

Prague, Bavaria and the Danube

With 2GB's Michael McLaren

5 to 22 July 2025

Munich, Salzburg, Passau, Vienna,
Esztergom, Budapest, Bratislava,
Krems, Melk, Cesky Krumlov, Prague





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Michael McLaren started his radio career at 2GB in 2006 as a program producer. His on-air career kicked off in 2011, first hosting 2GB's Weekend Overnight program before taking on Australia Overnights Monday-Friday in 2016. In 2023, he fronted 2GB's top rating Weekend Mornings program. Michael commenced hosting 2GB Afternoons in 2024.

He says "It is an honour to be asked to host Afternoons. The program has a rich and proud history on 2GB and I look forward to opening the next chapter." His friendly personality make him the ideal person to lead this cruise and tour.

DAY 1 Sunday 5 July 2025

Our holiday begins with overnight flights to Europe.

Departure

DAY 2 Sunday 6 July 2025

This afternoon we arrive into Prague. On arrival we are transferred to our hotel.

Prague, Czech Republic

DAY 3 Monday 7 July 2025

This morning we enjoy a sightseeing tour of the city. We will see the Estates Theatre, where Mozart conducted the premiere of his opera Don Giovanni in 1787, then head into the Old Town Square, the medieval heart of Prague, and learn about the city's thousand-year old history. We will see the beautiful Astronomical Clock and the exquisite Charles Bridge, and visit the elegant Jewish Quarter and Wenceslas Square, the scene of the 1969 Czech Uprising and 1987 Velvet Revolution. We travel to the top of Hradčany, Prague's Castle District, where we will enjoy stunning panoramic views. We walk past the famous castle guards and into Prague Castle with our guide to learn about the statues and monuments and hear exciting tales of myth and legend. We see St. George's Basilica, the oldest building still inside the castle today, which dates back to 920AD. We also see the impressive St. Vitus Cathedral, celebrated as one of the finest Gothic buildings in the world, which was begun in the 14th century and finally completed in the 20th century.

Prague



DAY 4 Tuesday 8 July 2025

Today we will travel to Kunta Hora and explore the 13th-century area known for its silver mines. See the famous bones inside Sedlec Ossuary and the UNESCO-listed St. Barbara's Cathedral.

Prague

DAY 5 Wednesday 9 July 2025

We travel to Cesky Krumlov and on arrival, we will enjoy a sightseeing tour with a local guide, during which we marvel at the curvy Medieval streets and walk around the ramparts of the castle with its magnificent views. We check into our hotel mid-afternoon.

Cesky Krumlov

DAY 6 Thursday 10 July 2025

This morning we drive to Passau, known as "the town of three rivers" as it lies at the junction of the Inn, the Danube and the small River Ilz. The old town with its Baroque churches and patrician houses lies crowded onto the narrow tongue of land separating the rivers. We board A Rosa Donna our four-star river cruise boat for a seven night cruise, early afternoon.

Embark Passau

DAY 7 Friday 11 July 2025

We continue to Vienna, where we arrive early afternoon. We will enjoy a sightseeing tour of this grand city. We will see the Hofburg Palace, the former winter residence of the Hapsburgs, the Parliament, St Stephens Cathedral, which is known for its vast roof of glittering tiles, and the wide boulevards befitting an Imperial City. We return to our boat, where we will be moored overnight.

Vienna, Austria



DAY 8 Saturday 12 July 2025

This morning we will see the colourful façade of the Hunderwasser apartments, designed by the artist Friedensreich Hunderwasser before visiting the Schonbrunn Palace and Gardens now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This is the former summer residence of the imperial family, that takes its name from a beautiful spring that was found on the sight. Leopold I started building the grand Baroque residence here in 1695. Half a century later Maria Theresa transformed it to become a glittering focus of court life. It remains the premier architectural, cultural and historic monument in Austria. The extensive gardens feature fountains and statues framed by trees and alleyways. There are follies, an orangery, French garden with a maze and a magnificent tropical greenhouse erected in 1882.

Vienna

DAY 9 Sunday 13 July 2025

We arrive in Esztergom this morning. We will enjoy a walking tour of the highlights of this charming town. Esztergom is Hungary's most sacred town, the seat of the Archbishop of Hungary. We visit Esztergom Basilica and Saint Stephens Square and learn about it's hidden gems. We dock in Budapest mid-afternoon. As the capital of Hungary, Budapest is often called the "Paris of the East" and is a highlight for travellers from far and wide.

Esztergom, Hungary



A-ROSA-Donna

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DAY 10 Monday 14 July 2025

Budapest, Hungary

Today we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Buda, the hilly area of the town, which grew up around the castle. We see the ornamental gateway leading to the Hapsburg steps and the Royal Palace and visit the Matyas Church, built between the 13th and 15th century. It was rebuilt in the baroque style by Franciscan Friars in the 16th century. We visit the Fisherman's Bastion, where we will get a stunning view of Budapest. We then cross the Danube to Pest on the chain bridge, the city's first permanent bridge. It was built in 1839 and led to an expansion of Pest in the late 19th and 20th century. Other sights on our tour around Pest include the Hungarian National Museum; the Parliament building designed by Imre Steindl the winner of a competition; and many Secession buildings.



cathedral, the fortress of Hohensalzburg and the many attractive squares with fountains in the centre.



