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## Blue Danube to the Black Sea – Eastbound

14 days from Vienna to Bucharest



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### Vacation overview

A visit to the Danube Delta is the highlight on this fascinating getaway through Eastern Europe. Start with two nights in Vienna, the “City of Music,” then transfer to Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, for included sightseeing before you embark your river cruise ship. Sail to Budapest for included sightseeing, Croatia’s Vukovar and Osijek, and Serbia’s Belgrade. Cruise through the dramatic Iron Gates gorge, and visit the Lepenski Vir archaeological site, Veliko Târnovo (Bulgaria’s ancient capital), and Arbanassi. Explore the Danube Delta with its unique birdlife, and celebrate the end of the Danube’s journey as it flows into the Black Sea. End your Danube River cruise in Oltenita, then travel to Romania’s lively capital of Bucharest for guided sightseeing and an overnight.





## Itinerary

### Day 1 Arrive in Vienna, Austria

Welcome to Vienna, Austria's capital, known as the "City of Music" and which inspired the creative genius of Mozart, Beethoven, and Strauss. The rest of the day is yours to start exploring this elegant city.

### Day 2 Vienna

Once the center of the mighty Habsburg Empire, Austria's magical capital on the blue Danube is a showcase of gilded architecture. This is home to the lavish Hofburg Imperial Palace complex with its Vienna Boy's Choir and dazzling Lipizzaner stallions; the neo-renaissance Vienna Opera House; and awe-inspiring St. Stephen's Cathedral—to name just a few of the sights your Local Guide will show you on your INCLUDED TOUR. The afternoon is all yours. Shop in the delightful pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse, and be sure to enjoy a piece of decadent Sachertorte or Apfelstrudel in one of the classic Viennese coffee houses, historic institutions that helped shape Viennese culture! An optional concert is available during your stay. (B)

### Day 3 Vienna–Bratislava, Slovakia (Embarkation)

Enjoy a free morning to relax or explore on your own. Then, a motorcoach transfer after lunch takes you to Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, situated at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains. Join your Local Guide for a tour of the city, including a GUIDED WALK of its fascinating Old Town, where winding cobblestone streets and narrow alleyways twist and turn to reveal the Town Hall, one of the oldest stone buildings in the city. Also visit gothic ST. MARTIN'S CATHEDRAL, coronation church for the Kingdom of Hungary from the 16th to 19th centuries. Your river cruise vessel is docked here on the Danube, and after the tour of Bratislava, meet the crew at a welcome

reception. (B,D)

#### **Day 4 Budapest, Hungary**

Spanning the banks of the Danube, Budapest is one of Eastern Europe's liveliest cities. Whether you're seeing the sights, shopping for handcrafted embroidery or Herend porcelain, or basking in the coffee house culture over a rich cream cake in the renowned Gerbeaud Café, Budapest's unique energy is positively palatable. On an INCLUDED TOUR with your Local Guide, see the massive hilltop castle complex with its remarkable Fishermen's Bastion—with spectacular views of the city—and 11th-century Matthias Church, the coronation spot of several Hungarian monarchs. Be sure to take note of the city's eight bridges—many famous sights in and of themselves—which connect ancient Buda on the right bank with Pest on the left. You may even want to walk across Chain Bridge, a symbol of Budapest built in 1849. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 5 Mohács. Excursion to Pécs & Villány Wine District**

This morning, enjoy tranquil cruising past the peaceful riverscapes of southern Hungary before arriving in Mohács, where there's free time to explore on your own. After lunch, an excursion takes you first to Pécs for a GUIDED TOUR. Established by the Romans in the 2nd century, this was a flourishing and important town for Christianity by the 4th century. Pécs is also a rich showcase of Turkish architecture and home to Turkish mosques, striking churches, and an enjoyable atmosphere around its restaurants and cafés. Next, on to the Villány district, where some of Hungary's best red wines are produced. As you enjoy a WINE TASTING, learn about which varietals are grown and why the climate and soil conditions here are ideal for the production of excellent wines. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 6 Osijek & Vukovar, Croatia**

Today, learn about the complex history of Croatia and the events that led to the Croatian War of Independence during GUIDED SIGHTSEEING. Led by Local Guides, explore Osijek, an important economic and cultural center, as well as Vukovar, Croatia's largest river port, at the confluence of the Danube and Vuka Rivers.

