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## EUROPEAN WATERWAYS TOUR STRASBOURG TO BUDAPEST

17 Day Conducted Tour  
for **\$6,745** per person twin share

**This price includes airport taxes & levies**

This is amazing value for a European river cruise, as the price covers all of the following:

- Economy Class air fares Sydney and Melbourne into Paris and out of Budapest with Qatar Airways.
- A 13 day river cruise from Strasbourg in France to Budapest in Hungary on the Ms L'Europe, a comfortable three deck cruise ship built in 2006 and renovated in 2011. Our cabins for the cruise are located on the upper deck. The cruise also visits the countries of Germany, Austria and Slovakia.
- A 2 night stopover in Paris with a visit to the Eiffel Tower and a cruise on the River Seine.
- A high speed TGV train trip from Paris to Strasbourg.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3 to 4 star with private facilities.
- Most meals, as stated in the itinerary.
- All transfers and transport and entrance fees to many attractions.
- Services of local tour guides and if there are 15 or more participants, an Australian tour escort.



If you don't have anyone to share with but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another person but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$790.



**Tour departs  
Australia  
21<sup>st</sup> April and  
returns 7<sup>th</sup> May  
2017**

*We try harder to find you the best travel deal*

## **Itinerary for Strasbourg to Budapest River Cruise**

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

### **21.04.17 Australia – Doha, Qatar**

Depart Sydney at 9.30pm on Qatar Airways flight QR 909, arriving in Doha at 5.20am the next morning.

Depart Melbourne at 10.05pm on flight QR 905, arriving in Doha at 5.20am the next morning.

### **22.04.17 Doha – Paris, France**

All passengers depart Doha at 7.25am on flight QR 39, arriving in Paris at 1.35pm. On arrival in Paris we will be met and transferred to our hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Mercure Paris Montparnasse Raspail

### **23.04.17 Paris**

**(B)**

Today is at leisure in Paris. Our hotel is conveniently located close to the Metro station for us to explore the sights of this wonderful city. Luxembourg Gardens is also nearby, with plenty of shops and restaurants in the vicinity.

Accommodation: Mercure Paris Montparnasse Raspail

### **24.04.17 Paris – Strasbourg – Mainz, Germany**

**(B/D)**

This morning we are collected from our hotel by a local guide for a visit to the Eiffel Tower, one of the most famous landmarks in the world. The Eiffel Tower was built by Gustav Eiffel from 1887 to 1889, to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the French Revolution. At 324 metres tall, the tower is the tallest structure in Paris. During its construction, the Eiffel Tower surpassed the Washington Monument to become the tallest man-made structure in the world. A title which it held for 41 years. Our visit will take us to the second level of the tower, which is 115 metres high and offers incredible views of the city.

Following this, we enjoy a one hour cruise on the River Seine. The cruise commences at the Eiffel Tower and goes upriver, around Notre Dame. We pass the Musee d'Orsay, Louvre and the replica of the Statue of Liberty.

Later this afternoon we transfer to Paris train station for our high speed TGV train trip to Strasbourg. Upon arrival at Strasbourg train station we are transferred to the cruise terminal to board our ship, the Ms L'Europe. Boarding commences at 6pm. The Ms L'Europe was built in 2006 and renovated in 2011. The ship is 110 metres long and can carry 180 passengers. It is a friendly and comfortable ship with facilities that include a restaurant, lounge bar, dance floor, small library, gift shop and large sundeck. All cabins are located above water level and offer panoramic views. The cabins are either twin bed or double bed configuration, and are equipped with satellite television, radio, hairdryer and safe.

This evening we will meet the crew and enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner while we cruise to Mainz.

Accommodation: Onboard

### **25.04.17 Mainz – Frankfurt – Miltenberg**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we arrive in Mainz which is situated on the west bank of the Rhine River.

In the past the city was the residence of bishops who had a major role in the history of the Saint-Empire. We discover the city with a walking tour guided by the ship's hostess and then cruise to Frankfurt, which is a major business hub and has Germany's most imposing skyline. The city has an unrivalled museum scene featuring masterpieces spanning nine centuries of European art. Our excursion of Frankfurt will begin with a panoramic tour of the city by coach. Then we'll leave the coach behind to visit the city on foot. After passing in front of the dominant Frankfurt Cathedral, we'll discover the old city and the Romerberg, the seat of the city's government since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Here we'll also find a plaque commemorating the book burning by the National Socialists in 1933. After the tour we have some free time before returning to the ship on foot. Later we cruise to Miltenberg.

