

# **Journey Along the Danube**

## 14<sup>th</sup> June – 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026



## Beautiful drives, Great scenery and Capital cities

Travel along Europe's great river as we make stops at many riverside campsites.

We have stays and guided visits in four of the capitals spanning the river – Belgrade in Serbia, Budapest in Hungary, Bratislava in Slovakia and Vienna in Austria.

Between campsites many of the drives are simply stunning, as we hug the riverside wherever possible, travelling all the way from Belgrade in Serbia to the rivers source at Donauschingen in southern Germany.

Along the way we also have stops at Melk in Austria with a visit to its Abbey, Regensburg in Germany for a Danube cruise and visit to Walhalla, Sigmaringen to visit Hohenzollern Palace, and Donauschingen to find the source of this great river.

#### Jane and Colin Young – Journey Along the Danube 2024

'A great tour following the Danube form Belgrade, Serbia to its source in Donaueschingen, Germany. We visited major cities and towns with a friendly group of fellow travellers ably led as always by Kevin and Nurcan. We had a fantastic time, thank you.'

#### Ted and Susanna Brooking – Journey Along the Danube 2024

'A unique and well researched tour joining the Danube in Serbia and following it back to its source in Donaueschingen in a crystal clear well. Travelling through 4 countries and 3 capital cities the tour gave us many surprises in every aspect, led by super tour leaders Nurcan and Kevin. Thank you so much.'

This tour can be preceded by the Romania and Bulgaria tour to give a total holiday of 51 nights. It is just a 200 miles drive from the finish of the Romania and Bulgaria tour to the start of the Journey Along the Danube tour.

### **19 Nights**

#### Day One - Sunday 14th June 2026

Welcome to Serbia. If you've never been to Serbia you will be surprised how developed and pleasant this country is. This evening we have a welcome get together and tour briefing around the Tour Directors motorhome.

If travelling from the end of the Romania & Bulgaria tour, soon after leaving north west Bulgaria you will pick up the Danube River on route to Belgrade in Serbia. This is a scenic journey over 200 miles which hugs sections of the river and the area of the 'Iron Gates' where the river narrows passing through a high gorge. **Day Two - Monday 15**<sup>th</sup>

We spend the day in Belgrade learning about Serbian history with the help of our English-speaking guide. The importance of Belgrade's strategic location on the banks of the river will be seen from its fortifications. A group lunch is included in a city restaurant.

#### Day Three - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

A Free day. Public transport is available from close to our campsite into the city for those wishing to explore more in this up-and-coming capital. Alternatively, relax around the campsite which is located over-looking the Danube.

#### Day Four - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Travel today to another capital on the Danube, this time Budapest in Hungary. **220 miles Day Five - Thursday 18**<sup>th</sup>

A full day excursion in the city with local guide. Free time for own lunch arrangements.



#### Day Six - Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Move on today to Slovakia and its capital Bratislava. 120 miles

#### Day Seven - Saturday 20th

An opportunity to learn about Slovakia as we spend the day in Bratislava with a local guide helping to explain this lesser visited city within Europe. Lunch is included in city restaurant.

#### Day Eight – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

Short journey today up the river to Vienna, Austria's capital on the Danube. **50 miles** Day Nine - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

This morning we'll use the cities modern transport network to arrive in the centre, where our Englishspeaking guide will help us understand this architecturally wonderful city with a walking tour of the old centre.

#### Day Ten - Tuesday 23rd

A short drive today to our campsite on the banks of the Danube at Melk. We are still in Austria and have a group dinner this evening. *60 miles* 

#### Day Eleven - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>

Melk Abbey is a must-see along the Danube. This morning we walk into town (1km) and have a group visit around the Abbey.

