can store it in the overhead bin unassisted with a maximum weight of 22lbs per carry-on bag.**
- Visit www.aircanada.com for more details on luggage fees. Luggage payment is paid directly to Air Canada and not included in tour package for overweight or 2nd pieces of luggage. Fees are charged on both outbound & return flights. Please be sure to read the important information section regarding Valid Passports for check-in and traveling to Europe.

Day 2: Monday, September 27 - Budapest, Hungary, 5-Star Budapest Marriott Hotel (Welcome Reception)

- Arrive in Budapest, Hungary. Your tour manager will meet you at the baggage claim area after clearing Immigration and Customs then we will board our private motorcoach transfer to the 5-star Budapest Marriott 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 for you to enjoy.
- This evening, 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 (your expense).



Day 3: Tuesday, September 28 – Budapest, Hungary (B)

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast this morning **(included)**.
- This morning, meet our professional local guide as we explore the stunning city of Budapest, rich in history and charm. Discover the grand landmarks that define this “Pearl of the Danube,” including the impressive Hungarian Parliament, the historic Buda Castle, and the iconic Chain Bridge. Take in sweeping views from Fisherman’s Bastion and admire the beauty of St. Stephen’s Basilica as we uncover the stories behind this captivating city.
- We return to our hotel this afternoon where you can enjoy the remainder of the day and evening exploring Budapest on your own (your expense).

Day 4: Wednesday, September 29 – Budapest, Hungary - Embark on AmaWaterways’ AmaReina (B, Welcome Reception, Welcome D)

Overnight in Budapest

- Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast this morning **(included)**.
- Following breakfast, we will make our way by luxury motorcoach to embark on our beautiful European River Cruise aboard AmaWaterways’ AmaReina.
- Your river cruise will bring both comfort and inspiration as you sail through Europe’s most scenic waterways aboard the AmaReina. This elegant 162-passenger vessel offers the perfect blend of warmth, style, and modern luxury. From free high-speed Wi-Fi, and an Entertainment-On-Demand system, you can stay connected or simply unwind with a movie after a day of exploring. Regionally inspired dishes in the ship’s two restaurants and nightly entertainment in the Main Lounge and bar complete the sense of place on board. Additional amenities include a heated pool, walking track, fitness room, massage and hair salon, and complimentary bicycles for guided or independent touring. When it’s time to relax, enjoy the pool with its inviting swim-up bar or stretch out on the sun deck.
- Before dinner, meet your tour manager and fellow travellers for a welcome reception **(included)**.
- Following your welcome aboard reception, join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a gourmet group dinner with wine or beer included!
- An overnight stay in Budapest provides more time to explore this cosmopolitan city.



Day 5: Thursday, September 30 – Budapest, Hungary (B, L, D) Included Shore Excursion - Choose One

- Today you have the opportunity to visit both the Buda (hilly) and Pest (flat) sides of the Danube River once again. Start on the Buda side, following your guide through the city’s Castle District where you will marvel at the fairytale turrets of Fisherman’s Bastion, gaze upon the breathtaking panorama below and see Matthias Church, renowned for its striking tower and colorful mosaic roof. Or, for a more active tour, perhaps choose to hike to Budapest’s Castle Hill.
- In the afternoon, explore the treasures of Pest, admiring the colossal Hungarian Parliament Building, Heroes’ Square and the moving “Shoes on the Danube Bank” memorial.
- This afternoon, we sail towards Bratislava, Slovakia.
- Enjoy a gourmet group dinner this evening aboard our beautiful ship.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).

Day 6: Friday, October 1 – Bratislava, Slovakia (B, L, D) Included Shore Excursion - Choose One

- This morning, wake up in Bratislava, Slovakia’s charming capital set along the Danube River, where medieval history meets a vibrant, modern atmosphere.

- 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 will discover during a walking tour.
- Enjoy either a special “Tastes of Slovakia” tour or for a more active adventure, perhaps hike up to Bratislava Castle, offering magnificent views of the city.
- This afternoon, we sail west towards Vienna, Austria.
- Enjoy a gourmet dinner onboard this evening.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).



Day 7: Saturday, October 2 – Vienna, Austria (B, L, D) Choice of Included Shore Excursion – Choose One

- This morning, wake up in Vienna, Austria’s elegant capital, known for its imperial history, grand architecture, and rich musical heritage.
- The “City of Waltzes” offers a wealth of gems, and a city tour showcases its regal splendors, including the majestic Opera House and the former Imperial Palace of the Habsburgs. Conclude your tour in Vienna’s historic city center and then visit St. Stephen’s Cathedral. Or perhaps you may want to choose to discover Vienna by bike.
- During the afternoon, enjoy leisure time to further explore this iconic city.
- Enjoy a gourmet dinner onboard the ship this evening.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).



Day 8: Sunday, October 3 – Weissenkirchen, Austria (B, L, D) Choice of Included Shore Excursion – Choose One

- This morning, wake up in Weissenkirchen, a picturesque village in Austria’s Wachau Valley, surrounded by vineyards, rolling hills, and charming riverside scenery.
- After reaching Weissenkirchen, you will be treated to several choices of excursions. Take a walking tour of Dürnstein before visiting the UNESCO designated Melk Abbey.
- For a more culinary focused experience, join a walking tour in Dürnstein, then enjoy a wine tasting hosted by a local vintner and sample special apricot treats from a local boutique.
- If you prefer a more active adventure, hike up to the fortress where Richard the Lionheart was once held or join a guided bike tour to Melk.
- Later in the day, we sail through the Strudengau and Wachau valleys to medieval Grein for an exclusive visit to the more than 500-year -old Greinburg Castle, looming regally from above.
- Enjoy a gourmet dinner onboard the ship this evening.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).
- This evening, we set sail for Linz, Austria!