DAY 11 Tuesday 15 July 2025

Bratislava, Slovakia

After docking in beautiful Bratislava we enjoy a walking sightseeing tour of the old town. We stop in Hlavne Namestie, the gorgeous main square, which was originally a market-place. We see the 16th-century Maximilian fountain in its centre. We will see the Franciscan Church, which was remodelled in the 18th century to its present gothic form. We walk through Michael's Gate, which is the only gate that remains from the medieval fortification. We also visit the UFO building for wonderful views of the city before some free time for shopping or individual exploration before returning to the boat.

DAY 14 Friday 18 July 2025

Salzburg

This morning we visit Hellbrunn Palace, a Baroque masterpiece nestled in Salzburg's serene landscape. Discover its playful trick fountains, lush gardens, and rich history. The afternoon will be free to explore Salzburg.

DAY 15 Saturday 19 July 2025

Munich

This afternoon we arrive in Munich. On arrival, we will be met by our private coach and enjoy a sightseeing tour of this historic city with a local guide. We will see sights such as the Nymphenburg Palace, the summer residence of the royal family, the Old Town with Marienplatz and its famous Glockenspiel carillon, the farmers market, City Palace and Opera as well as the cathedral. We check into our hotel late afternoon.

DAY 12 Wednesday 16 July 2025

Krems and Melk

We will be docked for a short time in the charming city of Krems on the confluence of the Danube and Krems Rivers early morning enthusiastic tour members can explore the Baroque Steiner Tor, which was part of the 15th-century walls of the city on their own. At lunch time we stop at the town of Melk for a visit to the Benedictine Abbey on a rocky outcrop above the town. The abbey was founded in 1089 when Leopold II gave one of his castles to Benedictine monks. The monastic school was founded in the 12th century and the Baroque abbey in the early 18th century. We return to the boat late afternoon and sail to Passau.

DAY 16 Monday 20 July 2025

Munich

Today Michael will take us to experience fairytale magic at Neuschwanstein Castle! Built by mad King Ludwig in the 1870s and 1880s it was opened up to visitors after his death in 1886. Famous as the castle that inspired Walt Disney, it is one of the highlights of the tour. During our guided tour, you can marvel at Ludwig II's masterpiece, and discover the legends behind Germany's most iconic castle. There is then free time in town, wander down the main street and enjoy views of Hohenschwangau Castle and Lake Alpsee before we return to Munich.

DAY 13 Thursday 17 July 2025

Disembark/ Salzburg, Austria

After breakfast we travel to Salzburg best known as the birthplace of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Salzburg is a beautiful town with the Salzach River separating Salzburg's old and new towns. It is renowned for its perfectly preserved Baroque inner city and its music festival. Dominated by a fortress on one side and the Kapuzinerberg on the other, this Baroque city is best explored on foot. We have a walking tour of the inner city on arrival. We see Mozart's birthplace, the Prince Archbishop's residence, the

DAY 17 Tuesday 21 July 2025

Departure

This morning we are transferred to the airport for flights home to Australia.

DAY 18 Wednesday 22 July 2025

Arrival in Australia

Arrival in Australia Tour members arrive in Australia and tour arrangements conclude.



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Included in the price:

- Tour leadership by Michael McLaren
- Return economy-class air travel from Sydney to Prague and return from Munich
- 3 nights accommodation in Prague, including breakfast and city taxes
- 2 nights accommodation in Salzburg, including breakfast and city taxes
- 1 nights accommodation in Cesky Krumlov, including breakfast and city taxes
- 2 nights accommodation in Munich, including breakfast and city taxes
- 7 nights onboard the A-Rosa Donna, including entertainment and meals
- Sightseeing tours as listed in the itinerary
- Travel in private chartered coaches
- Tour management by Travelrite International Pty. Ltd. with an experienced Australian Tour Manager meeting the group on arrival into Prague

Not included in the price:

- Passport and visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Meals or drinks unless specified in the itinerary, Wi Fi on the boat
- Sightseeing and general expenses unless specified in the itinerary
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary. These will be quoted for separately

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport. Visas for countries visited are not required for Australian passport holders. If you hold another passport please check with Travelrite.

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Price per person in Australian Dollars

Cabin / Description	Deck	Twin-Share Price (PP)	Single Price
S Outdoor Window	1	\$ 10,575	N/A
A Outdoor Panorama Window	1	\$ 10,700	\$ 12,995
C Outdoor Juliette Balcony	2	\$ 11,195	\$ 13,740
Included air taxes as at 30 Sep 2024		\$ 300	\$ 300

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