Vukovar was scene to an 87-day siege in 1991, known as The Battle of Vukovar, and is today considered a symbol of Croatian resistance. The siege and other dramatic events have shaped both the present and future of the region. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 7 Belgrade, Serbia**

Early this morning, arrive in Belgrade. One of the oldest cities in Europe, the capital of Serbia is situated at the confluence of the Danube and Sava Rivers. A Local Guide will be proud to show you its main sights, including St. Sava, the world's largest orthodox church. Also visit the city's principal landmark, KALEMEGDAN FORTRESS, which showcases the history of Belgrade. Built in stages between the 1st and 18th centuries, the fortress witnessed many battles and observed the courage of those trying to defend the city from conquerors. The surrounding park is the most beautiful and largest park in Belgrade. In your free time, be sure to check out the city's lively pedestrian area and charming outdoor cafés. Perhaps visit one of the many art galleries or museums, relax in the park, or walk along the city streets and browse the local shops. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 8 Excursion to Lepenski Vir–Iron Gates**

After breakfast, dock at Donji Milanovac, from where a short drive takes you to the impressive LEPENSKI VIR EXHIBITION CENTER, which houses area archaeological artifacts and from where you have unique views of the Danube Gorge. Return to your ship before lunch, then cruise what must surely be the most spectacular scenery of the dramatic IRON GATES gorge, a narrow and formerly very dangerous passage dividing Europe's Alps in the northwest from the Carpathians in the southeast and forming a natural border between Serbia and Romania. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 9 Excursion to Veliko Târnovo, Bulgaria & Arbanassi–Rousse**

The ancient Bulgarian capital of Veliko Târnovo is a comfortable ride from the Danube. Situated on

three hills surrounding the Yantra River, the city was a natural fortress with ancient stone houses clinging to the steep slopes. One of the oldest towns in Bulgaria (dating back to 4300 BC), the oldest part is Tsarevets Hill, home of the Royal Fortress, palaces, and the PATRIARCH'S CHURCH. With your Local Guide, discover this town that played an important role in Bulgaria's history. Then, journey to Arbanassi. Founded in the 15th century, the historic village of Arbanassi is best known for its examples of Bulgarian Revival architecture and its ETHNOGRAPHICAL MUSEUM, a 400-year-old house preserved as a museum. Visit the CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, one of the oldest churches in Arbanassi, and see its outstanding collection of frescoes. Rejoin your ship in Rousse, Bulgaria's largest inland port. If you do not wish to participate in the full-day excursion, remain on board and relax, then join a GUIDED TOUR of Rousse in the afternoon. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 10 Tulcea, Romania**

Today, relax on board and enjoy a peaceful morning of cruising. Before lunch, learn about the fascinating Danube Delta at an ONBOARD LECTURE. This afternoon, dock in Tulcea, the "gateway" to the Delta. Explore the town with a Local Guide and visit the DELTA MUSEUM. There's time to stroll around on your own before dinner. During the night, your ship sails for St. Gheorghe at the mouth of the Danube. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 11 St. Gheorghe, Danube Delta**

Arrive in St. Gheorghe this morning. After breakfast, an excursion in small boats takes you into the DELTA, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the best preserved of Europe's deltas, hosting over 300 species of birds as well as 45 species of freshwater fish. From its source in the Black Forest to its delta at the Black Sea, the Danube measures 2,845 kilometers in length. The Km markings can be clearly seen on the river banks the length of the river. Enjoy a small celebration to mark Km "0"—the end of the Danube's journey. This afternoon, relax on board as you sail to Cernavodă. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 12 Cernavodă. Excursion to Constanta**

This morning, dock in Cernavodă, a city at the western end of the 40-mile-long Black Sea Canal, the pride and joy of communist achievement. From here you may choose to take an included full- or a half-day excursion to Constanta on the Black Sea, the most important commercial center in Romania. A Local Guide shows you the city highlights, with a visit of the NATURAL HISTORY & ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM. Visit a WINERY at Murfatlar before returning to Cernavodă in the late afternoon. Alternatively, you may want to relax on board in the morning and visit Constanta in the afternoon only. Sail overnight to Oltenita. (B,L,D)

