### **EXCLUSIVE 3-NIGHT BUDAPEST PRE-CRUISE ADVENTURE**



Enjoy the Wines of Hungary and the Wonders of Budapest Join your Amphora wine cruise hosts Bridget and Rick Hutchinson for a 3-day pre-cruise adventure in Budapest!

**Friday**, **March 25**: We begin our adventure with a private Welcome Reception at the InterContinental Hotel Budapest. Meet your fellow explorers and enjoy a sampling of Hungarian wines!

Saturday, March 26: This morning we are off to the Eger wine region with our private guide Orsi, one of the most sought after guides in the region and fluent in history and wine! Eger is a beautiful historic town most famous for its castle, cathedral, red wine, Baroque palaces and Turkish remains, including the northernmost minaret in Europe. The region is famous for its 'Bull's Blood of Eger' (Egri Bikavér), which has long been Hungary's most recognized red wine. It's a blend that has varied over the years, although it was originally based on the Kékfrankos grape. Our first stop will be at the beautiful St. Andrea Winery for an informative tour and tasting of their acclaimed wines. Then we're off to Thummerer Winery where we'll explore their historic cellar system which was carved into a volcanic tuff mountain. We'll enjoy a tour, tasting, and an authentic Hungarian wine luncheon in their spectacular cellars, where we'll experience the harmony between the wine and food. After our return to Budapest this evening you are free to explore Budapest and dinner on your own (if you have room!). The lights on the bridges and vistas from the walkway along the river are the perfect way to end a full day.













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**Sunday, March 27:** Today we tour Budapest! Beginning on the Pest side of the city, our famous guide Orsi will escort us on a private tour inside the Budapest Opera House. This magnificent new-Renaissance style structure, completed in 1885, is styled after the Vienna Opera House and will wow you! We will enjoy a unique insider's tour as Orsi once worked in this spectacular venue! Following the Opera house tour we'll enjoy a "local's experience" with a stop for coffee and pastries at a local coffee house, then we'll continue our exploration of the Pest side of the city. We'll take a break mid day where you can choose to lunch at a local café or restaurant on your own, with free time to explore and shop. Budapest is a treasure for spices and Hungarian crafts.

After lunch, we will head over to the Buda side of the city where we will visit the historic Buda Castle. Enjoy the amazing vistas overlooking the Danube River and the Pest side of the city! This evening, we will all meet for an elegant 4-course dinner paired with Hungarian wines at one of our favorite restaurants, Tigris. Located in a former 19<sup>th</sup> century hotel, Tigris is known for their classic Hungarian dishes and its selection of more than 7,000 bottles of amazing Hungarian wines.

**Monday, March 28:** This morning we will meet at the InterContinental Hotel with our luggage for a short coach transfer to the beautiful AmaBella. Should you wish to have additional time to explore in Budapest, bring us your luggage and we'll transfer it to the ship for you and you can continue exploring Budapest on your own. Then make your own way to the ship later in the day.

#### Your Experience Includes

- Welcome wine reception
- Wine tour of Eger wine region: two wineries and wine-themed lunch
- Full-day tour of Budapest, featuring highlights not included on the ship's tour
- Special Hungarian wine-themed dinner
- Transfer to the AmaBella to begin your cruise

## \$1,199 per person

Space is Extremely Limited!
To reserve your spot, please
contact your Expedia Cruises
wine cruise consultant.







Note: Touring, transportation, and meals are included as outlined in the itinerary. **This tour does not include hotel accommodations.** Tours will depart from and return to the Intercontinental Hotel Budapest. It is the guests' responsibility to arrive at the hotel in time for tour departure each day. A detailed itinerary will be provided prior to the pre-cruise.







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