

UC Retirees Travel presents ...



Cruise aboard our privately owned 162-passenger M/S River Aria or M/S River Adagio

Romantic Blue Danube: Prague to Budapest

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

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Departure APRIL 19, 2025

Return MAY 3, 2025

15 days from **\$5,645** with international airfare from San Francisco or Los Angeles

14 days from **\$4,295** River Cruise Tour only



IT'S INCLUDED

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 the Grandior Hotel Prague or similar

33 meals: 12 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners—including 3 meals in local restaurants—plus all onboard house beer, wine, and soft drinks

11 guided tours with personal headsets and **2 Exclusive Discovery Series Events**—Home-Hosted Visit • 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 \$288

Day 1 • Depart U.S.

Day 2-4 • Prague, Czech Republic

Included Tour Prague

Optional Tour Jewish Prague

Day 5-6 • Prague • Cesky Krumlov • Linz, Austria

Embark ship

Port Linz

Included Tours Cesky Krumlov • Linz • Mauthausen

Day 7-8 • Wachau Valley • Krems • Vienna

Port Krems

Included Tours Wachau Valley • Krems • Melk Abbey • Durnstein

Day 9-10 • Vienna

Port Vienna

Included Tour Vienna

Optional Tours Musical Vienna • Schoenbrunn Palace tour

Day 11-12 • Bratislava, Slovakia

Port Bratislava

Included Tours Bratislava • School Visit

Day 13-14 • Budapest

Port Budapest

Included Tour Budapest

Optional Tour Bittersweet Budapest

Day 15 • Budapest • Return to U.S.

MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE

OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

all with FREE Single Supplements

Highlights of Poland: Warsaw & Krakow
5 nights pre-trip from \$1,295

Budapest, Hungary

3 nights post-trip from \$845



Reservations & Information **1-800-221-2610**

PLEASE MENTION THIS CODE WHEN BOOKING

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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 our privately owned **162-Passenger M/S River Aria** or *M/S River Adagio*, 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

- Included features on your trip may consist of 3-4 hours of physical activity each day. Travelers should be able to walk 1-3 miles unassisted within a time frame of 1-2 hours, and walk on uneven surfaces, including steep and unpaved paths, hills, riverbanks, 25-50 stairs without handrails, and cobblestones, which can be slick in wet or colder conditions
- Optional activities and elective walks may be offered in addition to the activity levels above
- 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 throughout the trip
- 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 162-passenger river ship and 49-seat coach
- Changes in water-level depths may require adjustments to your itinerary

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Depart today for your flight to Prague, Czech Republic.

DAY 2 • Prague, Czech Republic

You'll be met at the Prague airport and assisted to your hotel. Relax and settle in before mingling with your Program Directors and fellow travelers. If you began your explorations early with our optional pre-trip extensions, you will join the main group today.

Grandior Hotel Prague or similar

DAY 3 • 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, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner.

B,D—Grandior Hotel Prague or similar

DAY 4 • Prague • Optional Jewish Prague tour

Enjoy a free day exploring this beautiful city independently. Prague boasts one of Europe's most notable Jewish quarters, world-class museums and cathedrals, architectural masterpieces that span a thousand years—and mighty Prague Castle. Or, you can choose to join an optional Jewish Prague tour during which you will learn about the city's 1,000 years of Jewish cultural history.

B—Grandior Hotel Prague or similar

DAY 5 • Prague • Visit Cesky Krumlov • Linz, Austria • Embark ship

Head to Linz to embark onto your ship today. 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 on your own before you board your ship and settle in for an afternoon enjoying the ship's amenities.

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DAY 6 • Linz • Mauthausen • Captain's Welcome Dinner

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 the Captain's Welcome Dinner.

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DAY 7 • Melk Abbey • Wachau Valley

This morning, set off for the town of Melk, where you'll have a guided tour of the historic Melk Abbey. After lunch onboard, cruise along one of the most beautiful parts of the Danube—the Wachau Valley—taking in the stunning landscape of sculpted hills and medieval towns built along the river that comprise this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Wachau Valley, Austria

DAY 8 • Dürnstein • Optional Marillen Farm tour

Discover Dürnstein, charming town set at the confluence of the Krems and Danube rivers, on a morning walking tour. Then, enjoy free time in Krems. Return to the ship for lunch, the afternoon is yours to relax onboard or continue discovering the town's delights on your own. Or, set off on our Marillen Farm optional tour and travel to a local family-run apricot farm for a guided tour and tasting.