#### **Day 13 Oltenita (Disembarkation)—Bucharest**

Bucharest, Romania's lively capital, is only a short drive from Oltenita. Its wide, tree-lined boulevards and Arc de Triomphe—built in 1922 to honor the bravery of Romanian soldiers who fought in WWI—have gained it the name "Paris of the East." Much recent history has taken place in the city. During the INCLUDED TOUR this afternoon, see the impressive Parliament Building, the second-largest building in the world after the Pentagon, and the Royal Palace Square, the scene of riots in 1989, which led to the collapse of the communist dictatorship. The former Royal Palace now houses the NATIONAL ART MUSEUM, which includes over 100,000 works of Romanian and European art from the 15th to the 20th centuries. In your free time, explore this interesting city even further. Stroll down Calea Victoriei (Victory Avenue), Bucharest's most historic and alluring street. Initially built in 1692, today it is lined with shops, museums, churches, restaurants, cafés, and fine houses. (B)

#### **Day 14 Bucharest**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (B)

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## Vacation Highlights

Cruise: deluxe 10-night cruise in an outside stateroom with hotel-style beds

Days 1-2 Vienna: welcome to Austria; guided sightseeing on Day 2

Day 3 Vienna–Transfer to Bratislava (Embarkation): guided sightseeing of Bratislava, visit St. Martin's Cathedral; onboard welcome reception

Day 4 Budapest: guided sightseeing, see Fishermen's Bastion

Day 5 Mohács: excursion to Pécs; wine tasting in Villány wine region

Day 6 Osijek & Vukovar: guided sightseeing in both cities

Day 7 Belgrade: guided sightseeing, visit Kalemegdan Fortress

Day 8 Iron Gates: visit Lepenski Vir archaeological site; cruise through the dramatic Iron Gates gorge

Day 9 Svistov–Excursion to Veliko Târnovo & Arbanassi–Rousse: guided sightseeing, visit the Patriarch's Church in Veliko Târnovo, and the Ethnographical Museum and Church of the Nativity in Arbanassi; or guided sightseeing of Rousse

Day 10 Tulcea: onboard lecture; guided visit to the Delta Museum

Day 11 St. Gheorghe: Danube Delta excursion; Km 0 celebration

Day 12 Cernavodă: choice of full- or half-day excursion to Constanta; guided sightseeing, visit the National History & Archaeological Museum

Day 13 Oltenita (Disembarkation)–Bucharest: guided sightseeing in Bucharest, see Parliament and visit the National Art Museum

Day 14 Bucharest: your vacation ends this morning

Special onboard and onshore experiences presented by local chefs, entertainers, artisans, and experts, designed to enrich your cruise.

Learn about the Danube Delta at an onboard lecture, and attend a wine tasting.

### NOTES:

- In the event of water level problems or any problems of a technical nature, it may be necessary to operate the itinerary by motorcoach or to alter the program.
- Included visits and special features are subject to change. If a change is necessary, a substitute will be offered.
- Please check visa requirements with your local consulate(s); responsibility for obtaining visas rests with the traveler.
- Cruise-Only Available: This vacation can also be taken as a Cruise-Only option starting at the embarkation city and ending at the disembarkation city, and does not include overnight land stays. If you are interested in this option, please contact a Travel Consultant for more information.

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## Hotels

Vienna InterContinental (D)  
Bucharest Athénée Palace Hilton (SF)

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## Optional Excursions

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The following list of optional excursions and on-board packages are **examples only** for this vacation. These optional excursions might or might not be offered. Whether it's a special dinner, a local show or a special behind-the-scenes glimpse into an historical site, optional excursions are a wonderful way to enrich your vacation even further. Plus, they give you flexibility. We include the must-see sites and experiences, and we also understand that people take interest in different activities and may want to craft a more personal vacation by hand-picking optional excursions that appeal to them.

We know that many times travelers celebrate special occasions on vacation and you can now pre-purchase celebration and drink packages before your cruise departure. We offer special birthday, anniversary and wedding vow packages. These packages include all the elements you need to celebrate with family & friends.

