



Impressions from  
the Danube  
Bike & Boat  
Passau – Vienna – Brati-  
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# MS ARLENE II 2020



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Accompanied by a cruise ship you cycle along Europe's second largest river Danube from the charming Bavarian "three river city" of Passau straight into the heart of the once glorious Imperial and Royal Monarchy. Enjoy three of the most enchanting European capitals: the lively Vienna, the Slovak coronation city of Bratislava at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains and Budapest, the "Hungarian Danube Queen"! By bicycle you discover the stunning natural spectacle of the Schlägener Donauschlinge ("Great Loop"), the legendary Wachau with romantic towns and mighty castles amidst lovely vineyards, the untouched alluvial forests of the Danube National Park, as well as the picturesque Hungarian Danube bend where the important cupola of

the basilica in Esztergom salutes from the distance. The highlights of the tour: Passau, the City of 3 rivers, the Schloegen Danube Loop, the Hungarian Danube Bend, the World Heritage Site Wachau, the metropolises of Bratislava, Budapest and Vienna.

**Tour details** (All times are subject to change):

Day	Port	Arr	Dep.
Day 1	Passau, Embarkation 16:00 hours		19:00
Day 2	Engelhartszell	21:00	
Day 2	Engelhartszell		10:00
Day 2	Brandstatt	14:00	15:00
Day 3	Devin	09:00	10:00
Day 3	Bratislava	12:00	21:00
Day 4	Budapest	09:00	
Day 5	Budapest		02:30
Day 5	Visegrad	06:00	10:00
Day 5	Esztergom	12:00	16:30
Day 6	Vienna-Nussdorf or Korneuburg	13:00	23:00
Day 7	Rossatz/Dürnstein	08:00	10:00
Day 7	Pöchlarn	14:00	16.30
Day 8	Passau, Disembarkation 10:30 hours	10:00	

### Day 1: Passau – Engelhartszell

Arrival in the "Three River City". Passau attracts many with the world's greatest church organ at the Stephansdom and it's charming Old Town. Embarkation will be around 4:00 pm, departure around 7 pm. Enjoy your first dinner on board and an evening sail to Engelhartszell.

### Day 2: Engelhartszell - Great Loop - Brandstatt – Bratislava, ca. 46 km

The day starts in Engelhartszell (the only Trappist monastery in Austria), where we head towards the "Great Loop" - one of the most beautiful and original sectors of the Danube. Your cycling will encounter small villages and cosy must-see taverns. You'll board again in Brandstatt. Then, you "sail into the night" towards Devin.

### Day 3: Devin – Bratislava, ca. 54 km

Arrival at Devin in the morning. The cycle tour takes you to the imposing Imperial Palace of Hof. After crossing the green line you cycle along the former "Iron Curtain" towards the coronation city of Bratislava

at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains. Tip: discover the hidden alleys of Bratislava, places and all the sights of this ambitious metropolis during a tour by mini train and by foot. In the night shipping to Budapest.

### Day 4: Budapest (day of rest) or roundtrip to Szentendre, ca. 40 km

In the early morning, you enjoy the panoramic view of the Danube's gorgeous landscape on the Sundeck. The gateway to Budapest is overwhelming, as many of the famous tourist features are situated directly next to the river bank. In the afternoon you can explore the numerous attractions of the city. Nearby, you find the Margaretheninsel which is outstandingly qualified for a small bike tour or the charming town of Szentendre with Mediterranean atmosphere and lively art life. In the night shipping to Visegrad.

### Day 5: Danube Bend | Visegrad – Esztergom, ca. 25 - 60 km

The Danube bend is definitely one of most delightful and attractive parts and is called the Hungarian Wachau. Today's bike leg starts at Visegrad with its famous fortress and the ruins of the former palace. You can choose from 2 different routes: the longer one includes a side trip to the island of Szentendre and the baroque village of Vác, which has been influenced by the architects of the Austrian empress Maria Theresia. The other route leads you directly to the bishop-town of Esztergom, with its gorgeous basilica – Hungary's largest Catholic Church – overlooking the village. In the night shipping to Vienna.