Accommodation: Onboard

**26.04.17 Miltenberg - Wertheim**

**(B/L/D)**

Early in the morning we arrive in Miltenberg. We discover this peaceful town with a walking tour guided by the ship hostess. Miltenberg is a beautiful city that has streets with half timbered houses which are still protected by ramparts and medieval doors. Next we cruise to Wertheim which is situated in the confluence of the Tauber and the Main Rivers. Upon arrival in Wertheim we have some time at leisure to explore the town.

Accommodation: Onboard

**27.04.17 Wertheim – Wurzburg - Kitzingen**

**(B/L/D)**

Today we cruise toward Karlstad and visit Wurzburg, situated on the right bank of the Main River in the Northern Bavaria region of Germany. The city is famous for its baroque palace, the former residence of bishop princes. We then return to the ship and cruise to the town of Kitzingen. This evening relax and enjoy some entertainment onboard the ship.

Accommodation: Onboard

**28.04.17 Kitzingen – Rothenburg - Bamberg**

**(B/L/D)**

We cruise to Volkach and have a guided tour to Rothenburg, a magnificent walled town set up high on the hills over the river. Accompanied by a local guide, we will discover the 15<sup>th</sup> century ramparts, the Hospital Bastion, the Market Square with the Town Hall and the famous St Jacob's Church (exterior), which contains three altars sculptured by the famous Tilman Riemenschneider. After the guided walking tour, we will have some free time before returning to the ship by coach. We reboard the ship in Schweinfahrt and then cruise to Bamberg.

Accommodation: Onboard

**29.04.17 Bamberg – Nuremberg - Muhlhausen**

**(B/L/D)**

Sail on the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal, which was opened on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 1992. It took 70 years to build this 171km long canal. We arrive in Nuremberg and have a guided tour of the city. Our guide will show us the Kaiserburg where we can get a wonderful view of the city. We will then visit the medieval heart of Nuremberg, situated within the ramparts dating back from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Afterwards we reboard the ship and cruise to Muhlhausen, arriving in the evening. Tonight we enjoy entertainment provided by our crew.

Accommodation: Onboard

**30.04.17**  
**(B/L/D)**

**Muhlhausen - Regensburg**

This morning we cruise to Kelheim. In the afternoon we enjoy an included excursion to Regensburg. Regensburg has a decisive importance in the fields of culture and medieval art. We visit the Walhalla, a huge Greek style marble temple which overhangs the Danube. Then we have a walking tour of the ancient town, which is a medieval metropolis. We will discover the imposing stone-built 'Porta Praetoria', the northern gate to the Roman encampment, the town hall and the Gothic cathedral.

Accommodation: Onboard

**01.05.17**  
**(B/L/D)**

**Regensburg - Passau**

This morning we arrive in Passau, a German city situated on the Austrian border. The city is overlooked by Veste Oberhaus, a 13<sup>th</sup> century hilltop fortress housing a city museum and observation tower. The old town below is known for its narrow romantic streets and baroque buildings, including St Stephen's cathedral, featuring distinctive onion-domed towers and an organ with 17,974 pipes. There is an opportunity for you to discover the town on your own. Return to the ship and cruise through the attractive Austrian region of Engelhartszell.

Accommodation: Onboard

**02.05.17**  
**(B/L/D)**

**Passau – Melk – Durnstein - Vienna, Austria**

Arrive in Melk. This morning we enjoy an excursion to the Benedictine Abbey of Melk, which towers over the Danube and is the symbol baroque art in Austria. Among other things, we will visit the marble hall, the world famous library and the bedchambers where a number of illustrious visitors have slept. Next we sail to Durnstein and have some free time in this picturesque village. Close to the Danube River, Durnstein is a lovely medieval town. Afterwards we cruise to Vienna, which is the capital city of Austria and known for its art, history and music.