Availability of optional excursions is subject to sufficient participation, weather conditions, seasonal suitability, days of operation, group interests, and general feasibility for your vacation. The approximate value listed gives you a good, general idea of what you can expect to pay but may vary once you are on your vacation. Some information provided might be in a foreign currency; you can use our online [currency converter](#) for exchange rate information.

Once you have booked your vacation, Avalon Waterways provides the ability to pre-purchase excursions and packages, register for your cruise and provide emergency contact information online.

### **CITY: Vienna**

#### **A Visit of Schonbrunn Imperial Palace**

Schonbrunn, the former summer residence of the Imperial family, is considered one of the most beautiful baroque palaces in Europe. The Habsburgs resided here for the better part of the year in numerous rooms to house the large Imperial family in addition to representational rooms. Emperor Franz Joseph, who later married the enchanting Sisi and reigned from 1848 to 1916, was born here in 1830. The monarch spent his last years entirely in the palace, which became the property of the new Republic of Austria only two years after his death. Today, the palace is part of UNESCO's cultural heritage due to its historic importance, its unique grounds and its splendid furnishings. Follow our local expert and visit Empress Sisi's former summer residence, afterwards take your time to stroll through the park and enjoy the impressive gardens.

Approximate value: €39 EUR per person

#### **Biking in Vienna**

Discover Vienna today with one of the city Bikes and discover what this metropolitan city has to offer. Biking is a unique way of combining culture with actively experiencing the city. Exploring Vienna could not be easier, than to go by bike. Some of the sights you might see today: the Danube Island, the Hundertwasserhaus, the Prater and the Ferris Wheel. A helmet is provided and a guide will accompany you on our 3-hour biking tour.

Approximate value: €46 EUR per person

#### **Royal Waltz Concert**

Would a stay in Vienna be the same if you were not able to listen to the tunes of the "Blue Danube Waltz" or the "Radetzky" March? Your Cruise Director will accompany you to one of Vienna's famous Concert Halls. Avalon will make preferred seating arrangements. In order to celebrate this evening in style, have a glass of sparkling wine in the intermission, before you listen to the famous

tunes brought to you by opera singers and watch the elegant ballet dancers as they interpret some of the most well known classical tunes from Vienna.

Approximate value: €51 EUR per person

#### **CITY: Budapest**

##### **Communist Budapest**

From 1947 to 1989, the Hungarian Communist Party held sway. Although the regime was not as deferential to the Soviet Union, the collective economy and fear of the secret police shaped the lives of Hungarian citizens. Today the former headquarters of the AVH, the dreaded secret police, are a museum. Budapest was clearly tied to the East in the bipolar Cold War world. Still, there are vestiges of Lenin's legacy. Our local experts will explain why on the lawn beyond the Hungarian Parliament flies a flag with a hole in the center.

Approximate value: €37 EUR per person

##### **Excursion to Szentendre**

The center of Szentendre is one of the most heavily visited spots in all of Hungary. In the summer, it becomes one huge handicraft and souvenir marketplace. Despite the excess of vendors, Szentendre remains a gorgeous little town. In medieval times, Serbian settlers fleeing Turkish northward expansion populated Szentendre, which counts half a dozen Serbian churches among its rich collection of historical buildings. The town retains a distinctively Mediterranean flavor that's rare this far north in Europe. Since the early 1900s, Szentendre has been home to an artists' colony. Today, about 100 artists live and work here. As a result, the town has a wealth of museums and galleries. Surprisingly few people visit the museums, however, distracted perhaps by the shopping opportunities. Perhaps you want to explore more than the main drag, Fo ter. After the almost-suffocating hubbub of the center of the town, we're pretty sure you'll appreciate the peace and quiet of the many exhibition halls and the winding cobblestone streets that lead to a Roman Catholic churchyard at the top of the hill, with lovely views of the red-tile rooftops. Wander down side streets; Szentendre is too small for you to get lost in and too beautiful for a less-than-thorough exploration. (c.f. Frommer's)

Approximate value: €34 EUR per person

##### **Hungarian Dinner and Folklore Show - Le Meridien**

The Hungarian Violins at times with melancholy and in the next moment hot and spicy like paprika is something that is so typical for Hungary. The music combined with dancers in their colorful costumes and their high leather boots, stomping that you can almost see the flints flying. And on top of it the show takes place in one of the finest restaurants of Budapest with a buffet dinner of Hungarian Specialties, from the spicy Goulash to the dessert, one might want to die for. . .

