

Journey Along the Danube

2nd October – 19th October 2024



Beautiful drives, Great scenery and Capital cities

Travel leisurely along Europe's great river as we make stops at many riverside campsites.

We have stays and guided visits in three of the capitals spanning the river – Belgrade in Serbia, Budapest in Hungary and Vienna in Austria.

Between campsites many of the drives are simply stunning, as we hug the riverside wherever possible, travelling all the way to the rivers source at Donausingen in southern Germany.

Along the way we also have stops at Melk in Austria with a visit to its Abbey, Regensburg in Germany for a Danube cruise and visit to Walhalla, Sigmaringen to visit Hohenzollern Palace, and Donausingen to find the source of this great river.

17 Nights

Day One - Wednesday 2nd October 2024

We meet at a campsite on the banks of the River Danube on the edge of Belgrade, capital of Serbia. If you've never been to Serbia, you will be surprised how developed and pleasant this country is.

Day Two - Thursday 3rd October

We spend the day in the city learning about Serbian history with the help of our English-speaking guide. The importance of Belgrade's strategic location on the banks of the river will be seen from its fortifications. A group lunch is included in a city restaurant.

Day Three - Friday 4th October

A Free day. Public transport is available from close to our campsite into the city for those wishing to explore more in this up-and-coming capital. Alternatively, relax around the campsite which is located overlooking the Danube.

Day Four - Saturday 5th October

Travel today to another capital on the Danube, this time Budapest in Hungary. **220 miles**

Day Five - Sunday 6th October

Using the cities metro system, we travel to town for a guided walking tour, followed by free time for your own lunch arrangements and further independent exploration.



Day Six - Monday 7th October

Move on today to Vienna, Austria's capital on the Danube. **160 miles**

Day Seven - Tuesday 8th October

This morning we'll use the cities modern transport network to arrive in the centre, where our English-speaking guide will help us understand this architecturally wonderful city, with a walking tour of the old centre.

Day Eight - Wednesday 9th October

A short drive today to our campsite on the banks of the Danube at Melk. We are still in Austria and have a group dinner in the campsite restaurant this evening. **60 miles**

Day Nine - Thursday 10th October

Melk Abbey is a must-see along the Danube. This morning we walk into town (1km) and have a group visit around the Abbey.

Day Ten - Friday 11th October

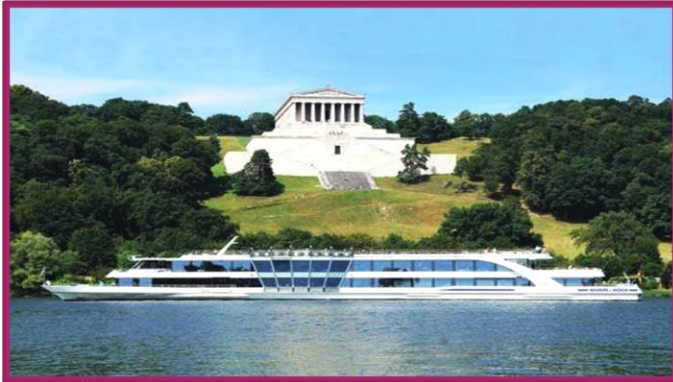
A really scenic drive today as we're able to hug the Danube to arrive at another riverside campsite, where we remain in Austria. **85 miles**

Day Eleven - Saturday 12th October

We leave Austria today, again hugging the Danube for much of the way to arrive in Regensburg and our riverside campsite. **100 miles**

Day Twelve - Sunday 13th October

Today we get onto the Danube with a ½ day river cruise to Ludwick 1st marvellous Walhalla building. There will be free time to visit here before we cruise back to Regensburg. We will take the city bus from directly outside the campsite to reach the centre, alternatively it is a pleasant 2-mile riverside walk in to town.



Day Thirteen - Monday 14th October

Return to the city by public transport where we have an English guided tour around colourful Regensburg, including crossing the Danube via the 1146 built stone bridge, this being the earliest constructed safe crossing point of the river. Group lunch is included in a traditional German city restaurant.

