



Dear Donube Swabian ancestors, Danube Cruise and culture travel fans!

*We promised to organize a travel program with two options for you to choose from. “[Following the trail of our ancestors](#)” includes a two-day stop in Apatin and the area (Sombor, among others) with cultural offerings at other sites in the area (see option **Apatin Cruise**). The second option, **Danube Cruise to the Iron Gate**, offers more distance for the true cruise fans.*

*The travel agency Favorit Reisen can only book the ship for a limited time period, which makes it important to express interest as soon as possible. Please let us know by sending your contact information for possible “reservations”. We will later send the application forms for the actual registration. Travel commitments are requested by **September 4, 2016**. These will be given preferential treatment for booking the options.*

For further questions and information, please do not hesitate to call us:

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Apatin Cruise

„[Following the trail of our ancestors](#)“

12 Days with the MS Rossini ****

July 30 – August 10, 2017

Passau – Vienna – Budapest – Mohacs/Pecs – Apatin – Novi Sad – Kalocsa / Puszta –
Esztergom – Bratislava – Wachau – Passau

Day 1, July 30, 2017 Boarding in Passau

Individual arrival with boarding starting at 2:15 p.m. at the Passau-Lindau port, Franz-Weismann St. 1. Departure at 4 p.m. The bar offers coffee/tee and pastries. 18:45 Opening address with welcome drink for the cruise participants followed by dinner. Passage through the Schlögener loops of the Danube. Musical entertainment in the Panorama bar. Midnight snack, night cruise through locks.

Day 2, July 31 Vienna

Breakfast. Arrival at the German Steamship Port. Lunch at 12:30. 2-4:30 p.m. sight-seeing tour of the former imperial city. The tour drives through the fantastic building on the Ring Boulevard, the city hall and royal palaces as well as the opera house.

6:30 p.m. Dinner. Musical entertainment in the ship bar. Midnight snack, night cruise.

Day 3, August 1 Budapest

Breakfast. Cruising hotel reaches Budapest during morning hours.

Lunch. 2-6 p.m. city tours of both Danube sides, Buda and Pest with Parliament and castle. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment in the ship bar. Midnight snack, night cruise.

Day 4, August 2 Mohacs with excursion to Pecs (Fünfkirchen)

Breakfast. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Excursion to Pecs (Fünfkirchen), ancient cultural site (pre-Roman), first Hungarian University, cathedral, synagogue, mosque. 1:30 p.m. MS Rossini continues towards Serbia into the Pannonian Basin. Afternoon tea/coffee, leisure on the deck. Arrival in Apatin with transfer to Hotels in Apatin/Sombor for dinner.

Day 5-6, August 3-4 4 Apatin

Breakfast in the hotel.

Program organized by the Apatiner Society (city hall, church, Berenz House with church). Dinner in hotel.

Day 7, August 5 Apatin – Novi Sad

Breakfast in the hotel. 8a.m. departure for Novi Sad for two-hour tour of the cosmopolitan city which was always a melting pot of various cultures and capital of the Vojvodina region. Back to the ship for lunch at 1 and on to Croatia. The Danube forms the natural border between Serbia and Croatia. Afternoon tea/coffee. Osijek and Vukovar still show signs of the war in 1991. Dinner at 6:30, Musical entertainment in the ship bar. Midnight snack, night cruise.

Day 8, August 6 Kalocsa/Puszta

Breakfast, then back into Hungary where the MS Rossini stops at the capital city of paprika. Afternoon excursion with riding display at a Puszta horse ranch. Dinner at 7, Musical entertainment in the ship bar. Midnight snack, night cruise.

Day 9, August 7 Esztergom

Buffet breakfast, leisure time on the deck, then the port of Esztergom at the knee of the Danube. Lunch at 12:45 and tour of the bishop's residence and beautiful cathedral. Panorama bar, Midnight snack, night cruise.