Approximate value: €64 EUR per person

#### **CITY: Belgrade**

##### **Folklore in Belgrade**

Shumadia represent the heart of Serbia, where you can find the most beautiful and the most interesting original Serbian folk dances. The tiny and delicate steps of these dances are connected in filigreed dance which has ethnographic and historical significance interwoven with customs. Costumes for this dance represent special visual experience, and each part of the costume is the work of art. Shopsko Dances represent dynamic dances from south eastern Serbia in which the habits of Bulgarian and Serbian population are interlaced. In this dance you can see the elements of Bulgarian folklore in all its dynamics and the fast changing of chorographical motives and shapes. And there are about a dozen more dances that emphasize the richness of Serbian Folklore Heritage. . .

Approximate value: €39 EUR per person

### **Skadarlija Dinner**

Once the home of many Serbian poets, writers, artists, and actors, the cobble-stoned Skadarlija (or Skadarska) street today hosts some of the best restaurants in town, all of which strive to preserve bohemian traditions from the early 19th century. Definitely the place to go if you want to get a feel of the atmosphere of Belgrade's old times, cruise art galleries, shop for antiques or souvenirs, or taste the best of local food.

Approximate value: €44 EUR per person

### **CITY: Bucharest**

#### **Bucharest Style Romanian Dinner**

Taste traditional Romanian fare in Bucharest with your fellow travelers on the evening of our stay in the Romanian capital. The Romanians rightly pride themselves in being the Balkan's most versatile chefs and equally so, producers of some of the continent's finest spirits. Your fine Bucharest style 4-course Romanian Dinner with drinks, all in the elegant setting of Bucharest's most prestigious "Villa District", transportation and guided services are all included.

Approximate value: €56 EUR per person

#### **The Romanian Parliament - the second largest building on Earth**

The ultimate dream of former Communist Leader of Romania Ceausescu, this Palace of Superlatives is a breath-taking example of communist dictatorship's omnipotence rarely seen anywhere else. Admire countless halls, hundreds of crystal chandeliers, amazing carpets and learn on the spot about human's latest effort to create something that would last for more than a thousand years. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the modern world and this inside visit remains an absolute must for every Bucharest visitor.

Approximate value: €34 EUR per person

### **CITY: Drink**

#### **Alcohol Drink Package - 10 Nights**

Avalon wants to make it easy for travelers to fully enjoy their cruise without having to worry about a thing. We offer you the option to purchase all your drinks before you leave so that you can board the ship relaxed knowing things are paid for. Just sit back and enjoy your Avalon cruise. Your drink package includes unlimited regional house wine (white, red & rose), unlimited draught beer, unlimited soft drinks and juices, cocktails from the lounge cocktail menu, unlimited standard spirits and longdrinks, unlimited espresso and cappuccino and unlimited bottles of mineral water (sparkling or still), 1 bottle of sparkling house wine in stateroom. This is in addition to the included beverages offered by Avalon Waterways.

Approximate value: \$317 USD per person

#### **Non - Alcohol Drink Package - 10 Nights**

Avalon wants to make it easy for travelers to fully enjoy their cruise without having to worry about a thing. We offer you the option to purchase all your drinks before you leave so that you can board the ship relaxed knowing things are paid for. Just sit back and enjoy your Avalon cruise. Your drink package includes unlimited soft drinks and juices, non-alcoholic cocktails of the day from the daily cocktail menu, unlimited espresso and cappuccino and unlimited bottles of mineral water (sparkling or still.) This is in addition to the included beverages offered by Avalon Waterways.

Approximate value: \$246 USD per person



**CITY: Celebration****Anniversary Celebration Cake**

Want to celebrate your anniversary during your cruise? Avalon can help. Our crew can surprise your loved one with a special anniversary cake presented during dinner. Make this a cruise like no other.