Day Fourteen - Tuesday 15th October

Today we see a transformation in the Danube as we get closer to its source. Following close to the river, we see it change from a wide deep expanse to something much narrower and shallower. We arrive at Sigmaringen in Germany. **190 miles**

Day Fifteen - Wednesday 16th October

Just a short walk from our campsite alongside the Danube, is Sigmaringen Castle where we have a group tour arranged.

Day Sixteen - Thursday 17th October

We leave Sigmaringen and follow the young Danube, making our way to Donausingen, just a short distance away but the journey will take time. On-route we pass through the stunningly beautiful Danube Nature Park and you will want to visit Beuron; to walk its old wooden bridge, spanning the Danube this was the pilgrim way to Beuron Cloister. **50 miles**

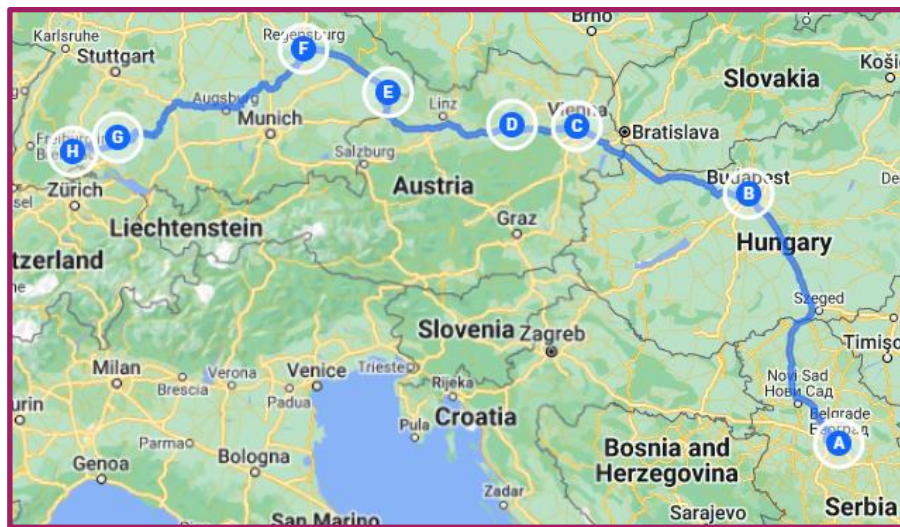
Day Seventeen - Friday 18th October

Donausingen is home to the source of the Danube (Donau in German). We go in to town this afternoon/evening. We have a tour of Donausingen Palace housing the spring of the Danube and walk through the Royal Park to the Danube Confluence; the official starting point of the river. Having finished our 'Journey Along the Danube' it's a time to celebrate. Donausingen is famous for brewing beer. We have a tour of the Royal Fürstenberg Brewery, where the right to brew beer was granted in 1283 and we follow this with a Farewell Dinner in the breweries adjoining tavern.



Day Eighteen - Saturday 19th October

Tour ends. If the Tour Directors are returning to the UK, you may travel back with them (campsites payable locally from here on). Alternatively, the Tour Directors can assist with any route planning for returning to the UK.



PRICE – Journey Along the Danube

TOUR DEPOSIT £300

Motorhome with 2 people - £1,399 per person

Motorhome with 1 person - £1,949

INCLUDED IN PRICE

- 17 Campsite nights with hook-up
- Transport/public transport tickets for Excursions/Events as per the Itinerary
- Entrance Fees as per the itinerary
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Director's travelling in their own motorhome

Excursions, Events & Meals

- Belgrade guided excursion
- Belgrade city lunch
- Budapest guided walking tour
- Vienna guided walking tour
- Melk campsite dinner with drinks
- Melk Abbey visit
- Danube boat cruise
- Visit to Walhalla
- Guided Regensburg city tour
- Regensburg city lunch
- Sigmaringen Palace tour
- Donauschingen guided tour
- Tour of Fürstenberg Brewery
- Farewell Dinner with drinks