This evening we enjoy a tour of the illuminated sights of Vienna. We will take the famous 'Ring' which encircles historic Vienna. We will travel past the Opera, City Hall, the Hofburg and a other buildings constructed under the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy. Overnight on board the ship in Vienna.

Accommodation: Onboard

**03.05.17**  
**(B/L/D)**

**Vienna – Esztergom, Hungary**

This morning we immerse ourselves in Austrian history with a tour of Schonbrunn Palace. On the tour we will be taken through numerous rooms of the Hapsburg's summer residence, which bear witness to the splendour of the Court at the time of Maria Theresa. We will also have some time to wander through the palace gardens. We will then be taken to the city centre to enjoy some free time. Later we sail to Esztergom, passing through Bratislava. This evening we have a Gala dinner and dancing.

Accommodation: Onboard

**04.05.17**  
**(B/L/D)**

**Esztergom - Budapest**

At leisure in Esztergom, which is a city located on the border of Hungary and Slovakia. The city was the capital of Hungary from the 10<sup>th</sup> to mid 13<sup>th</sup> century,

before it was moved to Budapest. The town is full of treasures with its neo-classic basilica and former Royal Palace. Later we cruise to Budapest. This evening we have a Budapest by night tour from the comfort of our coach. Our guide will show us the charms of this capital with its turbulent history, but incredibly rich past. Despite the vicissitudes of history, Budapest has managed to preserve and bear witness to a succession of dynasties and civilisations.

Accommodation: Onboard

**05.05.17**  
**(B/L/D)**

### **Budapest**

Today we have a sightseeing tour of Budapest, the 'Pearl of the Danube'. First we head to the hills of Buda, crossing the famous Chain Bridge and go up to the Castle quarter, where we will have a panoramic view of the city. We walk round the Castle quarter and on to the Fisherman's Bastion, where we will find the Matthias Church, the oldest in the city, founded in 1015 by Saint Stephen and was the venue for the coronation of Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife 'Sissi'. We then return to the coach and descend to the plains of Pest. We visit Hero's Square, whose central monument depicts Prince Arpad and his chieftains, was built for the millennium of Hungary. We will pass the famous Szechenyi thermal baths, the zoo and Vajdahunyad Castle. We travel along Andrassy Avenue and pass in front of St Stephens Basilica which was constructed from 1851 to 1905. We will travel along the river and see the famous Parliament building overlooking the Danube, with its white silhouette in the Byzantine and neo-Gothic styles.

Tonight we enjoy a traditional folk evening in Budapest with Gypsy music. Each dance and piece of music retaces an event in the daily life of Hungary. A fitting way to farewell your European river cruise.

Accommodation: Onboard

**06.05.17**  
**(B)**

### **Budapest – Doha - Australia**

This morning we disembark the cruise ship and are transferred to the airport for our flights home.

Depart Budapest at 12.15pm on Qatar Airways flight QR 200, arriving in Doha at 6.30pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Doha at 8.40pm on QR 904, arriving in Melbourne at 5.10pm the next day (07.05.17).

Sydney passengers depart Doha at 8.40pm on QR 908, arriving in Sydney at 5.35pm the next day (07.05.17).

**07.05.17**

### **Australia**

This evening your flights arrive into Sydney and Melbourne.

**Note:**

The itinerary on board the cruise ship is to be used as a guide only, and is subject to change pending operational and weather conditions.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT THE CRUISE**

Breakfast is a self-serve buffet in the onboard restaurant, which may include pastries, coffee, tea, juice, breads, jams, a variety of sausages and cold cuts, eggs, fresh fruit and yoghurt.

Lunch and dinner will be 3 course sit down meals prepared by the onboard chefs and served at set times and in a single seating for all passengers. The tables usually seat six persons. The meals often include local specialities, made from fresh ingredients. Both lunch and dinner meals are paired with excellent complimentary wines.

Free beverages are provided with every meal, including mineral water, fruit juice, tea, coffee, house wine and beer. Champagne, premium wines and spirits are available at an additional charge.

The cabins on the cruise have individual controls for air conditioning and heat, so you can adjust your room to meet your needs. All rooms have a chest of drawers, desk, chair, lighting, night stands and bathroom. Each cabin is equipped with satellite television, a radio, hairdryer and safe. For your personal comfort all cabins are equipped with a shower, toilet and sink, and are provided with towels, but not washcloths. There are no laundry or ironing facilities onboard.

