

2025

# The Danube in Springtime

MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA \*\*\*\*

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- ✿ **29.03.-05.04.2025 & 05.04.-12.04.2025**
- ✿ Duration: 8 days / 7 nights
- ✿ **Full Board Accommodation**
- ✿ Itinerary:  
Passau – Krems – Vienna – Esztergom –  
Budapest – Bratislava – Melk – Passau
- ✿ On-board Language: German / English
- ✿ Travel Documents: German / English
- ✿ Booking Code: DE-DOKFE-08X



## Special price:

- ✓ 50% discount for the 2nd person in a twin cabin
- ✓ Single occupancy without surcharge



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# Itinerary

A river cruise on the Danube is among the most beautiful of all boat tours. Stunning river landscapes, coronation cities with magnificent buildings, picturesque villages, and historic fortresses and castles that line up like pearls on a string. Springtime, however, when nature awakes and the trees open their new leaves putting forth the first buds, is the most beautiful time on the Danube.

Your journey on the MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA begins in the three-river city of Passau and leads you via the lovely Wachau Valley to Vienna, city of incomparable beauty. From here, continue through the Hungarian Wachau to the capital cities of Hungary and Slovenia, Budapest and Bratislava, and sail via Melk, with its world-famous Abbey, back to Passau. Come join us on board!

Day	Port		arr.	Dep.	Program   optional excursion
1.	Passau	D		17:00	Embarkation 4:00 pm
2.	Krems	A	09:00	14:30	Guided city tour with apricot tasting (€ 70.- per person)
	Vienna Nussdorf	A	20:30		
3.	Vienna Nussdorf	A		18:00	City tour by coach/ guided city walk (€ 50.- per pers.)
4.	Esztergom	HU	08:00	09:30	Excursion Danube Bend, lunch incl. (€ 65.- per pers.)
	Budapest	HU	13:30		City tour by coach/ guided city walk (€ 40.- per pers.)   Budapest at Night (€ 60.- per pers.)
5.	Budapest	HU		14:00	Excursion Puszta „Csárda“ (€ 70.- per pers.)
6.	Bratislava	SK	08:00	14:00	City tour by coach/ guided city walk (€ 45.- per pers.)
7.	Melk	A	08:00	13:00	Melk Abbey (€ 55.- per pers.)
8.	Passau	D	09:00		Disembarkation 9:30 am

## Day 1 Passau

Individual arrival in Passau. Our cruise director welcomes you on board with a glass of sparkling wine.

## Day 2 Krems – Vienna

The picturesque Wachau Valley, a jewel among landscapes, ranks among Austria`s most beautiful regions. The Old Town of Krems is considered to be the gate to the Wachau Valley, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join us for an optional tour through the winding alleys and get to know better this enchanting town. After the walk, at a tasting, we dedicate special attention to the famous “Wachau Marille” – an apricot and culinary delicacy. The unrivalled taste of it has gained it EU protection and the Wachau has been recognised as its official place of origin. After the tasting enjoy the stunning landscape from board. Your ship sets sail for the Austrian capital city.

## Day 3 Vienna

Vienna is the city of music and joie de vivre, where the Sacher cake and the Heuriger, the Austrian wine taverns, are as famous as the St Stephen`s Cathedral and the Spanish Riding School. Vienna is old and modern at the same time – and has so many things to offer and to discover. Year after year, the city attracts numerous visitors. Enjoy the major sights like the famed Ringstrasse and the Vienna State Opera on an optional city tour by coach, afterwards there will be a guided city walk.

## Day 4 Esztergom – Danube Bend – Budapest

On the Castle hill, towering over the town of Esztergom, the Esztergom Basilika can be seen already from afar. Do not miss out on the optional excursion to the Danube Bend. After having visited the cathedral and the crypt, the coach takes you through the stunning landscape of the Hungarian Wachau to Visegrad. From a viewpoint underneath the castle, you can enjoy breathtaking views over the entire Danube Bend. In a traditional restaurant, you will have lunch with typical Hungarian dishes. (Duration of the excursion approx. 5 hours, re-join the ship in Budapest).