Day 9: Monday, October 4 – Linz, Austria (B, L, D) Choice of Included Shore Excursion – Choose One

- This morning, wake up in Linz, Austria’s vibrant riverside city, where historic charm meets a lively arts and cultural scene along the Danube.
- The ship arrives in Linz where you will have several choices of excursions. Opt for a full-day excursion to Salzburg where you will tour the historic center, Mirabell Gardens, Residenz Square and the Old Market.

- You may also choose to join a full-day excursion to the charming Czech mountain town of Český Krumlov, where you can stroll its cobblestone streets; marvel at the city's picturesque Baroque and Renaissance style buildings; and tour Krumlov Castle, one of Europe's largest castle complexes.
- Upon your return to Linz, you may choose to take a brief walking tour in the city.
- Perhaps join a morning walking tour through the old city center of Linz and by the Mozart House; or go on a bike tour of the city's famed "Cultural Mile" and the Danube.
- Enjoy a gourmet dinner onboard the ship this evening.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is at your leisure (your expense).
- Tonight, we sail to Passau, Germany!

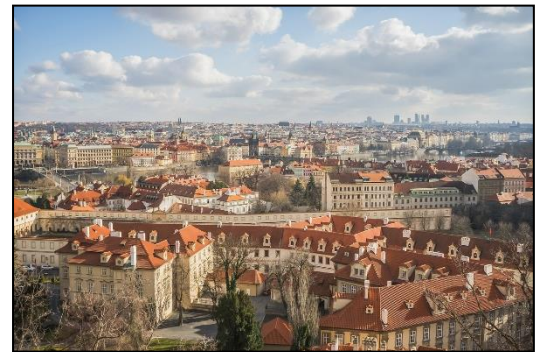


Day 10: Tuesday, October 5 – Passau, Germany (B, L, D) Choice of Included Shore Excursion – Choose One

- This morning, wake up in Passau, Germany's charming "City of Three Rivers," where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz meet, framed by colourful old town streets and baroque architecture.
- Discover the city of Passau with one of the of three included excursions. Enjoy a walking tour and marvel at Gothic and Italian Baroque architecture and St. Stephen's Cathedral.
- Alternately, choose between a guided hike up to the Veste Oberhaus fortress or a guided bike tour along the River Inn.
- Tonight, enjoy our last fantastic gourmet group dinner onboard the AmaReina.
- This evening, we will cruise to Vilshofen, Germany where you will be treated to a festive Oktoberfest celebration, an AmaWaterways exclusive.

Day 11: Wednesday, October 6 - Disembarkation Vilshofen, Germany to Prague, Czechia (B)

- Following breakfast onboard the ship, it is time to say farewell to the AmaReina and board our private motor coach as we travel through the beautiful Czech countryside heading to the 5-star Prague Marriott Hotel.
- Your tour manager will handle the group's check in once again, provide you with your room keys and will have your luggage delivered to your room - all a part of the Signature Collins Tours Service at the Prague Marriott Hotel.
- We will spend the next two nights in Prague, one of Europe's most enchanting cities, known for its storybook charm and rich history. Wander through its beautifully preserved Old Town, admire the iconic Charles Bridge, and take in the grandeur of Prague Castle overlooking the Vltava River. With its blend of Gothic, Baroque, and medieval architecture, along with lively squares, cafés, and local culture, Prague offers a memorable and immersive experience at every turn
- Dinner and the remainder of this evening can be enjoyed on your own. There are many options near our hotel for your convenience (your expense).



Day 12: Thursday, October 7 – Prague, Czechia (B, Farewell D)

- Wake up to a beautiful breakfast at your hotel, this morning **(included)**.
- This morning, we will meet our professional local guide to enlighten us with insight into this historic world city. This will include the 14-century Astronomical Clock in the Old Town Square, 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 Group Dinner (**included with a glass of wine or beer**). Cheers to a wonderful, leisurely paced European vacation.
- Following dinner, the remainder of the evening is yours to enjoy at your leisure (your expense).



Day 13: Friday, October 8 – **Flight to Canada (B)**

- Our time in Europe ends this morning with our final breakfast in Prague.
- For the passengers who have chosen Collins Tours' airfare package, you will enjoy complimentary private motorcoach transportation to the airport.
- For those who have made their own flight arrangements, thank you for joining us in what has surely been a wonderful adventure along the rivers of Central Europe. Safe travels and thank you for choosing Collins Tours as your vacation provider!

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- Canadian citizens are required to have a **valid passport** that is good for at least **THREE MONTHS AFTER** your last day in Europe. 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 Hungary is the **Hungarian forint (HUF)**; in Slovakia, Austria and Germany is the **Euro (EUR)**; in Czechia is the **Czech koruna (CZK)**. Duty Free Rules allow you to claim \$800 CAD per person when you have travelled outside Canada for at least 48 hours.
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➤ **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 Manager - from \$8 CAD - \$10 CAD 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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We look forward to assisting you with all your future travel plans!