Entertainment on board consists of various pre-dinner games, dinner-dances and other lively evenings in the lounge.

The primary language onboard the ship is French, however the majority of the staff and tour guides are fluent in English. Notices and announcements are in French and English.

The primary currency onboard is the Euro. Visa, MasterCard and American Express are also accepted. There are no currency exchange facilities onboard.

Electricity onboard is 220V. You will need to bring a standard two-pin 'European' adaptor for your electrical items.

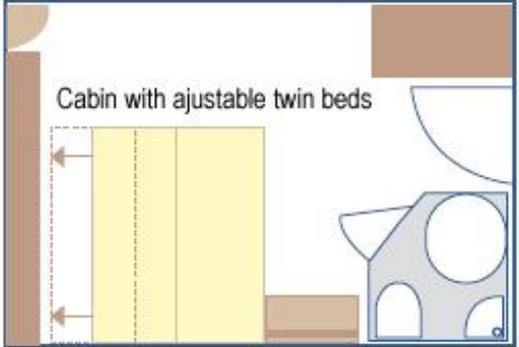
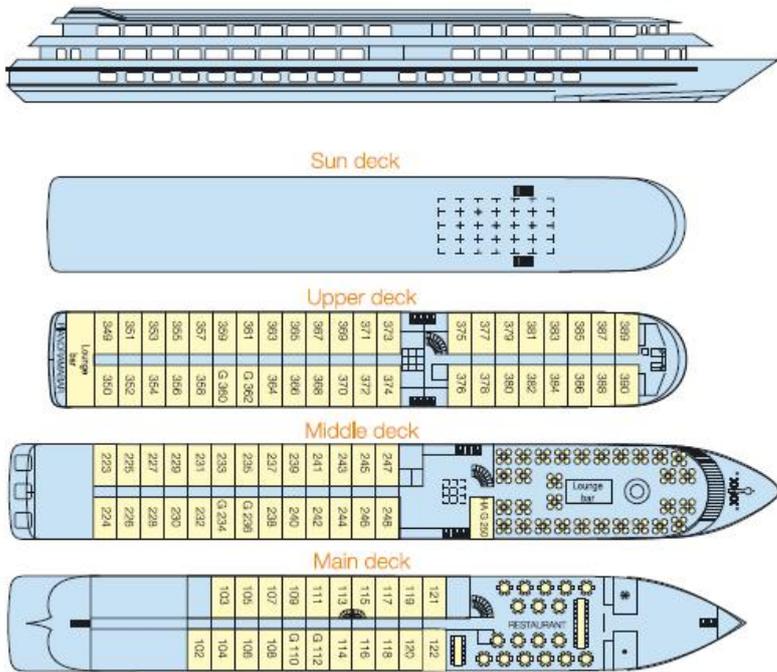
The dress code is typically smart casual attire. Bring a variety of clothing for the environments expected on the cruise, including a rain coat and/or small umbrella.

Tipping – It is ship policy that any tips received will be shared equally among all crew members.

An acceptable tipping guideline is 5 – 10 Euros per person, per day, with the understanding that tipping is entirely at your discretion. To leave a tip, please use the envelope found in your cabin on your last evening onboard.

Free Wi-Fi internet is available in the lounge area of the ship. One Samsung Galaxy Tablet per ship is also available for guest use.

There is no doctor or nurse available on the ship.



## **Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's European Waterways Tour**

**Deposits and Payments:** A non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable 14 weeks prior to departure.

**Refunds and Cancellations:** Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

**Insurance:** Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

**Passports:** All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. No visas are required for Australian passport holders.

**Basic Tour Price and Taxes:** Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

**Not Included in the Cost:** All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. Also travel insurance. Similarly, credit card payments can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for Diners Club.

**Booking through other Agents:** As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

**Accreditation** - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

**Twin Share Bookings** – If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

**Breakaway Fee** - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$55 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

**Health and Fitness:** Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

**Limitation of Liability** - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

## MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

**A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM**

Name of Tour : \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 1** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Passenger 2** (as written in passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **PostCode** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone / Fax Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

**Single room / Twin beds / Double bed:** (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Extensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$400 per person.

**DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.**