SIGN-N-TOURS with Vantage

Castles Along The Rhine and Danube

Budapest, Hungary to Amsterdam, Netherlands (Holland)
July 15, 2010 — 16+ days

PRE-TOUR IN BUDAPEST WITH 2 NIGHTS AT $299 PER PERSON (optional tour)

ACTUAL COST FOR MAIN TOUR WITHOUT OPTIONAL TOURS:

~~Category D1~~	~~$3999~~
~~Category D2~~	~~$4139~~
~~Category C2~~	~~$4279~~
~~Category C1~~	~~$4419~~
~~Category B2~~	~~$4559~~
~~Category B1~~	~~$4699~~
~~Category A2~~	~~$4899~~
~~Category A1~~	~~$5099~~
~~Category DS~~	~~$6099~~

POST-TOUR IN AMSTERDAM WITH 2 NIGHTS AT $499 PER PERSON (optional tour)

NEW PRICES

Category DS - $5799 p/p
Category A1 - $4799 p/p
Category A2 - $4699 p/p
Category B1 - $4499 p/p
Category B2 - $4399 p/p
Category C1 - $4249 p/p
Category C2 - $4149 p/p
Category D1 - $3999 p/p
Category D2 - $3899 p/p

There is a non-refundable fee of $250.00 per person for handle fee if you cancel your reservation for any reason.

DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1-2	**Schedules and Accommodations**
	Depart Home / Budapest, Hungary / Embark Ship Upon arriving, a Vantage Representative will meet you and arrange your transfer to the ship, where you can settle in and enjoy a Welcome Briefing and dinner. (Or, depart 2 days earlier and begin with our optional 2-night extension in beguiling Budapest.) Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B)
DAY 3	**Budapest, Hungary** Budapest is an architectural gem of baroque buildings, interesting streets and squares, and lively shops, coffeehouses, and restaurants. Not unexpectedly, the city center along the Danube has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today you'll get to know the city on an included panoramic tour that features historic Matthias Church and storybook Fishermen's Bastion, which offers stunning views of Pest and the imposing Parliament House. Travellers taking the city tour on their pre-extension will instead enjoy an included tour to the artists' village of Szentendre. Later, gather for the Captain's Welcome Party and Dinner. Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)
DAY 4-5	**Vienna, Austria** Cultural Connection: Attend a talk about Europe's rivers and their prominence in daily life and commerce en route to Vienna. In Vienna, disembark for your choice of tours: embark on a tour of "Musical Vienna" sites associated with the great classical composers who lived in Vienna, or visit Schönbrunn Palace, the magnificent residence of the Habsburgs. Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (2B,2L,2D)
DAY 6	**Wachau Valley Cruising** Leaving Vienna, relax as your ship waltzes on through the incredibly scenic Wachau Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The valley's hilltop castles and walled villages, nestled among vineyard-covered hills, create a beautiful riverscape that has changed little since medieval times. Cultural Connection: Enjoy an onboard apple strudel making demonstration today. Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)
DAY 7	**Passau, Germany** This morning you'll enjoy a walking tour of Passau. Cultural Connection: Inside St. Stephen's Cathedral — beautifully decorated with frescoes — you'll hear an included concert on the world's largest pipe organ. The organ has 17,388 pipes and 231 registers! Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)
DAY 8	**Regensburg** Cultural Connection: This morning you'll hear a lecture about the Main-Danube Canal, an engineering marvel. Your next port, 2,000-year-old Regensburg, is a virtual living museum of European architecture. On today's walking tour you'll touch ancient Roman stones at Porta-Praetoria Arch and cross the medieval Stone Bridge. Cultural Connection: On your return to the ship, you'll be delighted by local entertainment on board. Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)

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DAY 9 **Main-Danube Canal / Nuremberg, Germany**
Cultural Connection: As your ship arrives into Nuremberg this morning, you'l hear a lecture on the development of a typical German town, using Nuremberg as the example. On your city tour of Nuremberg, you'll visit the Documentation Center and the Rallygrounds as you explore the city's World War II history. You'll receive money for lunch and in the afternoon you'll enjoy either a visit to the former home of Albrecht Dürer, the German printmaker and artist, or to the German Toy Museum. Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)

