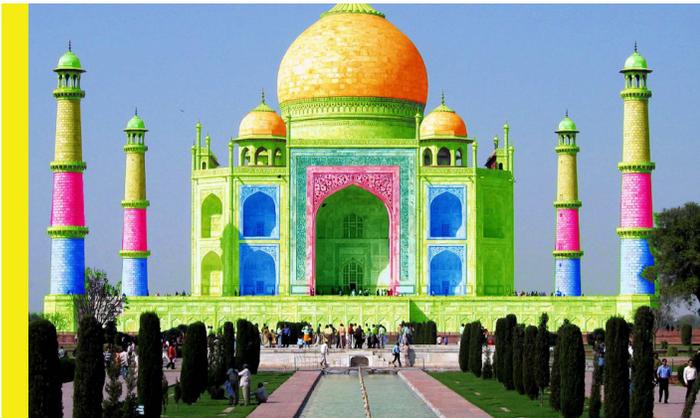




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The following are the currently scheduled travel events for MAX in 2019. For additional details about each trip, please email tour leaders.

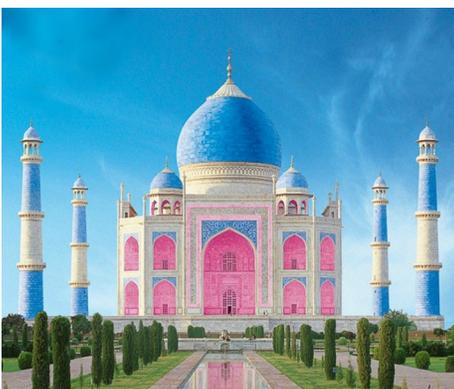


March 29-31 Palm Springs Extravaganza

Price not yet set

Tour Leader: Lorenzo Taylor, lorenzo_max@aol.com

Join a festive MAX group for a welcome dinner at Wang's, a celebrity house tour, and a side trip to Joshua Tree National Park. Cathedral City Gay Pride will take place that weekend including its famous bed race. Enjoy the fun and desert life of Palm Springs.



March 28-April 13 MAX Returns to India: Delhi, Taj Mahal, Jaipur, and Udaipur

Price: \$1,644.00

Tour Leader: Phil Walker, phil@askphilwalker.com

Our last trip was the trip of a lifetime! Please email phil@askphilwalker.com for video links, trip writeup, and photos.

Informational Dinner for Trip: Feb. 2, 2019 at 7 p.m.; for details, email phil@askphilwalker.com



April 12-19 Miami and Cuba Cruise Returns

Price not yet set

Tour Leaders: David Petlin, david@travelbyflair.com and Phil Walker, phil@askphilwalker.com

Last year, 12 MAX members fell in love with Miami's South Beach and the high seas on a cruise to Cuba. The ship was terrific with gay guest gatherings each evening. Food was spectacular in the premium restaurants. And, the ship was open bar.

Havana was dazzling! Think Venice in full decay. Walk the stone streets, dine at a pallador private restaurant, visit Hemingway's home, have cocktails at Nacional Hotel, and ride in the 1950's pink convertibles.





**May 24-27 (Memorial Day Weekend)
Ashland, Oregon (Limited to 15 people)**

Price: Deposit of \$150 due to Lorenzo Taylor by March 15, 2019. Email Lorenzi for full price details.

Tour Leader: Lorenzo Taylor, lorenzo_max@aol.com

Join 15 MAX members at the Carlise Garden Suites to see Hairspray, As You Like It, and Cambodian Rock Band. The group will visit historic Jacksonville and Belle Fiore winery. Transportation will be included from the Bay Area.



**July 30-August 5
Alaska Land Trip and Cruise Add-on**

Price not yet set

Tour Leader: Phil Walker, phil@askphilwalker.com

Many people have done an Alaska Cruise, so we thought we would do something special — a land trip to Alaska. Travel and explore Anchorage. Enjoy the gay bar there on drag night! Then, travel to majestic Denali National Park by the Alaska Railroad. Stay in beautiful inns. We will rent jeeps and arrange guides to travel inside the park seeing the powerful natural beauty and amazing wildlife. And nothing beats a great day but a hot drink by the fire in the evening. Additional stops on the railroad are being put together.



**August 26-September 4
Danube Cruise**

Price: From \$3,749.00

Tour Leader: David Petlin, david@travelbyflair.com

See handout in folder.



**September 22-28
Cuba Land Trip**

Price not yet set

Tour Leader: Phil Walker, phil@askphilwalker.com

Last year, our MAX travelers loved Cuba so much that they wanted to return to spend more time on the island. Join us when we stay at the illustrious Nacional Hotel (former Mafia gathering spot), tour the streets of old Havana, drink where Hemingway drank, visit Hemingway's home, and travel to see the Bay of Pigs and Santiago, cradle of the Revolution. You will be sure to enjoy the eight gay bars of Havana along with the handsome young men who make any evening there memorable. What happens in Havana, stays in Havana!