In the meantime, your ship sails to Budapest. The city stretches out majestically on both sides of the river: on the western bank, the hilly Buda with the Castle Hill, the castle, and the Gellért Hill with citadel; on the eastern bank, Pest with the famous Parliament. After lunch, get to know this major city better on our optional city tour by coach and marvel at the magnificent buildings on both sides of the Danube. In the evening, you may want to join us for the excursion „Budapest by Night“ (optional), where the lively Hungarian spirit is showcased through traditional music and dance.

## Day 5 Budapest

After a hearty breakfast on board, you will have the chance to come with us to a „Csárda“ (optional), a typical Hungarian restaurant. On the neighbouring farm, traditional horsemanship is performed. After the return of the participating guests on board, your lunch will be served. From the ship, enjoy once again splendid views over the Neo-Classical Basilika, towering on the castle hill, well visible from afar. Spend a pleasant evening on board the MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA.

## Day 6 Bratislava

In the morning, you reach Bratislava, the small but beautiful Slovakian capital city. On a guided walk (optional) learn interesting facts about the history of the mighty castle, which had been the residence of numerous Hungarian kings and discover the beautiful Old Town. Celts, Romans, Hungarians, Jews and Slovaks have left their traces here, which is reflected in an impressive diversity of architecture. The pretty houses of the former Austrian-Hungarian noble families look almost like little palaces.

## Day 7 Melk

In the morning your ship will be back in the Wachau Valley. The impressive Melk Abbey, perched atop the hill, is overlooking the city. It is considered one of the most important spiritual and cultural centres in Austria. There will be the possibility to explore the stately Baroque building on a guided tour (optional). Afterwards, enjoy the passing landscape from board on the last stage of your journey. In the evening, a five-course captain`s dinner awaits you and brings this eventful week to a happy close.

## Day 8 Passau

After arriving in Passau, disembarkation starts. Afterwards, individual journey home.

# Dates | Prices | Services

Travel Dates 2025 / Departures on Saturdays

29.03. – 05.04.2025 / 05.04. – 12.04.2025

## Special Travel Fare per Person in Euro

	Twin Cabin		Single Cabin
	1 <sup>st</sup> person	2 <sup>nd</sup> person	
<b>Main Deck Eco*</b>	949.-	474.50	-
<b>Main Deck</b>	999.-	499.50	<del>1,299.-</del> 999.-
<b>Upper Deck</b>	1,299.-	649.50	<del>1,649.-</del> 1.299.-

\*Forward cabins and cabins in the back of the ship. Noise of engine and generator might be perceptible while the ship is sailing or in port.

No surcharge for twin cabins for single use (limited availability)

### What is included in the fare

- River cruise with the **MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA\*\*\*\*** according to itinerary
- 7 nights in the booked cabin category in outside cabin with en-suite bathroom/shower
- Luggage transfer from the docking point to the cabin and back
- **Full board accommodation:** 7 x breakfast, 6 x three-course menu, 6 x coffee/tea in the afternoon with sweet pastry, 6 x four-course dinner, 1 x gala dinner with five-course menu, 7 x small midnight snack. **Beverage package:** house wine, draft beer, alcohol free beer, soft drinks, juice, coffee/tea and mineral water from 09:00 am to 12:00 midnight.
- 1 x welcome drink
- On-board musician
- Tour guide on board

### Services that are not included in the fare

Arrival and departure journeys, parking fees, beverages not included in the beverage package, personal expenses, gratuities, travel insurance, optional excursions, Wi-Fi.

### Optional Excursions

**Excursion package, all excursions included (except „Danube Bend“)** € 350.-

- Save € 40.- per person by booking our excursion package (all excursions incl. except „Danube Bend“).





