FULLY ESCORTED

RIVER CRUISE

WITH 2 NIGHT DUBAI STOPOVER

DEPARTURE
14 AUG 2026

Escorted by
Trudi Huys

Embark on a remarkable journey that blends the exotic wonders of the Middle East with the timeless charm of Europe's most iconic cities and rivers. This fully escorted group tour takes you from the futuristic skylines of Dubai to the storybook streets of Prague, the grand boulevards of Budapest and along the legendary Danube and Rhine Rivers and all the way to the vibrant canals of Amsterdam.

24 DAYS FULLY ESCORTED EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISE

THE GRAND DANUBE VOYAGE
FROM BUDAPEST TO AMSTERDAM
WITH A DUBAI STOPOVER & 2 NIGHTS IN PRAGUE

DEPARTS: 14 AUG 2026
RETURNS: 06 SEP 2026

from **$22,490** twin share per person

YOUR FULLY ESCORTED TOUR INCLUDES

- 20 NIGHT STAY
- RETURN AIRFARES
- DUBAI STOPOVER
- MEALS AS SPECIFIED
- PRIVATE TOUR GUIDE
- SIGHTSEEING INCLUDED

Includes:

- Return economy class tickets from Auckland to Prague
- All transfers (including Whangarei to Auckland)
- Two nights in Dubai in 5-star accommodation
- Two nights in Prague in 4-star accommodation
- First-class train journey from Prague to Budapest
- One night Budapest in 5-star accommodation pre cruise
- One night Amsterdam in 4-star accommodation post cruise
- 14-night cruise on board the 'Avalon Expression' in a Panorama Suite
- 22 breakfasts, 15 lunches and 18 dinners
- Afternoon teas and night fare during cruise
- Complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks during dinner on cruise
- On-board enriching activities and entertainment
- All sightseeing and selected guided shore excursions
- All gratuities on board Avalon Expression
- Personally escorted throughout by Trudi and Rob Huys
- Opportunity to extend your holiday to other European destinations

HIGHLIGHTS

**Dubai, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia
Austria, Germany, Netherlands**

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HOUSE OF TRAVEL

THE 'MUST SEE AND DO' LIST

- A thrilling ride through the desert dunes of Dubai
- Explore the Old Town Square in Prague
- Walk along the Danube Promenade in Budapest
- Visit Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna
- Visit Melk Abbey and wonder through the Abbey Gardens
- Explore the Old Town of Passau with its cobblestone streets and colourful buildings
- Enjoy a picturesque bike ride to Walhalla in Regensberg
- Discover the Bavarian town of Roth with its half-timbered houses, market square and 1535 hunting lodge
- Visit the Market Square, the heart of Miltenberg, surrounded by historic buildings and lively cafés
- Eat, drink and be merry in wine country, Rüdesheim
- Join a guided walking tour of Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites
- Discover the true beauty of Amsterdam

BOOKING INFORMATION

For full details or to book this incredible escorted package, please contact Kimberley Fox at escortedtours@hot.co.nz or 09) 438 2333 or speak with your preferred House of Travel consultant.

- To confirm your booking, a signed booking form and a $4450 per person non-refundable deposit are required to hold your booking and two part payments thereafter of $2500 per person by the 20 January 2026 and the remaining balance is due by 20 May 2026
- International flights are based on economy class with option to upgrade to premium economy or business class *subject to availability

Introducing Trudi & Rob Huys, your tour escorts

We are delighted to introduce your group escorts for this extraordinary tour, Trudi and Rob Huys. Long-time locals of Whangarei and seasoned travellers, Trudi and Rob bring a wealth of experience and genuine passion for exploration to this journey.

Trudi, the Manager of House of Travel Whangarei and a highly respected travel consultant, has dedicated many years in helping clients craft personalised and unforgettable travel experiences. Her deep industry knowledge, combined with her recent firsthand experience on this very itinerary, means she offers invaluable insights and a heartfelt enthusiasm for every aspect of the trip.

Joining Trudi is her husband Rob, a respected local police officer known for his dedication and community spirit. Together, they bring a wonderful balance of professionalism, local knowledge and genuine warmth. Trudi and Rob are excited to guide you through the stunning sights, rich flavours, and vibrant sounds of this remarkable trip, ensuring your journey is seamless, enriching, and truly memorable.

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Day 1 Fri | 14 Aug
Auckland to Dubai
This afternoon we coach to Auckland for a direct flight to Dubai

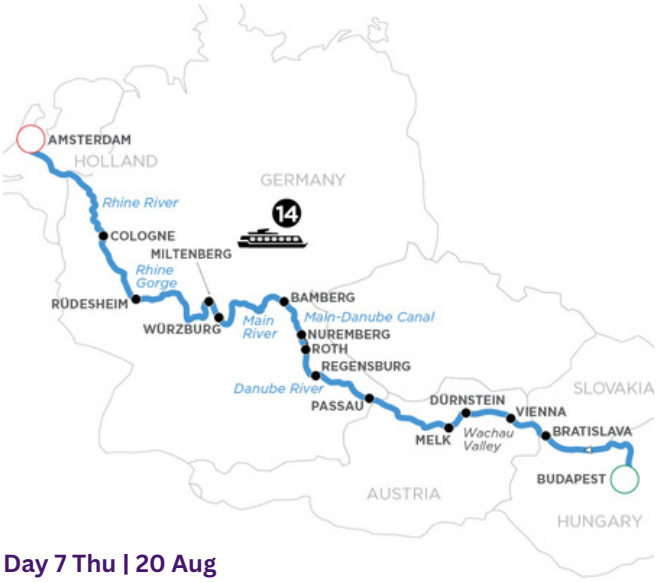
Day 2 Sat | 15 Aug
Dubai (B,D)
On arrival we transfer to our hotel and enjoy a welcome breakfast and a morning of leisure. In the afternoon, we head out for a thrilling Caravan Safari with dune bashing, sunset photos and a desert camp for dinner
2 nights Swissôtel Al Murooj Dubai