Approximate value: \$25 USD per person

**Anniversary Celebration Package - Basic**

Want to celebrate your anniversary during your cruise? Avalon can help. Our crew can surprise your loved one with a special anniversary package that includes the following in your stateroom on your anniversary day: decoration of stateroom, bottle of sparkling wine, small floral bouquet, chocolates, fruit plate and anniversary card. Personalized invitations will also be delivered to the staterooms of 4 other guests with whom you wish to celebrate. Later that evening in the ship dining room you will find a specially decorated table reserved for you, your spouse and 4 other guests of your choice, and an anniversary cake presented by the ship's crew during dinner. Let your spouse know how much they still mean to you.

Approximate value: \$154 USD per person

**Anniversary Celebration Package - Deluxe**

Want to celebrate your anniversary during your cruise? Avalon can help. Our crew can surprise your loved one with a special anniversary package that includes the following in your stateroom on your anniversary day: decoration of stateroom, bottle of sparkling wine, small floral bouquet, chocolates, fruit plate and anniversary card. Personalized invitations will also be delivered to the staterooms of 4 other guests with whom you wish to celebrate. Later on, enjoy a cocktail party on the Sky Deck or in the lounge to celebrate the special day. You will receive a special anniversary book and a group photo to remember the occasion. Later that evening in the ship dining room you will find a specially decorated table reserved for you, your spouse and 4 other guests of your choice, and an anniversary cake presented by the ship's crew during dinner. Sparkling wine will top off the evening. Let your spouse know how much they still mean to you.

Approximate value: \$367 USD per person

**Birthday Celebration Package - Basic**

Let Avalon help you celebrate a birthday on your cruise. Our special birthday package includes the following presented in your stateroom on your birthday: decoration of stateroom, bottle of sparkling wine, small floral bouquet, chocolates, fruit plate and birthday card. Personalized invitations will also be delivered to the staterooms of 5 other guests with whom you wish to celebrate. Later that evening in the ship dining room you will find a specially decorated table reserved for 6 (you and 5 other guests of your choice), and a birthday cake presented by the ship's crew during dinner.

Approximate value: \$128 USD per person

**Birthday Celebration Package - Deluxe**

Let Avalon help you celebrate a birthday on your cruise. Our special birthday package includes the following presented in your stateroom on your birthday: decoration of stateroom, bottle of sparkling wine, small floral bouquet, chocolates, fruit plate and birthday card. Personalized invitations will also be delivered to the staterooms of 5 other guests with whom you wish to celebrate. Later on, enjoy a cocktail party on the Sky Deck or in the lounge to celebrate the special day. You will receive a special birthday book and a group photo to remember the occasion. Later that evening in

the ship dining room you will find a specially decorated table reserved for 6 (you and 5 other guests of your choice), and a birthday cake presented by the ship's crew during dinner. Sparkling wine will top off the evening.

Approximate value: \$348 USD per person

### **Wedding Vow Renewal Celebration Cake**

Avalon wants to help you celebrate your wedding vow renewals. Let your spouse know how much they still mean to you. Our crew will prepare a special cake and present it to you during dinner. Make this a cruise that you will never forget.

Approximate value: \$25 USD per person

### **Wedding Vow Renewal Celebration Package - Basic**

Avalon wants to help you celebrate your wedding vow renewals. Let your spouse know how much they still mean to you. Our crew will prepare a special anniversary package that includes the following in your stateroom on your wedding day: decoration of stateroom, bottle of sparkling wine, small floral bouquet, chocolates, fruit plate and wedding card. Personalized invitations will also be delivered to the staterooms of 4 other guests with whom you wish to celebrate. Later that evening in the ship dining room you will find a specially decorated table reserved for you, your spouse and 4 other guests of your choice, and a wedding cake presented by the ship's crew during dinner.

Make this a cruise you will never forget.