### Day 6: Vienna-Nussdorf / (Korneuburg may also be possible) (day of rest)

You should be sure to see the most famous places of interest like the St. Stephens Cathedral, the Hofburg, the gorgeous boulevard "Ringstraße" with the Burgtheater, the State Opera House or the town hall that takes you back to the past. In the night shipping to Rossatz or Dürnstein (Wachau).

### Day 7: Wachau – Melk – Pöchlarn, ca. 42 - 52 km

Your last biking day is a special highlight! Amidst small dreamy villages, apricot trees, vineyards, castles, monasteries and ruins, this gentle hilly landscape enchants everybody. A powerful ruin looms above the small Baroque town of Dürnstein, while the blue tower of the monastery church is a landmark of Wachau. In the small village of Pöchlarn you will board again. After the farewell gala dinner, you start "sailing" back to Passau.

## Day 8: Departure from Passau

Every journey draws to an end. Once again you enjoy on deck the first sunbeams and the peaceful silence of the Danube Valley. Take a last sight at the Schlägener Schlinge ("Great Loop") before you arrive relaxed at Passau. Arrival: approx at 10:00 a.m., disembarkation half an hour later. We recommend to arrange connecting trips from noon onwards.

### MS Arlene II:

The comfortable MS **ARLENE II** provides the right ambience to make you feel at ease. The ship is being refurbished and upgraded in the winter of 2017/. In the tastefully furnished and fully air-conditioned restaurant on the Main deck, you can enjoy your dinner. In the saloon/bar with panoramic windows on the Upper deck, you can reflect on the day's events enjoying a glass of fine wine.

All cabins on the vessel are outside featuring en-suite facilities with shower and hair dryer, TV, safe and individually controlled air-conditioning.



Suite Upper deck



Bathroom Suite Upper deck

Upper deck: eight suits (approx. 15 m<sup>2</sup>) with panoramic windows (= floor-to-ceiling windows) and two twin beds. Further 16 two-bed cabins (approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup>, upgrading in winter 18/19) with two separate lower beds, thereof 6 cabins astern at rear of the ship; perceptive engine and generator noise (when ship is in motion and in locks) as well as two single cabins (approx. 8 m<sup>2</sup>). Both the two-bed and the single cabins on the Upper deck are outfitted with opening windows.

Main deck: the 24 two-bed cabins (approx. 10 m<sup>2</sup>) also feature two separate lower beds, and have windows with an opening ventilation flap.



The spacious and partly shaded sun deck holds deck chairs, which invite passengers to enjoy the passing scenery in relaxation. Here there is also the storage space for the bicycles.

Look forward to interesting cycle tours, meeting nice people and having enjoyable time aboard the ship.

**Technical Details:** Year Built: 1986. Refurbishment: 2017/2018/2019. Registry: Dutch. Length: 91,35 m. Width: 10,45 m. Draft: 1,45 m. Passengers: max. 98. Number of Crew: 20.