#### Day Twelve - Thursday 25th

A really scenic drive today as we're able to hug the Danube to arrive at another riverside campsite, this time just over the border into Germany. *120 miles* 

#### Day Thirteen - Friday 26th

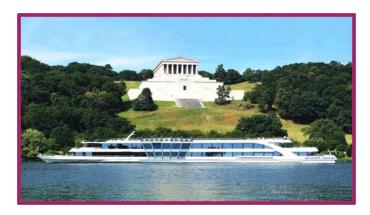
We travel today, again hugging parts of the Danube to arrive in Regensburg and another campsite close to the riverside. *80 miles* 

#### Day Fourteen - Saturday 27th

Visit the city by public transport where we have an English guided tour around colourful Regensburg, including crossing the Danube via the 1146 built stone bridge, this being the earliest constructed safe crossing point of the river. Group lunch is included in a traditional German city restaurant.

#### Day Fifteen - Sunday 28th

Today we get onto the Danube with a 1 hour river cruise to Ludwick 1<sup>st</sup> marvellous Walhalla building. There will be free time to visit there before we cruise back to Regensburg. We will take the city bus from directly outside the campsite to reach the centre, alternatively it is a pleasant 2-mile riverside walk in to town.



#### Day Sixteen - Monday 29th

Today we see a transformation in the Danube as we get closer to its source. Following close to the river, we see it change from a wide deep expanse to something much narrower and shallower. We arrive at Sigmaringen in Germany. **190 miles** 

#### Day Seventeen - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Just a short walk from our campsite alongside the Danube, is Sigmaringen Castle where we have a group tour arranged.

#### Day Eighteen - Wednesday 1st July

We leave Sigmaringen and follow the young Danube, making our way to Donauschingen, just a short distance away but the journey will take time. On-route we pass through the stunningly beautiful Danube

Nature Park and you will want to visit Beuron; to walk its old wooden bridge, spanning the Danube this was the pilgrim way to Beuron Cloister. **50 miles** 

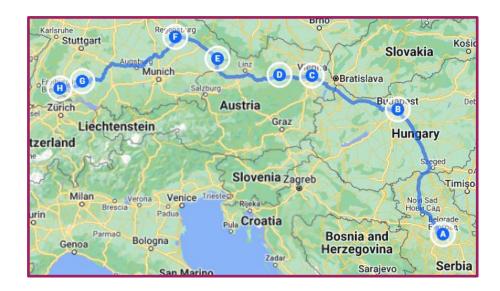
#### Day Nineteen - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Donauschingen is home to the source of the Danube (Donau in German). We go in to town this afternoon/evening. We get to see the spring of the Danube and walk through the Royal Park to the Danube Confluence; the official starting point of the river. Having finished our 'Journey Along the Danube' it's a time to celebrate. Donauschingen is famous for brewing beer. We have a tour of the Royal Fürstenberg Brewery, where the right to brew beer was granted in 1283 and we follow this with a Farewell Dinner in the breweries adjoining tavern.



#### Day Twenty - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Tour ends. The Tour Directors can assist with any route planning for returning to the UK.



#### **PRICE – Journey Along the Danube**

#### **TOUR DEPOSIT £400**

Motorhome with 2 people - £1,599 per person Motorhome with 1 person - £2,239

#### **INCLUDED IN PRICE**

- 19 Campsite nights with hook-up
- Private/public transport for Excursions/Events as per the Itinerary
- Entrance Fees as per the itinerary
- Tour information pack with suggested routes + GPS Co-ordinates
- Services of Tour Director's travelling in their own motorhome

#### **Excursions, Events & Meals**

- Belgrade guided excursion
- Belgrade city lunch
- Budapest guided excursion
- Bratislava guided excursion
- Bratislava city lunch
- Vienna guided walking tour
- Melk group dinner with drinks
- Melk Abbey visit
- Guided Regensburg city walking tour
- Regensburg city lunch
- Danube boat cruise
- Visit to Walhalla
- Sigmaringen Palace tour
- Donauschingen walking trip
- Tour of Fürstenberg Brewery
- Farewell Dinner with drinks

**Note:** This tour starts in Serbia where the Tour Director's will be waiting to welcome you having recently completed a tour in Romania and Bulgaria.