Day 10, August 8 Bratislava

Buffet breakfast. 9-12 sight-seeing tour of the Slovakian capital and view from the castle (Pressburg). Lunch at 12:30, passage through the Hainburg, dinner at 6:30. Musical entertainment in the ship bar. Midnight snack, night cruise.

Day 11, August 9 Wachau/Dürnstein

Breakfast. 9:45-12 walk through romantic Dürnstein. Lunch at 1 p.m. while passing through the scenic Wachau region with the notable monastery of Melk. Captain's dinner at 7 p.m. with farewell from crew. Musical entertainment in the Panorama bar. Midnight snack, night cruise.

Day 12, August 10 Passau – disembarkation

Breakfast and arrival in Passau at about 9 a.m.

Included in price: Eight nights in the reserved cabin on the MS Rossini. All cabins have shower and toilet with central air, Sat-TV, safe, phone and hair-dryer. Meals as

described with coffee breaks. All excursions with local guides including admission costs. Travel director on board. Local taxes for boarding, etc. with baggage transport. Three nights in the mid-scale hotel of Apatin or Sombor, shower/bath. Breakfast and dinner in the hotel with bus transfers and tours.

Travel documents – for this trip a passport is mandatory, and it should be valid for another 6 months after the trip.

Price p. Person in €: (~\$1.20, valid is exchange rate at the date of the transaction)

Bavaria Deck

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| Category | B4 | 3 bed inner cabin | 850.- |
| | B4 | 2 bed inner cabin | 1,075.- |
| | B3 | 1 bed outer cabin | 1,285.- |
| | B2 | 2 bed outer cabin | 1,285.- |

Austria Deck

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|----------|----|-------------------|---------|
| Category | A4 | 3 bed inner cabin | 950.- |
| | A4 | 2 bed inner cabin | 1,180.- |
| | A3 | 1 bed outer cabin | 1,800.- |
| | A2 | 2 bed outer cabin | 1,435.- |

**Bus transportation to Passau mentioned at end of this description.

**Important note at the end of this document.

Danube Cruise to the Iron Gate

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Day 5, August 3 Belgrade

Breakfast. 9 a.m. –1 p.m. tour of the Serbian capital where the Save meets the Danube. Lunch at 1:30 with leisure time before the ship continues at 6 p.m. towards Romania. 6:30 p.m. dinner, then Musical entertainment. Midnight snack, night cruise.

Day 6, August 4 Turnu Severin - Orsova – Iron Gate

Breakfast. This day is devoted to the nature experience. Just before reaching Turnu Severin the ship passes locks into the valley for a height difference of over 100 feet in two hours.

After a short walk in the city we can hopefully visit the power plant with its giant turbines. After lunch we travel upstream through the old Roman area (Trajan plaque). Dinner at 6:30. Musical entertainment. Midnight snack, night cruise.

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| | B1 | 3 bed outer cabin | 1.350,- |
| | B1 | 2 bed outer cabin | 1.595,- |

Austria – Deck

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| Category | A4 | 3 bed inner cabin | 1.145,- |
| | A4 | 2 bed inner cabin | 1.395,- |
| | A3 | 1 bed outer cabin | 2.140,- |
| | A2 | 2 bed outer cabin | 1.775,- |
| | A1 | 3 bed outer cabin | 1.600,- |
| Kategorie | A1 | 2 bed outer cabin | 1.840,- |

****For both options a round trip bus is available:**

to / from Passau (danube port ... boarding, disembarkation)

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| from / to Ludwigshafen | € 90,- p. Person |
| from / to Stuttgart, Göppingen, Geislingen, Ulm | € 70,- p. Person |
| from / to Vienna | € 70,- p. Person |

****Important note for both options**...During high or low water depth the cruise company has the right to cancel travel during this risk. Please note that the ship is a hotel powered by motors which might cause noises at certain times. These conditions are common for this stretch.

For overseas participants, please plan for this reason your flight insurance in a proper way!