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DAY 9 • 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.

After lunch onboard, you can set your own agenda. This evening, perhaps you'll experience our *Musical Vienna* optional tour—a special opportunity to hear classical music.

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DAY 10 • Vienna • Optional Schoenbrunn Palace tour

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, set off to make your own discoveries throughout Vienna. Perhaps you'll visit one of Vienna's famed museums, such as the 18th-century Belvedere Museum, known for housing some of Austria's most important art dating as far back as the Middle Ages.

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DAY 11 • Bratislava, Slovakia • Home-Hosted Visit

This morning, enjoy a conversation with your Program Director about what it was like growing up behind the Iron Curtain. Upon arrival in Bratislava, set off on a city tour of Slovakia's capital known for its picturesque setting at the foot of the Little Carpathian Mountains.

This evening, you'll join a local family for a Home-Hosted Dinner tonight. Learn about everyday life and sample the city's cuisine during this **Exclusive Discovery Series** event.

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DAY 12 • Bratislava • School visit

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. Travelers on these departures will instead enjoy an arranged local experience and/or local food tasting.

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.

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DAY 13 • Budapest, Hungary

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 cafés. You might enjoy a visit to a thermal spa or take in architectural gems like the Parliament Building.

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DAY 14 • Budapest • Optional Bittersweet Budapest tour • Captain’s Farewell Dinner

A local will come aboard the ship to chat with us about daily life in Hungary. Then, continue exploring Budapest on your own. After lunch onboard, the afternoon is at your leisure, or you may choose to join an optional *Bittersweet Budapest* tour, for a visit to the House of Terror, a museum detailing the abuses inflicted on Hungary by its former fascist and communist rulers. Enjoy scenic daylight sailing as your ship cruises towards Bratislava.

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DAY 15 • Return to U.S.

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or, continue your discoveries with our *Budapest* post-trip extension.

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5 nights from m

FREE Single Supplement

IT'S INCLUDED

Accommodations for 3 nights in Krakow and 2 nights in Warsaw

7 meals: 5 breakfasts and 2 lunches

4 guided tours with personal headsets: Krakow • Auschwitz • Czestochowa • Warsaw

Dedicated services of a local Program Director

Gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers

All transfers

MAXIMIZE YOUR DISCOVERIES & VALUE WITH THIS **PRE-TRIP EXTENSION**

Highlights of Poland: Warsaw & Krakow



Krakow, Poland

This extension may not be available on all departures. Additional taxes and fees apply. Ask your Travel Counselor for details. Highlights of Poland: Warsaw & Krakow is a pre-trip extension on the reverse Prague to Budapest itinerary.



Durnstein, Austria

Romantic Blue Danube: Budapest to Prague

DECK

A	Serenade Deck (Top Deck w/balcony)	\$5,795
B		\$5,595
C	Sonata Deck (Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$5,195
D		\$5,095
E	Cantata Deck (Middle Deck w/picture window)	\$4,995
F		\$4,895
G	Prelude Deck (Lower Deck w/small window)	\$4,695
H		\$4,295

Departure APR 19, 2025

Return MAY 3, 2025

Depart from:

San Francisco, Los Angeles	\$1,350
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$750 per person. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure on January 19th

Single Supplement: \$995. Single accommodations are limited. To avoid the single supplement, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

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 Policies and Terms & Conditions apply; see www.gct.com/tc for details. See www.gct.com/disclaimers for full policy details. Every effort has been made to publish this information accurately. We reserve the right to correct errors.

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The earlier you pay, the more you save

Here's how you'll save with our exclusive Good Buy Plan
(based on a trip value of \$6,500 per person)

Months Prior to Departure (Must Pay in full by check or from checking account)	Guarantee Your Price and Receive:	Savings Per Person:	Savings Per Couple:
15 MONTHS OR MORE	10%	\$650	\$1300
14 MONTHS PRIOR	9%	\$585	\$1170
13 MONTHS PRIOR	8%	\$520	\$1040
12 months prior	7.5% off	\$488	\$975
11 months prior	6% off	\$390	\$780
10 months prior	5% off	\$325	\$650
9 months prior	4% off	\$260	\$520
8 months prior	3% off	\$195	\$390
Within 120 days**	\$50 off	\$50	\$50

Good Buy Plan savings is calculated based on total reservation cost

**You will save a minimum of \$50 when you pay in full by check within 120 days and prior to your final payment due date (90 days prior to departure). All figures and savings shown are examples only.

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