**Important remarks:**

- **Embarkation:** ca. 4-5 pm, **disembarkation:** ca.. 10:30 am.
- **Bicycles on board:** unisex trekking bicycles with normal mount (ladies model), 7 gears with coaster breaking hubs *or* 7 speed freewheel hubs (subject to availability) and pannier bag. E-Bikes are available after prior request and at limited number. **Please indicate your body height when you book**
- **To bring your own bike:** on request only – due to lack of space on sundeck.
- **Languages on board:** German, English
- **Cycle tours:** all distances are "approximate distances" of recommended bike tours. When a guest does not want to cycle one day, she/he can skip the bike tour and relax on board while cruising to the next harbour. The bike tours are individual, at your own pace, without a tour guide, but with daily briefings on board and detailed bicycle maps and directions. All cycle tours can be classified as being easy.
- **Luggage:** we recommend rainwear, bicycle helmet, sunhat and sneakers. Please be aware that the cabin storage space is very limited
- **Smoking:** the interior of the ship is a non-smoking zone: smoking is only allowed on the sun deck. As a safety measure, a statutory smoking ban applies in all cabins; this means that all cabins and rooms on board are non-smoking areas.
- **Land excursions:** we offer an optional (surcharge - not included in the tour price) excursion programme which can be booked directly on board at the cruise director only. Together with your travel documents you will get a brief description. Depending on the number of participants some excursions could be carried out in 2 languages (German/ English)
- **Routing/Program:** basically, we reserve the right to make changes of routing and program. In case of flood or low tide, the shipping company reserves the right to bridge parts of passages by buses. In extreme situations, the shipping company reserves the right to cancel the journey on short notice. No legal right shall be constituted of both situations. The same applies for officially ordered - previously not announced - repair work on locks or bridges. Please be aware that a cruise ship on the Danube is not only your hotel but also a machine, working with engine power also during the night. Especially crossing locks and bridges - and the preparation work - may cause noise. If you are sensitive please bring your own ear plugs.
- **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.**

## Travel Dates 2020:

**Season A:** 03May-10May/06Sep-13Sep

**Season B:** 17May – 24May / 31May – 07June / 14 June – 21 June / 28 June – 05 July /12 July – 19 July / 26July – 02Aug / 09Aug – 16Aug / 23 Aug 30 Aug

Price per person in Euro:								
Departures from Sunday to Sunday	Saison A				Saison B			
	2-bed astern*	2-bed	Suite	1-bed	2-bed astern*	2-bed	Suite	1-bed
Main Deck	–	889.-	–	–	–	929.-	–	–
Upper Deck	929.-	1.039.-	1.259.-	1.339.-	969.-	1.079.-	1.299.-	1.379.-

\*Cabins at rear of the ship; perceptive engine and generator noise (when ship is in motion and in locks)

**2-bed-cabin for single use** (limited quantity): + 50%.

**Child reduction:** till 13 years 20% in a cabin with 1 adult.

**Rental bicycle** 7-gear, hand brake and pedal brake or hand brakes only (subject to availability), back bags and rental bike insurance (please indicate by the booking) € 75.-

**E-Bike** (advance reservation, limited number) with pannier bag and rental bike insurance € 165.-.

**Travel safe and secure with SE-Tours:** we recommend to wear a bike helmet (compulsory use for helmets: In Austria for children till 12 years). Onboard Selling: UVEX I-VO € 40.- per helmet, limited number.

### Services included:

- 7 nights in outside cabins with private facilities in the booked cabin category
- Programme according itinerary from/to Passau
- All passenger fees and port fees
- Captains greeting and Welcome-Drink
- Daily cabin cleaning, changing of towels and bed cloths if wanted
- Full meals: 7x breakfast, 6x packed lunch for cyclists or lunch snack on board (non cyclists), 6x afternoon coffee break, 6x 3-course-dinner and 1x farewell-dinner with farewell-drink
- Daily Live-Music
- Daily informational meeting
- Information pack with route book (one per cabin)
- GPS tracks
- Tour guide on board

### Services not included:

Journey to and from Passau, shuttles, bike rental, entrance fees and excursions, city maps, ferry fees, travel insurances, parking fees, tips, drinks on board

Parking space inclusive transfer to/from ship € 68.-

Parking garage inclusive transfer to/from ship € 79.-  
(registration form in the travel-documents, payable on site)

Minimum number of participants: 50 guests (must have been reached within 21 days prior to departure). You may cancel the booking at any time. For cancellation fees, please refer to the booking conditions of SE-Tours. The tour operator's terms and conditions apply: SE-Tours GmbH, Am Grollhamm 12a, 27574 Bremerhaven. We recommend that you take out a travel health insurance with repatriation coverage as well as baggage, accident and travel cancellation insurances.

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