DAY 10 **Bamberg, Germany**
You'll soon discover why today's destination is considered by many to be Germany'smost beautiful city. It was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993. On your walking tour of the lovely Old Town, you'll see many examples of the city's fine architecture. Bamberg is also the center of a rich Bavarian beer-brewing tradition, which you'll have time to discover at your leisure.
Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)

DAY 11 **Würzburg (Rothenburg), Germany**
Cultural Connection: Enjoy a lecture on the European Union this morning. Later, choose from the two tours offered. The first takes you to along Bavaria's scenic Romantic Road to the wonderfully preserved medieval walled town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. Or, choose a tour of the grand Würzburg Residenz, a baroque gilded palace preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After your guided tour, you'll visit the Residenz's own wine cellar for a tasting. Cultural Connection:This evening, dine on hearty Bavarian fare at a Würzburg restaurant.
Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)

DAY 12 **Wertheim, Germany**
This morning's scenic cruising brings us to the small Franconian town of Wertheim, located where the Tauber River flows into the Main. Cultural Connection: The Wertheim region is celebrated for its fine glassware, and a local glass blowerwill join us aboard ship to demonstrate this age-old art. Next, you'll stepback in time on a walking tour of Wertheim's cobblestone streets and squares. Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)

DAY 13 **Aschaffenburg / Frankfurt (Heidelberg), Germany**
Set off from Aschaffenburg for a full-day excursion to Heidelberg, home to Germany's oldest college. Arriving in this exquisite town, you'll tour the 15th-century Heidelberg Castle, an imposing Gothic-Renaissance ruin of red stone, followed by lunch at a local restaurant and some time at leisure to explore Heidelberg on your own. Later, rejoin the ship in Frankfurt. Cultural Connection: Tonight, enjoy local entertainment onboard the ship.
Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)

DAY 14 **Rüdesheim, Germany**
In the Rhine Valley wine town of Rüdesheim you can choose to take a cable car to Niederwald Monument or visit Siegfried's Musikkabinett. Then, listen to the Legend of the Lorelei as you sail past the quaint villages, fairytale castles, and dramatic cliffs of the Rhine Gorge. The day ends in style with the Captain's Farewell Party & Dinner. Cultural Connection: Enjoy local entertainment on board tonight. Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)

DAY 15 **Cologne, Germany**
When you arrive in Cologne, you'll admire this masterpiece of flying buttresses and sneering gargoyles that rivals Notre Dame in Paris. Inside you'll find the revered Shrine of the Three Magi. As your Memorable Journey comes to a close, enjoy a final afternoon of relaxing and scenic sailing.
Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B,L,D)

DAY 16 **Amsterdam / Return Home** (B)
Or,
Post stay in Amsterdam for our 2-night extension / 299.00 or
pre 2 nights to Budapest / 499.00

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On the Budapest-Amsterdam itinerary, the dinner ashore is in Würzburg, and on the Amsterdam-Budapest itinerary, the dinner ashore is in Rüdesheim. Breakfast, most lunches, and dinner are included daily while on board your Vantage river cruiser.
IMPORTANT NOTICE: This day-by-day itinerary is preliminary and subject to change. If any major changes occur in advance of your departure, you will be notified in writing by Vantage. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Vantage Program Manager or local representatives.
In addition, should there be an extreme change in water levels that prevents the ship's passage or docking, Vantage will do everything possible to provide either the included excursion(s) or an alternate at Vantage's discretion.

July 15, 2010/ Pricing is per person based on double occupancy and includes a $500 early booking discount. Airfare is included from 25 cities . Port taxes of ~~$194~~ ($196 now) and government taxes and fees of ~~$200~~ ($160 now) are additional and must be added to the prices below. Fuel surcharges, if any, will be assessed by mid-June and will be the responsibility of the passengers if there are any incurred.

