

# Map & Itinerary



## Insider Experiences

Designed exclusively for our guests

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY

Travelmarvel provides further opportunity to pursue your special interests and enhance your holiday with a range of optional experiences

### ★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Enjoy an included special or unique excursion or event

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## Arrive Budapest, Embark Ship

Arrive in the enthralling city of Budapest, where your contemporary river ship awaits on the Danube River. Enjoy a Welcome Reception and meet your fellow travellers and Cruise Director.

**Stay:** 14 Nights, aboard your Travelmarvel river ship

**Daily:** ● Dinner

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## Budapest

Awake to views of one of the Danube's most enchanting cities this morning. Disembark and learn the vibrant history of Budapest as your local guide takes you to a host of impressive sights. Back on board this evening, enjoy a delightful Gala Welcome Dinner while you cruise.

**Daily:** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Vienna

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Mozart and Strauss Concert

Enjoy a Mozart and Strauss Concert in one of Vienna's palaces or concert venues, followed by an evening drive around the Ringstrasse (additional expense).

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Embrace the elegance of Vienna as you drive around the Ringstrasse, taking in some of the city's most famous buildings. On arrival in the centre, a walking tour will provide an insider's view of sights such as St Stephen's Cathedral, the Graben and Hofburg Palace. Afterwards, maybe visit the Naschmarkt and browse the stalls. This evening, you could enjoy an optional concert.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Vienna

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Schonbrunn Palace Visit

Tour inside Schonbrunn Palace, the summer palace of the Habsburgs. Discover the apartments of former emperors and take some time to wander the immaculate grounds (additional expense).

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Visit Bratislava in Slovakia

Tick another country off your list and journey to Slovakia's Bratislava, where a mixture of 18th-century rococo design and communist era architecture make this a city of alluring contrasts. See some of the architectural landmarks that were built during the city's time under communist rule. These include the UFO bridge, Slovak Radio building and Hotel Kyjev (additional expense).

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With the day at leisure, perhaps explore the Hofburg area or wander along Karntnerstrasse, the city's famous shopping strip. Otherwise, embark on an optional excursion to Schonbrunn Palace, or head to Bratislava, in Slovakia.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Durnstein, Melk

Cruise to Durnstein, a town overlooked by the hilltop ruins of the castle where legendary King Richard the Lionheart was kept as a prisoner in the 12th century. You have the morning free to explore the cobbled streets, town houses and taverns of the town. Perhaps join an optional tour to taste some of the region's wine. Later, cruise through the picturesque Wachau Valley. Dock in Melk and tour through Melk Abbey, an active Benedictine monastery since 1089.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Aschach, Passau

### ★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE – Bavarian Evening on Board

Tonight, enjoy a traditional Bavarian experience on board. Sample delicious local beer and snacks, accompanied by traditional folk music, song and dance.

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Cesky Krumlov

Enjoy a fascinating day excursion to the city of Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic, home to more than 300 historical buildings (additional expense).

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – ‘The Sound of Music’ Tour

Depart from Passau to Salzburg and enjoy a tour of the sights from ‘The Sound of Music’, including the famous Wedding Church (additional expense).

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Today, you can choose to join an optional tour to Cesky Krumlov in the Czech Republic or visit Salzburg and enjoy the sights from ‘The Sound of Music’. Alternatively, enjoy a relaxing sailing day to Passau.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Regensburg

Continue along the Danube River to Regensburg, located in the southern region of the Bavarian Forest. Here, wander along its cobblestone lanes, taking a journey through the ages as you explore the historic streets, medieval buildings and cultural sites on your guided walking tour.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Nuremberg

Arrive in Nuremberg, the site of Hitler’s infamous rallies during World War II. Take a city tour this afternoon, which includes sights such as the Zeppelin Field and Palace of Justice.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Bamberg

One of the few German cities that wasn’t destroyed during World War II, Bamberg beckons your attention today. You’ll gain great insight during a locally guided tour of the historic city. Gaze upon sights such as the Old Town Hall and the Bamberg Cathedral, followed by some free time to explore.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Wurzburg

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Medieval Rothenburg Tour

Depart from Wurzburg for an excursion to medieval Rothenburg, a beautiful walled town located on the Romantic Road in Franconia (additional expense).

Verdant hills and rich vineyards sit on the edge of Wurzburg. Admire its magnificent baroque palace, the Wurzburg Residence, and walk through Wurzburg Court Garden. Later, perhaps enjoy an optional visit to medieval Rothenburg, a true fairytale town.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Miltenberg

### ★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE – Culinary Tour in Miltenberg

Gain a glimpse into local life in Miltenberg as you embark on a culinary walking tour. Sample regional specialties at a local butcher and baker before finishing with a tasting at a local distillery.

Discover Miltenberg today, exploring this well-preserved town's half-timbered buildings dating from the 15th to 18th centuries. Return to your ship and enjoy time at leisure. As the sun sets, watch the lights of medieval towns slip past as you cruise through the night.