November 2-13

India: The Pushkar Camel Fair ("Like Burning Man on Acid"), Delhi, Taj Mahal, Jaipur or Udaipur

Price: \$1,650.00

Tour Leader: Phil Walker, phil@askphilwalker.com

An incredible experience. Thousands of nomads come together each year in the town of Pushkar, India, for their annual Camel Fair. Watch Camel races, camel costuming, fire-eaters, real snake charmers, dine on nomadic feasts, and see the splendor of Pushkar. This is like Burning Man on acid!

On this trip, you will also get to visit Delhi and the Taj Mahal. Then, you can select either Jaipur, Neemrana, or Udaipur for further travel. See *the writeup of the India Trip in Mar-April above*.

Dates To Be Determined



Downtown Los Angeles Art and Gay Scene

Price not yet set

Trip Leader: Phil Carberry, philcarb166@gmail.com

Downtown LA has become a hub for art galleries, installations, hip boutique hotels, and gay clubs. Join MAX as we spend a long weekend exploring these new finds. Who knows, you might even come back liking LA (as many San Franciscans secretly do...)



The Charm of Portugal

Price not yet set

Trip Leader: WE NEED A TRIP LEADER

Portugal has become a leading travel destination because of its magnificent wine region, Portuguese-empire architecture, and incredible "bang for the travel buck." Join MAX as we fly to Lisbon and then explore the countryside.

We are looking for a Trip Leader for this trip. If you lead the trip, you go for free. For additional info, email phil@askphilwalker.





ACTIVE DISCOVERY ON THE DANUBE



ACTIVE DISCOVERY™

August 19-27, 2019 - PRICED FROM \$3,749*



INCLUDED

- Complimentary regional wine, beer, and soft drinks at lunch and dinner on board
- Onboard meals, including daily four-course à la carte dinners with choice of appetizers, soups, salads, entrées, desserts, and Avalon Fresh® healthy cuisine options
- Included sightseeing with headsets and expert local guides
- Complimentary bicycles available for use on shore
- Onboard local entertainment
- Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the ship

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YOUR CHOICE

Avalon knows there is more than one way to explore new destinations. In addition to included **ACTIVE**, **DISCOVERY**, and **CLASSIC** excursions and activities, we offer Guided Optional Excursions designed to personalize your experience even more. And we are there with plenty of free-time suggestions to help you get the most out of every adventure.

- Paddle a canoe on the Danube to glide past the spectacular shores with vineyards and hills of Austria.
- Join a Guided Optional Hike through the vineyards outside Vienna, with a wine tasting and dinner in a local tavern.
- Spend some free time strolling through the shops, hiking a hill above the river, or biking through a village and enjoy a picnic on shore.

This summer, join MAX and your MAX Host David Petlin on this Avalon Waterways river cruise August 19th - 27th, 2019.

Experience the Danube while sharing the experience with your fellow MAX travelers and with the new friends you'll meet. Whether you're an art lover, a foodie, a history buff, or an energetic adventurer, this Active Discovery cruise invites you to experience culture and cuisine in creative ways that are perfect for you and great for sharing the experience with friends.

This is the perfect opportunity to sail single – we have a limited number of cabins with no single supplement charge if you book by January 31st.

Prices start at \$3,749** per person plus tax and air. There is an additional \$100 fee to MAX per person which is waived for dues paying members. \$500 non-refundable deposit per person is required to book - final payment due April 30th, 2019.

*All prices per person based on double occupancy. Cruise price based on Category E in a deluxe outside stateroom on Indigo Deck. **Prices current as of 1/1/19 - subject to change

For more information or to book, please contact our Travel Partner - Flair Travel

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ACTIVE DISCOVERY ON THE DANUBE

DAY 1
(D)

BUDAPEST, HUNGARY—Welcome to Budapest—Hungary's Captivating Capital. The day is yours to relax and enjoy Eastern Europe's shining city on the Danube.

DAY 2
(B,L,D)

BUDAPEST (EMBARKATION)—DANUBE BEND
The Pearl of the Danube

ACTIVE See the sights from a different perspective by joining a Guided Bike Tour along the bike paths and pedestrian areas of the city. [QR](#)

DISCOVERY Enjoy a Guided Walking Tour combing the sights of Budapest with "Fungarian" instruction of useful local words and phrases. [QR](#)

CLASSIC Take a Guided Walking Tour of Budapest to see the city's most iconic sights, including the castle, fisherman's bastion and the world-famous chain bridge.

Spend free time shopping for Hungarian paprika or handcrafted souvenirs, or savor a piece of cream cake in the world-famous Gerbeaud Café.

Enjoy a Hungarian Dinner on board during a scenic cruise through the Danube Bend.

EVENING CRUISE TO VISEGRÁD

DAY 3
(B,L,D)

VISEGRÁD—Jousting Tournaments and Artisan Traditions

DISCOVERY Join a Guided Visit to the Medieval Knights Tournament at Visegrád's Lower Castle, featuring targeting and fighting demonstrations by members of the St. George Knightly Order. [QR](#)

ACTIVE Take a Castle visit and scenic Hiking Tour to Count Dracula's prison tower in Visegrád. [QR](#)

ACTIVE Take part in a canoe excursion through the picturesque Bend Region of the Danube for a truly unique perspective one of the river's most beautiful stretches.