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Optional pre 2-night Budapest extension $299
Optional post 2-night Amsterdam extension $499

Pricing is guaranteed upon payment in full with the exception of fuel surcharges (if any).

NOTE: Please contact Dorothy Garner for reservation form..booked on (first come -first serve) Limited space to 40 passengers (book early and save) we need to do this in order to have our own private bus ,other wise spaces will be sold to hearing people ..

HIGHLIGHTS

12 Sightseeing Tours — *a value of $675 per person!*

- City tour of Budapest
- Panoramic city tour of Vienna featuring the elegant Ringstrasse
- Choice of Vienna tours: Schönbrunn Palace
- Walking tours of Passau, Regensburg, and Wertheim
- Tour of Nuremberg including World War II Documentation Center
- Walking tour of Bamberg
- Your choice in Würzburg: tour of the Residenz palace with wine tasting OR excursion to medieval Rothenburg ob der Tauber
- Full-day excursion to Heidelberg
- Your choice in Rüdesheim: gondola ride to Niederwald Monument OR visit to Siegfried's Musikkabinett
- Visit to Cologne Cathedral & Shrine of the Three Magi

Plus Cultural Connections

- 5 shipboard lectures: European Rivers, Musical Vienna, Main-Danube Canal, Development of a typical German town, the European Union
- Tour at Passau's Cathedral
- Apple strudel-making demonstration on board
- Glassblowing demonstration on board
- Onboard local entertainment

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Aboard ms River Explorer Or ms River Odyssey

Austria • Germany • Hungary • the Netherlands

Sail right into the pages of a storybook along the legendary Danube, Rhine, and Main Rivers ... through villages and towns rich in folklore and history and past towered and turreted castles steeped in legend. You'll meander along the fabled "Blue Danube" to grand cities where kings and queens once waltzed and to gingerbread towns that evoke tales of Hansel and Gretel and the Brothers Grimm. If you listen closely, you might even hear the haunting melody of the Lorelei siren herself as you cruise past her infamous river cliff post. This wonderful river cruise is proof that childhood dreams do come true — this is the year to treat yourself!

A Rhine River cruise is only part of this exciting 16-day journey. You'll also enjoy a Danube River Cruise, city tours of Budapest, Vienna and Nuremberg, and walking tours of Koblenz, Passau, Wetheim and Regensburg. Check out these and many more Highlights of this comprehensive Holland, Hungary and Germany river cruise. And for those travellers with a thirst for local culture, a glassblowing demonstration and a host of shipboard lectures are among the many Cultural Connections you'll enjoy during this Danube, Main and Rhine River cruise. There's truly something for everyone on this Holland, Hungary and Germany river cruise.

Trip Features

Your price includes:

The Vantage Difference:

- **Included Roundtrip international airfare** from 25 U.S. cities for passengers purchasing air from Vantage – a value of up to $900 per couple Your choice of included tour in Vienna, Rüdesheim, and Würzburg

Your Price also Includes

- **14 nights** aboard a deluxe Vantage river ship in a spacious riverview stateroom
- **42 Meals:** 14 breakfasts, 14 lunches,14 dinners, including Captain's Welcome & Farewell Dinners and 2 meals ashore
- **12 included sightseeing tours** plus **Cultural Connections** (All sightseeing enhanced by Vantage's audio headsets!)
- 9 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- **Four European Vantage Program Managers**— rated 94% excellent by Vantage Travellers!
- **All transfers & baggage handling** overseas (except in customs)
- **Vantage 5% Travel Credit,** received upon your return, to use towards your next Vantage Memorable Journey®

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TWO EXTENSION TRIPS: CHOSE AMSTERDAM OR BUDAPEST OR BOTH

1. Budapest (2-night pre-extension trip)

2 Nights from only $299

Jump to **Amsterdam**

With your airfare already included in your price, this is your chance to experience more of Budapest with a two-night stay that is a terrific Vantage value!

Just step outside your centrally located, Superior First-Class hotel and you'll be in the heart of one of the "hottest" destinations in Europe.

