

# RIVER CRUISE FOR WINE LOVERS

Uncork local traditions, savor intense flavors and enjoy palate-pleasing adventures during an AmaWaterways Wine Cruise



Dürnstein, Austria

## ROMANTIC DANUBE

November 18-25, 2024 | 7-night river cruise aboard AmaVerde

### CITIES & SIGHTS

Vilshofen → Passau → Linz → Salzburg → Český Krumlov Weissenkirchen → Dürnstein → Melk → Krems → Vienna → Budapest

### YOUR JOURNEY ALONG THE DANUBE RIVER

Framed by rolling hillsides, lush vineyards, and medieval castles, the Danube River has captivated musicians, artists and poets throughout the centuries. Travel to legendary destinations on a 7-night cruise from Vilshofen to Budapest. Explore a 2,000-year-old city, savor Wachau Valley wines, and experience the timeless beauty and fascinating history of Vienna and Budapest.

### EXTRA INCLUDED FEATURES ONLY ON WINE CRUISES

- Special tours and tastings at local wineries and private cellars
- · Learn about winemaking in renowned vineyards
- Onboard wine pairings with award-winning cuisine
- · A wine expert will lead tastings and discussions



Hosted by:

SEAN O'KEEFE

Winemaker



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\$2,000 PER STATEROOM



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### DAILY PROGRAM FEATURES

| Date   | Destination    | Activities/Shore Excursions  |  |
|--------|----------------|--|--|
| Nov 18 | Vilshofen      | EMBARKATION<br>Exclusive Oktoberfest celebration   |  |
| Nov 19 | Vilshofen      | Free time  |  |
|        | Passau         | "City of Three Rivers" walking tour<br>OR Passau Castle hike<br>OR River Inn bike tour   |  |
| Nov 20 | Linz           | Full-day Salzburg excursion<br>OR Full-day Český Krumlov excursion<br>OR "UNESCO City of Media Arts" walking tour<br>OR "Cultural Mile" bike tour    |  |
| Nov 21 | Weissenkirchen | Scenic cruising through Strudengau and<br>UNESCO Wachau Valley<br>Dûrnstein walking tour & wine tasting<br>OR Dûrnstein Fortress hike & wine tasting |  |
| Nov 22 | Weissenkirchen | Melk Abbey visit<br>OR Wachau Valley bike tour   |  |
|        | Krems          | Schloss Gobelsburg Cellar tour & wine tasting  |  |
| Nov 23 | Vienna         | "imperial Vienna" tour<br>OR Vienna bike tour<br>Traditional Viennese wine and music evening   |  |
| Nov 24 | Budapest       | "Queen of the Danube" tour<br>OR Castle Hill hike  |  |
| Nov 25 | Budapest       | DISEMBARKATION   |  |
|        |                |  |  |



AMAVERDE

Length: 443 ft. • Width: 38 ft. Staterooms: 80 • Passengers: 160 • Crew: 51

### INCLUDED WITH YOUR FARE

- 7-night cruise in elegantly appointed accommodations
- Unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board
- · Fine dining at The Chef's Table and Main Restaurant
- . SIp & Sall Cocktail Hour
- · Captain's Gala Dinner and Cocktail Reception
- Exclusive Wine Cruise features including tastings, tours and discussions
- · Complimentary WI-FI access on board
- Small group guided shore excursions with a variety of choices and activity levels
- Professionally trained Wellness Host leading a variety of exercise classes

### CRUISE PRICE PER PERSON

| CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION                                   | PRICE<br>PER PERSON |
|----------|---|---------------------|
| E        | E Fixed Windows, 170 sq. ft.                  |                     |
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| С        | French Balcony, 170 sq. ft.                   | \$4,022             |
| 88       | French & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft.         | \$4,622             |
| BA       | French & Outside Balcony, 210 sq. ft.         | \$4,822             |
| AB       | French & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft.         | \$5,022             |
| AA       | French & Outside Balcony, 235 sq. ft.         | \$5,222             |
|          | Suite - French & Outside Balcony, 350 sq. ft. | \$6522              |

Cruise price includes port charges and current promotional savings.

Optional land packages: Pre-cruise 3 nights in Prague from \$900 per person or 2 nights in Munich from \$940 per person.

### WINE HOST BIO

### Sean O'Keefe - Winemaker, Mari Vineyards

Sean O'Keere was raised in a winemaking family on Old Mission Peninsula. His father, and founder of Chateau Grand Traverse, Ed O'Keere, planted his first vineyards in 1974. Sean studied German Literature at University of Michigan, before going to Germany to study wine making. Afterwards, he did an apprenticeship and went to Geisenhelm in Rheingau. Featuring one of the main cenology schools, great professors, and even more importantly great people, Geisenheim was an inspiration to Sean, immersing him in generational wine history. He often joldingly refers to it as the Hogwarts of Riesling.

He then returned home to launch an innovative small-batch series at his family's winery and make himself an international emissary for Northwest Michigan's wine community. Sean began consulting for Marl Vineyards in 2009. As Sean began deciding what types of future wine he was interested in creating, he realized Marty Lagina's vision aligned with his in many ways, and he decided to come on as Marl's Winemaker in 2015.

While Sean specializes in many of the varieties he grew up with — Riesling, Gamay Noir, Pinot Blanc, and Grüner Veltliner, he also works with Italian varieties the Lagina's have planted, such as Malvasia Blanca, Nebbiolo, and Schloppettino. Curlous about textural qualities in wine and always experimenting, Sean also makes skin-contact whites inspired by Georgian techniques and more recently began creating wine ciders. Mari's portfolio is a reflection or both the Lagina family legacy and Sean's winemaking journey.

Terms & Conditions: All rates are per person in USD. Cruise price is based on double occupancy and includes port charges. Savings are applicable only to new reservations made by September 30, 2024 and are reflected in the pricing when applicable. Solo travelers in a double occupancy must pay an additional single supplement amount before receiving any eligible discounts. Alfrares, optional land packages, visas and gratuities are additional. When applicable, land package rates are inclusive of intra-air rights for Europe. Other restrictions may apply. For complete details, general information and terms & conditions, please contact your travel advisor. AmaWaterways reserves the right to revise any errors on the fiver. Itinerary and shore excursions are subject to change at any time without notice. CSTR20565422-0. V24/ULTS.