Approximate value: \$219 USD per person

### **Wedding Vow Renewal Celebration Package - Deluxe**

Avalon wants to help you celebrate your wedding vow renewals. Let your spouse know how much they still mean to you. Our crew will prepare a special anniversary package that includes the following in your stateroom on your wedding day: decoration of stateroom, bottle of sparkling wine, small floral bouquet, chocolates, fruit plate and wedding card. Personalized invitations will also be delivered to the staterooms of 4 other guests with whom you wish to celebrate. Later on, enjoy a cocktail party on the Sky Deck or in the lounge to celebrate the special day. You will receive a special wedding book and a couple's photo and a group photo to remember the occasion. Later that evening in the ship dining room you will find a specially decorated table reserved for you, your spouse and 4 other guests of your choice, and an wedding cake presented by the ship's crew during dinner. Make this a cruise you will never forget.

Approximate value: \$367 USD per person

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### **Travel Terms & Conditions**

The purchase of any travel services offered by Avalon Waterways, constitutes a contractual arrangement between you and Avalon Waterways, and represents your acceptance of the Terms & Conditions. Please ensure that you read carefully and understand the Terms & Conditions prior to booking. These Terms & Conditions cover Deposit & Final Payment information, Air-Inclusive Deposits & Final Payment, Revisions & Revision Fees, Air Arrangements, Participation, Travelers Who Need Special Assistance, Young Travelers, Smoking, Price Policy, Visas and Passports, Hotels & Accommodations, Baggage Allowance, Travel Documents, Not Included in the Land Price, Refunds, Service Inquires After the Vacation, Holidays, Safety, Photos & Pictures, Optional Excursions, and Responsibility.

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### **Important Notes**

- Vacation departures, itineraries and prices are subject to change.
- A non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of \$250 per person per vacation is required for Avalon Waterways to reserve space for you. View [Terms & Conditions](#) for limited exceptions.
- Charges not included in the land vacation price: airfare to and from the start of your vacation; airline baggage fees including checked and/or excess baggage fees; Federal inspection fees for the Federal U.S. Customs and Immigrations; agricultural tax; other per person taxes imposed by government entities; applicable cruise taxes, fees, fares and port charges; passports; visas and vaccinations; transfers; tips to your Tour or Cruise Director, Local Host, driver, Local Guides, and/or ships' crew; gratuities on ferries, trains, and cruise ships; laundry; telephone; minibar; alcohol, beverages, and food outside of the contracted menu as presented at a hotel or restaurant (these extra items will be billed to you before leaving the hotel, ship, or restaurant); additional excursions and activities not listed as 'included' in the itinerary; portage at airports or train stations; Travel Protection premiums; and all other items of a personal nature.

### **Booking your Vacation with Air**

Our volume buying power saves you money. We may be able to provide you with flight arrangements from your gateway city. Avalon Waterways offers 2 air options: Flex Air and Instant Purchase Air. Flex Air allows flexibility if you want to make changes to your vacation schedule. Instant Purchase Air may offer additional airline options but has more restrictions. Some vacations may only offer one Air type option.

Guaranteed air-inclusive prices: air is only available to passengers traveling from the United States and only available when booked in conjunction with a land vacation. An additional non-refundable air deposit (\$300 per person) is required for Flex Air booked in conjunction with any land vacation (i.e. air-inclusive vacation). Air can only be booked by Avalon Waterways in conjunction with a vacation package. Instant Purchase Air requires air payment in full at time of booking (i.e. air-inclusive vacation) plus \$30 per person non-refundable service fee. Once booked, Instant Purchase Air is non-refundable, and non-changeable. Some vacations may only offer one Air type option. However, once your airfare is confirmed and Avalon Waterways has received your full air and land deposit, your air-inclusive vacation price is guaranteed.

### **Air-Inclusive Vacations — Applicable Taxes & Fees**

Air inclusive price quotes will include all government-imposed taxes and fees applicable at the time of booking and will be shown as a Total Amount. Additional airline fees for baggage may apply. At the time of booking your air-inclusive vacation online, carrier Websites will be provided to check baggage fees, or you can visit [www.iflybags.com](http://www.iflybags.com) for up-to-date baggage pricing/restrictions. The total airfare price, the base airfare price, and the applicable government taxes and fees are broken-out line-by-line and shown while booking online and on the invoice after your travel is booked. For return travel from some countries, international travelers are required to pay entry and/or exit fees at the airport. These fees will be collected by the local government and are payable by the traveler at time of travel. Your confirmation booking information will contain information about these fees.

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