Day 3 Sun | 16 Aug
Dubai (B,D)
After breakfast we take in the many sights and sounds of Dubai including the Old Spice Souk and Old Gold Souk and Palm Jumeriah. Spend the afternoon at your leisure and have time to freshen up before our Marina Royal Dinner Cruise

Day 4 Mon | 17 Aug
Dubai to Prague (B)
This morning, we will be collected and transferred to the airport in time for our flight to Prague. On arrival, we transfer to our hotel with the rest of the afternoon and evening at your leisure
2 nights Monastery Garden Hotel Prague

Day 5 Tue | 18 Aug
Prague (B,L)
After breakfast, enjoy the best of Prague on a guided walking, tram and cruise tour. Midday we stop at a traditional Prague pub for lunch and to sample a glass of Czech beer. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to enjoy

Day 6 Wed | 19 Aug
Prague to Budapest (B)
Today we travel by train to Budapest. You'll pass rolling hills, charming countryside, rivers and small towns, especially beautiful between Brno and the Hungarian border. Once arrived, we are transferred to our hotel with stunning views over the Danube River
1 night Intercontinental Hotel Budapest



Day 7 Thu | 20 Aug
Budapest (Embarkation) (B,D)
After breakfast the morning is yours to relax and enjoy the city with time for photographs, cafes and confections.
A transfer will depart the hotel for your Avalon embarkation

Day 8 Fri | 21 Aug
Budapest (B,L,D)
The Pearl of the Danube in the Heart of Europe. The afternoon is free to enjoy Budapest on your own. Be sure to savor a piece of cream cake in the world-famous Gerbeaud Cafe, consider a scenic hike in the hills above the Danube

Day 9 Sat | 22 Aug
Bratislava, Slovakia (B,L,D)
Castles, Vineyards, and Cosmopolitan Culture. on a hike to lofty Bratislava Castle. In your free time take a bicycle and a picnic from the ship to explore the local sights along the Danube. Later, enjoy live entertainment onboard

Day 10 Sun | 23 Aug
Vienna, Austria (B,L,D)
Royal Collections, Amusing Attractions, and Culinary Confections. Take a tram to Austria's Prater amusement park or to one of the many museums nearby. Consider joining an Optional Excursion to attend Royal Waltz Concert

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Day 11 Mon | 24 Aug
Durnstein-Wachau Valley, Melk (B,L,D)
A King's ransom and castle ruins. Stretch out on the Sky Deck as you sail through the Wachau Valley past vineyards, castles, and charming villages on your way to Melk. MELK: Striking Frescoes and Breathtaking Views of the Wachau Valley

Day 12 Tue | 25 Aug
Passau, Germany (B,L,D)
The Three Rivers of Medieval Passau. Consider a Guided Optional Excursion for a full day in Salzburg, Austria-the city of Mozart-or a Guided Optional Excursion to the picturesque Bohemian Czech town of Cesky Krumlov

Day 13 Wed | 26 Aug
Regensburg (B,L,D)
Magical Regensburg-Bavaria's Medieval Miracle. Spend a free afternoon exploring Regensburg on foot or by bike through its charming streets. This evening, enjoy live entertainment after dinner as you cruise toward Roth

Day 14 Thu | 27 Aug
Roth, excursion to Nuremberg (B,L,D)
Legends and history lessons. This evening, enjoy live entertainment after dinner as you cruise toward Roth

Day 15 Fri | 28 Aug
Bamberg (B,L,D)
One thousand years of history in the city of Seven Hills. Attend an onboard lecture to learn about European history

Day 16 Sat | 29 Aug
Wurzburg (B,L,D)
A perfect day in the pearl of the Romantic Road. Enjoy an easy bike ride along the river or a guided sightseeing tour of the towering fortress and the largest known ceiling fresco

Day 17 Sun | 30 Aug
Miltenberg (B,L,D)
Beauty on the Main River. Spend free time riding a bike through the beautiful villages on the Main river shores. Later, enjoy onboard entertainment as you cruise to Rudesheim

Day 18 Mon | 31 Aug
Rudesheim-Rhine Gorge (B,L,D)
Eat, drink and be merry in wine country. This afternoon cruise through the dramatic Rhine Gorge and see the famous rock of the Lorelei-where mythological siren lured ill-fated sailors to shore

Day 19 Tue | 1 Sep
Cologne (B,L,D)
Prost! Celebrate in the Rhineland's Capital City. Don't miss the chance to enjoy free time over a glass of Kolsch pale lager-locally brewed for over 100 years!

Day 20 Wed | 2 Sep
Amsterdam, Holland (B,L,D)
Colourful Amsterdam-with canals, crooked Houses, and cuisine of a golden age

Day 21 Thu | 3 Sep
Amsterdam (disembarkation) (B,D)
After breakfast we're transferred to our accommodation. Spend the day exploring the colourful cafe's, galleries and bridges of Amsterdam before our farewell dinner
1 night Movenpick Hotel Amsterdam

Day 22 Fri | 4 Sep
Amsterdam, Dubai, Auckland (B)
Today we transfer to the airport for our flight home

Day 23 Sat | 5 Sep
In flight

Day 24 Sun | 6 Sep
Arrive in New Zealand

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