You'll enjoy an included visit to Szentendre, a maze of multi-colored houses that's a lively artists' colony with shops and galleries. You'll also have the opportunity to join an optional tour featuring a home-hosted meal in the traditional village of Hollókó.

Included Features:

- 2 nights at the Superior First-Class *Corinthia Grand Royal Hotel* (or similar)
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Excursion to the artists' village of Szentendre
- Vantage Program Manager, transfers, and baggage handling (except in customs)

PLEASE NOTE:*On base trips with itineraries which end in Budapest, this optional extension is offered post-trip only, with the daily itinerary as it appears below. On base trips with itineraries which end in Amsterdam, this optional extension is offered pre-trip, with a daily itinerary the reverse of that which appears below.*
Please Note: Passengers taking the Budapest extension at the start of their tour will enjoy a tour of Budapest on the extension and will tour Szentendre on Day 3 of the base program.

** Price is per person, double occupancy, based on July & November departures. Add $50 per person for August departures. Add $150 per person for all other departures. Singles add $165.*

Your Trip Extension Itinerary

Day	Schedule and Accommodations
1-2	**Depart Home / Overnight flight to Budapest, Hungary** After arriving in Budapest, you'll be met by your Program Manager and transfer to the Superior First-Class *Corinthia Hotel Grand Royal* (or similar), where you'll spend the next 2 nights. Corinthia Grand Hotel Royal
3	**Budapest** Buffet breakfast at the hotel is followed by panoramic city tour of Budapest, including visits to the famous Fishermen's Bastion and St. Matthias Church. Lunch on own. Check in to the hotel. Evening at leisure — or — optional Hungarian Folklore Performance (may not operate on all departures). Corinthia Grand Hotel Royal (B)
4	**Budapest** Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel followed by a morning at leisure. An optional Holloko tour with a home-hosted lunch will be available. Later, transfer to the pier and embark your Vantage Deluxe river cruise ship, joining Day 2 of the Base Program. Deluxe Vantage River Cruise Ship (B)

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2. Amsterdam (2-night post extension trip)

2 Nights from only $499

Jump to **Budapest**

With your international airfare already included, it would be a shame not to spend time in one of Europe's most fascinating capital cities, especially when your stay includes a superior hotel!

Fascinating Amsterdam, laced with quiet canals lined by distinctive gabled houses, is the perfect complement to your cruise! Your Superior First-Class hotel, the NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky, is located in the very heart of beautiful Amsterdam, near Central Station, Dam Square and the shopping district.

Your included canal tour acquaints you with Amsterdam's canals and historic landmarks and features entrance to the Rijksmuseum. You'll also have free time to explore at your own pace or take advantage of our optional tours, such as a Jewish Heritage tour and excursion to the Van Gogh Museum.

Included Features:

- 2 nights at a centrally located Superior First-Class hotel
- Panoramic canal tour of Amsterdam with entrance to the Rijksmuseum
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Vantage Program Manager, transfers, and baggage handling (where permitted)

Optional Tours:

Optional excursions such as a Jewish Heritage Tour, including the Anne Frank House, the Van Gogh Museum and a historic Renaissance home, "Amsterdam by Night," Zaanse Schanse and Edam

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**Please Note: Price is per person, double occupancy, based on July and August departures. Add $200 per person for all other departures. Singles add an additional $285.*

Your Trip Extension Itinerary

Day	Schedule and Accommodations
1	**Amsterdam, The Netherlands / Disembark Ship** Disembark your river cruise ship for a city tour of Amsterdam, visiting the world-famous Rijksmuseum and one of the city's oldest diamond-cutting workshops. Check into your hotel and enjoy the afternoon and evening at leisure; if you like, join our optional canal cruise. NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky (B)
2	**Amsterdam, The Netherlands** Enjoy a day at leisure exploring one of Europe's most picturesque cities. An optional excursion to Zaanse Schanse and the town of Edam are available as well, offering a cornucopia of quintessential Dutch treats. NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky (B)
3	**Return Home** Enjoy a buffet breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your return flight home. NH Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky ★★★★+ (B)

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