Spend free time after your selected activities to explore Palotaház, where stonemasons, smiths, potters, and paper-makers produce their traditional items using age-old techniques.

AFTERNOON/OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO VIENNA

DAY 4
(B,L,D)

VIENNA, AUSTRIA—Strauss, Schnitzel, Strudel, and Sachertorte

ACTIVE Take a Guided Bike Tour along the famed Ringstrasse and pedestrian avenues of Vienna to see the city's highlights from a unique perspective. [QR](#)

ACTIVE Join a Guided Jogging Tour of the City of Music to see highlights of the gilded architecture along the way. [QR](#)

DISCOVERY Take an Insider's Tour of Vienna to get behind the scenes of her sights and attractions. You will meet locals, have the chance to prepare some food, and enjoy other surprises. [QR](#)

CLASSIC Take a Guided Sightseeing Tour of Vienna, including a tour of Belvedere Palace to see Gustav Klimt's renowned "Kiss" painting.

Spend free time this afternoon strolling through the pedestrian Kärntnerstrasse, then take a break for a piece of Sachertorte.

This evening, you may choose to attend an Optional Musical Experience to conduct your own orchestra, followed by a classical waltz and operetta concert performance to enjoy.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN VIENNA

DAY 5
(B,L,D)

VIENNA—A Feast for the Soul in Vienna

DISCOVERY Enjoy a morning Guided Walking Tour to see the city in her best light, along with a breakfast at a Viennese café. [QR](#)

CLASSIC Dive into European history and drama with a Guided Tour of the Habsburg family's private art collection at the Museum of Fine Arts, and Italian or Dutch master works. [QR](#)

CLASSIC Take a Guided Tour of the Museum of Fine Arts, followed by the World Museum Vienna, commemorating the past of the Habsburg Empire

You might decide to join a Guided Optional Hike this evening to the vineyards surrounding Vienna, and also enjoy an Optional Excursion to a local Viennese Heurigen (Wine Tavern).

Tonight, enjoy live entertainment on board your ship.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO KREMS

DAY 6
(B,L,D)

KREMS

Take a Hike, a Canoe, or a Bike to Explore Austria's Wine Country

ACTIVE Paddle a canoe on a Guided Tour to see the Austrian waterways and shoreline scenery from a unique perspective. [QR](#)

ACTIVE Take a Guided Bike Tour from Spitz to Krems, and enjoy a stop in Dürnstein to see the mesmerizing blue Stiftskirche, and to sample local specialties. [QR](#)

DISCOVERY Join an interactive Wine World Experience with wine tasting. [QR](#)

DISCOVERY Enjoy a Guided Visit that showcases production of regional fruits, vegetables, wine, or other products.

Relax on board this afternoon to enjoy the picturesque Wachau Valley scenery as you cruise to Grein.

GREIN—A Modern-Day Castle and the Count of Greinburg

DISCOVERY See Greinburg Castle on a Guided Visit, and meet the Count during your tour.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN GREIN

DAY 7
(B,L,D)

GREIN—Theater History on Austria's Oldest Stage

CLASSIC Take a Guided Walk of Grein, including its historic theater, the oldest in Austria still holding regular performances.

Take a mid-morning cruise to Mauthausen.

MAUTHAUSEN—History Lessons and Monastic Life in Austria

ACTIVE Take a Guided Bike Tour along the Limes Cycle Route, following part of the northern border line of the Roman Empire. [QR](#)

CLASSIC Take a step back in time with a visit to the 9th-century St. Florian Monastery—the largest monastery in upper Austria and home to Augustine monks. [QR](#)

CLASSIC Pay homage to a pivotal time in human history with a Guided Tour of Mauthausen Concentration Camp, one of the largest and most brutal Nazi camps of WWII. [QR](#)

This afternoon sail to Linz arriving this evening.

LINZ—Meet the Locals in Linz

Join a Guided Optional Pub Crawl through Linz to sample local libations and mingle with the locals. Later, enjoy live entertainment on board.

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO ENGELHARTSZELL

DAY 8
(B,L,D)

ENGELHARTSZELL—SCHLÖGEN OXBOW—Memories and Beer in the making

ACTIVE Join a Guided Tour to the "House by the Stream" (Haus am Strom) and walk across the Danube Power-Station Jochenstein. [QR](#)

CLASSIC Visit the stunning rococo-style Engelszell Abbey, and explore its Sensory Garden—complete with stone labyrinth, herb garden, and vineyard. Sample cheese and beer made by the resident Trappist monks. [QR](#)

ACTIVE This afternoon, enjoy a scenic Guided Hike along the Danube's Schlögen Oxbow bend that cuts a dramatic landscape made by centuries of natural elements. [QR](#)

As a relaxing option, enjoy free time on the Sky Deck this afternoon while you sail through the amazing horseshoe bend of the Danube's Schlögen Oxbow on your return to Linz. Later, enjoy a farewell dinner onboard, followed by live entertainment.

OVERNIGHT DOCKING IN LINZ

DAY 9
(B)

LINZ (DISEMBARKATION)

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

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