# Ship Details | Information

## MS PRINZESSIN KATHARINA

**Year of build** 1990 | **Refurbishment** 2015 | **Flag** Slovakia | **Length** 110 m | **Beam** 11.20 m | **Draft** 1 m | **Crew** ca. 30 | **Passengers** max. 140

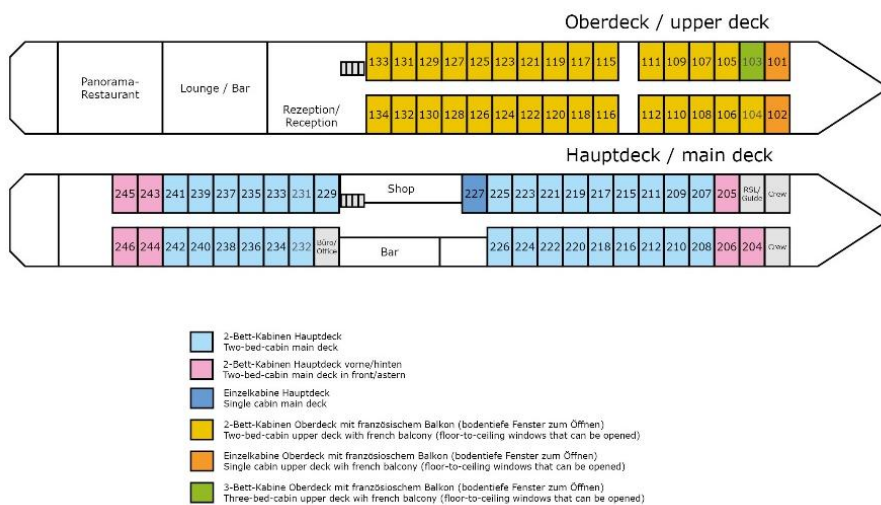
On our comfortable ship, you can expect classic elegance with tasteful furnishings and a friendly crew. Enjoy the unique atmosphere and indulge in the fine cuisine on board. On the two passenger decks, there is a panoramic restaurant, a cosy saloon, a bar and an inviting foyer. A book corner, a small shop and a massage parlour round off the offer. The spacious sun deck is partially roofed and there is a sufficiently large number of loungers on your disposal.



**Cabins** 71 outside cabins, comfortably and tastefully furnished with en-suite shower/WC, hairdryer, air-condition, TV, on-board radio, telephone and mini fridge.

**Upper Deck** 29 x twin cabins (approx. 11 m<sup>2</sup>), 1 x triple cabin (approx. 11 m<sup>2</sup>), and 2 x single cabins (approx. 9 m<sup>2</sup>); all with French balcony (= floor –to-ceiling sliding glass doors). Two-bed cabins boast a sofa bed and a Pullman bed (fold out - pull down bed, raised during the day to save space). In the triple cabin a bunk bed is pulled down from the wall (max. 80 kg).

**Main Deck** 38 x twin cabins, 1 single cabin, all of which are approx. 11 m<sup>2</sup>, featuring two sofa beds in a right angle to each other, panoramic windows (cannot be opened). In some of the aft and forward cabins (category Eco), there may be machine or generator noise perceptible.



## Helpful Information

**Embarkation** from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm | **Disembarkation** from 9:30 am.

**Minimum Number of participants** 80 persons up to 21 days prior to departure

**Optional Excursion Program** We would be happy to send you an order form with our offer on excursions prior to departure.

**The excursions will be held in German language. The excursions can only be booked in English language on request (depending on the excursion agency and the minimum number of participants).**

**Itinerary or program are subject to change at any time.** If due to low or high water levels, or bad weather conditions, a route cannot be sailed, the captain reserves the right to alter the itinerary for your safety. (No legal right shall arise in either situation). The same shall apply for repair or maintenance works on locks and bridges ordered by river and other local authorities with little or no advance.

**Important notice** Please consider that on the one hand your ship is your hotel, on the other hand, however, it is an engine that has to run constantly –even at night-time (this includes passing under bridges or through locks), therefore a certain level of noise is inevitable. If you are sensitive to noise, please bring earplugs.

**Travel documents** EU-citizens (without special situations like dual citizenship, main residence abroad or a limited-validity passport) are required to have a valid passport or ID-card, not expiring within six (6) months of the return of your cruise. We kindly ask non-EU citizens, EU-nationals with multiple citizenship or anybody who has to respect special legal entry requirements for the country to visit, to inform about visa and entry documents at the competent embassy.

This trip is **not suitable for guests with reduced mobility**.

We recommend that you **take out a foreign travel health insurance** with repatriation coverage, an accident insurance, a luggage insurance and a travel cancellation insurance.