



Join Todd & Karen Hoover & Friends

Illuminations on the Danube (Eastbound)

October 10-20, 2027

YOUR SHIP: AVALON EXRESSION

YOUR ITINEARY:

Sunday, October 10, 2027

DEPART USA

Monday, October 11, 2027

VILSHOFEN, GERMANY (EMBARKATION) ~ Welcome to Germany. Your Suite Ship® is Ready for Boarding. Explore your ship and enjoy dinner on your first evening on board.

EVENING CRUISE TO PASSAU
(Dinner)

Tuesday, October 12, 2027

PASSAU—SCHLÖGEN OXBOW ~ Where the Danube, Inn, and Ilz Rivers Meet

ACTIVE Follow your Avalon Adventure Host for Hiking from Oberhaus along a trail down to the valley and along Ilz River, OR: CLASSIC Join a Guided City Walk to learn more about this beautiful "City of Three Rivers".

Before sailing to Linz, take a little free time to explore Passau's cobblestone streets and galleries of Artists' Alley. Maybe stop at St. Stephen's Cathedral to catch a concert rehearsal. This afternoon, cruise to Linz through the Danube's dramatic horseshoe bend called Schlägen Oxbow.

Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LINZ
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Wednesday, October 13, 2027

LINZ, AUSTRIA ~ Legendary and Lovely Linz

Visit the Adventure Center for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

ACTIVE Join your Adventure Host for a bike ride along the Danube, OR: CLASSIC Take a Guided Walk through the city's historic and beautiful sites along the shore of the Danube and see Hauptplatz—Austria's largest medieval square—and the towering white-marble Trinity Column.

Consider a full-day Guided Optional Excursion to Salzburg—the city of Mozart, or to the picturesque Bohemian town of Cesky Krumlov. You may otherwise spend the afternoon on a biking picnic along the banks of the Danube or hike through Linz's beautiful nature trails to Pöstlingberg for a bird's-eye view of the city and river below.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO MELK
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Thursday, October 14, 2027

MELK—WACHAU VALLEY ~ Frescoes Above and Vineyards Below

CLASSIC Take a Guided Tour of Melk's magnificent Benedictine Abbey to marvel at its frescoed ceilings, statues, incredible library, and ornate pipe organ.

Later, stretch out on the Sky Deck as you sail through the Wachau Valley past vineyards, castles, and charming villages on your way to Krems.

KREMS ~ An Ancient Village and Vintages of the Wachau Valley

ACTIVE Experience Wachau valley by bike with your Adventure Host, OR: CLASSIC Join a guided walk to explore this small valley town, seemingly untouched by the new world.

This evening, enjoy live entertainment on board.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Friday, October 15, 2027

VIENNA, AUSTRIA ~ Strauss, Schnitzel, Strudel and Sachertorte Viennese Waltzes on the Blue Danube

ACTIVE Explore Vienna's Danube Island by Bike with your Adventure Host, OR: DISCOVERY Take an Insider's Tour of Vienna to get behind the scenes of her sights and attractions. You will meet locals, have the chance to prepare some food, and enjoy other surprises, OR: CLASSIC Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Vienna, including a tour of Belvedere Palace to see Gustave Klimt's renowned "Kiss" painting.

Spend free time this afternoon strolling through the pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse then take a break for a piece of Sachertorte. Or enjoy an optional excursion in Schönbrunn.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Saturday, October 16, 2027

VIENNA ~ Feast for the Soul

DISCOVERY Enjoy a morning Guided Walking Tour to see the city in her best light, along with breakfast at a Viennese café.

Spend free time to explore the city on your own. You might take a bike ride through the city and stop in a local café to enjoy Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel.

This evening consider joining an Optional Excursion to attend a Royal Waltz Concert in an elegant hall.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO BRATISLAVA

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Sunday, October 17, 2027

BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA ~ Cathedral Coronations and a Crowning Castle

Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities. ACTIVE Follow your Avalon Adventure Host on a hike to lofty Bratislava Castle, OR: CLASSIC Take a Guided City Walk, including the quaint streets of Old Town, Town Hall, and the sight of royal coronations at St. Martin's Cathedral.

Enjoy free time to discover on your own Bratislava, the beautiful capital of Slovakia, rich in history and culture, but also a green city with its forests and parks just a hop away from the city center.

Later, relax on board with live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ESZTERGOM

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Monday, October 18, 2027

ESZTERGOM, HUNGARY ~ Mountains Views and Pàlinka

ACTIVE Take an E-bike Guided Tour and explore the surroundings of the Pilis Mountains Region. Enjoy the view from the lookout point at Dobogóko, OR: CLASSIC Join a Guided Tour into the scenic Carpathian Basin for a visit of the ancient Esztergom Basilica that Includes the traditional Pàlinka tasting in its impressive cellar.

Enjoy a brief cruise to Visegrad during lunchtime.

VISEGRÁD ~ Jousting Tournaments and Dracula's Tower

ACTIVE Explore Hungary's beautiful Danube-Ipoly National Park and visit Count Dracula's prison tower on a Hiking Tour, OR: ACTIVE Take part in a Canoe Excursion through the picturesque Bend Region of the Danube for a truly unique perspective of one of the river's most beautiful stretches, OR: DISCOVERY Join a Guided Visit to the Medieval Knights Tournament at Visegrád's Lower Castle, featuring targeting and fighting demonstrations by members of the St. George Knightly Order.

Spend free time after your selected activities to explore Palotaház, where stonemasons, smiths, potters, and paper-makers produce their traditional items using age-old techniques.

This evening, enjoy a sailing into Budapest and magnificent views of the beautiful Parliament Building.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BUDAPEST

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Tuesday, October 19, 2027

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY ~ War Heroes and Hot Water

ACTIVE Hike up to a magnificent viewpoint in Budapest with your Adventure Host, OR:CLASSIC Enjoy a Guided City Sightseeing, including the iconic Heroes' Square.

This afternoon choose among a wide offer of Optional Guided Excursions or take in the beauty of Budapest while enjoying some free time exploring such famous sights as the Chain Bridge. Get to know the city's cafés and pubs, or take a hike through the hills above the Danube.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN BUDAPEST

(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Wednesday, October 20, 2027

BUDAPEST (DISEMBARKATION) ~ Your cruise ends with breakfast this morning.

(Breakfast)

++AVALON CHOICE® Enjoy included sightseeing with Certified Local Guides, Guided Optional Excursions and Tours, and ample free time to explore on your own. Explore CLASSIC sights, embark on ACTIVE excursions, and make a new DISCOVERY through hands-on cultural and artistic experiences shared by local residents and experts.

YOUR GROUP PRICING:

Category S (Royal Suite) = \$9279 per person

Category P (Panorama Suite) = \$7029 per person

Category A (Panorama Suite) = \$6965 per person

Category B (Panorama Suite) = \$6836 per person

Category D (Deluxe Stateroom) = \$4523 per person

Category E (Deluxe Stateroom) = \$4523 per person

Deluxe Stateroom:



Panorama Suite:



Royal Suite:



Prices include: \$1500 per person discount & free pre-paid gratuities.

Prices do not include: flights (estimate \$2000 per person), pre/post nights, or destination airport/cruise round-trip transfers

Optional Pre-Nights:

Iceland Stopover = details to be determined

Optional Post-Night(s):

1 night Post in Budapest = \$191 per person / 2 nights Post in Budapest = \$382 per person

To make a reservation, please contact Krista Getz, Krouse Travel at kgetz@krousetravel.com or 717-244-6410.