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## Rudesheim, Rhine Gorge

In Rudesheim, the Winzerexpress mini-train will take you to Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum. Later, back on board, you will encounter the spectacular Rhine Gorge.

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## Cologne, Bruhl

### ★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE – Augustusburg Palace in Germany

Explore the former residence of Archbishop-Elector Clemens August, the World Heritage-listed Augustusburg Palace in Bruhl. Listen to enthralling stories and enjoy a walk through the stunning landscaped parks and gardens between the castle and the Falkenlust hunting lodge. The palace and the lodge are some of the finest examples of rococo architecture from 18th-century Germany.

Learn how the twin spires of Cologne's famous cathedral, the Kolner Dom, took over six centuries to complete as you cruise into this picturesque city. Disembark and take the short drive to Bruhl for your Insider Experience.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Amsterdam

Amsterdam's network of canals is a sight to behold. Dock in the city's heart and board a glass-top boat to discover its views. Back on land, enjoy some free time before a Captain's Farewell Dinner on board.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Disembark Ship, Amsterdam, Lyon, Embark Ship

After breakfast, disembark your river ship and transfer to the airport for your flight to Lyon, France. On arrival in Lyon, be transferred to your ship. Explore the impressive social spaces and settle into your suite this evening. Later, enjoy meeting your fellow travellers and dedicated crew at a welcome cocktail reception.

Stay: Six Nights, aboard MS Van Gogh

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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## Lyon, Collonges-Au-Mont-D'Or

### ★ INSIDER EXPERIENCE – French Gastronomic Experience at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye de Collonges

Delight in an authentic French meal at Paul Bocuse's Abbaye de Collonges. Discover the innovative and unique approach to cuisine that Paul Bocuse was renowned for, earning himself three Michelin stars. Taste exceptional dishes reflecting the gourmet chef's love for fresh, high-quality ingredients, all meticulously prepared by world-class chefs. Accompanied by a spectacular setting, this experience is sure to tantalise your tastebuds.

This morning, embark on a guided tour of Lyon, a city known for its delectable array of cuisine. Traverse the city and ascend Fourviere Hill to the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourviere, known to locals as the upside-down elephant. Next, visit Vieux Lyon to admire the alluring buildings of the Old Town. Indulge in a tasting at Paul Bocuse's Les Halles de Lyon and savour the best regional fare including local sausage, cheese and a glass of wine. Return to the ship and set sail along the Saone River to Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or for a special Insider Experience later this evening.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Tain L'Hermitage, Avignon

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Cite du Chocolat

Delve into the world of chocolate on a tour of the Cite du Chocolat. Learn all about this popular treat with interactive exhibits and taste samples at the Valrhona Discovery Centre (additional expense).

Arrive in the port of Tain L'Hermitage this morning. Perhaps embark on an optional tour of the Cite du Chocolat. Cruise to the attractive city of Avignon, rich in Provençal character and history. Relish an evening of lively onboard entertainment.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Avignon, Arles

Today, set out on a guided tour of Avignon, once an integral location of the Catholic Church. Visit the medieval Palace of the Popes, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site along with Avignon's historic city centre. Learn about the history of the palace as a fortress, church and residence to popes and soak in the breathtaking architecture. Reboard your ship and head towards Arles.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Arles

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – The Camargue

Explore the coastal region of Camargue and witness the incredible flora and fauna that call this vast flatland home. The marshes, ponds and seashore provide an environment rich in sustenance for a variety of creatures in the area. Visit a traditional manade, a farm where herders train horses and raise cattle (additional expense).

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Spend time at leisure today in the beautiful city of Arles and discover this World Heritage-listed site celebrated for its collection of ancient Roman relics. Perhaps set off on a full-day excursion to the Camargue.

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## Viviers

### ⊕ ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY – Gorges de l'Ardeche

Embark on a panoramic coach tour to the Gorges de l'Ardeche. Discover the incredible 30 km canyon, naturally carved by the tide. Be awed by the sheer force of the water shaping deep valleys, cliff and captivating limestone formations. Stop to see the Pont d'Arc, an incredible arch measuring a height of 100 feet and indulge in extraordinary views (additional expense).

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This morning, head out on a tour of Viviers, accompanied with an expert guide. Immerse yourself in the history of this attractive city and visit the House of Knights to admire the intricate detail of its Renaissance-style facade, despite its title as the smallest cathedral in France. Next, stop at Saint Michel Tower and the Great Seminary before taking in the sensational vista of Viviers at the overlook. After, relax on board as you cruise towards La Voulte. Alternatively, join an optional tour by coach to the Gorges de l'Ardeche. Enjoy a Gala Dinner on board your ship tonight.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Disembark Ship, Depart Lyon

After breakfast, it is time to depart your Rhone River cruise. Be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

Daily : ● Breakfast